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Nashville's Jewish Community Infused with Over \$500K in Security Grants

By BARBARA DAB

A combined over half a million dollars in security grants will strengthen security infrastructure at local congregations and agencies. This is the result of a year-long effort by staff and lay leadership from The Federation, congregations and agencies. The total amount includes \$333,400 from the Department of Homeland Security and other Federal monies and \$200,000 in funds pre-committed as part of the Jewish Federation's 2020 Annual Campaign. In total, the Nashville Jewish community received

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— RABBI MARK SCHIFTAN

more than fifty percent of the DHS security grants given to Jewish entities in Tennessee. Eric Stillman, CEO of The Jewish Federation, says, "This is the largest grant ever awarded to our community for security at one time. The additional funds from our 2020 campaign are only made possible by the commitment of our community."

The idea for seeking dedicated security grants began a year and a half ago when Rabbi Mark Schifftan, of The Temple, convened a meeting that included all the local rabbis, then-Jewish Federation President, Lisa Perlen and Security Committee Chair, Lori Fishel. Rabbi Schifftan says the commitment to Israel's security was at the core of his

plan. "I felt since Israel was not in crisis at that moment, the best thing we could do for Israel was to protect Jewish life here," he says. The group agreed on the need for improved security, and within two months, The Federation made its commitment to raise the additional campaign funds. "The Federation really came through," adds Rabbi Schifftan, "Everyone in the community will be safer. That is the bigger picture."

The road to applying for, and receiving, the unprecedented amount of grant moneys was long and complex,

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Changing Congregational Life During the Pandemic and Beyond

By BARBARA DAB

This year, high holiday services will look different for Nashville's Jewish congregations. And while each is unique, one truth ties them together: life during and after the pandemic is forever changed. Clergy, professionals and lay leaders at each synagogue have grappled with decisions about how best to honor both the solemnity of the holidays and capture the festivity of them, while keeping people safe and healthy. Perhaps most challenging for each is how to maintain a sense of community and inclusiveness, all the while acknowledging sanctuaries may be empty and clergy may stand nearly alone on the pulpit, facing a computer or camera. In addition to addressing his year's unique needs, the question arises as to how the changes will affect congregational life in the long term. According to Shaul Kelner, Associate Professor of Sociology and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, that is a much tougher issue to address. "Usually when sociologists offer forecasts we assume, 'present trends continued.' In a situation as unprecedented as this, all bets are off and any predictions are no better than guesswork," he says. But a look at local congregations could provide some insights.



Rabbi Laurie Rice leads virtual Shabbat services

At Sherith Israel, Nashville's Modern Orthodox congregation, Rabbi Saul Strosberg is taking a, "Wait and see," approach. "We have a very nimble congregation," he says, "The key is keeping up with last minute protocols." He is aware some of his congregants may choose to stay home this year, but does plan to hold in person services, albeit in smaller, staggered groups. As is the tra-

dition in the Orthodox movement, technology will not be used for the holiday, and Rabbi Strosberg acknowledges there are some who will take the opportunity to virtually attend services in other parts of the world. He says, "Every religious leader will be challenged to decide how ordinary this year will be, or whether every moment will be about COVID." He does believe that some traditions may

be changing. When it comes to membership and dues collection, for example, he has seen a shift. "It has been an interesting season. We currently have a traditional structure, but lots of people pay more and lots of people pay less. It is the beginning of the conversation about dues structure," he says. Still, Rabbi Strosberg says it is important to find beauty in what other communities and congregations are doing without judgement.

Rabbi Joshua Kullock, of West End Synagogue, is working to keep the focus on the spiritual meaning of the holiday season but is also integrating technology. This year, services will be completely virtual. Clergy will be live streaming from the sanctuary and congregant participants will pre-record their honors, to be broadcast at the appropriate times. Rabbi Kullock believes this type of programming will allow the congregation to feel involved and included, while staying safe at home. This concept for the holidays is an extension of changes taking place every day at West End Synagogue. Things like Zoom minyans and educational programs are bringing people from places as far away as Kentucky and Wisconsin. Rabbi Kullock is pleased to be able to continue this type of program-

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Thank You — It is Because of You We Were Built For This Moment

By ARON KARABEL

Because of you, our community has been and continues to be strong. Because of you, our community has done and continues to do good work. Because of you, our community has helped and continues to help those in need. On behalf of the Jewish Federation Board of Directors, the CEO and all of the Federation Staff, we want to thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Jewish community. It is through that commitment and support for our community that we are able to respond to crisis, support local synagogues, agencies, and organizations, and assist the neediest in our community, in Israel and in other countries overseas.

The Pandemic has impacted everyone in our community. It is indiscriminate and has taken loved ones from us. It has cost us jobs, torn us from our friends and families, and made us more disconnected than ever. Our current reality is far too familiar. Each generation has lived through a different iteration. There are many things we do not know about this reality. We do not know when it will end. We do not know how many more will be impacted. And, we do not know what to expect going forward. Despite all of these uncertainties, there are several things we absolutely know.

We know that the Jewish Federation was built for this very moment - you know that because you built it. It was

built to respond, inspire, connect and repair the world. It was built to adapt and form a Kehilla (a community). Recall in Vayakhel when the Israelites transformed from a group of disconnected people who happen to be in the same place at the same time for a singular purpose (an Eidah) into a group of like-minded individuals who shared a common bond and were inspired by a greater responsibility to G-d and community. They did so, not out of obligation or fear, but out of kindness and compassion. They did so from the heart, overwhelmingly and unexpectedly. We know when we as a people congregate together with a common purpose and goal, we can accomplish literally anything. I mean anything. We can help those in need, expand our community, and open our hearts and eyes to repair the world despite insurmountable odds.

We know that empathy, compassion and connectedness is the secret sauce to making the stranger a part of our Mishpacha and fulfilling the commandments given to us. When we, "Stiffen your necks no more," we break the barriers that keep us from giving, from contributing our talents to important causes and from being a strong prosperous Kehilla. It all starts with leaning in and doing our part to keep the commandments upon our heart and upon our soul. As Rabbi Hillel is famously quoted as saying: *If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?*

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Congregations Launch Non-partisan Get out the Vote Campaigns

By BARBARA DAB

The 2020 elections are almost here, and two local congregations have launched campaigns aimed at both informing and encouraging voters to exercise their right to vote. The non-partisan effort is part of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign. The campaign is focused on three areas: ensuring 100% voter turnout, combatting voter suppression and engaging student voters. Both of Nashville's Reform congregations are participating.

The Temple's campaign is called, "Not Voting is Not Kosher." Members who are eligible to vote are being asked to sign a pledge stating they will register to vote and will vote in the November elections. Pat Snyder, Co-chair of The Temple's campaign, says outreach is being done via e-mail, social media and peer-to-peer communications, and is an interfaith effort. "We have been in touch with TIRRC and some Christian churches and are continuing to get the word out to as many organizations in the community as possible." Additionally, a webinar is being held via Zoom on September

15th at 7:00pm to provide a fun, interactive discussion with younger voters who may be voting for the first time. The discussion will cover why it is important to vote, what to expect when they vote either in person or by absentee ballot and other relevant voting information. Hannah Cornfield and Steven Venick from The Temple will be the moderating, along with youth from the American Muslim Advisory council. Anyone may register, find more information about the campaign, or find the electronic pledge card by using this link: <https://thetemple-hub.org/2020vote>

Congregation Micah is also participating in the campaign. Social Action and Administrative Coordinator, Brandi Belcher, says they are calling the effort, "Micah Votes: Our Future Depends on It." Their challenge will also be announced via e-blast, and pledge cards will be available on September 13th at a, "Pick-me-up Parade." The parade is a drive through event where congregants can also pick up High Holy Day gift bags and other related items. For more information, or to participate in Congregation Micah's campaign, visit <http://www.congregationmicah.org/vote>. •

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Black Lives Matters is the Civil Rights Movement of Our Times

Last month, Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel voiced (BLM Speaks Anti-Semitic Lies in the Cover of Anti-Racism/August) his legitimate concerns about expressions of antisemitic language and the spread of mistruths about Israel during some recent protests. We appreciate Rabbi Tiechtel's reminding us of the importance of remaining constantly vigilant for anti-Jewish rhetoric, especially during these challenging social times. However, we do not view the Black Lives Matters movement as inherently antisemitic.

The Black Lives Matters Movement, founded in the aftermath of the police killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, is a loosely organized, broad fellowship of concerned voices outraged by longstanding social injustices directed against Black people throughout the United States. Akin to Israel's Zionist Movement pre-statehood, the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's, and the Environment Movement of today, the Black Lives Matters Movement is not a monolithic organization with a central leadership. Rather, it is a collection of voices — an alignment of small and large organizations centered on common-cause: to advocate for a broad pallet of substantive societal and institutional transformation through non-violent protest, civil disobedience, and changes in public policy.

Movements like Black Lives Matters live under big tents that attract different voices in a shared vision for change and justice. Within the Black Lives Matters

Movement are some who find Israel's treatment of Palestinians, and policies like annexation, to be consistent with their worldview of injustice and oppression. And while there may even be some in the movement who harbor antisemitic views, we must be mindful that not all who criticize Israel are antisemitic.

When differences do surface, sitting inside the tent affords us the opportunity to engage directly in conversations with those whose views we find objectionable. In fact, as a result of these such conversations, the statements regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict initially contained in the 2016 Black Lives Matters platform are no longer included. The current BLM justice platform is entirely, and rightly, focused exclusively on the injustices perpetrated on Black Americans and other people of color. To the extent that there are expressions of antisemitism from any who purport to be part of BLM, we should, as Rabbi Tiechtel advised, be wary and confront those expressions diligently and directly with the individuals themselves.

Supporting a broad social justice movement such as Black Lives Matters is the Jewish thing to do. The Nashville Jewish Social Justice Roundtable (<http://www.jsjrnashville.org>) recently joined more than 600 other Jewish organizations and synagogues from all across the Jewish landscape (including the Union for Reform Judaism, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, AJWS, JCPA, ADL, HIAS, Hadassah Foundation, J-Street, Mazon, NCJW, et al) in support of Black Lives Matters' commitment to racial equity and justice.

We sincerely hope that the Black Lives Matters Movement will survive the test of time and will garner the support

needed to meet its goal of eradicating systemic and institutional racism, leading to a United States that truly fulfills the promise of a better tomorrow for all of us. Social movements like BLM can succeed when their ends are clear and just, their supporters keep their eyes on the prize, and remember that love and trust always win over hate and fear. We believe that Black Lives Matter is the Civil Rights Movement of our time — a movement that will give birth to the next generation of leaders, who, like John Lewis, will steer the United States to become a more perfect union. During the High Holidays ahead, may we spend some of our time asking for forgiveness for not having moved the needle towards racial justice further than we have, and also in prayer, committing to play our part in ending systemic, institutional racism in our country and the world.

Avi Poster and Irwin Venick
Co-Founders and Chairs
Nashville Jewish Social Justice
Roundtable
<http://www.jsjrnashville.org>

My Corona P&L Sheet

By Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel

Just like that, another year is beginning its slow retreat into history. The year 5780 will be one for the records; a year of much uncertainty and disarray, and very soon we will welcome the New Year of 5781. The season of the New Year is a time of stock taking and introspection.

The last month of the year on the Jewish calendar is called Elul. It is a month that connects the past year with the coming year—a time when we reflect on where we stand, and where we should be going. Rosh Hashanah is on the horizon. Time to get prepared. It is taught that in this month, the "King is in the Field," and G-d is readily accessible, willing to hear our requests and listen to our fervent prayers for the coming new year.

Every day of Elul we blow the shofar and recite special Psalms in anticipation of the High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

This year as I take stock, there is an array of extra line items I am adding to my list of profits and losses and decisions for the future. The line items revolve around Corona.

Profits: I maintained clarity that this pandemic is Divinely orchestrated and although I don't know and can't know G-d's plan, I can try to derive some lessons from it. I oriented myself to the things that are truly important in life; relationships, family, health, Torah and Mitzvot and kindness towards others. I maintained clarity in my Chabad mission and tried to, "pivot," to move our organization towards delivering on this mission despite the radical change of circumstances.

Losses: I was too judgmental of others who were fearful and operated from a place of fear. I was too impatient at times, not living the messages I understood to be derived from the pandemic. Even with the new found time I didn't spend enough of it on things of value.

Decisions: To translate the positive lessons and changes made in my life into a regular routine in my life. Specifically, to bring to mind monthly the lessons surrounding values, things that are important, that there is plenty of time for the things that are really important, that even in tough times G-d is in charge.

To work on my empathy for others and to be less judgmental of those that think differently than I. To move relevant and practical ideas about life from mind to heart.

What are some of the Corona Calculations you are making, as you reflect on this past year and prepare for Rosh Hashanah?

As you prepare your P&L for 5780, may you be blessed with a Ktiva Vchatima Tova – May you be inscribed and sealed for a good and sweet healthy New Year! •

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Wednesday, September 2nd 7:00pm via Zoom:
Nashville's Board of Rabbis Roundtable Discussion: "Voting our Values."

For more information, contact Rabbi Shana Macker, rabbisjmackler@temple-nashville.org

Thursday, September 10th 10:00am via Zoom:
Rededication of the Nashville Holocaust Memorial

This event is open to the community and will provide an opportunity to

reflect on the recent incident involving a graffitied sheet containing an antisemitic message being draped over the memorial and the recent rise of other similar acts of antisemitism. This ceremony will also serve as a reminder to honor our past and that we must remain vigilant as we heal and move forward into the Jewish New Year. The ceremony is presented in partnership with the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. For information, please contact Deborah Oleshansky, deborah@jewishnashville.org

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Community Relations Committee Update

What's a Jew to do? Pursuing Justice even when it's Hard

By DEBORAH OLESHANSKY

We are all aware of the protests around the country demanding real and meaningful racial justice and the urgent need to look squarely at how we can correct the results of longstanding systemic racism. Equally urgent is the need to address real and increasingly dangerous antisemitism and antisemitic rhetoric and attacks. Some have painted the current racial justice protests as antisemitic. But are these protesters really the ones we should be most concerned about in this moment?

The shootings and murders at both the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and Chabad of Poway near San Diego were committed by white men motivated by white supremacy and hatred of Jews. In his own words the Poway shooter was quite clear, "I just shot up a Synagogue because the Jewish people are destroying the white race." The suspects in these shootings, white men armed and accused of cold-blooded murder, were apprehended alive by law enforcement and are standing trial. George Floyd, and so many other Black Americans suspected of non-violent crimes, were unarmed and yet did not earn the dignity of a trial and were instead executed on the streets or in their homes.

It was another white supremacist who killed Heather Heyer and injured 19 others as they peacefully protested the neo-Nazis marching in Charlottesville during the Unite the Right rally. We

all heard the racist and antisemitic slurs spewed by the neo-Nazis at this rally and saw the swastikas and other Nazi symbols they carried. Integrity First for America has filed suit against the leadership of the white nationalist groups who organized the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville. This suit, *Sines v. Kessler*, is the only current legal effort to take on the vast leadership of white nationalist movements and is scheduled for trial October, 2020.

Black and Jewish Americans are both facing threats and are justifiably concerned, but there is a fundamental difference in how we teach our children. Jewish children are taught to turn to law enforcement to help them in times of danger. Black children are taught that law enforcement can be the source of the danger. My Jewish family members and friends of color are caught in a dilemma as they help their children navigate both worlds. Ultimately, they are most often forced to teach their children to fear law enforcement.

This issue of different experiences with law enforcement is at the heart of the racial justice protests, and we in the Jewish community have an obligation to engage fully to ensure that all members of the Jewish community and all members of our civil society, are afforded the same response by those hired to protect and serve. If we condemn the protests, we will not only alienate Jewish community members of color, we will also ostracize ourselves from our own younger generations.

Recently, a group of young Jewish adults here in Nashville gathered to struggle through the challenge of engaging in the racial justice movement while being concerned, and even feeling threatened and uncomfortable, by antisemitic and anti-Israel rhetoric used by some in the Black lives matter movement. I had the honor of facilitating this conversation along with Ross Levy, Rabbinic Intern at The Temple. During the conversation, Ross shared a Talmud teaching that resonated deeply with many of the participants and which I have continued to share with others as we struggle to reconcile multiple truths and complexity. The text references, specifically, the debate between the House of Hillel and the House of Shammai but offers wisdom for us now in this challenge of dueling imperatives, "All of the words have been given by a single Shepherd, one God fashioned them, one Provider gave them, Source of all deeds, blessed be God, has spoken them. So make for yourself a heart with many rooms and bring into it all of the words..."

This is our challenge. Can we open our heart to many rooms, to allow for us to both fully engage in the quest toward racial justice, while standing in firm opposition to antisemitism?

Eric Ward, a national expert on the relationship between hate violence and preserving democratic institutions, has long taught about the urgent need to address both antisemitism and systemic racism and how both are at the heart of white nationalist movements. Jews and Blacks have a role to play in this moment. He writes, "We have an amazing opportunity right now to construct a 21st century civil rights movement. Black and Jewish community alliances were essential in the 1960s; they remain essential today. We must refuse to let antisemitism and the conspiracy theories it underwrites be the agent provocateur that derails the righteous energy of this moment."

In the closing days of 5780, we continue to confront the multiple challenges of a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, social unrest and demands for racial justice. Our Community Relations Lunch and Learn sessions, each Friday at noon via zoom, along with our "How to be an Antiracist" book groups, provide an opportunity to come together and learn how we can be fully engaged in efforts to address these multiple crises. Past sessions have addressed voting rights, criminal justice reform, racial and economic equity, and health care access and affordability. We will close our 5780 programming with author Ben Sheehan with a non-boring guide to our Constitution and democracy. We will resume with 5781 programming on October 16, 2020.

We wish you and your family a healthy, joyous and meaningful 5781, and hope you will join us on the evening of OCTOBER 8 for an outdoor, feel good Sukkot celebration co-sponsored by the Federation, Gordon JCC and Jewish Family Services. For details on any of our programs please contact Deborah Oleshansky, deborah@jewishnashville.org

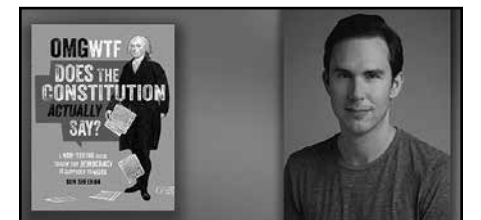
UPCOMING CRC EVENTS:

Friday, September 4
Noon-1pm via zoom



Jerome Moore, Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH) organizer will update us on the ongoing work of NOAH in our community to address issues of criminal justice reform, jobs and equity, and affordable housing.

Friday, September 11
Noon- 1pm via zoom
Ben Sheehan



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We will resume in 5781 on Friday, October 16, 2020.

HOLD THE DATE

Thursday, October 8

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Notes from Noam's Summer Vacation...

By BARBARA DAB AND NOAM HARARI

Nashville's Shlichah, Noam Harari, recently traveled back to Israel for some much-needed family time. She reports that she returned to a country changed by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her first 14 days were spent quarantined in a hotel, separated from her loved ones. Still, she managed to organize balcony salsa classes and daily workouts with her fellow shlichim, all quarantined in adjoining hotel rooms. "I was lucky to have friends on the same floor," she says, "And the time alone helped me to reflect on the past year in Nashville and all that has happened." A highlight of her time in quarantine was a socially distant meal with her family, sitting six feet apart in the hotel, but still able to be face-to-face and in the same room. Following the two week isolation, Noam's father picked her up and she spent the remainder of her visit living at home, making short trips to see other family and a few friends.

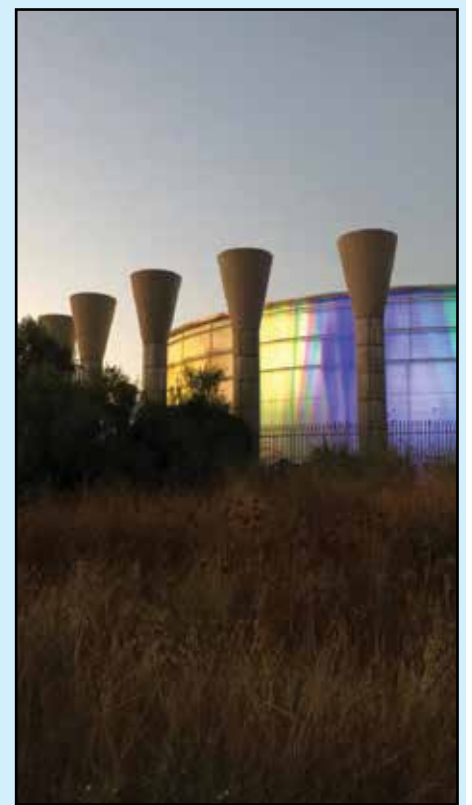
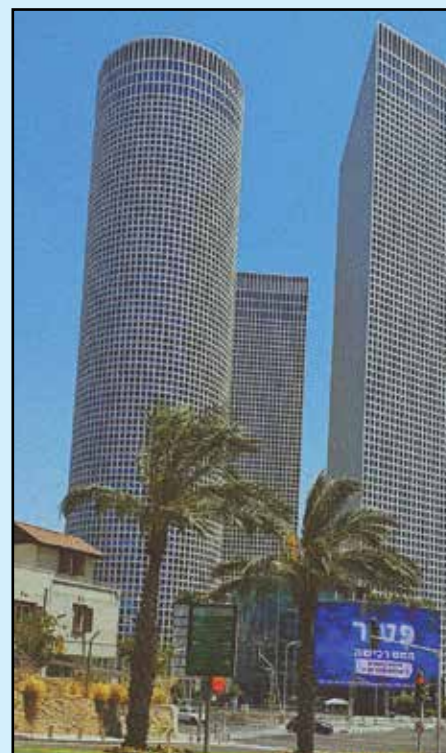
Noam inherited her boundless energy and enthusiasm for life from her mother and grandmothers, all of whom she spent time with during her visit. Her mother has created, "Quarantine Kits for Kids," filled with toys and games to occupy school children. And her grandmothers each showcased their legendary cooking and baking skills, all of which Noam plans to share with the Nashville Jewish community. Although this trip was not what she planned, Noam says the most important thing was spending time together. "It was so nice just to spend time with my family, hanging out, watch-

ing movies, eating and laughing together. It made it possible to forget we're in the middle of a pandemic," she says, "I also feel energized and ready to start a new year in Nashville."

As Noam recovers from jet lag, she is already planning activities and events that bring the sights, sounds and flavors of Israel to the community. Watch for more dance classes, recipes, social events, news from Israel and more and she tackles her second year. She says, "I love the challenges of being a shlichah, and I want to bring Israel alive for people here and to always make life fun." To connect with Noam, email her at noam@jewishnashville.org. •



Noam's grandma making her famous cookies



Shlichah Noam Harari's vacation photos, featuring Tel Aviv and her hometown of Modi'in



Holiday Cooking... Grandma Florie's Menena

Shlichah Noam Harari returned to Nashville filled with memories, plans and a new recipe from her Grandma Florie. As the holidays approach, plan this one as the perfect ending to your festive meal. B'tay'avon, everyone!

For the dough:

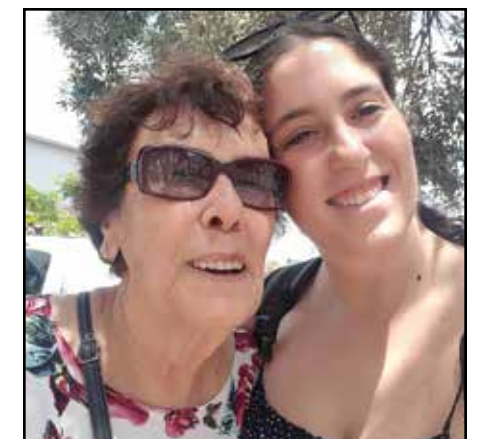
500 grams of flour
250 grams of melted butter
Half a glass of room temperature water

To fill the cookies:

A package of dates spread / chocolate spread

Preparation:

1. Soften butter in the microwave
2. In a mixer with a guitar hook, process the flour with the softened butter until the mixture is combined and gradually add half a cup of water until a dough is obtained.
3. Flatten the dough and spread a layer of date / chocolate spread
4. Roll out the dough and cut into slices.
5. Preheat oven to 365 degrees for half an hour until slightly golden, the dish is ready when it is golden from the bottom
6. Generously sprinkle with powdered sugar



Shlichah Noam Harari and her Grandma Florie



Noam's mom and dad working in their store during COVID

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Editor's Note

"Dear Esther," Column Brings an American Tradition to *The Observer*

By BARBARA DAB

For nearly 300 years, Americans have carried on a love affair with what are commonly referred to as, "advice," columns. As far back as Benjamin Franklin's, "Poor Richard's Almanack," folks have looked for advice on a wide range of life's problems, mostly centered around relationships, self-improvement and loss. And while people certainly sought help from rabbis, priests, family members and friends, there was something unique about looking outside that inner circle to the anonymity of the printed page in a newspaper. Early advice columnists, some of whom were well

known writers and other public figures, created alter egos and wrote under a nom de plume. There is even a Jewish connection to advice columns. Two of the most famous American columnists were twin sisters, Pauline Esther Phillips, better known as Dear Abby, and Esther Pauline Friedman, known to readers as Ann Landers. It is in this tradition that *The Observer* is pleased to partner with Jewish Family Service to bring, "Dear Esther," to Nashville's Jewish community newspaper. Beginning next month, "Dear Esther," will answer your questions on anything and everything, right here. Below you can learn more about Esther and how she can answer your questions. •



Esther recently migrated to Nashville from New York and will be partnering with JFS on an advice column for *The Observer* beginning in October. Esther is a retired Psychologist, veteran grandmother who brings a lifetime of experience including dysfunctional families, raising children, relationships, kosher cooking and even

interfaith families. Esther is excited to be in Nashville and will soon be heard promoting her famous matzo ball soup that she believes heals just about anything.

Please submit your questions to esther@jfsnashville.org on anything under the sun and watch for answers in her column. •

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Nashville BBYO Announces 2020 Kehillah Award Winners

By SKYLER HAAS

The Kehillah Award, formerly known as the Ralph Shepard Award, is given annually to a Jewish Nashville high school senior who exemplifies the characteristics of outstanding Jewish youth. He or she must have demonstrated a positive attitude, maturity, achievement and participation in our Jewish community throughout their high school career. The teens are nominated by their synagogue, Educational Director, Rabbi, or youth group advisor. These seniors are enthusiastic about making the world a better place. The winners receive a \$500 gift, provided by the Doyne Family Fund at the Jewish Foundation, to be used toward their education.

In my two years working professionally with teens in Nashville, I have yet to come across two individuals more deserving of an award that represents commu-



Annie Jacobs

nity than Shai Rice and Annie Jacobs, University School of Nashville graduating Class of 2020 seniors. They could not be



Shai Rice

more different, but one thing they have in common is that they are both natural born leaders and this is just the beginning in

their incredible journey ahead. Those who nominated these teens used words such as inclusive, kind and respectful. As a teen director you seek out nothing more than to build a community that is welcoming and accepting of all. These are character traits that I personally have the utmost respect for. They are character traits that these two embody.

Shai Rice is one of the most genuine, down to earth human beings on this planet. As the son of two incredibly wise and insightful rabbis in our community, Shai carries a responsibility of kin in Nashville which he fulfills with every fiber of his being. Ask anyone who knows Shai what they think about him, and I guarantee you could not find a complaint. He is an old soul who is extremely knowledgeable in so many different things and someone who can find a connection with just about anyone. Something I admire about Shai is his passion for coaching. He's actually really good at it. To be a good coach you have to be a good leader and to be a good leader you have to know the game and its players. Shai takes the time to build relationships and learn about all that surrounds him. He does this on and off the court and it's a quality we should all strive to possess.

Annie Jacobs is a force to be reckoned with. I have been so lucky to have spent the last few years watching her grow into an incredible young leader. Using her bubbly and approachable personality she was a staple in our BBYO region. She held numerous positions on chapter board with Music City BBY and went on to serve as the 72nd VP of Membership in the region. She was a face that all new incoming teens knew, and part of a powerhouse team that was the first to hit a regional membership goal in years. I met Annie four years ago when she attended her first BBYO Summer experience. At CLTC Annie, along with so many Music City girls, had the opportunity to soak in everything that there is to know about BBYO. She came back eager to grow and learn and do more. She went on to attend more BBYO summers, capping her experience with a trip to Israel along with so many of her friends from across the globe. That was how Annie stood out amongst the crowd. She knew that BBYO was bigger than she, bigger than what was here in Nashville. She took the time to find the connections and build networks across the globe and this is a trait I know she will carry on into college.

Our BBYO program is lucky to have leaders like Annie and Shai. The Nashville community is lucky to have teens like Annie and Shai. Two teens that are dedicated to the Jewish future and the future of this community. They are dedicated to making themselves all that they can be and always reach for the stars in all that they do. Thank you to Shai and Annie for setting the example for Jewish teens around the south and for always being the best, most authentic version of yourself. •

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Summer Takes on New Meaning for Jewish Middle School Administrator

By JAY RIVEN

I used to have the summers off. When I was starting my career in education, I was a classroom teacher with a 9 month contract. My move into administration brought new challenges, new skill sets, and an extra three months in the building that included June, July and August. I had mixed feelings about this promotion: happy for the new responsibility, but unsure about those quiet and lonely days...at first. Going into school during the summer months became very productive; it was like going to work on a Saturday, but every day. No phone calls, no visitors, no interruptions, and no distractions. I get so much accomplished during the summer months simply because it's so quiet.

Except when it's not. On occasion, I would overhear the running of students down the halls, the laughter of young voices, and the slamming of lockers echoing in the vacant halls. Out of a mixture of curiosity and a need to get up from my desk and stretch, I'd investigate only to see my students in the building having a blast simply being in there. I'll never forget one telling me, "I love being in school when I don't have to!"

Perhaps not the most profound of quotes, but one that really stuck with me. Despite what they may say, I think all students really like being at school. Some may feel compelled to complain about

homework, taking tests, eating weird looking meat for lunch or restrictive rules at recess. When you get down to it, however, they are excited to join their friends, learn some new things, spend some time with the teachers they respect and get out of the house for the day.

This is likely more evident this fall than ever before as students have been home for an extra two and a half months. The conversations I've had with our students at the Jewish Middle School have been the most passionate and excited conversations I've ever had with returning students. At this writing, we plan to open in person and on time in line with the other Nashville independent schools, yet we are still being asked to verify that as they plead for us not to change our minds. The children are all too ready to see their peers, all too ready to dive into the academics and all too ready to explore extra curriculars including music, art and athletics. In a mature way (for a middle school student), they will praise their parents' efforts to keep them busy and challenged at home, but admit it's, "just not the same." They want to return to school, and they're not afraid to admit it.

And we welcome them. In our lifetimes, there's no precedent for these times, and we, students, parents and teachers, are all being as flexible as we can; that's how we'll endure COVID-19. But this fall, should all go well, we'll all have a greater appreciation for each other and the sacred space we call "school." •

Welcome Sharon Benus, Gordon JCC Jewish Program and PJ Library Coordinator

The Gordon JCC is proud to welcome our newest staff member, Sharon Benus, Jewish Program Coordinator and PJ Library Coordinator. Sharon comes to the JCC with many years of personal experience working in the Jewish Community in Bergen County, New Jersey, as well as in Israel where she made Aliyah and lived for the better part of a decade in her twenties. We are excited to have Sharon on board and look forward to Under One Roof and other programs she will be bringing to life.

"Growing up in an artistic family in the outskirts of New York city, I was exposed to the beauty of culture and diversity from a young age, which I will always be grateful for. In the late 1980's and early 1990's I had the opportunity to visit family in Israel on numerous occasions and to accompany my father to absorption centers working with immigrants from Ethiopia. I saw them, in this small yet dynamic country filled with beauty of diversity. Although I was unable to verbally communicate with these recent olim, what I learned was the importance of conveying support and understanding. These life experiences led me to work with communities of asylum seekers and foreign workers in south Tel Aviv, and most recently with children here in North Nashville. Moreover,



Sharon Benus

both my art and social work background have afforded me the opportunity to study and listen and see what we can do to help educate ourselves and support others.

I am excited to help coordinate this year's Under One Roof. While brainstorming ideas amidst a global pandemic and major unrest happening around the country, the concept of diversity seems so important, meaningful and timely a theme for us to pursue as a community.

Maya Angelou wrote, 'It is time for parents to teach young people early on, that in diversity there is beauty, and there is strength.' This project provides a wonderful opportunity to reach out to each other and our neighbors to celebrate both what we have in common and our differences. And art is a wonderful way to explore all of nuances of diversity. As community members we need not fear diversity, but recognize, as Rabbi Jonathan Sachs espouses, 'Diversity in a sign of strength not weakness.' Under One Roof offers a unique way to embrace and teach the beauty and creativity that emerges from our differences and to go from strength to strength together.

I am thrilled to collaborate with participating organizations for Under One Roof and look forward to working with the community with many other programs." •

Vanderbilt Hillel Introduces Wellness Programming to Help Students Cope

By BARBARA DAB

Vanderbilt students are known to be highly motivated and driven to excel. But that hard-charging lifestyle can also lead to a lack of self-care or focus on overall wellness. Enter Emily Kahn-Perry, Hillel's Coordinator of Jewish Life and Wellness Programming. A former Springboard Fellow at Vanderbilt, Emily's new position was created to provide students with some much needed support as they navigate college during this unusual school year.

Emily is no stranger to the perils of burnout, something she experienced herself during one long summer as a camp counselor. "I learned the hard way you have to put yourself first before you can take care of others," she says, "I didn't surround myself with the best people. I learned if I surrounded myself with a different group of people who were more focused on wellness, I could enjoy camp more." While majoring in Human Development and Family Studies at Indiana University, she discovered her passion for helping people in a creative way. She says coming to Nashville was an opportunity to experience a new lifestyle.

At Hillel, Emily will be creating specific wellness programming that includes action plans, challenges and personal

accountability. At the heart of it all, is the connection to Jewish values and teachings about self-care. She says, "I want to inspire students to learn how Judaism looks at wellness." So far, her efforts have paid off. Last year she created an, "Ethics With Emily," text study group that began with seven students and grew to 30. "Studying Jewish texts can be intimidating," she says, "I started with Pirkei Avot because it's way more accessible." She believes the college setting is the perfect one to address these important issues. "This is a time when students are vulnerable and able to be open and honest and have these types of conversations," she says. She is aware of the challenges of creating and building community during the current pandemic, but she says her own experiences have taught her how to face situations head on with confidence and creativity.

Emily's position will continue for the current school year, after which she plans to move to Los Angeles and attend graduate school at both Hebrew Union College, studying Jewish Non-profit management and University of Southern California studying Social Work. For the moment, though, she is loving her life in Nashville and looks forward to helping students find what she found years ago at camp: spiritual balance and the value of self-care.

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We know that the case for giving is stronger now than ever before. The needs of our local agencies, (Gordon JCC, JFS, Akiva and Hillel) and synagogues are more urgent now than in recent memory. The Israel and Overseas support imperatives are likewise urgent. I believe we can overcome these challenges by learning from our past and recognizing the engagement opportunities of the present and future.

We know that there are those who are not yet part of our community who want to do right by their bubbes and zaydes, who want to lead by example, and who want to learn from others who care more than words can describe by representing the gold standard for doing good.

And finally, we know our path is not clear. The Torah portion, Shoftim, finds the Israelites in a similar moment. Yet, it contains one of the most fundamental tenets of Judaism. Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof. Justice, Justice shall you pursue. The word Tzedek is the Hebrew word for justice. It also is the shrosh or the root for the word Tzedakah. For many children, this is one of the first words they learn in Hebrew school. And, a staple in any Hebrew school classroom is the

little blue Tzedakah box. We frequently translate the word Tzedakah to the word charity which has its roots in Latin and connotes love. But, if we look at the root of the Hebrew word, Tzedakah is an act of justice, and a duty. We are commanded doubly to pursue justice.

Martin Luther King, Jr. is quoted as saying "faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase." It is our collective birthright and obligation to be responsible for one another (Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh laZeh) and pursue justice. I believe that our faith and identities, which are tied together by history, tradition, love, friendship and Israel, will guide us. I also believe that in order to strengthen them, every voice must be heard, every person must be accountable, and every measure must be taken. *What better time than now. What better way than through our Nashville Kehilla.* I am proud to be a member of this community and deeply honored to be your 2021 Campaign Chair. •

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Security Grants

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but it was a collaborative effort both from within Nashville and with partners and supporters at the national level. At the center of the grants process, is Adam Bronstone, Director of Planning and Israel Partnerships for The Jewish Federation, who shepherded the group from applications to approval. He says, "It was really a team approach. The whole community worked together to make this happen." Local leaders agree that Bronstone's relationships outside Nashville, and his ability to use available resources, made all the difference. Marcia Stewart, Executive Director of West End Synagogue, says she was thrilled with the

approach. "There was a lot of teamwork with the Federation that allowed all of us to work together on the thing we agreed was most important. Adam really made sure everyone completed their applications in full. He wanted everyone to be fully funded, and they were."

The grants are all part of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, created in 2005 by the Jewish Federations of North America, in partnership with Jewish, faith-based and other nonprofit leaders and with bi-partisan support in both the House and the Senate. According to Robert Goldberg, Senior Director of Legislative Affairs for JFNA, prior to that time there was no coordinated, centralized security program for Jewish nonprofit agencies. To date,

more than 5,000 grants have been awarded. Additionally, with a recent rise in antisemitism and growing record of international and domestic threats, funding for the program grew to \$90 million annually in the 2020 fiscal year. And for the 2021 fiscal year, JFNA is working with congressional support to increase the funding even more. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Goldberg says there is evidence violent extremists are looking to exploit weaknesses in communities.

Another key partner in securing the grants is the Secure Community Network. The nonprofit was created in 2004, under the auspices of the JFNA, to address the growing threats to the country's Jewish communities. The agency works nationwide with local Jewish Federations and other organizations and communities, to create and implement security strategies. Stuart Frisch is Regional Security Director for SCN. He says the massacre at the Tree of Life Synagogue nearly two years ago, changed everything for Jewish communities. "The shooting proved the size of the community doesn't matter when it comes to security needs," he says. He believes security issues can be adequately addressed, but that it is important to always be focused on prevention. "It takes a layered security plan in communities, and good leadership," he says, "We are in the worst time in our history in America when it comes to antisemitism. This grants process was

an absolute team effort and Eric is the right leader for this time." Frisch also credits local law enforcement with being good partners for the Jewish community.

The grants were awarded to congregations and agencies with a physical presence, such as the Gordon JCC, Akiva School and Vanderbilt Hillel. This year, synagogue services, classes and other on-site events may look very different from the norm, but the need for beefed up security remains a constant. Lori Fishel, Security Committee Chair, says she was most impressed by the generosity of the committee members, who took a broad approach to distribution of funds. "The members agreed it is important for everyone to feel equally safe and welcomed everywhere in Nashville," she says, "They were all okay with some entities receiving less and others receiving more." The committee was comprised of representatives from each organization. Robert Goldberg says, "Through the end of September, FEMA will carry out a number of administrative functions that are prerequisite to the release of the grants to the State Administrative Agencies (SAAs). Once FEMA completes its administrative housekeeping, the SAAs will receive their grant awards packages and the SAAs will have 45 days to make the grants available to the sub-recipients. As the SAAs state processes can vary, the timing of notices to NSGP sub-recipients may also vary from state to state." •

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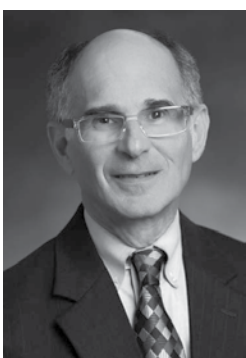
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Our 2020 NJFF offers an exciting variety of features and documentaries that will entertain, educate, make you laugh, and want to celebrate. You will meet people you did not realize you already know - like Carl Laemmle (*Laemmle*), the founder of Universal Studios, who is known as the father of the Hollywood star system. Then there's Lea Gottlieb (Mrs. G), the first to use Lycra spandex in her Gottex swimwear, introducing fabulous colors and

patterns inspired by her travels.

Speaking of travels, you'll empathize with nine-year-old Anna and her family's wartime journey from Berlin to England, all without her pink rabbit (*When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*). You'll find out if a trip to Italy with a famous German conductor will actually bring harmony to Israeli-Palestinian youth (*Crescendo*). And you'll follow the heartwarming story of Aulcie Perry from Harlem to Tel Aviv where he plays Maccabi basketball, converts to Judaism, and embraces life in Israel. (*Aulcie*)

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What We Did on Our Summer Vacations

By BARBARA DAB

This summer was unlike any other in recent memory. The COVID-19 pandemic changed everything about how folks think about travel and spending quality time together. For some families, this summer meant road trips near and far; for other families, a staycation brought them closer to home and to each other. Lifecycle events like weddings and B'nai Mitzvah were simplified, made virtual or canceled altogether. But one thing is fairly certain: we will never forget the Summer of 2020 and how we survived, and thrived, as individuals, as families and as a community. Below are some reflections from folks in our corner of the world.



The Lapidus family enjoying the Black Hills of South Dakota



Lilly and Max Lapidus getting in some paddle boarding

I loved the trip! I had no idea what to expect. I just wanted to take my family somewhere remote and outdoors. The Black Hills of South Dakota did not disappoint. Glamping is the perfect way to travel. With the camp taking necessary precautions, we were able to explore and find comfort in the outdoors 24 hours a day for a week. Visiting Mount Rushmore was monumental. The hiking, biking, climbing, cliff jumping, boating and having free reign of the BADLANDS were just what our family needed.

From, Kim Lapidus



Garrett Mills on, "staycation," with his mom, artist Carrie Mills.



Carrie Mills in her, "happy place," poolside at her condo.

Since my son, Garrett, and I did not take a vacation, we decided to do a photo shoot Staycation instead!

Here's Garrett on our Staycation, we worked together to create this shot. From, Carrie Mills



The Weismark Family celebrates the Bar Mitzvah of Amishai Weismark at West End Synagogue

Bar Mitzvah COVID-style

The Weismark family of Atlanta, Georgia is no stranger to dealing with the unexpected. When Ilana Weismark delivered her first child 15 years ago, an amniotic embolism nearly took her life. Thanks to the skilled care she received at Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital in Israel, both Ilana and her daughter, Kinneret, survived and she went on to have two more children without incident. It was gratitude for that blessing that led Adee and Ilana Weismark to plan for their son, Amishai, to have his Bar Mitzvah this summer in Hadassah Hospital's chapel. But COVID-19 changed all that and with just four months to go until the scheduled family trip to Israel and the celebration, the Weismarks canceled. Adee Weismark, son of Janet and Rami Weismark of Nashville, says, "We had this huge, amazing vacation



Sammy and Zoe Sparks



Sammy Sparks waiting for the big fish

This summer, our kids were supposed to spend a month at Ramah Darom, and Jason and I were going to spend a month both missing them and relishing some time just for us. Throughout the spring, we held out hope- maybe there would still be a way for Ramah to open to campers. The day our family learned that camp was cancelled for 2020 was definitely a low point in this pandemic.

And yet- we had a wonderful, simple, and memorable summer. This is the summer both kids learned to ride their bikes and learned how to fish. The kids



Abby and Zoe Sparks picking strawberries



Jason and Sammy Sparks getting some sunshine

spent so much time outside, playing in the creek behind our house, building forts and bases, decorating the street with chalk art, having epic nerf battles. We watched old movies projected on an outdoor screen and played board games. We hiked and canoed and played in the Harpeth River. We picked berries and made homemade ice cream and ate lots of dinners outside on the deck. We realized how much we have around us, and how much we have to be thankful for.

From, Abby Sparks



Amishai and Adee Weismark read Torah, COVID-style

planned and still wanted to have a, 'Wow,' type of trip."

Adee admits to being a serious vacationer and began thinking about that, "Wow." The family decided to rent an RV and spend a couple of weeks seeing the United States. The idea to make a stop in Nashville on the original Bar Mitzvah date began to take hold. "We were going crazy in the house. We figured we'd make the stop in Nashville for a meaningful service and go on from there," he says. Adee himself, had his Bar Mitzvah at West End Synagogue. In fact, he is the 5th generation of his mother's family to be born in Nashville. So, armed with the plan, Adee contacted Rabbi Kullock of West End Synagogue, who received approval from the Board of Trustees, and the date was set. The family packed up the RV and headed North.

The Bar Mitzvah was held in the



Adee and Ilana Weismark and family visit Palo Duro Canyon State Park in Texas while on their RV adventure

West End Synagogue sanctuary with only 25 people in attendance in person. But according to Janet Weismark, thanks to Zoom, others were able to participate. "We had relatives from all over the world watching. It was so nice doing it here. I grew up here, my kids grew up here," she says. And Adee says the occasion gave his family the opportunity to remember and honor his late grandparents. "It was meaningful and spiritual. We were able to not only remember my grandparents, but also to celebrate what they meant to us. It felt cleansing," he says.

Following the Bar Mitzvah, the younger Weismark family continued on their journey to Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado where they had even more adventure. Adee says, "It really was an amazing experience. Despite not being able to be in Israel, we made memories that will last a lifetime."

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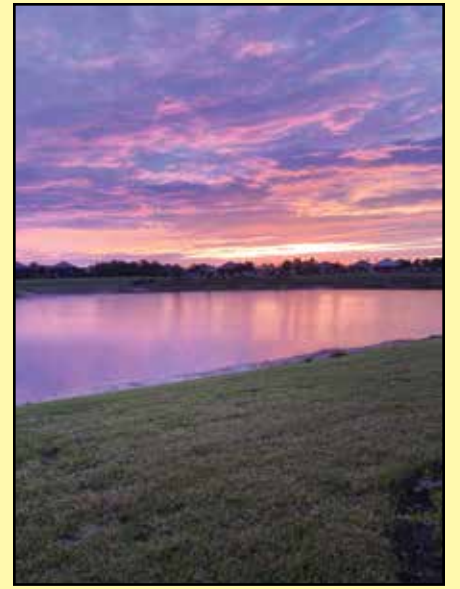
During the month of July, college students and early career professionals from around the country participated in the Jewish Changemakers Fellowship program. The online program is designed to equip young adults with career skills and networking to enhance their success in a competitive job market. Participant, Hera Lynn, moved to Nashville last year to pursue a career as a singer/songwriter. With time on her hands during the

months of being at home, she wanted to find some opportunities for self-growth. She did not know anyone in her cohort. She says, "I wanted to be connected when it's hard to be connected."

Her favorite part was the first week. She said it was a very, "hands-on," approach to telling her personal story. There were daily core sessions with professionals in various areas. Hera says it was truly a learning experience.



Jewish Federation Community Engagement Associate, Marisa Rubin, enjoying vacation in Naples, Florida



The beach in Naples, Florida



Marisa Rubin hanging out with friends at the beach



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On September 22, "The Choice 2020: Trump vs. Biden" will air on PBS @ 9 pm. This Frontline show intertwines in depth biographies of both candidates. It tells the story of a deeply divided nation through the lives of the two men who want to lead. This show can also be streamed at pbs.org/Frontline. On Sunday, October 18th at 5:00pm, Gabrielle Schonder, a Frontline Producer/Reporter



from Nashville, will speak to Hadassah members via Zoom about the show, the interviews and the editing process, followed by a Q&A. •

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Shofar in the Park comes to Nashville

The Jewish people have been blowing the Shofar, a simple hollowed out ram's horn, for thousands of years in celebration of Rosh Hashana, the beginning of the Jewish New Year, also known as the birthday of humanity. According to Jewish law, one must hear the blasts directly from the shofar itself. No medium will do, not a microphone, not a computer, not even a slight echo. Intrinsically, the Shofar is not just a sound. It is a cry. A prayer. A soul-awakening, personal, meditative and rousing experience. Hearing the sound of the shofar is the main commandment associated with celebrating the Holiday.

This year, the first day of Rosh Hashanah is on Shabbat, and the Shofar will not be sounded then, out of respect for the holy day of Shabbat. Yet, on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, we will sound the call of the Shofar. For Rosh Hashana 5781, sophistication will give way to simplicity, as Chabad of Nashville will host a brand-new innovative program for Nashville, "Shofar in the Park," where many will gather in the park to hear the blasts of a lone shofar. In the past, Shofar in the Park has taken place across

the country in many parks and beach fronts. From Central Park in Manhattan, to Yellowstone National Park in Montana, from Venice Beach in Los Angeles, to South Beach in Miami, Shofar in the Park now comes to Nashville.

"Shofar in the Park," will take place with social distancing, on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 5:30 PM in the Percy Warner Park, Highway 100 near the intersection of Old Hickory Blvd. The sounds of the shofar will be sounded as the New Year is celebrated, and apples and honey for a sweet new year will be distributed. "The idea is to allow as many people as possible to observe the central mitzvah of Rosh Hashanah," says Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel, with Chabad of Nashville. "The Park is an open and neutral place where every person is welcome. It doesn't matter if you have any prior Jewish education. It's irrelevant if you pay dues; are affiliated or unaffiliated, all are welcome to come as you are and hear the shofar."

The event is free and open to the public. Rain or shine. Children, singles, families, all are welcome. To learn more about Shofar in the park, please go to chabadnashville.com. •

Gourmet Rosh Hashanah Kosher Takeout available in Nashville

As High Holidays 5781 are approaching, many are deciding where to attend services. Yet, there is another aspect to this special season. Just as spiritual preparation is needed as we approach the High Holy Days, holiday meal preparation remains an important feature of our traditions. Jewish people are known to be major foodies (our friends and neighbors still can't believe that we prepare Thanksgiving-worthy meals every week for Shabbat!), and we wear our chef badges with pride.

Our foodie tendencies are heightened during the autumn months when Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot, which fall close together on the Hebrew calendar, demand the preparation of consecutive festive meals. Chabad of Nashville will be offering High Holiday gourmet meals to order, prepared by one of Nashville's

premiere chefs. All meals will be prepared with masks and gLOVEs, and with all covid-19 safety requirements in place.

The Rosh Hashanah Meals will include several of the traditional foods which symbolize blessings for a Sweet New Year. The meals will include the traditional round Challah, apples and honey, sweet brisket, mashed potatoes, tzimmes, and honey cake. According to Jewish mystical teachings, when the Jewish holiday meals are prepared and eaten with the intention of enhancing the intrinsic holiness of the day, the very food itself becomes elevated.

All orders for the Rosh Hashanah Kosher Takeout meals can be made at Chabadnashville.com. Orders are to be placed with a minimum of four portions, and must be made by September 7, 2021. For more info. Call 615-646-5750. •



B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy 2020 Board

B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Board Announces 2020 Awards

This year's B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Board is awarding two grants, one each to Akiva School and the Anti-Defamation League. The program, designed to develop charitable giving in the younger generation, is led by Nashville Jewish teens. The grants process reflects much thought and collaboration by the Board and this year the idea was to incorporate both local and national causes. Ilanit Sedek, an outgoing Board Member and Freshman at the College of Charleston, says, "We found our passions centered around Jewish education and the rise of antisemitism. In the end, our main focus revolves around the next generation of Jews. Through the B'nai Tzedek grants, we uplifted Jewish education at Akiva School and gave to ADL to aid the fight against antisemitism and bias. We hope that through this year's grants, the next generation of Jews can live in a more educated and peaceful world." And Abby Landa, Board member and current Junior at Franklin High School, says the decision was very personal to the students, "We felt that Akiva had impacted many of our lives and others in the Nashville Jewish community and we wanted to give a grant to them so they can build onto their causes. The ADL does a lot of great work fighting antisemitism and we wanted to donate because it is a misfortune that we experience and see as Jews in our everyday lives and would like to end." The B'nai Tzedek program is sponsored by the Feldman-Hassenfeld Fund for the B'nai


Tzedek program and the Al Feldman Memorial Fund.

To the B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Board,

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your foresight, your generosity and your decision to include Akiva in your communal giving this year. To be a recipient of the B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy grant is one of our largest honors because it comes from YOU (the generation that is to lead and teach our future generations). It has been my honor to personally learn with many of you and I hope that every one of you always feels welcome at Akiva. For those of you who have not yet been to Akiva, please reach out if you would like to know more about the school. It would be my honor to share with our current students as you are their teachers as well.

Each of you embodies the characteristic of chesed, this incredible ability to share unbounded kindness with the world. At Akiva, we are so lucky to be the beneficiaries of your tzedakah. Thank you for this honor and for all that you do to LEAD in the Nashville community and beyond. I wish you the VERY best as you enter into this next school year. Though it may be different, I have no doubt that you will continue to contribute and bring light to the schools, colleges and programs you take part in this year.

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In Memorium: Dr. Nancy Rupprecht

By FELICIA ANCHOR

It is with sadness and a great deal of respect that we recognize the passing of Dr. Nancy Rupprecht. Dr. Rupprecht was Chair of the Holocaust Studies Program at MTSU and originator of the International Holocaust and Genocide Studies Conference hosted by the university, now in its 14th iteration. She planned to Chair this year's gathering.

Nancy received her PhD in history from the University of Michigan. She became a protégé of Gerhard Weinberg, prominent scholar of the history of Nazi Germany and World War II. This relationship sustained itself over decades; Dr. Weinberg was a frequent presenter at the MTSU conferences.

Nancy was a published author and co-editor of, *The Holocaust and WWII: In History and in Memory*, and other professional articles.

When I was asked to recognize Nancy, it conjured up memories of the early days of developing Holocaust education in Tennessee. Dr. Beverly Asbury created the first Holocaust Lecture Series in the nation at Vanderbilt University. I was honored to serve as his colleague. We added an educator component, working with classroom teachers and their students. This was a new concept and Nancy followed that model. She attracted teachers from both urban and rural districts to attend and learn about the significance of includ-



Nancy Rupprecht

ing Holocaust history in their curriculum. She was dedicated to taking Holocaust study out of the University and into the high school and middle school classroom and ensuring teaching by knowledgeable educators.

When the Nashville Holocaust Memorial was created, I asked her to edit a historical Holocaust overview to use in working with our docents. She happily complied and it is ready to serve as a resource when our next docent class convenes.

She leaves an indelible legacy of helping to create a more knowledgeable and caring community.

Rest in peace, Nancy.

Felicia Anchor is Chair of the Nashville Holocaust Memorial Committee

Joe Buchanan in Concert!

Thursday, September 3rd at 7:00pm CDT on Zoom

Joe Buchanan is a Texas native whose Jewish Americana music will touch your soul. Joe's music highlights the values and history of the Jewish people to deliver stories steeped in Torah and the struggle and triumph of the human spirit, all while praising G-d for the goodness in life.

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After 13 years of marriage, Joe learned that his wife is Jewish. With this surprise discovery, they started on a lifechanging journey. From the first class and a million questions to the mikvah and beyond, Judaism answered every spiritual question Joe ever had, and brought an incredible amount of healing.

It has been five years since his conversion, and this Americana artist from Houston, TX has truly found his voice

in the history, Torah, and values of the Jewish people. He's toured the United States, leading an original Shabbat service, and playing concerts. Combining elements of folk, country, and roots-rock, Joe's music digs deep to tell personal stories of struggle and triumph. "This is feel-good, toe-tapping, Americana with a Jewish Soul."

A Texas native who firmly believes in the idea that there is always room at the table, Joe's music highlights "the values, Torah, and history of the Jewish people to deliver stories steeped in the struggle and triumph of the human spirit, all while thanking Gd for the goodness in life. "It's music that you can crank up to 18."

Zoom information is as follows: Meeting ID: 812 8211 8210, Passcode: 224038, or visit the Gordon JCC Facebook page, Facebook.com/Nashvillejcc

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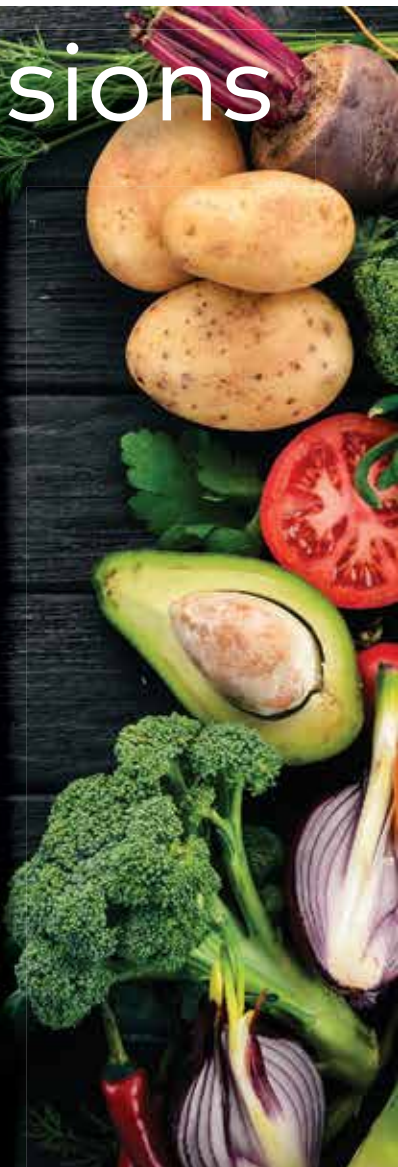
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Gordon JCC September Galleries: Featuring Joe Swing, Fred Jones and The Chestnut Group

The Gordon Jewish Community Center September Galleries are featuring three different exhibits. In the Janet Levine March Gallery, the art of Joe Swing will be on display. Joe, a native of Lynchburg, Tennessee, has called Nashville home for the last 45 years. With previous careers in marketing and advertising with Jack Daniel Distillery and property acquisition and disposition for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville, Joe's artistic passions bloomed after retirement. His newfound time allowed him to explore the creative world and experiment with pencil, charcoal, oil painting, pottery, stained glass and wood-working. Self-taught and always learning, Joe claimed an area of his garage as studio space to nurture and fuel his creative enthusiasm, and it is there that he found the part of himself that feels most accomplished and that he enjoys sharing. With a joyful dedication Joe began to focus on creating a collection of art that wholly reflected his unique thought process and linked all of the layers of his artistic experimentations. Joe describes his work as "... art that's different. On purpose."

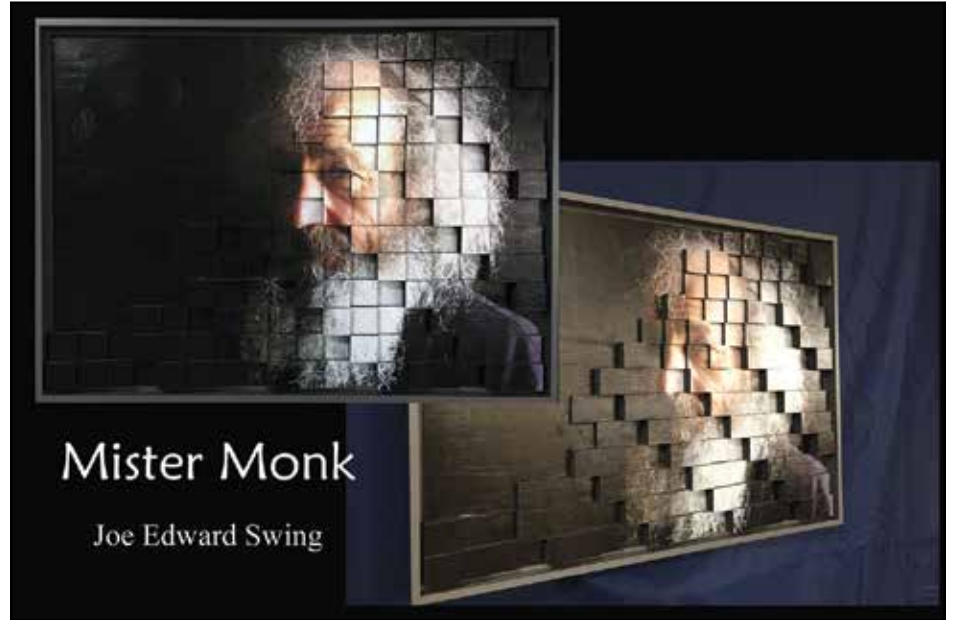
The JLMG2 Gallery will feature the art of Fred Jones. Fred's artwork takes a critical look at various locations, mainly in middle Tennessee. Often referencing American history, his work explores the varying relationships between popular culture and fine art. Having engaged subjects



Franklin Theater, by Fred Jones

as diverse as roadside signs, national parks, and local attractions, his work reproduces familiar visual and aural signs, arranging them into conceptually new scratch art images. His art is an exploration of hyper-space, realistic and expressionist art. Fred creates art that inspires him and hopes that his art inspires others to see beauty and joy about them. His most current works utilize India Ink scratchboard media.

The Sig Held Gallery will feature the work of The Chestnut Group. The 200 plus members of The Chestnut Group are passionate about protecting the natural and historic landscapes of Middle Tennessee. Working with valued partners to host collaborative art events, a generous portion of the proceeds from the sale of original artwork is donated to those groups with the same vision of preserving fragile local environments, threatened habitats and protected natural



Mister Monk, by Joe Swing

areas. The Chestnuts and their partners represent a unique alliance in the artistic world. To date, The Chestnut Group has raised close to a half-million dollars for preservation partners through the sale of members' work. The Chestnut Group provides learning and teaching resources for every artistic level: instructional sessions for beginning painters, member-mentors eager to share their knowledge and experience, and workshops led by accomplished plein air artists for those seeking development. As a trusted voice in the plein air community, The Chestnut Group serves as a conduit of artistic and conservation information for members and non-members alike, with the passion to grow in ability while understanding the advantages of painting outdoors.

The Exhibition Dates are September 1st - September 30th. The exhibitions are free and open to the public. Any attendees



Spring in Tennessee, by Terry Warren of The Chestnut Group

will need to wear masks, sign in and have their temperature scanned at the front desk. For more information, contact the GJCC at 615.354-1699, Curator Carrie Mills at carrie@nashvillejcc.org. •

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ming even after it is safe to gather. Still he says the need to adapt during the pandemic has shined a light on some hard truths, "This time has deepened, for me, the feeling that the biggest challenge in the modern Jewish world is Jewish literacy. We have to help people know more and to be able to do more at home." He says it is important to realize that technology can only go so far, "If we move everything to Zoom, we miss the point of Judaism."

Reform congregations The Temple and Congregation Micah will also be conducting virtual holiday services. Rabbi Mark Schifftan, of The Temple, says it is an opportunity for some out of the box thinking. "Services will be shortened, sermons will give way to clusters of sermonettes, centered around the themes of, comfort, courage and challenges, and other programs will be offered through a variety of new platforms and options," he says. Over the last several months, The Temple has created an online gathering place, called The Hub, where people can learn about, and participate in, the various classes,

services and programs being offered virtually. Rabbi Schifftan says the platform was successful at creating and engaging the community. "While the virtual community will never replace the actual gathering of souls, our clergy and staff have met the challenges of building an online sacred community with innovation and enthusiasm. Our congregants seem to have made the adjustment as well." At Congregation Micah, the use of technology has been in place for a while via the use of screens in the sanctuary that project images from the bimah along with song lyrics and prayers. Rabbi Laurie Rice says some people were uncomfortable initially, but most have adapted. "Most people feel more connected and engaged during services. And it's like we had a head start in adapting to the pandemic." Like other rabbis, she says things like virtual services, religious school and other classes make community building a challenge. But in the end, she is grateful for the opportunity to try new things. "This year, everything is going out the window and we're just trying to move people." And, The Temple's Rabbi Schifftan says, "I suspect this technological bridge will revolutionize Jewish life for the foreseeable future." •

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Congregation Micah, www.congregationmicah.org

Congregation Sherith Israel, www.sherithisrael.com

The Temple – Congregation Ohabai Sholom, www.templenashville.org

West End Synagogue, www.westendsyn.org



The High Holiday Season 5781 at Chabad of Nashville

The 5781 High Holiday Cycle will be a unique one, as COVID-19 has changed normal routine. Many houses of worship will not be offering services in person, while others will be hosting services for a Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with social distancing.

Chabad of Nashville will be hosting services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with social distancing, and all safety precautions presented by the CDC will be in place. Reservations are required to attend as there is a limited amount of seating available.

At Chabad of Nashville No membership or ticket required to attend the High Holiday services, and no background or affiliation necessary.

During the services the rabbi will share insights and inspirational stories related to the significance of the day, prayers will be recited in Hebrew and English, all in a warm and family friendly atmosphere, and children's services will be offered for young families.

For a schedule of High Holiday services see below or go to Chabadnashville.com

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 18 – the first night of Rosh Hashanah

Candle Lighting and Service to welcome the New Year 6:15 PM

Saturday, September 19 – First day of Rosh Hashanah

Morning Service 10:30 AM

Children's Service 11:00 AM

Rabbi's Sermon 11:30 AM

Musaf 12:15 PM

Light candles after 7:26 PM

Sunday, September 20 – Second day of Rosh Hashanah

Morning Service 10:30 AM

Children's Service 11:00 AM

Rabbi's Sermon and Shofar Sounding 12:00 PM

Musaf 12:30 PM

Shofar in the Park and Tashlich 5:30 PM

Holiday ends 7:24 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 27 – Yom Kippur Eve

Light Yom Kippur candles & Kol Nidrei Service 6:15 PM

Monday, September 28 – Yom Kippur Day Service

Morning Service 10:30 AM

Children's Service 11:30 AM

Rabbi's Sermon and Yizkor Memorial Service 12:15 PM

Musaf 12:45 PM

Mincha Service 5:00 PM

Ne'ilah Closing Service 6:00 PM

Havdalah Service 7:13 PM

All services will take place at Congregation Beit Tefilah Chabad, 95 Bellevue Road, in Bellevue.

To RSVP or for more information please contact us at 615-646-5750 Rabbi@chabadnashville.com or www.chabadnashville.com

CSI and CBT to join for the High Holiday Kickoff

As a Kickoff for the High Holiday season, Congregation Sherith Israel will join Congregation Beit Tefilah for a joint Selichot service, on Saturday night, September 12, 11:30 PM, at Cong. Beit Tefilah, 95 Bellevue Road. The Selichot service will be preceded by a Chasidic Farbrengen - a gathering of souls, where stories of Chasidic Masters will be shared, together with a bit of L'Chaim to warm the soul for beginning of the High Holiday season, and will be led by Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel from Beit Tefilah, and Rabbi Shlomo Rothstein from Chabad at Vanderbilt.

While most Jewish services are held during the day or early evening, the High Holiday Selichot are the exception, held in the wee hours of the morning. Drawing from a plethora of biblical verses and rabbinic teachings, they are a soul-stirring introduction to the Days of Awe. The actual Selichot are a collage of Torah verses and poetically written Hebrew works in which we ask G-d to forgive us on a personal and communal level.

Cantor George Lieberman of Sherith Israel will lead the service, while Rabbi Saul Strosburg will play Selichot melodies on the keyboard. This is the fifth year that the two congregations are joining together for the Selichot service. The service will be conducted with covid-19 precautions in place, and all participants are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

For more information go to www.chabadnashville.com

Order your Own Personal Lulav and Etrog Set

"You shall take for yourselves...the fruit of a citron tree, the branches of date palms, twigs of a plaited tree, and brook willows." (Leviticus 23) During the Holiday of Sukkot, we observe the Mitzvah of the Lulav & Etrog (The Four Kinds).

As this year many families will not be attending services in person, Chabad of Nashville is pleased to make this beautiful Mitzvah available to every family in the Nashville community. Chabad is offering a special opportunity for ordering your own Lulav and Etrog set from the Holy Land, Israel.

It is a beautiful Mitzvah for each family to have their own set for Sukkot, as this is a very special Mitzvah. These sets are available to order at chabadnashville.com. All orders must be placed by September 22. For more info. Call Chabad of Nashville at 615-646-5750.

Chabad presents an evening with Rabbi Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Chabad of Nashville will host an evening with Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sack for a talk on Judaism's Top Ten Questions. These will include such questions as, "How do you know there is a G-d," "What Does the Term the Chosen People Mean," "Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People," "If You Could Ask G-d One Question What Would It Be," and others.

This event will be broadcasted on Facebook page of Rabbi and Esther Tiechtel, on Sunday, October 20, at 7:00 PM CST. <https://www.facebook.com/rabbiandesthertiechtel>

For more information please go to Chabadnashville.com



Still reading a newspaper? Pandemic or not, it's time to jump on the digital bandwagon. As agile as ever, Judaism at Micah continues to evolve with courage, compassion and creativity.

Stay updated! Go to www.congregationmicah.org, like us on our socials: Facebook and Instagram @MicahNashville, read our eblasts, learn with us on YouTube, chat with us on Zoom, and pray with us on our Livestream. In our virtual tent, there is room for everyone! Access Micah's free Livestream from the front page of our website and/or via Facebook.

Monthly Online Programming

All programs are free and open to the public. For security reasons, Zoom links can be obtained by contacting the Micah office at 615-377-9799 or at office@congregationmicah.org

Schmooze & Views - Thursdays on Zoom

A lay-led lunch discussion about politics conducted in a civil way. Open to all. Led by Dr. Bob Smith and Rabbi Flip.

Torah Study - Saturday Mornings on Zoom

The sages and commentators - past and present - come alive as the Rabbis Rice share wisdom from the weekly Torah portion.

A Woman's Circle - Friday afternoons (Once a month) on Zoom

Upcoming Dates: August 28, September 25, October 23, November 20

Grow your soul, meet with other women, and engage with sacred text. Women's Circle will be learning with Rabbi Laurie and special guest, Rabbi Laura Geller, as we explore together her book, *Getting Good at Getting Older*. We will be using the book as our companion guide throughout our fall sessions. Books can be purchased on Amazon or through your local book seller.

AT OUR CONGREGATIONS...

Shabbat Service - Friday nights on Facebook Live & Micah Livestream

Experience how the power of music, song, and the inspiration of sacred words can help you feel more connected and less anxious.

A Musical Morning - Saturdays on Facebook Live (Once a Month)

Music Director Lisa Silver shares songs and insights on Shabbat that will educate, warm your heart, and make you want to tap your toes all morning long.

Micah Minis - Saturday Mornings (Once a month) on Zoom

Sing and dance during this family-friendly Shabbat experience led by Lisa Silver and Julie Greenberg.

Havdalah - Saturday evenings on Facebook Live (Once a month)

Close the Sabbath with a few moments of song, spices, separation and spiritual nourishment.

High Holy Day Services - 2020/5781

During these times of uncertainty, when fierce polarization also plagues our society, Congregation Micah remains a source of spiritual strength for all. Our members come from a variety of Jewish (or not) backgrounds, with a diversity that enriches our community. We invite you to be a part of our *family of families* regardless of your age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, faith, ability, location or anything else you can think of. Every person has infinite worth, so at Micah: ALL ARE WELCOME!

We know that it requires courage and faith to be human, so we have made it easy (and without cost) to tune in from the comfort of your own home and experience the magic of Micah's Holy Day offerings. If you are interested in joining our spiritual community, please do not hesitate to contact us. Members will receive copies of a supplement to memorialize this unique year, as well as tools to assist you in participating virtually — all designed to help you absorb, participate and appreciate this most sacred time of year. Visitors: Should you wish to make a donation, the Commemorative Supplement is available for \$108.

Please remember to check our website for the most updated service times, and to visit our library of digital content. May this season and the new year bring us all health, happiness, and continued growth.

High Holy Days Events

Please visit our website at www.congregationmicah.org for more information and a full holiday schedule.

Selichot: The Masks Jews Wear - Saturday September 12th @ 7:30 PM

Available on Zoom - Facebook and YouTube

Visit our High Holy Day page to register for the Zoom event.

Micah members unveil their wisdom by opening and revealing truths disguised by everyday life. Congregants will reflect on the state of our world and the state of their lives, as well as the relationship between the two.

Featuring: Rabbi Laurie Rice, Music Director Lisa Silver and a cadre of congregants who think deeply and are ready to share from the heart.

Erev Rosh HaShanah: To Life! - Friday, September 18th @ 6:00 PM

Available Livestream on Micah Website, Facebook & YouTube

Want to know the meaning of life? At the very least this service will help you tap into your inner joy. Together we will make sense of what it means to live as a Jew and also as human beings in the world today. Raise a glass with us to say *Kiddish* on Shabbat as we celebrate the Birthday of the world and toast “*L’chaim*” to a year of health and well-being through story and song.

Featuring: Dr/Rabbi Philip “Flip” Rice, Rabbi Laurie Rice, Music Director Lisa Silver, Composer-in-Residence Michael Ochs, Guitar Legend Jerry Kimbrough, multi-instrumentalist John Mock, the Micah Choir and Shabbat Shaband.

Rosh HaShanah Morning: The World as it Ought to be!

- Saturday, September 19th @ 10:00 AM

Available Livestream on Micah Website, Facebook & YouTube

Hear the sounds of the *shofar* and its echoing calls to become a voice of moral courage and an agent of social change. This service will teach you words of Torah so that the story they tell will inspire you to become a first responder to injustice. Music of majesty, memory, meaning and meditation will help guide you on how to engage deeply in the world as it is, while visioning and creating the world as it ought to be.

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Children's Services - Saturday, September 19th @ 11:30 AM

Available Livestream on Micah Website, Facebook & YouTube

Sing through the story of the Jewish people. Hear the sound of the *shofar*! Experience the music, messages and magic of Micah on this happy and holy day.

Featuring: Rabbi Flip & Music Director Lisa Silver.

Tashlich: Cast it Off & Let it Go - Saturday, September 19th

Available on the Micah campus with masks required and social distancing

Sorry, no access to the building.

Let it in, let it out, let it go! Use old bread to cast off the old habits, old ideas and old re-sentments. Weather permitting, take the opportunity to walk down to the water at the back of our campus.

Featuring: The Rabbis Rice & Guitar Aficionado Aaron Tessis

CHAI & MiTY Havdalah - Saturday, September 19th @ 7:30 PM

Available on Zoom

Visit our High Holy Day page to register for the Zoom event.

Dramatic interpretations, camp-like songs and peer participation are hallmarks of this “youth group like” worship experience.

Featuring: Education Director Julie Greenberg, MiTY Advisor Sam Herb

Cemetery Service: Remember & Reflect - Saturday, September 26th

@ 10:30 AM

Available on the Micah campus with masks required and social distancing and on Facebook Live (Sorry, no access to the building)

Honor those people in our past who inspire us to live more fully in the present and future. Held on the most sacred ground on our campus.

Featuring: Rabbi Laurie

Kol Nidre: The Fork in the Road - Sunday, September 27th @ 7:30 PM

Available Livestream on Micah Website, Facebook & YouTube

You are walking in the woods. The path in front of you splits in two directions. You have to choose which way to continue. On the holiest night of the year, this service will connect you to part of the larger tapestry that is the Jewish story. Let the liturgy of the season, the magic of the music and the power of our people's past help you hear your inner voice in order to determine your destiny.

Featuring: Dr/Rabbi Philip “Flip” Rice, Rabbi Laurie Rice, Music Director Lisa Silver, Composer-in-Residence Michael Ochs, Guitar Legend Jerry Kimbrough, multi-instrumentalist John Mock, Cellist Jenny Young, pianist Karla Grove, the Micah Choir and Shabbat Shaband.

Yom Kippur: Hindsight is 2020 - Monday, September 28th @ 10:00 AM

Available Livestream on Micah Website, Facebook & YouTube

As we “look after ourselves” in these troubling times, we are challenged to learn from our missteps. What seems obvious now was not so clear at the outset; it's true of our world and of our own lives. The holiness of this one service will help you evaluate your past choices more clearly so that you might come to understand that the roots of the universe remain love and light, and that every experience can serve to renew your appreciation of it.

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Children's Services: - Monday, September 28th @ 11:30 AM

Available Livestream on Micah Website, Facebook & YouTube

Hear words of Torah and the melodies of the season. Let your child's soul be stirred as we expose them to the meanings of this holy day through song and story.

Featuring: Rabbi Flip & Music Director Lisa Silver.

Yom Kippur Afternoon Panel: Finding our Way

- Monday, September 28th @ 1:00 PM

Available on Zoom, Facebook & YouTube

Visit our High Holy Day page to register for the Zoom event.

On the afternoon of Yom Kippur Jews wrestle with the words of the Prophet Jonah. Having experienced rock bottom in the belly of a whale, Jonah comes to teach us how we as individuals and our society might find redemption. Join our panel of experts as we explore together how we might return to dry land, and in doing so, save our souls and that of our nation.

Featuring: Rabbi Laurie Rice, Education Director Julie Greenberg and a few special guests yet to be confirmed.

Yom Kippur Schmooze & Views - Monday, September 28th @ 2:30 PM

Available on Zoom

Visit our High Holy Day page to register for the Zoom event.

At Micah, we keep our politics off the pulpit, but not out of the building. Our weekly Thursday conversation takes on a High Holy Day significance as we host a discussion with our not so shy group of Schmoozers. Regulars and newcomers welcome.

Featuring: Dr. Bob Smith

Healing Service - Monday, September 28th @ 2:30 PM

Available on Zoom

Visit our High Holy Day page to register for the Zoom event.

Do not just “return”, but rather “recover” from all the broken pieces in our lives. Songs, meditations, and personal sharing are all hallmarks of this intimate gathering.

Featuring: Rabbi Laurie Rice, Music Director Lisa Silver & all who see vulnerability as courage and want to share.

CHAI & MiTY Service - Monday, September 28th 4:00 PM

Available Livestream on Micah Website, Facebook & YouTube

In talk show format, enjoy interviews with the Prophet Jonah & the Whale! This dramatic experience is designed to tickle inquisitive minds students with the themes of the season and challenge our students to grow their souls.

Featuring: Education Director Julie Greenberg, MiTY Advisor Sam Herb and MiTY Leadership.

Yizkor - Monday, September 28th @ 5:00 PM

Available Livestream on Micah Website, Facebook & YouTube

Spend this sacred hour honoring all the people we love that have passed with memorial prayers, beautiful music, heartfelt readings, peaceful images, silence, tears and words of comfort.

Featuring: Rabbi Philip “Flip” Rice, Rabbi Laurie Rice, Music Director Lisa Silver and pictures

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AT OUR CONGREGATIONS...

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Neilah - Monday, September 28th @ 6:00 PM

Available on Zoom, Facebook & YouTube

Visit our [High Holy Day](#) page to register for the Zoom event.

The home -stretch! As hours of spiritual work culminate, build a bridge with us between heaven and earth. Havdalah will be so satisfying you won't want Yom Kippur to end. Hear the final blast of the shofar, then go stuff your face.

Featuring: Rabbi Philip "Flip" Rice, Rabbi Laurie Rice, Music Director Lisa Silver and YOU!

Sukkot - Sunday, October 2 @ 7:30 PM

Available on Zoom

Visit our [High Holy Day](#) page to register for the Zoom event.

Sit in the Sukkah virtually with us as we celebrate Shabbat under the stars together.

Featuring: Rabbi Philip "Flip" Rice, Rabbi Laurie Rice and you!

Simchat Torah - Saturday, October 10 @ 7:30 PM

Available Livestream on Micah Website, Facebook & YouTube

We are working on it! Expect celebratory music and a festive feel!

Featuring: Rabbi Philip "Flip" Rice, Rabbi Laurie Rice, Music Director Lisa Silver and YOU!

@ Sherith Israel

Sherith Israel will be offering a hybrid approach to High Holiday services. Included will be Zooms, supplemental readings and Machzorim lent out for the home. There will also be a variety of smaller prayer options both inside and outside the Shul.

Visit the Sherith Israel website for the most up to date information

@ The Temple

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September at the Temple Virtual Learning Experiences

Jewish learning and community don't stop when we are stuck at home! Over the next months, we have planned a wide range of virtual learning opportunities for all ages. See what we have to offer and plan to join us to deepen your Jewish knowledge and understanding while strengthening your connections to our congregation and each other.

If you have questions about any of these learning experiences or need help connecting to our virtual platforms, please don't hesitate to contact Rabbi Michael Shulman at rabbishulman@templenashville.org

All programming can be accessed via thetemplehub.org

Ongoing Jewish Learning with the Clergy

High Holy Day Prep

September 1st

September 8th

September 15th

12:00-1:00 PM

Join The Temple clergy for High Holy Day Prep!

Zoom Room:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88589922632>

Meeting ID: 885 899 22632

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"Democracy in Chains" Follow-up Discussion

A panel of community leaders will lead us in a conversation about how we can become more civically engaged and take back our democracy.

September 10th at 7pm

Featuring

Vanderbilt Divinity Professor Rev. Dr. Teresa Smallwood Esq.,

ACLU Director Heidy Weinberg,

Author and Journalist Keel Hunt.

Join us via thetemplehub.org

Pirkei Avot: Jewish Wisdom for Today's World

Every Friday from 5:00-5:40 PM

Get ready for Shabbat with a little text study! Each week we will study a piece of wisdom from Pirkei Avot, The Ethics of our Ancestors, an ancient Jewish text still relevant in our own times.

Zoom Room:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81973096738>

Meeting ID: 819 730 96738

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Shabbat Services

Every Friday at 6:00 pm

Zoom Room:

<https://zoom.us/j/320094033> Meeting ID: 320 094 033 • Dial in (Audio Only): 1-312-626-6799

Chevrah Torah – Torah Study

Every Saturday from 9:30-10:30 am

Join us for our weekly Torah study on the portion of the week, led by the clergy. 9:30 am on Saturdays.

Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/980475946> Meeting ID: 980 475 946 • Dial in (Audio Only): 1-312-626-6799

Women's Torah Study

Every Thursday from 12:00-1:00 PM

Ongoing weekly women's Torah study led by Patty Marks.

Zoom Room:

<https://zoom.us/j/392595616>

Meeting ID: 392 595 616

Dial in - Audio Only: 1 312 626-6799

Lunch with the Rabbi

12:00-1:00 PM

September 3rd & 10th

Bring your lunch and engage with Rabbi Schifftan and guests in a discussion of currents and important issues from a Jewish perspective.

Zoom Room:

<https://zoom.us/j/572111637>

Meeting ID: 572111637

Dial in - Audio Only: 1 312 626 6799

Adult Hebrew-Reading Fluency Class

Class Starts on September 1st

For more information and to register visit, thetemplehub.org

High Holy Days 5781 @ The Temple

Join our Temple Family for the High Holy Days. We will be updating our schedule on thetemplehub.org. All programming via thetemplehub.org unless the location is specified.

Saturday, September 12, 2020

6:30 pm Sunset Selichot Program in the The Temple parking lot

Limited space. RSVP via thetemplehub.org

Friday, September 18, 2020

7:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Saturday, September 19, 2020

10:00 am Morning Service

Afternoon Tashlich Around Town

Afternoon Rosh Hashanah Family Experience

Sunday, September 20, 2020

10:00 am Memorial Service at The Temple Cemetery

Friday, September 25, 2020

6:00 pm Shabbat Shuvah

Sunday, September 27, 2020

7:00 pm Kol Nidre Service

Monday, September 28, 2020

9:00 am Family Service

10:00 am Morning Service

12:00 pm Congregants Hour

1:15 pm Afternoon Service

2:30 pm Study Hour

4:00 pm Yizkor & Concluding Service

Jewish Learning on Your Own Schedule

Look for podcasts and videos prepared by musicians, scholars and clergy especially for our Temple Community! 13 Attributes of God, Jewish Cooking Demos, Clergy Chats, Inside Israel and Jewish Music Sessions. Sessions will be posted on thetemplehub.org

AT OUR CONGREGATIONS...

@ **West End**

High Holidays at West End Synagogue (www.westendsyn.org)

Saturday 9/12, 8:00 pm: Conservative Judaism's Selichot Night Live. <https://www.cjselichot.org/>

Friday 9/18, 6:30 pm: First night of Rosh Hashanah. Evening service and Rosh Hashanah Seder right after. Online services.

Saturday 9/19, 9:30 am: First morning of Rosh Hashanah with, "Blessing of the New-borns," included. Online services.

Sunday 9/20, 9:30 am: Second morning of Rosh Hashanah. Online services.

Sunday 9/20, in the afternoon: Drive through Shofar blowing. Join us at West End Synagogue's parking lot to fulfill one of the most important mitzvot of the day: Listening to the Shofar live!

Sunday 9/27, 9:00 am: Ceremony at the West End Synagogue Cemetery.


Sunday 9/27, 6:00 pm: Kol Nidrei, President's remarks and blessing of this year's B'nai Mitzvah. Online services.

Monday 9/28, 9:30 am: Yom Kippur morning service with the recitation of Yizkor (after 10:30 a.m.) Online services.

Monday 9/28, 5:00 pm: Mincha and Neila for Yom Kippur. Online services.

Throughout the High Holidays we will be offering online services for families and young children!

For information on streaming our services, please contact the WES Office at of-ice@westendsyn.org.



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Berel, Tzivia, Mushka, Meni,
and Rafael,
Bassie and Chaim and Musya,
Levi, Chana and Sarah Teichtel

May this New Year
bring hope, health
and blessings to all.

Meital, Abi, Iara,
Jess & Rabbi Joshua Kullock

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

To our beloved Nashville
Jewish Community,
We wish everyone a very
happy and healthy
New Year.

With love,
The Strosberg Pressner Family

Wishing our Nashville
Jewish community a
happy, sweet and
peaceful 5779.
L'shana tova u'metuka!

Cantor Tracy Fishbein,
Glenn Turtel
Anna and Joshua

May our community
and its members be
inscribed this year
for all good things!

The Rabbis Rice

*May you be blessed with a year
of unmasked goodness and joy.
May the G-dliness in the world
that has been covered for so long
be revealed, and may all aspects
of your life be sweet.*

Shana Tova, Rabbi Shlomo and
Nechama Rothstein. Rohr Chabad
House at Vanderbilt University

Wishing you a year
of health, blessings
and peace.
Shanah Tovah u'Metukah!
Rabbi Shana & James Mackler
Hannah & Sylvie



*Chabad of Nashville and
The Revere Jewish Montessori Preschool
wish you a sweet year of Good Health
a Year of Love, Laughter, and Joy.
L'Shana Tovah u'Metukah*

Have a Happy
and Healthy New Year
from your friends
at
Micah
Children's Academy

May your journey through 5781
be blessed with sweetness,
wellbeing, and Torah.
As we each answer the shofar's
call, I look forward to meeting
you at the confluence of
spiritual nourishment and our
pursuit of justice and peace.
לשנה טובה
~ Rabbi Jessica K. Shimberg

L'shanah Tovah Tikatevu
With warm wishes for a year of Renewal –
in mind, body and spirit, for each of us, as
individuals and as a community – with love of
God and one another, and all the world.
-Congregation Sherith Israel

L'Shanah Tova

May the New Year bring joy,
growth, and good health to our
entire Nashville and Middle
Tennessee Jewish community.

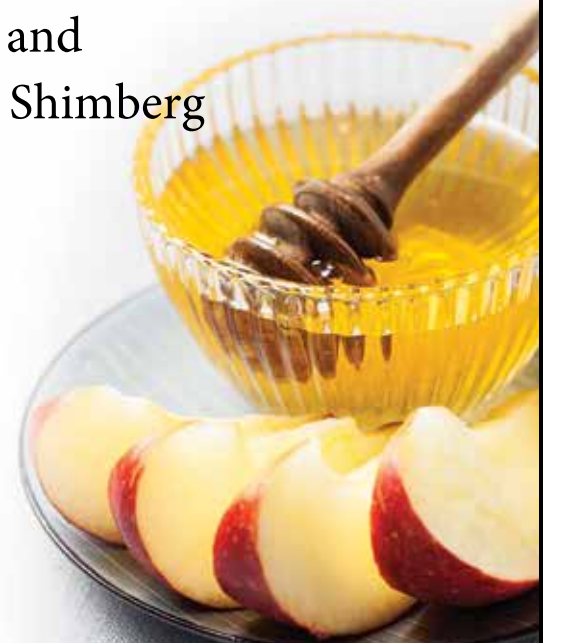
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and Happy New Year

Carolyn, Larry, and Mark Levine
Samson and Tzipora March

Rosh Hashanah Greetings to
Rabbis Laurie and Flip Rice,
members of Congregation Micah
and the entire community.

From Richard Barnett

*Have a
Healthy, Happy
New Year!*

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On behalf of The Board of Directors and Staff at the
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and Middle Tennessee, we wish you and your
loved ones a happy and sweet New Year!



Steven Hirsch, President

Eric Stillman, Chief Executive Officer



SHANA TOVA

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Board and Staff of the
Gordon Jewish Community Center

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Shana Tova!
 Hope this coming year brings
 peace to a world in need of more love.
 Ginsberg and Andrews family
 Stu, Judy, Eric, Chris, Kaden, Yeled, Sam, and Lucy

**Have a Happy
 and Healthy New Year**
 Marcia & Lee Stewart

*With gratitude
 for the many years
 of love and support from our
 Nashville Jewish Community!*
Happy New Year to All!
 Carrie and Garrett Mills

**Wishing our family,
 friends, and community
 a safe, healthy, Happy
 and Sweet New Year!**
 Barbara and John Dab



*May this New Year be filled with
 good health, happiness and peace.*
L'Shana Tova
 Tennessee Holocaust Commission
 Alyssa Trachtman, Devora Fish,
 Deborah Woolf & Cameron Harris



**Shana
 Tova**
**Gene and
 Reva Heller**

**Wishing all our Friends
 in the Community
 a Happy and Healthy
 New Year**
 Steven, Esther, Evan and
 Carolyn, Jordan Remer

**Wishing you and
 your loved ones a
 healthy and happy
 New Year.**
**Bobbie and Alex Limor
 and family**

**Have a Happy
 and Healthy
 New Year**
 Beth, Tommy, TJ
 and Kayla Ducklo

*Have a Happy
 and Healthy New Year*
Sy, Alyssa and Michelle Trachtman

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**Have a Happy and
 Healthy New Year**
**Raymond, Nancy, Seth,
 Ian, Alli, and Hershey Jacobs**



We wish the
Nashville Community
a Very Happy and
Healthy New Year.

May we all keep
working together
for a continued
strong and vibrant
Jewish community
life in Nashville.

The Amsels
The Hanais
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Harold Irwin Apolinsky

The Temple notes with sorrow the passing of Harold Irwin Apolinsky, father of Felice Apolinsky

(Joe Gigante) on July 29, 2020

Burial services were private.

Corinne Blecher

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Corinne Blecher on Monday, August 3rd. Our condolences go to her daughter, Micah member Mindy (Mike) Drongowski and her grandchildren, Avery (Jake) and Emma (Jared). In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Corinne's name to Congregation Micah.

May her memory live on as a blessing and may her family be comforted amidst all those who mourn in Zion and Jerusalem.

Stuart Cohen

Baruch Dayan HaEmet/Blessed is the Judge of All Truth. It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Stuart Cohen, brother of WES member Richard (Teena) Cohen. Stuart passed away on July 27, 2020.

We send our condolences to Stuart's daughter Nina (Adrian) Swierczewski, from Schenectady, NY, his brother Richard (Teena) Cohen, and his granddaughters Jackie and Laura. Condolences also go to his nephew Jonathon (Dana) Cohen, from Tampa FL, and his niece Tara (Jessica) Cohen-Flintoft, from Ann Arbor, MI.

Graveside service will be at Congregation Agudat Achim cemetery in Schenectady, NY on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 11 a.m. EST.

Hamakom Yinachem Etchem - May God comfort Stuart's entire fam-

ily, among all the mourners of Zion, Jerusalem and the entire world, Amen.

Marilyn Cohen Davis

Baruch Dayan HaEmet/Blessed is the Judge of All Truth. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Marilyn Cohen Davis of Nashville, TN, mother to WES member Michelle (Steven) Tishler. Marilyn passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

We offer our condolences to her brother, Michael Cohen (Debbie); daughters, Michelle Tishler (Steven) of Nashville, TN, Sheri Seldes (Darin) of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren, Joel, Daniel, Shayna and Elliot Tishler and Max Seldes.

A funeral was held at Elmwood Cemetery August 20, 2020. Shiva took place in Nashville, TN.

Hamakom Yinachem Etchem - May God comfort Marilyn's entire family, among all the mourners of Zion, Jerusalem and the entire world, Amen.

Marion Katz

The Temple notes with sorrow the passing of Marion A. Katz, 92, on August 2, 2020 and sends condolences to her family. In addition to being a longtime member of The Temple, Marion was active in Hadassah, and the National Council of Jewish Women. She is survived by her two sons; her three grandchildren; Rachel Katz Cherry/Ben, Julian Katz and Raven Katz/Julien Forthomme; great-grandson, Mark; and a wide circle of loving friends.

A virtual funeral service has taken place.

Note: For a full obituary, please visit our website at www.jewishobservernashville.org

Gertrude Lee

Baruch Dayan HaEmet/Blessed is the one True Judge. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gertrude Lee (Manchester, England), Mother of WES member Dr. Stanley (Esther) Lee. Gertrude passed away August 16, 2020 and was predeceased by late husband, Cecil Lee. We offer our condolences to Gertrude's children, Dr. Stanley (Esther) Lee; Dr. Leslie Lee (Tsilla) from Toronto,

Canada; Dr. Edward Lee (Caroline) from Jacksonville, Florida; and Dr. Sandra Glass (Robert) from Manchester, England. Condolences also go to her sixteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. The funeral was held in Manchester, England.

Hamakom Yinachem Etchem - May God comfort Gertrude's entire family, among all the mourners of Zion, Jerusalem and the entire world, Amen.

Shirley Pein

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Shirley Pein (nee Schlessinger) on Saturday, July 25. Our condolences go to her sister, Micah member Frances (George) Hahn, her children Carol Sanders, Steven (Janice) Pein and Deborah (Rob, Esq.) Saltzman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Shirley's name to Congregation Micah's Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to build a statue in memory of the Children of the Shoah.

May her memory live on as a blessing and may her family be comforted amidst all those who mourn in Zion and Jerusalem.

Benjamin Walter

Benjamin Walter, Age 90 of Nashville, TN, died peacefully surrounded by family on August 21, 2020.

He was born in New York City on March 15, 1930 to Paul and Mollie Walter, and grew up in Long Beach, NY. He was a graduate of Yale University and held a master's degree from Syracuse University. After serving in the Army, he earned a PhD in Political Science from Northwestern University. His first teaching position was at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and moved to Nashville in 1961 to join the Vanderbilt University Department of Political Science. In addition to serving as Chairman of the Department of Political Science and Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Political Science, he was active in the Faculty Senate and served on many faculty committees at Vanderbilt. He retired as Professor Emeritus in May 2000.

Ben had many interests, including growing vegetables (and devising ways

to thwart marauding squirrels), stamp collecting, the New York Yankees, music (especially opera), travel, politics, exercising at cardiac rehab, and his synagogue where he held many leadership positions over the years. But his greatest love was his wife of over 66 years, the former Carol Masia, who survives him. He is also survived by his children, Roberta Goodman (Lenn) and Matthew Walter (Rina), grandchildren Eliana Walter and Aryeh Walter, step-granddaughters Paula Fraenkel (Ernest) and Allegra Goodman (David Karger), and seven step-great-grandchildren Ezra Karger (Eliana Pfeffer), Gabriel Karger, Ethan Fraenkel, Elijah Karger, Miranda Karger, Mark Fraenkel, and Theo Fraenkel. He was especially happy to have been able to escort Carol down the aisle at Ezra and Eliana's wedding in June 2019.

The burial service was conducted by Rabbi Saul Strosberg on Sunday, August 23rd.

The family would like to sincerely thank the caring staff of the Richland Place skilled nursing facility, particularly LoriAnn and Sandra, who were especially kind during Ben's final days as well as their friend and physician, Dr. Karl Vandevender.

Memorials may be made to Congregation Sherith Israel, 3600 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205.

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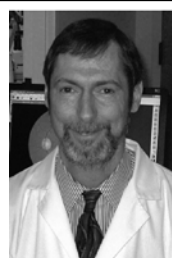
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