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The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is Here for You

September marked one year since I stepped up as Director of our Federation. It has been a wonderful journey for me; I have gone from a child enjoying JFNH programming, to an adult utilizing our Federation to create Jewish connections for myself and my family, to now being a Jewish professional working to create those opportunities and more for our NH community.

I want to tell you two very brief stories that happened in this past month.

In a recent conversation with a community member, she spoke about knowing JFNH through her time at our preschool with her children, but it wasn't until more recently when she became a



Allyson Guertin

**JFNH
Director**

part of Momentum that she really understood the work of Federation.

And then about a week later the doorbell of our office rang and we welcomed in a young man, 24 years old, who had just relocated to NH from Oregon looking for Jewish connection before the High Holidays. We spoke for some time about the different synagogues in the area and I

promised to find him a place to go for his Rosh Hashana dinner.

Both situations helped me realize the important work Federation does for our community. All the programming we offer is so wonderful – PJ Library, Shaliach, Momentum, Seniors Forever Young, Film Festival. The list really could go on and on but it's the connections we are able to create that might be my favorite part. For people to find where they belong in Jewish NH, to be a resource for someone new to town, a welcoming place someone can come to when they need to find their way or the right fit for their Jewish journey. The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is

proud to be able to do this for our community and I am so proud to be able to be a part of it.

As I begin my second year, I want to say a few words of appreciation. First, thank you to my small but very mighty staff. I am always amazed at what we can come up with together, the JFNH Board of Directors, whose dedication to Jewish life in NH is inspiring. Thank you to the many synagogues around our state. When we work together, we can create a stronger Jewish NH for our community. And finally, thank you to our community who continue to support JFNH and the work we do. None of this would be possible without all of you!

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JFNH Board Spotlight: Board Member of the Month

Meet Becky Abrams from Londonderry, New Hampshire.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I live in Londonderry and have been here for the past 16 years, but I grew up in Nashua. I am the mom of two kids, Lily (13) and Micah (10) and have been married to Matt for 16 years. We have two Labrador Retrievers who fill our home with lots of love and dog hair. Our kids are very active, so you'll usually find us at soccer fields, baseball fields, or equestrian competitions. I grew up going to a temple right over the border of NH in Chelmsford, Massachusetts and we are members there today. I enjoy photography, cycling, walking with my dogs, and yoga.

Why did you join the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Board of Directors?

While I was aware of JFNH because both of my kids attended the wonderful preschool, I didn't know how much the organization did for NH until I applied for the Momentum trip to Israel. Through preparing for the trip, I learned so much more about JFNH and wanted to be a part of helping connect Jews to a community across the state.



Becky Abrams

What committee(s) do you currently volunteer with?

While it's my first year on the board, I'm excited to be joining the Governance Committee. Through my prior professional work, I was responsible for growing a strong Board of Directors for a large non-profit and I'm excited to bring my knowledge to this committee.

What do you love most about JFNH?

Meeting new people! Growing up in Nashua, we had a small circle of Jewish friends from NH. Through JFNH Preschool, events, and Momentum, I quickly learned that there are so many more Jews and families to connect with than I thought. I've met wonderful people and created great friendships for myself and family that I didn't realize were possible.

Cinnamon Celebrations

I love October in New England. I love the smells of fall: nutmeg and pumpkin, caramel, cinnamon, and apple. I love the colors as the leaves start to change and burn with reds and purples and golds. My commute to the office takes on a magical hue. My family builds a

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Services: Regular Friday night services at
7 PM
Weekly Shabbat Torah study at 9:30AM.
Shabbat morning services on the 2nd
Saturday of each month at 9:30AM.
Meditation and Pirkei Avot study on the
4th Saturday of each month at 10:30AM.
All services are in-person and online.
Check the website for schedule changes
and Zoom links."

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Wednesday. At this time, we are offering
in-person Friday and Saturday Shabbat
services on alternating weeks. Masks are
required.

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Every Friday at 8:00 pm
Every Saturday at 10:00 am
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pm and at the end of Shabbat
Second Friday each month Shabbat Alive!
6:30 pm
Meditation every other Saturday 9:00 am
All services on Zoom, most at the Temple
(check website)

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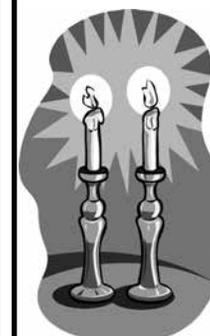
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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times: (Manchester)



October 7	5:58 PM
October 14	5:47 PM
October 21	5:36 PM
October 28	5:25 PM

PJ Library Family of the Month: The Conleys

The wonderful thing about PJ Library is that it welcomes all types of families looking for Jewish experiences. There is no mold or criteria a family must fit into to benefit from the books or attend a program, they just have to share one common goal, raising Jewish children.

Each month we will be highlighting families from across New Hampshire showing how PJ Library and even the smallest experiences and traditions ensure that the history and love of Judaism is passed on to our next generation. Interested in your family being featured? Contact Dinah Berch, Dinah.berch@jewishnh.org.

Meet the Conley Family, our PJ Library – New Hampshire Family of the Month

Tell us a little bit about your family:

We are Nicholas, Veronica, our daughter—the enthusiastic and ever-talkative Zaharina (age 2, but soon to be 3!)—and Nova, our German Shepherd/Siberian Husky/Labrador mix. Nicholas is the editor of *The Reporter*, and Veronica is a nurse. We live in a quirky house in the forest and are the sort of people who keep their house at 85 degrees during the winter, by the good grace of our woodstove. Though neither of us come from New Hampshire originally—Nicholas is from Cali-

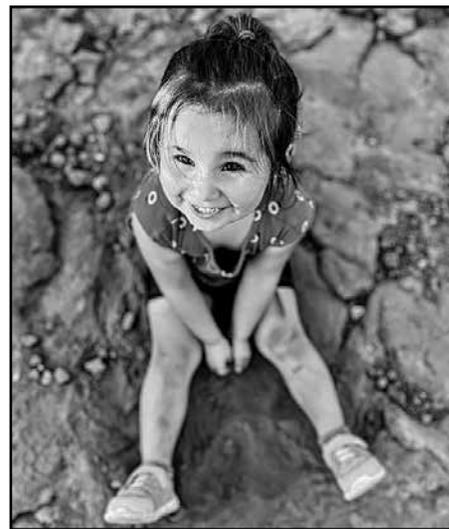


Nicholas, Veronica, and Zaharina Conley

fornia, and Veronica from Connecticut—we met on the Seacoast, and now love the life we’ve built here and share a passion for world travel, creative pursuits, and bringing our friends and family together. Zaharina is an extremely extraverted, spirited little girl who enjoys the color purple and has an uncanny love for all types of food, bugs, and animals, including people.

How long have you been a PJ Library family and how did you learn about the program?

We learned about it after Zaharina was born, after having it recommended by Allyson Guertin. From the first time a book came in the mail, and Zaharina opened it, we were hooked!



Zaharina Conley on vacation in Sedona, Arizona

Tell us about your experiences with PJ Library and how this program (books and events) has impacted your family:

Every month when the new book arrives, Zaharina recognizes the packaging immediately and squeals, “It’s my book!” She asserts that she opens each one on her own and we read them together throughout the month. As parents, it’s been a fun way to teach her about the holidays and anticipate them.

As PJ parents, what do you value most about your involvement with PJ Library? Why?

The feeling of community is key. Having Zaharina get to grow up with such a close connection to her Jewish roots and culture is so important, and the way PJ

Library links everyone together through something so important — reading books — is truly magical.

What are your children's favorite PJ books?

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback

What has been your child's favorite PJ Library program and why?

Anything involving playing with other kids! Zara absolutely loves socializing, and immediately goes running toward any group of kids with a huge smile once she spots them. And of course, receiving her monthly book!

What do you wish most people knew about PJ Library – New Hampshire?

Kids love routine, and they love surprises, so the best thing of all is a routine surprise. As mentioned before, Zaharina gets excited every time she receives a book in the mail, and always wants it read to her right away.

Tell us about your favorite Jewish family tradition or a special memory you have?

We always look forward to Shabbat! For Zaharina it means lots of family time and a great dinner is to follow. During this past Hanukkah, she got excited each night for when we lit the Hanukkah candles, with delicious fried food and gifts to follow. Each night, we celebrate in a slightly different way, with different friends and/or family members, and so each night brings something slightly different and enjoyable, whether it’s a special latkes recipe or a different game.

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sukkah in our backyard, decorated with *s’chach* of corn stalks from nearby farms and tree branches from our yard interspersed with the obligatory paper chains and plastic fruit. The kids proudly find their felt lulav and etrog (and proceed to have an irreverent lightsaber battle). They thread cheerios and fruit loops on colorful pipe cleaners. One year we made strings of cranberries and oranges and of radishes and green beans – amusingly, my husband had to drill the holes in the radishes. This year I came across a new idea of taking hollowed out oranges or grapefruit, filling with birdseed, and then hanging them from the sukkah or trees.

Our family has a tradition of keeping our Rosh Hashanah cards, placing them in Ziplock bags to protect them from the weather, and then stapling those to the inside of the sukkah. My kids may do

apple stamping and other seasonal art to decorate as well. **How do you decorate your sukkah?**

Sukkot is a great opportunity to live the Jewish value of *hachnasat orchim*, welcoming guests. We fill our sukkah with friends and family for pizza in the hut, spaghetti in the sukkah, or just a fun fall picnic. Many families traditionally eat stuffed foods – cabbage rolls, grape leaves, stuffed peppers, strudel.

Several years ago, my family hosted a PJ Library event in our backyard where kids made their own sukkahs out of graham crackers, frosting and candy. There may have been some potato chip roofing tiles as well (with holes so you could see the gummy candy stars of course). **If you build a Sukkah this year – life-sized or cookie – share a picture to the JFNH Family Connection Facebook group!**

I’m looking forward to showing my kids *The LEGO Sukkot Movie* by Bim-Bam on YouTube. It’s a 4-minute expla-

nation of why we do what we do this season with impressive LEGO stop-motion animation. PJ Library, unsurprisingly, has a great collection of books to read including *Shanghai Sukkah* by Heidi Smyth Hyde about a family that celebrates Sukkot in China! For younger kids *The Best Sukkot Pumpkin Ever* by Laya Steinberg is perfect. We also love *A Watermelon in the Sukkah* by Sylvia Rouss and *Who’s Got the Etrog* by Jane Kothuth. **Do you have a favorite PJ Library book about the fall festivals?**

The fall festivals culminate with Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah (and my birthday!). Not sure what Shemini Atzeret is all about? You’re not alone. I recommend reading the article “In Which I Finally Figure Out What Shemini Atzeret Is” by Carla Naumberg via Kveller. We savor a day of rest to gather and be together, and to mark the rainy season starting in Israel. I’ll curl up with my kids and read *First Rain* by Charlotte Herman.

My Bat Mitzvah was on Simchat Torah. B’reishit (Genesis) – the story of the beginning of the world – will always have special meaning to me. My speech (yes, I still have a copy lying around somewhere) theorized that it wasn’t just the physical world that was created in those first six days but also the abstract world – the world of imagination, of concepts and ideas, of symbols and meanings and notions – the intangible and the spiritual. Creativity, emotion, and celebration.

This year we’ll read “When Zaydeh Danced on Eldridge Street” by Elsa Okon Rael. We’ll look at a Torah scroll and search out interesting sections like the 10 commandments. We will dance and we will celebrate being together. We will pause to think about beginnings and endings and all the cherished moments of growth and change in between. We will breathe in caramel and pumpkin and autumn wind, paint and dance and dress up and sing and laugh. A perfect cinnamom celebration.

Statewide Calendar of Events

DISCLAIMER: Events are submitted weeks in advance of publication, and are subject to change, particularly during the pandemic. For information on format changes, rescheduling, and so on, please contact the event's host.

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

Saturday, October 1 – Thursday, October 6

36 = 2 Times Life: Daily Conversation About Teshuvah in Jewish Sources

12:00PM – 12:35PM, Zoom

Take 24 minutes every weekday from now through the day after Yom Kippur during lunch hour to focus on a single teaching about "return" from Maimonides or modern sources. Listen or talk together on Zoom with Rabbi Jon or a guest teacher. 36 is two times 18, the number in Hebrew for chai or "life." These teachings can help us think about life in the year past and life in the year ahead. (Not meeting on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur themselves.)

To join <https://tbanashua.shulcloud.com/event/36--two-x-life-daily-teaching-on-teshuvah-from-our-sources.html>

Sponsor: Temple Beth Abraham and Rivier University

Wednesday, October 5

Study Session with Rabbi Jon on Book of Jonah

4PM – 5PM, Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua or Zoom

The Biblical book of Jonah is unusual within the Bible and has a tone of humor and fable that we don't usually associate with Yom Kippur. We'll explore the structure of this four-chapter story, see how it comments on ideas found in the Torah and other prophets. And think about how it is meant to help us move toward the end of Yom Kippur and even towards the next festival of Sukkot. In the tent, and on Zoom. Email office@tbanashua.org to receive Zoom link.

Sunday, October 9

PJ Library Shavua Tov Storytime

8:30AM – 9AM, Zoom

A program designed for families with children ages 2-5

Join us for a 20-minute interactive story time on Zoom one Sunday each month. Each month will have a different theme! All participants will receive a craft in the mail ahead of time to use during the program. The Zoom link will be provided to registered families each Monday ahead of the program. To receive your craft in the mail please register a week in advance of each program.

Register here <https://forms.gle/xZUuFP7tdQi3UoDa>

Erev Sukkot Picnic at Strawberry Banke

5:30PM – 7:30PM, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth
Welcome the festival in a shared event with

Havurah Piscataqua and Temple Israel Portsmouth at the sukkah outside the Shapiro House. Bring a dairy/pareve dish to share and a chair.

For questions contact Heather Tomlinson 603-436-5301. templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org or <http://www.templeisraelnh.org>

Tuesday, October 11

Beginner Hebrew Class

6:30PM – 7:30PM, Zoom

Cost \$18.00

This is an 8-week, online class held via Zoom on Tuesday evenings (No meeting the week of Thanksgiving). Instructor Kathryn Mulhearn has taught aleph-bet, Prayerbook and Biblical Hebrew at Temple Israel for 15 years.

Participants must purchase textbook on their own time for the first class. Text: Teach Yourself to Read Hebrew (EKS 2015). Purchase from Israel Book Shop. <https://www.israelbookshop.com> approximately \$21.00, including handling.

The public is encouraged to participate. Tuition donation is \$18, not including textbook. Checks may be made payable to Temple Israel, 200 State Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801 To register: <https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/event/beginner-hebrew-class---8-weeks-via-zoom.html>

Friday, October 14

Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck at the Strawberry Banke Sukkah

5:30PM – 7:30PM, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth

Featuring musicians Lisa and Jay, led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman. After a brief musical Kabbalat Shabbat service on the green, we will recite blessings in the sukkah and share a vegetarian potluck meal. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and a dish to share.

In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary at Temple Israel, and the potluck moved to the Social Hall. Register via the Temple Israel website calendar. <https://templeisrael.shulcloud.com/event/outdoor-kabbalat-shabbat-at-strawbery-banke1.html>

Saturday, October 15

PJ Library October Tot Shabbat Hop

10AM – 11AM, Courtyard of Temple Israel Portsmouth

PJ library's jBaby and Early Education Initiative invite families with children 0-5 years (siblings welcome) to celebrate Shabbat morning together. Enjoy Stories, Singing, and Blessings followed by a Kiddie Kiddush.

To Register: <https://forms.gle/p9gyTzv8DCbLJk5h6>

Sunday, October 16

2022 Political Breakfast

9:30AM – 1:30PM, Zoom

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club proudly announces that our 2022 Political Breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 16, 2022, Starting at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Our renowned Political Breakfast will be hosted by Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett of Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua who will act as Moderator for our Town Hall Style Event.

As in prior years, planned guests include all major candidates for the office of Governor, United States Senate, and the US House of Representatives. Each Candidate will have 15 minutes to address their Constituents followed by a 15-minute Question and Answer session.

For questions contact Paul Moverman president@snhjm.org or <http://www.snhjm.org>

Thursday, October 20

JFNH's Israel Education and Engagement Committee Movie Day: Starting Over Again

1PM – 3PM, JFNH Office, Bedford

Free of charge

Our Israel Education and Engagement committee presents "Starting Over Again" part of the 2022 JFNH Israel Education and Engagement Committee's Spotlight on Israel Film Series. Starting Over Again is a 2015 documentary film. The film is about the exodus of the Jews of Egypt between 1948 and 1956. Filming took place in Paris, London, Milan, New York City, Washington, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem, Starting in 2014. The documentary has been officially selected at the Jerusalem Film Festival of 2015.

Registration required. <https://jfnhisraeleducationengagementfilms.eventive.org/welcome>

Sunday, October 23

Betenu Adult Education

1:30PM – 3:30PM, Congregation Betenu, Amherst and on Zoom

Bon Appetite/B'tayavon! Why do we bless our food? Wait, are we actually blessing the food or something else? What kind of benefits do we derive from making a blessing before eating? We will study some selections from the Mishnah with an eye toward these questions and why they matter. If you wish to attend via Zoom, please contact Betenu for the link office@betenu.org Covid 19 Vaccination verification will be required for non-members or members who have not yet provided this information.

JFNH's Israel Education and Engagement Committee's Post Film Discussion

3PM – 5PM, JFNH office, Bedford and on Zoom

Post film discussion of Starting Over Again with Director Gabbai and Producer Malki This will be a hybrid program available both in person at the JFNH office and on Zoom. Discussion guests will be joining us via Zoom

Monday, October 24

Israel Report with Ra'anan

11:00AM – 12:30PM, JFNH office, Bedford

Join JFNH Shaliach Ra'anan de Haas to go over current news in Israel. Registration required <https://forms.gle/xvtnuCJnQ6K4CtuM6>

Sunday, October 30

ADL presents The Good Fight

9AM – 1PM Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel

Join the ADL New England community for an informative and hands-on day dedicated to combatting antisemitism. This one-day forum will include presentations by leading experts on antisemitism, and skill-building workshops for adults, students, and families. Participants will leave with an actionable toolkit for confronting antisemitism. Email goodfightne@adl.org for more information. Register at: <https://web.cvent.com/event/199c8428-a04a-4e1d-909b-d829c68d733f/summary>

Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood Candidates Breakfast

10:00AM – 12:30PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

We are looking forward to once again hosting our traditional Candidates Breakfast. For more information, please contact Sol Rockenmacher at rockenmacher@comcast.net



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Israeli Sports Achievements

Shalom everyone!

Stop reading this right now, and look outside! I still can't believe the beauty of NH during the fall. It's my second fall here and it's breathtaking. I know some of you will hate me for this, but I've also been spending the past few days wishing for a very snowy winter—I want the full experience!

But enough about the weather, with my experience in meteorology coming from Israel, where the daily forecast is "hotter than yesterday." I try and use my articles to do one of two things. The first is to share with you my personal experiences both here in the US and from Israel and the second is to shine a spotlight on things going on in Israel that I feel are important and deserve the attention. I'm glad to say this month there is a combination of both.

Over the past few months, Israel has seen amazing accomplishments in sports. Israel, a country famous for having more lawyers per capita than any other country (and that's a fact!) and amazing technological advancements, has always been lacking in the sports department.

Ra'anan de Haas

JFNH Shaliach



SPOTLIGHT
ON ISRAEL



There have always been exceptions to that rule, from a Tennis star who made it into the top 30 rankings to an NBA star who (almost) won the championship with the Golden State Warriors. But in general, when you think "Israeli achievements," sports don't even make the top 10 list.

This has changed. It's hard to put my finger on when or what caused this change, but in the past year Israel has started to become that annoying kid in high school that is both on the honor roll and a jock. Let me give you some examples: In the 2021 Tokyo Olympics Is-



rael was ranked 39th in the world. Population-wise Israel is 99th. In the 2022 European gymnastics championship Israel won 6 medals and in the previous 10 championships combined, Israel won a total of 5 medals. In addition to the amazing achievements in athletics, Judo, basketball and more there is one field of sports that the recent achievements are dear to my heart – football. Or, to use

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JFNH Remembers 9/11

For the second year in a row, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire had the privilege to remember the victims of 9/11 and salute the bravery of the first responders during a small ceremony in Nashua. Our event included a welcome by Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett of Temple Beth Abraham of Nashua, NH, words from Mayor Jim Donchess, and JFNH Director Allyson Guertin,

as well as a presentation from Dana Klein with the Jewish National Fund. Both the firefighters and police received a plaque depicting JNF's 9/11 Living Memorial in Israel.

Jewish National Fund's 9/11 Living Memorial in Jerusalem, Israel, is the only commemorative site of its type outside of the U.S. that lists all the names of those who perished on 9/11.



Israeli Sports

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the American name, soccer.

In soccer, Israel has had a very disappointing history on the national level, qualifying only once for the world cup (in 1970 when we still played in the Asian qualifier and most teams wouldn't play us). On the club level, Israel has had moderate success with teams playing the different European leagues throughout the years. The highlight being the Champions League where only three Israeli teams ever managed to qualify, the first being Maccabi Haifa in 2002.

All this brings us to last summer where the Israeli under 19 soccer team competed in the European championship and went all the way to the finals where they lost to the English team, passing teams like France, Austria, and Turkey along the way - without a doubt the most prestigious achievement for Israeli soccer.

How do I connect to all of this? Great question! I have been a huge Maccabi

Haifa Soccer fan for the past 20 years or so, since my dad introduced them to me in my early teens. This year, for the first time in 7 years in Israel and 13 years for the Haifa team they qualified for the European Champions league and are playing in the highest level against teams like Juventus and PSG - who both have budgets that are more than 100X what Haifa has. Nobody has any expectation of the team to do well in this championship—it's as if a little league team would have won the World Series. But the prestige of being one of the top 32 clubs in Europe has given Israel a lot of pride. Last time they were at that level, I had just turned 18 and was about to join the Navy. Back then, I gave myself a graduation gift and bought a season pass to the teams' European games, and to this day it was one of my most enjoyable memories (even though we did terribly).

This fall, while the leaves outside are turning a beautiful red and yellow, I'll still be sporting my Maccabi Haifa green, hoping for a third in a row Israeli champions title.



Last month JFNH Board Chair Ken Litvack and Director Allyson Guertin met with representatives from NH's US Attorney's Office, Attorney General's Office, Dept. of Justice and FBI to discuss antisemitism - steps they are taking to support our Jewish community and prepare local law enforcement from rural towns to bigger cities.

A Sukkah by Many Other Names!

By Rabbi Jan Katz,
Temple B'nai Israel, Laconia

Liturgical relief is palpable for clergy across the spectrum of Jewish belief and practice as we survive the intensity of praying on behalf of all of us to be inscribed in the Book of Life, and for a more healed and healing year ahead. On the heels of a solemn Yom Kippur, we lift ourselves up in joy and celebration as we enter the holiday of Sukkot. This year, in particular, I am focusing on the environment, on the inalienable right of food security, and on a sukkat shalom—a shelter of peace and inclusion in which all humanity can dwell together.

The sukkah traditionally symbolizes the temporary and vulnerable dwelling of the Israelites on their desert journey from slavery to freedom in the Promised Land—with a roof covering of *schach*, material that has grown from the ground (such as palm leaves, bamboo sticks and pine tree branches) and sparse enough to provide openings to the sky, to the wonders of creation, and to the Creator. The sukkah reminds us that we are just specks in the Universe and humbled by its grand design. Even so, our human footprint has an equally grand role in maintaining and sustaining this planet with our Divine Partner. To that end, it is quite beyond the deadline date for each of us to acknowledge the environmental crisis upon us. With the looming threat of climate change, the widespread desire for experiential spirituality rooted in nature, and the continually changing relationship between humanity, nature, technology, and the Sacred, we stand at a point in history that we must respond in education and action. It will be our challenge, then, in the coming year to seek out and find ways to begin the process of reversing how we humans have consciously or unconsciously undermined the Divine trajectory towards an earth healthy for humans and all creatures. Our “re-framing” of the sukkah might be a nursery for growing crops as during this past *shmittah* year, literally a period of rest for the earth; a shed that lasts longer than the eight days of Sukkot to house personal recycling and/or compost; or, perhaps a sheltered space dedicated to contemplation and creativity centered on the psalmist’s reminder that “The earth and all its fullness belong to God, as do those who dwell within it” (24:1). We are meant to respect the earth as a loaned gift, not as a possession.

Sukkot is the Jewish fall harvest holiday, and the sukkah has also come to symbolize the makeshift huts constructed by farmers in the fields as their temporary dwelling when they glean their ripened crops. And the sukkah is where we bless and eat our meals for the duration of the holiday, connecting our gratitude directly to the bounty of nature (e.g., sunshine and “rain in its season”). “From farm to table” has certainly come into vogue, tempting our palates with the freshest produce and recipes. For some of us. Those who do not have the resources don’t often share in the fresh and healthy abundance of the harvest, often not the elderly, the indigent, the incarcerated, the marginalized of many identities, and the list goes on. For this demographic, it is a special mitzvah to extend invitations to enter our sukkah for a meal (even a small

one); Consider as well setting aside the equivalent of the meals that are omitted during the fast of Yom Kippur (for those able to fast) for food pantries and food distribution networks, and/or a can or box a day of food from Yom Kippur until Sukkot for those who are food insecure for any reason at all.

The Sukkah is indeed the quintessential symbol of hospitality. Midrash teaches that the flaps of Abraham and Sarah’s tent (imagine a first-generation sukkah) were open on all sides, inviting all who were hungry to come and eat. And, along with the act of eating to one’s fill, Abraham also modeled eagerness, largesse, and insistence on seeing guests off as they departed, says the Midrash. The Jewish value of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests) continues from Talmudic times to Sukkot *ushpizzim*

(Aramaic “guests”). The seven traditional visitors from our Scriptures—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron and David—have morphed today to include women prophetesses (e.g., Miriam and Deborah), historical heroines and political leaders (e.g., B’ruriah in the Talmud, Hannah Senesh, and Golda Meir), and today we strive to include all those who have been living invisibly or kept at a distance (in measurement and in spirit) from the sukkah for far too long: Jews of color, Jews with disabilities, LGBTQ+ Jews, and non-Jews, those like us and those unlike us. In a 2022 sukkah we assuredly must focus on DEI — Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion — in order to begin to create a true *sukkat shalom*.

Chag sameach, and a sweet, healthy, and hopeful year ahead!

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Temple Israel Portsmouth's Back to Shul Fest '22: A Huge Success

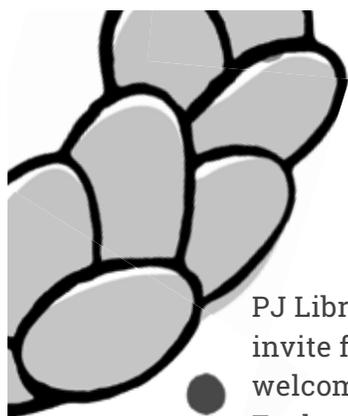
By Erik Martin

Back to Shul Fest '22 was a wonderful success! Thanks to the hard work of many people, we were able to come together and celebrate our Jewish community here on the Seacoast in a way we haven't seen in years. Falafel, facepainting, and field games were just a few of the many activities offered at Strawberry Banke. Participants competed in an Israel Trivia game, got to know their neighbors through a scavenger hunt, flexed their artistic muscles at several craft stations and so much more! A Shofar blasting workshop was led by our very own Richard Grossman where over a dozen new shofar blasters learned the finer points of playing the ancient horn.

Live music by Kol Kahol was a crowd pleaser as they performed their unique

blend of Jewish music and bluegrass. The folksy, twangy sound was a perfect accompaniment to a beautiful summer day! Many people took advantage of the music and broke out into dance as they strummed the banjo. Of course, no party would be complete without dessert and North East Ice Cream came through for the win with a truckload of ice cream, popsicles, and various other frozen delights.

A huge thank you to all our benefactors! Thanks to the generous support of the Temple Israel Endowment Fund, The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, PJ Library, and the LeSavoy, Adler, and Burdin families we were able to provide a quality program for the entire Jewish community of southern New Hampshire. We look forward to planning next year's Back to Shul Fest and hope to see you there!



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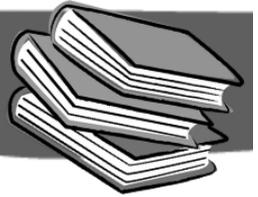


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October

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Theme: Sukkot



March

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November

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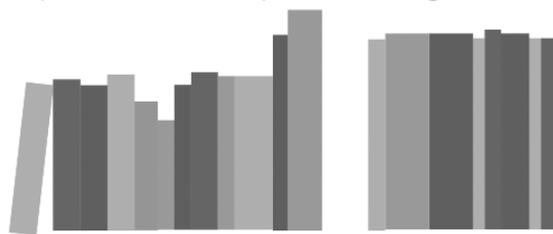
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No Shavua Tov Story Time July or August for Summer Vacation



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High Holidays

New Hampshire High Holidays Service Guide 2022

Service Times by Synagogue

Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 6:30pm
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 10am
- **Additional Services** –
 - Yizkor: 10/5 at 12:30pm
 - Mincha: 10/5 at 5:00pm
 - Neila/Havdala: 10/5 at 6:15pm
 - Final Shofar: 10/5 at 7:00pm
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** Hybrid

Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene

- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 5:45pm
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 9:00am
- **Additional Services** –
 - Yom Kippur Minchah: 10/5 at 4:30pm
 - Neilah: 10/5 at 6:00pm
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** Hybrid
- **Additional Information:** No tickets required. Donations welcomed. For more information, phone (603)352-6747 or email office@keenesynagogue.org. To join by Zoom, please use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9059191322?pwd=UkxGWw5PSHpnK3o4RkZoMmRlM0ZlUT09>. Meeting ID: 905 919 1322 Passcode: shalom

Congregation Betenu, Amherst

- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 7:30pm
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 10:30am
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** Hybrid
- **Additional Information:** Guests should contact Congregation Betenu regarding tickets or Zoom links. Those attending in person must show proof of vaccination. Restrictions may apply depending on Covid levels.

Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry

- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 7:15pm
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 9:30am
- **Additional Services** –
 - Discussion Group - Future of Judaism – 10/5 at 1pm
 - Family Service - 10/5 at 2:30pm
 - Afternoon/Yizkor/Neilah services - 10/5 at 4:00pm
 - Break Fast -10/5 at 6:30pm
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** Hybrid
- **Additional Information:** Services will be live and no tickets are required. To attend virtually, contact EH at 603 432-0004 or email office@etzhayim.org for a link. L'Shana Tova.

Kehilat Har Lavan

- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 6:00pm
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 10:00am
- **Additional Services** –
 - Yizkor – 10/5 at 12:30pm
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** Hybrid
- **Additional Information:** Location for Yom Kippur services is Bartlett Village. Email us at harlavancommunity@gmail.com for additional information.

Kol Ha'Emek Upper Valley Jewish Community, Hanover

- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 7:00pm (Alumni Hall)
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 9:00am (Alumni Hall)
- **Additional Services** –
 - 10/5/2022 Yom Kippur Family Service (Storrs Pond, Byrne Pavilion) at 10am
 - 10/5/2022 Yom Kippur Tot Service 10 am (Roth Center)
 - 10/5/2022 Yizkor Service 4 pm (Alumni Hall)
 - 10/5/2022 Mincha Service 5 pm (Alumni Hall)
 - 10/5/2022 N'eilah Service 6 pm (Alumni Hall)
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** Hybrid

Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

- **October 2: Hebrew Cemetery Service** – 10:00am
- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 8:00pm
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 10:00am
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** Hybrid
- **Additional Information:** Masks and ticket required.

Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua

- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 6:00pm
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 9:30-1pm
- **Additional Services** –
 - ReNewYear Service - 10/5, 10:00 am
 - Young Family Service - 10/5, 10:30 am
 - Afternoon Service/Mincha - Wed., 10/5, 5:15 pm
 - Neilah - 10/5, 6:15 pm
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** Hybrid

Temple Beth Jacob, Concord

- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 7:30pm
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 9:30am
- **Additional Services** –
 - Yom Kippur Family Service – 10/5 at 1:30pm
 - Yom Kippur Afternoon, Yiskor, N'ilah – 10/5 at 3:30pm
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** Hybrid
- **Additional Information:** Any changes will be noted on the TBJ website.

Temple B'Nai Israel, Laconia

- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 7:30pm
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 10:00am
- **Additional Services** –
 - Yizkor: 10/5 at 12:00pm
 - YK afternoon/neilah – 10/5 at 4:45pm
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** Hybrid
- **Additional Information:** Email info@tbinh.org to request Zoom links.

Temple Israel, Manchester

- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 6:30pm
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 9:00am
- **Additional Services** –
 - 10/1 at 10:00am
 - 10/5 at 5:15pm
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** In-person, virtual component TBD

Temple Israel Portsmouth

- **October 4: Kol Nidre** – 6:15pm
- **October 5: Yom Kippur** – 9:00am
- **Additional Services** –
 - Preschool story time (Chapel) – 10/5, 9:30–10am
 - Family service (Social Hall) – 10/5, 10:15–11:15am
 - Yom Kippur afternoon service (Jonah) - 10/05 at 4:45pm
 - Yom Kippur Neilah service - 10/05 at 6:00pm
 - Break the Fast meal - 10/05 at 7:15pm
- **In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid:** Hybrid
- **Additional Information:** All High Holiday attendees must preregister for in-person services or to receive the Zoom link. Please see the Temple Israel website or contact the temple office for additional information including registration instructions.



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In the Community

Just in Time for Hanukkah! The Woman of Valor Afghan and Pillow Fun-Raiser Raffle

Why Red?

The Temple Beth Jacob Knit-Crochet Group is back with their sixth fundraiser afghan project under the continuing leadership of Susan Zlotnick-Hale. Planning began in the fall of 2021 when Mindy Fitterman suggested 20 red blocks – each in a different knit pattern. The patterns were selected by Marlene Goldman, Truda Bloom, Susan and Mindy. Why red? This year's Temple Beth Jacob fun-raiser afghan is inspired by A Woman of Valor (Proverbs 31:10-31), which describes a woman who is generous, industrious, trustworthy, strong, fiercely devoted to family . . . and has no fear of winter's snow because her household is dressed in crimson.

*She is not worried for her household because of snow,
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Proverbs 31:21*

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Pictured clockwise from lower left: Miriam Lebby, Pamela Schachter, Marlene Goldman, Mindy Fitterman, Robin Helrich, Mary Bresler, Susan Zlotnick-Hale, Gena Cohen Moses, Abby Moses.

It Takes a Village

This project is not the work of one person. Project tasks run the gamut – beginning with shopping for the best prices on yarn and branching out to designers, colorists, knitters, crocheters, sewers, weavers, knitting coaches, mailing crew, office work, photographers, writers, sales people and much more. The afghan project is a success because of the efforts of many women — and men — of valor! A big thank you goes to all 19 contributors: Abby Moses, Alice Kinsler, Alicia Semiatin, Amy Goldstein, Barbara Friedell, Carol Ringo, Carol Sobelson, Gena Cohen Moses, Marlene Goldman, Mary Bresler, Mindy Fitterman, Miriam Lebby, Pamela Schachter, Robin Helrich, Sue Peterson, Susan Friedburg, Susan Zlotnick-Hale, Tabitha Dunn, and Truda Bloom.

Join the Fun

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Tabitha Dunn holding red pillow handwoven by Miriam Lebby.

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Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Team Treasures Annual Sukkah Gatherings

By Eileen Regen
Photos by Martin Kessel and Eileen Regen

For nearly 20 years, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation members and friends have celebrated Sukkot in our spacious sukkah designed by Sidney Regen [ZL] for amateur builders to assemble with ease each year. The lattice-walled structure was created to be easily built, joyfully used, quickly deconstructed, and carefully packed away each year.

The walls, lattice panels framed by wooden beams, are quickly attached by BHC's team of willing workers representing all levels of building abilities. Cherished and new decorations along with masses of autumn flowers are artfully arranged to decorate the interior and exterior walls. Sukkah builders, kibitzers, and decorators are fortified with a bounteous buffet provided by BHC member Alice Dreier.



Michel Adler, Gary Harwood, Dave Goldstone, and Leslie Dreier stack the panels for storage until the next year.



Sukkah Builders 2020. L to R: Martin Kessel, Tom Greenlaw, Sid Regen [ZL], Alice Dreier, Robin Greenlaw (above), Rhoda Sakowitz (below), Stanley Sakowitz, Jacki Katzman, Leslie Dreier, David Goldstone, Jack Karp.



Gary Harwood arranges shchach on the overhead beams.



Jacki Katzman takes charge of interior decorations.



Dinner in the Sukkah.

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Funding in part by The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, The Ben and Zelma Dorson Fund, The Maurice Cohen Fund, The Saul Sidore Fund, The Paul and Fran Gordon Fund and The Singer Family Trust Fund

In the Community

Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia: We Care Presents - Introduction: The Chicago Experience

On Saturday, October 29, We Care of Temple B'nai Israel presents *Introduction: The Chicago Experience*, for one night only, to the stage at the Meredith Community Auditorium performing for the benefit of the Meredith Altrusa Club. *Introduction: The Chicago Experience* pays



tribute to the iconic rock band Chicago by featuring their music from 1968-1978. Return to the times and events that shaped the "Chicago Transit Authority" the original name of the group that became simply known as Chicago. "Introduction" is the title of the first song of the first album, and the beginning of a musical legacy that spans five decades. This tribute band was born of a deep admiration and respect for Chicago's artists and their early music. *Introduction: The Chicago Experience* will pay very careful attention to every musical and vocal nuance to deliver what is the most memorable *Chicago* show of ANY Chicago tribute band! Come see *Introduction* on October 29 and join the Chicago Experience. Doors open at 7:00 pm for general admission seating. The show will begin at 7:30 pm. Visit the temple website



www.tbinh.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

We Care is proud to partner with the Meredith Altrusa Club, a Lakes Region non-profit that is part of Altrusa International, a global service organization. The women of the Meredith Altrusa Club, all volunteers, have worked tirelessly for over 40 years to create the types of programs that lead to a better community. From reading programs for young children to life-care initiatives for senior citizens, the Meredith Altrusa Club has programs and resources that benefit people from all walks of life. One of the most unique offerings is their "Non-traditional Scholarships" for applicants who are at least 23 years of age and looking to improve their job qualifications or further their education. It is through these types of programs that the Meredith Altrusa Club makes a positive difference in the world around them. Learn more about the organization on their website: <https://altrusameredithnh.org/>

the generosity of major event sponsors. This We Care concert fundraising model provides a platform for both the beneficiary and the event sponsors, to bring awareness to the public of their presence, their mission, and their commitment to the importance of community involvement. We Care and Meredith Altrusa thank the major event sponsors for this concert, Miracle Farms Landscaping, Audi Nashua, and Interlakes Family Dental, as well as the advertisers of "The Lakes Region Business Directory" a digital flipbook that showcases many kinds of businesses in the Lakes Region. From architects to health and wellbeing for humans and their pets and from entertainment to retail, each business is represented with full color advertisements and hyperlinks to the businesses' websites. It is because of these advertisers that Temple B'nai Israel can reach out into the community and provide the We Care fundraising model for other worthwhile non-profit agencies. The online digital directory is available as a resource to anyone who is looking for reliable goods and services in the Lakes Region. The Lakes Region Business Directory can be found at <https://tbinh.org/lakes-region-business-directory/>.

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October / November 2022 Calendar

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October 20th: Movie Day! "Starting Over Again"

2015 documentary film about the exodus of the Jews of Egypt between 1948 and 1956.

Presented by the Israeli Education and Engagement Committee.

1PM JFNH Community Room - 273 S. River Rd #5, Bedford

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November 17th: Movie Day! "Inventing Our Life: The Kibbutz Experiment"

2010 documentary film examines the 100 year history of Israel's kibbutz movement, one of the world's longest running and most successful experiments in pure communism.

Presented by the Israeli Education and Engagement Committee.

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Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood: Coming Events, and a Lookback on 9/11

By Mark Granoff, TAY Brotherhood President

This weekend marks 21 years since our nation was attacked on September 11th, 2001. Certainly, the most heart-wrenching day of the millennium. So much has changed since then. When we look back at a timeline of our ages, September 11th, 2001 will always have a marker to itself. May G-d bless all souls affected that day and since.



Mark Granoff

The Hebrew year 5782 was another quick year, saddled with Covid again. March of 2020 seems like yesterday, and at the same time, like ages ago. Covid will also share a broad placeholder on our timeline of this era, spanning more than two years. However, we are learning to live with it, and around it. Thankfully our medical community and global society has learned how to protect and treat. I hope this note finds you encouraged and prospering. Our Hebrew New Year 5783 comes late this year, which I fancy as it really extends the summer season, and the High Holidays will coincide with the beautiful fall foliage this year.

The TAY Brotherhood Board has been busy working on the calendar of events for the coming year, and following the High Holidays, it will kick off with a return of our TAY Brotherhood Candidate's Forum, led by Emeritus Past President Sol Rockenmacher. Please find Sol's announcement elsewhere in this edition. We hope this event brings a return of ci-

vility and informative political discussions and free from the pettiness so prevalent today. We can hope at least!

Please review our tentative calendar of events for the upcoming 2022-2023 year. The TAY Brotherhood will be tweaking this calendar as the year progresses and as we determine what events are able to be in-person. Fingers crossed for more in-person content this year! Please review our proposed Event Calendar below:

TAY BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

- Brotherhood, Candidates Forum, Oct. 30 at 9:30 a.m., planned in person at the TAY Social Hall
- Chanukkah: Party Dec. 18 after morning Hebrew School (TBD)
- Christmas Mitzvah Program – Saturday & Sunday, December 24-25
- Deli Night – Saturday, January 29, 2023 Tentative (Deli Night- To Go #2?)
- MANTY Winter Wonderland February 2023 – Pending?
- Purim Party March 5? (March 6), 2023 TBD format
- Spring Dinner Concert – Thursday, May 4, 2023 (on patio?)
- Brotherhood Breakfast TBD Topic/Format – Sunday, May 20, 2023
- Brotherhood Annual Meeting & BBQ June 6, 2023
- Brotherhood-Sisterhood Service – Friday, June 9, 2023

If you would like to get involved with TAY Brotherhood, please contact me at memkgranoff@comcast.net. Membership is available to all. Wishing all L'Shana Tova for a healthy and happy 5783!

Ra'an de Haas hosts News from Israel at Etz Hayim Synagogue

By Steve Soreff, MD

Ra'an de Haas, the JFNH Israeli Shaliach, will speak about *News from Israel* at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry, New Hampshire on Thursday, October 27, 2022, Thursday at 7 PM. He will review current events in Israel with special attention to the elections which are about to occur there. The talk is interactive and offers a neat opportunity to hear about recent events in Israel. It is free and open to the public.

This is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. For more information, please con-



Ra'an de Haas

tact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

Solidarity at Saint-Gaudens National Historical State Park

By Meredith Lewko

Saint-Gaudens National Historical State Park helped heal a torn community through solidarity, music and art, after the discovery of antisemitic symbols on the family monument where the famous Civil War sculpture where Augustus Saint-Gaudens and his family are buried. The State Park is an area where the Cornish, NH art colony used to gather, including the well-known painter Maxfield Parrish.

"A huge outpouring of guests attended the Sunday concert on August 21st," said Melissa Richmond, music director for the park's summer music programs. Richmond invited a traditional klezmer, jazz and poetry infused band called "Pnuma" (wind or breath) to perform for the series. "Pnuma" consists of three male clarinetists and a female singer who originally lived in Israel.

Three tents were set up on the property during the concert, representing the park's visitor center, the Upper Valley Jewish Community of Hanover, NH, and the Vermont Holocaust Memorial of Jeffersonville, which requested people to decorate colored leaves cut from construction paper to represent children whom died in the holocaust. The visitor's center tent asked people at the concert and during prior weeks to create an 8x8 quilt square either made from fabric or designed on card stock to create a quilt which, in the words of park ranger

and program manager Rainy McKenna, "reflects what community means to them." She further explained, "Repairing this particular incident that tore apart our community, we want to weave it back together, by stitching it together."

The Saint-Gaudens curatorial staff is attempting to make the quilt a traveling exhibition. Superintendent Rick Kendall said "The vandalism took place on the night of September 30, 2021. The front of the monument was covered with pink paint while the rear of the memorial was covered with words and drawings of an antisemitic nature made with several different colors of marker." McKenna said that the surrounding Jewish community recognized the significance of the date. Eighty years earlier in 1941, the Babi Yar Massacre took place in Kyiv, Ukraine where Nazi forces murdered 33,000 Jews in a ravine. "Substantial time and money was needed to restore the memorial, investigate, and increase security in the area." I did a little background research on Augustus Saint-Gaudens: Per the WBUR website, one of his famous sculptures, located in Boston, MA—an art piece dedicated to African American soldiers who fought in the Civil War, called "Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial"—was also vandalized in 2021. According to Liz Vizza, executive director of the Friends of the Public Garden, "It was, amazingly enough, dedicated 123 years ago on May 31st, the day it was defaced."

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In the Community

TAY Brotherhood Hosts Candidates Forum on Sunday, October 30

As it has done many times in past years, the Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood will be hosting a Candidates Forum on Sunday morning, October 30, 2022. Because of persistent COVID concerns, this will not include—with apologies—the usual format, including breakfast of bagels and shmeers. As always, this is NOT just a TAY event but is open to the community.

We are expecting the candidates for Governor, United States Senate, and United States House of Representatives from both Districts 1 and 2. We are

planning to open the doors at 9am with the program to start at 9:30am, and probably lasting until 1pm. Attorney George Bruno, former Ambassador to Belize, will once again be the moderator. This will be a hybrid program with the candidates in-person, and attendees either in-person or on Zoom. In-person attendees will require masks and we will have spaced seating. There certainly will be security on site.

For Zoom information please contact, after October 20, office@taynh.org, or rockenmacher@comcast.net.

The Southern NH Jewish Men's Club: 2022 Political Breakfast

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club proudly announces that our 2022 Political Breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 16, 2022, starting at 9:30 AM via Zoom. We will be starting off at 9:00 am with a 30-minute schmooze session during which you can catch up with old (or new) friends while enjoying your bagel in the comfort of your own home.

Our renowned Political Breakfast will be hosted by Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett of Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua who will act as Moderator for our Town Hall Style Event. Rabbi Jon will be selecting questions from Attendees (via private chat) during the event that he will then pose to the Candidates.

As in prior years, planned guests include all major candidates for the office of Governor, United States Senate, and the US House of Representatives. Each Candidate will have 15 minutes to address their Constituents followed by a 15 minute question and answer session. Rabbi Jon will determine which submitted questions will be presented to the candidates. Attendees may submit their questions via chat to Rabbi Jon at any point once the Zoom Meeting starts.

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club is proud to sponsor our Bi-Annual Political Breakfast which will be preceded by our "Schmooze Time" from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM. This event is open to the public but advance registration is required. Please register in advance by emailing breakfastsvp@snhjmc.org to confirm your registration.

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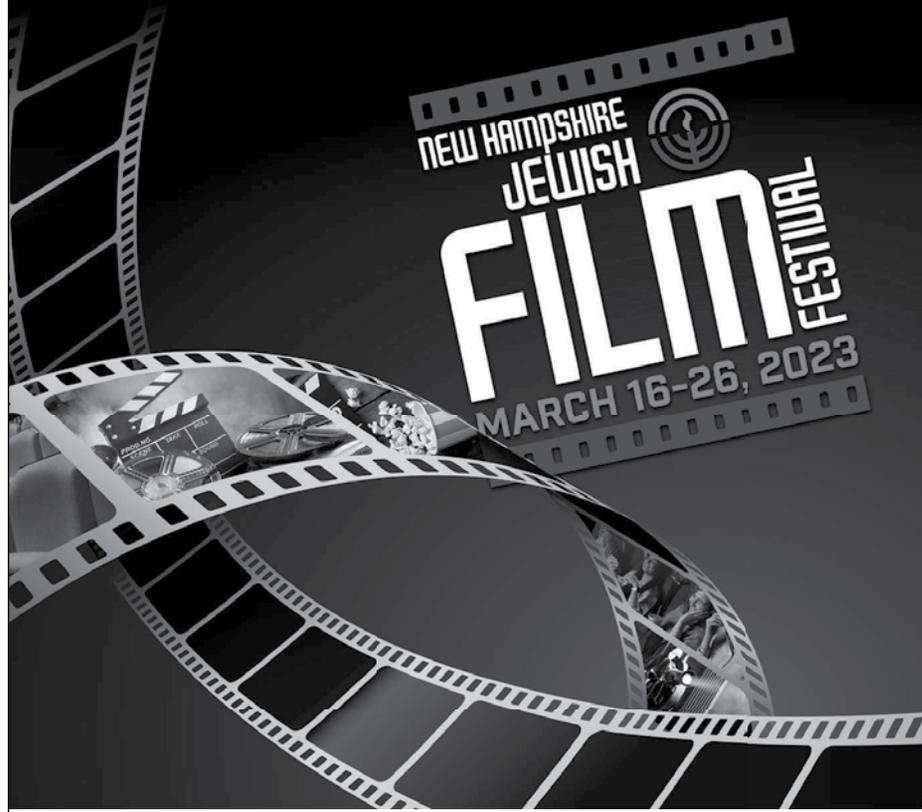
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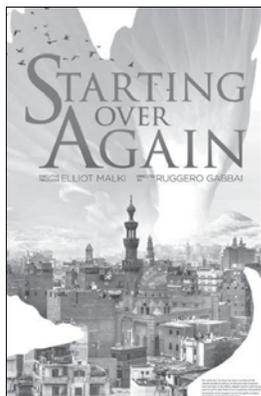
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Executive Producer: Elliott Malki
Director: Ruggero Gabbai
Documentary, 2015, Italy
64 minutes
English

Starting Over Again
Streaming Thursday, October 13-22, 2022 on Eventive
Join us at JFNH for an in person screening, October 20, 1pm
Post film zoom discussion on Sunday, October 23 time TBA
with Director Gabbai and Producer Malki.

Starting Over Again is a 2015 documentary about the exodus of the Jews of Egypt between 1948 and 1956. The story is told by 20 witnesses who narrate their own experience. The film covers personal emotional memories, through interviews, historical events and footage. Filming took place across the globe in Europe, USA and Israel. The documentary was officially selected at the Jerusalem Film Festival of 2015 and has and continues to play in Film Festivals worldwide.
Go to JFNH facebook for link to movie trailer.



Director/Producer: Toby Perl Freilich
Documentary, 2010, Israel/USA
80 minutes
English/ Hebrew with English subtitles

Inventing our Life: The Kibbutz Experiment
Streaming Sunday, November 13-20, 2022 on Eventive
Join us at JFNH for an in person screening, on November 17, 1pm
Post film discussion on Sunday, November 20, 3 pm with Stanford University Professor, Ran Abramitzky, author of The Mystery of the Kibbutz. Event is hybrid. Join us in person with Dr Richard England, moderator (for the zoom) at JFNH or by Zoom from your location.

This film examines the 100-year history of Israel's kibbutz movement as a modern generation struggles to ensure its survival amidst painful reforms and a new capitalist reality. We meet 1st, 2nd and 3rd generation members from kibbutzim like Degania, the flagship commune established in 1909; Hulda, once near collapse and recently privatized; and Sasa, the first to be settled entirely by Americans and today Israel's wealthiest kibbutz and Tamuz, an urban kibbutz founded in 1987 and located in Beit Shemesh.
Go to JFNH facebook for link to movie trailer.

Film series is FREE.
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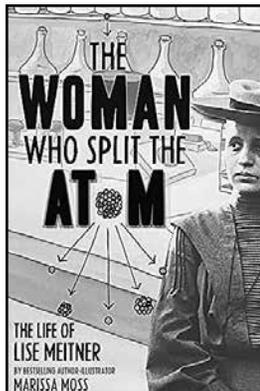
Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

The Woman Who Split the Atom: The Life of Lise Meitner

The Woman Who Split the Atom, written by Marissa Moss, is an inspiring story of a woman determined to study science in spite of the challenges she faced.

Lise Meitner grew up in Vienna, Austria with her father, mother, and sisters. Her early schooling takes place in the beginning of the 19th century. This was a time when women were not encouraged to attend school or have careers, but Lise and her sisters were determined to study and her parents encouraged and supported them to follow their interests. She prepared herself for the rigorous tests ahead and achieved her goal of studying physics. Throughout



this book, author Marissa Moss uses both her skill as a writer and her talent as a graphic comic artist to pull the reader into the story of Lise's life, from living at home with her family to traveling to Berlin to work with some of the greatest physicists of all time. Though she was a demure, small young woman and intimidated at first, she persisted in winning herself lab space in the basement of KWI university, to study the scattering of alpha particles.

Through the early 1900s, Meitner met important professors and scientists, who would be her friends and supporters, Max Planck, Albert Einstein, Heinrich

Rubens, and the man who became her lifelong scientific partner, Otto Hahn. She also worked with her nephew Otto Frisch. She began publishing articles about her scientific findings under the name L. Meitner, so no one would know these articles were written by a woman. This earned her a small stipend to live on, along with an allowance from her father.

As Adolf Hitler came into power, the laws began to change for the Jews of Germany. Though Lise Meitner did not consider herself particularly Jewish, Hitler and Nazi Germany recognized her Jewish family history—and her success and prominence become a liability.

For as long as she could hold onto to her lab and experiments, she refused to leave Berlin, but finally she saw the danger, and her friends helped her to escape

Nazi Germany. She continued her work in Sweden, and soon, Meitner realized that in her experiments, she had split the atom. When scientists saw how this nuclear fusion can be used to end the war, she was invited to work on the Manhattan Project in the United States to develop the atomic bomb — but Lise was against helping to create something that leads to destruction and death. She spent the rest of her life working to find a way to use atomic energy for peaceful work, and spoke to audiences about science's ethical responsibilities.

Marissa Moss is the bestselling creator of the perennially popular "Amelia" series as well as the "Daphne's Daily Disasters" series. She lives in Berkeley, California. Visit her at MarissaMoss.com and at AmeliaBooks.com.

Jewish Journeys

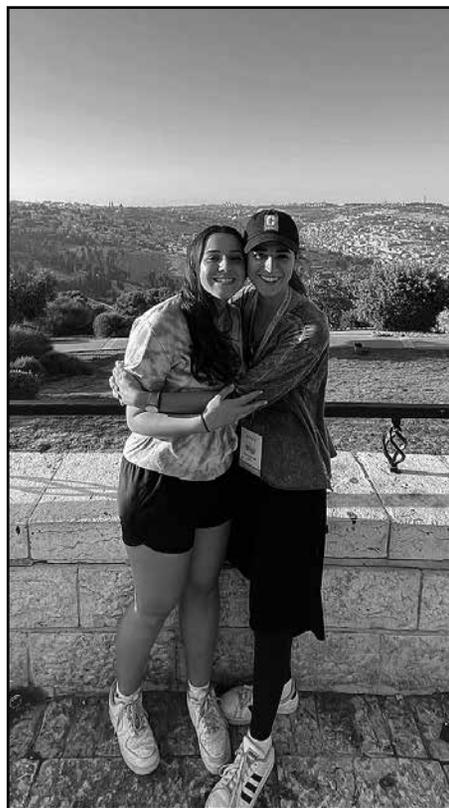
Journey to Israel

By Talya Rezaoui

I want to start by thanking JFNH, RootOne and most importantly Chanchie Krinsky for giving me the opportunity to take part in this trip.

I had the most amazing three weeks in Israel this summer on Cteens Israel Journey. I got to do so many new things, and fully experience the land of Israel. I made new friends from all over the world with our very diverse group coming from the United States, England, Paraguay, Ukraine, and India. Our trip went all over the country, exploring and experiencing everything Israel has to offer.

We started in the north, staying in the beautiful Golan where we went rafting, hiking and dancing by the Galilee. Making our way south, we enjoyed Eilat, a sunrise hike at Masada and repelling in Mitzpe Ramon. A week in Jerusalem allowed us to fully explore and experience the old city, visiting ancient sites, the shuk and the kotel. Shabbat in Jerusalem was such a special experience with the group and atmosphere. We ended our trip with lots of water sports along the Mediterranean, in Tel Aviv and Netanya. Every day was packed full of new experiences, sights, and fun. I can't pick a favorite part of the trip because everything was just so amazing.



My favorite part was just being surrounded by such a fun and loving group in the most beautiful and special place in the world. I have made so many lasting memories and friendships on this unforgettable trip.

Letters from Jewish Camps

Stella Verbun, age 11:

This year I was lucky to go to camp CYJ! I had a good two weeks away from home. I was having too much fun making friends and learning about Judaism to be missing home. My favorite activities were performing arts, canoeing, kayaking, and music. When it was time to go to bed my counselors were always there for me. Also, when I was there I had my birthday! I was sad at first to not celebrate my birthday with my family but in the end, I got ice cream cake and I got to skip around the room and that was amazing! I would recommend camp CYJ to anyone thinking about going to camp!

Thank you for a great two-week summer camp experience!

Eve Savitch, age 12:

Camp Young Judea CYJ was a lot of fun for me! I met some new friends, saw an old friend, and met people from around the world. This year, 2022, CYJ had the most international people at camp ever. And CYJ has been around for over 80 YEARS. Isn't that cool? I met so many great people at camp and I would go back again. There were so many fun activities. Like athletics, twice a day. The athletics staff are super nice. We would have stretches, then we play a game. It is

different for every age group, every day. Every day you either have swimming lessons in the pool, or a free swim in the lake. Electives are the things you choose. I chose arts and crafts. Playing around with craft materials, clay, string, jewelry, and more was honestly one of the best parts of my day.

I will describe mealtimes next. I thought breakfast was the best meal. Breakfast is when everyone is still waking up, and no one has the energy yet to cause a ruckus... Shabbat mornings are amazing cause that is when you sit with your bunk — eat cinnamon rolls and coffee cake and enjoy quiet time with your friends. Then there is lunch. The whole room is alive and talking about their day so far. Sometimes people are slamming their plates rhythmically against the table and it is loud. The food changes every day but it is always amazing. Then we have dinner. It is loud but it is manageable. Dinner food is also amazing. During dinner and lunch, I usually just ignore the noise and make bracelets with string. After dinner we would have an evening activity, which changed every night. After that we would spend time together in the bunk, take showers, and mess around.

Letters from Camp continued on page 25



Israel: Did You Know?

By Linda L. Gerson, member of the JFNH Israel Engagement and Education Committee



Shira Haas, the Israeli actress who will be playing Sabra in Marvel Studios' Captain America: New World Order

Israeli Superheroes in the Movies:

- First there was Wonder Woman, who was played by Israeli actress Gal Gadot. And in September 2020, it was announced that Israeli actress Shira Haas (*Unorthodox*) has landed the role of the Israeli superhero Sabra in the upcoming fourth Captain America film from Marvel Studios. Sabra, in the comics, is Ruth Bat-Seraph, a kibbutz-raised mutant agent for Israel's spy agency.

2,700-year-old papyrus returns to Jerusalem from Montana:

- This Rare Kingdom of Judah document fragment, hanging on a wall in a private home since 1965, was donated to Dead Sea Scrolls collection.

Scenic Israel:

- Israel is a beautiful country with 137 beaches and Mediterranean sunsets.
- Israel is a desert, and water resources are scarce, but today it produces 20% more water than it needs.
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- On Israel's beaches, lifesaving is a conduit for regional peace. Israel Life-Saving Federation is teaching Arab and Jewish children how to save lives on the country's 350 kilometers of coastline.

Israeli Achievements:

- Israeli startups raise mega rounds amid recession. Despite the economic downturn, several Israeli companies announced funding rounds of \$100 million or more in August 2022.
- Israel won 5 medals in the 2022 European Athletics Competition. In Israel's best showing yet in the competition, athletes took home a gold, a silver, and three bronze medals.
- A new Israeli startup is training labradors to detect cancer. Israeli startup SpotitEarly led by a former commander of the IDF's canine unit has raised \$6.2m to develop early cancer detection screening centers staffed by labradors.

Hadassah Walks for Women's Health

By Michele Bank

On Sunday October 23, 2022 at 2pm, Hadassah Northeast will host a Walk for Women's Health at three different locations. It will be held at The Andres Institute in Brookline, NH, The Chestnut Hill Reservoir in Boston and another group at Blackstone Boulevard Park in Rhode Island. The Manchester Chapter of Hadassah is participating at the Andres Institute site with the team's name is Manchester Hadassah. You also have the option to register for a virtual walk. There is no rain date. Thanks to in-kind donations, Hadassah will provide a bottle of water, an apple, and a snack to all registered walkers. They will also receive a Hadassah Cross Body Fanny Pack.

The goal is to expand awareness about Hadassah's important work in Israel and the US that is improving women's health worldwide. This includes breast cancer research, a focus on women's heart health, promotion of gender equity in medical research, as well as infertility awareness and support, to name a few. This year, over 300 people are expected to walk and we hope to raise at least \$20,000. You do not need to be a member of Hadassah to participate. You do not need to join a team. You can create your own team and get sponsors. Just come and walk, enjoy the outdoors, the art sculptures, the camaraderie of friends and family, and the knowledge that you are part of a community, raising much needed funds to continue Hadassah's work in improving the health of women.

If you prefer to not walk, you can support this fundraiser by volunteering. Sponsors need to be identified and contacted, assistance is needed also for registration, distributing trail maps, encouraging walkers, etc. A registration form

for walkers, donors and volunteers is available at <https://runsignup.com/hadassahwalk>. You can indicate on the form if you want to make a donation in the name of Manchester Hadassah, a particular fundraiser or if you just want to make a donation. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact michele.bank@gmail.com or email the Walk director at the Hadassah Northeast office at gseletz@hadassah.org.

The Hadassah Medical Organization's two Jerusalem hospitals are innovative and compassionate global leaders in medical care, treatments and research serving more than a million women, men and children a year, regardless of religion, race or nationality. Your support will help continue Hadassah's ability to heal our world.

In international news, Hadassah hospital in Ein Kerem set a record with a dozen kidney and liver transplants in less than two weeks. Hadassah's transplant center "is a center of excellence that in recent years has demonstrated impressive achievement and maintaining patients' safety," said Hadassah Medical Organization Director-General Prof. Yoram Weiss. About 250 Israelis choose to donate their kidneys each year, quadruple the number of live donations there were a decade ago. As a result, a significant increase in the number of transplants is performed throughout the country. Long-term medical treatment begins at the Hadassah Liver Institute or the nephrology department. The doctors and nurses take care of patients whose condition is not simple and accompany them through all the stages of the disease, from the diagnosis, which is sometimes challenging and complex, through the treatment adapted to chronic patients to the stage of transplantation and close follow-up throughout their lives.

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The Sunapee-Kearsarge Jewish Community Revisits Genesis

By Meredith Lewko

The Sunapee-Kearsarge Jewish Community (S-K JC) led by Art and Maureen Rosen, held a lecture and discussion at the Newbury Veterans Hall on Sunday, August 28 from 4-6pm titled “Genesis Revisited.” The talk noted that for centuries people believed Moses wrote the Torah based upon revelations. But many scholars have since come to believe that the Torah was comprised of four different documents — namely “J”, “E”, “D” and “P.” This is called the “documentary hypothesis,” or different tellings of the story by four different writers.

Art Rosen said the Reverend Jay MacLeod of St. Andrews Episcopal Church

in New London asked him to join in helping bring knowledge of the Torah (Pentateuch) to his congregation. The two shared a six-week course to some 60 registrants. The August 28 lecture was a summary of Art’s part. It involved a deconstruction of Genesis into its components. “It’s achieved in part by comparing different styles of Hebrew writing. In English, consider the differences between Chaucer, Shakespeare and Hemingway,” said Art.

The Creation story is mythological: Christianity derives “original sin” from it, yet there is no original sin in the P version, and no inherited sin in any version. With P being a more recent text and a text written by a priestly school, there is reason to question the doctrine of origi-

nal sin, and therefore no imperative reason for infant baptism. Meanwhile, a close reading of the Patriarchal section leads to the question of whom did the patriarchs worship: Was it the biblical God as generally believed, or was it El, High God of the Canaanites? Art noted that Abraham’s family were idol worshippers from Ur, a center of moon worship, that Abraham migrated to Canaan, that migrants usually adapted the gods of their new lands, that the Patriarchs objected only to “foreign gods” and never to the gods of Canaan, that they worshipped at Canaanite shrines like Shechem and Hebron, that they used sacred stones in their worship, and that they referred to their deity as El Elyon

and El Shaddai, the same terms used by Melchizedek, a priest of El High God of the Canaanites.

Implications of this is that the Patriarchs may have been founders of the Israelites but not of the concept of the Israelite God. That concept more likely developed under Moses, with the influence of Jethro, his father-in-law and a priest of the Mideon.

Art noted that all the observations made about the Patriarchs are derived from the biblical text itself, a text largely from the J writer. The presentation led to a lively discussion covering both the findings and their implications.

For more information, Art Rosen can be reached at 1(603) 763-4089.

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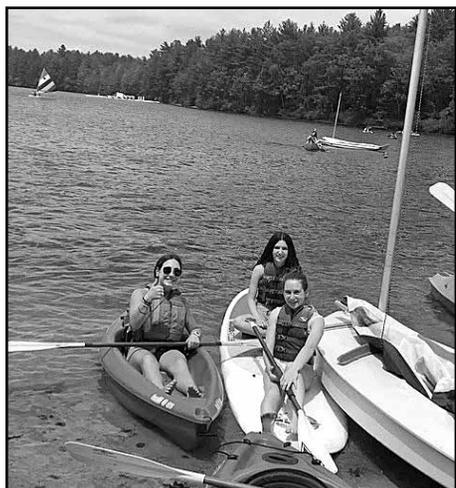
That sums up my CYJ experience, it was super fun, and I would go back again.

Isla Savitch, age 8:

I really liked camp. It was fun. I made many new friends at camp. One of my electives was archery. It was awesome. I shot a bullseye! I also got to do waterskiing, and I almost stood up on water skis.

When I was not on waterskis, I swam in the lake and we got to jump off the boat. The bunks were fun. We spent a lot of time together at the bunks. You have your own bunk beds, so you can get the top bed or the bottom bed.

This was the first time that I was away from home, and it was for two weeks! When I saw the videos of kids at CYJ last year, it looked like a lot of fun. I’m really glad that I got to go to camp and have so much fun for two weeks.



Lauren Buff:

I’m so thankful to receive a scholar-

ship from JFNH to go to Jewish sleep-away camp. I had originally applied to Camp Tevya in 2020 with a friend. My friend moved away and I went for the first time in 2022, even though I didn’t know anyone. When I first went to Camp Tevya, I wasn’t prepared to be welcomed so easily into the family.

I originally wanted to go to Camp Tevya to try new things, plain and simple. I learned that Camp Tevya was not only a place to learn and experience new things, but also a place where you could relate to others about Jewish experiences. Living in New Hampshire, where there isn’t a large population of Jews, it was hard to find people that could relate to services, holidays, antisemitism, and bar/bat mitzvahs. Even though my first year at Camp Tevya was after my bat mitzvah, campers still shared with me the way they felt about becoming a young Jewish adult. With my new Jewish friends, I felt normal and like I wasn’t different anymore. At Camp Tevya, I was accepted and understood.

After coming home from Camp Tevya, I found myself chanting the Biyrkat in my head before meals, doing the hamotzi, re-playing the songs we would dance to, and so on. Camp Tevya made me feel more connected to my Judaism in ways and lengths that I cannot even describe. The services were beautiful, and got everyone joining in.

I cannot wait for my next year at Camp Tevya to see what new adventures my new friends and I can tackle! Thank you so much for the amazing opportunity to go to a Jewish camp. I have made priceless friends and memories that I will always have and remember.



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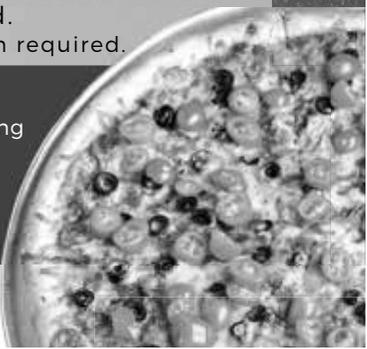
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