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Second, the new Irv Shuman Campgrounds at Camp Centerland are finished and will be dedicated June 15. Ohr Temimim School's new building dedication is June 8. The Jewish International Film Festival Gala is also June 8, and films are taking place during June at the JCC. Third, our Federation's strategic plan process is underway and making exciting progress, as we continue to become the best Jewish Community of 12,000 anywhere! Read the columns by David Desmon and Mike Wise to see what else is going on.

Shavuot begins the evening of June 3 with at least two *Tikkun* study events in WNY (that I know about.) One at the JDC and one at Temple Beth Tzedek. I love this holiday and the belief that all of our souls were together at Sinai, that we made a commitment with God and each other and became a People.

And finally, I am proud to say that photographers Linda Gellman & Bill Myers of CLICK together with the *Jewish Journal of WNY* have won a coveted Rockefeller Award from the American Jewish Press Association for the photograph on last June's issue cover. Wishing you a glorious June!



Ellen

Ellen Goldstein - Editor

On The Cover

This beautiful bronze bust of Yiddish poet Ida Maza is in the study of Dr. Irving Massey, her son, in Buffalo. The metal seems to glow with her expressive qualities, which also describes her poetry. Sculpture by Bezalel Malchi

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Publisher's Column

Michael D. Wise



This past month has brought many highs and lows in Jewish life. Locally, we commemorated the *Shoah* through two powerful community events. We first had the annual City of Buffalo and Erie County Yom Hashoah program, this year hosted by Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz. The program was also attended by Mayor Byron Brown, Federation President David Desmon, Rabbi Alex Lazarus Klein, and others who lit the six candles in memory of the Six Million Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis in World War II. That program was followed by the community Yom Hashoah program, hosted by Congregation Shir Shalom and produced by the Holocaust Resource Center with financial support from the Jewish Federation. It was a powerful program with a wonderful speaker, Gershon Willinger, who shared his very moving family story. One week later, our community celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, at the Benderson Building of the JCC and Weinberg Campus. Leading the organization of the program was the JCC and our community *Shalicha*, Lital Liberty. A great program of family activities was held along with a Yom Hazikaron program in memory of those who have given their lives for the State of Israel. There were huge crowds joining in celebration of the holiday and it was a great example of community collaboration.

All of this excitement had an overlay of a struggling peace process in the Middle East and great tensions in Ukraine, where Jews were being singled out for hatred. For more than twenty years, I have been experiencing highs and lows as the prospect for peace in the Middle East rises and falls with the meetings between the Israelis and Palestinians. The recent move by the Palestinian Authority to reconcile with Hamas, a terrorist organization ruling over Gaza, has clearly destroyed any hope for now of a resolution to create two states for two peoples-- a Jewish Democratic Israel and a Palestinian state. For the sake of Israel, I pray for a resolution to the peace talks in the near future. The situation in Ukraine is also deeply concerning, because during the chaos, there has been a rise in anti-Semitism and more need for security for the 300,000 Jews living there. Our agencies funded by the Federation campaign, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) are on the ground in Ukraine insuring that seniors are being fed and safety measures at Jewish institutions are in place protecting the members of the community. As a system, we are providing millions of dollars to secure these institutions and care for the vulnerable in Ukraine. Through our national organizations, we are monitoring the situation and working closely with JDC and JAFI on this disturbing issue.

Locally, we are about to open the second season of our new day camp at the Benderson Building of the JCC. The new Camp Centerland at the Irving M. Shuman Campgrounds is taking shape and will provide an amazing camp experience for the children in Western New York. Research has shown that the most impactful experience a child can have in shaping his or her Jewish identity is a summer camp program. I can personally attest to that research, because I chose my profession in the Jewish community based on the wonderful summer camp experiences I had as a child.

Our community may be smaller than it was ten or twenty years ago, but today there is tremendous vitality and energy which is creating meaningful and quality programs and services for those of us who call Buffalo home. Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

President's Column

David Desmon



Over the past several months, utilizing the information we gathered in the 2013 Buffalo Jewish Community Study, the Jewish Federation has put together a Strategic Plan task force to develop a roadmap for the Federation's future. This diverse group of 25 or so members of our community has met for many hours, led by Andy Shaevel as chair. We consciously included people from the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox communities along with former and current synagogue presidents, agency presidents, agency and synagogue board members and some

major donors. We have an outside consultant, Rabbi Lou Feldstein, who through the process interviewed agency directors, rabbis and other community professionals as well as presidents of major organizations and other significant leaders. He gathered the information, then brought it to the task force and is now helping us develop a strategic plan which we will release to the community at the completion of this process. I am very grateful for all who have given their time for us to develop our plans for the future, and to those who will continue to give of their time and talent during the ongoing process.

While we are still vetting the plan among committee members and leaders, I would like to give you a preview: Simple and Succinct. *The Buffalo Jewish Community should not desire to be what it cannot be. But it should be the best at that which it is.* In other words, we can't become a Jewish Community of 30,000 members, but we can be the best 12,000 member Jewish Community there is! Let's stop bemoaning the fact that we are a shrinking and aging community, and then just sit there feeling sorry for ourselves. What we need to do is look beyond the fact of our size and embrace Western New York's efforts at an aggressive and robust economic and demographic rebound due in large part to the infusion of the "Buffalo Billion" of New York State support and expansion of the medical campus, which is slowly increasing the numbers of young adults in the community.

We need to embrace our recent successes and seize on this sense of pride and potential in Jewish Buffalo. I think much of it began when we co-located the Jewish Federation, the BJE, the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies, Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association along with the JCC staff into the Benderson building at the JCC. Our successful initiatives over the last couple of years include the Jewish Journal of Western New York, the New Leadership development program, PJ Library, the community shalichim, our demographic study, and our allocation changes, which are encouraging new partners and collaboration. In addition, we have re-connected with national organizations, reinvigorated missions programs, contracted with Weinberg to manage Jewish Federation Apartments, increased shared resources including the back office, revitalized the Hillel board, operations, programs and supervision, and provided Mussar training for the community professionals. Due to these changes, I feel we are definitely headed in the right direction, even though we have more work ahead of us. Just because Western New York is small does not mean we have to compromise on the quality of Jewish life here.

Some of the key priorities for us to focus on are human capital, philanthropy, building trusting relationships, collaboration and efficiency, and funding priorities. We need to develop human capital so that we will have a continuous pipeline of high quality volunteer and professional leaders. Our emphasis needs to be on new leadership, board training and professional development. In order to diversify funding streams and increase the financial resources available to positively impact the community, we need to identify and implement new ways to raise funds including increasing our endowments. We as Federation are in a unique position to convene and facilitate multi-organizational and community-wide conversations. We are committed to building trusted and valued relationships with synagogues, organizations, agencies and donors. We will try to help multiple parties maximize the efficiency of human and financial resources. Therefore, we should be able to facilitate, encourage, and identify opportunities for the community's partners to work more closely together to increase impact. Finally, taking into account the findings of our study, we will work to identify, prioritize, and address needs in a manner consistent with

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Shuman Campgrounds to be Dedicated at JCC Annual Meeting June 15 | by Rick Zakalik



The late Irv and Marilyn Shuman

community-building which Irv and his family have chosen to share. A dedication of this magnitude serves as a wonderful example for children who will one day have the responsibility to continue our legacy.

The business of community continues with the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo. A sense of

The Torah instructs us to teach our children many things. For Jews, learning is a compulsory mitzvah that is expected of all parents. We are instructed to teach our children to swim, to be part of the Jewish people and to be leaders as lamps unto the nations. An opportunity to perform these mitzvot will be offered on June 15th at the Benderson Family Building of the JCC beginning at 2:00 pm.

At an afternoon program celebrating Father's Day, kids will be invited to share the day with their fathers (mothers are equally welcome) and their community. In addition, families will be able to enjoy a day of fun activities including our bounce house, Gaga (Israeli Dodge Ball), and much more.

The day will continue with the dedication of the Irving M. Shuman Campgrounds which will be the new home of Camp Centerland. Trails will be open and tours will be offered. Our community will learn about the gift of Jewish engagement and

history and process can be gleaned at this brief meeting. A new Board will be elected and presentations will be made to the Ralph Kushner Volunteer Award winner as well as JCC employees who have reached a milestone anniversary of employment. Refreshments will be served.



Gretchen Gross, JCC President



Friends at Camp Centerland

JJWNY Wins National Award

The *Jewish Journal of WNY* has received a prestigious Simon Rockower Award from the

American Jewish Press Association in its first year of publication. The cover photo for the June 2013 Issue taken by Linda Gellman and Bill Myers/ CLICK about the theme of caring for aging parents, entitled "What do we do now?," won a second place award in the photography category.

The Simon Rockower Award, sometimes referred to as the "Jewish Pulitzer," is an award given for "Excellence in Jewish Journalism." The award is sponsored by the American Jewish Press Association (AJPA), a professional organization of Jewish newspapers, magazines, journalists and affiliated organizations in the United States. Judges for the awards are generally journalists from mainstream publications and occasionally a former editor of a Jewish publication. The Rockower Awards were inaugurated in the early 1980s to provide incentive to Jewish media to improve their publications and to promote quality Jewish journalism.

"I am so proud of Linda Gellman and her work," said Ellen Goldstein, Editor of the *JJWNY*. "I am also proud of all the stories we have been able to tell and of all the

writers and artists who contribute to the *Journal*. And I am pleased that the AJPA saw fit to recognize our publication during its first year," she said. Thanks and kudos go to designer Brittany Carleton, Account Executive Cynthia Oppenheimer, Advertising

VP Barbara Macks, Production VP Jen Tudor and Creative Director Chastity O'Shei, all of *Buffalo Spree, Spree* President Larry Levite and Federation President David Desmon and Federation Executive Director/CEO Mike Wise.



The prize winning photograph

Jill R. Komm | APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BJE



Charlotte Gendler, President of the Bureau of Jewish Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Jill R. Komm as Executive Director of the BJE and Principal of the High School of Jewish Studies effective June 1, 2014.

Jill, a lifelong resident of Western New York, has been a staff member of the Bureau since 2008 when she was hired as Director of Yad B'Yad and Director of Community Programs at the Bureau. She was then promoted to Assistant Director of the BJE in 2011. A graduate of Binghamton University in 2005, Jill

later received a Master's degree in School Psychology from James Madison University and a second Master's in School Psychology from the University at Buffalo.

Jill's involvement in the Jewish Community began at a very early age at Camp Lakeland, first as a camper and then staff. She was a loyal participant in JCC programs throughout her childhood and became the President of BBYO in her teens at the JCC. As a young adult, Jill was the Coordinator of the Teen Tzedakah Fund for the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies for 2 years and also supervised summer trips for BBYO to Israel, Italy and Costa Rica. Most recently, Jill was a Madricha on an Israel Outdoors Taglit Birthright trip to Israel.

"Jill's work at the BJE has been exemplary," said Gendler. "Her strong educational background, professional experience in formal and informal Jewish education and her plethora of outside experiences makes her the perfect choice of our Search Committee, chaired by Steve Yonaty, former BJE President. We are so proud of Jill and her accomplishments since she was hired by the Bureau six years ago. She has developed a vision to continue the work of the BJE in this time of change in our community!"

Jill is the daughter of Stephen and Karen Ginsburg and is married to Michael J. Komm. Jill is extremely proud to accept the position as Executive Director. For more information about the BJE and its programs, please visit our website at www.bjebuffalo.org.

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CORRECTION:

On the cover of the May Issue of the *JJWNY*, we ran the Hamsa illustration by Buffalo artist Catherine Shuman Miller. We incorrectly ran her email address. The correct address is cshumanmiller@gmail.com.

29th Annual Buffalo International Jewish Film Festival TO RUN JUNE 8-15 AT JCC THEATRE IN GETZVILLE, NY



The 29th annual Buffalo International Jewish Film Festival – the third longest running festival of its kind in North America – will present 14 award winning and critically acclaimed films from around the world. It will run June 8-15 at the JCC Seller Theatre in Getzville.

This year's film selections include the two most highly awarded Israeli films from 2012, an Academy Award nominee, plus other highly acclaimed films from

France, Germany, Holland, the U.K., Macedonia, the U.S., and Israel.

Additionally, the Festival will present the premiere of a documentary produced and filmed by Buffalo-area media enthusiasts, Rich Kellman and Marty Kerker. A gala celebration, with catering by the Tel Aviv Café and an outstanding accompanying film will take place Sunday, June 8, from 6-10 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center at 2640 North Forest Road in Getzville, NY.

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I have been asked many times how I manage to balance between a Reform and Reconstructionist liturgy in the relatively newly formed Congregation Shir Shalom. A brief bit of history: Congregation Shir Shalom came into being on July 1, 2012 when Reform affiliated Temple Beth Am, and Temple Sinai – one of the oldest Reconstructionist congregations in the United States – blended together. As for me, a Conservative Jew, I was fortunate to have been ordained by an interdenominational seminary that trained us in all forms of the liturgy.

In the Spring of 2007, in training at the Academy of Jewish Religion in Los Angeles, I was required to locate, on my own, a High Holiday pulpit. I had 15 years of experience as the cantorial soloist at my Conservative home congregation in Houston Texas, Congregation Brith Shalom. Even with that experience as a bolster, the prospect of going it alone was

by all standards, very intimidating. On a phone call to my brother-in-law, Bill Colbert, I asked, somewhat jokingly, if he knew of a congregation that needed a cantor for the High Holidays. Although he'd only been in Buffalo and a member of Temple Sinai for four months, he said that they might. A few long distance calls and a CD sent by snail mail to Rabbi Jerry Seidler resulted in a pulpit for the 2007 and 2008 High Holidays.

The tragedy surrounding Flight 3407 brought the shining career of Cantor Susan Wehle to a heartbreaking end in February 2009. As Temple Beth Am struggled to come to grips with its loss, it was suggested to me that, just perhaps, I could step into the position and play a part in bringing healing to Temple Beth Am's grieving heart. With members of Temple Sinai assisting in the *shidekh*, I became Beth Am's cantor after the High Holy Days that Fall.

Fast forward four years and several months – now Temple Sinai and Temple Beth Am are together as a new and flourishing family – Congregation Shir Shalom. I wrote at the beginning of this article that my Seminary training was interdenominational. That means my liturgical textbook was the Orthodox ArtScroll, both my dean and my mentor were Conservative, my tutor was a Reform woman cantor, and the rabbinic staff who made up the teaching faculty came from a broad range of Judaic training, including Reconstructionist and Renewal. Over my four years in Seminary I was required to design services and daven (lead prayer) in all the different branches. How could I feel anything but prepared when I found myself at the center of the leadership of this newly formed congregation?

The melodies we sing during Temple services are a very personal matter. I knew this already as I attempted to transfer my beloved melodies from Houston to Williamsville early on. Sometimes what was beloved to me, like the "L'dor Vador" by Hazzan Meir Finkelstein, caught the heartstrings of my congregation immediately. Others fizzled like a dud firework, even though they were heavy hits in the South: a Shehecheyanu that was "my song" in Houston just didn't work here. So, between congregational favorites, personal favorites and wanting to progress beyond what we know, it is a constant balancing act. Understandably, cantors everywhere find it difficult to challenge the musical ear of a congregation that has been singing together for generations. Musically and liturgically at Congregation Shir Shalom, Rabbi Alex Lazarus Klein and I, and Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum before him, have worked together with involved congregants to find a joyful balance of familiarity and innovation in our services. Happily for me, because I worked with Temple Sinai before I took on my role at TBA, the transition was less challenging than it otherwise may have been. Part of the balance we have achieved is to alternate our Erev Shabbat Services, using the Reform Siddur *Mishkan Tefillah* one week and the *Ma'amad Sinai* – Temple Sinai's personal Shabbat Siddur the next. The structure of the Erev Shabbat liturgy doesn't change; neither do the melodies. Although the Hebrew varies in a few instances, the difference is mainly in the English interpretations of prayers. It is our hope that our congregants – whether leaning Reconstructionist or Reform – are able to find comfort, warmth and spiritual companionship anytime they enter our sanctuary doors.

WNY Jewish Community Invited To Walk the Walk in July

What started as one temple's effort to raise a few thousand dollars has become one of the most important fundraisers of the year for the Food Bank of WNY. This year Congregation Shir Shalom will once again co-host Walk Off Hunger. The event was started by the former Temple Beth Am in 2008. It was created by temple and Food Bank board member Gary Bluestein and fellow temple board member Todd Sugarman.

Expectations were low, but in the six years since then the walk has raised more than \$300,000. "We can't thank our friends at the temple and the WNY Jewish community enough for their support of this event", says Marylou Borowiak, Food Bank President and CEO. "Walk Off Hunger has provided more than a million and a half meals for Western New Yorkers in need." And that need continues to grow. Every month the Food Bank helps nearly 100,000 people in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara Counties.

The first Walk Off Hunger was led by the late Cantor Susan Wehle, who inspired the walkers with her words of "Tikkun Olam." The walk has become a community-wide event, and two years ago Calvary Episcopal Church joined the temple as a co-host. This year's Walk Off Hunger will be held at Island Park in Williamsville on Saturday, July 26th at 11:00 am. To register or for more information, visit www.foodbankwny.org.



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Ida Maza and the Survival/ Revival of Yiddish | By Dr. Irving Massey

Ida Maza: Life and Works

1905 was a turbulent year in Russia. War, revolution and- of course- pogroms. The Zhukovsky family lived in the hamlet of Oogli, not far from the town of Kopyl, south of Minsk in Belarus. Kopyl is known in Yiddish as Kapule, and is famous as the home of the father of Yiddish fiction, Mendele Mocher Sefarim ("Mendele the Book Peddler," born Shalom Abramovitz). The Zhukovskys were related to Mendele, and were regular visitors at his home. His works and related materials, by the way, have been scrupulously archived in the local public library in Kopyl.

Simon Zhukovsky owned, or more probably, leased, a village inn (a "kretschme") and some forest land in Oogli; the true possessor was probably an absentee Polish landlord. The inn is said to have burned down at some point after the Zhukovskys left. The village itself was located not far from the estates of Tchaikovsky's sponsor, Nadejda von Meck.

The Zhukovsky family decided that it was in their best interests to move; one or two relatives had already relocated to America. They sold their possessions for a pittance, and set out for the New World.

Ida (Khaya) Zhukovsky, one of a half-dozen children, was twelve years old when the family left Russia. They spent one year in New York, where Ida had her single year of formal education (5th grade, I believe) before leaving the U.S. to join relatives in Montreal. There Ida was to meet her future husband, Alexander Massey (Maza).

Her first son, Bernard, died after a very brief and undiagnosed illness, at the age of ten. In an effort to cope with this catastrophe, Ida began to write poetry. Her first book, *A Mameh (A Mother)*, was published in 1931. It consisted largely of poems about her loss.

*Green the tree above your bed
The branches softly swinging,
This is no tune you're hearing now
These are not words I'm singing.*

Ida Maza went on to become a major force in the life of Jewish Montreal (a community of some 120,000 people). She published four volumes of poetry during her lifetime; her autobiographical novel, *Denah*, appeared after her death. One volume of poetry, *Lieder far Kinder (Poems for Children)* was printed in Warsaw in 1938; it was intended for use in the Jewish schools in Poland at the time. Apart from the irony of its having been published in Warsaw just before the War, there is another, more important irony, which I will explain later.



Dr. Irving Massey inside his Buffalo home with a painting of his mother, Ida Maza, created by well-known Canadian painter Rita Briansky.

Besides her activity as a publishing author, there were a great many other services that Ida Maza provided for her community. In her very small apartment, she ran what can only be described as a salon for both resident and traveling Jewish poets, artists, and musicians, as well as what might be called a free social service agency for immigrants and virtually anyone else who needed help, cultural, psychological, domestic or financial. She also prided herself on her friendships outside the Jewish community with several important Gentile Canadian cultural figures. Her correspondence with people of note throughout the world was enormous. I do not exaggerate when I say that she wrote ten letters a day.

It is perhaps because of this generosity and effort on behalf of so many people, in addition to the value of her own writings, that interest in her life and work continues to this day. (She died in 1962). No more than a few months ever go by without my receiving a request for permission to

set some of her poems to music, or for biographical information to be used in an encyclopedia entry or a scholarly article. A portrait of her by the major Canadian painter Sam Borenstein was included in the retrospective of that artist at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in 2005.

Since she herself identified strongly with the destiny of the Yiddish culture of which she was a part, it would perhaps be appropriate at this point to say something about that culture as such.

II The Yiddish Language

Of her beloved and deeply religious father she said:

*My poems and your prayer book
Must share the selfsame fate.*

But not quite, after all: the siddur is in Hebrew, and Ida Maza's poems are in Yiddish. Yet, at the time when she wrote those lines, in the pre-war years, Maza could not have known that Hebrew would not only be fully revived, but would become a complete living language, whereas Yiddish would undergo a precipitous decline.

It is easy to dismiss Yiddish as an anachronism. Identified with the Diaspora, and therefore with Jewish victimhood, then virtually wiped out by Hitler, who needs it now?

First, it should be acknowledged that

the Jews of the Diaspora were not (and are not) merely victims: they were (and are) also an enormously vital and creative force, wherever they were and are. It makes no sense to brush aside the common language in which they functioned for centuries. To turn one's back on a Jewish language with an uneven, yet thousand year-old history can only be a self-inflicted injury, impoverishing that past which buttresses our present. Are we to be ashamed of, or dismiss our own past because we didn't all speak Hebrew? Yiddish and Ladino, and the various other local Jewish languages, such as Alsatian Yiddish, carried all the force as well as the suffering of these many years; they were the language of our agony, but also of the determination that made possible our survival.

The Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts is a thriving enterprise. There are now Yiddish programs at many universities throughout the world. They express not merely nostalgia, but the realization that millennia of our history cannot be swept aside just because they did not take place in Israel. Although Israel is essential for our survival, Judaism is not an Israeli phenomenon alone. Jewish dispersal, although largely a result of persecution, provided opportunities and advantages as well, notably the advantage of a broad, non-parochial perspective. It should be remembered that Yiddish was an international language, with the scope, vitality and inclusive world-view associated with an international language.

When Prince Kropotkin traveled to England in the 1890s to promote his anarchist ideas, he studied Yiddish in order to be able to communicate with the labor leaders and prominent social thinkers whom he met there. In the 1920s, young people could still plan full careers as Yiddish professionals. Even for Franz Kafka, although he wrote in German, Yiddish was a significant, active language.

And Yiddish is too important, and has too much meaning for all Jews, secular and religious alike, for its fate to be left entirely in the hands of the Orthodox, though for them, it is still a major vehicle of communication. It must also be considered that there are still those who believe that Judaism is not to be wholly and exclusively identified with a state, despite the fact that that state- Israel- is, as I have said before, crucial for our own survival.

III A Polish Revival

For all of those reasons, it is with special pleasure that I turn to the last topic of this essay: the revival of Yiddish in an unexpected place and in a most unexpected way. Two years ago I received in the mail a magnificent coffee-table sized book (12" x 12"), solidly bound in yellow boards. On the cover were the words "A Majse," in striking bold, abstract typography. It took me a moment to realize that the letters represented the Yiddish words for "A Story."

Some time earlier, I had been asked for permission to have a Polish translation of one of my mother's poems published. I had agreed readily, but then had forgotten all about the request. Here was the result: a splendid volume, illustrated in the famous Polish poster style, of children's poems (including my mother's) in a bilingual Yiddish-Polish edition, for distribution, free, to Jewish children in Polish schools. (Despite endemic anti-Semitism in Poland, there are Jewish schools there, which are often attended by Gentile children as well.) If there were ever a vote of confidence in the persistence, value and importance of the Yiddish language, this was it.

The moving figure in this heroic undertaking, which has already produced three (by now possibly four) volumes, with many of my mother's poems included, is Anna Makowka-Kwapisiewicz, of Krakow. The American sponsor for the project is the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which is funded in part by United Jewish Fund Campaign monies from Buffalo.

I mentioned above that it was a sad irony that a book of my mother's poems for Jewish school children in Poland should have been published on the very eve of Hitler's apocalyptic assault on Yiddish culture in Eastern Europe. It is a new and different irony that, in the very place on which the Nazis concentrated their murderous energies, my mother's poems should once again be read by Jewish school children, and in the powerful, dramatic, imaginative format of these wonderful books.

Dr. Irving Massey, son of poet Ida Maza, is a Professor of English and Comparative Literature (Emeritus) at the State University of New York at Buffalo and Visiting Fellow, Cambridge University. He has requested that the story appear to commemorate her yahrtzeit. She died on June 12, 1962.

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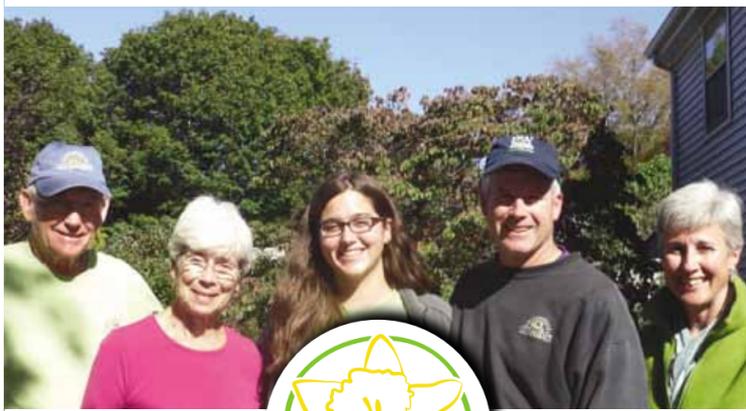
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Holidays & Food Community

Blintzes for Shavuot

By Robin Kurss

One of my mother's favorite stories is about the time, as a newlywed, she attempted to make blintzes for my dad. Armed with her mother's recipe (see below) she made the blintz batter and tried the first crepe. It stuck so badly to the pan, she gave up, and threw the pan and the blintz away. She didn't know that you could soak a pan clean! These are so easy now, with the advent of the non-stick pan! My grandmother used to fill these same crepes with mashed potatoes and onions instead of cheese for a change; they were my favorite! Enjoy.

Easy and Delicious Cheese Blintzes

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| Blintzes: | Filling: |
| 4 large eggs, beaten | 1 lb farmers cheese |
| ½ c water | 1 Tbsp butter, melted |
| ½ c whole milk | 1 egg yolk |
| 1 tsp sugar | 2 tsp vanilla |
| Pinch salt | 6 Tbsp sugar |
| 1 c flour | |



Blend all together with a whisk or in a blender. Let rest ½ hour.

Heat a small non stick skillet and spray with non stick spray.

Add about ¼ c of batter, swirl pan to coat and cook blintz on both sides, about 20 seconds on first, about 10 seconds on other. First side should be a tiny bit brown, second side not at all.

Turn blintz onto a plate and repeat, you should have about 2 dozen crepes.

Filling:

Mix all together.
Place 1 blintz on counter, lighter side up. Place 2 Tbsp filling on top 1/3, leaving ½ inch border on top. Fold 2 sides in and roll up.

Sauté blintzes in butter until both sides are golden brown. Serve with sour cream and berries.

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- 2 Attend the Jewish International Film Festival Gala Sunday, June 8 at 6pm at the JCC/ Benderson Building.** Dinner at 6pm. Film at 8 pm. \$36 Fee. Expand your horizons and broaden your world view by watching international movies at the Jewish International Film June 8- 15 at the JCC Sella Theatre in Getzville. Go to www.jijff.com
- 3 Ride or donate to the Tour de Cure or the Ride for Roswell in June.** The Tour de Cure in Buffalo is June 7th and starts at Niagara Community College. Go to http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?fr_id=8603&pg=entry for more information. The Ride for Roswell Peleton Ride and Opening Ceremony is June 27 and the Ride Day is June 28 at UB/ North Campus. Go to <http://www.rideforroswell.org> to find out more.
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Lazarus-Kleins Engage in Family Mitzvah by Riding for Roswell June 28

By Ashirah Lazarus- Klein

The whole Lazarus-Klein family is participating in the Ride for Roswell this June! We are riding in memory of my dad, Bob Klein, who lost his battle with cancer almost 12 years ago. Please help support me, Alex (Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein), and the kids to raise money for cancer research and treatment so others do not know of the pain and



loss that our family feels with the loss of my dad. Our team name is "A New Light/Or Chadash" which is the name of the prayer my dad wanted to hear during his final weeks.

Boaz (4) and Jarah (6) getting ready to ride in the 19th Annual Ride for Roswell June 28th in memory of their grandfather.

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A history of Temple Beth El in Niagara Falls

By Leila Kahn



Bob Deull, devoted President of Temple Beth El in Niagara Falls, New York, and train buff, likes to call us "The Little Temple That Could." Begun in July 1864 when six men purchased a cemetery lot for Daniel Cohen, veteran of the Civil War, Temple Beth El in Niagara Falls, New York, has maintained its presence here ever since. By 1883, the congregation had mushroomed into a room over the old Silberberg clothing store on Main Street and Ontario Avenue in the Falls. An ark and some Torah scrolls were purchased with the help of women who had already formed a Sisterhood group. Services were Orthodox in the beginning, but as early as 1887, the congregation adopted Reform services. In 1904, moving to form a more permanent presence in the community, nine

trustees were elected, Reform Judaism was established as official branch, and the name Temple Beth El was officially adopted. 21 members were listed at the first incorporation meeting at which dues were fixed at \$6.

It's true that a building doesn't make a synagogue, but the foresight of our ancestors in the design and utility of this one has certainly increased its longevity. Small in total size but rich in beauty, I never fail to be spellbound and meditative when I enter. Simon Larke, a popular local architect in the early 1900s, was its designer. Visitors seeing its simple exterior are surprised by the majesty of the dome, choir loft, stained glass windows and balcony. The cornerstone was installed in 1914 and services in this amazing "new" sanctuary were begun by at least 1918. World War I was already claiming our young members, as have succeeding wars.

From its inception, there have been Angels both on high and on the ground helping us stay relevant. Hebrew Union College has been a partner since 1905, sending both full-time students and student rabbis, many with distinguished careers. Rabbis Abba Hillel Silver, Joseph Marcus, and Joseph L. Fink are but a few. In recent years, Rabbi Martin Goldberg continued his service on our pulpit after retiring from Temple Beth Zion. Rabbi Drorah Setel was our most recent full-time rabbi, and today we are served, as so often in the past, by congregant leaders. At present, Margo Bittner, para-rabbi, leads services on a part-time basis, along

with Temple members.

No congregation can exist without funds, and from the 1900s through today, generous patrons have saved us from ruin. A \$5,000 bequest by a non-Jew and former Mayor of Niagara Falls, George W. Whitehead, snatched us from the jaws of the Great Depression in the early 20th century. And last year, funds which reverted to Temple Beth El, along with Kiwanis and other organizations, were recovered from the trust of Max Oppenheim, builder of the Oppenheim Zoo.

Our Angels on the ground have been equally busy. Jack Taylor, construction magician, has literally devoted years of his life to the Temple's maintenance. Darleen, his wife and fourth generation member, spends an equal number of hours printing bulletins, catering kiddushes and contacting members. Darleen's brother, Barry Rose, Cantorial soloist, has kept our rafters ringing with music, while his wife, Barbara, accompanies him on the organ. Reva Belle Kramer has served as religious chairman and Sisterhood President for decades. Mary D'Anna creates each Kiddush in our vestry as if it were God's party. Mickey Porto, like his father, Vince, keeps the entrance clear of snow and the vestry clean.

And so Temple Beth El of Niagara Falls, New York, keeps chugging along, over hills and through valleys, like The Little Engine That Could. This year marks the 150th year of our inception, with plans for a celebration in the works. Though membership is down, spirits are high. With a building still inspiring, members engaged and with God's help, we will survive, not because we think we can, but because, as time has proven, we know we can.

Leila Kahn has been a member of Temple Beth El in Niagara Falls more than 50 years. She is a retired former Real Estate Broker/Agent with Realty USA in Lewiston and a retired teacher and substitute teacher in the Lew-Port and Niagara Wheatfield School systems. She holds a Masters of Education from SUNY Buffalo, is a graduate Buffalo State College and attended the University of Michigan. She is married to F. Warren Kahn, a retired attorney, and has three grown children and four grandchildren.



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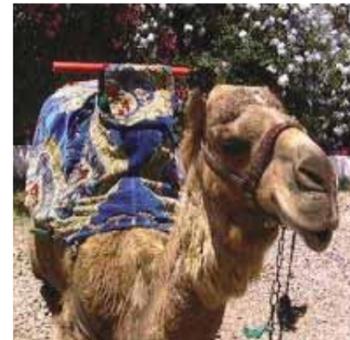


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Helen Sanders, Ruth Cohan Looking Forward to Guitar Competition

By Mary Ann Lauricella



Helen Sanders



Ruth Cohan

When classical guitarists from around the world arrive to compete and Western New Yorkers come out to enjoy JoAnn Falletta International Guitar Concerto Competition events June 4 - 7, a mainstay for both groups will be volunteer Helen Sanders. Helen has been volunteering for the Competition for 10 years and for its two presenters – the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and WNED – even longer.

Eight gifted guitarists – from the United States, Bosnia, China, Germany, Poland, Romania, Thailand and Ukraine – will compete on Wednesday, June 4 and Thursday June 5 at the WNED-WBFO studios in downtown Buffalo. Four performances featured at 7:30 p.m. each evening will be broadcast on Classical 94.5 Radio and streamed live on wned.org.

Three guitarists will move on to perform in the finals with the BPO conducted by Maestro Falletta at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 7 at Kleinhans Music Hall. They will be vying for the first prize package of \$10,000, a solo concert in Milan, Italy; a Carnegie Hall appearance, a recording contract, appearances with the BPO, the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, and the Round Top Music Festival in Texas; a concert guitar and a crystal trophy. Tickets for the semi-finals (\$12) and the finals (\$41 - \$76) are available at (716) 885-5000 and at bpo.org.

Helen Sanders, who grew up in Pennsylvania, came to Buffalo with her parents when she was a teen-ager. She is a University at Buffalo business administration graduate who worked for various area stockbrokerage firms before and after taking time off to raise her two sons. Shortly after her husband, Peter, died in 1999, Helen decided to become a community volunteer and she has been busily engaged ever since.

For the sixth biennial Falletta Competition, Helen is standing by for any assignments for which she may be needed. She is experienced at handling them all.

In the past, she has ushered at the semifinals and finals, assisted at receptions, answered phones, distributed flyers, helped with mailings, and welcomed and registered the guitarists. She also accompanied the visiting guitarists – many of whom speak little English - on sightseeing excursions. "It's great fun," she said. "I just love it."

Over the years, she became acquainted with Michael Andriaccio and Joanne Castellani, the Competition's artistic directors, as well as the Competition judges, who are internationally recognized composers and performers.

Helen credits two influences for her voluntary service. She learned the most at the knee of her Jewish mother, whom she describes as "a most generous woman" who taught her about ways of giving. "My earliest memories are of my mother reaching out to those less fortunate in the community," Helen said. "I remember her sending food, clothing and toys to families in need. When I got older, I tried to do the same thing and still do today." Signing up to help at WNED, Helen met longtime volunteer Ruth Cohan, who became a mentor. Ruth was already a legend at public broadcasting for time and support donated to WNED-TV and Classical 94.5 over 30 years. A past president of Friends of WNY Public Broadcasting, Ruth enthusiastically volunteered for the guitar competition. "Ruth is quite a person," Helen said "She always introduced herself to newcomers and readily answered their questions. I learned a lot by observing how dedicated she is. She helped me to develop and climb the ladder to where I am today." That would be an avid and loyal Buffalo arts supporter. "I can't wait for it to begin," Helen said of the Falletta Competition. "This is a classical guitar festival for our whole city."

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Yom Ha'atzmaut Highlights



Free Guitar Day Events on June 6

Guitar Day, on Friday, June 6, enables the Falletta Competition semifinalists who do not advance to the finals to present solo performances for audiences of all ages at community events that are free and open to the public.

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A hearty mazel tov to future rabbi Aaron Pieri, who has been accepted to the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion as a rabbinical student! Aaron is a lifelong member of Temple Beth Zion, and through the years he has been active in Youth Group, Religious School, worship services and many other community activities.

Aaron will graduate from the University at Buffalo this spring with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. With no time to rest on his laurels, Aaron will begin his studies at the HUC-JIR in Jerusalem in early July. He is looking forward to returning to Israel and using his time there to soak up the culture while studying what he loves. Aaron is grateful for the support he has received from TBZ clergy, past and present, and for the support of his family, friends and community. We wish Aaron well as he embarks on what promises to be an incredible journey. (Aaron's photo courtesy of Short Street Photography)

Attn: Jewish Motorcyclists



The Safe Haven Museum and Education Center in Oswego, NY has announced that the Jewish Motorcyclist Alliance (JMA) will participate in the 70th reunion of the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter which is taking place from Thursday, June 19th through Sunday, June 22nd. The Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance consists of 44 clubs worldwide and has over 8,000 members. Each year a site is chosen for the annual "Ride to Remember" to memorialize the victims of the Holocaust and to raise money for organizations that support and promote Holocaust education and awareness.

This museum is not only unique to Oswego, but unique to the nation. Safe Haven Museum tells the stories of 982 refugees who were allowed into the country as "guests" of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to escape the Holocaust. The refugees were housed at the Fort Ontario Emergency Shelter in Oswego, NY, from 1944-1946. Safe Haven tells a very unique story as this shelter was the only one of its kind in the United States," said Judy Coe-Rapaport, president of the museum's board of directors.

This will be the 10th annual "Ride to Remember" event for the JMA. "We want the story told and how nice to celebrate 70 years with survivors and their families who were lucky enough to come to Oswego," said Betsy Ahrens, president of the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance.

The "Ride to Remember" will take place Friday, June 20th, beginning at Bayshore Grove and will conclude with a presentation at the Safe Haven Museum. Additional events are planned throughout the weekend.

For further information, visit www.safehavenmuseum.com or contact the Oswego County Tourism Office at (315) 349-8624. For information on the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance visit www.jewishbikersworldwide.com.



Where in JBFLO ?

Where is this found in WNY? The first 5 people to correctly identify the location will win a \$10 lunch to the JCC's Tel Aviv Cafe. E-mail your answers to egoldstein@jfedbfo.com.

Last Month's Photo

Last month's photo was part of the Holocaust Memorial on the front of the building at Temple Beth Tzedek. It originally was at Temple Beth El on Eggert Road. This month's winners are Joe Zackheim, Judith Davis, Linda Boxer, Michele Davis, Jan Presser and Patricia Bossert.

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Dr. Norman and Hannah Weinberg PRESENTED WITH PRESTIGIOUS JNF GUARDIAN OF ISRAEL AWARD

Dr. Norman and Hannah Weinberg have been given the prestigious JNF Guardian of Israel Award by the Jewish National Fund for recognition of their meritorious work in Poland to restore Jewish Cemeteries.

Upon sale in 2001 of their R&D organization, *The Electrosynthesis Company Inc.*, located in Lancaster, NY, Norman and Hannah Weinberg left their successful scientific careers behind and devoted themselves to a totally new venture-their "mitzvah project", restoring the abandoned and desecrated Jewish cemeteries of Poland.

With the help and support of hundreds of volunteers and donors worldwide, they soon after launched, *Poland Jewish Cemeteries Restoration Project (PJCRP)* in memory of the millions of victims of the Shoah. The PJCRP Board of Directors and advisors included Harold Halpern, Peter Fleischmann, Hyman Polakoff, Joseph Rait (deceased) and Rabbi Michael Schudrich-now Chief Rabbi of Poland.

Over the intervening years, Norman as PJCRP Executive Coordinator and Hannah as CFO and US Projects Coordinator have managed to participate in successfully restoring more than 30 cemeteries with more than 40 more in various stages. They have been recipients of many awards from both Jewish and non-Jewish organizations including the Community Leadership Award in 2012 from the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies. In 2008 they were awarded high level medals by the Polish Government, the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, in recognition of their cemetery work, fostering reconciliation between Poles and Jews and for promoting Holocaust education in Polish schools. In Buffalo, they received the 2007: "Citizen of the Year Award-Civic Leader", presented by *Am-Pol Eagle*, representing the Polish community of Western New York. In 2002, they were awarded the "Pursuit of Justice Award", presented by the Buffalo Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.



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Anti-Semitism in the 21st Century | by Judith Whitehead



Being born in the 1950's just 10 years after the end of WWII, our world still remembered what happened in Europe and specifically Germany all too well. The wave of anti-Semitism was still fresh in everyone's mind and most Jews in this country were mindful of not making their heritage stand out. I remember when starting public school, I did not speak of my ethnic

background, wear any jewelry announcing what my faith was and tried to blend in. Even though the war was fought in Europe, there was plenty of anti-Semitism in the United States and across the world. I remember well our anti-Semitic neighbors when I was a small child and how scared I felt. It has been over 60 years since the War in Europe ended, where my dad fought with many of my friends' parents and we all learned that history could repeat itself if we did not keep the past in the present. I married within my faith, raised my children as such and made sure they knew about the past and what happened to our people, and how they almost became extinct. They were raised to become proud of their faith and did not grow up feeling the same fear I did as a child. I am horrified about what I am now hearing in Ukraine and how once again the Jews are being singled out and counted just as they were in Nazi Germany so many years ago. How can history be repeating itself again? Why is it that in hard times we single out a race to be the scapegoat?

Anti-Semitism has never left our world; it only waits for an opportunity to rear its ugly head when an opportunity presents itself. There will always be followers and there will always be leaders; have we become any smarter, any more educated as to what the right thing to do is?

When I hear things like "you must sign up to identify yourselves", as they are trying to do in Ukraine, I get a sick feeling once again as I did so many years ago. The survivors from the Holocaust in Germany and Europe are disappearing and aging out and although they have tried to document their stories to be preserved for all time, there are still many disbelievers of the event despite the evidence that remains in Europe. I can only hope and pray that people have become more intelligent and humanistic over the years and come to realize that we are all God's children; we are a melting pot of humans that can coexist with some effort. We all have gifts to offer, we all have a right to live on this earth – The Jews have a saying, "he who saves a life, saves the world." We live by that mantra – it is the very thought that kept people alive in the concentration camps; the will to live and survive.

Despite all the hatred that still exists among us today, I still try and believe there is some good in everyone. No one person is born with hate; hatred is taught and nurtured by those that only have hate in their hearts. We as a human race have come a long way from the antiquated thinking of decades behind us; we are now more accepting of same sex marriages and freedom of expression that could not have taken place in the 1950's. We still have a long way to go in accepting people's beliefs; I am hoping that in my lifetime we can show no tolerance for persecution of people's beliefs and become more accepting of people's differences. How boring life would be if we all believed in the same thing and could not exchange different ideas. I pray for peace and acceptance in our next decade of life on earth.

Judith Whitehead has been working in the field of Ophthalmology as a certified Technician for over 35 years. She holds an AAS degree in Medical Assisting and a B.A from SUNY at Buffalo in Gerontology, and has published articles in professional publications in Ophthalmology as well as The Buffalo News, The Amherst Bee and others. She lectures and mentors in her field.

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Hillel of Buffalo students attending joint service hosted by Congregation Beth Abraham



Ben Balderman delivering the Dvar Torah at CBA joint service with Hillel of Buffalo.



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See you in the fall, Hillel students!

Divorce Workshop To Be Held At Congregation Shir Shalom | By Peter Simon



Darci Cramer-Benjamin

A three-session workshop designed to help families with children deal with the stress and difficulties of divorce will be held this summer at Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive, Amherst. The workshops, led by Dr. Darci Cramer-Benjamin, a licensed marriage and family therapist, will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. June 24th, July 8th and July 22nd, and are open to the public free of charge. Refreshments will be served. The sessions are tailored to help divorcing parents deal with the complexities they are facing, and offer guidance on where to seek help, Dr. Cramer-Benjamin said.

"Self-care" for divorcing parents will be a theme of the June 24th session, while the July 8th workshop will focus on the impact of divorce on children from infancy through adolescence. The July 22nd session will center on crafting co-parenting relationships that best serve the needs of children. The program was initiated by Joanne M. Rekoon, the Temple Administrator at Congregation Shir Shalom. "I realized this past year when divorce touched my life and the lives of my children, there was little assistance offered in the Jewish community," Ms. Rekoon said. "With that in mind, I reached out to one of our congregants (Dr. Cramer-Benjamin), who specializes in marriage and family therapy, in order for us as a congregation to offer support to our community and the Jewish community at large. I am aware that divorce is so prevalent today, and I wanted our congregation to provide this very important resource."

The Boy With Two Bar Mitzvahs | By Peter Simon



Jacob Zappia

Illness prevented Martin Haubenstock from traveling to the recent Bar Mitzvah of his grandson, Jacob Zappia, so the Bar Mitzvah came to him. The weekend before Jacob's April 26th ceremony at Congregation Shir Shalom in Amherst, he and his mother, Betsy Zappia, flew to Wychoff, N.J., where Haubenstock, Mrs. Zappia's father, is hospitalized with a chronic blood disorder.

Mrs. Zappia wanted Jacob, a seventh-grader at Williamsville's Transit Middle School, to recite his Haftorah portion and allow her father, who is 85, to have an aliyah. But Rabbi Elyse Frishman of nearby Barnert Temple had a grander vision. She brought a 300-year-old Torah to Haubenstock's hospital room, offered traditional prayers, spoke to Jacob about his responsibilities as a Bat Mitzvah and observed the custom of having Mrs. Zappia pass the Torah on to her son. "We thought she was going to be a guide for Jacob, but she really turned it into a service," Mrs. Zappia said.

Rabbi Frishman, editor of the Reform movement's new prayer book, also made the occasion touching for Barbara Haubenstock, Mrs. Zappia's mother, and Seth, Mrs. Zappia's brother. They live in New Jersey, are members of Barnert Temple, and were able to be with Haubenstock while he was honored with an aliyah at his grandson's Bar Mitzvah. "He was extremely moved and very emotional," Mrs. Zappia said. "We were all very emotional. I just wanted my father to have that aliyah."

Mrs. Zappia is also deeply grateful to family and friends who urged her to go to New Jersey and to Rabbi Frishman for conducting a beautiful service. "I'll never forget it," she said. "It was moving. It was monumental to me." Jacob celebrated his regularly scheduled Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Shir Shalom on April 26th, giving him an unusual distinction. "He's the boy who had two Bar Mitzvahs," Mrs. Zappia said.

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On Monday, April 21, a Joint Passover Service with Temple Beth Zion and Congregation Shir Shalom was held. After the Service, Rabbis Gary Pokras, Adam Scheldt and Alex Lazarus-Klein held a friendly Matzah Brei Cookoff in Temple Beth Zion's Rabbi Fink Auditorium. The declared winners were the attendees who enjoyed a delicious breakfast!



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Temple Beth Zion Teacher Shabbat

Friday, June 6 | 6 p.m. Service

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Temple Beth Zion will hold a special Shabbat service to honor public and private school teachers and recognize them for the wonderful work that they do. We hope to see you, your family and your favorite teachers at this special service.

B'nai Shalom Welcomes Lior Melnick to Buffalo



Chazzan Lior Melnick

Congregation B'nai Shalom is pleased to announce that Lior Melnick will join Robert Weinrib in leading High Holiday services at the synagogue. Lior comes to B'nai Shalom from New York City where he works at a Construction Management firm administering the New York Rising Hurricane Sandy reconstruction project. He recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, where he majored in Architecture and participated in the Jewish *a cappella* group, The Shabbatones, singing bass and beatboxing, as well as serving as one of the group's core student leaders. Prior to moving to New York, Lior completed a circuit of Southeast Asia and worked for two months in Turkey on an archaeological excavation. Lior is passionate about singing and his hometown St. Louis Cardinals and looks forward to spending Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in Buffalo.

Lior visited B'nai Shalom over the weekend of April 25th-26th to meet synagogue members and acquaint himself with the congregation's style of worship. To welcome him, a festive Friday evening Shabbat dinner was held at the synagogue followed by Kabbalat Shabbat services. Lior led the congregation in prayer during Saturday morning services which were followed by a Kiddush luncheon sponsored by Shira and Rob Goldberg in memory of Rob's mother, Judy Goldberg. Saturday evening, synagogue members came together for Havdalah and a dessert reception, hosted by Norman and Marcia Weiss at their home. Before returning to New York City on Sunday, Lior enjoyed touring Niagara Falls and viewing many of the architectural treasures in the City of Buffalo. For information about the congregation, please contact the office at 716.689.8203 or email office@bnaishalombuffalo.org.

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2:00^{pm}
Join us for a special dedication of our **NEW Irving M. Shuman Campgrounds**

2:30^{pm}
The JCC Annual meeting will take place under the tent





Synagogues

Temple Beth Tzedek Outstretched Arm



Temple Beth Tzedek Keshet -Outstretched Arm - hosted a Passover program that took place on Sunday, April 6 at Temple Beth Tzedek. Rabbi Netter, Cantor Spindler, and Geshet students led a model seder for approximately two dozen guests and their caregivers. Guests were provided with their own boxes of matzah thanks to a generous grant provided by the Albert Silverberg Memorial Fund. It was a ruach-filled event that provided inspiration for all who attended to get into the spirit of Passover a week early!



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Candle Lighter Narratives

Sam Dudek



Sam Dudek lit a candle in memory of all his relatives murdered during the Holocaust.

Before World War II, Lodz was Poland's second largest city, with a population that was about one third Jewish. The Nazis occupied Lodz in 1939, and in 1940 forced all the Jews into a Ghetto. This was the largest Ghetto other than Warsaw. In 1942 deportations to death camps began; first to the gas vans of Chelmno, later to the gas chambers of Auschwitz. By the time the city was liberated in January 1945, less than 900 Jews, out of an original 170,000, had survived. Of these survivors, only a handful were children.

This was the world into which Sam Dudek was born. He was born in the Lodz Ghetto on March 14, 1942. It is not clear how he and his mother, Mania, survived, as his mother never talked about those years. They possibly survived by hiding in an underground bunker. Other than a sister, Chana, and a brother, Salek, who escaped to Russia, most of Mania's family was killed, including her parents. Sam's earliest memories are from soon after the war when he found himself with his mother in a displaced person's camp at Bergen-Belsen. There his mother, Mania, married another survivor from Poland, Felix Dudek, who would raise Sam. Felix's first wife Bela, together with his 14 year old son Mendel, and his 10 year old daughter, Chaya, had all been murdered at Auschwitz.

Sam, Mania and Felix lived in Germany for a time. It wasn't until he was about 12 years old that Sam found out that Felix was not his biological father. His biological father, whom his mother had married in 1939, had been killed at Auschwitz.

In May 1951, the family emigrated to the United States, arriving by ship in New Orleans. They lived first in Savannah, then in Philadelphia, and later in Camden and Allentown, before settling in Buffalo when Sam was 14. In 1962, he graduated from

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Kenmore East High School. After a stint in the army, Sam returned to Buffalo working in paint manufacturing and later in retail carpet sales. He became a lover of sports cars, owning many during his lifetime. He also enjoyed photography as a hobby.

In 1968 he married Marilyn Trippi; they had two children, David and Carolyn, and Sam now has three grandchildren, Max, Jack and Benjamin. Marilyn passed away in 2001, Sam's mother died a year earlier. Sam still has a younger brother, Milton, born in Germany after the war, and a sister, Paula, who was born in the United States.

Henry Goldman



Henry Goldman, a survivor, lit a candle in memory of family members killed during the Holocaust.

Heinz Goldmann, now known as Henry Goldman was born in 1929 in Bremershaven, Germany. His parents Hermann and Thea Goldmann, witnessed the devastation of Kristallnacht in November 1938 and conditions for Jews in Germany quickly deteriorated. Many friends were arrested and taken away. Henry's own father was arrested by the Gestapo in the middle of the night and sent to the concentration camp Sachsenhausen, near Berlin.

Friends of the Goldmanns, who lived in Buffalo, vouched for the Goldmanns and promised to take care of them. Henry was eleven years old, when he left Munich with a "Kindertransport", fifteen children and a chaperone. It was a very difficult decision for his parents to allow their only child to leave home without them. Henry traveled by train to Genoa, Italy. Once there, the group boarded a steamship for America. Because of his parent's friends in Buffalo, who sponsored the Goldmann family, the Nazis released Henry's father and his parents were allowed to initiate immigration procedures. While waiting for immigration papers, his parents endured forced labor before they left Germany. Hermann was on a road gang digging

ditches and Thea cleaned fish in a fish processing plant. After eleven days at sea, Henry and his group, saw the skyline of New York City for the first time. Several Jewish organizations helped to sponsor this trip to the United States. Henry traveled by train to Buffalo and he stayed with his parents' friends and was enrolled in public school. His first summer in Buffalo, he went to the Jewish Fresh Air Camp, where by the end of his stay, he had learned to speak English as proficiently as his peers.

Henry's parents came to America in 1941. They arrived on one of the last ships to leave Europe by way of Barcelona, Spain. They were put into a sealed train in Berlin and could not get off or open a window for fresh air until they reached Barcelona. Their arrival in Buffalo, their new home in America, and being reunited with their son, Henry, brought them great joy. They were able to start a new life together. Henry went on to become a United States citizen in 1949. He married Kathie Kavinoky of Buffalo in December 1955 and they are the parents of four daughters.

Dr. Wilma and Dr. Georg Iggers



Dr. Wilma and Dr. Georg Iggers lit a candle in memory of extended family and friends who were murdered during the Holocaust.

Wilma was born in a village near Horsovsky Tyn, Czechoslovakia, where they spoke both German and Slovak languages. Her father was a farmer. The immediate family consisted of Wilma, her sister and her parents. In 1938, the Munich Agreement occurred. The result was Britain and France accepting German annexation of Sudetenland, once part of Czechoslovakia. Wilma's parents knew the family had to flee from the Nazis. They arrived in Hamilton, Ontario Canada on November 11, 1938. Wilma's father was able to arrange for several relatives and friends to immigrate at the same time, and they and a group of 39 people traveled

together to freedom.

Georg was born in Hamburg, Germany. The immediate family consisted of Georg, his sister and his parents. The anti-Semitic Nuremberg laws and the escalating military aggression of the Nazis convinced Georg's parents of the need to leave Germany. They knew that the family had to find a safe place to live. Georg's father arranged to visit the United States for two weeks on a tourist visa. He was able to find a distant relative in New York City and they agreed to sponsor them, so the whole family was able to emigrate to the USA on October 20, 1938. The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society helped Georg's father find a job. The family settled in Richmond, Virginia, where his father worked as an accountant.

Wilma and Georg met at the University of Chicago, while attending graduate school. They married in 1948. Georg earned a Ph.D. in the History of Culture. Wilma earned a Ph.D. in Germanics. In the 1950s they lived in Arkansas and actively participated in the civil rights movement. The Iggers family moved to Buffalo in 1965 for Georg's career. Georg became a professor of German Literature at Canisius College. Wilma and Georg have three sons; Jeremy, Daniel and Jonathan. Jeremy is a journalist. He is married with one child. Daniel is a lawyer. He is married and has three children. Jonathan is a civil service employee with the welfare department. Wilma and Georg are also blessed to have one great-granddaughter.

Leon Zeeberg



Beverly Schiller, daughter of Leon Zeeberg, lit a candle in memory of all her father's relatives, who perished in the Holocaust.

Leon Zeeberg, a Holocaust survivor, was born to Esther and Benjamin in 1918 in the shtetl, Pilvishok, in Lithuania. His father sold farm products. Leon was one of seven children. Five of his siblings died at the hands of the Nazis in 1941. His mother died of pneumonia.

While Leon was still a teenager, upon the advice of his father, he left his shtetl

and went to Kovno to learn to be a tailor. He was 21 years old when the war began. Leon was able to survive because of his Aryan looks but, most importantly, because he knew how to make clothes for the German commandant in his village. He was appointed as manager of the sewing workshop. The situation in the area worsened and hundreds of Jews were slaughtered. Leon learned that an even greater disaster was looming. He warned the women in the village and some seventy of them fled to the surrounding villages, including Leon's sister and her young son. A peasant hid Leon on his farm and he told the Nazis that Leon had committed suicide so they would stop searching for him. At the end of the war, after being constantly on the run, Leon was able to escape to Lodz, Poland. He eventually arrived at a displaced persons camp in Berlin and found his sister and his friends there. Within a year he travelled to Munich, where he was liberated in the American zone. In 1948, with the help of relatives, Leon travelled to America. He settled in Syracuse, New York where his aunt, and only surviving sibling, a sister, resided.

Leon married in 1951 and opened two tailoring/dry cleaning shops on the Syracuse University campus, where he was able to continue using the skills he learned as a youngster in Lithuania. In 1980, Israel became his part time home. Leon moved to Florida in 1989 and lived there until his passing last year. Leon had two daughters, Beverly and Estelle.

Gershon Willinger



Gershon Willinger lit a candle in memory of his parents, his relatives, and the almost two million Jewish children who were murdered in the Holocaust and in honor of the 50 Children Without A Name who survived and are sharing their experiences of the Holocaust in their communities, so the world will never forget.

Gershon's identity as a child survivor with no memory of the Holocaust is known

as A Child Without A Name. He has no recollection of his early life or identity. He did not know his real name or age and by the time he was three years old, he had survived three concentration camps.

Gershon's mother, Edith Helen Rothschild, born in 1909 in Germany, moved to Holland in 1929. His father, Guido Willinger, born in 1908 in Germany, came to Holland in the late thirties. They got married in Holland. Gershon's sister, Rita, was born in 1940 and Gershon in 1942. The Germans started transporting Jews living in Holland to concentration camps in 1942. Gershon's parents gave Rita and Gershon to people in the Dutch Resistance. Rita and Gershon were hidden separately in Dutch homes. Gershon was betrayed and was "arrested" by the Dutch police. He was sent to Westerbork, a Dutch concentration camp, located near the German border. On September 13, 1944, along with 50 other children and four young women in charge of these children, they were put on the last train out of Westerbork, destination Auschwitz. They were unable to get to Auschwitz, as many railroad tracks in Germany had been bombed by the Allied troops. Instead they were sent to Bergen Belsen concentration camp. After a short period, they were transported to Theresienstadt. One of the 51 children under one year old died "en route." The camp was liberated by the Russian Army. Rita, Gershon's sister survived the war. Their parents were murdered in Sobibor in July 1943. All throughout Gershon's life, he lacked a sense of belonging, and wondered about his identity. He lived in institutions and foster homes for a prolonged period of time after the war. When he was almost eight years old, he was placed in a permanent Jewish foster home, where his sister visited him for the first time. He met her again before she left Holland for the US to live with his paternal aunt and family who survived the war.

Gershon was stateless until seventeen, when an adoption law passed and he finally became a Dutch citizen. On his eighteenth birthday he immigrated to Israel. He lived on a kibbutz, after which he enlisted into the Israeli Army and he became a paratrooper. He fought in the Six Day War of attrition at the Suez Canal.

In the early sixties, Rita, who lived in America, came to Israel to find her brother. Here were two strangers who were supposed to love each other. Years later Rita, her husband and son, Gideon, found

Gershon and his family again, and they slowly built a relationship. Rita and her son are now close to Gershon and his family.

Gershon studied in Israel and the United States and became a social worker, specializing in juvenile delinquency. He received his master's degree in 1974.

On a trip through Europe, he met his future wife, Jane, while in London. She came to Israel, where they were married in 1970. They lived with their children in London, England and Canada. Eight years ago, after living in the Niagara region for twenty-two years, they settled in Toronto. Gershon is a member of a Survivor's Group, where he can freely talk about his experiences as a child survivor. He still finds it difficult talking about the Holocaust with his own children. Gershon is a speaker for the Holocaust Centre of Toronto and volunteers in a Jewish home for the aged where he is involved with the elderly Holocaust survivors.

In 2002 after forty years, Gershon and Jane went to Holland, where they met Daphne Meijer, a Dutch journalist/novelist. She was researching the 50 Children Without A Name. She interviewed many of the children, mainly from Holland and Israel, with the remaining child survivors scattered around the world. Gershon found a lot of information at the Department of War Documentation about his identity, his personal history and learned that he was labeled "retarded" when he returned from Theresienstadt to Holland.

Gershon is happily married for forty four years, has three children, and seven grandchildren.

Dr. William Lin



Dr. William Lin, known to everyone as Bill, lit a candle in memory of all his relatives who perished during the Holocaust.

Bill's father, David, was born in Bialystok, Poland, in 1917, into a family of eight siblings. David was drafted into the Polish Army one month before the Germans entered Poland in September

1939. When the Russian Army invaded Poland, his Polish Army unit was taken over by the Russian Army. David served in the Russian Army during WWII. He survived the war, but all his siblings and his parents perished during the Holocaust.

David Lin stayed in Poland after the war and lived in the city of Wroclaw (Vrotzwav) where he met his future wife, Suzanna Kampelmacher. Suzanna was also born in Poland and came from a family of eight siblings. In 1941, Suzanna was on the last train into Russia and lived in the Ural Mountains all throughout the war, where she worked on a farm. One of Suzanna's sisters came to America in 1921, three of her brothers were in Polish Army units which were taken over by the Russian Army. They all survived. Her parents, other sisters and their families, which included Suzanna's seven young nieces and nephews, did not survive.

David and Suzanna met and married in Wroclaw in 1947. Bill was born in Wroclaw in 1948. In 1957, when Bill was nine years old and his sister, Adele was five years old, they emigrated to Israel with their parents and lived there for 3 1/2 years. The family came to America in 1960. Two of his mother's brothers along with their families, also emigrated to America at about the same time. They all settled in the Bronx, where Suzanna's sister lived. None of them spoke English or had any money. Bill's father worked as a tailor, as well as having two additional jobs. One of Bill's uncles was a house painter and the other uncle became a bookkeeper.

Bill attended high school in the Bronx. After graduation he went to Pace University, earning his undergraduate and MBA degrees. He earned a Ph.D. at the University of Buffalo. Bill married Barbara Weitzner in New York City and they lived in Queens. They came to Buffalo in 1977. For the last 30 years, Bill has worked at Buffalo State College, where he is Chair and Associate Professor in the Computer Information Systems Department. His wife Barbara is an Associate Professor in the Speech Pathology Department at Buffalo State College.

Bill and Barbara have two children, son Jacob, married to Sarah and daughter Rebecca, married to Matthew. They have one granddaughter, Kennedy. Bill and Barbara are members of Congregation Shir Shalom.

The Candle Lighter interviewers were: Daniel Kester, Naomi Mintzer, Rena S. Rose and Sophia Veffler through auspices of the Holocaust Resource Center

Cheesecake? Shavuot? What's the Connection?

By Dvora Shanowitz



What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word *Shavuot*? Cheesecake, of course! Do you know how that came about? Well, I will explain in the following entry:
Let me backtrack to the time when the Jews were in Egypt, under the rule of the evil Pharaoh. After 210 years of tears and backbreaking labor, G-d sent the ten plagues so the Jews would be freed from the Egyptians. The Jews then crossed the Red Sea and continued traveling towards Mount Sinai to receive the Torah. It had been 49 days since leaving Egypt when the Jews finally arrived with much

anticipation and excitement.

This may come as a surprise to some, but in addition to the Ten Commandments, many more *mitzvot* were given to the Jewish people at that same time: 613, to be precise. Some of the new commandments included instructions for proper *shechitah* (ritual slaughtering) and not to eat, cook, or benefit from a mixture of milk and meat. So, what dishes or menus were the Jewish people to use now? According to the commandments the Jews had just received, all of their pots required cleaning and koshering! Meat would need to be cooked while dairy foods could be eaten as-is. As a result, any menu, for the time being, would be dairy in nature. Since then it has been a custom to eat dairy foods on *Shavuot*.

Another explanation for this custom is that Torah is compared to milk. In *Songs of Songs* it says, "Like honey and milk [the Torah] lies under your tongue". Just like milk gives nourishment to mankind, so too, the Torah gives us "spiritual nourishment" which is necessary for the human soul.

For those who like working with numbers, the *gematria* (numerical value) of *gevina* (cheese) is 70, corresponding to the 70 faces (interpretations) of Torah alluded to in rabbinic literature. The *gematria* of the Hebrew word *chalah* (milk) is 40, corresponding to the 40 days Moses spent on the mountain after the giving of the Torah.

One more link from *Shavuot* to dairy foods: An alternative name for Mount Sinai is *Har Gavnunim*, the mountain of majestic peaks. The Hebrew word for cheese is *gevina*, whose word origin relates to *Har Gavnunim*.

What does this all mean to me? Well, first, it would mean to eat a lot of cheesecake on *Shavuot*. But that would be a cheesy answer. Here's what I would really say: The cheesecake may be delicious, but it also represents our deep relationship to the Torah. Like a nursing newborn, our main nourishment is from our beloved Torah. In addition, when the command comes from above, some inconvenient challenges may be felt, but it's all for a greater cause and well worth it.

Have a great *Shavuot*, and enjoy that cheesecake!

Dvora Shanowitz, 14, is an eighth grade student at Ohr Temimim School.

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Calendar

June 2014

June 1

Congregation Shir Shalom Sisterhood Donors Luncheon. 11:30 am. 4660 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville. 716-633-8877

June 3

- Shavuot begins at sunset
- Tikkun- All night community Torah study. Begins at 9:30 pm- 5:30 am. TBT
- Tikkun- All night Torah study. Begins at 11:00 pm JDC

June 4-5

Shavuot celebrated

June 4

- Temple Beth El 150th Anniversary Ceremony At Shavuot Services 10:30am. 720 Ashland Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 716-282-2717
- Jewish Discovery Center Reading of the Ten Commandments and Kiddush following. 5:30 pm 757 Hopkins Road, Williamsville.

June 7

PJ Library- Tot Shabbat Hop. 10:45am. TBT Call Juliet Glazer at 716-204-5380 for more information

June 8

Film Festival Gala JCC/ Benderson Family Building. 6-8 pm. 716-688-4033

June 8-15

Jewish Film Festival continues at JCC/ Benderson Family Building. Films, schedules and ticket purchasing at www.bjfff.com or either JCC location or by calling 716-204-2084.

June 15

Dedication of Irving M. Shuman Camp Grounds at Camp Centerland and JCC Annual Meeting. M 2:00 pm. JCC/ Benderson Family Building. 716-688-4033

June 22

- Kadimah School Annual Dinner. Temple Beth Tzedek
- JFS Fundraiser "Jazz in the Afternoon" 2:00 pm

June 24

Kadimah School Graduation. Kadimah School. 1085 Eggert Road. 716-836-6903

June 26

Film "God on Trial." JCC/ Benderson Family Building. 10:30 am

July 2014

July 4

Independence Day celebrated in the US.

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To Jewish Community Parents
From the JCC - Summer 2014

We just learned of a new JCC overnight camp called Camp Inc. (www.CampInc.com). It is based out of the Boulder, CO JCC and specializes in entrepreneurship and business for 7th to 12th graders.

After learning about this camp, we realized that there are probably a handful of business-minded teens in our community and we want to make sure they know about this incredible new camp. We talked with the folks at Camp Inc. and their Director gave us (3) scholarships specific to members of our community. These are NOT needs based and are available for any family interested in Camp Inc. If you want to learn more about receiving one of these scholarships, please contact Debbie Cushman at CampInc. at 303-247-1799.

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Young Jewish Professionals Enjoy Mimouna



On April 22, a group of young Jewish professionals gathered to celebrate *Mimouna*, a Moroccan Jewish tradition. This event is held at the end of Passover, marking the start of Spring and the return to eating *Chametz*. Israeli Schlich Lital Liberty (an actual Moroccan Jew from Israel!) taught the group about her special tradition from home, which including making *Mofletta* (a thin crepe-like pita eaten with butter, honey, Nutella, etc).

For more information on programming for Young Jewish Professionals, find 'Derek Jewlander' on Facebook or email jill@bjebuffalo.org.

Dave Lefkowitz demonstrates the proper way to measure flour!



Helena Rosenstrauch, Josh Maiman, Dave Lefkowitz, Jill Komm, Daphna Shtarker, Lital Liberty, Marnie Steinberg, and Jacks Drexler gather around the *mofletta*.

A "Field Trip" To A Jewish Wedding!

By Ethel R. Melzer, Director of Adult Education at the Bureau of Jewish Education

On Friday, April 11 at 2:00 PM, the entire Introduction to Judaism class was invited to attend the wedding of two of its students: Lajos (Daniel) Feher to Szilvia (Sylvia) Murinai at Congregation Shir Shalom. It isn't very often that two members of the class get married during the 14 week semester, invite their whole class, invite all the Rabbis who are their teachers, and invite several members of the Bureau of Jewish Education staff.

Sylvia and Daniel were born in Hungary and now live in Buffalo. Both families were wiped out in the Holocaust and they have no family here, except for their great aunt and uncle who live in Cleveland. Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein officiated at a beautiful ceremony in the sanctuary. The wedding was attended by many of their friends, some members of Congregation Shir Shalom, Katherine Towlson and Margery Zeckhauser from their Judaism class, Rabbi Adam Scheldt and Rabbi Joshua Strosberg from the course faculty and Evie Weinstein, Mindy Ponivas and me from the BJE.

Sylvia looked beautiful in her white dress and short veil and Daniel was handsome in his tuxedo. They signed their *Ketubah* after Rabbi read the marriage contract, and Daniel Kester and Sylvia's great uncle signed as witnesses. Four of the couples' friends held the Temple's *chupah* on the *bimah*. After Sylvia was escorted down the aisle by her great uncle to beautiful music playing from the organ, she circled her groom seven times, in accordance with Jewish custom.

The ceremony was lovely. The breaking of the glass was followed by a rousing "Mazel Tov" by all in attendance and a delicious wine reception, full of home-made Hungarian and American goodies, followed. Rabbi Lazarus-Klein made sure that nothing was left out of the celebration. He arranged for music so guests could dance the Hora, and for two chairs, so the couple could be lifted high in the air. Needless to say – we all wish Sylvia and Daniel the very best of everything in their future and a long and happy married life!

The Introduction to Judaism class is a unique collaboration between the Buffalo Board of Rabbis and the Bureau of Jewish Education. It is one more excellent example of how two organizations can accomplish more by working together than they can by each pursuing their individual goals. As Martha Stewart would say: "It's a good thing"!



Buffalo Rabbis and the happy couple

My years at UB Hillel

By graduating UB senior Rachel Rabinowitz

Judaism has been an integral part of my life ever since I can remember. Throughout my childhood, I attended religious schools, Jewish camps, and was an active member of a Jewish youth group. Although I had other hobbies and interests, I found myself constantly choosing a USY event over a sports team, or attending religious school instead of trick-or-treating with my friends. As I grew, so did my passion for Judaism. When it was time for me to start thinking about college, there were a lot of things I was unsure about. At first, I didn't know where I wanted to go to school or what I wanted to major in. The only thing I knew from the very start was that I wanted my life to remain Jewish. I heard about Hillel prior to starting college, and had this vague idea that it would be another opportunity to create memories with Jewish peers and further the exploration of my Jewish identity. While both of these things did prove to be true, my experience with Hillel of Buffalo has been a much more meaningful one than I could have ever imagined.

I have learned numerous things during my time with Hillel, the first being the power of a smile. As a shy, intimidated freshman attending a Hillel event for the first time, I was not expecting the warmth that I received. Very quickly after my arrival, student leaders at the time introduced themselves to me, asking me questions and genuinely caring about my answers. In no time at all, I was laughing, making friends, and feeling at ease. In other words, I was engaged. We often forget what it feels like to be the "new kid" walking into a room full of people who all seem to know each other already. When someone new enters a room, it's more comfortable for us to blankly stare for a few seconds and then continue on with our conversations. Way too often, that new person feels ignored, unwanted, and discouraged, leaving the room never to return. That person could have been me when I went to my first Hillel event. Instead, I received a smile and friendly conversation. Not only did this experience strengthen my faith in Jewish community but it also served as a catalyst for my leadership roles within Hillel. I wanted every new Jewish student on campus to have the same first experience that I had. I wanted to be involved in meeting new people, engaging them, and ultimately creating an even stronger sense of Jewish community for my peers.

During my sophomore year of college, I served as a peer network engagement intern for Hillel, in which I reached out to Jewish students on campus. In learning about them, I inadvertently learned about myself as well. I learned that I have an affinity towards creating Jewish bonds and towards improving Jewish life on campus. Until then, I hadn't realized how important Jewish community was to me even though I had always had a strong one growing up. Through my work as an intern, my sense of self grew stronger, as did my sense of purpose as a Jewish student at the University at Buffalo. Without realizing it, I gained the passion, confidence, and interpersonal skills that characterize a strong, effective, Jewish leader, which I honestly didn't think I had

the capability of ever becoming.

My experience as an intern for Hillel has taught me two things. The first is that I am extremely passionate about enhancing Jewish life for the community that I live in. The second is that I have the ability to do just that. Now as the student vice president for this wonderful organization, I have been using those two very important lessons in significant ways, and learning more in the process. I have learned how to be assertive in my goals and flexible in my implementation. I have learned that not everything will always go my way and not everyone will always share my opinions. More importantly, I learned that the differences that exist within our community are not signs of weakness but rather tools for gaining strength. I have learned to have an open mind. I have learned that everyone's voice needs to be heard. I have learned that communication is key. I have learned that it's quality not quantity that matters. I have learned that you can never stop learning, or growing, or changing.

As my time here at UB is quickly coming to an end, I am grateful to be given this chance to reflect on my experience as a member of Hillel of Buffalo. Before my time spent with Hillel, I had never held such a high position for an organization before. The Hillel that I have grown to love is not a static entity. It is dynamic, constantly striving to meet the needs of its surrounding students. Through this experience, I overcame challenges, made a difference, learned a lot about myself, gained skills I didn't think I ever could, and created an even stronger sense of Jewish identity. Although I'm not sure what exactly my future holds, I know that I will bring the lessons and skills I gained from Hillel with me wherever I go. During the time I have been at UB, I have seen Hillel learn, and grow, and change. The potential I have seen within Hillel is now also the potential I see within myself, and I will always be grateful for that.



News from Jewish Federation Apartments

Our Yiddish Conversation Group has become more than just a conversation group. Memories from years gone by are shared, music is played, books are read and translated. Special guests are welcomed, such as our recent visitor, Dr. Arlene Burrows. Arlene came to the group to talk about her upcoming trip to Poland. She and her brother will be visiting the sites of many of the former ghettos and concentration camps where much of their family perished. Dr. Burrows has done extensive research on her family going back four generations, to prepare for this trip. While there, she will be reciting *yahrzeit* for her relatives as well as others who have shared names of their family members.

The Yiddish Group at the JFA is open to anyone in the Buffalo community. We meet on the first Friday of every month at 1:00 in the Community Room. For more information, call Activities Director, Rhonda Wise at 771-2515.

Standing (left to right): Ann Jacobson, Isadore Bleckman, Marcia Weiss, Jennie Broder, Reuben Kaiser, Dr. Arlene Burrows, Leonid Pollack, Aleksandra Thon, Sheila Bestry

Sitting (left to right): Barbara Ginsberg, Rose Berg, Jeanette Levin, Frank Levin, Sarah Cohen



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New JFS Buffalo Program Supports Resettled Survivors Of Torture And Trauma

By Jessica Thorpe



Jewish Family Service of Buffalo & Erie County has long been a regional leader in the successful resettlement of people from troubled regions around the world. During the 1980s and 1990s, the agency took the lead in helping displaced Russian Jews make the transition to a new life in Buffalo.

Today, JFS Buffalo assists as many as 200 new people a year through the challenges of change from refugee to American citizen. Most recently, these families and individuals have come from Sudan, Somalia, Iraq, Bhutan, Nepal and other conflict-ridden countries in Africa and the Middle East. JFS Buffalo support includes everything from facilitating legal entrance into the United States through the State Department and Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS); to securing and furnishing housing, to assistance with finding employment, accessing social services and enrolling children in school.

As the lead in a new initiative, JFS Buffalo is developing a complement of additional support for the complicated needs of “New Americans” in Buffalo and Erie County. Tentatively titled “Western New York Center for Survivors of Torture,” the program is funded by a \$250,000 grant from the New York State Health Foundation (NYSHHealth), whose mission is “to expand health insurance coverage, increase access to high quality health care services, and improve public

and community health.”

“As Jews we know what it means to suffer and we know what it means to live under persecution. It’s our obligation to heal the wounds of the world. We’re so proud of Jewish Family Service and its work to help heal torture survivors and support them wholeheartedly,” Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein, president of the Buffalo Board of Rabbis, said.

The Western New York Center for Survivors of Torture will serve survivors of political and state-sponsored torture through an intensive case management and strength-based, client-centered model. Its goal is to increase self-sufficiency and support the healing process.

“The JFS Buffalo board of directors is in full support of this important project,” JFS Buffalo President Marlene A. Schillinger said.

Beyond government sanctioned definitions of torture, the broad scope of inhumane suffering includes food insecurities, familial displacement and separation; loss of personal income, property, livelihood and national identity; and malingering illness, according to Project Director Pam Kefi.

“Refugees are exposed to unimaginable experiences that can stay with them as they begin their new lives. We now have an opportunity to increase the cultural and linguistic competency of our services and to provide the supports needed for

healing,” she said.

A native Buffalonian, Kefi is a former director of two prominent local agencies that serve immigrants and refugees, and deaf adults. She was also a program director for Victim Witness Services in Santa Ana, California, and returned to Buffalo last year after working for 18 months in Haiti as Education Advisor for the U.S. Agency of International Development.

Modeled after a similar federally-funded program mounted by Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, the JFS Buffalo Western New York Center for Survivors of Torture is being crafted and implemented in concert with Journey’s End, Vive La Casa, Lake Shore Behavioral Health and University at Buffalo Family Medicine – and in regional collaboration with Rochester Catholic Family Center.

Care coordinators, to facilitate integration of social service support and access to healthcare, will be housed at JFS Buffalo offices at 70 Barker Street. Kefi envisions the full project to evolve as a comprehensive network of services – including resource sharing, appropriate interpreters and peer support – that promote client engagement and wellness and are available to all in regional need.

“This is a community-based initiative that will provide support to all refugees and people seeking asylum,” she said, adding that the collaboration with UB Family Medicine will help to assess and provide evidence of previous torture and trauma.

Anxiety and depression, alcohol and substance abuse, compulsive gambling and domestic violence all are potential manifestations of PTSD that may affect torture survivors.

“This month, project partners and Physicians for Human Rights will facilitate a community-based training for medical, mental health and social service professionals to help them identify torture and trauma survivors and provide effective services,” Kefi said.

“From a human rights perspective, it’s important to help remove barriers to self-sufficiency. We hope to improve people’s ability to live independently well.”

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8 Jewish International Film Festival Dinner Gala & Film 6:00pm - 10:00pm (B)	9 Soft pitch softball league starts July 13th - Aug 31st on Sundays (B)	10 Tai Chi 11:15am - 12:15pm (B)	11 Men's Pick-Up Basketball (18+ yrs.) 5:30 - 9:00am (B) 	12 Teen Pick-up Basketball 5:30 - 7:30pm (B)	13 Club 716 Swim- swim 716 lengths at a JCC pool this summer.	14 Allentown Art Festival Weekend at the J! 11:30am - 1:30pm (H)
15 Father's Day celebration & camp dedication 12:00-3:00pm, fun for all. Lunch available \$ (B)	16 Tai Chi 11:15am - 12:15pm (B)	17 National "Eat Your Vegetables Day"	18 Open Gym 9:00am - 3:30pm (B)	19 Open Gym 11:15am - 5:30pm (B)	20 Men's Pick-Up Basketball (18+ yrs) 5:30-8:30am (B)	21 First day of summer! 
22 Camp Centerland Open House- take a tour of the grounds. (B)	23 Teen Pick-up Basketball 5:30-7:30 pm (B)	24 National "Swim a Lap Day!" 	25 Shaw Festival to see "Cabaret"	26 Janie's Emporium Boutique sale jewelry 10:00am - 7:00pm (B)	27 Join our Boy Scouts Cub Scout Pack 156. Call Warren at (716) 536-3261	28 Shabbat Shalom!
29 Children's Group Swim Lessons start	30 Camp Centerland starts	(B) Benderson Family Building in Getzville (H) Holland Family Building in Buffalo * Starting at noon. One per person.				

Agencies

PJ Library

In April, PJ Library Buffalo turned 1! To celebrate, PJ Library had a birthday pajama party at the JCC. PJ families enjoyed story time, and then everyone made their own birthday "cakes" out of matzah, complete with "frosting". Taking advantage of a warm spring day in Buffalo (it does happen!) families went outside to hang out at the JCC playground. Children played, parents schmoozed, and everyone had a fabulous time at the birthday party!

Let's keep the party going! This month, PJ Library's Tot Shabbat Hop program will be hopping over to Temple Beth Tzedek. The program will be on Saturday morning, June 7th at 10:45am. Temple Beth Tzedek is located 621 Getzville Rd. If you haven't joined us for a Tot Shabbat Hop yet, it's a great opportunity to enjoy the warm hospitality of our local synagogues, and meet other PJ families. For more information, please contact Juliet Glaser at 716-204-5380 or pjlibrary@bjcubuffalo.org.

This month we are also starting our summer "PJ Play dates". These programs will take place at playgrounds in neighborhoods across greater Buffalo. There is no cost to attend, and children of all ages are welcome. Bring a blanket, PJ will provide snacks, children can play, adults can schmooze. Like our Facebook page to find out more information for the next PJ Play date, www.Facebook.com/PJLibraryBuffalo.

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, 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@bjcubuffalo.org or 716-204-5380. Please visit our Facebook page to keep up to date on PJ Happenings: www.facebook.com/PJLibraryBuffalo.



PJ Library celebrates its first year!

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Small Schools, Big Challenges, Bigger Opportunities:

By Dr. N. Shira Brown

The Shalom School is an important nexus for the community of Sacramento, Calif. With only a small Jewish Federation and no JCC, not to mention a lack of kosher restaurants, not even a deli, the day school is one of the only places of central congregation beyond the denominational lines of synagogue affiliation. With approximately 90 children from K – 6, the parking lot is an intersection of daily banter and community planning. Community events often gather around the school.

Despite this central role, the value of the Shalom School, and others like it, is not always immediately intuitive. Young families may choose a community with a Jewish day school over other locations, even if they opt out of the education, because a Jewish day school is a marker of community vibrancy. Synagogues can take for granted that their ability to hire a new young rabbi often hinges on the presence of a Jewish day school for the rabbi's own present or future family.

For the wider community, school alumni are steeped in Jewish identity and literacy. When they launch into the more heterogeneous environment of public school, they are knowledgeable advocates for their heritage by providing a Jewish lens to the views of others. They are articulate ambassadors of their culture, language and the land of Israel, as they are steeped in a rich identity of tradition. They grow into adulthood as persuasive communal and philanthropic leaders.

Yet many of these small schools that are critical to the vibrancy of their small communities face many daunting hurdles. At the recent RAVSAK/PARDES conference, titled "Moving the Needle 2014," leaders from 38 small schools and their communities, representing an incredible 70 percent of this niche market, participated in a two-day "Small School Deep Dive" learning track. Among the participating schools was Kadimah School of Buffalo, together with Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo Executive Director/ CEO Michael Wise. This level of intensive problem-solving surrounding the unique challenges of small schools was unprecedented. It was crafted by the program's planning committee, under the leadership of RAVSAK's executive director, Dr. Marc N. Kramer and associate executive director Dr. Idana Goldberg, in partnership with The Jewish Federations of North America and in collaboration with Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE).

The challenges experienced by the small community day schools are not completely in sync with those of their larger counterparts. Some issues are simply based in numbers. For example, while both large and small schools contend with enrollment challenges, a loss of just five students for a small school with fifty children represents an incredible 10 percent drop in the population. This can create a significant impact on the school's financial and social realities.

Further, many struggles in small schools simply do not exist in larger schools. Small Jewish day schools often rely heavily on lay leaders for professional services. Young, sometimes relatively inexperienced board members are often asked to take ownership over formidable tasks including recruitment and retention, fundraising and

development, school budgets and business planning, as the schools lack the financial resources to hire professional staff. Often, small community lay leaders and professionals leave their board or staff meetings with more questions than answers. The tasks ahead can feel overwhelming, and the human capital sparse. Additionally, Federation and other extended support can be tenuous, as the community expectations surrounding many critical issues often outstrip the school's ability to chart its own destiny.

As unique and formidable as the challenges may seem, however, the will towards charting solutions is even broader and deeper. Moreover, the collective wisdom shared among these schools through the facilitation of a national organization alters the field entirely. Streamlining processes towards the tried-and-true is easier to accomplish when everyone is talking to one another, and comparing notes.

Thankfully, best-practice solutions need not be financially overwhelming, as schools learn from each other. During one in-depth discussion at the conference about recruitment and retention, schools quickly learned that some of the most inexpensive techniques are, by far, the most effective. "Parent ambassador" programs, parlor meetings and a vibrant social media presence win out over the more expensive options of direct mail and print advertising.

Another example of schools learning better evidence-based practices came in fundraising and development. During the conference, schools were encouraged to develop longer-term, more sustainable fundraising through values-based, philanthropic relationship-building, while moving away from more vulnerable yearly fundraising events.

The close of the conference was not the end of the conversation. RAVSAK has now launched an online forum for small schools to vet ideas and concerns, called the "small school Reshet." This follows on the heels of similar, highly successful "reshetot," or forums, for other groups, such as heads of schools, board members and Judaic instructors. Within just three weeks, already 40 members have joined the forum for small schools with an early exploration of potential resource-sharing.

In the past, many small schools felt like islands. Indeed, many were. But this larger national conversation is beginning to change the nature and tone of the small Jewish community day school's daily work. Schools are building sacred partnerships with one another that will raise the bar across the field. Ultimately, whether solutions address the metaphorical forest or trees – the possible or seemingly impossible – these conversations express perhaps the most valuable message of all: You are not alone.

A version of this article appeared in the online publication eJewishPhilanthropy.com. Dr. N. Shira Brown is the Philanthropy and Annual Dinner Chair for Kadimah School of Buffalo, and a board member of RAVSAK: The Community Day School Network. She serves as Chief of Emergency Medicine for three hospitals in the Niagara Health System, Ontario, Canada. Her husband, Marc Brown, is a Kadimah alumnus and current co-president.

Kadimah Annual Dinner Honorees Represent Spectrum of Community

By Kadimah School

They're from all walks of life and all ages. They represent some of the best in community leadership. And Kadimah School of Buffalo is proud to honor them.

Twelve community lay leaders will be recognized at Kadimah School's Annual Dinner this year, to be held June 22 at Temple Beth Tzedek. The formal event will begin at 5 p.m. with cocktails, followed by a gourmet sit-down dinner and dessert reception, with several hundred guests expected to attend. The program is under kosher supervision. This year's honorees represent the spectrum of Jewish community agencies, from its schools and cultural organizations to its social services, religious and charitable entities.

Howard Benatovich is being honored for his work on behalf of the Bureau of Jewish Education, where he previously served as president. He has also served as president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo.

Linda Boxer is a member of the Executive Committee of the Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association, and serves as first chair of the newly created Membership Committee. She also serves on the Development and Marketing Committee and the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, and has been a valued member of the agency's Board of Directors for over a dozen years. She has also been an active member of the leadership of Temple Beth Tzedek, serving on its board for the past six years as well as on the board of one of its predecessors, Temple Beth El, and on the merger committee that created TBT from the combination of Beth El and Temple Shaarey Zedek. She was also the last executive director of the Jewish Federation of Niagara Falls.

David Bunis has been responsible for creating and sustaining the Jewish Repertory Theatre, which is in its 11th season. Thousands of theatre patrons have benefitted from his creative spirit and hard work on behalf of the community. He is also a longtime supporter of the Jewish Community Center.

Gabe Ferber, a child of Holocaust survivors, joined the board of the Holocaust Resource Center in 1994 after being recruited by founder Toby Tickin Back, and has served two terms as president. He was also president and a board member of Congregation B'nai Shalom and has served on the board of Kehillat Ohr Tzion, where he currently belongs.

Marsha Goldberg volunteers for Ohr Temimim School, chairing its tuition review committee that negotiates tuition for families in need of scholarship. She has proven to be fair in her dealings, and is highly respected for her dignity and integrity. She also arranges a very well attended monthly women's Tehillim group at Young Israel, and has also been a longtime board member at the Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association. Her children Avi and Adina attended both Kadimah and Jewish Heritage Day School, one of the predecessors to Ohr Temimim.

Shoshana Laub oversees and coordinates the maintenance and demanding upkeep of the community Mikvah. She manages contractors, and personally ensures the mikvah is kept meticulously clean, devoting many hours to making sure this community resource is available and in excellent condition for all who use it.

Nancy Schiller is a founder and chairwoman of the Israel Scholarship Committee at the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies, on which she has served continuously since 1984. She has been a strong advocate for Jewish youth and for creating opportunities for education and enrichment through travel to Israel. She has been a generous donor to the Foundation's Scholarship Funds, which award financial assistance to worthy teens and young adults seeking to visit Israel under the auspices of any one of our local and national Jewish organizations.

Jonathan Schechter and Shelly Yellen have played pivotal roles at the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, where Schechter has served as Treasurer for 12 years and Yellen has been a member of the Executive, Financial, Audit and Collection committees and Chair of the UJF Campaign. Schechter also chaired a task force to examine future plans for Kadimah, and both Schechter and Yellen have worked closely with Kadimah's current lay and professional leadership over the past two years, through its Strategic Planning Committee, to develop a turnaround plan and restructure the school.

David Schlein is a past president of Jewish Family Services, and has also returned for a second stint as treasurer of the agency after rejoining the Executive Committee. In his role, he has ensured that the community and other funders have received the highest return on their investment through their support of JFS. Board members and staff cite his commitment to JFS.

Avy Sterman has been a staunch supporter of Kadimah School of Buffalo, helping to ensure the success of its Annual Dinner and other events over the years. His sales skills and tireless determination have been essential in assisting Kadimah's fundraising efforts.

Nechama Taub is the bookkeeper for the Va'ad Hakashruth of Buffalo, maintaining the finances for the organization that oversees kashrut supervision, and ensuring its long-term sustainability. She is also the wife of Rabbi Moshe Taub, rabbi of Young Israel of Greater Buffalo and head of the Va'ad, and teaches at Kadimah School.

All proceeds from the dinner benefit Kadimah School. Tickets and table sponsorships are now available, as well as advertisements in our Dinner Program Book. To learn more, call the school office at 836-6903.

Kadimah 2014 Graduates

Three students will graduate from the 8th grade at Kadimah School June 24th at 7:00 pm at the school. They are Elizabeth Cohan, Naomi Howard and Hannah Stern.



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Archives Are A Community Endeavor

By Chana Revell Kotzin, Ph.D.



Camp Centerland, 1950s, (Getelle Rein, third from left) .(JCC Collection, University Archives).

There are two phrases I often hear at talks that I give about the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project: “You’ll definitely have this already...” and “You won’t want this.” The reality is, however, that for many organizations, as a result of relocation of groups as well as changes in administration and some catastrophic events like fires and floods, there is no guarantee of a particular record, specific photograph or document. Indeed this is not just a Buffalo experience as there are partial collections in every city

and town across America!

The job of an archivist is to try and track down as much material as she is able, and then bring it together in order to create as complete a record as possible. Often, that requires the efforts of a number of individuals being willing to donate their records, especially when many organizations, both large and small, agencies and voluntary groups, have had lay leaders resulting in a devolved archives located in the hands of many. This “cumulative archive” is one of the ways, for example, that we will assemble a greater understanding of Jewish women’s organizations or a specific area such as the East Side or Humboldt or Hertel.

The other comment, “You won’t want this....” amazes most archivists as potential archives donors are just too modest! Often an individual will tell me they have only a few things, but these “few” things have been known to fill several boxes! Or in other cases, indeed, only a handful of materials have survived, but these two or three items are intriguing and beautiful and sometimes the only specific connection to a beloved Jewish business, neighborhood, small group, a specific event or special occasion. Suddenly these items are now “unique” and hold the key to unlocking a lot of memories, as well as the story of one particular part of Jewish Buffalo! You’d therefore be surprised at what an archivist does want!

As a quick reminder, I remain interested in all areas of civic, business, religious, political, and social activities with materials for individuals, families or group/organizational historical papers. This includes Temples and synagogues, especially those that are closed in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, as well as the surrounding areas, including the smallest *shtetlel*, Jewish women’s groups, Jewish cultural and fraternal groups, *landsmanschaften* or hometown associations, credit unions, and Masonic groups, Jewish business, Jewish sororities and fraternities, Jewish sports groups, rabbi and cantor papers, neighborhood materials, and family papers. We collect in many formats for individuals and families: Letters, memoirs, diaries, scrapbooks, photo albums, recipe books, genealogical information, speeches, photographs, as well as papers connected to work life and much more. For organizations the list is even longer and includes: architectural records, articles of incorporation, charters, audio recordings, bylaws and revisions, clippings, constitutions, correspondence, directories, handbooks, memoranda, minutes of meetings, membership lists, media, newsletters and other publications, organizational charts, pamphlets, brochures, fliers, photographs, planning documents, press releases, reports (annual, committee, etc.), rosters and subject files! The list—as you can see—is long and there is more, too! Please contact me : Chana Revell Kotzin, Director, Jewish Buffalo Archives Project, if you would like to discuss a particular donation at 716-204-5388 or email archivesproject@bjebuffalo.org. You can also visit the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project at 2640 North Forest Road, Getzville, NY 14068. However, my job is a part-time position, and there are times when I am working offsite, so it is always best to make an appointment to avoid disappointment.



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Jews In The News

Yom Hashoah hosted by Congregation Shir Shalom- Photos by Martin Kerker



Survivor and HRC Speakers Bureau Chair Joe Diamond and his daughter, Wendy Weisbrot



HRC President Eugene Setel welcomed the community



Rabbi Joshua Strosberg delivered the invocation



Shir Shalom Choir singing during the program, led by Cantor Colbert

Yom Hashoah hosted by Congregation Shir Shalom- Photos by Martin Kerker



Narrator Arin Lee Dandes



Narrator Adam Yellen

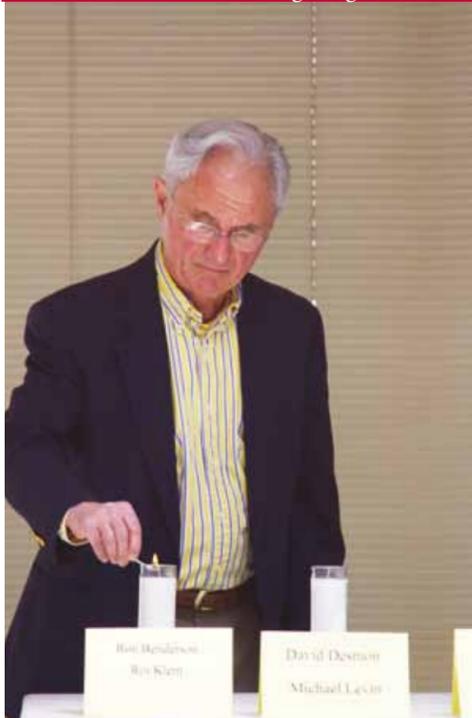


Program speakers at the bimah



Rabbi Adam Scheidt

Yom Hazikaron Candle Lighting at Weinberg Campus- Photos by Gretchen Gross



Ron Benderson lights a candle



Federation president David Desmon



Past JCC and Federation President Gordon Gross and current JCC President Gretchen Gross



UJF Campaign Chair Steven J. Weiss and Women's Philanthropy Chair Ellen R. Weiss light candles

Yom Hazikaron Candle Lighting at Weinberg Campus- Photos by Gretchen Gross



Jim Kramer, Joey Kramer, Leslie Shuman Kramer and Cathy Shuman Miller light a candle for the Shuman Family



Kol Rina Choir sang familiar tunes and led the audience in *Hatikvah*

Jews In The News

Golda's Balcony



Seen at Shea's Buffalo's 710 Theatre opening night performance of "Golda's Balcony" were Molly Brownstein, Cookie Levin, Barbara Segal, actress Tovah Feldshuh and Karen Zakalik



"Golda's Balcony" theater-goers included Maxine Awner, Rise' Kulick, Amy Goldstein and Cathy Shuman Miller

Yom Ha'atzmaut



Rabbi Dan Shuman, Penny Shuman and Chaya Shuman at Yom Ha'atzmaut

Roswell Park Cancer Institute



Celebrating at Roswell Park with Mitch Flynn for his "Citizen of the Year" designation for Erie County were Mitch Flynn, Dr. Sarah Pokharel, Dr. Lourdes R. Yagan, Judith Epstein, Alan Gendler, Charlotte Gendler, Jane Marinsky, Amy Goldstein and Rick Zakalik

Yom Ha'atzmaut



Safi Netter flying a kite at Yom Ha'atzmaut

Daemen College



Federation President David Desmon, Congressman Brian Higgins, Brian Rusk and Rabbi Levi Greenberg were at Daemen College to hear Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz



David Desmon with Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz



Rabbi Levi Greenberg with Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz

Hadassah Luncheon



Marie Meyers and Getelle Rein with friends at a Hadassah party

Hadassah Luncheon



Amelida Weinmann (standing), Madeline Weinmann and Margit Weinmann at the Hadassah luncheon



Sophia Veffer getting a great deal of attention from the wait staff at the Hadassah event

Cooking with Lital



Learning how to cook Israeli were Marina Shapiro, Eva Shapiro, *shalicha* and teacher Lital Liberty, Alan Rosenhoch and Gaby Balderman,



Cooking with Lital were Lori Morrison, Lital Liberty and Sheldon Tetewsky

Not The Last word

Memories Of A Career: A True Labor Of Love

By Evie Miller Weinstein



I don't think there are many people in the world who can look back at their career upon retirement, feeling more satisfied than I do today. It all began when I graduated from Fredonia in 1973 and had no clear idea of what I really wanted to do. Barry and I got married, and I immediately took a job with Erie County Department of Social Services. I worked there for six years, took a year's maternity leave when my first son, Ron, was born and was ready to go back to the County when we found out that my second son, Danny, was on the way! If Danny didn't appear when he did, I probably would have stayed with Erie County and my career in the Buffalo Jewish Community would never have happened!

While the boys were small I worked part time for Dr. Wilbur Fisher and Georgetown Animal Clinic. Both were fun jobs, but I knew I needed more. In 1988, I went to UB's Graduate School of Education and two years later had my Master's Degree. While in school, I worked at Temple Beth Am as a 1st grade teacher with Cantor Mark Horowitz, and it was there that I realized that Jewish Education was a path that I would like to pursue. About six months before my graduation, my mom called me and told me there was a job position posted in the *Buffalo Jewish Review* for Supervisors at both Camps Centerland and Lakeland. I was hired as the Supervisor of CIT's at Camp Lakeland, and the rest is history. A year later I was hired by the JCC as the

Director of Youth Services, later took on the Children's Department and became the Assistant Director at Lakeland. I worked for the JCC before taking a job as Program Director of the Bureau, promoted to Assistant Director and then hired as Executive Director of The BJE and Principal of The High School of Jewish Studies in June of 2004 when Mark Horowitz, then the BJE Director, left Buffalo.

There are no words that can adequately express what this career has meant to me and my family. The six years I worked at Lakeland allowed my boys to come to Camp for each entire summer. We made connections and lifelong friends at Camp that are still extremely important to us. In fact, Danny met his future wife, Jamie at Lakeland! My work at the JCC gave me the background in program planning, board and committee work and informal Jewish education. I will never forget the work with the Children's Youth Theater Workshop and the hundreds of kids and parents it involved to make those plays so successful. Camp also supplied me with the confidence I needed to progress in this field.

The Bureau of Jewish Education immediately felt like home. The job was always fun, and there was never a day that seemed the same. Mark and I were the dynamic duo, teaching cooking classes at Tops and Wegmans, traveling to Washington, D.C. to *Panim* seminars, doing story hours at local synagogues and book stores, and creating a multitude of other programs with lasting value to our community. The six years I worked with Mark were filled with everything I needed to take over the reins of the BJE.

During my tenure at the BJE, we successfully brought in Yad B' Yad- the agency advocating for the Jewish disabled. Yad's mission fit into the BJE perfectly. I also was chosen by Brandeis University to enter into a three-year Fellowship in Informal Jewish Education. Not only was I exposed to the most amazing Jewish Educators across the United States, but I also received a very substantial grant from Legacy Heritage, Inc., which was matched by the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies. I was given the ability to become active in the National Association of Community and Hebrew High Schools and was elected as President. This activity on the national scene gave me strength and legitimacy in my work here in Buffalo. My love of teens made my job working at Hebrew High a joy, and I especially enjoyed our trips to Washington, Boston and New York!

We also added an Adult Education Department to the BJE's menu of offerings; first with The Florence Melton Adult Mini School and later teamed with the Board of Rabbis to offer amazing Adult Education classes. We also were given yearly grants from the Wolk Foundation for teen programs. We are blessed to be home to the Jewish Buffalo Archives Project, which is fully supported by The Foundation. We then received the fabulous grant for the Mussar for Professionals Program from George Gelman and Ron Benderson, which opened more doors to bring Mussar to the Buffalo Community.

There is one thing that I can honestly say regarding my entire career: I have received much more than I ever have given. Whether they were campers, Camp staff, Hebrew High Students and faculty, community colleagues, BJE staff and all of our wonderful presidents, board and committee members, I will never forget the support, friendship and joy that I received which could never have been replicated in any other career. My gratitude is unlimited and my memories are as clear and fresh as a beautiful sunrise over Loon Lake at Camp Lakeland.

I look forward to teaching a class this next programming year, called, *L'Chaim: A Guide for Jewish Living* for the JCC and I also will be facilitating Mussar classes. I am so proud that I will be able stay involved. But mostly, I look forward to this next stage of my life with my husband Barry, my children, grandchildren and my friends.

Evie Miller Weinstein retired in May as the Executive Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education and Principal of the High School of Jewish Studies. We wish her good health and pure joy in her retirement.



Danny Weinstein, Me and Ron Weinstein when I worked at Lakeland. Probably 1990.



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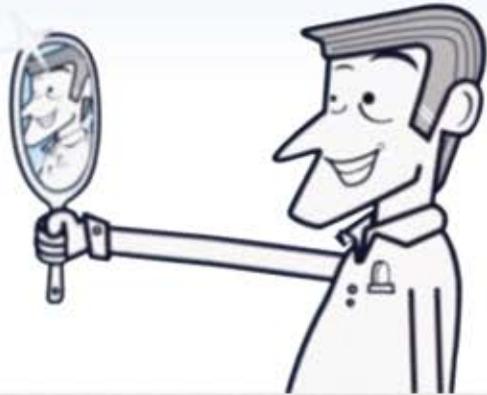
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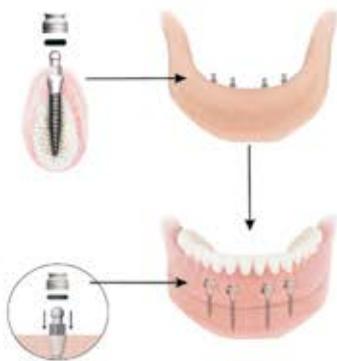
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