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Federation's 2017 campaign kicks off with ambitious goal of \$2.77 million

BY CHARLES BERNSEN

Mailings to thousands of past and potential donors went out last month as the 2017 annual campaign of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee kicked off with the goal of raising a record \$2.77 million to fund almost 80 institutions and programs in Nashville, Israel and around the world.

That represents a 10 percent increase over the the 2016 total of \$2.5 million, but Dr. Frank Boehm, who chairs the 2017 campaign, has even bigger ambitions.



Frank Boehm



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"Ten percent is the starting point," he said. "I'd like to see us do better than that."

The Federation has identified a number of needs the increase could address – boosting outreach to more Jewish newcomers to Nashville, providing incentive grants for as many as 25 more area youngsters to attend overnight Jewish camp for the first-time, sending more high school students on an immersion trip to Israel through the Get Connected program, providing as many as 1,000 more vouchers to seniors for the Shalom Taxi program, and implementing a new program

to aid disadvantaged youth in Hadera-Eiron, Nashville's Partnership2Gether region in Israel.

"With the Jewish community in this town expanding, all of these are important needs," Boehm said. "And the Federation is uniquely positioned to meet them."

Aside from its ambitious goal, the 2017 campaign will be different in another way. In the previous four campaigns, the Federation used a fundraising concept in which up to 80 volunteers were divided into eight to 10 teams who engaged in a friendly competition as they solicited pledges from Bonim Society

members, donors whose previous annual gifts range from \$1,000 to more than \$100,000. The team model developed by the Nashville Federation helped to inject fun and camaraderie into the campaign while increasing commitments and the pace of fundraising. It was one of several local innovations showcased two years ago at the annual General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America.

But this year the Federation board felt it was important for its 25 officers and members to take a more active role in the fundraising effort, said Boehm and Naomi Sedek, the Federation's assistant executive director who oversees all fundraising and development. So for the 2017 campaign, the face-to-face solicitation of the more than 400 Bonim Society members will be done in large part by the

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Representing country and faith in the Maccabiah Games



Maren Angus of Hendersonville will get a chance to play competitive softball for the first time since high school when she competes with the U.S. women's team in the 2017 Maccabiah Games in Israel. See page 4. (Photo by Adam Brown, Gallatin News)

Global Day will focus on Jewish notions about creation and nature

Local event adds flexible format and short "TextTalks"

Jewish Nashville will participate for the fifth time in the annual Global Day of Jewish Learning next month with a revamped format that will include a series of "TextTalks" – short presentations by local scholars and educators on some aspect of this year's theme on Jewish attitudes about the natural world.

Also new this year, participants will have the option of registering not only for the entire day but also for either the morning or afternoon sessions.

"The changes are in response to feedback from attendees of past Global Day events and from our Global Day Planning Committee to provide more options in terms of time schedule flexi-



bility and to expand the scope of topics in an effort to increase Global Day participation and attendance," said Mark S. Freedman, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, which sponsors the local event.

Global Day of Jewish Learning is an initiative of the Aleph Society in 2010 that aims to foster Jewish unity and knowledge by bringing together hundreds of communities around the world to study the same sacred texts on the same day.

This year's Global Day takes place on Sunday, Nov. 20 and its theme is Under the Same Sky: "The Earth is Full of Your Creations." The quote comes from Psalm 104 and is often cited as a biblical expression of awe at the beauty, goodness and sanctity of the natural world. Thus the curriculum for Global Day will explore issues related to the environment, ecology, cycles and seasons, nourishment and nurturing.

The local Global Day sessions will be at West End Synagogue. Registration is at 10:15 a.m., and the event will end about 3:15 p.m. Those who want to pre-register can do so online at www.jewishnashville.org or by contacting Barbara Schwarcz,

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Global Day of Jewish Learning

Schedule:

10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Arrival, Registration and Opening Learning Session with Pardes Scholar Rabbi Yaffa Epstein

10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
PJLibrary Program (Parents can attend Opening Learning Session at the same time!)

11:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Jewish Learning Breakout Sessions with local clergy and Jewish Community professionals

12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Yaffa Epstein

1:20 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
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Special In-Service Session for Jewish Educators with Rabbi Yaffa Epstein

2:20 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Also new this year:
"MEET THE REBS"
Rabbis Round Table Discussion

(More details and updated information about Global Day programs and activities will be available online at www.jewishnashville.org and in the November issue of *The Jewish Observer*)

Theme: Under the Same Sky: "The Earth is Full of Your Creations"

Date: Sunday, November 20, 2016

Cost: Morning Sessions Only — Free of Charge (no Lunch)

All Day Participation — \$5.00 Includes Lunch

Lunch and Afternoon Sessions — \$10.00 for Lunch

Location: West End Synagogue
(Baby-sitting available upon request)

To register for the Global Day of Jewish Learning, please contact Barbara Schwarcz at (615) 354-1630 or Barbara@jewishnashville.org, or visit www.jewishnashville.org.

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The Global Day of Jewish Learning in Nashville is generously underwritten by Libby and Moshe Werthan to support the participation of Rabbi Yaffa Epstein of the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies.



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In Federation briefing, former Ambassador Pickering says Iran is sticking to nuclear agreement

By CHARLES BERNSEN

Iran is complying with the historic agreement struck last year to prevent it from developing a nuclear weapon, former U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering said during a briefing last month for board members and major donors of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle.

And while he said the deal has so far not produced the diplomatic cooperation in other areas that its proponents had hoped, neither has the lifting of economic sanctions resulted in an increase in Iranian financing of terrorism or other “nefarious activity” as opponents of the agreement had feared.

Pickering, who spent more than five decades as a U.S. diplomat, including stints as ambassador to Israel and Russia, was in Nashville Sept. 19 and 20 to take part in a town hall discussion about the Iran deal sponsored by the Tennessee World Affairs Council. While here he also spoke to the Rotary Club of Nashville, taught a class at Belmont University and gave a private briefing at the Gordon Jewish Community Center to about 35 people, including members of the Federation board, its Community Relations Committee and the Joshua Society.

Pickering, who retired from the State Department in 2001, supported



Former Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering (left) gives a private briefing to about 35 members of the Jewish community last month at the Gordon Jewish Community Center. Sitting next to him are Mark S. Freedman, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, and Katia Mead, outreach director for the Iran Project, a group supporting a bipartisan approach to the Iran nuclear issue.

the deal in which Iran agreed to end its nuclear arms program for at least 15 years in return for the lifting of economic sanctions. (The board of the Nashville Federation voted to oppose the agreement.)

During the briefing at the GJCC, Pickering said the unprecedented international inspections regime put in place to ensure that Iran complies with the deal has detected no violations. And while opposition to the agreement within

Iran has been growing, he said Iranian leader Ayatollah Khamenei appears to be willing to honor it – for now.

However, Pickering said his greatest concern is that disillusionment will grow within Iran as a result of unmet economic expectations from the lifting of sanctions. That might, in turn, strengthen the hard-line Iranian opponents of the nuclear deal and embolden them to abandon it.

On the other hand, Pickering said his greatest hope is that the nuclear

agreement will eventually lead to positive movement from Iran on other issues important to the United States – a reduction in Iranian support for terrorism and Iranian cooperation in a comprehensive Israeli-Palestinian peace accord. He noted that Iran and the U.S., if not officially cooperating, at least have a key political objective in common: the defeat of Sunni Muslim extremists in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan.

Pickering also said Israel seems to be adjusting to the reality of the Iranian peace deal, noting that it has won at least grudging support from hundreds of Israeli military and security experts and that even Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, its chief Israeli opponent, has been largely silent on the issue while his government worked out a record 10-year, \$38 billion military aid deal with the United States.

During a question and answer session, Pickering was asked about Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump’s pledge to revoke the existing deal with Iran if he is elected, re-impose economic sanctions and negotiate a newer, tougher deal.

Pickering said Trump would probably not be able to get support for a sanctions regime under such circumstances, which would leave military action as the only alternative to preventing Iran from resuming its nuclear arms program. •

Global Day

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the Federation’s events coordinator, at (615) 354-1630 or barbara@jewishnashville.org.

The morning session will begin with a presentation from 10:30-11:15 a.m. by Rabba Yaffa Epstein, a visiting scholar from the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, titled “Back to the Beginning: Is Being Created in the Image of G-D a Given or is it Earned?” PJLibrary will have a separate program for young children at the same time.

Breakout sessions on special topics led by local educators will take place from 11:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The schedule sessions and moderators are:

- Green Torah Wisdom, Vanderbilt University professor and Rabbi Phil Lieberman
- Healing: A Natural Practice? (Moderator to be determined)
- Ruler, Steward, Servant: Humanity’s Relationship with Nature, Rabbi Shlomo Rothstein
- Shmita: a Cycle of Rest, Release and



Ownership, Rabbi Aaron Finkelstein
• A Time for Rain, Mark Freedman

A kosher lunch will be served from 12:30-1:15 p.m. in the West End social hall, where Rabba Epstein will hold an informal learning session. The cost of the lunch is \$5 for those who register for the whole day and \$10 for those who register for the afternoon session only. There is no charge for those attending only the morning sessions.

Following lunch, there will be a series of seven or eight “TextTalks” from 1:20 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the East Chapel, each lasting five to seven minutes. Among the scheduled topics are the importance of play for children, sustainable living, yoga and meditation, the relationship between humans and animals, the Harpeth River watershed, and Nashville’s Oasis Center, which offers program to support at-risk



youth. At the same time, Rabba Epstein will hold a learning session specifically for Jewish educators.

The day of learning will conclude with “Meet the Rebs,” a roundtable discussion featuring Rabba Epstein along with local Rabbis Mark Schifftan of The Temple, Laurie Rice of Congregation Micah, Joshua Kullock of West End, Aaron Finkelstein of Congregation Sherith Israel and Yitzchok Tiechtel of Beit Tefilah Chabad of Nashville. It will be moderated by Barbara Dab, president of the West End Synagogue board.

Rabba Epstein’s visit to Nashville is made possible through the generosity of Libby and Moshe Werthan. Local partners in Global Day events with the



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board members themselves along with the Federation’s professional staff.

“The participation of leadership sets an example, so we’re asking the board members to step up and make the ask,” Boehm said.

Boehm, vice chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Vanderbilt University Medical School, is stepping up himself to take on the position of campaign chair despite a busy schedule of volunteer work that includes serving on the Metro Nashville Social Services Board and helping on the endowment drive at The Temple, where

he is also chairing a series of town hall meetings this fall.

“That’s what people do in this community. They step up,” said Boehm, who chairs the editorial board of The Jewish Observer and has previously served as Federation president and chair of its Community Relations Committee as well as chair of the Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

In all, the Federation is expecting to receive annual campaign gifts from more than 1,100 donors, including those made on Feb. 12 during the annual Tzedakah Tzunday phone-a-thon, which typically accounts for more than 20 percent of the total number of annual pledges. •

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Adi's here



Adi Ben Dor was the guest of honor at not just one but two welcome breakfasts when she arrived last month to begin her two-year stint as Nashville's new shlicha (Israel emissary). Here she is being introduced by Abbie Wolf, community relations director for the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, to staff and professionals who work on the campus of the Gordon Jewish Community Center. At a subsequent breakfast she met staff members of Jewish organizations and institutions throughout the city.

Planning a Big Night Out



The Big Night Out committee met for the first time recently at the home of Cindee Gold to begin planning the annual fundraiser for the Gordon Jewish Community Center. The 2017 Big Night Out will be on Saturday, Jan. 21 at the GJCC, and will feature an interactive show with stage hypnotist and television personality Ricky Kalmon along with cocktails, a silent auction and dinner. Gold and Leeron Resnick are co-chairs of the event. Anyone interested in taking part in the planning can contact Dara Freiberg at (615) 354-1639 or dara@nashvillejcc.org.

Hendersonville woman will represent her country and faith in 2017 Maccabiah Games in Israel

It was happenstance that Maren Angus wound up on the U.S. women's softball team that will compete in the 2017 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

The Hendersonville native was in Los Angeles last June visiting some friends who play on a coed fast-pitch team. A few of the men play for the men's national Maccabiah team, and when they found out she was Jewish, they encouraged her to try out for the

women's team.

Though she hadn't played competitively in years, the 25-year-old Angus started training and, at the end of July, drove to Chicago for a tryout. Last month she learned that she will play first base for the U.S. team when it travels to Israel next July for the 20th quadrennial Maccabiah Games. She will be among more than 7,000 Jewish athletes from 75 countries competing in 42 sports.

"I'm so honored and proud to be a

part of this team," she said. I grew up on the outskirts of the Jewish community in Middle Tennessee and was always the Jew growing up in school with the exception of my younger brother. This is the opportunity of a lifetime and I can't wait to represent not just the United State but Judaism as well."

Softball has been Angus's life for years. Her career at Station Camp High School ended somewhat disappointingly in 2009 when rain washed out the district tournament and her team finished third,

just missing a trip to the state tournament for the third year in a row. She enrolled at Arizona State University, where she hoped to play as a walk on. When that didn't work out, she transferred to Middle Tennessee State University and started coaching the sport she loves at the high school and travel ball levels and giving private lessons in Hendersonville.

"I do whatever I can to stay around softball," she said. "I always felt like I never got the chance to finish my career, and this will give me the chance."

The players themselves must shoulder the cost of the three-week trip to Israel, about \$8,000 each. And like many of the other players, Angus has a fundraising page on the Maccabiah USA website. Donations can be made at <http://support.maccabiusa.com/goto/marenangus>. •

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Shalom Baby welcomes parents and their newborn or newly adopted child into the Nashville Jewish community. It acknowledges that each birth is a celebration for the Jewish community and that the Nashville Jewish community wants to share in this special event. It's a wonderful way for you to meet other Jewish families, make friends, and find support during this special time in your life.

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If you are expecting or have recently adopted, or know someone who is, please contact Renee Geltzer at renee@nashvillejcc.org or 615.354.1633.

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Lecture by Father Desbois, priest who documents "Holocaust by Bullets," is among more than a dozen Holocaust education events in October and November

A presentation by Father Patrick Desbois, a Catholic priest who has spent his life documenting the Holocaust and promoting Jewish-Catholic relations, is among a series of Holocaust lectures and events scheduled for this month and next at Vanderbilt University and The Temple.



Father Patrick Desbois

Father Desbois, whose work was the subject of a segment last October on the television newsmagazine 60 Minutes, is the founder and president of Yahad In-Unum, an international organization whose name combines Hebrew and Latin words and means "Together in One."

Its primary goal is to identify, preserve and document the sites of mass killings of Jews and Roma by Nazis and their sympathizers following the invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941. This so-called "Holocaust by Bullets" claimed an estimated 2 million lives, though it is far less known that the more systematic killings that took place in Nazi death camps.

Father Desbois's lecture will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Vanderbilt University's Langford Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

The next day he will take part in the annual Irvin and Elizabeth Limor Holocaust Education Conference, at day-long series of presentations and workshops for middle and high school teachers, which is being held this year at The Temple. For information about the conference, contact Danielle Kahane-Kaminsky, executive director of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, at (615) 343-2563 or danielle.kahane-kaminsky@vanderbilt.edu.

Father Desbois's appearance in Nashville is one of more than a dozen events related to three separate Holocaust symposiums, lecture series and exhibitions in October and November: the annual Vanderbilt Holocaust Lecture

Series, the annual learning series of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Vanderbilt, and a special Holocaust lecture series and exhibition at The Temple:

Thursday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m., Vanderbilt Commons Center

- "Three Generations of Memory," a discussion featuring Holocaust survivor Rachel Chojnacki; her daughter, Esther Remer, and grandson, Evan Remer.

Monday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Vanderbilt Sarratt Cinema

- "My Mother's Courage," a German-British film written by George Tabori that tells the story of how his mother avoided internment at a Nazi concentration camp through a lucky twist of fate.

Friday, Oct. 14 through Thursday, Nov. 3, The Temple

- "Holocaust by Bullets," an exhibition of the work of Father Desbois and Yahad-In Unum in documenting the massacres in Eastern Europe of about 2 million people during World War II.

Saturday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m., The Temple

- Alan Goldberg, who produced the 60 minutes segment on Father Desbois, will speak about his personal connection to the subject as well as the production of the segment.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m., The Temple

- "Standing Up Against Ant-Semitism and Holocaust Denial," a lecture by Imam Mohamed Magid past president of the Islamic Society of North America and outspoken promoter of Holocaust education within Muslim communities.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6 p.m., The Temple

- An Interfaith Sukkot dinner featuring Imam Mohamed Magid during which Nashville residents Bernard Werthan, Daoud Abudiab and Robert Montgomery will receive the Goldziher Prize honoring their work in promoting interfaith activities among Jewish, Muslim and Christian neighbors.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m., The Temple

- "Genocide and Jurisprudence," a lecture by Vanderbilt law professor Michael Newton, an expert on accountability, transnational justice and the law regarding the conduct of hostilities.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 3 p.m., The Temple

- "Children and the Holocaust," a discussion featuring Hedy Lustig and Frances Cutler-Hahn, who both speak out about their experiences as child survivors of the Holocaust.

Sunday, Oct. 23, 3 p.m., The Temple

- "A Story of Survival and Liberation," a talk by Jimmy Gentry, a U.S. Army veteran who survived the Battle of the Bulge and was one of the first soldiers to reach the Dachau concentration camp.

Thursday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m., The Temple

- "Solving the Problem from Hell: Genocide Prevention in the 21st Century," a lecture by Elizabeth Barry White, director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Center for the Prevention of Genocide.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 5 p.m., and

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m., The Temple

- "Choosing to Act: The Story of a Righteous American Soldier." Rev. Chris Edmonds will tell the story of his father, U.S. Army Sgt. Roddie Edmonds,

who, as the ranking non-commissioned officer at a German POW camp, risked his life to save the lives of as many as 200 Jewish American soldiers at the camp.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 3 p.m., The Temple

- "Music of the Holocaust," a lecture-recital by Ethno-musicologist Tamara Reps Freeman, who will provide lessons of courage and morality as she performs Holocaust music on her 1935 Joseph Bausch viola, a relic of the Holocaust.

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 11 a.m., The Temple

- "Giving Face to the Victims: Profiles of Disabled Victims of Nazi 'Euthanasia,'" a presentation by Dr. Patricia Heberer-Rice, a historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, who has uses patient files from the Kaufbeuren mental hospital, once a notorious "euthanasia" facility near Augsburg, to create a victim composite and offer case studies that document the lives and deaths of disabled patients in Nazi Germany.

Nov. 4-6 and 10-12, Vanderbilt Neely Auditorium, 7 p.m.

- "A Shayna Maidel," a play by Barbara Lebow about two sisters, one a Holocaust survivor and the other raised as an American, who meet in 1946 after a separation of almost 20 years.

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 11 a.m., The Temple

- "From Day to Day: The Real Time Diary of Odd Nansen," a talk by Timothy Boyce, who wrote a book about Odd Nansen, a Norwegian architect living in Central Europe who helped save Jews from Nazi persecution until he himself was imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp, where he kept a detailed diary documenting the life there. •

Corrections and Clarifications

The name of the monthly Learn and Lunch program sponsored by West End Synagogue and Congregation Sherith Israel was incorrect in the September issue. This month's Learn and Lunch on Oct. 26 at West End will feature Rabbi Saul Strosberg. •

The plenary session at Nashville's Global Day of Jewish Learning event on Nov. 20 at West End Synagogue will not be one of 24 webcast live on the Internet. A story last month incorrectly said it would be. •

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Kosher Hot Chicken Festival fires next month up at GJCC

The Nashville Kosher Hot Chicken Festival returns next month – and this time there will be a real competition to determine who makes the best kosher version of the city's iconic dish.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 6 at the Gordon Jewish Community Center. Admission is free, and samples of a variety of hot chicken from some the city's best hot chicken restaurants will be available for \$1 each. The event will also include music and kids' activities throughout the day.

About 350 people attended last year's inaugural festival, which was the idea of a group of friends who wanted to celebrate both their Jewish and Nashville culinary traditions. It also provided an opportunity for several of them who keep kosher to finally try the breaded, fried and very spicy dish for which Nashville

is famous. This year's festival is being underwritten by the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

The cooking contest will include up to 15 amateur teams along with several representing some of Nashville hot chicken institutions, including last year's favorite Bolton's. They will compete for first, second and third place in two categories – mild and hot chicken. There will also be a People's Choice Award. The Grand Champion will win a new deep fryer worth \$150. Teams will also compete for the Best Team Name and the Best Booth.

All necessary cooking utensils and ingredients, including fryers, will be provided in order to assure the food is kosher. The entry fee is \$150 per team. For more information about the rules or to register, go to www.nashvillekosherhotchicken.com or contact Alex Liff at (615) 354-1623 or alex@nashvillejcc.org.

Jewish newcomers can learn about Nashville at Federation reception on Oct. 30

The Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee will hold a reception for newcomers to the area from 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 at the home of Linda Sisselman.

The meeting will allow those who are new to Nashville or have lived here for a few years but still feel new to meet other newcomers as well as the Federation's Welcoming Ambassadors, who can answer questions about the community.

For more information, contact Barbara Schwarcz, the Federation's newcomer liaison, at (615) 354-1630 or barbara@jewishnashville.org.



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UT-Knoxville chancellor responds to letter regarding anti-Semitic online posts by students

Aug. 23, 2016

Dear Ms. Wolf,

Thank you for your letter about the recently reported statements by our students. I share your concern about those reports.

I find the statements abhorrent. Hate and bigotry toward anyone, especially toward specific ethnic, religious, or marginalized groups of individuals, is not consistent with the values of the University of Tennessee – values which are defined by our campus' principles of civility and community.

Immediately following the Aug. 4

Editor's note: This letter from Chancellor Jimmy G. Cheek of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville was written in response to one sent to him in August expressing concern about anti-Semitic and anti-Israel postings on social media by current and former UT students. That letter from leaders of the Jewish communities in Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga was composed by Abbie Wolf, director of community relations for the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, who has a related column on page 9.

report in the Algemeiner, leaders of our campus ministries, including advisors to Hillel and Students for Justice in Palestine, contacted our dean of students. Her concerns were for our students' safety and to fully understand the extent of the issue. She sought those leaders' perspectives on the nature of the allegations, based upon their working understanding of the climate on our campus.

Since the initial allegations, our dean of students has continued her dialogue with ministry leaders; staff from the Office of Student Conduct have reviewed the reported posts for potential violations of our student code of conduct; staff in the Office of the Dean of Students have combed through past reported incidents of bias in search of any related historical issues, and our campus police

department has been alerted to the issues in order to explore any potential threats or security concerns. Most importantly, the dean has been in communication with student leaders and advisors of the aforementioned student organizations and the Muslim Student Association, who met together during the first week of classes to discuss the reports and any underlying issues.

Following last week's meeting, the dean reported to me that despite the respectable differences between each organization, the consensus is that the three groups are in solidarity with each other and disagree with the assertions alleged in the articles regarding an inhospitable campus climate. This is not intended to minimize this important issue or to deny that some of our students expressed hateful ideas. However, I am confident in the judgement of our Student Life staff, leaders of our campus ministries, and our Jewish and Muslim students in understanding our campus climate. During that same meeting, students were advised on what they should do if they feel unsafe, threatened, harassed, or targeted.

We are addressing the issue according to our standard processes for responding to incidents of bias. Leaders of Hillel, SJP, and MSA are committed to continued dialogue on the subject and have a follow-up meeting scheduled with the dean of students in a couple of weeks. As the fall semester continues, we will seek opportunities to educate members of our campus on this and other diversity and inclusion issues.

Finally, I was pleased to see that your letter referenced the right to free speech. As the leader of the state of Tennessee's flagship public institution, I am proud that UT is one of just 22 public colleges and universities in the United States with a green light rating from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. My colleagues and I encourage discourse that aligns with our community values, while upholding our students' constitutional rights to free expression – even when their speech runs counter to those values.

We strive to create an environment in which civility is embraced, to encourage mutual respect and tolerance for all members of our community, and to promote opportunities for broader understanding of our differences and our similarities.

Thank you again for reaching out to me about this matter.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Jimmy G. Cheek
University of Tennessee, Knoxville



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Here are the highlights for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:

**Erev Rosh Hashanah,
Sunday, October 2, 6:00 p.m.**

Rabbi's Sermon 6:40 p.m.
Services end at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**First Day of Rosh Hashanah,
Monday, October 3, 9:00 a.m.**

Blessing of Babies born in the last year 10:15 a.m.
Rabbi's Sermon 11:00 a.m.
Family Services follow the Rabbi's Sermon
Services end at approximately 1:00 p.m.

**Family Friendly Tashlich,
Monday, October 3, 4:45 p.m.**

Join us for the three-block walk from WES to the creek at 4:45 p.m. Shofar blowing will follow back at the synagogue.

**Second Day of Rosh Hashanah,
Tuesday, October 4, 9:00 a.m.**

Rabbi's Sermon 10:30 a.m.
Children's services follow the Rabbi's sermon
Services end at approximately 12:30 p.m.

**Kol Nidre,
Tuesday, October 11, 5:30 p.m.**

Kol Nidre 5:57 p.m.
Rabbi's Sermon 8:00 p.m.
Services end at approximately 8:30 p.m.

**Yom Kippur Day,
Wednesday, October 12, 9:30 a.m.**

Rabbi's sermon 12:00 p.m.
Youth services follow Rabbi's sermon
Study session with Ben Doochin 3:30 p.m.
Cantor's talk 5:15 p.m.
Yizkor 5:45 p.m.
Neilah with open Ark for personal prayers 6:15 p.m.
Havdallah Ramah Style and
sounding of the Shofar 6:52 p.m.

**A community Break Fast,
sponsored by Sisterhood & Men's Club,
Follows Yom Kippur Day Services**

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Community Relations Communiqué

An encouraging response to hate speech

By **ABBIE WOLF**

Last month's issue of *The Observer* reprinted a letter I drafted on behalf of the executive directors and board presidents of all four Tennessee Jewish Federations. The letter was sent to the Chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) in response to a series of articles that had appeared in *The Algemeiner*, an online newsletter. Our letter expressed anger and consternation about a series of anti-Semitic and anti-Israel tweets by UTK student leaders of the groups Students for Justice in Palestine and the Muslim Students Association.

These tweets were crude, insulting statements that played on stereotypes of Jews – like “Jew test: throw a pen(ny) and if they pick it up they’re a Jew” accompanied by a number of emojis laughing so hard they’re crying. Another tweet pulled the curtain back on the student’s opinions about Israel when they wrote, “Here is your daily reminder that Israel is a piece of (expletive).”

It didn’t take long to decide that the letter would be signed by the Jewish Federations in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville. All of our communities send students to UTK each year, and we feel a collective responsibility for their safety and protection. We all feel the anger and the hurt over these tweets, and many of us are horrified this is happening in 2016.

You can read the response from Chancellor Cheek in full on page 8 of this issue. Though some might disagree with me, I thought it was quite positive. When hate rears its anti-Israel, anti-Semitic head at a university, administrations often retreat behind the wall of academic freedom. And yes, academic freedom is indeed important. Universities must always create and nurture an atmosphere that allows everyone to be heard without fear of losing their positions or worse.

Having said that, one of the things that most struck me about the chancellor’s letter is that he didn’t simply invoke academic freedom and then end the discussion. He went further than that. He deplored the dark language found in these tweets. Before he got into issues of freedom of speech, he made it clear how terrible he found the language used by these students. He wrote, “I find the statements abhorrent. Hate and bigotry toward anyone, especially toward specific ethnic, religious, or marginalized groups of individuals, is not consistent with the values of the University of Tennessee—values which are defined by our campus’ principles of civility and community.”

Responses like the chancellor’s are unfortunately in the minority in universities around the country, at least from what I have observed. The chancellor has shown us that while freedom of speech is indeed a right to be respected, nevertheless he and others have the right to decry words spoken under the banner

of free speech when they are hateful and bigoted. In a society that values civil discourse, the freedom to speak does not protect from condemnation those whose speech is hateful.

I also appreciate how quickly Chancellor Cheek took action. The fourth paragraph of his letter enumerates all the steps he took to gather

information, understand the situation, and then work to ensure the security of Jewish students on campus. Speed is a quality not often seen in multi-layered administrations, especially in an organization as massive as UTK. I appreciated the respect he showed to our community through his actions. As always, I welcome your opinions and input because

your voice is important whether or not you agree with me.

Shana Tova to all of you. May it be a sweet New Year filled with good health and much joy. •

Abbie Wolf is director of community relations for the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.



Abbie Wolf

Rituals of Memory & Oblivion

The 39th Annual Holocaust Lecture Series At Vanderbilt

Lost Theatrical Works of the Holocaust with Prof. Lisa Peschel
September 13 • 7 p.m.

Peschel is a lecturer in the Department of Theatre, Film, and Television at the University of York.
Wilson Hall 126

Vanderbilt is proud to host the longest-running lecture series on the Holocaust at any university in the U.S.

Three Generations of a Memory with Rachel Chojnacki, Esther Remer, and Evan Remer
October 6 • 7 p.m.

A survivor, daughter of survivor, and grandchild of a survivor share their experiences.
The Commons Center MPR

Movie: My Mother's Courage (1995)
October 10 • 7 p.m.

The deportation of 4,000 Jews from Budapest to Auschwitz in July 1944, as told by George Tabori, and how the narrator's mother escaped it, owing to coincidence, courage, and some help from where you'd least expect it.
Sarratt Cinema

Moving from Indifference to Action with Father Patrick Desbois
October 25 • 7 p.m.

In addition to serving as a Roman Catholic priest, head of the Commission for Relations with Judaism of the French Bishops' Conference, and consultant to the Vatican, Father Desbois is the founder of the Yahad-In Unum, an organization dedicated to locating the sites of mass graves of Jewish victims of the Nazi mobile-killing units in the former Soviet Union. Fr. Desbois' grandfather was a French soldier deported to the Nazi prison camp Rava-Ruska on the Ukrainian border with Poland.
Langford Auditorium

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All events are free and open to the public. For a complete schedule, call (615) 322-2457 or go online to vanderbilt.edu/holocaust

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High Holy Days - 5777

Congregational Schedules

West End Synagogue

3810 West End Ave.
Conservative

Sunday, Oct. 2: Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah service
6:40 p.m.: Rabbi's sermon
Service will end about 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 3: First day of Rosh Hashanah

9 a.m.: Morning service
10:15 a.m.: Blessing of babies born in last year
11 a.m.: Rabbi's sermon (family service follows the sermon)
4:45 p.m.: Family friendly Tashlich service (Join us for the three-block walk to the creek from the synagogue at 4:45. Shofar blowing will follow back at the synagogue.)

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Second day of Rosh Hashanah

9 a.m.: Morning service
10:30 a.m.: Rabbi's sermon (children's service follow the sermon)
Service will end about 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 9

10 a.m.: Memorial service at West End Cemetery led by Rabbi Joshua Kullock

Tuesday, Oct. 11: Erev Yom Kippur

5:30 p.m.: Kol Nidre service (Kol Nidre at 5:57 p.m.)
8 p.m.: Rabbi's sermon
Service will end about 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Yom Kippur

9:30 a.m.: Services begin
12 p.m.: Rabbi's sermon (youth services follow sermon)
3:30 p.m.: Study session with Ben Doochin
5:15 p.m.: Cantor's talk
5:45 p.m.: Yizkor
6:15 p.m.: Neilah with open Ark for personal prayers
6:52: Havdallah Ramah style and sounding of the shofar

A community break fast sponsored by the West End Sisterhood and Men's Club will follow the concluding service. There is no charge, but please make your reservation by emailing office@westendsyn.org.

The Temple (Congregation Ohabai Sholom)

5015 Harding Road
Reform

Sunday, Oct. 2: Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:30 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah service

Monday, Oct. 3: Rosh Hashanah

9 a.m.: Family Service and Tot Yom Tov
10:30 a.m.: Morning service
12:45 p.m.: President's Rosh Hashanah reception
1 p.m.: Tashlich at the Creek

Friday, Oct. 7: Shabbat Shuvah

6 p.m.: Shabbat Shuvah service

Sunday, Oct. 9

2 p.m.: Memorial Service at The Temple Cemetery

Tuesday, Oct. 11: Erev Yom Kippur

7:30 p.m.: Kol Nidre service

The Temple is conducting a Yom Kippur Food Drive. Bring non-perishable food items in a bag or box on Yom Kippur or write a check to Second Harvest Food Bank and mail or bring it to The Temple.

Wednesday Oct. 12: Yom Kippur

9 a.m.: Family service and Tot Yom Tov
10:30 a.m.: Morning service
12:45 p.m.: Congregants hour
2 p.m.: Afternoon service
3:15 p.m.: Study hour
4:15 p.m.: Yizkor and concluding service

Following concluding services there will be a break fast. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Your check is your reservation (received by Oct. 3) and should be mailed to The Temple at 5015 Harding Road, Nashville TN 37205. For the young adult break fast, please RSVP to rabbishulman@templenashville.org.

Congregation Micah

2001 Old Hickory Blvd.
Reform

Sunday, Oct. 2: Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:30 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah service

Monday, Oct. 3: Rosh Hashanah

10 a.m.: Morning service
3 p.m.: Youth service (grades 4-7) in the Eden Room and parent mixer in the Sinai Room
3:15 p.m.: Young Family Service (birth to 3rd grade) in the main sanctuary
4 p.m.: Tashlich (casting out our sins)
4:15 p.m.: Birthday party of the World!

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Second day of Rosh Hashanah

4 p.m.: Stand up paddleboard/kayak Tashlich at Percy Priest Reservoir with Rabbi Laurie. (The event is free. See the Micah website event page for RSVP information and more details.)

Friday, Oct. 7: Shabbat Shuvah

10 a.m.: Cemetery Service
6 p.m.: Shabbat service followed by Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 11: Erev Yom Kippur

7:30 p.m.: Kol Nidrei Service

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Yom Kippur

10 a.m.: Morning Service, main sanctuary
1 p.m.: Young Family Service (birth to 4th grade), main sanctuary
1 p.m.: Chai Society program, Eden Room
1 p.m.: Memorial garden tour (meet outside the library)
2 p.m., Healing service, main sanctuary
2 p.m.: Study session (advocating for Israel)
3:30 p.m.: Afternoon service, main sanctuary
5 p.m.: Yizkor (memorial service) and Neilah (Join us for a break fast following the concluding services.)

Congregation Sherith Israel

3600 West End Ave.
Modern Orthodox

Sunday, Oct. 2: Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:11 p.m.: Candle lighting
6:15 p.m.: Evening services

Monday, Oct. 3: First day of Rosh Hashanah

8 a.m.: Preliminary services
9:30 a.m.: Torah reading
10:15 a.m.: Rabbi's address/Shofar
10:40 a.m.: Musaf
12:45 p.m.: Annual Rosh Hashanah lunch (reservations required)
2:30 p.m.: Tashlich at Richland Creek
6:15 p.m.: Mincha/Maariv
7:06 p.m.: Earliest candle lighting

Congregation Sherith Israel's annual Rosh Hashanah lunch will take place following Musaf. Reservations are required, and the cost is \$27 for adults, \$13 for children ages 5 to 12, and \$75 for families. RSVP with Janet in the office at (615) 292-6110.

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

8 a.m.: Preliminary services
9:30 a.m.: Torah reading
10:20 a.m.: Rabbi's address/Shofar
10:40 a.m.: Musaf
6:15 p.m.: Mincha
7:04 p.m.: Maariv/Havdallah

Wednesday, Oct.: Fast of Gedalia

5:26 a.m.: Fast begins
6:30 a.m.: Shacharit
6:05 p.m.: Mincha
6:51 p.m.: Fast ends

Tuesday, Oct. 11: Erev Yom Kippur

6:30 a.m.: Shacharit
2 p.m.: Mincha
6 p.m.: Late Mincha
5:59 p.m.: Candle lighting
6 p.m.: Kol Nidre

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Yom Kippur

8:30 a.m.: Shacharit
10:45 a.m.: Torah reading
11:30 a.m.: Rabbi's address
11:50 a.m.: Yizkor
12 p.m.: Musaf
4 p.m.: Reading of the Names
4:45 p.m.: Mincha
5:45 p.m.: Neilah
6:53 p.m.: Shofar

Following service, there will be a break fast hosted by the CSI Sisterhood, Jay and Linda Amsel, and Zvi and Diane Manas. All are welcome to attend.

Congregation Beit Tefilah

95 Bellevue Road
Chabad

Sunday, Oct. 2: Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:30 p.m.: Candle lighting and service
7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve dinner

Chabad welcomes everyone to its 18th annual New Year's Eve dinner, a festive four-course meal complete with round challah, apples and honey and traditional holiday dishes like gefilte fish, chicken soup, tzimmes, roasted chicken, brisket and honey cake.

Monday, Oct. 3: First day of Rosh Hashanah

9 a.m.: Morning service
10:45-11:30 a.m.: Children's service
11:45 a.m.: Sounding of the shofar
12:30 p.m.: Mussaf
5:45 p.m.: Tashlich at Percy Warner Park
7:36: Earliest candle lighting

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Second day of Rosh Hashanah

9 a.m.: Morning service
10:45-11:30 a.m.: Children's service
11:45 a.m.: Sounding of the shofar
12:30 p.m.: Mussaf
7:34: Holiday ends

Tuesday, Oct. 11: Erev Yom Kippur

6 p.m.: Candle lighting and Kol Nidrei service

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Yom Kippur

9:30 a.m.: Morning service
10:45-11:30 a.m.: Children's service
11:45 a.m.: Yizkor (memorial) service
12:15 p.m.: Mussaf
3:30 p.m.: The Inner Circle
4:45 p.m.: Mincha service
5:45 p.m.: Ne'ilah and closing service
6:43 p.m.: Havdalah service and break fast

To RSVP for the New Year's Eve dinner or for more information about services call (615) 646-5750, email Rabbi@chabadnashville.com or visit www.chabadnashville.com.

Sukkot - 5777

Congregational Schedules

Congregation Beit Tefilah 95 Bellevue Road Chabad

Sunday, Oct. 16: Erev Sukkot
5:52 p.m.: Candle lighting
6:30 p.m.: Sukkot service
7 p.m.: Sukkot Dinner Under the Stars

Monday, Oct. 17: First day of Sukkot
9:30 a.m. Morning service
10:30 a.m.: Lulav shake
11:45 a.m.: The priestly blessings
6:47 p.m.: Earliest candle lighting

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Second day of Sukkot
9:30 a.m.: Morning service
10:30 a.m.: Lulav shake
11:45 a.m.: The priestly blessings

Friday, Oct. 21: Shabbat Sukkot
5:46 p.m.: Candle lighting
6 p.m.: Kabbalat Shabbat
7 p.m.: "Soups in the Sukkah" Shabbat dinner

Saturday, Oct. 22
9:30 a.m.: Morning service
10:30 a.m.: Torah reading
Noon.: Lunch in the sukkah
6:41: Shabbat ends

Sunday, Oct. 23: Erev f Shmini Atzeret
5:43 p.m.: Candle lighting
6:30 p.m.: Hasidic Hakafot

Monday, Oct. 24 - Shmini Atzeret
9:30 a.m.: Morning service
11:15 a.m.: Yizkor (memorial) service
11:45 a.m.: The priestly blessings
6:39 p.m.: Earliest candle lighting
7 p.m.: Simchat Torah community dinner and Hakafot

Tuesday, Oct. 25: Simchat Torah
9:30 a.m.: Morning service
10:30 a.m.: Conclude reading of the entire Torah
6:38 p.m.: Holiday ends

To RSVP or more information, call (615) 646-5750, email Rabbi@chabadnashville.com or visit www.chabadnashville.com

West End Synagogue 3810 West End Ave. Conservative

Sunday, Oct. 16: Erev Sukkot
9:30 a.m.-noon: Special Beit Miriam program
"Build a Shelter of Peace"

Monday, Oct. 17
9:30 a.m.: Service for first day of Sukkot

Tuesday, Oct. 18
9:30 a.m.: Service for second day of Sukkot

Monday, Oct. 24
9:30 a.m.: Service for Shemini Atzeret (includes Yizkor)
5:30 p.m.: Simchat Torah dinner catered by Bobbie Limor
(The cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Please RSVP to office@westendsyn.org)
6:15 p.m.: Service for families with young children
6:45 p.m.: Service with Torah procession

Tuesday, Oct. 25
9:30 a.m.: Simchat Torah service

For the complete service schedule, visit our website at www.westendsyn.org

The Temple (Congregation Ohabai Sholom) 5015 Harding Road Reform

Wednesday, Oct. 19
4:15 p.m.: Hebrew School Dinner in the Sukkot

Thursday, Oct. 20
7 p.m.: Next Dor under the Sukkah, a gathering for young adults and couples. For more information, concat Rabbi Michael Shulman at (615) 352-7620.

Monday, Oct. 24: Shemini Atzeret
11 a.m.: Yizkor service

Friday, Oct. 28
6 p.m.: Simchat Torah service followed by a festive *oneg*

Congregation Micah 2001 Old Hickory Blvd. Reform

Friday, Oct. 21: Sukkot/Simchat Torah Celebration and Sleepover
4 p.m.: "Campsite" opens
6 p.m.: Shabbat service and Torah dancing
7 p.m. Non-diary potluck dinner (main course provided)
7:30 p.m.: Sukkah decorating, crafts and a movie under the stars

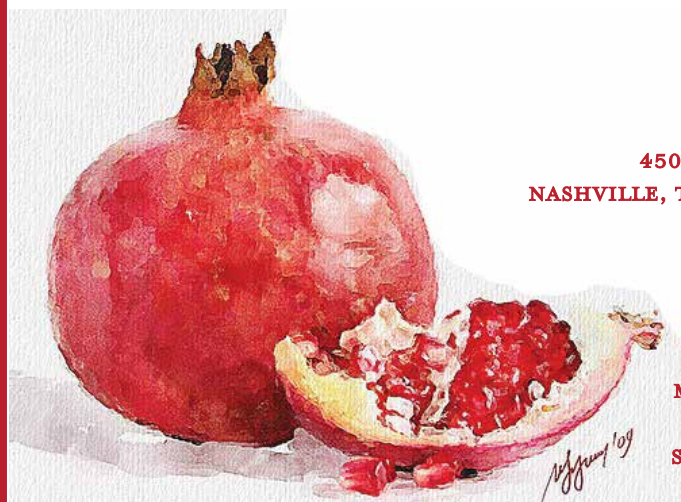
Dinner is \$5 per person. Please bring a non-dairy side dish to share. Please RSVP online by Tuesday, Oct. 11. Bring your own tent and sleeping bags if you are staying for the sleepover.

Shana Tova!



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New Year filled with
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Rabbi Joshua, Jessica, Iara,
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Wishing the entire Nashville Jewish
community a wonderful new year,
filled with blessing, inspiration, joy
and growth. May we be inscribed for
a sweet and healthy year ahead.

Shana Tova and
Ketiva V'Chatima Tova,
Julie Sugar and Rabbi Aaron
Finkelstein

**Rabbi Mark and
Harriet Schifftan, and our
children Ari, Sarah Rose,
and Jacob Schifftan**
wish each and every one of
you a happy, healthy, and
peaceful New Year.

Rabbi Saul, Rabbi Aaron,
& Cantor Lieberman
extend warmest wishes for
the New Year 5777, in both
the spiritual and material
senses, to our entire
community, to the State of
Israel and to all mankind.

Wishing you a year
of health, blessings
and peace.

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah!

Rabbi Shana & James Mackler
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The Rice Family wishes
the entire Nashville
Jewish Community a
Shanah Tovah! May it
be a sweet and good
year for all!

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CALM
and have a
SHANA TOVA
U'METUKAH

Rabbi Yitzchok and Esther Tiechtel
and family

Wishing our Nashville
Jewish community a
happy, sweet and
peaceful 5777.
L'shana tova u'metuka!

Cantor Tracy Fishbein
and Glenn Turtel



*May the New Year bring peace,
prosperity and a world filled with
laughter and love.
May you be inscribed for
a sweet and good year!*

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*Have a
Healthy, Happy
New Year!*

MERYL AND KEITH
KRAFT

**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

Jamie, Alison and Chuck,
Andrea, Kevin and Brayden,
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Wishing you a year of joy
and love and all the blessing
and success that they bring.
Shanah Tovah!

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from the Herzogs,
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Tikkatevu**
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Shanah Tova 5777!

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**ROSH HASHANAH
GREETINGS**

Jill and Dan Eisenstein

Just when we thought we knew the answers, there are more questions!
Surprise, surprise: there are new ways of doing and thinking about water,
family, medicine, body parts, purchasing, and death. Then there is
our list entitled, "I'll Get Around-To-It." How about a list of what we
treasure: memories, friends, family, what and who did that which made
you feel your special self? Can we make up a few commitments to the
future and do something new? May Your New Year Be Peaceful.

Dr. Fred & Martha Goldner



Big things often have small beginnings! May the High Holidays be a beginning of a grand, fulfilling and amazing year!

Adi Ben Dor
Community Shlichah
Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee

Shana Tova
Umetukah
*Bobbie & Alex
Limor and Family*



B'nai B'rith Social Unit
wishes you and your family
a year of peace, health
and happiness.



**HAVE A HAPPY
AND
HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

Marcia & Lee Stewart

*L'Shana Tova to all of our
dear friends in Nashville...*

*We are so proud to call this
wonderful Jewish community
our home.*

*May the year of 5777 be a good
and healthy one for all of you.*

**Mark S. Freedman
and Leslie J. Klein**

*Have a Happy
and
Healthy
New Year!*

Gwen and Frank Gordon
and Family

Continued wishes for a Healthy and
Prosperous New Year for all!
Leslie M. Sax

*From our Family
to Yours,
L'Shana Tova*

Carla, Mark & Ben
Rosenthal

Have a Happy
and Healthy
New Year

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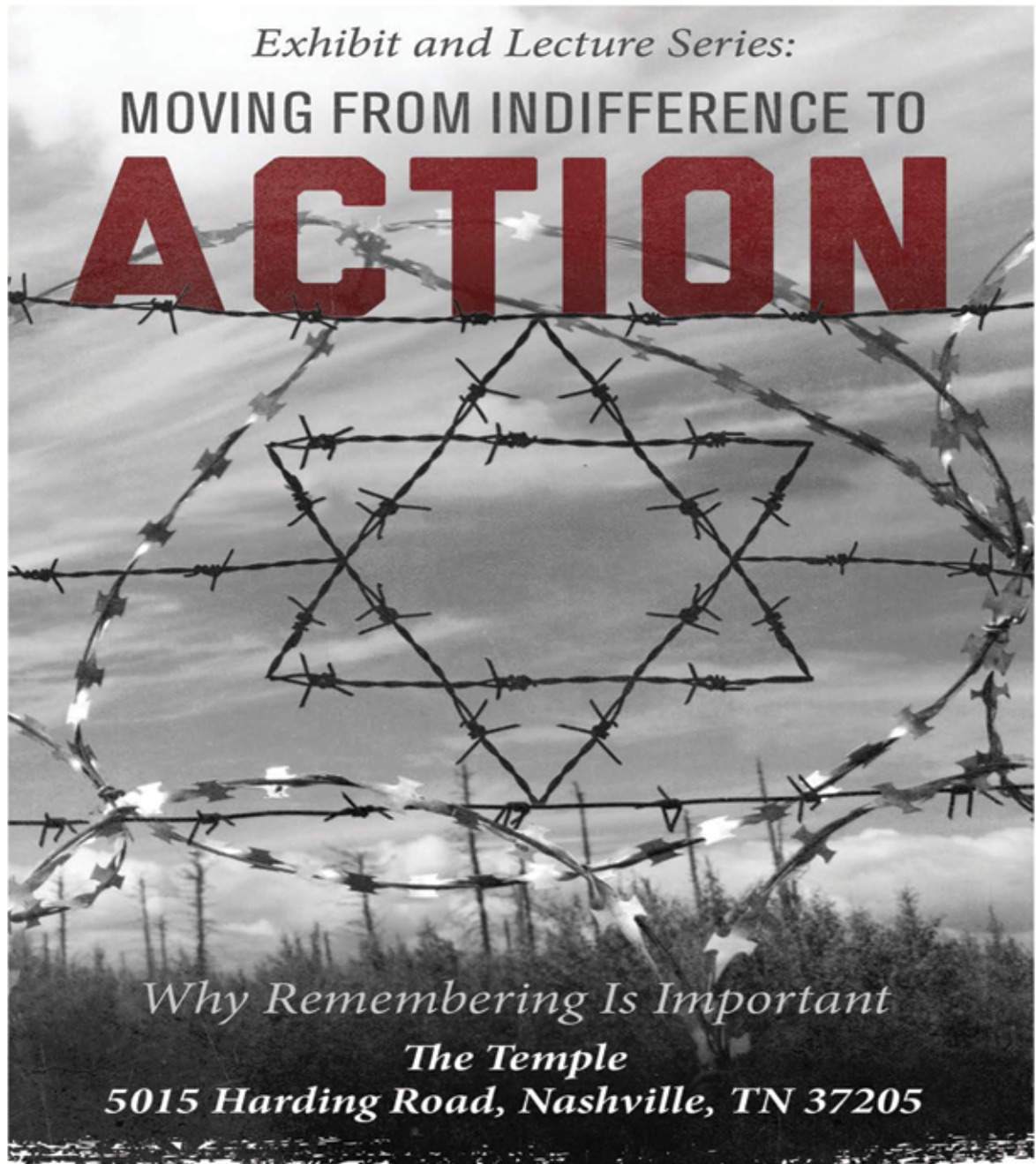
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Temple seeks to "Secure Tomorrow Today" with \$7 million endowment campaign

The Temple's Board of Trustees announced last month a \$7 million fundraising campaign, Securing Tomorrow Today, to strengthen the congregation's endowment and secure its future.

Temple President Martin Sir said the campaign will provide funding to address priorities that support The Temple's mission of engaging in worship, education, community, and social justice.

"I am honored and grateful to be serving as president during this exciting time in The Temple's history," Sir said. "The Temple is like a home to me and my family, and just like you work to secure your home for your children and the future, that's what I envision for The Temple with this campaign."

Sir said the funds raised during the campaign will focus on five priorities: investing in spiritual leaders, meeting current and future program needs, advancing religious school and life-long learning, sustaining The Temple Cemetery, and upgrading of The Temple's security, facilities, communication and technology.

Securing Tomorrow Today is the first comprehensive endowment effort in the history of The Temple (Congregation Ohabai Shalom), and, according to congregation officials, the largest ever undertaken in the Nashville Jewish community. In the last 20 years, The Temple has conducted two fundraising campaigns: one capital and the other to retire debt.

Securing Tomorrow Today is led by Steve Riven and Lisa and Stephen Small,

with Leon May serving as honorary chair. All three families have been members of The Temple for generations, serving in various leadership roles from past president to board member to committee member.

"The timing of the Temple endowment campaign is right," said Lisa Small. "The congregation is pleased to have great clergy, interesting programming and a strong working relationship with all our sister congregations and with the community in general. It is today that we must develop our long-term financial stability in order to ensure both the immediate and distant future well being of our congregation. And it will take a commitment from each member to make this goal a reality."

Both the Smalls and Riven said that they became involved because of the campaign's compelling case and The Temple's importance to their families and in their lives.

"It is important to focus on and increase our endowment funds," said Riven. "We're going to exceed every expectation because of the generosity of this congregation."

Senior Rabbi Mark Schiffman said Securing Tomorrow Today has received "inspiring support" since getting underway at the beginning of the year.

As of last month, it had received \$5.6 million in commitments and planned gifts, marking significant progress toward the \$7 million goal. The commitments include support from The Temple's board of trustees and past presidents and 18 gifts of \$100,000 or more.

The Temple is seeking the broadest participation in the historic campaign, and in the coming months the entire congregation will be invited to participate.

"I am hopeful every congregant, as well as others living in Nashville, will consider supporting this historic effort to strengthen and preserve both The Temple and the wider Jewish community for generations to come," said Rabbi Schiffman.

Likewise, Rabbi Shana Mackler described the campaign as "an opportunity to fully engage our entire congregation: young professionals, newcomers to Nashville and natives, interfaith and intercultural families, the LGBT commu-

nity, and empty nesters."

Said Rabbi Schiffman, "As The Temple celebrates its 165th anniversary, all of us – congregants and clergy – are committed to celebrating past achievements, preparing for future challenges, and securing the vibrancy, vitality and vision of our Temple, both now and for the next generation." •

For more information on the Securing Tomorrow Today campaign, contact Hayley Levy, campaign manager, at hlevy@ccsfundraising.com, or Erin Zagnoev, Temple director of membership and development, at erin@templenashville.org or (615) 352-7620.

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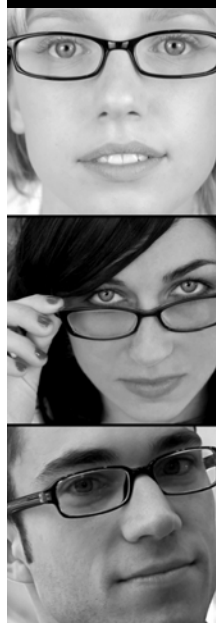
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Visiting Cantor Kagan will lead High Holiday services at Chabad, perform concert of Yiddish music at the GJCC

Congregation Beit Tefilah is welcoming Cantor Yossele Kagan to lead the High Holiday services this month.

Cantor Kagan also will perform a "Yiddishe Mame High Holiday Concert" at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 during the T.G.I.T. lunch for seniors at the Gordon Jewish Community Center. The concert, underwritten by the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, will include a repertoire of Yiddish melodies such as "A Yiddishe Mame," "Tumbalalaika" and "Oifem Pripetchik."

Cantor Kagan, the 10th child in a family with a long lineage of cantors, has davened and performed for audiences all over the world, including cantorial renditions as far as Melbourne Australia and the Congo in Central Africa.

During the services at Beit Tefilah, Cantor Kagan will blend Hasidic melodies and various famous Jews tunes into High Holiday liturgy. Also, during the services, Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel will share stories about and insights into the prayers.

No membership or tickets are required, and services are held in Hebrew and English in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. A special children's service is held on the each morning of the High Holidays. For a complete listing of the High Holiday services at Beit Tefilah, go to www.chabadnashville.com.

Chabad plans two special meals to celebrate Sukkot's agricultural significance

Sukkot is a festival celebrating the fall harvest, and Chabad of Nashville will observe the holiday's agricultural meaning with two special events.

Sukkah Under the Stars, a festive holiday dinner, is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16. In the spirit of the harvest festival, the dinner at Chabad's "Sukkah Plaza" will include locally grown produce.

At 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21, Chabad is sponsoring "Soups in the Sukkah," which will feature a hearty Shabbat dinner that includes five types of soups – traditional chicken matzah ball soup, mushroom barley, roasted tomato, pumpkin kale, and hot and sour soup.

The events are free, although those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP at www.chabadnashville.com/sukkot.

"On the holiday of Sukkot, the Sages declared it a *mitzvah* to eat 14 meals in the sukkah," said Chabad Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel. "In keeping with the holiday's agricultural meaning, gratefulness is expressed to God after the harvest through the eating of autumn fruits and vegetables."

"A wonderful way to connect to nature is to cook with what is in season locally. In Tennessee we are blessed with a bountiful fall harvest. Hearty homemade soups accompanied by an assortment of breads are a wonderful way for your family and guests to warm up during the chilly fall evenings in the sukkah."

Chabad will celebrate Simchat Torah with deli dinner, simcha bar and dancing

Chabad will conclude the holiday season with a Simchat Torah celebration at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24 that will include a festive holiday deli dinner, a *simcha* bar for *l'chaims* of joy, dancing with the Torah and flags for the kids.

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Miriam and Bob Mamlin will celebrate 70 years of marriage on Oct. 14 at The Temple

In 1945 Bob Mamlin was an infantry soldier serving in Europe with Patton's Third Army when he got an emergency furlough to visit his ailing mother in New York City. After she died, he was shipped to what was then called Camp Campbell on the Kentucky-Tennessee border.

While he was there, Miriam Belle Weise, a Nashville native whose family had settled here in 1859, volunteered with some girlfriends to go up to Camp Campbell one evening and help "serve spaghetti dinner to the boys."

"She was pretty. I noticed her right away," Bob remembers.

"He was flirting with me," Miriam recalls.

As Bob and some of his buddies followed Miriam and her friends out of the mess hall, one of the soldiers "pinched my bottom," she says. She turned around and demanded to know who the perpetrator was, but no one confessed.

"That's when I said, 'Hey, beautiful, would like to play ping pong?'" Bob says.

Intrigued by the tall, handsome soldier, she said yes.

Eight dates later – and following a trip to New York with her parents to meet his family – Bob and Miriam were engaged. They were married in Oct. 15, 1946 in Nashville, where they have lived ever since, raising two daughters and now enjoying retirement.

This month, the couple will mark their 70th wedding anniversary. The entire community is invited to help them celebrate on Friday, Oct. 14 at The Temple when the Mamlins will host the oneg following the 6 p.m. service.

"I'd say it's worked out pretty well," Bob says of their life together.

By the way, he admitted long ago to being the pincher.



Miriam and Bob Mamlin hold a photo taken at their wedding on Oct. 15, 1946. To celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary, the couple will host the oneg following Shabbat services on Oct. 14 at The Temple.

Hike and Havdalah set for Oct. 8 at Percy Warner Park

The Temple's Worship and Music Committee is presenting a special hike and Havdalah on Saturday, Oct. 8 in Percy Warner Park.

Those who wish to participate should meet 3:45 p.m. at the top of the steps at the end of Belle Mead Boulevard. The 2.5-mile hike on the white trail will begin at 4 p.m. The Havdalah service will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the stone gate entrance to the park. Those who aren't hiking are welcomed to take part in the Havdalah service at 5:30 p.m. at the stone gate entrance to the park.

The Temple Book Club will discuss *Gentleman in Moscow*

The Temple Book Club will discuss *Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 9. For more information, contact Joan Breyer (breyerje@me.com) or Laurie Handshu (lauriehandshu@gmail.com) or check our website: www.schoenml.org/bookclub.

W.E.L.L. planning a "Knitzvah in the Sukkah" on Oct. 16

The Temple's W.E.L.L. group (Women Engaged Living Learning) invites all knitters and crocheters to join them under the Sukkah at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16 to knit scarves for homeless women who come to Room at the Inn. All that's needed is one pair of #9 knitting needles and six to eight ounces of worsted yarn. Those who are new to knitting are welcomed and will be provided with needles and yarn to get started.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

@ Micah



Parents and students gathered in the main sanctuary as Congregation Micah began the new religious school year on Sunday, Sept. 11 with a service and welcome from Rabbis Laurie and Flip Rice and Director of Education Julie Greenberg.

Paddle your sins away at Tashlich on Percy Priest Lake

Congregation Micah is partnering with Nashville Paddle Company to offer a unique Tashlich service on paddleboards and kayaks on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at Percy Priest Lake.

Those who want to participate in the "flotilla" led by Rabbis Flip and Laurie Rice should gather at 4 p.m. at the Hamilton Creek Recreation Area, 2901 Bell Road. (Enter "Nashville Paddle Co." in the Apple or Google Maps app.)

The event is free, but the number of kayaks and paddleboards available is limited, so they must be reserved in advance by visiting the "event" link at www.congregation-mich.org. No reservation is necessary for those who want to bring their own boats and boards or for those who want to take part from the shore.

A Woman's Circle: Seeking wisdom and strength in community together

Sandy Goldstein will host A Woman's Circle on Friday, Oct. 21, at her home in the Warner Parks area of Nashville.

The casual afternoon of lunch, learning, and conversation will be led by Rabbi Laurie Rice. The lunch will be from noon-12:45 p.m. and will be followed by learning and conversation from 12:45-2 p.m.

The event is free and open to all women. Please RSVP to Sandy Goldstein at SanLew1@comcast.net by Oct. 17 to ensure a spot at the table.

@ Sherith Israel

Shabbat in the Sukkah set for Oct. 21

Congregation Sherith Israel will be holding a Shabbat dinner in the Sukkah on Friday Oct. 21 in lieu of the weekly Abraham and Sarah's Tent dinner.

Everyone is welcome regardless of ability to pay, although a donation of \$14 per person is suggested.

To RSVP, please call the Janet in the office at (615) 292-6110.

Women's tefilah group welcomes participants for Nov. 19 service

A member-led Women's Tefilah services will take place at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday Nov. 19 in the small chapel.

Those who wish to participate can contact Pam Kelner (pgkelner@comcast.net), Naomi Sedek (sedeks@bellsouth.net) or Julie Sugar (julieleahsugar@gmail.com). No experience is necessary, and there are many participants who are happy to help anyone who wishes to learn how to perform any part of the service, from reading the Torah to saying one of the prayers to giving the d'var Torah.



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Nine things you may not know about Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, starts at sundown on Sunday, Oct. 2. It's known for apples dipped in honey, record synagogue attendance and as the kickoff to the Days of Awe, which culminate with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. We're guessing that even the most experienced holiday observer, however, won't know all of these facts about the holiday:

1: On the second night of Rosh Hashanah, it's traditional to eat a "new fruit" or fruit you haven't eaten for a long time. This tasty custom is often observed by eating a pomegranate, a fruit rich in symbolism (and nutrients). This custom developed as a technical solution to a legal difficulty surrounding the recitation of the *shehecheyanu* blessing on the second day of the holiday. Use it as an excuse to scout out the exotic fruit section of your grocery store's produce department.

2: Apples and honey (and pomegranates) aren't the only symbolic foods traditionally enjoyed on Rosh Hashanah. Other foods that, according to tradition, symbolize prosperity and health in the new year include dates, string beans, beets, pumpkins, leeks — and fish heads. Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews often hold Rosh Hashanah seders in which a blessing is said for each food, and they are eaten in a set order. If you want to try this but are a vegetarian or just grossed out by fish heads, consider using gummy fish or fish-shaped crackers instead.

3: The Rosh Hashanah liturgy has inspired at least two rock songs. *Avinu*



Most people know about apples, honey and even pomegranates. But did you know that leeks (and dates, string beans, beets, pumpkins and even fish heads) are also traditional Rosh Hashanah fare?

Malkeinu, the prayer that means "Our Father, Our King," inspired Mogwai, a Scottish post-rock-trio to write a 20-minute epic song "My Father, My King." The song, which borrows the prayer's traditional melody, is alternately soft and beautiful and loud and raging. More famously, Leonard Cohen's "Who By Fire" draws on the Unetanah Tokef, which many consider the most important prayer in the High Holiday liturgy.

4: Tens of thousands of Hasidic Jews make a pilgrimage to Ukraine for an annual Rosh Hashanah gathering known as a "kibbutz." Dating to the early 19th century, this lively takes place in Uman, the town where Nachman of Breslov, founder of the Breslover sect and great-grandson of the Baal Shem Tov, was buried. Breslov believed Rosh Hashanah was the most important holiday, hence the timing of the pilgrimage.

5: It's a tradition to fast on the day after Rosh Hashanah. The fast of Gedaliah is not a cleanse for those who



If you get up close to one of the rams horns traditionally blown during the High Holidays, you just might find that it has a funny smell. There are actually several products on the market to help mitigate the odor of a kosher shofar.

overindulged at holiday meals, but a day set aside to commemorate the assassination of Gedaliah, the Babylonian-appointed official charged with administering the Jewish population remaining in Judea following the destruction of the Temple in 586 B.C.E. Unlike the one on Yom Kippur, which comes just a few days later, this fast lasts only from sunrise to sundown.

6: Rosh Hashanah feels "late" this year because it is. The latest date that Rosh Hashanah can fall on the Gregorian calendar is October 5 (as happened in 1967 and will happen again in 2043). This year's holiday isn't quite that late, but it's close because we are in a Jewish leap year — which is more complicated than the Gregorian leap year of adding a day to February every four years. To coordinate the traditional lunar year with the solar year and ensure that the season in which a holiday falls remains consistent, Judaism worked out a system

of 19-year cycles, during which there are seven leap years. Instead of adding a day, the Jewish calendar adds a full month — a second Adar.

7: American Jews used to exchange telegrams each year for Rosh Hashanah — A LOT of telegrams. In 1927, the Western Union Telegraph Company reported that Jewish people sent telegrams of congratulations and well-wishing much more frequently than members of any other group. In particular, they exchanged thousands of messages for Rosh Hashanah. "So great has the volume of this traffic become that the Western Union has instituted a special service similar to those for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter," the Jewish Telegraphic Agency wrote at the time. "This special service, started in 1925, showed a 30 percent increase in 1926."

8: Rosh Hashanah was not always the Jewish New Year. In the Torah, the new year was clearly set in the spring, at the beginning of the month of Nisan. However, sometime before the codification of the Mishnah, Rosh Hashanah became the primary new year. The reasons are unclear, although some scholars theorize that it was because neighboring peoples in the ancient Near East celebrated the new year at this time.

9: The shofar, the ram's horn traditionally blown on Rosh Hashanah, is — well — stinky. You have to get close to one to notice, but a common complaint is that these horns smell bad. According to online vendor The Shofar Man, all kosher shofars have a bit of a scent because they come from a dead animal. To mitigate the odor, he suggests applying a sealant to the inside of the shofar. Believe it or not, several competing products are marketed exclusively for the purpose of removing or neutralizing shofar smells. We can't vouch for any of them, but perhaps if they don't work for your shofar, you could use them for your shoes, bathroom or car. •

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High Holiday Recipe – A Rosh Hashanah surprise for mom: Her own special Sephardic rice

By **VICKY COHEN and RUTH FOX**

We grew up in Barcelona, Spain. Not exactly your typical Jewish upbringing, and while we loved the beautiful city, it could be difficult and isolating during the Jewish holidays. Nevertheless, we managed to form a tight-knit group each year with our aunt, uncle and cousins who enjoyed the festive Syrian-Lebanese cuisine our talented mother prepared for us.

The main meal itself was amazing, but it was the symbolic foods we ate before the main meal that were our favorites. Our mom would make zucchini and spinach frittatas, cold leek soup and we would enjoy sweet dates, apples with sugar, pomegranates with rose water and the head of a fish or lamb, a tradition for Sephardi families.

Syrian Lebanese cooking we grew up eating didn't usually include sweet flavors in savory dishes during the year. But for Rosh Hashanah our mom would make an exception with her delicious sweet carrot and raisin rice. It was always a big hit and we brought the recipe with us when we moved to the U.S.

This year our parents will join us for the holidays and so we decided to change things up a little and make our mom a surprise rice dish. The first night of Rosh Hashanah we will make her traditional carrot and raisin rice. And the second night, we will serve this new sweet fragrant rice that includes some of our mom's favorite spices and dried fruit. We think she will be proud of keeping the old traditions, and making some new ones as well.

Ingredients

- 1 ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp sweet paprika
- ½ tsp turmeric
- ¼ tsp cumin
- 1/8 tsp black pepper
- 4 tbsps extra virgin olive oil divided, plus 1 tsp
- 2 medium size onions, diced small
- 10 dried apricots, quartered
- 6 dried figs, quartered
- ¼ cup dried cherries
- ¼ cups pistachios or pumpkin seeds
- 1 cup long grain rice (Jasmine or Basmati)
- 1 cup water
- 1 ½ tsp fresh lemon or orange zest
- 1 cup pomegranate seeds

Directions

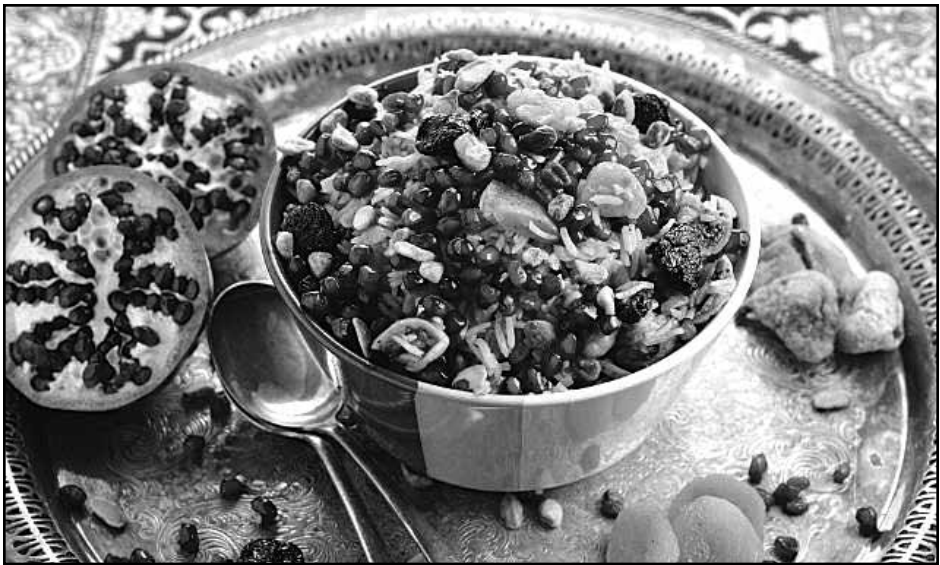
- 1) Combine salt, sweet paprika, turmeric, cumin and black pepper in a small bowl. Set aside.
- 2) Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a deep, nonstick skillet with a lid. Add rice and spices and stir well.
- 3) Cook over medium heat for about 3-4 minutes, stirring constantly and making sure the rice gets well coated with the oil and the spices.
- 4) Add 1 cup of water. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat to low. Cook for 20 minutes, remove from heat and let it sit for 15 minutes covered.
- 5) In the meantime, heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a non-stick skillet.
- 6) Add onions and cook over medium heat for about 20 minutes stirring

frequently, adding water 1 tablespoon at a time if necessary, to prevent from burning.

- 7) Transfer onions to a plate and in the same skillet, heat 1 teaspoon of olive oil. Add dried fruit and pistachios or pumpkin seeds and cook over medium low for 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently.
- 8) Once the rice is ready, fluff it with a fork, add onions, dried fruit, pistachios and lemon or orange zest and toss well.
- 9) Right before serving sprinkle pomegranate seeds on the rice.

Yields 4-6 servings

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From matzah balls to football, two Jewish brothers write about their journey to the NFL

By VICTOR WISHNA

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (JTA) — At 6-foot-6 and 340 pounds, veteran NFL offensive lineman Geoff Schwartz isn't just a force of nature, but a product of good ol' Jewish nurture.

"My size comes from a childhood that included an excess of matzah ball soup, latkes, and tons of white rice," the 30-year-old jokes. "But of course my brother's similar physique suggests that genetics had plenty to do with it."

That would be his (only relatively) little brother, Mitch, 27, the Kansas City Chiefs' newest starting right tackle, who stands 6-foot-5 and weighs in at 320 pounds.

As it happens, Geoff and Mitch Schwartz aren't the first pair of Jewish brothers to play in the National Football League — they're just the first to do so since 1923.

"Once we heard the stat, we realized just how rare this really is," said Mitch, standing at the edge of the Chief's indoor practice field after morning drills. "So we both thought it was important to share our story — for Jewish kids, and in general, about how we both wound up where we are."

Indeed, the story of how two nice Jewish boys grew up to be a couple of "hogs" (an endearing and decidedly non-kosher nickname for offensive linemen) could fill a book.

Now it does.

Eat My Schwartz: Our Story of



Geoff and Mitch Schwartz (from left) are the first pair of Jewish brothers to play in the NFL since 1923. Photo courtesy of Olivia Goodkin and Lee Schwartz.

NFL Football, Food, Family, and Faith landed in stores and online Sept. 6. Co-written by the brothers, with novelist and humorist Seth Kaufman, it's a light-hearted memoir about all the topics in the subtitle and how often they intersect. Sports fans will find plenty of insider info on the NFL and major-college football (Geoff and Mitch played for Pac-12 contenders Oregon and Cal, respectively). But from the opening pages — a scene of the brothers frying up latkes on the first night of Chanukah, following their bubbe's recipe — their Jewishness is front and center.

"The people who know us know that's a big part of our identity, but I think it was important to share as much

as possible in the book," Geoff Schwartz said. "I mean, my whole family — we're proud to be Jewish and to be raised in the tradition and going to temple."

Growing up in West Los Angeles and attending Adat Shalom, a Conservative congregation, the brothers were always involved in sports. But neither started playing football until high school, in part because their parents didn't want practices and games to interfere too much with Hebrew school.

In the book, the brothers quote their mother, attorney Olivia Goodkin, on her eventual acceptance of her sons' football fate, given that each stood well over six feet tall at his bar mitzvah.

"I started out worrying that they were going to get hurt — but then I realized it was the other players I should be worrying about," she said. "They were like trucks hitting small cars. And I started to kind of feel like maybe this was their destiny."

As for their father, Lee Schwartz, a business consultant: "I just kvell," he told Los Angeles's Jewish Journal in 2012 on the eve of that year's NFL Draft when Mitch was drafted early in the second round. "It's a surreal experience to see my kids on the field, on TV."

Mitch credits his bigger brother for paving his way on the field, in the kitchen and in life. Geoff was a seventh-round pick in 2008, and he's a study of resilience: He's endured multiple injuries and various ups and downs, from getting relegated to a practice squad, to getting cut, to getting signed to a big contract, to getting released again just before this season started.

Meanwhile, Mitch started every game over four seasons in Cleveland. This spring, free agency landed him a five-year, \$33-million deal with the Chiefs, making him one of the highest-paid right tackles in the league.

In their book, the brothers also grapple with some of the compromises

they've had to make in pursuit of their careers. "I'm very clear that when I have to, I choose football over the [high] holidays," Geoff said. "Some people have a hard time with that concept. I don't."

The brothers understand the special appeal they have to Jewish fans — after all, they're Jewish fans themselves. The book traces their own family's fascination with Jews in sports, from Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax to Mark Spitz and Dolph Schayes.

Mitch delves into the lesser-known history of brothers Ralph and Arnold Horween, the Harvard All-Americans and stars of the Chicago Cardinals backfield in whose NFL footsteps the Schwartzes eventually followed. He learned that the Horweens actually played under an assumed name — McMahon — which raises questions as to whether they were guarding against anti-Semitism in football, or perhaps feared disapproval from other Jews for playing football.

Part of the motivation for the writing the book, according to Geoff, is for the brothers to, well, start writing their own next chapters. "You don't know how long you're going to play — certainly not forever," he said shortly before the latest cut. "And there's a lot we want to do after football."


Their ultimate ambition is to finally team up — as co-hosts of their own cooking show. The brothers already prepped a "sizzle reel" of themselves interviewing a Beverly Hills chef and then whipping up some saffron seafood risotto at home. The book details early talks with TV execs — it's unclear whether the Food Network or the NFL Network were more interested — but "we're definitely still working on it," Geoff confirmed.

Two Jewish brothers in the NFL makes for a great story. But two Jewish brothers in the NFL with their own cooking show? That's never happened before. •



The brothers, as teenagers, in the synagogue. Photo by John Solano.

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High Holiday Recipe – A Cuban Rosh Hashanah tradition: Mini almond and grape crostatas

By JENNIFER STEMPEL

Cuban families like mine have long practiced the tradition of eating grapes for good luck. At the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, we enjoy 12 grapes — one for each month.

According to folklore, this practice stems from Cuba's Spanish roots. Spanish grape growers may have instituted this tradition when they were faced with an overabundance of harvest, and needed to offload some grapes. With everyone in the community enjoying grapes, the



Almond and grape crostatas

grape farmers were certainly enjoying a sweet start to the new year.

While most Cubans eat their 12 grapes as they are, I've always enjoyed the challenge of incorporating the grapes into a Rosh Hashanah dish. My mini almond and grape crostatas are the perfect solution to this puzzle, as these single-serving pastries feature 12 whole grapes.

Gluten-free, and completely pareve, they are the perfect addition to any Rosh Hashanah table.

Ingredients

- 7 ounces almond paste
- 1 egg, beaten
- 48 seedless grapes (any color)
- 1 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp corn starch
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 4 tsp sliced almonds, divided
- 1 tbsp Turbinado sugar
- 1 tbsp powdered sugar (optional)

Directions

- 1) Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2) Divide almond paste into 4 equal parts, and between two sheets of parchment paper, roll out into ¼ inch thick round discs. Place on parchment lined baking sheet, and brush with beaten egg.
- 3) In a bowl, toss together the grapes, lemon juice, corn starch, and cinnamon until the grapes are coated. Place 12 grapes on each disc, leaving a 1-inch rim and fold the rim over the grapes, pinching to crimp along the edges.
- 4) Brush the top of the almond paste with beaten egg, and add 1 tsp of sliced almonds to the top of each pastry.
- 5) Sprinkle with Turbinado sugar, and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until crust is golden brown and sliced almonds have started to brown. Remove from oven, and let cool on the baking sheet for 10 minutes.

Yields four crostatas

(This recipe is courtesy of The Noshers blog at www.myjewishlearning.org)

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This Hebrew accent coach helped Natalie Portman sound like an Israeli for her new film

BY BEN SALES

NEW YORK (JTA) — While making the film “A Tale of Love and Darkness,” Natalie Portman had to put her palm in front of her mouth, repeat Hebrew words and feel how the air hit her skin.

If Portman felt her breath, it meant she was saying the words in an Israeli accent — or something close to it. Along with directing, writing and starring in the 2015 Hebrew-language film, which hit U.S. screens last month, Portman had to learn how to speak like an Israeli housewife in the 1940s.

Portman was born in Jerusalem but grew up in the United States, so her fluent Hebrew came with a heavy American inflection. In the movie, an adaptation of Amos Oz’s 2002 autobiographical novel of the same name, Portman plays Oz’s mother, Fania, a Russian immigrant living in Jerusalem during the time surrounding Israel’s independence in 1948.

To study the accent, Portman hired Neta Riskin, 39, an Israeli actor known for her role in “Shtisel,” an Israeli show about a haredi Orthodox family. For three months during filming, Riskin and Portman practiced daily, covering vowels, consonants, syllable emphasis and sentence flow.

Riskin said she read the film’s script 200 times.

“I can’t tell you how hard it is to act not in your language,” said Riskin, who spoke to JTA while on an acting stint in Germany, where she was performing in both German and English. “It’s like walking with crutches. They’re not your legs. They’re artificial. To do a full movie in that is amazing.”

What made the project more difficult was that pre-state Israelis spoke differently 70 years ago than their descendants do today. Back then, Riskin said, the population had a “mixed multitude” of accents, from local Middle Eastern pronunciations to different shades of European. The contemporary Israeli accent, Riskin said, emerged as a composite of all those.

To be true to her character, who originally is from present-day Ukraine, Portman would have had to adopt a Russian accent. But Riskin thought that would sound like a parody next to the neutral accents of the other actors, who were native Israelis.



Natalie Portman stars as Amos Oz’s mother, Fania, in her adaptation of “A Tale of Love and Darkness.” (Photo by Ran Mendelson/Courtesy of Focus)

“The problem with Natalie is that there were Israeli Russian, Polish, Arabic accents that were legitimate accents, [but] there was only one accent that wouldn’t work and it was American,” Riskin said. “We decided to leave something that sounded foreign, but you don’t know where it comes from.”

Most observers, said Riskin, assume the hardest part of an Israeli accent is pronouncing guttural consonants like the “het” and “resh,” which aren’t so much pronounced as gargled. But Portman had no problem with that; she got hung up on the vowels.

While American English has an array of vowel sounds, the Israeli vowel range is limited. So when Americans pronounce a Hebrew word that features the same vowel twice, like “keshet,” which means rainbow, they tend to change the second “e” into a short “i,” so the word almost becomes “keshit.”

“You need to know how to connect the words in a way that it sounds natural, so you don’t sound like a robot,” Riskin said. “In Israel it sounds much simpler to have one vowel, but for Americans it’s a lot harder to get used to.”

Israeli vowels are pronounced near the front of the mouth, Riskin said, while American sounds come from further back. By putting her palm in front of her lips, Portman could tell how her breath was flowing and where the sounds were coming from.

Riskin also made sure Portman was emphasizing the right syllables and parts of a sentence. While English intonation tends to stay level, Hebrew words and sentences have the emphasis on the last syllable and word. To coach Portman through her word flow, Riskin would have her move her hand along with the word’s undulations, as if she were a sym-



Israeli actress Neta Riskin, was Portman’s accent coach “A Tale of Love and Darkness,” an adaptation of Amos Oz’s 2002 biographical novel. “If Natalie had stayed in Israel another year, she would have sounded like a Sabra.” (From Facebook)

phony conductor.

When a word in the script was difficult for Portman to pronounce correctly, she and Riskin would try to find an easier synonym. The changes fit with Portman’s character, who was meant to speak a relatively basic Hebrew. Her husband, a librarian and author, used more complex words.

Language itself is a theme of the movie. Portman’s character tells stories throughout the film, which also focuses on how words are related. The narrator, Fania’s son Amos, notes the similarity between the Hebrew words for earth (“adamah”), man (“adam”), blood

(“dam”), the color red (“adom”) and silence (“d’mamah”).

“We wanted her Hebrew to not be at a high level,” Riskin said. “We wanted everyone to have something a little strange in their language.”

This isn’t the first time Riskin has helped an actor perfect an Israeli accent, but she said the job isn’t in high demand. Hebrew isn’t a widely spoken language outside Israel, and some other actors who portray Israelis don’t seem to care whether they get it right. Riskin was particularly irked by Adam Sandler’s turn in “You Don’t Mess With the Zohan,” a 2008 comedy in which he plays a Mossad agent.

“That drove me crazy,” she said. “That was a Yiddish accent, not an Israeli accent. They speak that way in Brooklyn or in a shtetl, but not in Israel.”

Native speakers of a language, said Riskin, have a quality called “Sprachgefühl” in German, which means a natural feel for the language’s idioms. It’s impossible to get anyone there in a matter of months, Riskin said, but Portman came close. Riskin said she was “in awe” that Portman not only acted but directed a full film in her second language.

“She needed superpowers to do this all together,” Riskin said. “Even if we cleaned up all of the American characteristics, there would still be a shade of foreignness. If Natalie had stayed in Israel another year, she would have sounded like a sabra.” •



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Six new kids books for the Jewish New Year

By PENNY SCHWARTZ

(JTA) — The beginning of a new Jewish year means a fresh crop of top-notch Jewish books for kids.

This year, not one but two new Rosh Hashanah books are penned by Eric A. Kimmel, the master storyteller whose popular award-winning children's classics include *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins* and *Simon and the Bear*. His latest entries, *Little Red Rosie* and *Gabriel's Horn*, are among the new crop of lively and engaging Jewish children's books for the High Holidays that reflect the wide range of today's American Jewish families.

Typically, most of the ink is devoted to Rosh Hashanah, which begins on the evening of Oct. 2. But there are fresh reads about many of the forthcoming holidays — one book, *Maya Prays for Rain*, is a charming story about the little-known holiday Shemini Atzeret that comes at the end of Sukkot.

Want to make the new year extra sweet for a little one in your life? Check out the six books below.

Rosh Hashanah is Coming!
By Tracy Newman; illustrated by Viviana Garofoli
Kar-Ben; ages 1-4

Families can usher in the Jewish New Year with this colorful and lively toddler board book, the fifth in the Kar-Ben board book series on Jewish holidays by Tracy Newman and Viviana Garofoli (including *Shabbat is Coming!* and *Passover is Coming!*). Young kids braid a round challah, blow the shofar, set out apples and honey, and enjoy a juicy pomegranate as they get ready to celebrate the new year.

Little Red Rosie: A Rosh Hashanah Story
By Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Monica Gutierrez
Apples & Honey Press; ages 3-7

A confident young girl enlists the help of her numerous feathered friends to bake challah for the neighborhood Rosh Hashanah dinner. With an illustrated recipe in hand, Rosie gently leads a parrot, toucan and hornbill as they measure flour, add eggs, knead the dough and braid it into loaves. In one of Gutierrez's illustrations — sure to tickle young ones — poppy seeds fly through the air and land all over the kitchen table and floor. "Who will help me clean the kitchen?" Rosie asks.

They all pitch in, and Rosie saves the day when she prevents the hornbill from toppling a teetering tower of dirty dishes. When the lovely loaves are baked, Rosie and her friends recite the blessing over the challah, and the neighbors who gather around the festive table all enjoy the bread.

Maya Prays for Rain
By Susan Tarcov; illustrated by Ana Ochoa
(Kar-Ben; ages 4-9)

It's a warm fall day, and a spunky young girl greets her neighbors in her multicultural town. It seems like everyone is taking advantage of the sunny, dry weather by partaking in all kinds of outdoor activities. But when Maya learns that the evening's synagogue service for the Jewish holiday of Shemini Atzeret includes a prayer for rain, she warns her neighbors to cancel their plans. Much to Maya's relief, however, she learns from her rabbi that the prayer is for Israel,



Book covers from new Rosh Hashanah titles from Kar-Ben and Apples & Honey Press

where the rainy season is needed for crops and trees. "Amen," she pronounces at the end of the prayer.

The back page includes an explanation of the lesser-known holiday that comes at the end of the Sukkot celebration.

Gabriel's Horn
By Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Maria Surducian
Kar-Ben; ages 4-9

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah, a young African-American soldier knocks on the door of the apartment where a young boy, Gabriel, lives with his parents, who are struggling to hang on to their small antiques shop. The soldier explains he is going overseas and has no one to care for his special horn that once belonged to his grandpa, a musician, and brings good luck. Gabriel convinces his reluctant mom they can care for the horn. The name on the soldier's uniform says Tishbi — the birthplace of the prophet Elijah, who is said to appear mysteriously on Earth, often disguised as a beggar who leaves behind him blessings of good fortune or health.

The theme of *tzedakah* — the Jewish obligation for charitable giving — shines through Kimmel's heartwarming tale as Gabriel's family selflessly shares its sudden good fortune through acts of kindness and generosity. Page after page, kids will wonder along with Gabriel if their newfound luck is related to the soldier and his tarnished, mysterious horn.

In a phone conversation from his home in Portland, OR, Kimmel told JTA that this book is a modern version of an old folktale based on a biblical Midrash. (A well-known version, "The Seven Years," was penned by I.L. Peretz.) Kimmel first retold the tale in his award-winning 1991 children's book *Days of Awe*, and with *Gabriel's Horn*, he revisits and contemporizes the story.

Kimmel said he continues to return to folk traditions because he sees them as the roots of so many stories.

"I really don't think kids today know them well, and often their parents and teachers don't know them, either," he said. "They are so powerful."

Sky-High Sukkah
By Rachel Ornstein Packer; illustrated by Deborah Zemke
Apples & Honey Press; ages 3-8

Poor Leah and Ari. The two friends dream of having a sukkah of their own — but living in the city poses too many obstacles, their parents tell them. The kids reveal their sad predicament to Al, the neighborhood grocer, and explain that during the seven-day holiday, Jewish families build a hut that they decorate with fruits like the ones Al sells. But will Leah and Ari's dreams be answered when Ari's picture of a "Sky-High Sukkah" wins a Hebrew school drawing contest for a free sukkah?

This is an endearing story that concludes happily as Leah and Ari discover that building community is just as rewarding as building a beautiful sukkah. Zemke's lively illustrations capture the bustling urban neighborhood and brings to life the harvest holiday with bright reds, greens, purples and oranges.

How It's Made: Torah Scroll
By Allison Ofanansky; photographs by Eliyahu Alpern
Apples & Honey Press; ages 3-8

What's a Torah scroll and how is it made? This fascinating photo essay is perfect for Simchat Torah, the holiday that marks the end of the cycle of weekly Torah readings and the beginning of the new cycle, giving kids and grown-ups a behind-the-scenes look at what is involved in this ancient Jewish tradition. The author and photographer break down the many people, steps and materials involved, from hand-stretched parchment, special inks, and feather and reed pens to the meticulous rules for the calligraphy. The photo-filled pages reveal intriguing facts (for example, there are 304,805 letters in a Torah scroll); DIY projects (ink making), and open-ended questions for further thought (for one, how do you fix mistakes?). •



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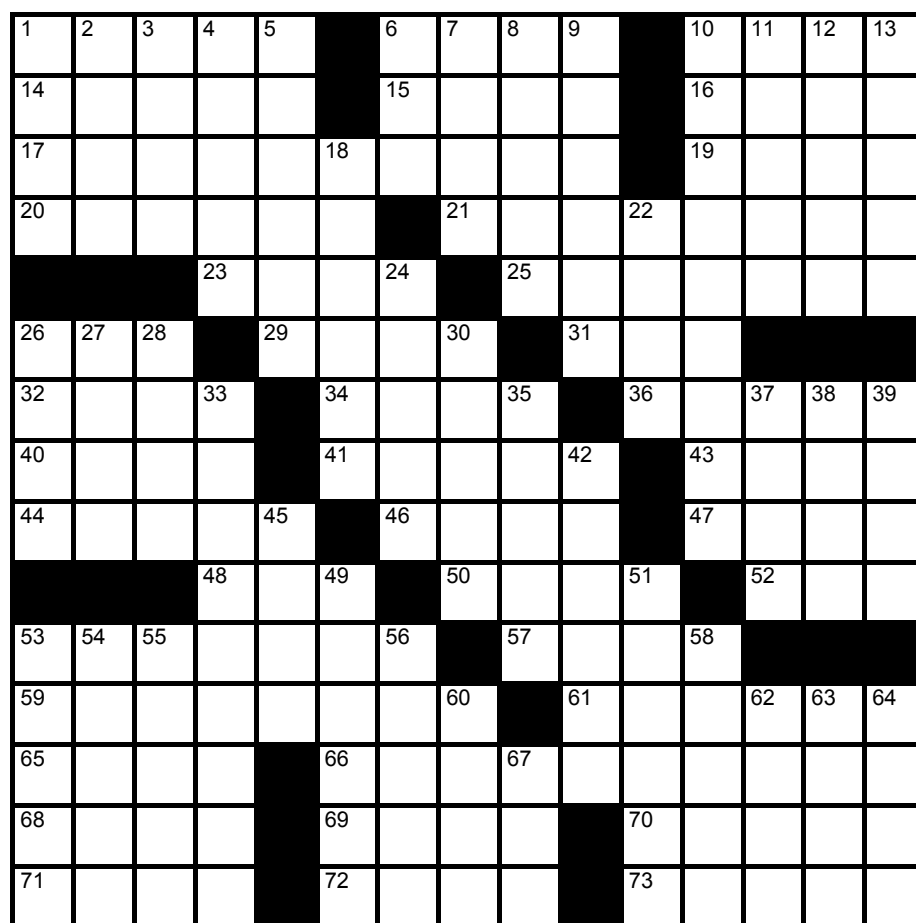
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10. The female lead in Curtiz's "Casablanca", with 16-Across
14. Notable port city
15. He played Oskar who made a notable 7-Down
16. See 10-Across
17. First Israeli in the NBA
19. Yank who might have learned kabbalah with Madonna
20. ___ bnei Haman
21. David Guetta hit sung by Sia
23. Makes like Eve in Eden
25. Make like Richard Dreyfuss in "Stand By Me"
26. HS tests that might shorten ones time at YU
29. The fourth man
31. Call ___ night (end the Seder)
32. Olmert told a few
34. Chimney schmutz
36. Campaign that spreads a lot of lashon hara
40. Baruch follower
41. First Israeli actor to win a Golden Globe
43. Notable Accords site
44. Where remaining Jews in Yemen can be found
46. Moore in Rob Reiner's "A Few Good Men"
47. Shabbat rests
48. One of Spielberg's "Gremlins"
50. Heaven ___
52. Initials before Kirk's Enterprise
53. Wrecks, like Arafat at peace talks
57. Mispronounced "Young Frankenstein" role
59. Make aliyah, e.g.

61. Well known Hannah Szenes song
65. One who regularly prays at the Helsinki Synagogue
66. First Israeli to win Olympic gold
68. Gam
69. Major (and minor) creation of the Almighty
70. (Raisman's big) accomplishments
71. USY audience
72. G who raps with Shlock Rock
73. ___ chayil

Down

1. The Holocaust (var.)
2. Christmas buys not fit for a Hanukkah meal
3. What Caleb didn't do, even in his old age
4. Like the ner tamid
5. Jerusalem marathon participants
6. Middle of Hallel?
7. "Schindler's ___"
8. Rabbi Daniel who heads the American Alliance of Jews and Christians
9. Scholar and author Etzioni
10. First Israeli in space
11. Rav Isaac known as The Ari
12. Pig's schnozz
13. Request from a new encounter (like on Zuckerberg's Facebook)
18. One observing Shabbat
22. Garfunkel and Carney
24. Honored the elderly
26. "___ who shall live when G-d doeth this!" (Num. 23:24)
27. Falafel bread
28. Astin of "Rudy" and "Lord of the Rings"
30. Aspirations (that might be prayed for)
33. First Israeli winner of the Noble Prize for Literature



35. Actress Marisa who starred in Sidney Lumet's last film
37. Biblical twin who married Judith
38. High points in Rodgers & Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music"
39. A Friend who celebrated Hanukkah
42. Hit by The Cranberries used in Sandler's "Click"
45. Mideast ruler
49. Aaron brought forth the first one in Egypt
51. "L'chaim!"

53. Make the cholent lean
54. Actor Hirsch of "Into the Wild"
55. Prepare to have bread
56. Genesis
58. Attractions at Superland
60. She was voiced by Idina
62. Israeli mom (var.)
63. How some Jewish holidays might fall out, on the Gregorian calendar
64. "Meet Me ___ Louis" (1944 Arthur Freed produced hit)
67. One cheering on Israel in Rio

Hanai steps down as PJ Library coordinator, Friedman and Benjamin on board

Even as she was preparing last month to step down from her position as PJ Library coordinator, Sarah Hanai was still working hard to promote the program that provides free Jewish books and music to families with young children.

"Before I hand over the reins, I still have a few things left to do," she said in an email to several dozen PJ Library supporters that encouraged them to promote the program and offered them books from her own library.

PJ Library is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation aimed at promoting Jewish literacy by providing Jewish-themed books and music free to families with children ages 6 months to 8 years in more than 200 communities.

Hanai became coordinator three years ago of the local PJ Library program, which operates and is funded through a collaboration of Jewish agencies and institutions that includes the Gordon Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, Akiva School, the Micah Children's Academy, The Temple Preschool and West End Synagogue.

During Hanai's tenure, the Nashville program has expanded its special events programming and become one of about 40 in North America to take part in PJ Our Way, a new initiative that provides books and an interactive website for children ages 9-11. The program now distributes about 375 books a month to Nashville-area children.

In explaining the growth of the PJ Library during her tenure, Hanai said, "The collaborative spirit has been the key to ensuring that all families feel welcome at all events regardless of location. Our community is used as an example of what collaboration can look like throughout the PJ Library world and we should all be so proud of that."

Hanai will be succeeded as coordinator by Nili Friedman, said Leslie Sax, executive director of the GJCC. Friedman, who has been involved with PJ

Library since 2007, comes to the program with extensive experience that includes programming for the Nashville chapter of Hadassah as well as for young children and families at West End Synagogue. She also is a former teacher at Akiva School.

In addition, Abbey Benjamin will join the PJ Library staff as connector, a new position with responsibility for outreach to families in Williamson County, Sax said. Benjamin has worked in synagogue marketing, taught elementary school and

been a Judaic studies and Hebrew tutor as well as a piano instructor. Her position was added to the program in response to the recent demographic survey of the Middle Tennessee Jewish population that recommended greater outreach to families living outside Davidson County, Sax said.

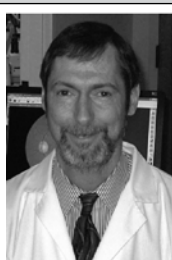
"Sara did a wonderful job bringing our community together," Sax said. "We look forward to see the program and outreach that Nili and Abbey are already planning." •

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Life in Israel

A tiny land with a diverse population

By **LIBBY WERTHAN**

Diversity is a word I have heard tossed around a great deal since I have been back in this country. In my youth, America was called the great melting pot. Everyone went into the mixing bowl and popped out American. Today, individuality and ethnicity are treasured. Diversity proponents see a population of diverse individuals – different colors, heritages, religions, classes – all co-existing, hopefully, in peace.



Libby Werthan

Having recently returned here after living in a tiny country with perhaps the most diverse population in the world, I feel it is appropriate to offer you a glimpse.

Since the 1800s, many groups of Jews have come to Israel, the majority of them as penniless refugees – Ashkenazi Jews from Eastern Europe, Sephardic Jews from the Mediterranean countries, the Middle East and Africa.

Most of the Ashkenazi Jews were young people eager to throw off the stereotypical black-clothed image of their forebears, including their religious observance. No longer peddlers, money lenders or rabbis, they became farmers and lived in kibbutzim (communes) side by side with their Arab neighbors.

Later West European Jews arrived, settling in towns and bringing with them an intellectual life style and European manners. They were the professors, the doctors, the lawyers.

Then the Sephardim poured in, wearing their colorful robes, head dresses and layers of jewelry. They were accepted but frowned upon for their lack of education and strange appearance. They became the work force.

While all these varied groups were Jews, they differed in their lifestyles and religious observance. They seldom socialized or intermarried. While that changed over the years, each group retains its distinctiveness.

There are other groups, non-Jews, living in the country – Vietnamese who came as refugees from that war, Asians, mainly from the Philippines, who came as caregivers and remained. There is a large contingent of media people and diplomats from all over the world. And, of course, the Muslim and Christian Arabs. And now there is an inpouring of Jews from Great Britain and France.

Diversity, diversity everywhere. Even among Jews, there is much religious diversity – from ultra-Orthodox to secular, with a hundred gradations in between. All on this tiny sliver of land.

But the people I know most about are those who came when we did in the early 1990s – the Russians and the Ethiopians.

My first brush with the Russians was in language class, known as ulpan. We were all eager to learn Hebrew, but it became obvious that their intensity and study habits were greater than ours. They were speaking and we were stumbling. The first week in ulpan our class went on a field trip to a supermarket. These newly arrived Russians immediately split into two groups, men in one and women in the other. The

men went directly to the wine and liquor aisle; the women went directly to the cosmetic section. They wanted to know which products would protect them from the sun.

Before the mass Russian immigration, the population generally enjoyed wine in moderation, not hard liquor. On a bar at a wedding or bar mitzvah, you might see a colorful array of sweet liquors, though I never saw anyone drink it. At predominately British or American events, single malt scotch, most often purchased at a duty-free airport shop, was a favorite. Liquor sales in Israel were low. Once the Russians arrived, that quickly changed. Bars became part of the nightlife.

The Russians brought with them many positive social changes. They brought an energy and know-how unlike that of most previous waves of olim. They filled out the orchestras with musicians. They won medals in sports. They were college educated and skilled. They influenced the political climate and integrated into society more easily than previous immigrant groups.

Many, particularly the scientists, wanted to be proficient in English. So when a volunteer program arose to help them learn, I offered my services and was paired with a scientist in his late 20s named Dmitri. We would meet once a week at my house to work on his English reading skills and vocabulary. He was a quick learner but occasionally we would get hung up on concepts and meanings. I remember trying to explain the word “macho” to him. I wound up swaggering around the room with my hands in my pocket (not the best example).

Dmitri had a beautiful wife whom we met when they invited us to dinner at their caravan (trailer) outside Haifa. She made a wonderful mashed potato and mushroom pie – the mushrooms came from Russia. During one lesson Dmitri told me his wife worked as a dental assistant. Then some weeks later, he told me she was no longer a dental assistant. I asked why, and the language barrier again popped up. He didn’t have the words to explain that the dentist was making improper advances, though eventually we figured it out.

We also worked on his Russian accent, which was quite heavy. So if you run into a tall Russian-Israeli scientist who speaks English with a Southern drawl, that’s probably Dmitri.

Many of the Russians had a more serious problem that a heavy accent – their spouses were not Jewish. At the time they came, it was felt that bringing them to Israel quickly once the Iron Curtain fell was more important than dealing with this issue. The problems presented by some restrictive Israeli laws – like whom you could marry and where you could be buried – were swept under the rug only to rear their ugly head later. These issues are still being addressed.

The Russians made an important impact on the country. How do I know? Because today all the road signs are in Hebrew, Arabic, English – and Russian.

Next month: the Ethiopians. •

Libby Werthan and her husband, Moshe, lived in Israel for 25 years before returning in 2014 to their native Nashville. “Life in Israel” is a regular column about what it was like living in the Jewish homeland.

lifecycles

Sympathy

... to the family and friends of **Richard J. Levine**, 57, of Brentwood, who died peacefully on Aug. 23 surrounded by his family. Rich was a devoted husband of 27 years to his loving wife, Pattie, and a cherished loving father to three wonderful children, Meredith, Taylor, and Mallorie, whom he proudly watched grow into vibrant young adults. He leaves behind his caring parents, Morton and Susan of Princeton Junction, NJ, and dear brother, Gary (Sarah) of Castro Valley, CA. Rich was a dedicated employee of TIAA and will be missed by many who made his time there memorable. A proud graduate of the Vanderbilt University class of ‘81 with a degree in geology, Rich cherished his time on the soccer team and remained close with many of his ATO fraternity brothers. He was an avid reader who also enjoyed live music and time spent with his family. Memorial donations may be made to the V (Jim Valvano) Foundation for Cancer Research.

... to the family and friends of **Joel Mazor**, who died Aug. 28 at Alive Hospice in Nashville just a few weeks

short of his 98th birthday. A retired railway attorney and a graduate of St. John’s University School of Law in New York, he was awarded the Bronze Star for his service as a U.S. Army captain in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was the devoted husband to Bettye S. Mazor for 58 years until her death in 2005. He is survived by his son, Barry Mazor of Nashville (Nina Melechen), and his daughter, Sally Mazor Page (Rick) of Atlanta. Over the past 11 years in Nashville, Joel enjoyed the friendship and support of many in this city, including his friends made in senior programs at the Gordon Jewish Community Center and at The St. Paul Senior Living Community – and of Estelle Sach and her family in particular.

The funeral service was on Aug. 31 with Rabbi Flip Rice of Congregation Micah presiding; interment was in The Temple Cemetery. Donations may be made to Jewish Family Services of Nashville, Second Harvest Food Bank, or the Wounded Warriors Project.

... to the family and friends of **Charles Henry Burnett**, 69, who died on Sept. 5. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Swindell Burnett and David Mack Burnett and longtime friend, Larry Spurlock. Charles is survived by the

love of his life and partner of 20 years, Kathleen Haas Schklar; brother, Paul Burnett; nieces, Dianne B. White and Denise B. Davis, Jill and Matt Williams, Douglas Kasselberg, Nancy Briggs and Lynda Briggs; and grandchildren, Caroline Hayes Williams, Carter Edward Williams, Damean Lee Burnett, Bri Burnett, and Eli Daniel. An admirer of cars, old and new, Charles had a career managing parking garages throughout Tennessee. Later he became a small business owner and meticulously restored furniture and car interiors for friends and clients across the South. Charles loved dancing and frequently traveled to dance competitions and taught ballroom dance classed for 35 years. While living in Atlanta, Charles took great pride in working with the Special Olympics.

A celebration of his life was held at Marshall-Donnelly-Combs Funeral Home on Sept. 17. Contributions may be made to Alive Hospice.

... to the family and friends of **Norma Louise Goldner Neaderthal**, 95, who died on Sept. 12 surrounded by her family. She was born Oct. 27, 1920 in Nashville and lived here all her life. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ida and Fred Goldner, and her husband of 48 years, M. William Neaderthal. She is survived by her children, Elise Straus

(James) and Robert Neaderthal (Julie); grandchildren, Laurie Aronoff (Dan), Andy Straus (Patti), Leah Neaderthal, and Ariel Voorhees (Sam); great-grandchildren, Dillon Aronoff, Anna Straus, Lexi Straus and Edie Voorhees; siblings, Reta Guttman and Fred Goldner (Martha), and many nieces and nephews.

Norma attended Ransom School, Peabody Demonstration School, and the University of Illinois. She worked at Goldner Jewelers, later Goldner Associates, which was started by her father and husband. She was a member of National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Federation, Magazine Circle, The Temple Ohabai Sholom and past president of The Temple Sisterhood. She enjoyed traveling, bridge, and mahjongg. She loved needlework and knitting, and made Afghans for many family members. Her needlepointed Torah cover adorns a Torah scroll in The Temple sanctuary. Her greatest joy was the love for her family.

The family thanks Jimmie Anderson, Teresa Alexander and all the caregivers for their love and attention during the last two years of her life. The funeral was on Sept. 15 at The Temple with burial in The Temple Cemetery. Contributions can be sent to The Temple, Jewish Family Service, Alive Hospice or the charity of the donor’s choice.

around the town

Kholos writing musical based on Suberman memoir, *The Jew Store*

Nashville playwright Jay Kholos is planning to produce a musical based on *The Jew Store*, a memoir by Stella Suberman about her family's experiences running a small dry goods store in rural West Tennessee in the early 20th century.

Kholos, who obtained the musical theater rights from Suberman, said he has written a draft of the script along with the music and lyrics for 15 original songs. He will also produce and direct the show, which will have a cast of 15 to 18, including several Nashville performers. Additional cast members will be picked from auditions being held in New York in April of 2017.

The premiere will be in South Florida next September, Kholos said, followed by a three-week run in Philadelphia. From there, he hopes to take the show off Broadway in New York.

Though set in the fictional town of Concordia, *The Jew Store* is based on the story of Suberman's family, Russian-Jewish immigrants who in the 1920s moved from New York to the West Tennessee town of Union City, where they were the only Jews and operated a small dry goods business known as "The Jew Store."

Kholos has written and produced several original Jewish-themed plays, including "A Stoop on Orchard Street," which tells the story of early 20th century Jewish immigrants to New York and has been performed more than 1,000 times since premiering in 2002, and "The Book of Esther," a musical comedy

based on the biblical Purim story. He also has directed a number of other Jewish-themed productions, including "Golda's Balcony" and the stage version of "Old Jews Telling Jokes," both of which have toured nationally.

Alive Hospice annual symposium on end-of-life care will feature TriStar's Dr. Anderson

Dr. Reggie Anderson, chief of staff at TriStar Ashland City Medical Center and author of *Appointments with Heaven: The True Story of a Country Doctor's Healing Encounters with the Hereafter*, will be the keynote speaker next month at Alive Hospice's annual symposium on end-of-life care.

The 2016 Faith and Spirituality Symposium on End-of-Life Care will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 3 at First Baptist Church Nashville, 108 7th Ave. S. It is open to anyone with an interest in spiritual care and the end of life: worship community leaders, chaplains, lay leaders, health care professionals, educators and students, representatives of local nonprofits and their volunteers.

The cost is \$20 per person (free for students). Breakfast and lunch are included. Register online by calling (615) 346-8418 or online at AliveHospice.org/faith.

Aside from Anderson's keynote address, the symposium will include 10 breakout sessions:

- Marrying medicine and faith
- Embracing moments of happiness and fulfillment in end-of-life care
- Historical overview of death and dying

- What is a natural death? The medicalization of dying
- Seeing beyond the end of life as failure
- Care for caregivers
- Suicide prevention for professionals
- Palliative care
- Mindful presence
- Essential oils as complimentary therapy for end-of-life care

Oct. 6 lecture at Vanderbilt will examine Jewish influence in British photographic arts and journalism

Michael Berkowitz, professor of modern Jewish history at University College London, will give a lecture this month at Vanderbilt University on the influence of Jews in the photojournalism and photography as an art form in Britain.

The lecture – "But is it Art? Jews, Photography, and Photojournalism in Britain, 1860-2016" – will be 4 p.m. on Oct. 6 in 123 Buttrick Hall and is free and open to the public. It is part of the Vanderbilt Jewish Studies Program's 2016-2017 lecture series and is co-sponsored by the Departments of History and Art History.

A native of Rochester, NY, Berkowitz is editor of the journal *Jewish Historical Studies: Transactions of the Jewish Historical Society of England* (UCL Press). His most recent book is *Jews and Photography in Britain* (University of Texas Press, 2015).

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Hadassah will hold progressive "Sukkah Hop" dinner on Oct. 20

The local chapter of Hadassah will hold its annual progressive holiday dinner from 7-9 p.m. on Oct. 20.

This year's "Sukkah Hop" will begin and end at the home of Pam Kelner, 6453 Bresslyn Ave. While traveling from one *sukkah* to another for a four-course meal, participants will learn about what Hadassah does locally and elsewhere.

There is a \$15 fee to cover costs. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by Oct. 14 to NashvilleHadassah@gmail.com.

To access the Community Calendar, go to www.jewishnashville.org and click on "Calendar."

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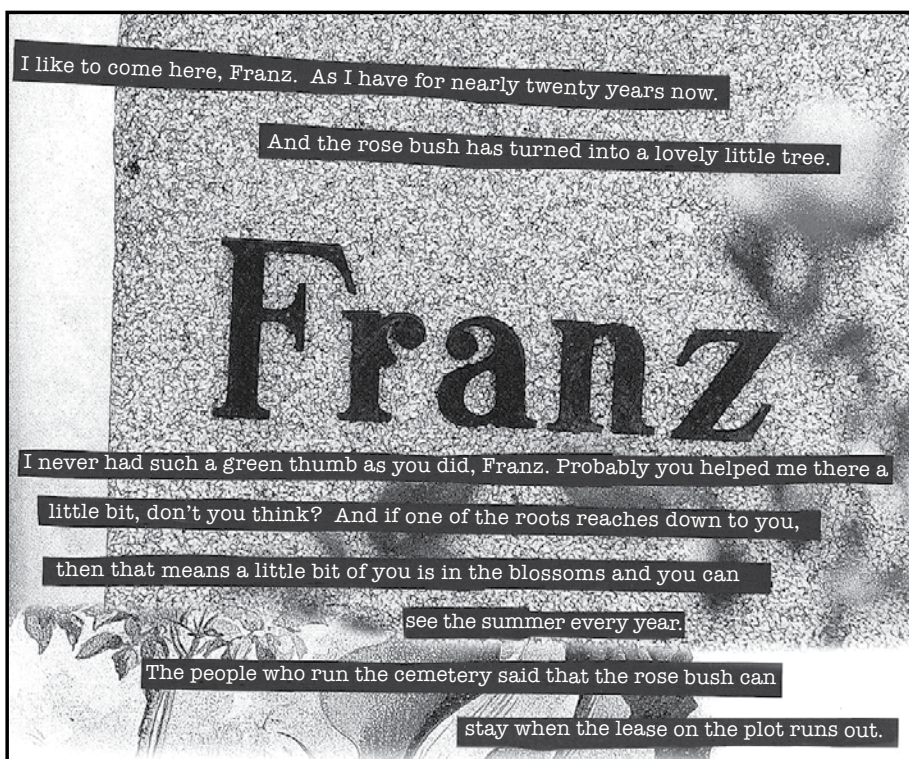
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