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Editor's Note

Gretchen Gross's beautiful photo of children at Camp Centerland taken this July adorns the cover of this month's issue. When we began planning the August issue, the situation in Israel was "normal," four boys had not been kidnapped and murdered, and the world seemed to be easing into summer. With the kidnapping of the three Israeli boys in mid-June, their murder and the subsequent murder of the Arab boy in early July, our world began to spin a little faster, on its way again to chaos.

The children on the cover are a contrast to children living in Israel as we go to press (mid-July). We have tried to give you a little bit of the disturbance and destruction that's taking place today in Israel and Gaza, and sharing comments about what is now not a "normal" childhood summer in Israel on pages 4 and 5. And we are also raising funds to send to Jewish Federations of North America, which forwarded \$10 million for the safety and security of the people in Israel, including its children and elderly.

Camping means so much for the Jewish community. It is often at camp that children begin to receive their first taste of Jewish communal life and share a sense of Jewish peoplehood. That is why the Jewish camps in Buffalo, Camp Centerland, PALS at Temple Beth Zion, Gan Israel at Chabad and Chai Camp at the Jewish Discovery Center are so important for our community.

This month, I am counting my blessings that the Jewish children in Buffalo can enjoy peaceful, idyllic summers, and praying that peace comes to the lives of the children in Israel very soon.



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Ellen Goldstein - Editor

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Camp Centerland campers and their counselor explore a path at the new camp on a gorgeous summer morning. Photo by Gretchen Gross.

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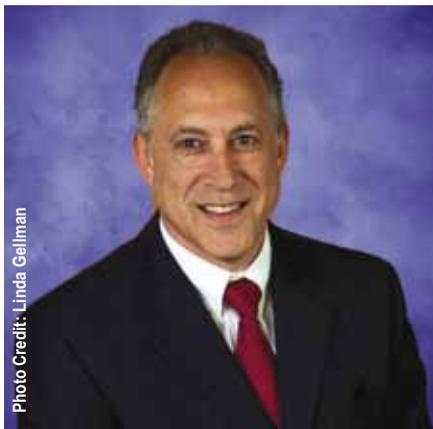
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Publisher's Column

Michael D. Wise



In mid-July, our community came together initially to mourn the three boys slaughtered at the hands of Hamas terrorists. As time went on, it then evolved into a memorial for four young boys after the horrendous revenge killing of an Arab boy. Finally it evolved into a memorial/rally for the State of Israel, as hundreds of rockets from Gaza rained down on the southern half of the country.

It was an evening that had a somber tone as we mourned the senseless loss of lives taken far too soon. For 18 days,

Eyal, Naftali, and Gilad became our boys-- *our children*-- hoping that our prayers would protect them and keep them safe. That, sadly, was not to be, as they were murdered by the Hamas terrorists soon after their abduction. As hideous as their murder was, an equally horrific murder was carried out by ultra nationalist Jews who abducted a 16 year old Arab boy named Mohammed after the three Jewish boys' bodies were found. He was beaten and burned alive by these thugs. As a Jew, it pains me no end to both bury our own young, but to also witness our own people becoming as evil as those who want to destroy us.

After mourning the four young men, the program turned to prayers for the protection of the Israel Defense Forces and the State of Israel. The stories of friends running for bomb shelters are heartbreaking. The world is at a tipping point right now. The Mideast is in a total state of disarray- Syria in a civil war, Iraq is being taken over by ISIS, Jordan is being threatened by having to care for a million refugees from Syria and attacked by ISIS. And in Egypt, the elected government is taken over by the military (probably a good thing) and finally, Israel is again under attack by terrorists of Hamas, who are dedicated to the destruction of the Jewish State.

During these times, we as American Jews can sit back and watch, or we can act. We can call on our government to support Israel loudly for its right to self-defense, as well as provide support for those who are most vulnerable in Israel. It is a crisis and now more than ever, Israel needs our support to care for those in need. Our community UJF dollars go to support care for the elderly, new *olim* (immigrants to Israel), and those on the low end of the economic scale. During a crisis like this, it is the most vulnerable who suffer the most.

At the July program, we mourned, Today we pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters in Israel. May the terrorists be removed from this earth and the innocent protected on both sides. We must not become embittered and have hate in our heart. We must maintain hope, *Hatikvah*, that peace will come to Israel, and that we can live with our neighbors in a world without hate.

President's Column

David Desmon



A few weeks ago, we gathered as a community to mourn the loss of the three Israeli Yeshiva students kidnapped and murdered by Hamas terrorists, which evolved into a memorial for four young boys after the revenge killing of an Arab boy. More than 300 people attended the event as we heard Rabbi Heschel Greenberg tell us we are united as one people in our expression of loss, in expressing moral outrage and united in our desire for peace. Rabbi Perry Netter was very emotional in talking about his family who was in Israel at the time, and

about his new grandchild, who is living there. Thanks to all the Rabbis and community leaders for coming together for this moving event.

Meanwhile, back in Buffalo the new Camp Centerland is going full steam ahead, and is being highlighted in this issue of the *JJWNY*. There is great enthusiasm about this second year at the camp in Getzville. If you have not had a chance to see the new campgrounds, please stop by and take a tour. It is an example of what this community can do when we all work together.

Next spring, Janet and I are leading a Mission to Jewish Morocco from March 22- 29, 2015. The mission is an intensive tour of some of the most interesting sites of Morocco, both Jewish and of general interest. Morocco has a rich history of Jewish life and we will have the opportunity to celebrate Shabbat with members of the Jewish community, as well as seeing the synagogues of Morocco. We will be in Casablanca, Fez, Rabat, and Marrakech. Among the highlights are the Museum of the Jews of Morocco, the Mosque of Hassan II, Fez Jewish Cemetery, the old walled city and the Kasbah, and many other interesting places. We will have an Israeli educator and our own local guides. We will be staying in 5 star hotels and will be traveling in luxury tour buses so please join us. A minimum gift of \$5000 per couple to the 2015 Jewish Federation Annual Campaign is required. We are having an informational meeting at the Benderson building on Wednesday August 13th at 7:30 to give more details.

Speaking of Campaign, please be sure to sign up for the UJF Campaign Kickoff dinner on September 29th. We will have a wonderful speaker in Robert Edsel, author of *Monuments Men*, *Saving Italy* and *Rescuing da Vinci*. We will have a free showing of the movie "*Monuments Men*" on Tuesday, September 16th at the Amherst Theater for those attending the dinner (see page 9).

Thank you for all your support. Please join me in praying for the safety of all of our family and friends in Israel.

**Thank you for your generous support to
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We will publish the Honor Roll thanking all donors to the 2014 campaign again this year at our Community Kickoff Dinner and in the *Jewish Journal of WNY*. Your name will appear exactly as it did last year unless otherwise requested. Should you wish to make any changes, please contact our Campaign Director, Randi Morkisz at rmorkisz@jfedbflo.com or 204-2245. Your gift helps so many here in Buffalo, in Israel and throughout the world! Thank you!

ISRAEL UNDER FIRE

OPERATION PROTECTIVE EDGE UPDATE

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Through our partners, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and The Jewish Agency, we are moving children and families to areas removed from the zone of threat. These include people who are new immigrants and those who are unable to properly take shelter when missile attacks occur.

Our national Jewish Federation system has advanced \$10 million dollars as of today to assist our Israeli partners in these efforts. If the attacks continue to escalate, then even more funds will be needed.

HOW WE ARE HELPING

The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) has announced a new Operation Protective Edge/Stop the Sirens Fund so that we may be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Israel at this critical time. JFNA's Executive Board yesterday voted for Jewish Federations to commit up to \$10 million to the Operation Protective Edge/Stop the Sirens Fund for the immediate needs of the people of Israel, especially in the South.

The Israel Terror Relief Fund will support The Jewish Agency in providing a range of programs and services, including respite for the thousands of grade-school students who live in affected areas, as well as psychological interventions for parents and children from Israel's southern region.

The Jewish Agency's Fund for the Victims of Terror will provide such necessities as medical equipment, treatment and other help that is not provided by the state; emergency cash grants; basic furnishings, repair and home equipment; and other services to help restore and rebuild lives.

The Stop the Sirens Fund will enable JDC to distribute food and emergency kits to the elderly and disabled, implement emergency caseworkers to provide emotional and physical support and provide immediate and special care to the most severely disabled or frail elderly in their homes. JDC will also offer children post-trauma interventions and volunteer-led activities in shelters.

From Jamie Goodwin-Schwed

For the second time yesterday, on June 10th, 2014, I had to scoop up my baby from her play area and run to shelter with my husband and our dog as the code red missile alert began to wail across Jerusalem indicating we had 90 seconds to get to a safe room. Soon after the 90 seconds concluded, we heard several loud explosions. What upsets me the most in this conflict with the terrorist organization, Hamas, is the fact that they are purposely congregating innocent women and children at their precise rocket launching locations in order to carry out their rocket attacks against Israel successfully hoping that the Israeli air force won't hit their rocket launching sites if there's a 2 year old child standing next to them. It's the biggest war crime in the books, trying to purposely target innocent civilians on both sides of the border. I am praying for all my fellow Jews as well as the innocent civilians in the Gaza strip to stay strong and safe during this unsettling time."

Jamie Goodwin-Schwed is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Goodwin. She lives in Jerusalem and sent this message via Facebook in July.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please participate in the Stop the Sirens Fund of the Jewish Federations of North America along with our partners in the Reform and Conservative religious movements, and support this campaign to help our Israeli family during these most difficult times. This is in addition to your Annual UJF Campaign gift.

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The following is from an e-mail from Jewish Federation's First Vice President Howard Rosenhoch who was in Israel at the time the incursion started.

"Still south at kibbutz Dorot. Today has been relatively calm. Have heard some "booms". But nothing fell here. Late this morning the Kibbutz siren sounded, the signal to take shelter. That was a bit disconcerting, but nothing came of it. The missile fell harmlessly. One thing about the situation, you certainly get addicted quickly to the news reports. Spent the afternoon at the swimming pool. Fascinating talking to folks who live here. Very resigned to the situation but with little hope of significant change in the long run.

In November 2012, when bombs rained down on Israel, Mike Wise wrote the following words. They still apply:

I ask you all to think for a moment what our reactions would be if missiles were launched on a daily basis from Fort Erie to our urban areas? What would we expect and how would we respond? Of course, it is rhetorical as we would all expect our government to act decisively in our defense to eliminate the threat. But as we have seen in the last 48 hours, the attacks in Israel are no longer just limited to the area directly adjacent to Gaza. Now, through Iran's supply of Fajr 5 missiles, areas as far away as Tel Aviv and Rishon Le Zion and NOW Jerusalem are under attack.

From the Shlichah on page 17

Remembering Our Boys Summer 2014

Clergy's Column | RABBI PERRY NETTER



Editor's Note: Rabbi Netter was in Israel at the time of the murder of the three boys. This is his poignant and heartfelt message.

July begins in Israel in the midst of a national trauma. The discovery last night of the bodies of the three teenagers has plummeted the Jewish people deep into the depths of unspeakable grief. The pain is palpable. The whole country will be at the funerals today, literally and symbolically. Like previous captives, these boys became everyone's children. We prayed that our children would come home safely; we grieve that our children were murdered. An entire country will be sitting shiva. Religious/secular; right/left; ashkenazi/sephardi; rich/poor; all distinctions disappear as we collectively try to make sense of that which make no sense.

The trauma of these murders has exposed the full range of human emotion in the Jewish world. The kidnapping of the boys – as long as they remained alive – was, in a perverse sense, rational. There are Hamas operatives sitting in Israeli jails (for very good reasons, I hasten to add). The boys should have been bargaining chips in a trade of “enemy combatants:” our three adolescent yeshiva students for their hundreds of incarcerated murderers and attempted murderers. Such is the deranged human calculus in the Hamas equation. But we now know that the boys were killed early in the kidnapping. What benefit did Hamas derive from murdering the boys? This is a grotesque example of the hatred that propels Hamas. They killed for the sake of killing, for the false bravado of being a killer of the “enemy,” for feeling powerful in the face of impotence. For Hamas, a negotiated settlement is a failure. The only possible outcome must be the elimination of Jews from every inch of Islamic sacred ground. Israelis have no illusions about the goals of Hamas, and we know that once they “finish” ridding all of Palestine of Jews they will turn to the Christians. Someone should clue the Pope.

This cold-blooded murder has inspired rage in Israel, as one can understand. Anger is often a reaction to grief, as we learned from Elizabeth Kubler Ross, but in this particular instance, it also comes from the familiarity of this crippling pain. We have been here before. In fact, one of the two murderer's entire family is a part of the worst of the worst of Hamas murderers. They have been known to the Israeli security establishment for years. Now, some are wondering why this family, whose behavior is beyond the pale of civilization, are allowed to live. They kill our children; we should kill their entire family in return. Others want the complete elimination of Hamas, meaning a major military campaign to enter Gaza and the West Bank and kill everyone we know to be aligned with Hamas. Why worry about international approbation, when we are universally blamed for the collapse of the peace talks for building apartments in Gilo, a Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem? Others call for the return of targeted assassinations. Hamas must pay an awful price for this outrage. It is difficult to give flight to the better angels of our nature when the forces aligned against us are demonic.

The cabinet has correctly and wisely decided not to decide on an immediate plan of action to respond. Now is not the time for revenge. Now is the time to bury our children, to grieve and to cry and to comfort each other the best we know how. We need to let the magic of shiva take its course. There is plenty of time to deal with Hamas later. One thing is certain: they will be dealt with. In the meantime, we need to take care of ourselves. May God comfort the house of Israel, and may the memory of these boys be a blessing.

Rabbi Perry Netter is rabbi of Temple Beth Zedek in Amherst, NY. He has just become the new president of the Buffalo Board of Rabbis.

The Third Mother

By Natan Alterman, an Israeli poet (1910-1970) and winner of the Israel Prize for literature, the Bialik Prize for Literature, and the Ruppin Prize.

Singing mothers, singing mothers.
A thunder's fist is pouring, a strong
silence
In the empty squares marching in rows
Red bearded street lights.

A dire autumn, a weary inconsolable
autumn,
And rain with no end or beginning
And no candle in the window and no
light in the world
Three mothers are singing

Says the first, I have just seen him
I shall kiss his every little finger and nail
A ship is passing in the silent sea
And my son is hanged from the topmast
sail

Says the second, my son is tall and silent
And for him a holiday gown I am sewing
He walks in the fields, he is coming back
He bears in his heart a lead bullet.

And the third mother, her eyes wander,
No one was as precious to me as him
How can I shed tears for him and I don't
see
I don't know where he is.

Then the tears bath her lashes
And maybe not rested, and maybe
He measures with kisses, as a devoted
monk,
Your worldly path, my God



David Desmon lights a candle in memory of Mohammed Abu Khdeir



Ellen Weiss lights a candle in memory of Gilad Shaar



Antoinette and Kenneth Dauber light a candle in memory of their relative, Naftali Fraenkel



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By Lauren Klenosky, Director

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Campers continue to have daily instructional swim but are now placed in swim groups based on skill level rather than age. The return of a second afternoon recreational swim period and an afternoon of "free choice" for our Senior Campers are among new offerings. Our older campers get to choose how to spend their time at favorite activities instead of being scheduled. Our Adventure Challenge course has been expanded to allow for a medium height high ropes course that is open to our 5th & 6th grade *Atid* campers. Our new 5 element low ropes course among the trees offers campers of all ages different ways to work together as a team.

The *ruach* (spirit) is higher than ever with a staff of the most highly educated, experienced, and mature counselor group we have ever hired. Our specialists are incorporating our "Challenge Yourself to..." summer theme into lessons in all areas such as archery, sport, *Tarbut* (Israeli Culture), *shirah* (music), *teva* (nature study), *madab* (science, arguably the most popular NEW specialty offered this summer), drama, swimming and more.

We have welcomed three Israelis to our camp community this summer: Lital, who has been a community Shlichah (ambassador) in Buffalo all year and instructing our Israeli Culture activity, Dashi Jusid, our wonderfully talented and excited Music Specialist, and Shavit Vered Baruch who has joined us at camp this summer as a general counselor. It is our hope that having campers meet these wonderful ladies will bring to life the reality of the conflict in the Middle East. Understanding and learning comes from personal experience so we are so thrilled to have them in our community this summer.

Centerland will have over 400 campers with an average of 190 in attendance per week. We are so appreciative of the families who are entrusting us with their children this summer and hope that we are able to offer the experience of a lifetime. We are so happy to have so many returning campers from last summer and pleased to see so many familiar faces from summer 2012 in Elma also returning. Our old and new friends are quickly blending together to build a close knit camp community.

Our Specialty Camp offerings proved to be very popular and we look forward to offering a new diverse array of offerings next summer. If you have a suggestion or are interested in possibly running a camp in partnership with Camp Centerland please be in touch with the Camp Director, Lauren Klenosky, at 204-2078 or lklenosky@jccbuffalo.org.

If you would like to stay in touch and see what the rest of the summer has in store for the campers and staff, please follow us on twitter @campcenterland, Facebook www.facebook.com/campcenterland, Shutterfly, or visit our website at www.campcenterland.org.



Gan Israel Day Camp



A day camp for boys ages 3-8 and girls ages 3-12 through August 15 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, this program is sponsored by Chabad House.

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It's no secret that the past few decades have presented challenges to our Jewish community. We all have friends who left for college and never came back after graduation,

finding careers and lives in other cities. And we all have friends or family who want to return to Buffalo if only they could find the right job or opportunity. This trend has not only greatly impacted our friendships and stressed our families, but it has also unintentionally caused our community to struggle in appealing to younger members. In conjunction with staff from a variety of Jewish communal agencies including the Jewish Federation, Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Community Center, Hillel and PJ Library, as well as volunteers from all over Buffalo, Nickel City Jews (NCJ) strives to be a collaborative endeavor focused on creating cohesion and support through program offerings for young Jewish adults in an effort

to attract, retain and enrich their lives in Buffalo.

NCJ programs will be geared toward individuals in their 20s, 30s, and early 40s. By taking advantage of Federation's existing presence within three important pillars of our young Jewish community – Grads, Young Professionals, and Families with Young Children – we can develop an increasingly inclusive and fluid network of engaged and involved young community members.

In partnership with Hillel of Buffalo, we will develop programming for recent college graduates and young people enrolled in a graduate or professional program in Greater Buffalo. The Bureau of Jewish Education will aid in engaging Buffalo's Young Professionals (adults aged 21 to 40) through social, educational, and religious events. In collaboration with the PJ Library, we will work to create programming for Young Families with children from birth

to 8 years old. By welcoming members in all stages of adulthood, NCJ will strive to create a culture of engagement: engaged young members committed to a community that is in turn engaged with and committed to them.

One of us is a recently returned Buffalo native, and the other is a recent transplant to the area. We are both honored to have been asked to chair Nickel City Jews through its introductory years. With our two distinctive perspectives, we hope to be representative of many young professionals in our community in a way that will provide solid guidance to NCJ.

For more information about NCJ, please check us out online at www.jfedbflo.com, like us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram or reach out to any of our partner agencies. We look forward to hearing from you!



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NCJ August Events!

Shakespeare in the Park Meet Up Thursday, Aug. 7; meet at 6:30 pm

The Comedy of Errors will be playing at Delaware Park! We'll be on the lawn to the right side of the stage near the front speaker (look for Alan Rosenhoch and the Nickel City Jews signage). Bring a blanket to sit on and whatever nosh and drinks you'd like (alcohol is allowed).

Trivia Night at Coles Wednesday, Aug. 13th, 7:30pm

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Monumental Event to feature “Monuments Man” Robert Edsel at 2015 UJF Dinner September 29

The Monumental Event in the Buffalo Jewish Community is finally revealed! The UJF Campaign is proud to announce that The Monuments Men author, Robert Edsel, will speak at the 2015 UJF Campaign Community Kick-Off Dinner Monday evening, September 29 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. The impact of both Edsel's book and the subsequent film have catapulted the issue of “stolen” art from WWII back into the headlines, and the Buffalo Jewish Federation is very pleased to be able to sponsor this event.

The event is open to all those who make a primary individual minimum \$100 gift to the 2015 UJF Campaign, chaired this year by Steven J. Weiss and Ellen R. Weiss.

Tickets for the Kick-Off Dinner are \$75. Go to www.jfedbflo.com to register and pay there or call the Federation at 716-204-2241 to register by credit card on the phone. If you have questions about the dinner, call Campaign Director Randi Morkisz at 716-204-2245.

Awners, Shatkins to Chair 2015 UJF Dinner



Maxine and Steven Awner



Sam and Joni Shatkin

The Buffalo Jewish Community's annual United Jewish Fund Campaign Community Kick-Off Dinner will be chaired this year by Maxine & Steven Awner, and Joni & Sam Shatkin. The event will take place Monday, September 29th at 5:30pm at the Buffalo Hyatt Regency Hotel and opens the 2015 United Jewish Fund Campaign

The cost of the dinner is \$75 per person before September 8, and \$90 after September 8. A minimum gift of \$100 per person to the 2015 UJF Campaign is requested to attend. Your attendance at the dinner signifies your willingness to make a minimum gift of \$100 per person or \$200 per couple to the 2015 UJF Campaign. Dietary laws will be observed. Table Captains will again be soliciting community members to sit at their tables. If you wish to be a table captain, wish to attend this year or have any questions about the event, call Randi Morkisz at 716-204-2245 or e-mail rmorkisz@jfedbflo.com.

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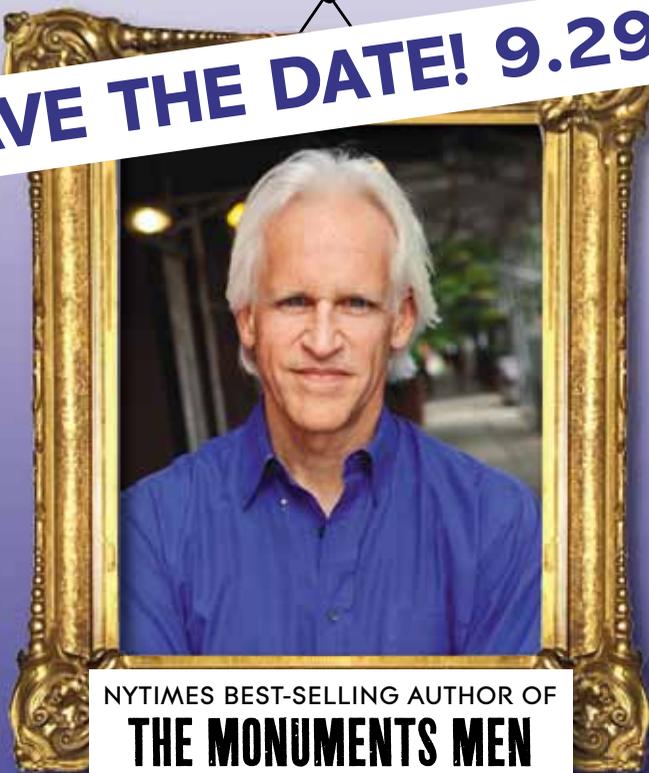
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The Birthday Party With So Many Candles | By Dick Hirsch



Left to right: Mildred Gordon Haniford, Ruth Kahn Stovroff, and Beatrice Haniford

I attended a birthday party recently. Is that news? Sometimes. I've eaten my share of ice cream and birthday cake, starting when I was in kindergarten at PS 22. But this party was different, memorable because it provided further evidence of changing expectations regarding longevity.

The guest of honor was celebrating her one-hundredth birthday. I never anticipated being present at such a centennial, and, in addition, my wife's cousin, Beatrice Haniford, the honoree, was frank to admit that she never expected to reach that age.

It was a joyous affair. There were elegant snacks and balloons, as well as plenty of

photo ops. But that is only half of the story.

Beatrice was not even the oldest person at her own birthday party.

Census figures have repeatedly proven the percentage of older persons in the United States continues to grow steadily. Various surveys have marked Erie County as one of the oldest locales in the country. Credit for that resilience can be attributed to changes in lifestyle, including exercise and adoption of recommended dietary restrictions, as well as more attentive medical care and the development of various new drugs.

The result is that more centenarians are showing up at birthday parties, their own and those of friends.

What made this birthday party a story was the presence of friends of Cousin Beatrice. They included her sister-in-law, Mildred Gordon Haniford, who is over 105, her dear friend, Ruth Kahn Stovroff, who is 102, and her dearest fledgling friend, Amy Zeckhauser, who is just 94. They all enjoyed the occasion although none of them was ready to try to explain the reasons they had outlasted their spouses and friends.

"None of us expected to live this long," said Beatrice. "It was never a goal of mine."

The partygoers were a mix of age groups including children and grandchildren, as well as relatives and friends. They all respected the accomplishment of Beatrice and her friends living 100 years, however several confided that was not a condition they were anxious to emulate.

"Old age is not for sissies," said one, repeating an assertion often made by older persons daunted by the maladies that so often accompany the aging process. Years ago Beatrice began chronicling some of the vagaries of aging, writing light poetry and publishing a series of humorous booklets designed to entertain readers of all ages. Her writing found an appreciative audience among that age group while also preparing the middle-aged to face the tribulations of the future.

The four women sat together in the living room, reminiscing and enjoying their status, which included being served tiny sandwiches, cookies, cupcakes and lemonade by a retinue of eager volunteers. They also willingly posed for group photos. There were only a few cameras, but there were many cell phones focused on them. Some guests waited their turn until they could be photographed alone with Beatrice.

All four were widowed years earlier; Mildred and Ruth each outlived two husbands, while Amy and Beatrice made do with one. Every marriage eventually has a sole survivor and the odds have always favored the women.

In that regard, Beatrice had an experience worth recounting. In her early 90s she began seeing Alexander Feldman, an old beau from her high school days. They each married others and raised families, but the years never diminished their special feelings for each other. Now single, they began dating. There is no better term. They went to dinner and to movies and concerts. Alexander also celebrated his one-hundredth birthday but died a few months thereafter. Parting was painful for the two of them but life went on for Beatrice Haniford.

Dick Hirsch writes the weekly BfloTales column in Business First where this article originally appeared. It is reprinted with permission.

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- 3 **Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual "An Evening with Heart Works" fund raising event to take place on September 6, 2014 at Temple Beth Zion on 805 Delaware Ave at 7:00 PM.** "Heartworks" is a fundraiser to improve and extend the lives of children with heart defects, and was inspired by Charlie Levin, son of Merredith and Ken Levin, who was born with a serious heart defect called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS). Tickets for the event are \$65/person or \$120/couple. Tables are available at \$750. For more information about the event please contact us at info@heartworks.org or call Merredith and Ken Levin at 716-689-4499.
- 4 **"Dash For Diversity" on Sunday morning, September 7 beginning at 8:30, and sponsored by National Federation for Just Communities.** It takes place at the Delaware Park Ring/ Parkside Lodge. A relay team of 3 adults is \$60, and individual adult walkers are \$10. For more information, go to <http://www.nfjcwny.org/walk.html> or call 716-853-9596.
- 5 **Learn about Nickel City Jews.** It's a new group of young Jewish professionals ranging in age from 20s to early 40's. Call Miriam Abramovich at 716-204-2247 or email mabramovich@jfedbflo.com

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Family Affair at the Erie County Fair |

By Karen Wiseman

I am so proud to have won a prize at the Erie County Fair last year for my challah cover. For the Wiseman Family, prize winning ribbons at the fair have become a family affair! My sister-in-law, Ruth Wiseman Spivack won a 3rd place ribbon for her homemade jam entry, and my father-in-law's significant other, Mrs. Cookie (Lois) Klein won a first place blue ribbon for her very stunning toling craft portrait.

The photo features Mrs. Cookie (Lois) Klein the significant other of Benny Wiseman, and her toling artwork. She won a blue ribbon in the Paper Arts category. Ruth Wiseman Spivack won 3rd place and Honorable Mention for her trio of jam and her portraits of her grandmother and grandmother's strudel in the Canning category. I won the Tri-color ribbon for my knitted challah cover in the Knitting and Crocheting category.



RIGHT: Cookie Klein, Ruth Wiseman Spivack and Karen Wiseman with their prizes from the Erie County Fair.

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Easy Summer Meal-Makers For Busy Women

By Robin Kurss

Working Women are a wonderful focus in this month's *Jewish Journal*. Truth be told, when a busy workday is done, it's always a mad dash to get dinner on the table. I've found that if you have a few good sauce and dressing recipes, you can mix and match them with veggies, proteins and pastas to make a meal fast, easy and a little more special. Here are a few of my favorites. They are great on just about anything. And to top off your meal, a great and easy chocolate fudge sauce that can be used as chocolate fondue, ice cream topping, or just off a spoon when you need a quick sweet fix!

Raspberry Vinaigrette- great on salad and fruit

- ½ c canola oil
- ½ c raspberries
- 3 T raspberry jam
- 1 T sugar
- 1 T Dijon mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste



Whisk or blend with an immersion blender until thick.

Peanut Sauce- great on chicken or pasta

- ¾ canned light coconut milk
- ½ c peanut butter
- ¼ c lime juice
- 2 T brown sugar
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- ¼ c cilantro leaves
- 1 jalapeno, optional
- Salt and pepper to taste

Blend in food processor or blender

Chimichurri-great on pasta, fish, chicken, beef and veggies

- 1 c flat leaf parsley
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 shallot
- ¾ c olive oil
- ¼ c sherry or red wine vinegar
- 3 T lemon juice
- Pinch chili pepper flakes
- Salt and pepper to taste

Blend or process in food processor till smooth

Hot Fudge

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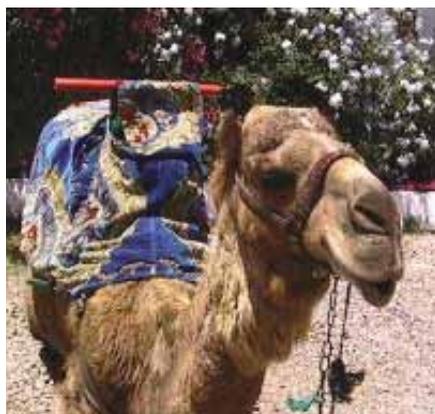
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Hallowed Ground: TWO FAITHS EMBRACE

By David Conway

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Anne Virag meets Pope Francis in Rome

When Anne Virag arrived in Rome, one day before a scheduled meeting with Pope Francis, she didn't feel nervous about the monumental occasion.

As the meeting grew closer, Virag—part of the American Jewish Committee's 50-person delegation to the Vatican this February—did not have any time to let those nerves build as she was whisked from event to event, traveling through private entrances to see sights such as the Sistine Chapel.

It wasn't until the moment came when Virag shook hands with the pope—"I'd put a lot of exclamation marks after that," she said—that the weight of the moment finally overwhelmed her. She had a statement she was prepared to share with the religious leader, but she was unable to get much out after "Your Holiness."

"I didn't say very much because I was too nervous," Virag said. "He held my hand with a firm grip, almost to stop it from shaking."

Two months later (in April, when the story was originally published), Virag, the Regional President of the AJC, said she frequently thinks about the visit. First and foremost, the trip was an opportunity to build on the inter-religious relationship between Catholic and Jewish people. The meeting came one year before the 50th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, a Vatican document that speaks to and encourages a bond between people of the two faiths.

February's meeting gave AJC the opportunity to reaffirm that bond with a new leader. AJC President Stanley Berman told the Pope, "We come to you with a deep feeling that you are our friend, and that we are yours." In a statement to the delegation, Pope Francis applauded the attempts to strengthen the relationship between the religions.

"I am very grateful to you for the distinguished contribution you have made to dialogue and fraternity between Jews and Catholics, and I encourage you to continue on this path," Pope Francis said.

For Virag, that interfaith bond has a personal connection. She was raised Roman Catholic before converting to Judaism more than 30 years ago. She said she remembers a time when the bond between members of the two faiths was not as strong. When she was a girl, the idea of dating a Jewish person was not even an option. Even today, some obstacles still remain.

"I understand, having been a Catholic and now Jewish, there is a barrier there between people," Virag said.

Having met with the newest Pope, she has a renewed confidence that those barriers are being erased. She said his focus on helping the poor was an important way to foster relationships between people of all backgrounds, and that it was a goal he shared with AJC. If more people adopt that worldview, she said, other problems may begin to fade.

"We don't think enough about each other," Virag said "We're too quick to think about ourselves."

Throughout the trip, Virag and the group received a warm reception from the cardinals, archbishops and other leaders they met. She was struck by the sights in Rome and Vatican City—by the sheer scale of St. Peter's Basilica and the intricate artwork adorning all of the rooms they visited.

"It was beyond beautiful," she said. "It was peaceful. It was inspiring."

Above all, though, the 45-minute conference with Pope Francis was Virag's lasting takeaway from the trip. He took the time to bless the rosaries and other personal items for the AJC delegation. He blessed Virag's Star of David necklace she was wearing at the time; when she wears it today, she finds herself reminiscing about the beauty of her experience.

Those in attendance were awe-struck, Virag said. As the delegates took a moment to meet with the Pope individually, the significance of the occasion moved each of them.

"I had a tear in my eye, and he looked at me and smiled," Virag said. "I think he felt the emotion of all of us—each and every one of us had a special emotional feeling with him."

Even after the Pope left, a silence filled the room for what Virag felt like an eternity.

It's too early for Virag to know just how the trip will affect her life going forward, religious and otherwise. Still, she can safely say that it was a powerful event that will remain with her for a long time.

"I just feel that it was a once-in-a-lifetime gift that I was given, to be able to meet him," she said.

KOL RINA Concert Aug. 17

"KOL RINA" (Voice of Joy), the official choir of the Jewish Community Center, will present "100 Years of Jewish Music" at Temple Beth Tzedek (621 Getzville Rd, Amherst) on Sunday, August 17, 2014, at 1PM. From choral arrangements of liturgical favorites to modern Broadway tunes, this mixed adult choir will delight the audience with its rich harmonies and theatrical flair. A special "Fiddler on the Roof" medley is planned.

The choir was commissioned almost three years ago by the Jewish Center to bring Jewish music to the community in an effort to educate the public and provide entertainment. Sebnem Mekinulov, the musical director, is an accomplished Opera singer, and voice teacher who has been trained at the Juilliard School of Music in NYC and performed at the Istanbul Opera House in Turkey. She also teaches at Daemon College in Amherst. Performances have also been at various synagogues and nursing homes in the area since the choir's inception.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10, or by calling the choir manager, Adrienne Crandall at 875-7061, or emailing at: adrienne.crandall@gmail.com.



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Lital Liberty on the "situation" in Israel

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The last few weeks were morale breaking--the death of the three Israeli teenagers followed by a terrible revenge killing of an Arab teen-- and now war?

In my daily work at Camp Centerland as the Israeli "Tarbut" specialist (Culture), I try to remain relaxed and pretend everything is ok, but the truth is everything isn't ok--my country is under attack. I check the news on my phone every opportunity I have, and as I walk with the two other Israelis in Camp, we look at each other in a concerned way that only we can understand. How can you even try to explain the fear we feel that our home is being attacked?

My breaking point was two days ago, while we were having a thunder storm during Camp, and the sound of thunder was heard all over the area. "I hate thunder storms" one of the kids told me. And I was thinking to myself, "If only the explosion sounds in Israel were just passing thunder storms".

As Buffalonians admire the summer, so do Israelis. As much as it sounds weird (since we have summer weather almost all the time)- summertime's the children's school break, the time where they go to camps, travel outside and just hang out with their families. It's vacation time, but THIS SUMMER, it's being spent in shelters and waking up in the middle of the night from the sirens, which are going off almost every minute.

It's also the senior high schooler's exam period. I'm sure most of you know how hard teens work to study for their SAT exams anyways. So think about these poor teens that need to study and take the test while sirens are blasting almost everywhere in the country.

With all of this being said, almost every Israeli you ask will tell you that everything will be alright and that life continues. We all believe that the missiles won't break us and we will keep being strong as we always are and always will be.

To conclude, I send my love to all of the people of Israel and I will keep praying for all of *Am Yisrael*.

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The 2nd Annual "AN EVENING WITH HEART WORKS" EVENT

By Evie Weinstein



Charlie and his teachers

Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual "An Evening with Heart Works" fund raising event to take place on September 6, 2014 at Temple Beth Zion on 805 Delaware Ave at 7:00 PM.

"Heartworks", a fundraiser to improve and extend the lives of children with heart defects was inspired by Charlie Levin, son of Merredith and Ken Levin, who was

born with a serious heart defect called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS). The goal of this year's fundraiser is to purchase a specialized ECMO life support machine for critically ill children suffering from life-threatening heart and lung disease. ECMO's life support saved Charlie's life in 2012.

All are invited to this event on September 6 at TBZ and hope that you will consider attending or sponsoring this important event. One hundred percent of the proceeds raised will go towards the purchase of a child-sized ECMO life support machine to have on hand for critically ill children at the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Golisano Children's Hospital and towards funding ECMO education for physicians and nurses.

Tickets for the event are \$65/person or \$120/couple. Tables are available at \$750. Delicious food and drink will compliment this fun and evening filled with mitzvot. For more information about the event please contact us at info@heartworks.org or call Merredith and Ken Levin at 716-689-4499.

Charlie's Story as told by his parents

Charlie was diagnosed with HLHS by the cardiologists at Buffalo Pediatric Cardiology at four months old after failing to thrive and countless visits to doctors. Charlie was suffering from severe congestive heart failure and his condition was life-threatening. He was rushed to Golisano Children's Hospital in Rochester, New York. The world-class cardio-thoracic surgical team and the experts in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) saved Charlie's life. Surgeons performed a series of three open-heart surgeries over four years. During Charlie's planned third surgery in September 2012, the surgeon replaced a leaky valve with a mechanical one in order to optimize the function of Charlie's heart.

Late in 2012, Charlie became ill and it became apparent that a blood clot had formed on the new mechanical valve. After endless hours of treatment, the amazing teams at Golisano Children's Hospital managed to break up the clot and get the valve working again. However, Charlie was suffering from a respiratory virus and remained sedated and aided by a ventilator. While recovering, Charlie chewed through his breathing tube and his lungs collapsed, sending him into cardiac arrest. The PICU team did everything they could to resuscitate Charlie, however, it soon became clear that the only chance to save Charlie's life was to put him on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO). ECMO is a life support system that oxygenates and circulates the blood, allowing the heart and lungs to rest, recover and buy time for other options (e.g., transplant). The hospital did not have an ECMO machine on hand for a child of Charlie's size, but with quick thinking and tremendous skill, the respiratory therapy team dismantled an adult-sized machine and built an ECMO circuit for Charlie. The surgeons quickly performed the procedure and Charlie was placed on ECMO life support.

Where We Are Now

It was a long recovery with intense physical, speech and occupational therapy, but we are happy to report that after four open-heart surgeries and 3½ weeks on ECMO life support, Charlie is blessed with a remarkably normal life. He is an active six year old who attends kindergarten, has learned to read and write, torments his big sister and chases after his little brother. He has even just begun his first season of little league T-ball!

September will mark six years since Charlie's diagnosis and first surgery. Although he will very likely require future surgeries, including a heart transplant at some point in the future, it is with great appreciation that we pursue fundraising efforts to help other families in the Western New York area have a better chance to see their child flourish as we have.



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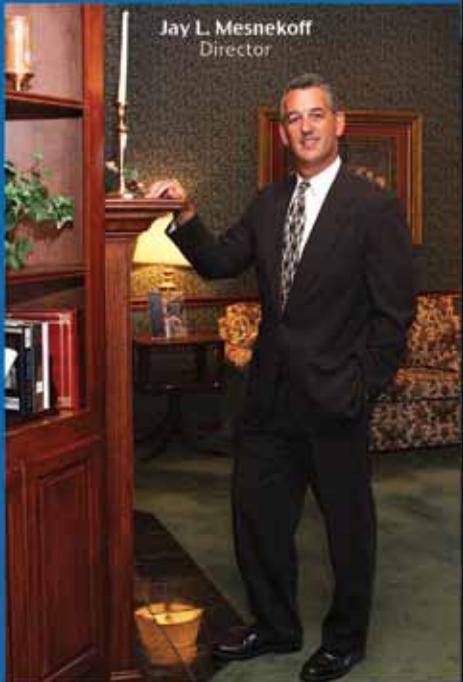
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Lauren Braun will be one of the exhibiting artists at this year's echo Art Fair, September 6 - 7 at the Central Library located in downtown Buffalo. Lauren, daughter of Susan Braun, graduated from Kenmore West High School and holds a BFA from Syracuse University and a MFA from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. She currently lives and works in Pittsburgh, PA. Visit thelaurenbraun.com to see more of Lauren's artwork. Visit echoartfair.com for information about the echo Art Fair.



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TBT Confirmation Class



Members of the Temple Beth Tzedek Confirmation Class: David Yellen, Michael Dubin, Sarah Pawlowski, Josiah Sereno & Ethan Millich.

TBT Social Action: Free our Girls!

By Rachel Anderson, Social Action Chair

Temple Beth Tzedek Social Action committee launched a new program entitled Ezrat Nashim (Women's Court) on Sunday, June 29th. This program was initiated by the recent crisis of the abduction of 250 Nigerian schoolgirls, simply because they were being educated. Ezrat Nashim hopes to meet bi-monthly to study sacred text together followed by a discussion on the many social injustices both at home and abroad that women still endure today.

Representatives from three area synagogues were in attendance: Or Tzion, Shir Shalom, and Beth Tzedek. The program opened with the study of sacred text, specifically the holiday of Rosh Chodesh and its significance to women, led by Andrea Strosberg of Or Tzion.

Juliet Glaser, who was responsible for the idea of forming this group, led a segment presenting responsible nonprofit organizations and offered tips on the best way to get attention from the powers that be to bring about a change. Input was given by the group regarding local grass roots organizations that are providing assistance to women. Areas where help is lacking were noted. Suggestions were given for speakers from various local organizations who could be invited to present at future meetings.

Janet Gunner gave an informative presentation on federal legislation that has been presented, acted upon or passed over particular legislative bills. She also commented on who voted for or against certain bills. The group has agreed to write letters or make telephone calls to legislators and were asked to encourage friends to do likewise.

We are planning to hold Ezrat Nashim bi-monthly so please look for upcoming information on our next meeting to be held in August, date to be determined. We welcome Jewish women from across the Greater Buffalo area to join us in solidarity.

Congregation Shir Shalom Blue Jean Shabbat And End Of Summer BBQ

Friday, August 29, 2014 - 6:00pm

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September 5, 2014 - 6:00pm at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Rabbi Pokras will present the trait of Humility – *Anavah*. Mussar teaches that humility is based on a foundation of self-esteem and is defined by how much space you occupy, where space can be physical, verbal or emotional. We must always try to recognize our failings and correct them by learning from others. "No more than my space, no less than my place"

September 12, 2014 - 6:00pm at 805 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

Rabbi Scheldt will present the trait of Generosity – *Nedivut*. Mussar tradition teaches that practicing generosity opens the heart, and ultimately, lets God in. We should accustom ourselves to finding satisfaction in acting kindly towards others.

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September 19, 2014 - 6:00pm at 805 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

Director of Lifelong Learning, Susan Schwartz will present the trait of Alacrity/Enthusiasm – *Zerizut*. Acting with alacrity means moving forward without hesitation or barriers. We must always find something to do and never allow a moment of our lives to be wasted.

"If not now, when?"

Outdoor Shabbat Evening Service Followed by BBQ dinner Friday August 22 - 6 PM

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New Rosh Hashanah Service To Be Offered At Shir Shalom

There will be two Rosh Hashanah morning services on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at Congregation Shir Shalom. The first one which begins at 9:00am will remain as a standard service with a professional choir and organ. The second service which begins at 11:45am will incorporate contemporary participatory music that will not replace, but will enhance, the High Holiday experience for our progressive congregation. The music that was chosen by Cantor Sharon Colbert ties to the themes of the sanctity of life, the progression of the Jewish Year, and the mysteries of our relationship with G-d. You can choose which morning service you would like to attend. Even both!

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The *Chalom* corner is a place to dream or imagine. The *Shalom* (peace) corner is an area for friendly conversations and deep thoughts. The *Tzedakah* (charity) corner is dedicated to helping others. *Tikkun Olam* is a corner dedicated for "repairing or taking care of the world." The center of our outdoor classroom has a large gazebo where all children and their families are welcome to learn, play and discover.

This one-of-a-kind learning space was made possible through the vision, generosity and hard work of Todd, Leslie, Joni and Sam Shatkin. Their commitment to the Play And Learn School and Temple Beth Zion has borne a beautiful and peaceful outdoor space for learning, giving and dreaming.

To learn more about the four corners of the Shatkin Outdoor Classroom, go to the Play And Learn School page at www.tbz.org. For information on the Play And Learn School, contact Melissa Milch-Klein at 716-836-6565 or pals@tbz.org.

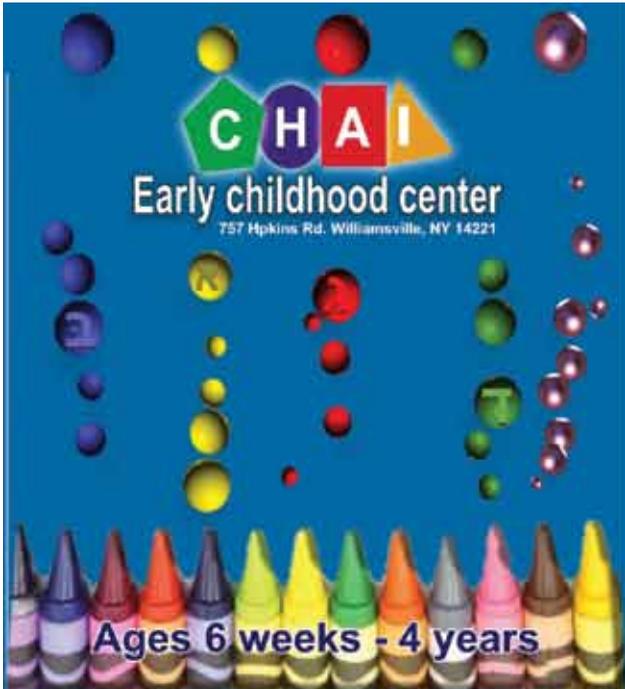


PALS children in the new Shatkin playground

Congregation Beth Abraham Moves Forward With Renovation Project

Congregation Beth Abraham, one of Buffalo's historic treasures (dating back to 1922) is in the midst of a significant building initiative. We have already made improvements to the synagogue's exterior (front and roof) and are now moving on to replacing the floor and renovating the walls in the basement social hall. Completing these projects further positions the congregation in its mission to provide a Center for Jewish religious, social and cultural activity in the heart of the Elmwood Village. CBA does not require formal membership or dues for people to be engaged in the congregation. The projects have been made possible by donations from both internal sources as well as individuals/institutions within the greater Buffalo Jewish community who share in our vision. The congregation also relies on volunteers to lead services, maintain the building and coordinate various activities.

We hope to have the floor in the social hall completed by Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 24. All are welcome to attend High Holiday services which will again be led by Cantor Irwin Gelman. Tickets are not required and we especially invite students and the unaffiliated. Participation is encouraged -- please contact the shul if you would like to help with a reading or receive an honor. All inquiries can be made at the CBA website, www.congregationbethabraham.net.



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Andrew Beiter is an 8th Grade Social Studies teacher at Springville Middle School in Springville, New York, where he coordinates their Students for Human Rights Club. Graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Political Philosophy from Michigan State University and a Master's degree in Education from Fredonia State College, Mr. Beiter is a Regional Education Coordinator for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, a Teacher Fellow for the Lowell Milken Center for Tolerance in Kansas, and the Director for the Summer Institute for Human Rights and Genocide Studies in Buffalo. As a board member for Buffalo for Africa and the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo, he has organized numerous workshops on human rights and genocide prevention and also serves as the co-Director of the Education Department of the Robert H. Jackson Center.

He was also part of a team that wrote a curriculum for Kerry Kennedy's book *Speak Truth To Power* and currently serves on the committee directing this program. Drew is the national winner of the 2008 Irena Sendler Award for Repairing the World, the 2009 Toby Ticktin Back Award for Holocaust Education, and the 2009 New York State United Teachers Local Leadership Award. He is the proud father of Margaret and Mitchell Beiter, and has been married for 18 years to his wife Mary, living in Hamburg, N.Y. He recently interviewed U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry about Syria with journalists Nick Kristof and Lara Setrakian.



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Kadimah Annual Dinner Draws Sellout Crowd To Celebrate Community Leaders

More than 260 members of the Western New York Jewish community came together in late June for Kadimah School of Buffalo's Annual Dinner, honoring the work of twelve lay leaders from local Jewish organizations over decades of service.

The formal affair, held at Temple Beth Tzedek amid a festive and dressed-up atmosphere, featured tributes to the honorees from speakers selected by them, as well as speeches by Kadimah's lay and professional leadership. Each honoree received framed certificates of distinction from New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and Amherst Town Supervisor Dr. Barry Weinstein, as well as a specially-commissioned glass award from Kadimah to mark the occasion.

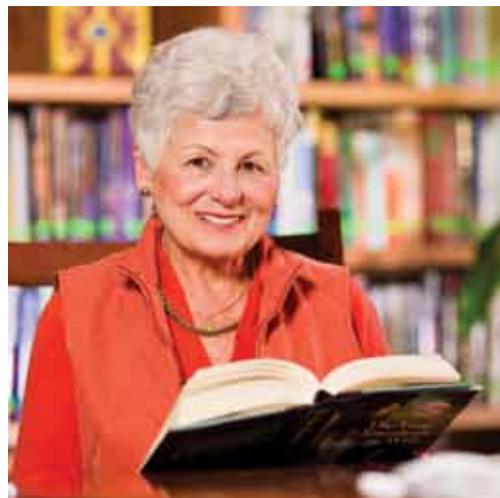
This year's honorees represented the spectrum of Jewish community agencies, from schools and cultural organizations to social services, religious and charitable entities.

Recipients included Howard Benatovich from the Bureau of Jewish Education, Linda Boxer from the Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association, David Bunis from the Jewish Repertory Theatre, Gabriel Ferber from the Holocaust Resource Center, Marsha Goldberg for Ohr Temimim School, Shoshana Laub from the Mikvah, Nancy Schiller for the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies, Jonathan Schechter and Shelly Yellen from the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, David Schlein from Jewish Family Services, Avrom Sterman from Kadimah and Nechama Taub from the Va'ad Hakashruth of Buffalo.

Guests dressed up in suits, tuxedos, gowns and cocktail dresses celebrated into the night, enjoying great wine, beer, food and company, as well as the music of Moshe Ben Avraham. Attendees lingered well past the end of the formal program, as they schmoozed, laughed and caught up with old friends, family and fellow community members who turned out for the occasion.

The catered dinner program also included the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah by a choir of nearly thirty Kadimah students from Kindergarten through 8th grade, as well as a d'var Torah by two students in fourth and fifth grades, Hailey Epstein and Jonah Slabodkin. Guests also enjoyed a professionally prepared video presentation about Kadimah by Rich Kellman. The program's emcee was Dan Lenard. All proceeds from the dinner benefit Kadimah School of Buffalo.

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2. “No Baths at Camp” by Tamar Fox

Camp is full of rock climbing, face painting, marshmallow roasting, and water-balloon fighting, but the best part? No bathing!

3. “Picnic at Camp Shalom” by Jacqueline Jules

When Carly laughs at Sara’s last name, her bunkmate at Camp Shalom refuses to be consoled. Little does Sara know that Carly has a reason for her outburst. When their mutual love of music brings harmony to Shabbat dinner as well as to their friendship, Carly finally gets the chance to reveal her secret.

4. “Do Unto Otters” by Laurie Keller

When a family of otters moves in next to Mr. Rabbit, he’s a little nervous -- he’s not sure if they’ll get along. But then he remembers the Golden Rule: Do unto otters as you would have otters do unto you! This book shows how treating others with respect is the basis of friendship, cooperation, and sharing.

5. “Brave Girl” by Michelle Markel

Just because Clara Lemlich is a young immigrant doesn’t mean she’s going to let factory owners treat workers poorly. After all, equality and a fair shot is what America is all about -- and no one understands that better than this brave girl.

6. “Jumping Jenny” by Ellen Bari

Jenny loves to jump, but when her energetic jumping gets her into trouble,

she decides to retire her pogo stick. Then her school decides to hold a fundraising fair, and she discovers that her skill can be used for a good cause.

7. “Zishe the Strongman” by Robert Rubenstein

In this story based on the life of Polish strongman Siegmund Breitbart, children are introduced to various kinds of strength, including the gentle strength that comes from kindness.

8. “Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too!)” by Leslie Kimmelman

New neighbors have moved in next door to Sam -- two girls named Charlie and Sam (too!). As the three of them become friends, they share jokes, Jewish holidays, and even misunderstandings -- and soon learn what it means to “love your neighbor as yourself.”

9. “Noah’s Swim-a-Thon” by Ann D. Koffsky

Noah loves everything about summer camp -- except swimming. Nothing can get Noah into the pool until he learns about the camp swim-a-thon that will help give other children a chance to attend the camp he loves.

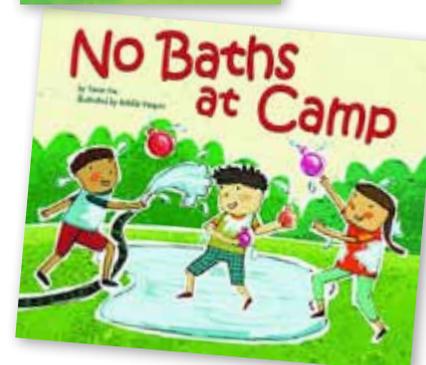
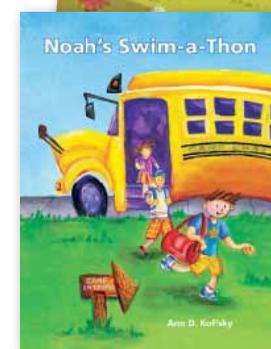
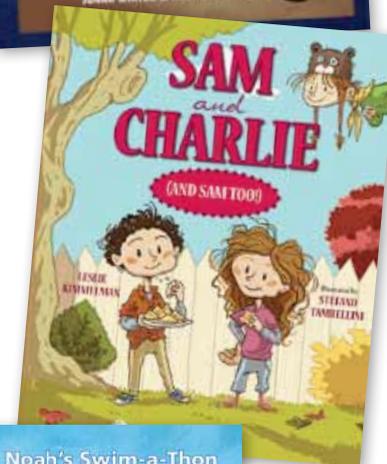
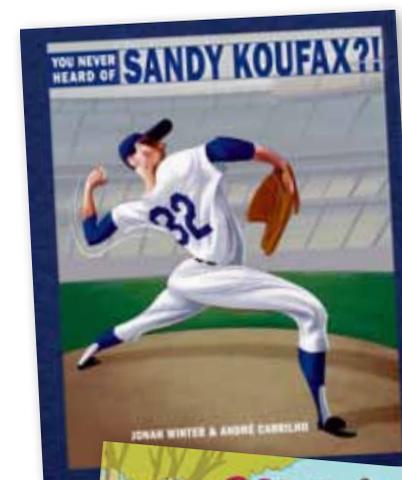
10. “The Adventures of Rabbi Harvey” by Steve Sheinkin

“A graphic novel of Jewish wit and wisdom in the Wild West.” In the fictitious town of Elk Spring, Colorado, circa 1870, Rabbi Harvey shares Talmudic wisdom, Jewish folktales (and a lot more!) through a number of short, humorous adventures.

Children who read these or any other ten books by September 1st, 2014, AND post a picture on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PJLibraryBuffalo) about it, will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Target gift card! Check out www.PJLibrary.org for more summer reading fun. For every 10 books a child reads, they will earn another drawing entry. The summer reading contest is open to readers under the age of 8. Parents and grandparents who are looking for summer reads of their own can check out interesting Jewish books on the Jewish Book Council’s website; www.JewishBookCouncil.org.

PJ Library welcomes all Jewish families, including interfaith families, LGBT families, and families with special needs. If you have a question about how

your children can receive PJ Library books for free every month, join our mailing list, or would like to talk with us about how we can accommodate your family and children at our programs, please contact Juliet Glaser at pjlibrary@bjebuffalo.org or 716-204-5380. Please visit our Facebook page to keep up to date on PJ Happenings: www.facebook.com/PJLibraryBuffalo.



Digital Jewish Archives Expands Online!

By Chana Revell Kotzin, PhD. Director, Jewish Buffalo Archives Project.

In May 2012, the first set of over 300 images relating to Jewish Buffalo went “live” at <http://nyheritage.org/collections/jewish-buffalo-image-collection>. The New York Heritage Legacy website holds a wealth of NY state related historical materials from around the entire state in many different formats including newspapers, photographs, maps and pamphlets.

Since the online collection was made available, hundreds of people have enjoyed and used many of the images over the last two years. Some of the images appeared in the recently published, *Jewish Community of Greater Buffalo*. Last year the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project and University at Buffalo applied to the Western New York Libraries Resource Council for another digital grant to extend our online archives. As in 2011, we were successfully awarded the costs of digitization, with the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies providing matching funding, to enable processing by the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project. As a result, this year, we have added further images, with quite a few multi-page booklets that brings the number of items to over 600!

New photographs and documents were drawn from collections donated to the Project, including Temple Beth Zion (599 and 805 Delaware Avenue), Temple Beth Israel (Niagara Falls), Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Center and Camps and a range of small personal collections that highlighted sporting activities, theatre productions, commercial life and fundraising activities over the decades. Please enjoy exploring this collection directly from the online address: <http://nyheritage.org/collections/jewish-buffalo-image-collection> or by clicking on a link under “Digital Collections” from the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project page on the Bureau of Jewish Education website at www.bjebuffalo.org. If you’d like to know more about the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project, please contact: Chana Revell Kotzin, Director, Jewish Buffalo Archives Project, at 716-204-5388. You can also email archivesproject@bjebuffalo.org.

RIGHT:JBIC 648: Groundbreaking at Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue

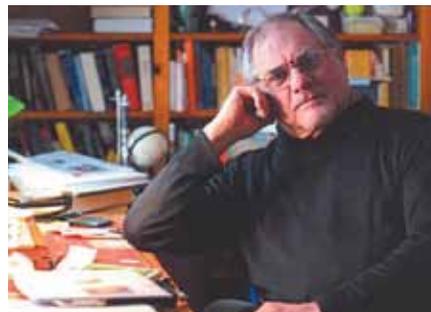
BELOW:JBIC 528: A Scene from “Golden Boy”.



RIGHT: JBIC 548: Ada Miller Seated, founder of Hadassah



Israeli Literature in English: Foundations and Evolution



Dr. Howard Wolf

The Adult Education Department of the Bureau of Jewish Education is pleased to offer a course taught by Dr. Howard R. Wolf. Classes will take place on Thursday afternoons in the fall at the Jewish Community Center in Getzville.

Dr. Wolf, Professor Emeritus and Senior Fellow in the Department of English at UB, will teach this course as part of the BJE’s “Under the Microscope” series. A frequent visitor to Israel, Professor Wolf has published stories that are set in Israel, including “A Summer Trial” and “Under the Arc of War.” A graduate of the Horace Mann School, Amherst College, Columbia University, and the University of Michigan (Ph.D.), he has an archive of his lifetime work in The Robert Frost Library at Amherst College.

This *Israeli Literature in English: Foundations and Evolution* course will consider a variety of Israeli writers in order to gain a deeper understanding of Israeli history – past and present. The aim of the course will be to relate literary insights to the dynamic and challenging issues of Israeli history from the late 19th century to the present. Material from H.N. Bialik (1873-1934) to Amos Oz (1939-present) among others will be used as examples of different perspectives about Israel.

Professor Wolf will devote each class to an analysis of a specific item of literature that illuminates a particular moment in Israel’s complex and dramatic existence. Handouts will be provided from “50 Stories from Israel – An Anthology,” as well as from other resource materials.



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Please contact Ethel Melzer, Director of Adult Education at the BJE (ethel@bjebuffalo.org) or call 204-5380 or enroll online at www.bjebuffalo.org after August 1, 2014.

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Tips For Reducing Back-To-School Stress For Parents And Kids



Back-to-school time is generally a bittersweet challenge for both children and parents. The end-of-summer hustle to find cool fall clothes and fill book-bags with lists of school supplies can be overwhelming.

“Most kids experience some level of anxiety or stress related to returning to school in the fall and getting back into a routine. They’re concerned about meeting new kids and new teachers, learning new material and maybe even going to a new school,” said Donna Possenti, director of clinical services for Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County.

“Younger kids feel stress over the unknown, older kids react more to returning to routine and academic or social expectations and pressure.”

To help children make a smooth transition from lax summer schedules to more structured school days, Possenti suggests that parents start getting them into a routine of earlier bedtime and wake up time a few weeks before school starts. She also recommends a visit to any new school a few times before the first day.

“Make sure the days before school starts are not spent rushing around trying to get the school supplies, clothes and other things. Make the shopping experience positive and avoid waiting until the last minute,” she advises.

“Set the expectations for after school activities before the school year starts. This includes everything from child care needs to sports that the child may

want to participate in. Children don’t usually adjust well to surprises in these areas.”

The JFS Buffalo Children’s Mental Health Program helps children and parents manage anxiety, or other behavioral health issues, that may be associated with going back to school.

For parents facing the challenge of income inequity, it may be difficult to plan for early back-to-school shopping. This is especially true for the children of families who have been resettled in Western New York through the JFS Buffalo Refugee Resettlement Program.

“Resettled families have very limited funds, and most of their money resources go for basic needs. We want them to have a good start to the school year. There’s nothing worse than having a child come home from the first day of school crying because they didn’t have a backpack or other things they needed,” said program director Maria Domingo.

JFS Buffalo welcomes donations of supplies to support the littlest “New Americans.” Donations of coats, gloves and mittens, scarves and other warm clothing for the colder weather are also appreciated.

Last September, 20 children from Burma and Iraq, aged four to 14, had a good first day of school. Thanks to the collaboration of JFS Buffalo and Boys and Girls Clubs of Buffalo, each received a book bag filled with a binder, notebooks, pens and pencils, a calculator and other supplies.

“The need at this time of year is great. We deeply appreciate our support from the Boys and Girls Club and invite other agencies this year to partner with similar generosity that helps resettled children feel more comfortable navigating their new environment. For many, this is their first experience with a formal education,” JFS President and CEO Marlene A. Schillinger said.

“We equally appreciate individual donations from the heart, in the spirit of tzdekah, to support the children, and families of every Western New York community we serve, ease the economic anxiety of ‘back to school.’”

She added that Possenti’s advice applies to children and parents of all income levels and nationalities.

“We work to make sure every kid has what he or she needs to start their school year off right, and achieve personal and academic success throughout the year,” Schillinger said.

For more information on the Jewish Family Service Children’s Mental Health Program, or to make a cash or in-kind donation of backpacks, gift cards for clothing, school supplies or other back-to-school necessities, call 716-883-1914.

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AUGUST *at the JCC*

REMINDERS, IDEAS, and IMPORTANT DATES for the MONTH



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

(B) Benderson Family Building in Getzville
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 * Starting at noon. One per person.

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						Color War at Camp Centerland!	Mat & Barre Pilates 10:00-11:00am (H)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Tzofin Friendship Caravan 5:00 pm BBQ, bounce house	10:15 – 11:15 Water Aerobics with Betty at the Outdoor pool	Tisha B'Av	K'tzat Ivrit - "A Little Hebrew" 1:00 pm Free and open to all (B)	Hatha/Vinyasa Yoga 9:00-10:00am (H)	Family Night at Camp Centerland 5:30 – 8:00pm	Perfect day to sign up for the 2014- 2015 Kids Place school year	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Join the JCC Carly's Crossing Team and help fight Childhood Cancer	New Yorker Magazine Discussion Group 7:00 pm-8:30 pm FREE and open to all (H)	Swim lessons are for people of all ages!	BBQ 5:00-6:30pm \$8/person no rsvp needed. (H)	Limud-Speakers & Events. Schedule in lobby. 10:30am FREE and open to all (B)	National Relaxation Day	SAVE THE DATE Sept 17: JRT & ComedySportz Fundraiser Improv, food & drinks.	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Sunday Fundays outdoor pool 1:30 pm- 5:00 pm with DJ Spazman Spins	11:15 – 3:00pm Open swim at the outdoor pool	The World Today A discussion of issues and events 1:00 pm FREE and open to all (B)	Ice cream day at Camp Centerland	Senior Citizens Day	Pool Closed from 5:30pm Friday, August 22 until 8:00am Saturday, August 30 (H)	Delta Sonic Car Wash coupons available here	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
CX Worx 10:15-10:45am (H)	Massages make the perfect gifts	Have you swam the 716?	Guest passes are available for the outdoor pool	Not too late to sign your little one up for day care at the JCC	BodyPump 6:00-7:00am (H)	Shabbat shalom!	
31	Labor Day Weekend Party 1:30 -5:00pm Games, DJ, bounce house - FREE						

Jewish Repertory Theatre's 2014-2015 Season

Subscriptions and tickets are now available for JRT's upcoming Season of Humor, featuring:

Old Jews Telling Jokes, by Peter Gethers and Daniel Okrent

October 23 – November 16, 2014

Beau Jest, by James Sherman

February 5 – March 1, 2015

The Odd Couple, by Neil Simon

April 23 – May 17, 2015

Early bird subscribers save 10% when they purchase subscriptions before September 15 and new this year, all JRT subscribers will receive the new JRT

Subscribers Perks Discount card with savings at local restaurants and merchants.

All JRT productions take place at The Maxine and Robert Seller Theatre, JCC Benderson Family Building at 2640 North Forest Road, Getzville, NY. For more information on JRT productions, dates and tickets, and discount group rates, visit www.jewishrepertorytheatre.com. Tickets are available at 688-4114, ext. 391, through Showclix at 1-888-718-4253 (Monday-Friday, 9am-9pm EST) or at either JCC reception desk.



The Jewish Repertory Theatre of Western New York is pleased to announce recent *Artie and Spree Magazine* awards to our talented actor, director and designer of JRT productions.

Josie DiVincenzo won best actress at the Artie Awards, Buffalo's version of the Oscars, for playing 11 different characters in *Dai*, the critically acclaimed show in which women and men tell their stories and share their viewpoints about life in Israel, from a coffee shop in Tel Aviv, moments before a suicide bomber enters.

Ann Emo, a Buffalo State assistant professor, took the Artie's Best Costume Design award, for her work on *School for Husbands* at the Irish Classical Theatre. Emo, who was also nominated for Best Costume Design for *Dai*, has been Costume Director for Jewish Repertory Theatre since 2002 and is also a long-time member of the JRT Committee.

Saul Elkin, Founding Artistic Director of the Jewish Repertory

Theatre, won Best Arts Administrator at *Spree Magazine's* Best of WNY Awards. Elkin, a former Chair of the Theatre Department at UB and founder of Shakespeare in Delaware Park, has directed most of the JRT productions since 2002 and will be starring in and directing the upcoming *Old Jews Telling Jokes* and starring in *Beau Jest*.

Josie DiVincenzo was also a winner at the *Spree Magazine's* Best of WNY awards, taking the prize for Best Actress.

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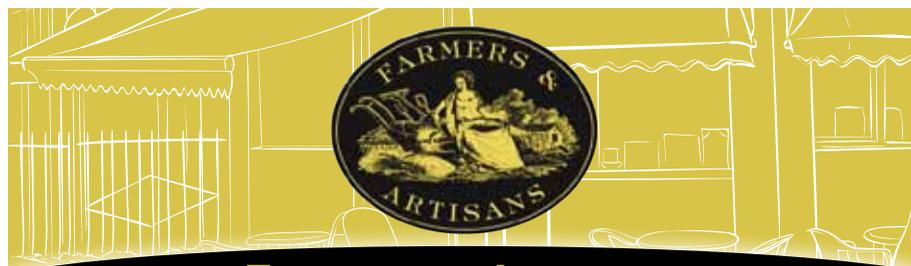
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JCC Commemorates 66th Anniversary With Annual Meeting

By Rick Zakalik

Kids and adults zipped along the high ropes across Ellicott Creek, golf carts whizzed by loaded with donors and others and counselors trained and practiced songs. Families enjoyed kosher hot dogs, swam in the pool and played Gaga (Israeli Dodge Ball). Then the real business got started.

More than 200 people attended the 66th annual JCC meeting on Sunday, June 15th. Father's Day celebrations preceded the meeting and the dedication of the Irving M. Shuman Campgrounds followed. Judging by the level of excitement and the smiles on everyone's faces the day was a great success.

JCC staff, led by Laurie Greenspan, Marketing Director and Amy Marks Shaevel, meeting chair, hosted a meaningful and fun-filled day for members and guests under a tent adjacent to the new Irving M. Shuman Campgrounds. In cooperation with the Weinberg Campus and the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies a new home for the JCC's Camp Centerland has been created and dedicated. Over the next few weeks, additional facilities including a basketball court, shelters, bathrooms and an amphitheater will augment the 19 acres of pristine land that saw the first year of camp at its new location in 2013. More than 400 campers are registered for this camping season.

Elected to office for a one year term is Rabbi Alex Lazarus Klein. Three year terms were filled by existing JCC Board members Irwin Gelman, Jordan Balsom, Brett Benderson and David Bunis. Officers for the 2014-2015 year are Gretchen Gross, President; Ronald Benderson, Vice President; Philip Nobel, Vice President; Susan Freed-Oestreicher, Vice President; Dale Kadish, Treasurer and Laura Sommer, Secretary.

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Left to Right: Mary Ann Goldmark, Galina Grinman, Marsha Craib and Carolyn Bernhart pose with members of the Hot Country Liners in black and red.



Left to Right: Andrea Scire, Alice Epolito, Galina Grinman and Farhat Bashir pose with a member of the Hot Country Liners (back row)



Front Row seated: Michael Santillo, Mary Ann Goldmark
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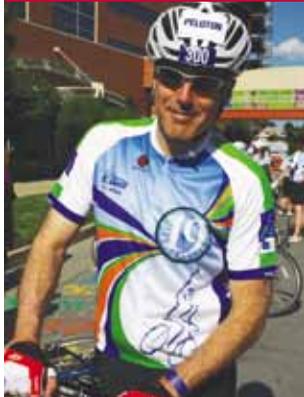


Ride for Roswell peloton riders singing in Shabbat before the opening ceremony



Rob Goldberg and Larry Levin celebrating Shabbat before the Ride for Roswell peloton

Ride for Roswell 2014



Ride for Roswell Extra Mile Club member Ken Friedman



Ride for Roswell Extra Mile Club member Bernie Zysman



Ride for Roswell Extra Mile Club members Karen and Howard Wiseman

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Amy Goldstein and Mara Gelman at the Ride for Roswell peloton ceremony



Roswell Park's noted pediatric oncologist Dr. Martin Brecher marching in the opening ceremonies for the Ride for Roswell at UB



Danny and Juliet Glaser marching in the Ride for Roswell opening ceremonies



Ride for Roswell founder Mitch Flynn is the first rider to enter the UB stadium for the opening event

Ride for Roswell 2014



The Olsen Family at UB during the opening ceremony



Lori and Rich Newberg and Rabbi Adam Scheldt at UB for opening ceremonies



Ride for Roswell's special guest speaker Scott Hamilton and Rabbi Adam Scheldt

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Riders Dave Lefkowitz, Michael Komm, volunteer Gretchen Gross and rider Jill Komm at a rest stop.

Rally to Remember our Boys and Support Israel



Federation CEO Michael Wise opens the memorial program to the murdered boys in Israel

Rally to Remember our Boys and Support Israel



Rabbi Heschel Greenberg speaks about the nature of evil that led to all the murders



Cantor Irwin Gelman sang the El Maleh Rachamim memorial prayer



Rabbi Alex Lazarus- Klein led us in the Mourner's Kaddish



Rabbi Perry Netter offered reflections on the situation in Israel



Rivky Greenberg and Brocha-Leah Greenberg after the program.

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Rabbi Adam Scheldt read a poem on remembering



Rabbi Josh Strosberg gave the prayer for the State of Israel



Bishop Robert Stearns led the audience in "Hatikvah"



Shlichim Lital Liberty and Dan Metchnik offered a prayer for the Israel Defense Forces

Not The Last word

A Bittersweet Echo Art Fair 2014- Irving and Barbara Mink

By Barbara Mink

Some of my best childhood memories include “helping” my father paint huge abstracts in our basement on Parkside Avenue in Buffalo, accompanying him to Niagara Falls to sketch, or setting up for outdoor art festivals. I didn’t start painting myself until much later, but those formative experiences made me feel that making things was part of life, and that the process was as important as the end result.

A member of the Buffalo Society of Artists and Western New York Artists Group, my father Irving Mink was also a research scientist at Roswell Park Memorial Institute and educator who painted and exhibited locally, nationally and internationally for 50 years. He won many awards, had one-man shows in Toronto, New York City, Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo, and his works are represented in over 800 private collections.

One thing I remember is that for him, flexibility was the key. When he was doing Pollack-like pours and drips on huge canvases on the floor, I accidentally knocked over a box of birdseed onto the canvas. It was promptly incorporated into the paintings! While sketching outdoors, mist from Niagara Falls got his paper wet, and the resultant paint bleed just added to the watery feel of the creation.

His creative trajectory was an interesting one, ranging from very large abstract landscapes, to isolated figures in pencil, to pen and ink drawings and small acrylics. He used a combination of expressive line and negative space to give an ambiguous emotional tone to each work. They can be seen as either isolated figures or figures in sharp focus. He once wrote: “My goals are simple; to create beauty, something that is good to look at. Old people, lonely people, are often my subjects; I paint what I feel, influenced only by vague memories, a fleeting emotional fancy. This is my piece of history, my footprints in the sands of time.”

My artistic arc has been almost the reverse. I started with botanical drawing, large watercolor flowers, then fruit, fish, figures and landscapes until I moved

to large-scale abstract oils and acrylics. The space in which I now work has a more architectural feel—an interplay of color, line and texture. Paintings which were vigorously chromatic and heavily layered have evolved in the direction of the spare, the muted, and the geometric. I believe that scale has as much to do with the power of the image to enter the imagination, as it does physical dimensions.

I started painting in 1999 and it has been part of my life through careers in politics, university teaching, and founding an annual festival of science and art. As an active member of the Ithaca Art Trail, State of the Art Gallery and the Buffalo Society of Artists, I’ve had the good fortune to show and sell in and beyond New York State.

My father and I have shown together three times - in 1999 at the Kenan Center in Lockport, where my outsized botanicals meshed with his pen and ink figurative drawings; at the Jewish Center of Buffalo; and in 2005 at State of the Art Gallery in Ithaca, also with photography by my brother, Symon, and pottery masks by my sister-in-law, Ronna.

This September I’ll be bringing a selection of my father’s Judaica from the 1980’s, inspired by a trip he made to Israel with my mother in 1971, including hand made silk-screen prints of two of his iconic images. My work will feature medium and large-scale abstracts on canvas from this year and last, on canvas and raw linen.

I had suggested applying to the Echo Art Fair in Buffalo earlier this year together, in part as a way to look forward, after a year of mourning my mother and his own declining health. He died two weeks before we were notified that we got into the show. I can’t think of a more wonderful way to honor his work and to celebrate his life than having this opportunity to share a booth again.

Barbara Mink is an artist living in Ithaca, NY. The fourth annual Echo Art Fair will be held September 6 and 7, at the downtown Central Library.



Barbara Mink and her father, Irving Mink at Barbara’s very first show at the Kenan Center in 1999



The Zealot (1975) by Irving Mink



Terra Incognita (1913) by Barbara Mink

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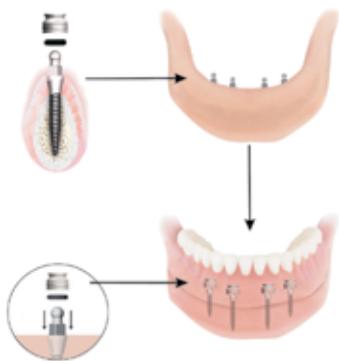
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