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Av is known for two things: the 9th of Av (Tisha B'Av) and the 15th of Av (Tu B'Av). The 9th of Av is a sad day that remembers the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash (the Jewish temple) and when the Jewish people were forced out of the land of Israel into exile. Many people fast (don't eat) on this day and listen to the story of Tisha B'Av in order to remember it.

The 15th of Av is a happy day that celebrates love! No one knows exactly when it began, but the Mishnah says that on that day unmarried girls would go out into the field in white dresses and dance and call out to the men to choose a wife. Many people like to use it as a day to get married even today!
is in honor of you, the ones who made it possible to navigate the stormy waters, who selflessly helped their neighbors, caregivers, strangers, and friends, who donated their time and their treasure to assist those in need, who sewed masks or volunteered to pack and deliver masks, who helped others understand technology, who brought food to the hungry, who battled the virus and lived, who will make sure our Jewish life in Greater New Haven will continue to thrive.

Please join us. Plan to pack your picnic supper. We will supply the drinks and games. Come in suitable shoes and reset your mood and games at our community campus. Do not forget to wear your favorite shirt or hat that connects to the agencies, organizations and congregations you care about. We have a wonderfully diverse Jewish community and we hope to see it proudly on display at the picnic!

As the 2020-21 program year draws to a close and we prepare to look back as we begin anew where we turned for comfort and support during our time of need and let’s recommit ourselves to the beauty in nature, to remember that which is dearest to us. Let us not forget to mourn and heal. But which is dearest to us. Let us not forget to mourn and heal. But

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Delivering for the Jewish Community at the Capitol

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Reporting on 2021 JCPA Conference
Jewish Federations, through their Jewish Community Relations Councils (JCRCs) and other agencies, work to reach out to their communities, both Jewish and non-Jewish, and to address situations relative to the common good, and work towards Tikkun Olam (repairing the world).

In May, Jewish Federation of Greater New Jersey’s JCRC Co-Chairs attended the 2021 Mid-Year Conference of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, which was held virtually for the first time because of the Covid pandemic. The conference featured many prominent speakers and panelists, including Senators Raphael Warnock and Charles Schumer, Urban League President Marc Morial, NAACP President Derrick Johnson, Israel’s U.S. Ambassador Ron Dermer, and many others. Much of the conference focused on Black-Jewish relations, racism and anti-Semitism, and criminal justice reform.

Passed resolutions were condemning China’s persecution of the Uighurs, a Muslim minority in the country, in support of action to combat climate change, expansion of voter access, support for the Abraham Accords, and for racial and criminal justice reforms. There were numerous breakout sessions on these and other topics. "The conference was a great success and we were able to get our message out and deal with many of the concerns relative to these issues," said Dr. Steuart Levy, JCRC Co-Chair. "I think these are issues that affect our Jewish Federation community and we need to be educated as to what is involved and as to whether we want to support these issues financially," said JCRC Co-Chair Betty Levy. Both Levys are hoping that by next year the annual conference will be held in person.

Anti-Semitism Out of Left Field
As an essay went to press, the recent increase in anti-Semitism has me deeply saddened. Over the last few years, increased acts led us to blame the rise on the far right. With a new administration, we had hoped we would reign the tide on this. It only increased and is now coming from the left. It made me realize that something was being said I feel safer to believe than anti-Semitism exists on one side of the political spectrum.

Unfortunately, anti-Semitism has been around for so long that it rises above the metaphor that has other anti-Semitism around for around a few hundred years. For thousands of years, we have found our targets of hate. What upsets me lately is the silence that seems to have followed the rise in anti-Semitism. Sadly, the conflict that exists has made it okay for many to distance themselves from supporting American Jews. Did we not step forward for the actions of the country they came from? We did so despite the genocides that have happened around for so long that it rises above the metaphor that has other anti-Semitism around for around a few hundred years. For thousands of years, we have found our targets of hate. What upsets me lately is the silence that seems to have followed the rise in anti-Semitism. Sadly, the conflict that exists has made it okay for many to distance themselves from supporting American Jews. Did we not step forward for the actions of the country they came from? We did so despite the genocides that have happened.

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Learn About Jewish-Arab Relations

Jewish-Arab citizens comprise approximately 20 percent of the population, or 1.8 million people: Muslim, Christian, Druze, and Circassian. As a group, they share national and familial connections to the Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza, and elsewhere, but have a unique identity as citizens of Israel alongside the country’s Jewish majority. Fear and mistrust between the Jewish and the Arab communities rise with escalations in the wider conflict across the border and the status of political discourse, as we have seen in May of this year when violence and clashes across mixed cities in Israel sparked by events in East Jerusalem. Vast socio-economic gaps render Arab citizens the most disadvantaged group in Israel, and most Arabs and Jews have few opportunities for meaningful interactions and mutual familiarity. In recent years, efforts to address these gaps have accelerated, resulting in ground-breaking developments in employment, higher education, and other areas. The progress and the efforts to overcome barriers are among the most compelling and dynamic developments in Israeli society.

For North American Jewish communities, where discourse about Israel has become polarized, the Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues raises awareness and offers a more nuanced view into Israel’s complex and ever-changing realities. Join us for a Lunch and Learn series this summer, facilitated by the Inter-Agency task force and sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Councils of the respective Jewish Federations of Greater New Haven and Greater Hartford. Details to be announced at www.jewishnewhaven.org.
Donor Spotlight: Stephen (Steve) Saltzman

by Cindy Gerber

Stephen Saltzman is Greater New Haven’s newest member of the Order of David Society. The Society, a national designation through the Jewish Federations of North America, includes a select group of philanthropists who have committed at least their full local Jewish Foundation, $200,000 or more in one or more designated funds to endow a Jewish Federation. Chairman of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, he has made a PAC/LOJE (designated funds to endow a Jewish Federation asset) gift of $500,000 or more in other designated funds.

Saltzman has established five different funds at the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven: the SALTZMAN PAC/LOJE (designated funds to endow a Jewish Federation) fund, a LOJE (listed endowment) fund to endow his late wife Marilyn’s Lion gift to the Federation campaign. He also has endowed his Federation gift, and a LOJE fund to endow his late wife Marilyn’s Lion gift to the Federation campaign. He also has endowed his Federation gift, and a LOJE fund to endow his late wife Marilyn’s Lion gift to the Federation campaign. He also has endowed his Federation gift, and a LOJE fund to endow his late wife Marilyn’s Lion gift to the Federation campaign. He also has endowed his Federation gift, and a LOJE fund.

Saltzman is a principal member of the law firm of Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman, LLP, recalls how he was quickly drawn into community work after moving from New Jersey. “It was a time when he and his wife, first elected as Vice President of the Federation, “When I became a member of the Board, I was immediately involved in so many things for Jewish New Haven,” he says. From “accompanying Murray Lender by airplane from NY to Moscow, Vienna and Jerusalem” to “supporting the Jewish Heritage Foundation,” to attending meetings establishing The Jewish Cemetery Association, for the ADL, saltzman has established five different funds at the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. He has made a PAC/LOJE (Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment) to endow his Federation gift, and a LOJE (List of Judah Endowment) fund to endow his late wife Marilyn’s Lion gift to the Federation campaign. He also has endowed a donor-advised fund. “The LOJE fund was his first,” he shares, “as it was so meaningful to Marilyn that I wanted to make sure it was fully endowed.” He set up the PAC fund after he made sure there was an endowment to cover my annual pledges, for the present and into perpetuity.

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We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Stephen Saltzman to The Towers. Rabbi Saltzman has served as the Rabbi of Temple Beth Tikvah in Madison, Connecticut for over 30 years. He has been a leader in the Jewish community and has been actively involved in the life of the New Haven area. He has served on numerous boards and committees and has been a strong advocate for Jewish causes. He has been a vocal supporter of the Jewish community and has been a tireless advocate for the needs of the elderly. He has been a dynamic leader and a true champion of the Jewish community. We are honored to have him as a member of The Towers family. Shalom New Haven
Beth El-Keser Israel’s New Rabbi

by Rachel Desnevkin

Rabbi Eric Woodward, who most recently served as the senior rabbi of Temple Beth Israel in Blue Bell, Pa., and previously as assistant rabbi at Congregation Tifereth Israel in Columbus, Ohio, will start work at Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI) in June.

Rabbi Woodward’s enthusiasm to begin work immediately is matched by the congregation’s eagerness to engage with him. BEKI’s search committee, executive board, and board of directors all voted unanimously to hire him.

“What was perhaps most thrilling to us as a committee member Rachel Greenberg said, “it is clear that he understands the match to be active in interfaith work. While studying at the Jewish Theological Seminary, he wrote his undergraduate thesis on the theology of Rabbi Woodward attended Williams College, where he obtained a bachelor of arts degree in 1990. He then served for two years as chaplain at Bellevue Hospital, where he worked with hum and 60 birds. Two years ago, a 10-year- old Jewish family donated (after kosher-for-Passover foods, and boxed school children donate.”

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“In the process of knowing a project usually leads it. Members approach the Tikkun Olam committee to add their projects. The person who suggests a project usually leads it. “We don’t have to create activities and concepts to benefit both Jewish Family Services and the Town of Orange. Last fall, congregants donated $3,100 and half a ton of non-perishable food.”

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Mazal tov to those who responded correctly: Shari Switko, Emily Resnik Conn, Joann Maynard

Marcel Marceau

Born in France in 1923, he made his mark on the world without having to say a word

Marcel Marceau was born in France on March 22, 1923. He was in the French Jewish Resistance as a young man. He used his acting skills to teach and lead many young French Jewish children to safety in Switzerland. He had worked with U.S General Patton utilizing his fluency in French, German, and English which helped his efforts in the rescue of the children.

His first performance as “Bip the Clown” was done in front of 3,000 allied troops after the capturing of Paris by the Nikes. His first performance in the U.S was on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1956 and was requested to do “Bip the Clown. He called mime, “The art of silence.”

He won many awards; French Legion of Honor, French Award of Merit, an Emmy for his U.S TV work, and ironically made a member of the Art Academy of Berlin. He was also declared a “National Treasure” in Japan where mime flourished for centuries earlier.

His biography was turned into a movie in 2020 called “Resistance.”

WHERE TO LEARN

Marcel was trained in mime, which was called “the art of silence.” There are many schools where you can learn about the art of mime. The Center for the Living (203) 781-9788 New Haven is offering a weeklong course in mime. For more information, go to madisonbeachhotel.com.

MARCH OF THE LIVING DELEGATION

The March of the Living is a two-week international experience bringing Jewish teens from around the world together each spring to bear witness in Poland and celebrate the Jewish Homeland in the State of Israel. Organized by BBYO Passport.

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FITNESS & WELLNESS AT THE J
Harness the Sunshine for a Healthier You

by Susan Donovan
Group and Virtual Exercise Manager
JCC of Greater New Haven

Did you know happy people live longer? So, let us use the summer months to harness the power of positivity and enjoy more outdoor activities, social activities, and fresh food options to keep us healthy, happy, and fit.

Perhaps it is time to change your attitude about exercises as a task on your to-do list and find outdoor activities that you enjoy.

Outdoor family games, water sports and morning walks or runs are great options to stay active and find joy in moving your body.

On those hot summer days keep your activities healthy and fun by staying hydrated. Give your body time to acclimate to the heat by taking it slower than usual or become an early bird while the weather is still cool. Moving your body is a great way to start the day.

Many fresh fruits and vegetables are available this time of year so be creative! Fire up the grill and try grilling some fresh fruits and veggies. Prepare traditional salads and potato salads with healthier grains like quinoa or be creative with beans and lentils. There’s nothing better than going out for ice cream on a hot summer evening, but consider switching your favorite flavor for healthy cream treats to frozen sorbets and healthier versions of frozen yogurt.

So, get outside, breathe deep, and move your body in fun ways to feel healthier and stronger. Keep in mind, when the weather does not allow for outdoor activities, come inside to our JCC Fitness Center where the air is cool, the ventilation system has been upgraded, and motivation is always our staff’s priority.
Kaplan Wastes No Time Connecting with Our Jewish Community

By Abby Epstein
Staff Writer

Interested in moving closer to her hometown of Madison, Connecticut from Boston, Elizabeth Kaplan recently relocated to New Haven with her husband David. She has only been in town for a few months and to already become involved in the Jewish community – and it’s all thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with her first child, she and Kayla Blaize, a Shalom Baby co-chair, followed up with a porch visit to connect the Kaplan’s with the Jewish community. Shalom Baby co-chair, Nicki Golos, followed up with a porch visit to deliver the Kaplan’s Shalom Baby gift bag.

“I used to work for the JCC in Boston and I worked really close with the staff who ran PJ [Library]. I had seen a lot of our Jewish community in the past, I have some expertise in the programming, ideas, resources, and different connections,” said Elizabeth “and I just felt I had something to offer from that perspective.”

Thus, Kaplan connected with Kayla a number of times from the Jewish Federation due to Kayla’s outreach and engagement. “Now with working in the Jewish community, I'm really happy to have a job that supports my role as a parent. With having a newborn, I am currently working at Camp Laurelwood and was looking to work part-time for a non-profit organization and knew of an opening at Camp Laurelwood, welcoming families to get a taste of Camp Laurelwood.”

“My role is to program and manage family camp weekends, planning the partnerships, getting families enrolled, and facilitating the weekends, ” said Elizabeth. “I ran family programming at the JCC in Boston so it’s a pretty natural transition for me.” Elizabeth did not stop there; she is now also a member of the new Family Engagement Committee. “I’m excited to be part of the Federation due to Kayla’s outreach and engagement. “I connected with Kayla a number of times from the Federation and participated in a recent survey of families and felt this commitment would be a good way, both on personal and professional levels.

“My commitment to other families in the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven helps young families find connections to resources and to each other. It’s part of a heritage that I have seen here through programs that Shalom Baby and PJ Library that grow and nurture the future generation of our community. Shalom Baby was founded because of these needs of our community. I am really looking forward to being part of the Federation due to Kayla’s outreach and engagement.”

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To register please visit our website at https://tegnh.org/events/ or call us at (203) 297-3200 for more information. Thank you!

Or Shalom at the Beach

Congregation Or Shalom
Friday evening August 27th at 5:30 p.m.
Gulf Beach, Milford

Join us at our annual Shabbat服务 on the beach (spoiler alert: The Rabbi will be shoeless!). Please be sure to bring a blanket or a beach chair and don’t forget a hat, as yarmulkes tend to fly in the wind! Last but not least, you are encouraged to come early, enjoy a BBQ picnic, followed by Shabbat Service Under the Stars at 6 p.m.

Please join us on Friday, August 27, at 5 p.m. for the Annual Temple Emanuel (TE) BBQ picnic, followed by Shabbat Services Under the Stars at 6 p.m.

Invite your friends, and neighbors - spread the word! This event is open to curious renters and prospective members.

This outdoor event will follow all necessary COVID precautions. Kosher BBQ will be provided by our great catered chef and wines and sides will be individually packaged. Families should bring blankets and chairs so we can remain socially distanced while eating and drinking.

The Kosher BBQ is FREE if you pre-register in advance or $10 per person at the door (maximum $10 per family). To register please visit our website at https://tegnh.org/events/ or call us at (203) 297-3200 for more information. Thank you!

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WE ARE HERE for Our Future Generations

For more than 100 years the Jewish Federation has been taking care of our community, Israel, and Jews around the world. With the support of generous donors, we helped make the desert bloom, and saw to the signing of the declaration of independence; we rescued Jews around the world and resettled them in our historic homeland and right here in New Haven. Locally, we established The Jewish Home, The Towers, Camp Laurelwood, and we have sustained the Jewish Agencies in our community year after year.

That is why we say the Jewish Federation was built for this moment. We’ve been taking care of our community since the earliest days of modern Jewish history, and thanks to the support of more than 2,000 donors, we will continue to meet the vast and growing needs of all who are counting on us. We are here for good.

To participate in the 2021 Annual Campaign, please visit jewishnewhaven.org/give

2021 Annual BBQ Picnic at Temple Emanuel
Please join us on Friday, August 27, at 5 p.m. for the Annual Temple Emanuel (TE) BBQ picnic, followed by Shabbat Services Under the Stars at 6 p.m.

Invite your friends, and neighbors - spread the word! This event is open to curious renters and prospective members.

This outdoor event will follow all necessary COVID precautions. Kosher BBQ will be provided by our great catered chef and wines and sides will be individually packaged. Families should bring blankets and chairs so we can remain socially distanced while eating and drinking.

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Through the generosity of a donor in our community, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven is able to provide need-based assistance for New Haven area synagogues and schuls. This program, titled Jewish Scholarship Initiative for Synagogue Schools (JSI), supplements other scholarships. "With three young children, religious school would have been out of reach for our family if it weren’t for JSI. I am thankful to the Jewish Foundation for extending this opportunity for our family. The kids love going and we love being part of the school community," said a mother who requested to stay anonymous.

The deadline for JSI application submission is Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021. Apply at www.jewishnewhaven.org/JSI.

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A cook into the Next School Year

by Abby Epstein
Staff writer

Through the struggles of COVID-19, schools were able to find some positives. They found the opportunity to implement new things that have now turned into permanent changes.

Yuvalis Bevis Dov Shimson, Ezra Academy, Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy (SCHA) and Beverly Levy Early Learning Center pre-school all said how next school year will look mostly determined by the CDC and the health guidelines.

“Absolutely everything is going to depend on what the guidance is going to be come September, obviously hoping that things go to change, and it looks like things are on an upward trend,” said Hershy Hecht, an administrator at SCHA.

Four schools do tend to keep things that were implemented because of COVID-19. Yuvalis Bevis Dov Shimson had a mental health professional for the students and found this to have a positive impact on the students.

“We feel the need for that because we were perhaps mentally negatively impacted by that long stay at home without friends and so on,” said Rabbi Yakkov of Yuvalis Bevis Dov Shimson, “and it’s proven to be very useful and we do plan to continue with that.”

Ezra Academy will keep their students in pods to limit the interactions between the different classes. Each age group had their own entrance and exit. Instead of having the students change classrooms for each class, the students stay in the same classroom, and the teachers come to them.

“We will continue with our pods until everyone is vaccinated,” said Dr. Melanie Wapnick, head of school.

Another positive change Ezra Academy had was new families come to the school this past year.

“We actually had a influx of families this year who were leaving public schools because they were unhappy with the COVID protocols, and the online learning,” said Dr. Wapnick, “and I tell you every single family who came because of COVID is staying.”

SCHA started doing outdoor classrooms and will be making this a permanent change. “Students were able to learn in a different environment and different setting,” said Hecht. Also, when a student is sick, they are able to come to class remotely and the school is looking at keeping this as an option for students in the future.

Beverly Levy Early Learning Center pre-school like the other schools are waiting to hear what the new guidelines will be when school starts.

“It’s dependent on what the office of early childhood does for that as far as rules and regulations go,” said Sarah Gratenstein, director of Beverly Levy Early Learning Center pre-school.

A NEW, Renovated Vine Auditorium

Since opening almost 30 years ago, the Vine Auditorium has hosted fun and engaging community gatherings. We are excited that we has been completed and refurbished from top to bottom, ensuring that future generations will enjoy the beautiful space.

Barbara lives the Jewish values of reaching out to the stranger, the widow, and the orphan. Through her work at Jewish Family Service of Greater Bridgeport, where she serves as a Vice President, she has helped resettle over 400 refugees from the former Soviet Union to namesake New Haven, and has helped children, the elderly, and so much more. But she is glad to spread her knowledge and expertise with friends, family, and others.

Barbara was very touched, surprised, and honored to have been recognized for this award in true fashion, she remarked that she did not feel deserving. Barbara said there are so many others out there who do so much more. But she is glad to spread her light to her fellow community members, hoping to make it a better place.

The Crown Market is coming back to New Haven in its new home at Café 360 with lots of breakfast and lunch grab-and-go items.
OR SHALOM HEBREW SCHOOL
Looking Back with Extra Pride

“Covid-19 posed a huge challenge to Jewish Education this year,” said Mona Saccorite, Education Chairperson of Congregation Or Shalom’s Hebrew School, at the school’s closing ceremony. “But Hebrew schools across the country have risen to the challenge with remarkable ingenuity, using Zoom video-conferencing. And some schools, like ours, went the extra mile,” she added. “For even in the midst of the pandemic we found ways of safely offering weekly in-person Jewish education to those families who were interested.”

Rachel Segalstein, Synagogue Administrator, explained: “Whenever possible, we added outdoor events – observing OCD protocols, of course – such as Jewish Environmental Education, a Sukkot BBQ, socially distanced Israel Dance, and even outdoor Tefillah!”

Rabbi Avi Warshaw, spiritual leader of Congregation Or Shalom, added: “Ours and Congregation B’nai Jacob’s schools merged several years ago as ‘YAHAD Religious School’; yet, it is a privilege to be part of a tradition of maintaining the strength of the Jewish community for those families who felt comfortable with safe in-person instruction, we found ways to make it happen. And after all, can’t that be a source of Jewish survival? We’ve always tried to find a way! Next year, naturally our school year will be more ‘normal’ one with the return of our great YAHAD curriculum; yet, we look back at the past year with extra pride!”

HILLCLEF UNIVERSITY
Recognized for Excellence

The Hillel Club at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) was named the Outstanding Student Organization of the Year during the SCSU awards celebration this spring. This is a huge honor in the world of our student clubs and organizations,” said Deborah Weiss, President of SCSU Faculty Senate and Co-Director of Judge Studies.

Two years ago, when the group experienced a gap between advisors, the club was effectively “a non-entity” and needed to be reconstituted from the ground up. With Rabbi Barbara Paris as the advisor and an amazing student Executive Committee, the group has done amazing things this year, despite the restrictions in place due to the pandemic. Between weekly Kabbalat Shabbat services at the Remembrance Garden, regular study with Rabbi Paris, learning Hebrew, social activities centered around the holidays, and more, there have been many ways to connect and experience Jewish life on and off-campus.

“We were surprised and honored. Truly a labor of love and a wonderful group of students,” said Rabbi Paris.

“We are very appreciative of the support that we have received from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, which helped us launch this milestone. You have made a difference,” offered Dr. Weiss on behalf of the Hillel Club, and added: “may the group go from strength to strength.”

Welcome to Our Interns!

Thank you to our interns this summer for their valuable work on and off-campus. Thanks to the JCC, the Hillel Club, the Jewish Women’s Foundation, the Jewish Community Foundation, the community foundation and many more.

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THANK YOU!
This Jewish Month is Av

Av is known for two things: the 9th of Av (Tisha B’Av) and the 15th of Av (Tu B’Av).

9TH OF AV

The 9th of Av is a sad day that remembers the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash (the Jewish temple) and when the Jewish people were forced out of the land of Israel into exile. Many people fast (don’t eat) on this day and listen to the story of Tisha B’Av in order to remember it.

15TH OF AV

The 15th of Av is a happy day that celebrates love! No one knows exactly when it began, but the Mishnah says that on that day unmarried girls would go out into the field in white dresses and dance and call out to the men to choose a wife. Many people like to use it as a day to get married even today!

Av Crossword

Across
1. On the 9th of Av, we do not wear ___ because it’s a reminder of the golden calf.
2. On Tu B’Av the women would go out and ____ together.
3. Tu B’Av, the 15th of Av, is a holiday of love. Many people like to use that day to get married. How many? ___.
4. On the 9th of Av, we remember the destruction of the ___.
5. On the 9th of Av, we do not eat. We ___.
6. The Hebrew word for summer.
7. On the 9th of Av, we do not wear ___ because it’s a reminder of the golden calf.
8. The color of the dresses that girls and women would wear on Tu B’Av.

Down
1. On the 9th of Av, we do not wear gold because it’s a reminder of the golden calf.
2. On Tu B’Av the women would go out and ___ together.
3. On the 9th of Av, we do not wear ___ because it’s a reminder of the golden calf.
4. The Hebrew word for summer.


Wordsearch for the Wise

Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden vertically and/or horizontally.

1. Av
2. Camp
3. Dancing
4. Fasting
5. Fifteenth
6. Golden Calf
7. Summer
8. Weddings

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F W A I C A N D G F Z G U N U
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**Local Rabbi Co-hosts Podcast Which Gives Voice to Generations of Women Talk**

The Munich-based National Socialist German Workers’ Party experienced the culmination of its brutal rise to power in the 1930s. Under the leadership of Adolf Hitler, the party used political violence to intimidate and suppress political opposition. Hitler established a totalitarian regime in Germany that was characterized by extreme nationalism, anti-Semitism, and authoritarian rule.

From the 1920s to the 1930s, many Jews in Germany and Austria fled the Nazis. They sought refuge in countries like the United States, Britain, and France. However, for those who stayed, life under the Nazi regime was filled with daily threats and ongoing anti-Semitic violence. The world watched in horror as the Nazis carried out the Holocaust, a genocide that resulted in the murder of six million Jews and other marginalized groups.

The Munich Beer Hall Putsch in 1923 and the Munich Putsch in 1923 are significant events in the history of the National Socialist German Workers’ Party. The first event was a failed attempt by Hitler to seize power in Germany. The second event was a failed coup attempt by the Nazi Party in Munich.

The Munich Beer Hall Putsch was a failed attempt by the Nazi Party to seize control of the German government. The Nazi Party, led by Adolf Hitler, attempted to overthrow the government of the Weimar Republic and establish a Nazi dictatorship. The attempt failed when the German police intervened and arrested the leaders of the putsch.

The Munich Putsch was a failed coup attempt by the Nazi Party in Munich. The coup was planned by a small group of Nazi Party members, led by Hermann Göring. The coup was intended to seize power in Munich and establish a Nazi government in Bavaria. However, the coup failed when the German police intervened and arrested the leaders of the putsch.

The failed putsch attempts in Munich in 1923 were significant events in the history of the National Socialist German Workers’ Party. They demonstrated the Party’s inability to achieve its goals through violent means. The failed putsch attempts also highlighted the party’s limited support within Germany and its reliance on foreign support to achieve its goals.

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**Research to tell us that we cannot expect to continue in the same old ways.**

**We need to ask, how do we continue to maintain the Jewish community and provide more meaningful opportunities?**

**How can we help Jews maintain more meaningful lives?**

**We have to challenge the assumptions that come from data.**

**In November of 2016, the Jewish Commu-**

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