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FRAN WELLS

JEWISH WELFARE FUND CAMPAIGN 2025

We are pleased to announce the kickoff of the 2025 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign. When you receive your letter this year, and consider your pledge for 2025, please think especially about how the world has changed *dramatically* for Jews worldwide over the last year. Following the events of October 7, these are no longer ordinary times. Antisemitism has reached shocking highs and in response, our Federation has had to increase its focus (and its budget) on security so that we can be assured of our safety whenever we gather as a community. Similarly, programming efforts are being made to directly address and counteract antisemitism within our local community.

The Canton Federation is committed to ensuring that our Jewish community thrives. To be Jewish, we must be able to live our daily lives Jewishly. Through Partnership2Gether, we have renewed our ties with the Western Galilee and to local Israeli programming.



BRYAN HECHT

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Many in our community are vulnerable to isolation and anxiety. Our JFS outreach continues to support those in our community who have these and other critical needs.

To survive, and to thrive, we must stand together, show solidarity, and renew our commitment to our Jewish Community. That commitment starts at the local level. When you receive your Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign letter this year, please do not automatically renew your pledge at last year's level. 2025 is truly a different world from 12 months ago, and in response, please show your understanding of this reality with an increased pledge of support this year. We don't know whether the year 2025/5784 will bring renewed joy or further sorrow for the Jewish community, but either way, we must be prepared. That means having a strong financial base that will always allow us to congregate, to celebrate, to share, and to be Jewish, together.

This is no ordinary time. Please give extra this year to allow the work of our Federation help us all live and prosper.

L'shana Tova and Am Yisrael Chai,
Fran Wells and Bryan Hecht



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Canton Jewish Community Federation 2024 Annual Meeting

Join us at Beit Ha'am on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 pm for the CJCF Annual Meeting.

President John Strauss and CEO Ori Akrish will update the community on the work that Federation has done over the past year, including updates from P2G and our ongoing programming.

We will also kick-off the Annual Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign, with our Chairs Fran Wells and Bryan Hecht. Fran will speak on the need for supporting the Campaign, as it supports so much of our work done in our community.

We will receive updates from our Security Director Gary Rhines as well as introduce our new Board members, Eileen Saltarelli and Lori Magill.



HAILEY STERN

This year our Guest Speaker is Hailey Stern, from StandWithUs. Hailey Stern is a Chicago native who grew up in a family that was very involved in the Jewish community and had a strong connection to Israel. Hailey left Chicago to attend the Ohio State University, where she graduated with honors and received a bachelor's in environmental science and natural resource management. While attending university, Hailey encountered antisemitism and anti-Zionism and felt unprepared to respond. After graduating, Hailey began working in a small town in Northeastern Ohio where she faced antisemitism and anti-Zionism from community members and coworkers. This inspired her to begin educating herself and her community. Hailey moved back to Chicago and joined StandWithUs as Senior High School Regional Manager in the Midwest. Hailey strongly believes that education is key to empowering individuals and combating hatred.

Please mark your calendar for this important event for the community. Light refreshments will be served.

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JOHN STRAUSS
CJCF President

Consider Your Place in Our Story

Yuval Harari, the author and professor of history at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, talks about stories that bind us as a people and allow civilization to function as well as religions to exist. For example, he says that in Israel/Palestine there is plenty of food to feed everyone and enough land to house everyone. The land is not especially fertile and there are lots of rocks. But we make these rocks into holy rocks through our stories. We make the land special to

us through our stories. There are special places that are special because of our stories. The stories we tell each other in our tradition are in the Torah. In other traditions, such as Islam, and Christianity, there are other stories that are told about some of the same rocks, land and places. We have conflict not because of a lack of food or space but over the competing stories that we tell.

Harari is a compelling intellect and author. His book Sapiens is a fascinating analytical read into human history through this humanistic lens. Because of the current nature of anti-Semitism in the world and in the US, and his deeply thought understanding of the forces at work, Harari has been called on to address the nature of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism as it has blossomed during the Gaza conflict, to the point that a character playing Snow White in a Disney film has been accused of such beliefs.

But Harari argued in an Op-Ed in the Washington Post at the observance of Yom Ha'atzmaut this year, that we Jews and Israelis in particular have a difficult choice, but one that we should be informed by over 2000 years of studying, in determining what kind of country Israel is to become and what principles it will be guided by in the coming decades. The "problem" of what to do with the Palestinians, and a one-state or a two-state solution, is tied up with this swell of historical focus that we now find ourselves in, where anti-Zionism is floated in popular media. Harari revisits what Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism wrote about in 1902 as he was concerned that a future State be accepting of all; "Herzl severely criticized the idea that Jews are superior to other humans and deserve special privileges in the future state. His envisioned state was meant to serve as a national home for the Jewish people, but to give equal

rights to all its inhabitants. Herzl wrote, 'We do not ask to what race or religion a man belongs. If he is a man, that is enough for us.' ...The duty of the Jews, Herzl wrote, is to support 'liberality, tolerance, love of mankind. Only then is Zion truly Zion!' In other words, the notion that Zionism is racism is totally an absurd twisting of its foundational philosophy.

It could be said that we are all bound by our Zionism as Jews. We may have differences in our religious beliefs and practices, and we certainly can have political differences in our support for a particular party here or in Israel. But as Harari states, it is not just a "story" that unites us as a people. "The key idea of Zionism is that Jews constitute a nation, and as such they have not just individual human rights but also a national right to self-determination. Nothing in this Zionist idea implies that Jews are superior to others, whether they are Greeks or Poles – or Palestinians. Nor does the idea that Jews constitute a nation necessarily deny the existence of a Palestinian nation with a right to self-determination, or the human rights of individual Palestinians." Our story does not negate an 'other'.

It is my feeling that at the Federation, we are encouraging connections to our own Jewish self in part through our expression of our Zionism, our support for our Brothers and Sisters in Israel, our sharing of cultural, educational and religious practices and beliefs: some of the 'stories' that give our lives meaning and connect us to each other in community and in a community. In doing so we are celebrating our peoplehood and our Jewishness, not at the expense of any others. The fact that some may look upon the Torah stories as the literal word of G-d, and others read the same stories as the writings of ancient and wise people does not divide us but unites us in our connection to our commonality and the land and place we have been residents of for almost 3000 years.

It is my hope that as the Holidays approach, you will consider your place in the story. You will consider your place in the Canton Jewish Community. You will hopefully feel that connection can be strengthened by giving something of yours to the community in the form of the 2025 Campaign pledge, that will enable us to continue to share stories together and be connected to a land that means more to us than just a collection of stones. It is my hope that you will get more involved in the coming year to be a participant in our programs, to make your voice heard and to tell your story.

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RABBI DAVID
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Here is an old joke: Two Jewish people are walking through the central business district one evening when they notice they are being followed by a pair of large, intimidating-looking teenagers. One of the Jewish people says to the other "We'd better get out of here fast. There are two of them, and we're alone!"

Sometimes it seems like we're outnumbered even when we are not. In Parashat Nitzavim-Vayelech we are reminded that, as part of an eternal covenant and unbroken chain of tradition, we are never alone or outnumbered. "You stand this day, all of you – each and every one – before Adonai your God, your tribal heads, your elders, your officials, every householder in Israel, your children, your spouses, even the stranger within your camp, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water." (Deut. 29:9-10)

This covenant is eternal and expansive, drawing together every generation of our people across time and every person within each generation across social divides. This is what it means to count, and not to be afraid when we are tempted to think that we are less than we really are. Jewish law demands equality and fairness to protect the rights of the vulnerable from being trampled by the powerful. To maintain our ethical standards, we cannot permit a system that breaks the covenant for the powerless in favor of the powerful. In other words, we can only stand before God in covenant when the tribal head and the woodchopper and everyone between them is equally represented, when everyone counts.

At the Temple Israel Shabbat service on Friday, September 27, I will be tying this message from Nitzavim-Vayelech directly to the present attempts in Ohio to disenfranchise and marginalize citizens through gerrymandering. Temple Israel partners with other congregations throughout Ohio with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism to advocate for issues of import to the Jewish community. Making sure that we stand for the voting rights of citizens before the greed and cynicism of narrow political interests is one such way to remind ourselves that when we stand together, we are never alone.

Being in covenant does not mean doing whatever it takes to achieve power. It means restraining our basest instincts and remembering that just because we can get away with it does not make doing wrong right. We are all accountable to God, and our elected leaders must be accountable to the citizens. Voting in a democratic republic is a sacred right, and ensuring that the state's covenant with its people remains strong is part of our obligation as citizens.

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Minimizing Risks: How seniors can reduce falls



HEATHER HERSHEY-TOMPKINS
JFS Director

Falls are a serious problem for older adults. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, falls are the leading cause of injuries - both fatal and non-fatal - for adults 65 and older, and every year one out of every four seniors falls.

Even if someone isn't hurt after a fall, they may become afraid of falling again. The fear of falling causes people to reduce their activities. When someone is less active, they become physically weaker, and this increases their chance of falling.

The good news is, most falls can be prevented. Regularly checking a senior's medication, vision, gait, and balance, living environment can reduce fall risks.

Here are some ways seniors can manage their fall risk:

Provide accessible living spaces: hallways with railings, barrier-free entrances, grab bars, fall alert buttons and other structural enhancements provide safer living options.

- Help identify trip hazards, such as throw rugs, excessive clutter and clean up spills right away.
- Have someone assist with activities of daily living, such as bathing, laundry and light housekeeping, which can become more difficult - and can increase a person's risk of falling - as mobility and balance change with age.
- Seek out strength and balance programs. Regular physical activity has been shown to reduce a person's risk of falling.
- Family members monitor changes in balance and activities. If family notices the senior having difficulties, additional services or another place to live should be considered.
- If the senior is not able to remain in their home, there are facilities in the community that can help. If there is a fall in a facility, help is available 24/7. Staff members can ensure the senior gets any necessary medical attention right away, and they can work with the senior and their health care provider on additional safety precautions and assistive devices to reduce the risk of falling again.

If and when a senior gets to this point, Jewish Family Services can help the family and senior find the right facility for them. Just call Heather Hershey-Tompkins at 330 445-2402.



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Thank you to everyone who came out for the Jane Altman Zoldan Blood Drive. We had 25 donors and their blood sustains or saves 75 lives. Debbie Sinopoli and Randi Smuckler look forward to hosting this event for our community next year. Thank you again, you saved lives.

Jewish Family Service's Annual Food Drive

Below is a list of items to contribute to the Food Bank.

Paper products can be bought in bulk sizes, and we will separate.

Paper Towels	Facial Tissues
Napkins	Toilet Paper
HE Laundry Detergent - medium size jug	Toothpaste
All Purpose Spray Cleaner	Hand Sanitizer
Liquid Dish Soap (16 oz.)	3 and 1 Shampoo, Conditioner and Body Wash
Liquid Hand Soap	Instant Regular Coffee
Spaghetti Sauce (Traditional or Mushroom)	Sugarless Lemonade packets (6)
Ketchup, Yellow Mustard, Mayonnaise Regular	Spaghetti Noodles
Miracle Whip (or similar)	Boxed Noodles
Sugar Free Jam - (Grape, Raspberry or Strawberry)	Macaroni & Cheese
Baked Beans - Vegetarian	Butter Round Crackers (Ritz)
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Jif Peanut Butter
Tuna (packed in water)	Jelly/Jam - (Grape or Strawberry)
Canned Vegetables (green beans, carrots and/or peas)	Applesauce (Regular)
	Applesauce (Unsweetened)
	Chicken Soup
	Tomato Soup
	Minestrone/Vegetable Soup

You may bring your donations in plastic or paper bags (not provided) and return the week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Those who wish to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to **Jewish Family Services.**



PLEASE NOTE: The Food Bank CANNOT accept items that are opened or expired, so please check carefully before donating!

JFS Thanks You for Your Generous and Continuous Support!

For the third time ever, an MLB game featured a Jewish pitcher, catcher and batter at the same moment

Jacob Gurvis



(JTA) — Regardless of who stood in the batter's box, Jewish pitcher Max Lazar's first career strikeout would have been a big deal.

But as it was, that moment in Saturday night's game between the Philadelphia Phillies and Arizona Diamondbacks was significant for connoisseurs of Jewish baseball history as well.

The batter Lazar struck out in the bottom of the eighth inning, Diamondbacks outfielder Joc Pederson, is also Jewish. So is the player who gloved the pitch,

Phillies catcher Garrett Stubbs.

That meant that Pederson's at-bat became a rare trifecta in which the pitcher, catcher and batter were all Jewish. According to the Jewish Baseball Museum, Lazar's strikeout of Pederson was only the third instance of a Jewish pitcher-catcher-batter combination in the more than 100-year history of MLB. It was also only the eighth-ever occurrence of a Jewish pitcher-catcher battery.

The last all-Jewish trifecta happened 11 years ago almost to the day, when Boston Red Sox reliever Craig Breslow — who is now the team's chief baseball officer — struck out Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Kevin Pillar on Aug. 15, 2013, with Ryan Lavarney catching. The first Jewish trifecta happened 62 years earlier — and ended far more poorly for the pitcher — when Detroit Tigers pitcher Saul Rogovin gave up a home run to Philadelphia Athletics first baseman Lou Limmer, with Joe Ginsberg catching.

Stubbs and Pederson — who both played for Team Israel in the 2023 World Baseball Classic — are no strangers to Jewish baseball history. In 2021, both of them, along with Atlanta Braves pitcher Max Fried and Houston Astros third baseman Alex Bregman, played in what is likely the most Jewish World Series in baseball history, judged by the number of Jewish players.

In 2022, Stubbs formed a Jewish battery with Phillies pitcher and fellow Team Israel player Bubby Rossman, the last Jewish pitcher-catcher duo prior to Stubbs and Lazar on Saturday.

And earlier this season, Stubbs participated in another moment of Jewish baseball lore, when, stepping in as a pitcher near the end of a blowout loss, he gave up a grand slam to Oakland Athletics second baseman Zack Gelof, who also played for Israel in 2023. According to the Jewish Baseball Museum, it was the first-ever grand slam hit by a Jewish batter off a Jewish pitcher.

Lazar, 25, is a Florida native who had been one of the top relief pitchers in the minor leagues this season, and who was making his MLB debut in Saturday's game. According to Jewish Baseball News, he is the 15th Jewish player to appear in MLB this season.

Stubbs applauded Lazar's performance, despite the Diamondbacks' lopsided 11-1 win.

"I'm sure having Joc Pederson as your first strikeout is probably a cool one to have on the mantle," Stubbs said after the game. He did not mention the Jewish significance of the at-bat.

Jewish Family Services Programs

A division of the Canton Jewish Community Federation



As we look to a new program year, Jewish Family Services would like to invite all members of our community to participate in our programming. In addition to our outings and breakfasts, we will offer days of service to the Canton community on behalf of the Jewish community.

Our first volunteer opportunity is Friday, September 27 at Refuge of Hope mission. Please see the information below and contact Leanne to volunteer. Let's come together and give back, in our Jewish community and in our Canton community. Look for more diverse programming in upcoming issues of the Stark Jewish News.

Reach Leanne at 330-445-2850 or lleh@jewishcanton.org and visit our website at www.jewishcanton.org

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Refuge of Hope serves lunch in Canton Monday through Friday and we are volunteering on Friday September 27 to assist them. They provide much-needed food assistance for people who are struggling with food insecurity. We will serve lunch and assist in the community room. We're looking for six volunteers to help out.

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3 Rosh Hashanah desserts that aren't honey cake

Neil Keller

This article originally appeared on The Nosh. We've probably all tried various versions of lekach, aka honey cake, over the years.

While this iconic Rosh Hashanah treat has dictated dessert for generations for many, it's often a disappointment: dry, crumbly and/or underwhelming. I have met a couple of lekachs I've liked, but never one I've loved.

This Rosh Hashanah, why not side shuffle from tradition and explore other – more delicious – honey-based desserts? These treats will set your new year off on the sweetest of notes.

Halvah

This four-ingredient confection balances the nutty savoriness of tahini with the sweetness of honey. Homemade halvah is the perfect way to show off that fancy jar of honey you received as a hostess gift three years ago and, with the help of a candy thermometer, is not as intimidating as it sounds. If you think you don't like halvah because you've only tried the dry, crumbly stuff in individually packaging, think again. It's an entirely different (and infinitely more delicious) treat when you taste it fresh

Ingredients

- 1 cup honey
- ¾ cup smooth tahini
- ½ cup slivered almonds, toasted
- 2 tsp rose water (optional – you can replace with 1 tsp vanilla extract or ¼ tsp almond extract)

Instructions

1. Add the honey to a small pot with a candy thermometer attached and place over medium heat. Heat until the honey reaches 240°F.
2. While the honey is coming up to temperature, give the tahini a good stir, making sure it's even and no oil is separating, then set it aside in a second small pot.
3. Once the honey reaches temperature, set it aside and clean the candy thermometer.
4. Place the candy thermometer into the pot with the tahini and place over medium heat. Heat the tahini until it reaches 120°F.
5. Pour the warmed tahini into the honey and mix well with a wooden spoon until the mixture becomes really smooth and shiny. It may take a few minutes, but eventually the mixture will come together.
6. Stir in the rose water and almonds, if using, and continue stirring until it becomes fairly stiff, around 5-7 minutes.
7. Pour the mixture into a loaf pan lined with parchment paper. Set it aside to cool to room temperature, then transfer into the fridge for 24-36 hours. This will allow the halvah to form sugar crystals and reach the desired crumbly texture.
8. Slice with a sharp knife and store any leftovers in the fridge.

Taygalach (Ashkenazi Soaked Dough Balls)

Sweeten your year with this Old World treat, which Jewish food historians say dates back to Roman times. Crunchy dough balls (often knotted) are boiled in honeyed syrup until soaked through and sticky. The dough is often mixed with walnuts, hazelnuts or almonds and/or candied cherries. Taygalach are sweet and indulgent, a true treat.

Ingredients

- 1 cup candied cherries
- 1 cup almonds
- 1 cup broken walnut pieces
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 lb. honey
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
- A pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 1/2 cups unbleached flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 6 eggs
- 3 Tablespoons oil

Instructions

1. Place the honey, water, lemon juice and sugar in a very large, heavy pot, about 6 quarts. Heat to boiling and continue to simmer gently.
2. While the honey syrup is heating, Mix the eggs, oil, spices and salt together. Sift the baking powder and flour and add to the liquid. Mix together until the mixture forms a sticky dough. Dust with flour and roll out into 8 or 9 ropes about 3/4 inch thick, cut into pieces about 3/4 inch long. Drop the pieces of dough into the boiling syrup and simmer slowly for about an hour. Stir every 10 minutes and add more boiling water as needed, about 1/3 cup at a time.
3. While the tayglach is cooking, place aluminum foil on a cookie sheet and grease the foil.
4. Set aside.
5. Ten minutes before the hour is up, add the nuts and cherries. Stir well and add more water if needed. The tayglach is done when it is a deep mahogany color, a rich, golden brown. Spoon the tayglach on the greased cookie sheet and spread out. Let cool and form the tayglach into small groups of a few tayglach and some nuts and cherries. Let cool and put into a bowl. Cover lightly.

Nigella Lawson's Salted Honey Pie

Adapted from the "Four and Twenty Blackbirds Pie Book," olive oil-based pastry houses a buttery, honey-heavy filling that's sprinkled with flaky salt as soon as the pie comes out – bronze and burnished – from the oven. The salt helps offset the pie's sweetness, though this is definitely a "just a sliver" situation, unless you have a seriously sweet tooth. Yields: 14 slices

Ingredients

For the Pastry

- 225 g plain flour
- ½ teaspoon fine sea salt

- 125 mL mild and light olive oil
- 60 mL full fat milk

For The Pie Filling

- 100 g soft unsalted butter
- 150 g caster sugar
- 1x15ml tablespoon fine polenta (not instant) or cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons Maldon salt


- 1 teaspoon vanilla paste or extract
- 175 mL good runny honey
- 3 large eggs
- 150 mL double cream
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar

To Sprinkle On Top

- ¼ teaspoon Maldon salt

Instructions


1. You will need 1 x 23cm deep-sided (approx 5cm deep) / 1 x 10-inch deep-sided (approx 2 inches deep) loose-bottomed flan tin
2. First, mix the flour, salt, oil and milk to form a rough, slightly damp, dough. You can do this by hand or at low speed in a freestanding mixer.
3. Tip out into your flan tin, and press patiently over the base and a little up the sides of the tin. I find a mixture of fingers, knuckles and the back of a spoon the easiest way to go. Put into the freezer for at least 1 hour.
4. Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C Fan/gas mark 4/350°F and pop in a baking sheet at the same time.
5. Melt the butter in a medium saucepan. Take it off the heat and leave to stand for 5 minutes, then beat in the sugar, polenta or cornmeal, 2 teaspoons of Maldon salt and the vanilla paste or extract.
6. When all the above ingredients are incorporated, stir in the runny honey – oiling the bowl or jug you're measuring it in first – and beat in the eggs, followed by the cream and vinegar.
7. Take the pastry-lined flan tin out of the freezer and pour the runny honey mixture into the case, then place on the baking sheet in the oven to bake for 45-50 minutes, turning it around after 30, at which time it will still seem very uncooked. When it's ready, it will be a burnished bronze on top, puffy at the edges and set in a soft jellied way in the middle (and it carries on setting as it cools).
8. Remove to a wire rack, sprinkle with the ¼ teaspoonful of Maldon salt, and leave to cool – this will take about 2 hours.
9. To unmould easily, sit the flan tin on top of a large jar or tin and let the ring part fall away, then transfer the liberated pie to a plate or board. I manage to get the pie off the flan base easily, but if you feel safer leaving the metal base on, then do. Slice modestly – this is rich and sweet – and serve with clotted cream or creme fraiche.



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Jacob Gurvis



All the Jewish medalists at the 2024 Paris Olympics

(JTA) — The 2024 Paris Olympics conclude on Sunday, and at least 21 Jewish athletes from the United States, Australia and Israel will return home with some new hardware: The tally includes six golds (with one athlete winning two), seven silvers and five bronzes. The medal total of 18 is more than all but 15 countries.

Israel in particular has racked up a historic medal collection, with seven total medals, its most ever in a single Olympics. Israel won three medals on Aug. 3 alone, its most medals in one day. The country now has 20 total Olympic medals, including nine in judo and five in sailing.

Australian paddler Jessica Fox has added to her legacy, and is considered the greatest canoeist of all time, winning two gold medals in Paris in canoe and kayak races. Her younger sister Noemie also won a gold medal, her first, in the brand-new kayak cross event.

Read on for more about all the Jewish and Israeli medalists, alphabetized and in order of medal type.

Gold medalists

Jackie Dubrovich and Maia Weintraub

The U.S. women's foil team won gold, giving Jackie Dubrovich and Maia Weintraub their first-ever medals. Dubrovich had narrowly missed a medal in Tokyo, while Weintraub is making her Olympic debut. Weintraub, who deferred her final year at Princeton University to train for the Olympics, was the alternate but subbed in for Dubrovich briefly so that she would be eligible to share in the team medal. Lee Kiefer and Lauren Scruggs, who each won medals in the individual foil competition, rounded out the U.S. team. Out of the 20 total members of the U.S. fencing team, six are Jewish or come from Jewish families.

Amit Elor

U.S. wrestler Amit Elor entered the Paris Olympics, her first Games, on a winning streak dating back to 2019. That undefeated stretch continued this week as she captured the gold medal in the women's 68-kilogram weight class. Elor is 20, making her the all-time youngest U.S. gold medalist in wrestling. The daughter of Israeli immigrants, Elor experienced both online antisemitism and the sudden deaths of both her father and a brother during the years when she broke into the elite ranks of U.S. women's wrestlers.

Jessica Fox (two gold medals)

Australian canoe paddler Jessica Fox entered these Olympics already regarded by many as the best ever in her sport. Fox, 30, added two more gold medals to her collection in Paris, one in the women's kayak slalom and one in the canoe slalom. She now has six career medals: three gold, one silver and two bronze. She is the most decorated Olympic canoe slalom competitor ever, and the only Australian Olympian in history with six individual medals. She had served as one of Australia's flag bearers in the Paris opening ceremony.

Noemie Fox

Noemie Fox, Jessica Fox's younger sister, won her first-ever Olympic medal, a gold in the inaugural kayak cross event. Fox, 27, and her sister join a rare class of Jewish siblings to win medals at the same Olympics. They are likely the first Jewish siblings to each win gold at the same Games since sisters Tamara and Irina Press did so in 1960 and 1964 in track and field events for the Soviet Union.

Tom Reuveny

Windsurfer Tom Reuveny won Israel's first, and so far only, gold medal of the Paris Olympics in the men's iQFoil windsurfing final. Reuveny's gold — Israel's fourth ever — comes 20 years after his coach, Gal Fridman, won Israel's first-ever gold medal at the 2004 Athens Games in the men's sailboard competition. Reuveny, whose brother is serving in combat in the Israel-Hamas war, said his win brought some much needed celebration during a difficult year. "It's been so hard and I still had to put my head down and keep training and it's all for this moment," he said.

Silver medalists

Artem Dolgopyat

Ukrainian-born Israeli gymnast Artem Dolgopyat entered the Paris Olympics as a medal favorite in the floor exercise, the event in which he captured gold in Tokyo. After a difficult showing in the qualifying round, Dolgopyat rebounded to win the silver medal, becoming the first Israeli athlete to medal at consecutive Olympics.

Sienna Green

Jewish water polo star Sienna Green won a silver medal with Australia, as her country fell 11-9 to Spain in the gold medal match. Green, who is making her Olympics debut at 19 years old, is the youngest woman to represent Australia in women's water polo. Both of Green's parents are former water polo players, and her father Antony represented Australia at the 1989 and 1993 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Raz Hershko

Israeli judoka Raz Hershko claimed the silver medal in the women's over-78-kilogram competition, her second career Olympic medal. She had won bronze with Israel's mixed judo team in Tokyo. Hershko, 26, is the No. 2 ranked judoka in her category in the world, according to the International Judo Federation.

Israel's rhythmic gymnastics team

Israel's rhythmic gymnastics team won the silver medal in the all-around team competition, earning Israel's seventh medal at the Paris Olympics. The group, which is captained by Romi Paritzki and also includes Ofir Shaham, Diana Svrtsov, Adar Friedmann and Shani Bakanov, finished with a combined score of 68.850, behind gold medal-winning China's 69.800. The group had won its first-ever gold medals at the 2023 Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships.

Sharon Kantor

On the same day that Reuveny won gold and Dolgopyat won silver, Sharon Kantor won silver in the women's iQFoil windsurfing competition, her first-ever medal. Kantor, 21, is the first Israeli woman to win a sailing medal.

Inbar Lanir

Inbar Lanir also won a silver medal in judo for Israel, in the 78-kilogram weight class. The win earned Lanir her first individual medal; she had won bronze in Tokyo with Israel's mixed team. Lanir, 24, wore a yellow scrunchie to signify advocacy for Israeli hostages in Gaza, and had gone viral at home after she babysat for her neighbor — who did not know she was an Olympian — in the days after Hamas' Oct. 7 attack. "Instead of training for the Olympics, she's babysitting," Sheizaf Tal Meshulam wrote in a Facebook post. "So just know that behind a well-deserved medal stands a woman with a heart of gold."

Chadash Opens with an All-New Hebrew Curriculum and Program



JULIE ZORN
Director of
Lifelong Learning

When Chadash opens up for the 2024/2025 school year on Sunday, September 8th, it will be wonderful to see the familiar faces of the students return back to Beit Ha'am. There is always so much growth that happens each summer, and it is always exciting to hear stories from the last couple of months that have left an impact on our students and have created memories to last a lifetime.

Chadash, too, is a memory maker of sorts, and this school year promises to bring fresh energy, creative programming and an all-new Hebrew program and curriculum to the Chadash community.

As the dynamics of Chadash have changed over the years, the needs of our families have also evolved. Covid taught us how to move our classrooms to virtual learning, if need be, and it became clear after the pandemic that traveling to Beit Ha'am in the late afternoon mid-week was a complicated task for our families who are spread out all over Stark County and beyond. It was for that reason, that Hebrew remained virtual one day each week for the last couple of years on Wednesday afternoons.

Chadash has utilized a curriculum for many years called Mitkadem, which was designed to be self-paced and could accommodate a one room schoolhouse learning style with students of various ages and abilities working together at the same time.

The Mitkadem curriculum, however, is not designed to be virtual, and as our number of students in the Hebrew program have increased this year, it became clear that a change needed to take place.

Enter Shalom Learning and the Atlanta Hebrew Connection or AHC. Shalom Learning is a nonprofit organization that created an online learning experience focusing on Hebrew and Jewish values curriculum. The Hebrew curriculum digitized a nationally respected and utilized curriculum called Torah Aura, a curriculum used by Chadash before moving to Mitkadem many years ago.

Often communities across the United States struggle with many of the same issues that Chadash was having with Hebrew regardless of the size of the city, and Atlanta, Georgia was no exception. Atlanta is known for its overly congested traffic issues, and their families, too, were challenged getting to Hebrew school mid-week. As a result, the Atlanta Jewish Federation created a partnership with Shalom Learning, and AHC was created to address the issue.

Chadash Hebrew students will now participate in one 45 minute online Hebrew class per week with some weekly homework assignments to complete at their leisure, a big change from the two 1-1/2 hour per week sessions Chadash students are used to taking part in. Families, too, were given more flexibility with several options of days and times to choose from. In addition, the classroom size will consist of no more than 3-5 students with a teacher who has been selected and trained by AHC and could be located from anywhere in the country. Chadash Hebrew students' classmates may be from the Canton community or from any of the other communities that are also participating in AHC from around the country.

We are excited for this new opportunity for our students and are certain it will prove to be beneficial for our students and the community for years to come. To learn more about Shalom Learning, visit their website: shalomlearning.com.



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Sen. Chuck Schumer to release book warning about antisemitism in the United States

Luke Tress

(New York Jewish Week) — New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, the highest-ranking Jewish elected official in U.S. history, will release a book this winter about antisemitism in the United States that will draw on his experience as a Jewish American in politics.

“Antisemitism in America: A Warning” is scheduled for publication in February and will be based on Schumer’s experiences growing up in Brooklyn in the 1960s, his studies at Harvard University and his tenure in politics.

In the book, Schumer will seek to shed light on Jewish experiences and prejudice that have led to historical and current discrimination against Jews. Antisemitism has surged in New York and across the United States since Hamas’ Oct. 7 invasion of Israel.

“At its core, my book is a warning,” Schumer said in a statement. “If America fails to understand the context and history of antisemitism, if America’s darker impulses ultimately overwhelm its better angels, an age-old truth will prove true once again: that antisemitism inevitably leads to violence against Jews and a rise in bigotry in our society at large.”

He added, “Jewish Americans never thought it could happen here in America. Now, for the first time, they’re worried it could.”

Schumer places his Jewish identity at the center of his public persona. He has

often said his last name is a variation on the Hebrew word “shomer,” or guardian.

“Of course, my first responsibility is to America and to New York,” he said in March on the Senate floor. “But as the first Jewish Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and the highest-ranking Jewish elected official in America ever, I also feel very keenly my responsibility as a Shomer Yisroel — a guardian of the People of Israel.”

Israel will be a topic of the book, including a discussion of the line between legitimate criticism of the Israeli government and antisemitism, Grand Central Publishing said. In the March speech, Schumer called for new elections in Israel, saying Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had “lost his way.” The speech drew harsh criticism from Israeli government officials and American Jews as inappropriate interference in Israeli politics, in addition to support from leftist Jewish groups and some of Netanyahu’s critics.

The book will also discuss American politics, and will include Schumer’s experience taking refuge in a secure bunker during the Jan. 6, 2021, pro-Trump riot at the U.S. Capitol.

This is not Schumer’s first book as a sitting senator. In 2007, he released a book co-authored with New York politician Daniel Squadron titled “Positively American: Winning Back the Middle Class One Family at a Time.”



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Claire Weinstein

Swimmer Claire Weinstein won silver as part of the women's 4x200-meter freestyle relay, alongside U.S. Olympic legend Katie Ledecky. Weinstein, 17, is making her Olympics debut in Paris and is the youngest Jewish medalist. The New York native, who celebrated her bat mitzvah at Reform Congregation Kol Ami in White Plains, swam the first leg of the U.S. team's relay. Erin Gemmell and Paige Madden rounded out the team.

Bronze medalists

Nick Itkin

Foil fencer Nick Itkin won bronze early on in the Paris Olympics, improving on his 12th-place finish in the individual competition in Tokyo. He had won bronze with the U.S. men's foil team at the Tokyo Games. Itkin, 24, whose father is a Jewish immigrant from Ukraine, is also a two-time NCAA champion and the No. 2-ranked men's foil fencer in the world. Last year he became the first American man, and third U.S. fencer overall, to win individual medals at back-to-back world championships.

Sarah Levy

San Diego native Sarah Levy earned a bronze medal with the U.S. women's rugby sevens team, which stunned Australia in the final to win its first-ever Olympic medal. Levy, 28, appeared in three of the team's six games as she made her Olympics debut. Levy, who had also competed in the JCC Maccabi Games as a teenager, earned the medal alongside the U.S. team's Jewish assistant coach, former Olympic athlete Zack Test.

Jemima Montag (two bronze medals)

Race walker Jemima Montag joins fellow Aussie Jessica Fox as a two-time medalist in Paris. She won her first medal in the 20-kilometer race walk, an event in which she already owned her country's record. Montag won another bronze Wednesday in the inaugural marathon mixed relay event. Montag, 26, is the first Australian woman in 52 years to win two medals in track and field's athletics category at the same Olympics.

Peter Paltchik

Israeli judoka Peter Paltchik won bronze in the 100-kilogram weight class, his first individual medal. Paltchik also won bronze, alongside Hershko and Lanir, with the Israeli mixed judo team in Tokyo. Paltchik, who had served as one of Israel's flag bearers at the Paris opening ceremony, was born in Ukraine. He won gold at the 2020 European championship.

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Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger

Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger and Noor A'wad are leaders of the West Bank-based *Roots/Shorashim/Judur*, an Israeli-Palestinian grassroots initiative for understanding, non-violence, and transformation. *Roots'* work is aimed at challenging the assumptions the two communities hold about each other. They represent a unique network of Israelis and Palestinians who have come to see each other as partners in the work to make changes to reduce tension, prevent escalation, and end the conflict.

Rav Hanan and Noor will discuss their personal experiences having spent most of their lives living in the heart of the conflict, both before October 7, 2023, and since. They will also share how their perspectives, their work, and their societies have and have not been changed in recent months, how Israeli and Palestinian communities view *Roots*, and what they see for the future.

Admission is free. For security reasons, registration is required by September 20.

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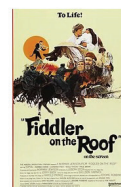


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Tuesday, September 3

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First Day Rosh Chodesh Elul

Wednesday, September 4

Second Day Rosh Chodesh Elul

Thursday, September 5

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 6

Mincha & Kabolos Shabbos 7:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 7:30 p.m.
Sunset 7:48 p.m.

Saturday, September 7

Shabbos Parshas Shoftim
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.
Earliest Mincha 1:55 p.m.
Shabbos ends 8:29 p.m.
Maariv 8:40 p.m.
Havdalah 8:59 p.m.

Sunday, September 8

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 10

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 12

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 13

Mincha & Kabolos Shabbos 7:15 p.m.
Candle lighting 7:18 p.m.
Sunset 7:36 p.m.

Saturday, September 14

Shabbos Parshas Ki Seitzei
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.
Earliest Mincha 1:52 p.m.
Shabbos ends 8:17 p.m.
Maariv 8:30 p.m.
Havdalah 8:48 p.m.

Sunday, September 15

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 17

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 19

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 20

Mincha & Kabolos Shabbos 7:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 7:06 p.m.
Sunset 7:24 p.m.

Saturday, September 21

Shabbos Parshas Ki Savo
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.

Earliest Mincha 1:49 p.m.

Shabbos ends 8:04 p.m.
Maariv 8:20 p.m.
Havdalah 8:36 p.m.

Sunday, September 22

Rabbi Scheinbaum's class via Zoom 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 24

Mishnah class via Zoom 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 26

Torah class (Isaiah) via Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 27

Mincha & Kabolos Shabbos 6:50 p.m.
Candle lighting 6:55 p.m.
Sunset 7:13 p.m.

Saturday, September 28

Shabbos Parshas Nitzavim-Vayeilech
Shacharis & Mussaf 9:30 a.m.
No Rosh Chodesh Bentching:
Molad for the month of Tishrei: Thursday (October 3) 3:21 a.m. + 13 chalakim
Earliest Mincha 1:46 p.m.
Shabbos ends 7:53 p.m.
Maariv 8:10 p.m.
Havdalah 8:24 p.m.

Sunday, September 29

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First day of Selichos

Monday, September 30

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Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, September 6

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Candles 7:33 p.m.

Saturday, September 7

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-Person, Live Stream or Zoom)

Monday, September 9

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 10

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 11

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Thursday, September 12

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, September 13

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Candles 7:21 p.m.

Saturday, September 14

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-Person, Live Stream or Zoom)

Monday, September 16

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 17

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 18

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Thursday, September 19

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, September 20

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Candles 7:09 p.m.

Saturday, September 21

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-Person; Live Stream or Zoom)

Monday, September 23

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 24

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 25

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Thursday, September 26

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Evening Service 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, September 27

Services 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Candles 6:58 p.m.

Saturday, September 28

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m. (In-Person; Live Stream; Zoom)
Selichot (evening)

Monday, September 30

Morning Service 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)
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Saturday, September 7

10:00 a.m. Stollen Moments
Torah Study

Friday, September 13

5:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service with Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, September 14

10:00 a.m. Stollen Moments
Torah Study

Friday, September 20

5:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 21
10:00 a.m. Stollen Moments
Torah Study

Friday, September 27

5:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Stollen Moments
Torah Study

September Community Calendar

Sunday, September 1	1:00 PM	TI Intro to Judaism
Tuesday, September 3	5:45 PM	TI Men's Study
Sunday, September 8	9:30 AM	Chadash Religius and Hebrew School
Sunday, September 8	1:00 PM	TI Intro to Judaism
Tuesday, September 10	11:00 AM	JFS Dragonfly Tea Room
Wednesday, September 11	5:30 PM	LLC Meeting
Thursday, September 12	7:00 PM	TI Postcard Writing
Sunday, September 15	9:30 AM	Chadash Religius and Hebrew School
	9:30 AM	TI Brotherhood Meeting
	1:00 PM	TI Intro to Judaism
Tuesday, September 17	5:45 PM	TI Men's Study
Wednesday, September 18	7:00 PM	TI Wisdom from Jewish Movies Zoom
Sunday, September 22	9:30 AM	Chadash Religius and Hebrew School
	1:00 PM	TI Intro to Judaism
Monday, September 23	7:00 PM	TI Roots
Wednesday, September 25	7:00 PM	TI Wisdom from Jewish Movies Zoom
Thursday, September 26	7:00 PM	Federation Annual Meeting
Friday, September 27	10:00 AM	JFS Service Project
Sunday, September 29	9:30 AM	Chadash Religius and Hebrew School
	1:00 PM	TI Intro to Judaism
	4:00 PM	TI Chavurah Learning

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A new Anti-Defamation League archive aims to show how hate and the fight against it have evolved

(New York Jewish Week) — Rifling through stacks of dusty cardboard boxes, Sarah Hopley opened one and found a faded manilla folder that looked promising. Its label read “KKK, 1983 JUN-1989.”

“Here we go. Klan from the ‘80s,” she said. “We’ll find some sad stuff in here.”

Inside the folder were a variety of publications by and about the white supremacist group, from a flier advocating for “white Christian civilization” to newspaper clippings about KKK rallies to an advertisement for a forum hosted by the John Brown Anti-Klan Organizing Committee, a mostly-forgotten anti-racist group that would counterprotest KKK rallies.

“Are you tired of... rap music?” begins one all-caps flier from the box, put out by a Klan group that called itself the “Invisible Empire.” “Support or be part of a group fighting to stop such things for 120 years.”

Since January, and for the next eight years, sifting through documents like this will be Hopley’s full-time job: She and other archivists will go through thousands and thousands of boxes sent into New York City from a warehouse in New Jersey, working file by file to catalog, preserve and digitize decades of archives from the offices of the Anti-Defamation League.

Some of the boxes have not been opened for decades. Once the project is complete, the archive will be housed at the American Jewish Historical Society, part of the Center for Jewish History near Union Square in Manhattan, where it will be open to researchers and the public.

As the archive takes shape, Hopley and her colleagues hope the project will shed light on the history of hate groups, in a boon for researchers that could help combat discrimination in America today. She also hopes that seeing the same hateful ideas crop up in different forms throughout the decades will help dispel some of their salience — for example, decades of warnings that illegal aliens are set to overrun the United States and drive out white people.

“We can just say, ‘You’ve been saying this for 70 years and it’s never happened,’ and we can prove that,” she said.

“I don’t think there’s anyone that truly understands the wealth of information that’s held in these boxes,” Hopley added. “Once we get [through] this process, there will be no collection like it.”

The files contain a wide array of information, illustrating the breadth of the work of the ADL, which began in 1913 and has grown today into a global organization with a budget of \$100 million. The files come from regional offices across the country, and span the ADL’s work in research, community involvement, undercover operations and monitoring of events across the decades.

During a recent visit to AJHS office by the New York Jewish Week, most of the files pulled from the warehouse focused on civil rights efforts, monitoring white supremacist groups and tracking political figures. One of the boxes, from a regional office in Denver, held folders labeled “Ku Klux Klan 1941-42,” “Civil Rts Comm,” and “Johnson, Edwin C.,” a Colorado senator and governor who died in 1970. The boxes are largely organized by topic, not chronology.

“We have been sitting on this collection. We have not been mining it for all the richness that it has in an effective way, and this is going to give us the opportunity to really do that,” Steven Freeman, the director of legacy at the ADL, said. In the absence of any comprehensive histories of the organization, Freeman also hopes the project will tell the story of the ADL.

The files included newspaper clippings, handwritten reports from ADL operatives in the field and material published by hate groups. An undated issue of

the “Texas Klansman” showed masked men parading down a street in Houston. Another folder titled “KKK photographs” had polaroids showing a woman in Klan attire in front of a Confederate flag, and another woman in military fatigues showing off an M16 rifle.

The ADL sometimes monitored groups for years to determine if they posed a threat, Hopley said. A sheet of looseleaf chronicled a southern white supremacist meeting in the 1960s, with the writer reporting that attendees had discussed “the old crap of the ‘New York Jews.’”

“If there is any violent ones who now attend I did not see them. All of the Bad KKK are now underground,” the handwritten report said.

The archives comprise an estimated 13,000 to 14,000 boxes dating to the ADL’s founding. The material is roughly five times larger than AJHS’ current largest collection. Researchers do not have an estimate of how many files are in the boxes. In addition to papers, the boxes hold audio files, videos and around 6 million pages of microfilm. The ADL Archives Project will go through materials spanning from 1913 until 2000.

The documents show how hate groups have employed the same ideas over the past 100 years, even as the technology for disseminating the material has changed. A document from the 1960s showed a directory for Let Freedom Ring, a phone service that played pre-recorded antisemitic messages to members of the public who called in. A 1985 printout provided information on “The Klan Advocate Network,” an early online system for white supremacists that was active for eight hours each day. The sheet described how e-mail and a “public bulletin board” worked.

“Read current news and views that you won’t see on the jew controlled tv, or in the jew controlled newspaper,” the sheet said.

Much of the rhetoric is starkly similar to today’s. Documents from the 1960s described an incident in which a Black person who was eating pizza in his car was pulled out and beaten by police, along with efforts to combat stop-and-frisk laws. White supremacist material from decades ago warned against immigration and called for “America first” policies and military force on the southern border. A 1980 cartoon from the Texas Palestine Committee showed a pig branded with a Star of David and text referencing “greedy Jews.”

“Part of our original mandate, which is still true today, was to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment for all,” Freeman said. “The main thrust of our work has been fighting antisemitism but there has been a realization that in order to fight antisemitism you have to find allies who are going to support you and you have to be willing to speak out.”

As they do today, members of the public would contact the ADL with tips that the organization would investigate, yielding anecdotes about what Jews experienced as threatening through the ages.

“They have just pages and pages of letters of people being, like, ‘My neighbor speaks German. I think she likes Hitler,’ and other ones, like, ‘They have a swastika in their house that I saw,’” Hopley said.

When discrimination at hotels was common, a Jewish person might tell the ADL they were denied a room. The ADL would then try to book a room at the same establishment under a non-Jewish name to determine whether the incident was discriminatory. The ADL used to put out bulletins with the results of its investigations, similar to reports posted online by the organization’s Center on Extremism today.