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An Introduction from the Board Chair

Shana Tova! As we embark on a new year, I am excited to take on the role of chairwoman of the board of JFNH. I follow in the footsteps of some amazing leaders before me, and will NEVER be able to fill the shoes of the most dedicated man I know, Ken Litvack. He continues to be one of the hardest working lay leaders I have ever met.

I decided to step up to this role because I love the work our Federation does. We are one of the only statewide federations within the country, and we cover a lot of territory. Just since the start of August, our team members have been in Bethlehem, Portsmouth, Laconia, Hopkinton, Concord, Manchester, Bedford, and perhaps a few more that I have forgotten. Our team puts a

Tracy Richmond

Incoming JFNH board chair



lot of mileage on automobiles, but we feel it's important to meet our members where YOU live. We love getting out into the community and would welcome any opportunity to visit your homes, synagogues, or local events. Please let the office know if you have any events in the future you would like us to attend.

At our annual meeting in August, I was

able to meet so many members of our Jewish community that I hadn't had a chance to interact with before. It was so heartwarming to see so many Jews together in one room. I had not seen that since before Covid. Thank you to everyone that attended and congratulations again to all the Shem Tov winners. It was an impressive bunch.

As we move ahead into our busy fall calendar, I want to remind all of you that your Federation is here for you. We know we often ask for your support both financially and to volunteer your time. We will not take one moment for granted and will continue to work hard on behalf of the Jews of New Hampshire. We will continue to meet with

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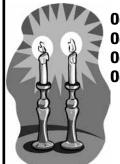
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Federation Voices

Celebrations: Strengthening Community Bonds and Shared Identity

When I read this month's Reporter theme, I was reminded of the significance that celebrations hold in our lives. They are not just moments of joy and festivity; they serve as the threads that weave the fabric of our community, binding us to one another and to our shared identity.

Throughout Jewish history, celebrations have been pivotal in shaping and preserving our cultural heritage. From the excitement of Hanukkah to the solemni-



My nephew Benyamin's bris in 2013.

ty of Yom Kippur, these moments offer us an opportunity to come together and reaffirm our commitment to our faith, traditions, and values. By celebrating together, we not only strengthen our individual sense of belonging, but it also reinforces our collective identity that follows us from generation to generation.

Celebrations are the way community members, both young and old, engage actively with our traditions. Whether it's the laughter of children as they spin the **Allyson Guertin**

JFNH Director



dreidel or the heartfelt prayers of seniors during Passover seders, these interactions connect different generations. This intergenerational exchange not only imparts knowledge but also forges bonds that ex-



Honey and apples on Rosh Hashanai

LATER

My son Max enjoying a S'more at a JFNH Lag B'Omer program in 2018.

tend far beyond the celebration itself.

As we navigate modern life with its busy schedules and modern technology, celebrations offer us the chance to gather physically, to share our stories, and to create memories. These moments of connection are what sustain us, reminding us that we are part of a special and vibrant community.

In the spirit of strengthening our community bonds, I encourage all of you to actively participate in some of our upcoming celebrations or to create your own. Whether it's hosting friends for Shabbat dinner or a PJ Library family attending one of our Tot Shabbats, a thought-provoking lecture from either JFNH or one of our local synagogues, or sharing a meal



My family at the Menorah Lighting at the State House in 2019.

under the sukkah at your home or as guest, your presence adds to the richness of our collective Jewish experience.

Let's embrace celebrations not just as joyous occasions, but as opportunities to commit ourselves to our community and its future. Through these moments of unity, we nurture the relationships that make us stronger, more resilient, and deeply connected. Together, we continue to write the story of New Hampshire's Jewish community—one celebration at a time.

I'm Here for the Celebrations

Judaism is big on celebrations. We have SO many holidays. Granted, I haven't done a thorough comparison with very many of the other world religions – but around this time of year it feels like we have another holiday every few days. Maybe "celebrating" is a Jewish value. If

not, clearly it should be.

I checked my go-to source, the PJ Library Values Hub: https://pjlibrary.org/values - and while celebrating isn't listed explicitly - "Sharing the Joy of the Sabbath" and "Learning from Everyone" are. These are both values that involve celebrating – celebrating the end of each week with our special sabbath traditions and celebrating what's special in each one of us. If you could invent a new celebration, what would it be? Share with us on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/pjlibraryNH/!

I love celebrating. I make a HUGE deal out of birthdays. I love hosting dinner parties or finding reasons to bring people together. I love having fires in our backyard and sitting around schmoozing or singing or telling stories. Even for the introverts in my life, making time to be social and share special moments togeth-

Dinah Berch

JFNH Program Coordinator



er is healthy. Celebrating together strengthens community.

This year, Sukkot bridges September and October, leading into Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Next is Indigenous Peoples' Day (formerly known as Columbus Day). Then a few weeks later we have my 40th birthday (eek!) and Halloween, and then blink and it's Thanksgiving. Okay, so maybe those last few aren't Jewish celebrations, per se, but you get the idea. In any case, if you're feeling unsure about how to celebrate the fall holidays, check out https://pjlibrary.org/holidays you can find resources and book lists for Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Sukkot is great for box forts and paper chains. Shemini Atzeret is all about rain - splashing in puddles and singing rain songs and making sure those rain boots fit. And Simchat Torah is a celebration of our favorite book – we parade around and dance and sing with the Torah scrolls! Kids can even make their own scrolls to dance with – or better yet, make an edible Torah!

To do that, you'll need a tortilla, almond or peanut butter, sprinkles, pretzel rods, and some licorice string. Place the tortilla on the cutting board, and have an adult use the sharp knife to cut the round edges off the tortilla to create a large rectangle. Using the butter knife, cover the rectangular tortilla you've made with almond butter. Scatter chocolate sprinkles in rows to represent Hebrew letters. Place one pretzel rod on each end of the tortilla rectangle and roll inward, so the tortilla wraps around the pretzel rod. Do

this on both short sides of the tortilla. Take the two pretzel rods and roll them in towards the middle. When they meet in the middle, tie the "Torah" together with the licorice string. Bite into your tasty Torah and enjoy! Think about how delicious it is to hear the Torah read aloud as you bite into it. All celebrations are better with food.

This month I'm looking forward to celebrating with adults and seniors for "Seniors in the Sukkah" at Strawbery Banke on October 4th, and then a Lunch and Learn about Jewish Cemeteries in New Hampshire with guest speaker Rabbi Joshua Segal on October 19th at the JFNH office.

Shana Tova, and happy celebrating!

Board Chair

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our governor and Congress members. We will continue to educate and fight antisemitism. We will continue to offer programing that is entertaining and informative for our community members of all ages. We will continue to support our interfaith families. We will continue to support Israel and the citizens of our homeland. In short, we will continue to be the face of Jewish New Hampshire and we can't wait to accomplish a tremendous amount with all of you.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or comments. I am here to represent all of you, and can't wait to meet more members of Jewish New Hampshire.

Statewide Calendar of Events

DISCLAIMER: Events are submitted weeks in advance of publication, and are subject to change. 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.

Wednesday, October 4

Seniors Forever Young Presents "Seniors in the Sukkah."

12:00PM – 2:00PM, Strawbery Banke Museum, Portsmouth

Cost \$18/person

Please Join JFNH's "Seniors Forever Young" in the Shapiro House sukkah at Strawbery Banke Museum in Portsmouth for a special Sukkot Holiday Luncheon! Call 603-627-7679 to pay by credit card or mail payments to JFNH, Attention: SFY, 273 South River Road Unit #5 Bedford, NH 03110. Sign up at https://bit.ly/seniorsinsukkah Transportation from the JFNH office available upon request.

Saturday, October 14

JFNH Tot Shabbat Hop

10:00AM - 11:00AM, Temple Beth Jacob, Concord

PJ Library's jBaby and Early Education Initiative invite families with children 0-5 (siblings welcome) to celebrate Shabbat morning together. Enjoy stories, singing, and blessings followed by a Kiddie Kiddush. Registration required: https://bit.ly/TBJTotShabbatHop

Sunday, October 15

Memorial Monument Dedication at NH State Veterans Cemetery

1pm, NH Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen
The NH State Veterans cemetery in Boscawen has a
Memorial Garden where, over the years, many
organizations have erected monuments in honor of
specific groups of veterans. After realizing there
was no monument remembering/ honoring Jewish
veterans, Rabbi Gary Atkins began working with the
NH community to fundraise for one. The Jewish
Federation of New Hampshire has supported this
project and collected the funds needed for the cost
of the monument.

Please join us for the dedication of the monument. You most certainly do not need to be a veteran to acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice of those interred in this hallowed ground.

Alexander Muss High School in Israel Information Session

5:30p, Jewish Federation of NH, Bedford Thanks to the generosity of the Palestrant family, high school students from New Hampshire are eligible to apply for a generous scholarship to attend the Jewish National Fund – USA's Alexander Muss High School in Israel. Join us to hear from Dana Klein from JNF about this AMHSI opportunity for NH students. Plus: an activity with JFNH new Shaliach Guy Ben David and FREE pizza dinner! In-person event.

For more information contact Dana Klein from Jewish National Fund at dklein@jnf.org 617-423-0999 ext. 484 or Allyson Guertin from Jewish Federation of New Hampshire at allyson.guertin@ jewishnh.org 603-627-7679

To register https://forms.gle/uxeF8drheLpERivS6 or call 603-627-7679

Monday, October 16

Temple Adath Yeshurun Sisterhood Membership Dinner

6:00PM – 8:00PM, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

TAY Sisterhood members are invited to a dinner in the social hall featuring an Ethiopian meal and program about the history of Jews in that country. Our Woman of the Year Award will be presented. Contact Linda Rockenmacher at rockenmacher@comcast.net

Thursday, October 19

JFNH Presents "Jewish Cemeteries of New Hampshire"

12:30PM –2:30PM, JFNH Community Room, Bedford Cost \$8/person

"Jewish Cemeteries of New Hampshire" presentation by Rabbi Joshua Segal. Bagel lunch provided. Registration requested/Zoom link Available Upon Request. https://bit.ly/LunchJewishNH

Friday, October 20

Tot Shabbat with Rabba Kaya

5:00PM – 5:45PM, Temple Israel, Portsmouth Join Temple Israel Portsmouth congregants and community members for a kid-friendly musical Shabbat experience led monthly by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman. Geared for children aged 5 and under; all are welcome. Please register via the temple website calendar, at www.templeisraelnh.org

Saturday, October 28

The Jersey Tenors

7:30PM – 10:00PM, Interlakes Community Auditorium, Meredith Cost \$40/person

The Jersey Tenors return to Interlakes Community Auditorium for one night only. Presented by We Care of Temple B'nai Israel to benefit Interlakes Community Caregivers. Go to www.tbinh.org for tickets and more information.



October 19, 2023, 12:30pm

Lunch & Learn:

"Jewish Cemeteries of New Hampshire"

Join Jewish Federation of New Hampshire for a Lunch & Learn on the history of Jewish cemeteries in New Hampshire with guest speaker Rabbi Joshua Segal. Bagel lunch provided.

In person at:

Jewish Federation of New Hampshire 273 South River Road, Unit 5 Bedford, NH 03110 \$8/person. Registration requested. Zoom link available upon request.

To register please scan the QR code below to pay online, call 603-627-7679 to pay by credit card over the phone, or mail payment to:



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Vesamachtah Bechagecha

October is finally here! The best month of the year. Or at least that's what my mom, Sharona, thinks. She says that the weather in October is perfect to travel all over the world - consider that if you're planning to come to Israel! Not only will you enjoy perfect weather, but you'll also get to take part in the celebration of Sukkot.

But ... Sukkot? A celebration? Isn't that happening on Simchat Torah? Well, let's dive into that. If you walk around Mahne Yehuda Market in Jerusalem during Sukkot nights, you'll see people dancing, singing, and celebrating in the streets with huge signs that says Simchat Beit Hasho'eva. Simchat Beit Hasho'eva is a traditional ritual that the Levis and the Cohens used to do in the first temple in Jerusalem in the old days. They would pump water from the fountain called Hagichon and add it to the sacrifice during the days of Sukkot, and they did it all with big joy and dancing and singing. To me - being so happy about something that is not very special (unlike Purim, when alcohol is what makes you happy) is amazing. Being happy with what you

Guy Ben David JFNH Shaliach





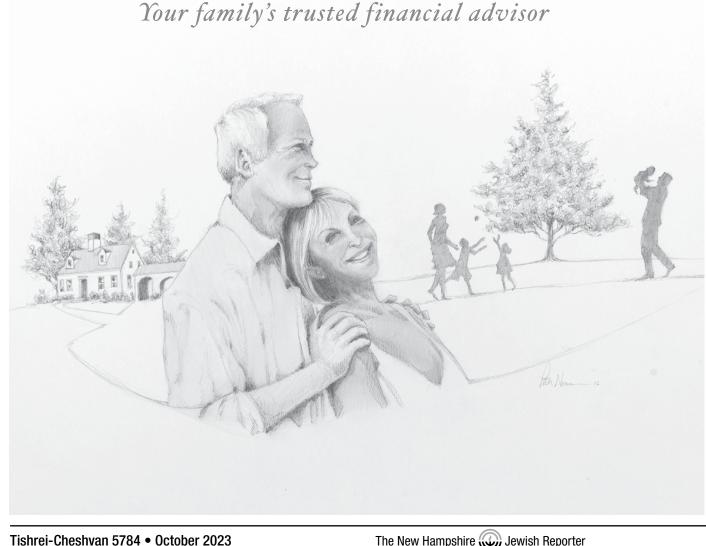
have, and not just any happy - Simchat Beit Hasho'eva - is the only time of the year where Judaism allows everyone to just celebrate, without mourning or fasting or the mention of any horrible story that happened to us as Jews in history. The mitzvah says - "Vesamachtah Bechagecha" - which means "Be joyful at your festival, and your joy will be complete" meaning you need to be extra happy (and you can see it if you ever visit Jerusalem during Sukkot).

The high holidays are coming to the end, and now it's the time to start the year and all the things we've been planning. The phrase Acharey Hachagim ("after the holidays") in Hebrew means "I'll do it later," and we use it on a daily basis as an expression of laziness. It's probably a good time to bring out everything we were too lazy to do during this hot summer and do it in the best way we can. We won't have any Jewish Holidays until Hannukah, so no excuses!

Me? I'm preparing myself (and you)

for the beginning of the programs that I will do for Hebrew Schools, and adults as well. I'll try to make it fun, and ideally teach you some new things! After closing a successful first month in which I got to meet so many great people, have lots of fun activities and settle in way faster than I expected, I'm now ready for my "Acharey Hachagim" and to start working with everyone!





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Expressing Gratitude

As we are celebrating the Jewish holidays, a shared theme often comes to mind: "They tried to kill us; we won; let's eat!" While this humorous saying may be inaccurate and somewhat superficial, it does touch upon a profound truth. Crisis has a way of awakening us to higher values, shifting our priorities, and drawing us closer to G-d. Throughout our history, communal crises have often led to spiritual awakenings, and our triumphs have been celebrated as holy days, marked by our gratitude to G-d.

Chanukah, Purim, and Passover commemorate times when we faced threats from various adversaries, while Sukkot celebrates G-d's protection in the unRabbi in the House



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tamed wilderness of the desert. Yes, it seems that crises have been at the heart of our holiday experiences.

In our personal lives, too, we can observe how emergencies serve as wakeup calls, prompting us to turn to G-d for guidance and reevaluate our priorities. When we achieve significant victories, we feel overwhelming gratitude. But what about the ordinary days? What about those days when everything seems to be going smoothly? When I secure that promotion, maintain harmonious relationships, and have my bills paid? What about a regular, uneventful day?

And what of days filled with various stresses and pressures, yet, thank G-d, no monumental crises? What motivates us to turn to G-d during those moments of success and "normalcy?" This is where Sukkot comes in. While Sukkot certainly commemorates G-d's protection in a time of extreme vulnerability in the desert, it also holds a deeper significance.

Our calendar features a backbone of

festivals - Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot - which are intertwined with agricultural symbolism. Passover marks the beginning of spring and the onset of the barley harvest, Shavuot is the general Harvest Festival, and Sukkot represents the "Gathering of the harvest from the fields."

Interestingly, the Jews were protected in the desert as soon as they left Egypt, during the springtime. However, the Torah instructs us to celebrate this event in the fall. Perhaps this postponement serves a purpose: Sukkot aligns with the communal gathering of crops, making it a time when we reap the rewards of a year's hard work—akin to receiving a "bonus check" and feeling good about ourselves.

During this season, the Torah guides us to appreciate G-d's constant presence and protection, not just during times of crisis but especially amidst abundance. It's a call to acknowledge G-d when the instinct to do so might be less pressing. May this year's Sukkot serve as an opportunity for us all, to rise to the challenge of expressing gratitude to G-d amid the many blessings surely coming our way!



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Empowering Jewish Families for a Brighter Future: JScreen's Mission to Prevent Tay-Sachs and Other Genetic Diseases

In a world where science advances but preventable tragedies persist, a group of determined Jewish parents share their heartbreak and a resolute mission. Bonnie Davis from Portland, Oregon, Kevin Romer from Boca Raton, South Florida, and Shari Ungerleider from Wayne, New Jersey have all endured the profound loss of a child to Tay-Sachs disease. Their purpose is clear and unwavering: to ensure no family endures the anguish they have faced. One family benefiting from the education and screening efforts of these parents is that of Molly Meyers, of Suwanee, Georgia who found hope and joy through genetic testing. She and her husband Patrick welcomed a healthy baby boy into their lives, despite both being carriers of Tay-Sachs disease. As September brings awareness to Tay-Sachs, JScreen, a national non-profit public health initiative (www. jscreen.org), takes center stage. JScreen is committed to raising awareness about genetic diseases, providing comprehensive screening, and delivering personalized genetic counseling to help couples plan for the health of their future children.

Tay-Sachs disease is a life-threatening disease of the nervous system that usually presents with symptoms in infancy and leads to death in early childhood. When both parents carry a mutation or change in the Tay-Sachs gene, each of their children is at 25% risk for the disease. Tay-Sachs is more common in people with Ashkenazi Jewish background but occurs in all populations, so Jewish, interfaith and non-Jewish couples are all at risk for having affected children. While some people think that Tay-Sachs has been eradicated, babies are still being born with this devastating disease. The lingering question is why these preventable tragedies persist in our modern world when genetic testing is so readily available. JScreen aims to bridge this gap, advocating for education, and providing accessible genetic screening and counseling to arm families with knowledge.

Bonnie Davis's story with her son, Adam, mirrors this narrative of missed opportunities. Their family endured Adam's painful decline, unaware that a simple genetic screening could have given them a heads up about their genetic risk. Bonnie says, "Tay-Sachs is most commonly carried by Ashkenazi Jews, which we both are. Our obstetrician should have met the standard of care and provided us with the option to obtain genetic testing. He didn't. Most rabbis will

counsel Jewish couples to have genetic testing prior to marriage. Ours didn't. Many Jewish youth learn about Tay-Sachs at religious school or on their college campus. Neither of us did. We fell through the cracks and never knew we needed genetic testing. Knowledge is power and knowing your carrier status for genetic diseases gives people the power to create a healthy family and avoid the devastation of having a child with a fatal genetic disease."

Shari Ungerleider, who lost her son Evan 24 years ago, reflects, "Evan's memory propels me to act, transforming tragedy into a force for good. Raising awareness about carrier screening has become my mission, sparing others the anguish we endured. Preconception carrier screening, coupled with genetic counseling, is essential for all aspiring or expanding families.

Identifying carrier couples before conception and guiding them through the impact of their genetic makeup is the essence of our cause. JScreen's exceptional resource, offering both testing and counseling, propels this mission."

Kevin Romer's son Mathew was born in South Florida in 1995. He was diagnosed with Tay-Sachs, despite both parents being tested and told that they were not carriers. "We did everything right. We both got tested beforehand and were told that neither of us was a carrier," Kevin recalls. The couple later learned that their screening tests had been both administered, and interpreted, improperly. So, in addition to caring for their dying child, Kevin said, "We made it our immediate mission to improve testing procedures and protocols. We didn't want any other parents to be blindsided and so

we did something about it and founded The Mathew Forbes Romer Foundation." The Foundation has been a partner of JScreen's since the beginning to help extend the reach of the JScreen screening initiatives and to build a greater network of impact.

Molly Myers reflects, "Discovering JScreen and their genetic testing through a friend transformed our journey. When my husband and I embraced the path to parenthood, genetic testing felt like a natural step, a tool to access if within reach. As someone with Jewish heritage, the revelation of my Tay-Sachs carrier status wasn't surprising, but my husband's positive gene test, devoid of any Jewish lineage, was unexpected. JScreen became our beacon, guiding us through early pregnancy testing. Relief washed

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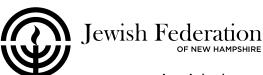
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Dr. Kate DeConinck Speaks about Holocaust Studies at Etz Hayim

The Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies will give a presentation at Etz Hayim on Thursday, October 12 from Dr. Kate DeConinck, its director. She will talk about the Cohen Center which is marking its 40th anniversary. Based out of Keene State College in New Hampshire, the

Center's motto is "To remember and to teach." The center serves as a research and resource center for the teaching of the Holocaust and genocide, including



supporting educators at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels.

This talk is in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 ½ Hood Road, Derry, NH 03038. There is no charge but donations to the Adult Education Program are encouraged. They are part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Hot

Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol. com or 603-895-6120.

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: November 21

By Steve Soreff, MD

Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Church of the Transfiguration not only share an interfaith Campus, but also work together on many activities. These include Elijah's Table and Interfaith Trips to Israel. One of the major events of this collaboration is the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The site and sermon alternate between the two. This year Rabbi Peter Levy will lead the service at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 ½ Hood Road, Derry at 7:15 PM, Tuesday, November 21, 2023, and Reverend Ray Bonin will deliver the sermon. This service is of par-



Reverend Ray Bonin and Rabbi Peter Levy ticular significance as these two spiritual leaders will soon be retiring. There will be light refreshments after the service.

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See's Candies

The Sisterhood of Temple Adath Yeshurun will be participating in the See's Candies Fall 2023 Fundraiser. See's Candies are internationally known for their delectable assortments of chocolates, truffles, nuts and mouth-watering treats, and will make great gifts for your family and friends this Holiday season.

The Sisterhood will begin taking orders on October 1st. If you would like a listing of candy assortments and an order form, please contact Gail Ellis, Fundraising Chair, at gailellis49@comcast.net or (603) 303-3514. Orders will be personally delivered by Sisterhood volunteers before Thanksgiving.

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Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia: A Tribute to Hollywood by The Jersey Tenors Saturday, October 28th

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We Care of Temple B'nai Israel is excited to announce the return of The Jersey Tenors on Saturday evening, October 28th in an allnew show being performed for the first time in New Hampshire. The

Jersey Tenors will be featuring the music from Hollywood blockbusters and the bravest, most debonair, and heroic leading men in the movies. The concert will benefit the Interlakes Community Caregivers, that is celebrating 25 years of providing rides, errands, and community resources in the Lakes Region.

The new show features unforgettable music from some of the all-time greatest movies, such as *The Godfather, Rocky, Saturday Night Fever, The Gladiator, Forrest Gump, Top Gun, Life is Beautiful, Mission Impossible, Scent of a Woman*—to name a few! They will also perform the music from those Jersey heavy hitters like Frank Sinatra, Frankie Valli, Bruce Springsteen, and many more.

You will want to be there when they raise the roof with their powerful voices, for *one night only* in Meredith at the Inter-Lakes Community auditorium. Tickets are available on the TBI website (www.tbinh. org), \$40 per person for general admission seating. The doors will open at 7:00 p.m.

We Care of Temple B'nai Israel has been "Lending a Helping Hand to Lakes Region Non-Profits" since 2013. The Jersey Tenors concert will benefit Interlakes Community Caregivers, thus continuing We Care's dedication to building bonds with partners in the community. Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, has been supporting the Lakes Region communities of Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Meredith, and Sandwich for 25 years. Volunteers provide rides to local and long-distance medical facilities, help with grocery shopping, and running errands, at no cost. It has been shown time and time again that no matter what walk of life people come from, showing kindness and supporting their local communities to help others in need has an incredible positive impact on their lives and the lives around them. To find out more visit their website, www.interlakescare.org, call 603-253-9275, or

email contact@interlakescares.org.

The We Care events would not be possible without the support of the generous businesses in the community. Interlakes Community Caregivers and We Care thank the following event sponsors of The Jersey Tenors concert: Miracle Farms Landscaping, Audi Nashua, Interlakes Family Dental, McCarthy Lawn and Property Management, Comfort Keepers, and The Platinum Group of Re/ Max Bayside. These generous businesses, along with the advertisers in the TBI Lakes Region Business Directory, make it possible for We Care and Temple B'nai Israel to continue their commitment to lending a helping hand in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Temple B'nai Israel also thanks their media sponsor, The Laconia Daily Sun.









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LEARN MORE:

Contact Foundation ChairJulia Preis through the JFNH Office at 603-627-7679



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In the Community

Just in Time for Chanukah! 'The Sand and The Sea' Afghan and Stained Glass Fun-Raiser Raffle

By Alice Kinsler

The Temple Beth Jacob Knit-Crochet Group is back with their seventh fundraiser afghan project, and is proud to introduce the 2023 Afghan. Inspired by the life of Chanah Senesh and her poem A Walk to Caesarea, The Sand and The Sea Afghan conjures the gentle blue-green waters of the Mediterranean Sea and the sands of its shores.

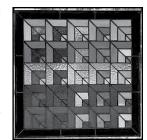
Born in 1921 in Hungary, Chanah Senesh (Hannah Szenes) emigrated to Israel/Palestine as a teenager to live on Kibbutz S'dot Yam near the Mediterranean. She returned to Europe in 1943, volunteering for the Resistance to parachute into Nazi-controlled areas to save Hungarian Jews. Chanah was discovered and executed by the Germans at the age of 23. Chanah Senesh is cherished for her courage, heroism, and bold action as well as for her poetry. Her inspiring poem, evoking the boundlessness of God and nature, has been set to music as "Eili, Eili" [My God, My God].

My God, my God I pray that these things never end. The sand and the sea. The rush of the water, The brilliance of the Heavens, The prayer of man.

This project is one small way we can remember and educate future generations about the legacy of Chanah Senesh.

The Afghan and Stained Glass

This warm and wonderful knitted blanket and companstained



Stained glass companion piece by Randy Kosow.

glass piece will make a fabulous Chanukah or wedding gift, and is a beautiful way to show someone you love them on any occasion (if you can bear to give it away once you've had it in your hands). The handmade 47"x47" afghan is made with SuperWash wool (so it's easy to clean in your washer and dryer), with a border expertly crocheted by Truda Bloom. The 17"x17" stained glass piece is the handiwork of craftsman Randy Kosow.

Raffle Tickets

You can buy raffle tickets (\$20 each) before December 6 online at www.tbjconcord.org/2023afghan.html, or via email at office@TBJconcord.org; checks are payable to Temple Beth Jacob and should be sent with completed tickets to TBJ, PO Box 568, Concord NH 03302.

It Takes a Village

This project is the work of 27 TBJ members and friends, coordinated once again by Susan Zlotnick-Hale. Susan, with assis-



Pictured from left: Mindy Fitterman, Carmen Kosow, Randy Kosow, Carol Sobelson, Mary Bresler, Alice Kinsler, Truda Bloom, Gena Cohen Moses, Marlene Goldman.

tants Mindy, Marlene, and Alice, initiated the project more than a year ago with pattern selection, color design, yarn purchasing, and creating packages for distribution to knitters; the work of knitting, assembling, crocheting, and publicizing have continued through this summer. The gorgeous blanket and stained glass you see in the photos are the results of hundreds of hours of work by these contributors: Abby Moses, Alice Kinsler, Alicia Semiatin, Amy Goldstein, Barbara Dieckman, Ben

Braggins, Carol Ringo, Carol Sobelson, Gena Cohen Moses, Jeannie West, Jenny Robson, Katy Gibney, Marlene Goldman, Mary Bresler, Mike Ellenbecker, Mindy Fitterman, Miriam Lebby, Nancy Court, Nicole Gauvreau, Pamela Schachter, Randy Kosow, Robin Helrich, Sarah Kinsler, Susan Friedburg, Susan Zlotnick-Hale, Trish Wentworth, and Truda Bloom.

Join the Fun!

To join the TBJ Knit-Crochet Group, email office@TBJconcord.org.

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over us as we learned our son was a carrier, spared from the disease because he did not inherit both of our Tay-Sachs genes. Today, he's a 21-month-old bundle of joy and health."

JScreen stands as a beacon of hope, providing accessible and informative genetic testing and counseling via at-home saliva kits. JScreen's ReproGEN test, tailored for individuals aged 18-45, screens for over 200 genetic diseases, including Tay-Sachs and cystic fibrosis. Empowering prospective parents with informed family planning information is the core of this comprehensive approach.

Tay-Sachs disease remains a formidable foe, inflicting progressive neurological damage and untimely death. JScreen's dedication to raising awareness and offering accessible testing fuels their mission to help families avoid the devastation caused by Tay-Sachs and other genetic diseases, and plan for healthy futures.

About JScreen:

JScreen is dedicated to preventing genetic diseases and hereditary cancer. Headquartered in Atlanta at Emory University School of Medicine, the JScreen initiative provides convenient at-home access to cutting-edge genetic testing technology, patient education and genetic counseling services. JScreen believes the combination of education, access to premier genetic screening technologies and personalized, confidential support are the keys to preventing devastating diseases. Please visit JScreen. org for more information.

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In the Community Back to Shul Fest – Bigger and Better!

By Erik Martin

The rain held off and the sun shone over 250 Temple Israel congregants, friends, and visitors who gathered on the big green field at Portsmouth's Strawberry Banke on August 27. The second annual Back to Shul Fest offered a celebration of Jewish culture, music, and food. Attendees enjoyed an array of games and activities hosted by volunteer committee members. Card-making, face-painting, Jewish geography, and the Dunk Tank were all popular. Refreshments included a delicious falafel lunch with all the fixings, prepared and served by the Brotherhood, Israeli salads courtesy of Dahab Falafel Company, and cotton candy and snocone treats served by TIP teens. Jewish bluegrass band "Jacob's Ladder" played a variety of songs that inspired the crowd to get up and dance. The band seeks to push the boundaries of contemporary Jewish music and traditional American Roots music within the context of Jewish communal singing and prayer.

This event was made possible by generous support from Strawbery Banke, The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, Temple Israel's Cultural Endowment Fund, New Hampshire Humanities, J. Verne Wood Funeral Home, M. Saunders Wholesale Fruit and Produce, The Music Hall, the Helman Family, Emma and Walter Rous, and the Cherry-Liston Family.



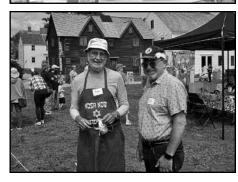
































In the Community Fall Festival Times by Temple, 2023

Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation, Bethlehem

Sukkot (9/29 - 10/6)

- Sukkah Building 9/26, 9am
- Kabbalat Shabbat (Erev Sukkot) 9/29, 6pm
- Shabbat Sukkot 9/30, 9:30am
- Kabbalat Shabbat 10/6, 6pm

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6 -

- Shabbat Shemini Atzeret Morning Service - 10/7, 9:30am
- o Yizkor 12pm
- Simchat Torah Service 10/7, 6pm

Chabad Center for Jewish Living, Manchester

Sukkot (9/29 - 10/6)

- Sukkot Service 9/30, 10am
- Sukkot Party 10/3, 5:30pm

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6-

- Shemini Atzeret Service 10/7, 10am
- Simchat Torah Hakafot 10/7, 7pm
- Simchat Torah Service 10/8, 10am

In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: In Person Only

Additional Information: www.

Chabadofnh.com/services

Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene Sukkot (9/29 - 10/6)

Sukkot Service with Yizkor – 9/30,

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6-

Simchat Torah Service – 10/7, 6pm In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Hybrid **Additional Information:**

www.keenesynagogue.org

Congregation Betenu, Amherst Sukkot (9/29 - 10/6)

- Erev Sukkot Service 9/29, 7:30pm Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6-
- Simchat Torah Service 10/5, 7:30pm In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Hybrid Additional Information: Those new to Betenu and attending in person must show evidence of up to date COVID19

vaccination. See betenu.org or call 603-886-1633 for more information.

Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry Sukkot (9/29-10/6)

- Erev Sukkot Service 9/29, 7:15pm Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6-10/8)
- Erev Simchat Torah Service 10/6, 7:15pm
- Simchat Torah Service 10/7, 9:30am In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Hybrid Additional Information: Please contact office@etzhayim.org if you prefer to register to view services by Zoom.

Kehilat Har Lavan

Sukkot (9/29-10/6)

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6-10/8)

In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Hybrid Additional Information: Email us at harlavancommunity@gmail.com for additional information.

Kol Ha'Emek Upper Valley Jewish Community, Hanover

Sukkot (9/29-10/6)

- Shabbat in the Sukkah 9/29, 6pm (Roth Center)
- Shabbat and Sukkot Day 1 9/30, 10am (Roth Center)
- Sukkot Day 2 10/1, 10:30am (Roth Center)

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6-

- · Shabbat, Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor - 10/7, 10am (Roth Center)
- Simchat Torah Service 10/8, 10am (Roth Center)

In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Hybrid Additional information: https://uvjc.org/ high-holidays/

Seacoast Chabad Jewish Center, Newington

Sukkot (9/29 - 10/6)

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6 -

In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: In-Person Only

Additional Information: jewishseacoast. com/HH5784

Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

Sukkot (9/29 - 10/6)

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6-

• Simchat Torah Service – 10/6, 6pm In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Hybrid Additional Information: Tickets are required for both members and guests. Email office@taynh.org with questions.

Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua Sukkot (9/29 - 10/6)

- Erev Sukkot Service 8pm
- Sukkot Service 9/30, 10am
- Sukkot 2nd Night 9/30, 7:15pm (Contact office for location)
- Sukkot 2nd Day 10/1, 10am
- Traveling Sukkah Potlucks in the area Contact office for days and locations;
- Sukkah in a Pickup Tuesday 10/3 all day – check our website for stops in your area!

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6-10/8)

- Shemini Atzeret Service 10/7, 10am
- Simchat Torah Evening Service 10/7,
- Simchat Torah Service 10/8, 9:30am In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Hybrid Additional Information: www.tbanashua.

Temple Beth Jacob, Concord **Sukkot** (9/29-10/6)

• Sukkot Yizkor Service – 10/6, 9:30am (In Person Only)

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6-

• Simchat Torah – 10/6, 6pm

In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Hybrid Additional Information: Please call 603-228-8581, email office@tbjconcord.org or see tbjconcord.org.

Temple B'Nai Israel, Laconia Sukkot (9/29 - 10/6)

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6-10/8)

- Shabbat and Holiday Service 10/6, 7:30pm
- Adult Ed Program and "Pizza in the Hut" - 10/7, 12pm

In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Hybrid Additional Information: Email info@ tbinh.org to request Zoom links or visit www.tbinh.org.

Temple Israel, Manchester

Sukkot (9/29-10/6)

- · Erev Sukkot Deli Night in the Sukkah - 9/29, 6pm, RSVP required
- Sukkot Day 1 9:45am

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6-

- Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor 10/7, 9:45am
- o Erev Simchat Torah 10/7, 6pm, RSVP required
- Simchat Torah Morning 10/8, 10am In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Hybrid **Additional Information:**

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Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Sukkot (9/29 - 10/6)

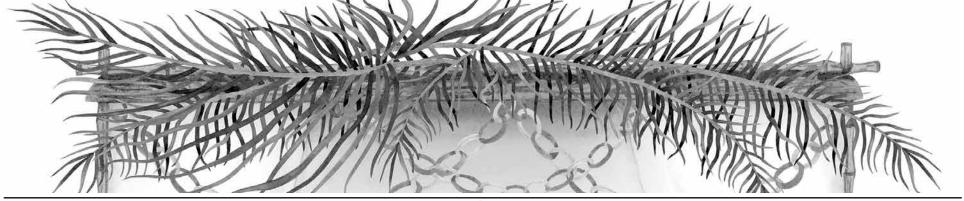
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- Erev Sukkot Service 9/29, 6:30pm at Strawbery Banke
- Sukkot Service 9/30, 10am at Temple Israel
- Sukkot Service with Lulav & Etrog 10/1, 10am at Temple Israel
- Teen Program "Sushi in the Sukkah" -10/1, 12pm at Strawbery Banke
- Pizza in the Hut family program 10/4, 6pm at Temple Israel Sukkah

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (10/6 -10/8)

- Shemini Atzeret Service 10/7, 10am
- Simchat Torah Service 10/7, 7pm

In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid: Hybrid Additional Information: All High Holiday attendees must preregister for inperson services or to receive the Zoom link. Please see the Temple Israel website or contact the temple office for additional information including registration



Book Review

Reviewed by Merle Carrus

Bessie by Linda Kass

Bessie, written by author Linda Kass, is an interesting interpretation of the

early life of Bess Meyerson, the first Jewish Miss America. Using facts and historical perspective of the days just following World War II, this novel is well-written and holds the reader's attention. We learn about the Miss America pageant, and we see the conflict Bess feels about entering and then about being a role

model for other Jewish girls, women and the Jewish immigrants coming to this country following on the heels of the Holocaust.

Having grown up with family connections to Atlantic City, NJ and having

always enjoyed swimming, this book was very interesting to me. The descrip-

tions are so well-written that it brings back many memories of the boardwalk, the Steel Pier, and the beach in Atlantic City. The Miss America pageant has been under scrutiny for many years now and it is interesting to read that the questions about the swimsuit contest and importance of beauty have been controversial since its in-

ception. The talent and congeniality parts of the requirements were more emphasized in earlier years.

In the book, Bess is a college-educated daughter of poor Russian immigrants. She needs money and the Miss America

pageant is offering a \$5,000 scholarship as the prize. Bess is at first reluctant to get involved, but the need for the cash prize is enticing enough to overcome her reservations. Then, when she becomes involved, the people who look up to her and are supporting her as the first Jewish Miss America become very important to her.

Bess is 21 in 1945, as she evolves from a nearly six foot teenager into the beauty who will become Miss America. The secular world that focuses on beauty is a direct juxtaposition from the world she has grown up, in where success is measured by intellectual attainment.

This was a fun, entertaining but also important book to read. Bess becomes a bold and empowered woman who is looking for love and acceptance. She will make a lasting mark on the world.

Linda Kass wrote for regional and national publications, including Columbus Monthly, TIME, and The Detroit Free Press, early in her career as a journalist. Tasa's Song, her debut novel, was inspired by her mother's life in eastern Poland during the Second World War. Her second novel, A Ritchie Boy, is the compelling tale of one young immigrant's triumph over adversity as he journeys from Europe to America, and from boyhood to manhood. It, too, is inspired by true events. Linda is a strong advocate of education, literacy, and the arts. She is the founder and owner of Gramercy Books, an independent bookstore serving the greater Columbus, OH area.



KEENE (September 1, 2023) — Award-winning author Dara Horn's latest book, her first work of nonfiction, examines a troubling reality of our times. In question form, it is this: How is it that, in the 21 st century, ignorance and indifference have given rise to hatred toward Jewish citizens?

People Love Dead Jews, a collection of 12 essays, was published in 2021 and will be at the center of a presentation by the author at the 2023 Holocaust Memorial Lecture at Keene State College on Tuesday, October 3, at 5:30 p.m.

Titled "In the Haunted Present: Jews in a Non-Jewish World," the lecture will be held in person and also offered via livestream. Registration for the livestream is still open.

Sponsored by the Cohen Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, the event is free and open to the public but advanced registration is required. Visit www.keene.edu/cchgs for more information.

Each year, the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies hosts the Holocaust Memorial Lecture, which invites scholars, writers, and activists to help listeners remember and think in new ways about the Holocaust and its relevance in our world today.

Now the author of six books, and a three-time recipient of a National Jewish Book Award, Horn received her doctorate in comparative literature from Harvard, where she studied Yiddish and Hebrew. Host of a popular podcast and occasional contributor to the New York Times also dot her resume.

"Dara Horn's lecture is a powerful way for the Cohen Center to kick off our 40th anniversary event series," says Kate De-Coninck, Director, Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. "As a speaker and writer, she raises thoughtprovoking questions about how both the Holocaust and Jewish communities are framed in today's world."

The title of Horn's recent book is based on a 2018 article that she wrote for Smithsonian Magazine. That article began "People love dead Jews. Living Jews, not so much." The book was a finalist for a prestigious Kirkus Prize in nonfiction.

In 2007, Granta magazine recognized Horn as one of America's "Best Young American Novelists." Horn was just 25 years old when she wrote her first novel, *In the Image,* which earned a National Jewish Book Award, the 2002 Edward Lewis Wallant Award.

Keene State College 229 Main Street Keene, NH 03435 (603) 358-1909 keene.edu





The 2023 Holiday Cards 4 Our Military NH Challenge

By Laura Landerman-Garber, Ph.D

When NH resident Laura Landerman-Garber is asked, "How many cards will you be sending to our troops, veterans, and military families by the end of this year?" she cannot help but flash a huge grin. "By the end of 2023," she says, "we will have sent out one *million* cards of holiday cheer and gratitude!"

That is the very real number of cards of care that her 501c3 nonprofit has mailed to our warriors and their families. "It is a big year for us, with that number," she explains. "Plus, I realize that my family has been doing this for 20 years and the nonprofit has been in place for five years."

It all started with an idea at Thanksgiving in 2003, to teach her then young daughters lessons in tzedakah, tikkun olam, and patriotism. For 14 years, that is exactly what they did—their guests and neighbors joining in to send messages of winter holiday cheer to those currently serving, and to veterans, resulting in 5,000 cards. In 2017, when a family friend was deployed, the challenge took on a new energy: within six weeks, 17,000 cards showed up on her front porch. It was then that Landerman-Garber, now a grandmother (and a practicing psychologist of 40 years), realized that something much larger was happening. "Everyone wants to help in their own way," she says, "and this was a fun, easy-to-do, and meaningful project. Everyone has it in their heart to reach out to others. It just needs to be tapped!"

After promising a WW2 veteran that she would continue sending cards to all branches of our military as well as to military Families, the nonprofit was formed. Since 2017, hundreds of thousands of signed messages of connection and care from all 50 States have been sorted and boxed up right in her dining room, AKA "Card Central," and mailed out through the Hollis, NH US Post Office.

The story of the Card Challenge has been aired on all major TV and cable networks, been read into the US Congressional Record, and almost every presidential candidate for the last two election cycles have signed cards. Landerman-Garber proudly says that the Card Challenge is nonpartisan and open to all, no matter their age, religion, who they love, or where they live. From toddlers, to dance studios, to schools, to international corporations, Americans have joined





in. There is—so to speak—an army of volunteers to sign cards, proofread and bundle them up, and to partner with the huge costs of mailing the cards all over the world.

So how did Landerman-Garber become known as the "Holiday Card Lady," anyway? That part of the story also has its twists and turns. She is adamant that the cards go to warriors of all faiths. She loves to retell the real-life story of the Catholic Airman getting a Hanukkah card and a Jewish Marine getting a Christmas card. They shared a bunk on a remote Base in the Middle East, and after swapping their cards, an unexpected close friendship was formed. "The cards are so



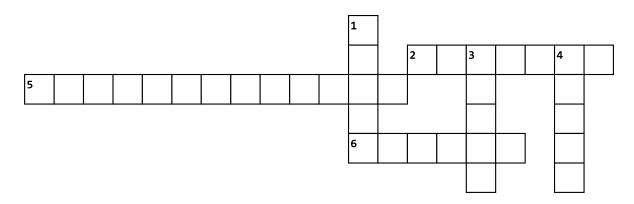
much more than the holiday that is written on the card," she says. "Our military members stand side by side without asking how each one celebrates the holidays. The cards can serve as bridges of connection during times of stress and isolation."

This year, Landerman-Garber will be working hand in hand with rabbis across New Hampshire, and military Rabbi Gary Atkins, to host Hanukkah Card signing events, eventually sending those cards to the JCC in NYC who will in turn send them specifically to our Jewish veterans, troops, and their families. "It is important to me to keep growing while at the same time keeping close to the heart of what started the whole journey," she says. "It is about offering these tangible gifts to our service members and their

families in order to give them a taste of home, some holiday cheer, and messages of gratitude!"

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Sukkot Crossword



Across

- 2. The month in which Sukkot happens
- 5. Seventh day of Sukkot
- 6. A temporary hut

Down

- **1.** What you should see through the roof during Sukkot
- 3. Wife of Abraham
- 4. A yellow citrus fruit

Kids' Corner Coloring Page



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By Joseph D. Steinfield

The following article is an abbreviated version of remarks given at Shabbat services on Aug. 12, 2023, at Temple Kol Ha'Emek on the Dartmouth campus in

Today's service celebrates the dedication of Claremont's Torah scrolls to Temple Kol Ha'Emek, the "Voice" of the Upper Valley Jewish Community. It is an auspicious occasion but also a sad one. It acknowledges that the Jewish community in which I was born and raised can no longer keep and honor its Torahs.

Before 1948, the Jews of Claremont worshipped in the home of Mr. Blumberg, a kosher butcher and hakham, a wise man. That year, they bought what had been a public school and converted the second floor into a sanctuary. The creation of Temple Meyer-David signified that the town's Jewish population was large enough to support its own religious home. The founders named the temple for two Claremont Jews, 2nd Lt. Meyer Satzow and Pfc. David Blumberg, who were killed in action during World War II. Their names still grace the gates of Temple Meyer-David Cemetery in West Claremont.

My Steinfield grandparents arrived from Chelsea, Massachusetts, around 1900. They were the town's second Jewish family. I don't know where those early Claremont Jews went to shul, but I believe my father's bar mitzvah, in 1904, was held in Springfield, Massachusetts, where another branch of the family had settled.

Other Jews arrived, including a butcher named Abe Satzow, the father of Mever Satzow. His grandson Michael, who still lives in Claremont, took over the business that became "North Country Smokehouse." Michael often reminds me that when he was a boy, he walked past my grandmother Firestone's house on his way to school. She would give him a piece of hard candy and say, "Michael, learning is sweet."

I was born in 1939, early enough to have grown up with many of those early Jews of Claremont. Those whose lives began in Eastern Europe were, in the words of this morning's prayerbook, "Endowed with courage." They were mostly shopkeepers, patriotic Americans who never lost their Yiddishkeit or their accents. Some, including my grandfather Maurice D. Firestone, served in the New Hampshire legislature.

My father and his brothers owned the Claremont Waste Manufacturing Company, known as the "shoddy mill." They turned waste textiles into "flock," a kind of imitation velvet. But my father always said being a junk dealer, like his father, was the best business.

In the 1940s and 1950s, Claremont was a thriving town, the hub of Sullivan County. Jews came from all over the county, and from the Upper Valley, to at-



That's me reading from the Torah. And on my far left, next to Rabbi Maggal, is that tall, handsome Dartmouth student. Marshall Meyer.

tend services. Our first rabbi was Michael Szenes, a Hungarian refugee who survived the Bergen-Belson concentration camp. His successor was Moshe Maggal, who married Rachel Diamond from Claremont, presided at my bar mitzvah, and left to advise Cecil B. DeMille, who was filming The Ten Commandments.

In recent times, when the congregation could no longer support a rabbi, Arnie Cover, the husband of the Maggals' Claremont-born niece, came monthly from Sharon, Massachusetts, to lead services. A few months after his death in 2020, the members of Temple Meyer-David decided to close the doors, thereby ending a chapter of New Hampshire Jewish history.

The Meyer-David Torahs have a new home, here on the Dartmouth campus. As I considered what to say at today's dedication, I thought back to 1948, the year the temple (and the State of Israel) was born, and also the year Marshall Meyer entered Dartmouth. He became interested in Judaism and came to our home many times for Shabbat dinner before services at Temple Meyer-David. Marshall was a college senior in 1952, the year of my bar mitzvah. By then he was headed to rabbinical school, and my parents invited him to co-officiate at my bar mitzvah.

Marshall Meyer became a rabbi in Argentina during the era of military control and human rights violations. Jacobo Timmerman dedicated his book, Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number (1981), to "Marshall Meyer, who brought solace to Jewish, Christian, and atheist prisoners."

Rabbi Meyer went on to lead the oldest Ashkenazic synagogue in New York, Congregation Bnai Jeshurun, turning a moribund temple into a thriving congregation He died in 1993 at age 63, a great man. Each year, there is a Rabbi Marshall Meyer Lecture here at Dartmouth, which addresses issues of social justice. In my bar mitzvah photo, with Marshall Meyer looking on, I am reading from the very Torah that now belongs to the congregation of Kol Ha'Emek. It is the legacy of Temple Meyer-David.

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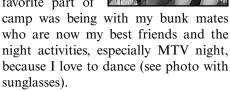


Camper Andraya Oberlander - Lon**donderry, NH** (Camper Point of View)

My name is Andraya Oberlander and I live in Londonderry with my parents. my brother, and my dog, Biggie Smalls. My family belongs to Temple Israel Manchester and this summer I decided to attend Camp Tel Noar in Hampstead for 3.5 weeks with my cousins Bella & Seth Elterman. I had so much fun, I am going to beg my parents for a full summer session for next year! At CTN I played every sport and loved every activ-

Letters from Camp

ity under the sun; soccer, basketball, strength & conditioning, travel sports teams, arts & crafts, swimming in the pool and in the lake, & field trips. My favorite part of



Mom Norri "Gasser" Oberlander -Londonderry, NH (Parent point of view) My husband and I chose to send

Draya to Camp Tel Noar, because her cousins had already fell in love with the camp! We love the size of the camp (you can see the entire camp if you stand in the middle and turn 360 degrees) and it also has a pool in addition to Sunset Lake! I am Camp Tevya Alumni (Tevya is the sister camp to CTN). After attending Camp Tevya for several summers as a child, I gained independence and amazing life skills that made it so much easier for me to eventually attend college and more! If you are thinking of sending your child to Jewish summer sleepaway camp, feel free to contact me directly at norri333@ aol.com. It is a big step, but a step that has changed my daughter's life for the better. Draya came back from camp more independent, more organized, knowing every Hebrew song and prayer, and of course TECHNOLOGY free, which was amazing! We love Camp Tel Noar and highly recommend Jewish Summer Sleepaway camp to all families



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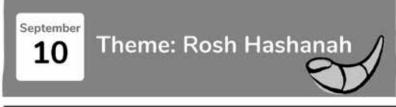


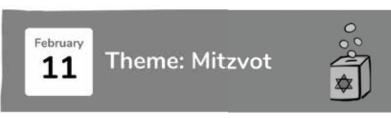
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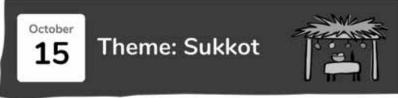
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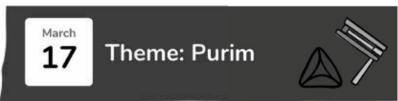
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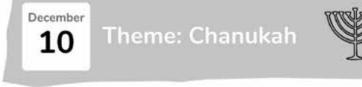










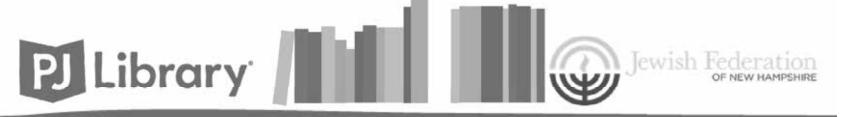








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By Richard England

For more than a thousand years, the Jews of the ancient world spoke, wrote, and prayed in Hebrew. As the common era approached, however, the use of Hebrew in everyday life declined, and the use of Aramaic spread to the Land of Israel from other regions of the Middle East. By the end of the Roman occupation, Hebrew was no longer the language of daily life for the Jews.

As the Jewish diaspora spread across Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, they developed a number of languages that borrowed heavily from local languages. The Jews of Iberia developed Ladino, a language written with Hebrew letters that borrowed from Spanish. The Jews of Arab-majority countries developed a language written with Hebrew characters that drew upon Hebrew, Aramaic, and Arabic words. The Jews of Eastern Europe developed Yiddish, a language written in Hebrew that used German, Slavic, and Hebrew vocabulary.

Despite this "tower of Babel" that descended upon the Jews, the use of Hebrew never died out entirely. It survived as the language of rabbinic literature and debate and of religious worship. It even flourished as a language of poetry written in Spain from the 10th to 14th centuries C.E. During the Jewish Enlightenment of the 18th century, some Jewish intellectuals in Europe tried to purify Hebrew by eliminating Aramaic, Yiddish, and Arabic influences.

What really led to the revival of Hebrew, however, was the need for a common language as Jews began to return to the Land of Israel during the 19th century. A pidgin version of Hebrew developed in the markets of Jerusalem, so that Yiddish and Ladino speakers could trade with one another. Some Zionist activists in Europe began to publish newspapers and pamphlets in Hebrew encouraging the return of Jews to their ancestral homeland.

A key role in the revival of Hebrew was played by Eliezer Ben Yehuda, a Lithuanian-born Jew who immigrated to Jerusalem in 1881. He and his wife agreed to speak only Hebrew in their home and to rear their son as a native speaker of Hebrew. Ben Yehuda soon learned that the Hebrew of rabbinic literature lacked the vocabulary for modern everyday life. He began to invent modern Hebrew words and eventually published the first Hebrew dictionary. By 1913, Hebrew had become the language of instruction in the Jewish schools of Jerusalem.

The creation of modern Hebrew is one reason that the Zionist dream of restoring Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel was realized. During the decades before and after the Holocaust, Jewish immigrants arrived speaking Yiddish, Arabic, Russian, English and a variety of other languages. Israeli schools and service in the IDF provided those migrants with a common means of communication: modern Hebrew.

Today, knowledge of Hebrew is widespread in Israel, even among its large Arab minority. There are reportedly five million Israelis who are native speakers of Hebrew. The language has even spread internationally, as some Chinese and Koreans have learned Hebrew in order to conduct business in Israel.

Indigenous people in other parts of the world have been inspired by the revival of Hebrew. Efforts to preserve the Maori language in New Zealand have used the Israeli Ulpan method of language instruction. The Indigenous Coalition for Israel promotes ties between the Maori people and the Jews of Israel. Members of the Wampanoag people of New England have studied the Hebrew revival as they try to revive their own language two centuries after it disappeared from daily use. Amazingly, after many centuries, Hebrew has once again become a language of family life, the marketplace and literature, not simply the language of the Shabbat service.

Richard England lives in Durham and loves to visit family and friends in Israel. He is a member of the Federation's Israel Engagement & Education Committee.

Israel Discovered: A Teen's Cycle of Learning

By Jonas Welch

This Rosh Hashanah, as we close another cycle of the Hebrew calendar, I pause to reflect on what has inspired me, who came before me, and where I want to go. This past summer, I was given the opportunity to go to Israel for the first time thanks to the Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation, RootOne, and the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

One place I visited in Israel that inspired me was Kibbutz Lotan. The most important part of visiting this kibbutz was learning that everything is part of a natural cycle and how all major groups of organisms benefit from it. The Kibbutz finds a use for everything and puts their waste to use. This experience was particularly interesting for me, as I want to attend college for forest ecology and environmental studies. The environment is constantly changing in cyclical patterns, such as the seasons and Earth's orbit around the sun. These cycles are essential for life and are impacted by human activities like pollution and deforestation. By understanding these cycles, we can make choices to protect the environment. This is very relevant to ecology and environmentalism because they are all about maintaining balance and keeping the cycle going.

History also tends to cycle, especially

for the Jewish people, from Egyptians holding us as slaves, to the Babylonians and the Romans destroying the first two temples respectively, to the Nazi regime murdering millions of Jews in the Holocaust. Another place I visited was the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. I noticed how all of the architectural decisions are meaningful and add to the overall feel of the walkthrough. When you walk through the museum, there are all sorts of different items such as passports, soup bowls, and coats. All these items tell a separate story and reading other people's stories can help us learn about their cultures, traditions, and ways of life. It can help us understand our own culture and traditions better, and it can also help us appreciate other cultures and traditions. For example, if we read a story about a person from a different country, we can learn about their customs, beliefs, and values. This can help us understand the world around us better and to be grateful for the opportunities we receive. Since visiting the museum and Israel as a whole, I feel more equipped to talk about these lessons and educate those around me in southern New Hampshire.

Some cycles are healthy, while others need to be broken, and it is my wish that other Jewish teens have the ability to visit the land of Israel and learn about the





Jewish people's history. There are many scholarship opportunities, and other programs to make it even easier to go. I hope that I can create a new cycle in which I go back to visit Israel and learn even more about our history—to share with others, as well as continue my education in ecology, to give back to my community.









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Israel News and Events



Hadassah Supports the Youth

By Michele Bank

Members of the Manchester Chapter of Hadassah will be participating in the Annual Women's Walk for Health to be held on Sunday, October 22 at 1 PM. There will be a walk around the Chestnut Hill Reservoir in Boston. The goal is to raise awareness of Hadassah's efforts in the United States and Israel to improve women's health. Registration is open and everyone is welcome to join as a walker, donor, or both. Did you know that women are more prone than men to some risk factors that cause heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes, and dementia?

Hadassah members support the students in Israel at Youth Villages where more than 300,000 immigrant and at-risk youth from across the globe have graduated, setting them on a path to success. Hadassah is celebrating 75 years of Hadassah Neurim and 100 years of Meir Shfeyah, In addition to a full academic schedule, at Meir Shfeya Youth Village, students can participate in the Joy of Judaism program which culminates in a Bar/ Bat Mitzvah Plus ceremony. In last year's class, 12 girls and 16 boys took part in the coming-of-age ceremonies. The majority were from Ukraine and Russia, but there were also two teens from Ethiopia, one

from France, another from South Korea, two native-born Israeli Jews, and three Muslim Bedouins. The group studied Torah and Jewish traditions and discussed the challenges of adolescence under the guidance of Dr. Etti Serok and her husband Rabbi Israel Serok. Because of the differences in backgrounds, the program was broadened to include coming-of-age ceremonies for all. The Jewish children received tallit, tefillin, and candlesticks while the Bedouin received Korans and the Korean teen, who is Christian, received a Christian Bible.

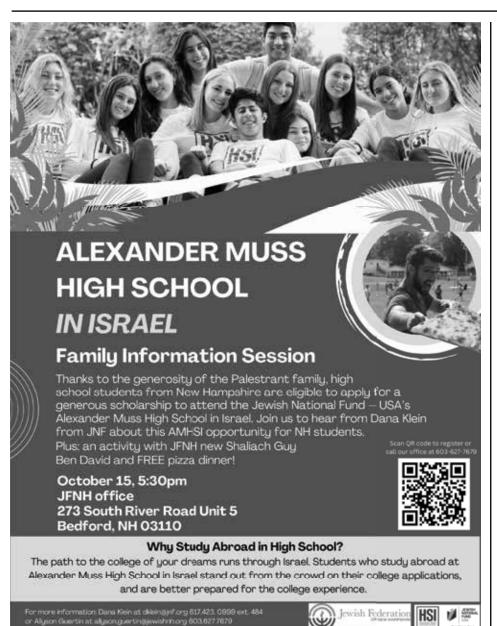
Hadassah Medical Organization's (HMO) essential work never loses its focus on healing patients and bringing hope to families in the United States, Israel and worldwide. Recent HMO advances include: An experimental treatment has put 88 percent of patients with multiple myeloma, a rare type of cancer that develops from bone marrow cells, into remission,

extending patients' life expectancy; in cooperation with the Israeli company P-Cure, Hadassah established the Proton Center in Modiin, the first of its kind in the Middle East. Radiation using protons rather than commonly used photons limits the harmful effects of radiation on healthy tissue; and with genetic engineering, doctors can now insert a synthetic gene into a patient's white blood cells that allows those cells to recognize cancer. This treatment can safely decrease cancer markers in the blood and delays the disease's progression.

You can help facilitate the incredible work that Hadassah accomplishes by becoming a member. Annual membership is only \$36 per year or lifetime membership is \$250.

For more information about Hadassah, the Walk for Women's Health, or membership, please contact Michele Bank at michele.bank@gmail.com.

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