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## HAPPY CHANUKAH

### Human Services Relief Matching Fund Gets a Boost Thanks to Community's Response

By BARBARA DAB

The Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee is pleased to announce that the Jewish Federations of North America has selected Nashville to receive an increase in the amount of money available from the JFNA's Human Services Relief Matching Fund. As previously reported, the fund is helping local Federations in their work to provide critical services in the community for individuals and families facing the economic impact of the pandemic. Donations are being matched on a 1:2 basis for both new gifts and increases through December 31, 2020. Eric Stillman, CEO of The Jewish Federation says, "The increased portion of a donation will be increased by 50% as a result of this match."

The Nashville Jewish community's response has been overwhelmingly positive, and the result is an increase in the overall funds it is possible to earn from JFNA. Steven Hirsch, President of The Jewish Federation, says, "The Human Services Match program is a great example of the Federation's 'power of the collective.' Seven national Jewish Foundations have enabled this challenge match for all Federations. Nashville can capture \$72,000 in matching funds to boost our own campaign and increase the amount of money that we can provide locally." The Jewish Federation will work through local partner agencies in the community to provide assistance for things like emergency financial aid, food, mental and physical health and safety, emergency operating support for local human service and educational agencies and assistance for

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### The Temple's New Outdoor Learning Environment is a Bright Spot in Uncertain Times

By BARBARA DAB

*"Outdoor play is among the greatest gifts we can give our children; and healthy, adventurous, and curious children are among the greatest gifts we can give our communities." – Kit Crawford*

Tucked away on the hillside next to The Temple's Belle Meade site, a wonderland beckons children to come outside and discover, play and learn. Natural winding paths lead through interactive landscape, water features and play equipment, all designed to develop critical thinking, creativity and problem solving. The brand new Outdoor Learning Environment is the culmination of a three year dream by Corye Nelson, The Temple's Preschool Director. Along

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### Healing the Political Divide: Braver Angels Workshop Promotes Unity Through Understanding

*"We started with some real brave angels... people on both sides of the spectrum who were courageous to speak up, to be vulnerable, to be willing to engage and to listen." – Rabbi Shana Mackler, The Temple*

By BARBARA DAB

The recent elections both made history and further highlighted a divide in this country that has left some people estranged from friends and family, and others feeling bewildered by those they thought they knew. And while data and statistics tell one story about Jewish political behavior in America, anecdotal evidence tells another, more complex one. According to Kenneth Wald, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Florida, Jews in America have been disproportionately Democratic since the early 1920s. He says, "Until the

1970s, there wasn't even a big difference between the parties, until the evangelical movement took control of the Republican party," he says, "And by and large, Jewish Republicans remain outliers." Here in Nashville, Jews comprise the full spectrum of political leanings, left, right and everything in between. And the issues that concern them are equally diverse, ranging from the economy, to Israel, to healthcare, climate change and, most recently, the government's handling of the COVID19 pandemic. Politics is also a difficult issue for most people to discuss; without being sure where someone lands, there are fears of offending or worse, being called out.

The national organization, Braver Angels, was created in the wake of the 2016 election when the founders, seeing the division and what they perceived to be an inability to communicate across the aisle, decided to take bold steps to bring people together. Participants from the two major political parties were invited to a workshop where they would be encouraged to both communicate their views and to listen to the opposing side. From that beginning has sprung a movement with chapters all around the country, including in Tennessee. Lynn Heady, Co-Director of Field Operations for the Tennessee chapter, says it is gratifying to see the

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# Outdoor Learning

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with synagogue member and former teacher, Lisa Shmerling, the two began the process of creating a master plan and securing funding. Nelson says, “I was inspired by another similar space I’d seen and just knew our site was perfect for something like this.” She adds that engaging the entire Temple community was key to the project’s success.

As the COVID19 pandemic closed schools and sent students home, the project moved forward. Lisa Shmerling says, “It was unfortunate that the school had to close, but it also gave us the time to build.” And build it, they did. Grants from The Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee and the Lori Ann Fishel Fund, as well as donations from congregants, allowed the project to proceed and ensure it is both safe from a security standpoint, and inclusive for children of all abilities. A security fence, soon to be installed, is being funded through the Jewish Federation’s commitment to make Nashville’s Jewish community spaces as safe and secure as possible. Lori Fishel, Chair of The Federation Security Committee says it’s exciting to see The Federation’s security grant help to build something new. She says, “This is one of the only grants that is helping to create something new that will benefit our community. Most of the other grants are used to improve on existing safety features.” And the overall accessible design elements, such as a natural wood carpet, synthetic grasses and water features, were made possible by an inclusion grant from the Lori Ann Fishel Fund. The Fund aims to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to live a full and meaningful life. James and Royce

Fishel, parents of Lori Ann Fishel, say they are pleased to be able to help fund the Outdoor Learning Environment. “Once we learned the design would be inclusive and accessible to children with special needs, we decided to contribute to this impressive project.”

As visitors to the Outdoor Learning Environment make their way through, a striking feature is that every element appears to have been carefully planned to engage children with very few limitations. Corye Nelson says, “Intentionality was our main goal. We wanted the outdoor classroom to reflect the same vision and planning as the indoor ones.” Indeed even the landscape greenery is user friendly and invites children to touch and feel the tactile differences. Whimsical mirrors and play equipment encourage imaginative play. And at the heart of the space is what is called, “the Piazza,” a circular gathering space where children of all ages can come together. The Piazza will also be used in festival and holiday celebrations.

The Outdoor Learning Environment is currently being used by The Temple’s preschool as the religious school is being held remotely. But the long term plan is for all of the congregation’s children to be able to enjoy the space. And while the project took years in the conception, planning and building, it garnered immediate support from the congregation and Board of Directors. President Jim Marks says, “We are very pleased about this project. This is an investment for the long term and will be a wonderful addition to our synagogue for years to come.” And Rabbi Mark Schifitan says that despite the difficult times everyone is facing, this project reflects what he says is the long range vision and, “Esprit de corps,” of The Temple, “Even in spite

of this uncertain, unstable and anxious moment in time—in all ways—we have focused our energies and resources in moving the congregation forward, with

this tangible recognition of our response to the needs of future generations of both our Temple family as well as the wider community.” •



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## Matching Fund

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Jewish communal employees who have been laid off or furloughed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This latest initiative will be a highlight of The Jewish Federation’s 2021 campaign and the goal is to encourage existing donors to increase their gift to

qualify for match dollars. Steven Hirsch says it is also a good time to become a donor, “All new gifts will receive the full 1:2 match. The match opportunity represents one more good reason that all of Jewish Nashville should support the Annual Campaign.” For more information about how you can participate, email [eric@jewishnashville.org](mailto:eric@jewishnashville.org) or call 615-354-1660. •

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## Black Lives Matter Leadership Promoting BDS Should Concern All Jews

By JOANNE BREGMAN, MICHAEL DOBRIN and BERNARD A. PARGH

With the Abraham Accords shifting relationships in the Middle East, the Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions (BDS) activists are doubling down on their campaign against Israel. Unlike the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative, the Abraham Accord mediated by the Trump administration required no pre-conditions from Israel in exchange for its right to exist. Nor does the Abraham Accord require Israel to absorb the grossly over-inflated number of Palestinian, “refugees.”

Equally stunning is that Arab states normalizing relations with Israel are doing so regardless of Palestinian objections. The Abraham Accords have essentially reduced the Palestinian issue to a land dispute to be resolved, if at all, locally. Whether this happens will depend on whether decades of intransigence by the Palestinian Arabs will continue as the obstacle to peace. Decades of bloodshed have accompanied the refusal by Palestinian leadership to accept, or even make a counter proposal to numerous offers of peace even when accompanied by land.

Middle East watch dog organizations like Scholars for Peace in the Middle East and the Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel have observed that a by-product of the Abraham Accords, albeit we think a negative one, is to have pushed BDS activists to more closely align with the BLM movement. One of the BLM leaders, co-founder Patrisse Cullors, also

serves as the Co-Founder and Executive Director Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation which is incorporated in Delaware. The BLM Foundation which Cullors leads, is the fiscal arm of the movement disbursing grants to a wide variety of Black-led groups but reserving a fund of over \$6 million dollars specifically for its network of affiliate chapters. In September 2020, Cullors announced that its 17 named chapters, including ones in Memphis and Nashville, had, “come together to build Black Lives Matter Grassroots (BLM Grassroots).” Cullors publicly identifies herself as a promoter of BDS. She also has been explicit about, “laying the foundation,” and deepening the commitment to be more public in BLM’s solidarity with Palestinians and the spread of anti-Israel activism to BLM affiliated groups.

In Philadelphia, home to named Philly BLM chapter, several Orthodox Jewish men attempted to join, in solidarity, with the recent BLM protest against another police shooting. However, they were cursed and physically chased away while being told, “this ain’t your fight.” On the other end of the Jewish spectrum, BLM is signaling to liberal and progressive Jews that they have to choose a side – them or Israel. Aggressive anti-Israel activist Linda Sarsour, a featured speaker at a Tennessee Islamist organization, was an early purveyor of the same idea when she declared that feminism and Zionism don’t go together.

Describing BLM as a diffuse organization with no hierarchal leadership, is irrelevant. The reality is that the media continues to turn to Patrisse Cullors as

a leader and spokesman for the BLM movement. Warner Bros. has recently signed a deal with her providing a wide-reaching platform for her messaging. Organizations pushing BDS like the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights is reciprocally bootstrapping their cause to BLM because they recognize the reach and influence of the BLM movement.

In 2015, Cullors’ public messaging after visiting the, “occupied Palestinian territory,” was that Israel, “is an apartheid state. We can’t deny that and if we do deny it, we are a part of the Zionist violence.” In a 2019 interview with Al Jazeera she affirmed BLM’s commitment to BDS, “[w]e realized we [BLM activists] needed to take our solidarity [with the BDS campaign] a step further. We had to be more public.” Cullors steadfast commitment to BDS strongly suggests a top-down infusion of anti-Israel activism in leading her movement.

Alan Dershowitz has been willing to call them out but also insists that the Jewish community, “must stand up and be heard against those who would exploit tragedies to foment violence against Jews and the nation state of the Jewish people.”

It should not be on the Jewish community to accommodate this part of the BLM movement. Regardless, Jewish leadership has generally turned a blind eye to the unwarranted demonization of Israel and increasingly, Jews in general, which certain BLM leaders have embedded in their movement.

The Jewish community can and should continue to stand against all forms of racism but reject any organization whose positions are antithetical to our best interests.

Bernard A. Pargh  
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## Community Relations Committee

### Public Education: Equalizer or Divider?

By DEBORAH OLESHANSKY

On May 17, 1954, the US Supreme Court, in a unanimous 9-0 decision, ruled, “separate educational facilities are inherently unequal,” and violate the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The decision required the end of racial segregation in schools without spelling out any method or system for meeting this newly established standard. Three years later Nashville established a, “stair-step,” plan designed to integrate one grade at a time. And even this slow response was initiated only after the lawsuit *Kelley v. Board of Education* was filed against the Nashville city schools on behalf of 21 African American children. While some progress has been made over time, here in Nashville, despite well-meaning and thoughtful efforts, many schools remain deeply segregated.

Today, some public schools are segregated, even in the same neighborhoods. The NPR podcast, *The Promise*, investigates the story of two schools within 1.6 miles of each other, one nearly 90% Black with 92% children in poverty, the other 90% white and 3% students in poverty.

Meribah Knight, NPR Nashville reporter and creator of the podcast, and Dr. Ricki Gibbs, Principal of Warner Arts Magnet Elementary, one of the two schools highlighted in the podcast, will be our guests for a panel discussion on this topic on Sunday evening, December 6 at 8pm via zoom and YouTube. Ryan Blach, Senior Lecturer in Vanderbilt

University’s Leadership, Policy and Organizations program, and science teacher coach for Metro Nashville Public Schools through the Teaching and Learning department, will moderate this discussion.

To register for this program please contact Michal Eskenazi Becker, [michal@jewishnashville.org](mailto:michal@jewishnashville.org)

After a break for Thanksgiving, we will continue our Lunch and Learn programs on Friday, December 4 with guest, Hannah Cornfield. Hannah will share YWCA initiatives to address racism, including the 21-day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge.

We will continue to explore the topic of segregation in schools during our Lunch and Learn call on Friday, December 11. Our guest will be Georgia Harris, alumna of the Lee-Buckner Rosenwald School. The Lee-Buckner School was one of three hundred seventy-five Rosenwald schools, built in Tennessee between 1917-1932. Rosenwald schools created by their namesake, Julius Rosenwald, the Chief Executive Officer of Sears, Roebuck and Company, and Booker T. Washington, a formerly enslaved man and Tuskegee Institute founder, served African Americans during the Jim Crow Era of, “separate but equal.”

Upcoming Lunch and Learn will include the rescheduled call with Gini Pupo-Walker, MNPS School Board Member, in early January.

To register for the Lunch and Learn please contact Deborah Oleshansky, [deborah@jewishnashville.org](mailto:deborah@jewishnashville.org)

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# Donor Spotlight

## Ann and Bob Eisenstein: A Legacy to Secure the Future of Jewish Nashville

By BARBARA DAB

Leadership, commitment to Nashville's Jewish community and support for Israel; that is the legacy of Ann and Bob Eisenstein. Through the Robert D. and Ann F. Eisenstein Fund for Senior Transportation and the Robert D. and Ann F. Eisenstein Endowment Fund for the Gordon Jewish Community Center, the work they undertook during their lifetimes to promote the values they held most dear, can continue. In addition to the endowment funds, which are housed at The Jewish Foundation, Ann and Bob left a legacy through giving their time as

committed and influential leaders.

Both Ann and Bob played pivotal roles in shaping Nashville's Jewish community. Bob held leadership positions for The Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, The Kiwanis Club, The National Council of Jewish Federations, The American Jewish Committee, The Gordon Jewish Community Center, The Council of Community Services, The Council on Aging, United Way, The Temple Ohabai Shalom, St. Thomas Hospital Medical Board, The Holocaust Committee of Vanderbilt University, The Nashville Real Estate Board, and

B'nai B'rith. Ann also left a lasting legacy. She was involved in Jewish Family Services in Nashville and served as President for several years. She served on the Board of Directors for the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, National Women's Cabinet of United Jewish Appeal, and the Jewish Welfare Foundation. During their involvement, Bob and Ann mentored the younger generation and built a generation of leaders in the Nashville Jewish community.

Bob and Ann felt that the Jewish people are obligated to be active participants in the Jewish community and to

support Israel. They demonstrated these ideals during their lifetime and their legacies will continue to shape the future of Jewish Nashville. Their children, Dan Eisenstein and Nan Speller, said their goal was for the Jewish community to remain strong and vibrant for future generations. "Our parents would like to be remembered for their commitment to the Nashville Jewish community, the City of Nashville, and Israel." If you are interested in creating a legacy and starting a fund at the Jewish Foundation, contact Shannon Small, Financial Resource Philanthropic Officer at 615-354-1651 or shannon@jewishnashville.org. •

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## Hanukkah at the JCC in 2020

By GORDON JCC STAFF

Hanukkah Fest is a time-honored Gordon JCC tradition and we love to see hundreds of people, from multi-generations, come together in the Auditorium to play, sing, and, of course, eat latkes together! This year may be different, but we have been working diligently to find a way to bring Hanukkah Fest to you in 2020.

On Sunday, December 13th from 2-4pm, you can stay in your car and wind around the Gordon JCC campus (did you know we have 40 acres?!) stopping at eight stops, each run by a different JCC department, to find a way to celebrate. You can also get out if you would like and the weather cooperates, to enjoy music, learn to Israeli dance, and make craft projects. We will also have take-home activities and surprises at every stop. So, load up your family and try a little Gefilte fishing, visit our photo booth, and spin the wheel for prizes!

No Gordon JCC Hanukkah Fest would be complete without Bernie's Famous Latkes. Bernie and his team are cooking again, so your last stop will be for some golden-fried goodness to take home for your family celebration. Latkes and

sufganiot will be available for take-out. Visit [www.nashvillejcc.org/hannukahfest](http://www.nashvillejcc.org/hannukahfest) to make your reservations and/or place your order.

And if you need candles, dreidels, and gelt for your home, we have you covered too! Our Hanukkah Store in the lobby is now open. We also have lots of fun gift ideas, Hanukkah decorations, gift bags, and fun greeting cards by Menschions. Looking for the hottest accessory of the 2020 Hanukkah season? We also have Hanukkah masks made here in Nashville, for sale! They come in adult and child sizes and are \$6 each. Stop by the J to pick yours up today.

Not ready to walk in the building yet? We have also set up an online store with curbside pickup, at [store.nashvillejcc.org](http://store.nashvillejcc.org). Supplies are limited, so order today!

This year will be our way of addressing the needs of the community in a new unique way. We are confident that you will leave here feeling fulfilled and happy. We are making every effort to mitigate the risks this year yet still infuse the celebration with light! For more information and to make your reservations and food order, visit [nashvillejcc.org/hanukahfest](http://nashvillejcc.org/hanukahfest).

We can't wait to celebrate with you! •

## Chabad of Nashville to Present the 75/75 Challenge

Chabad of Nashville will be hosting a very exciting year-end fundraising campaign. The, "I Believe in Chabad 75/75 Challenge," will kick off Sunday, December 6, at 3:00 PM, and will continue until Wednesday, December 9, at 6:00 PM. If \$75,000 is raised in 75 hours, it will be matched dollar for dollar by several generous local donors. "I Believe in Chabad," is the time for the Jewish community to unite efforts to strengthen Jewish life, build a bright future and to ensure Jewish continuity in Middle Tennessee. There is no better time than today to support the future of Jewish life in Nashville. No donation is too small and each one, appreciated.."

"Tzedakah (charity) is equal to all the other commandments combined." The, "I Believe in Chabad," fundraiser is now in its fifth year, but the challenges of the COVID19 pandemic mean there is greater need than ever before. More people find themselves in need of services such as financial, emotional and spiritual support.

Chabad has assisted hundreds of families faced with these obstacles and has also provided families with scholarship funding for children to receive a Jewish education at the Revere Jewish Montessori preschool. No child was left out in the cold, even when their parents lost their employment due to COVID. For 75 hours, the Nashville community will be able to show their support for the important and far-reaching work of Chabad of Nashville and the Revere Jewish Montessori Preschool.

All names of participants in the Chabad of Nashville 75/75 End of Year campaign will be included in a special prayer that we will be recited on their behalf for a year of good health and success in all of their endeavors.

For more information about the 75/75 Challenge and to learn about how you can make a difference, visit [www.chabad-nashville.com/match](http://www.chabad-nashville.com/match) on December 6, at 3:00 PM, thru Thursday, December 9, at 6:00 PM, or call 615-646-5750. •

## Rescheduled: West End Synagogue Night Live featuring Nashville native Jeremy Pinsly

West End Synagogue has rescheduled their annual fundraiser, West End Synagogue Night Live (WESNL). The event will now be held virtually on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 6 p.m.

The two-hour event will feature a set by performer Jeremy Pinsly. Pinsly, originally from Nashville, is a stand-up comic, writer, actor and host. He performs at clubs and synagogues all over the country and sells-out venues from Zanies in Nashville to Second City in Chicago. He is also a sketch writer for the Upright Citizens Brigade, a 6 time roast battle champion, a finalist in NYC's, "Funniest on Broadway," and he hosts a life/come-



Standup comic, writer, actor and host, Jeremy Pinsly to perform for West End Synagogue Night Live fundraiser.

dy mashup podcast with 89 year old comedic actress, Dev Rogers, called, "The Young & The Weary." For more information about Pinsly please visit [www.JeremyPinsly.com](http://www.JeremyPinsly.com)

Additionally, the evening will feature a joke competition with video submissions for an opportunity to win prizes in several categories. All members of the community are invited to submit videos of jokes, skits, or songs before December 30, 2020.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at several levels. For information about tickets, sponsorships, and how to submit videos, please visit the West End Synagogue website at [www.westendsyn.org/WESNL](http://www.westendsyn.org/WESNL). •

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**Maia Talmor with her newborn daughter, Renana**

## Birth in the Time of the Coronavirus

By MAIA ISHAI TALMOR

When I imagined the birth of my daughter, I never thought it would happen in the time of the Coronavirus.

With excitement I expected to go on tours of the delivery rooms and to attend prenatal classes.

I thought my husband, my mother and maybe even a good friend would get excited together with me in the delivery room at the sound of my child's first, sweet cry. I imagined the midwife standing next to me, supporting me and helping me breathe, all with a soothing smile.

But then, with the start of the Coronavirus, the whole world turned upside down. Social distance had to be maintained. All the classes went to distance learning, including the prenatal classes. There are no more tours of delivery rooms, and it is even preferable to stay as far away as possible from the hospital for fear of getting infected. And instead of seeing smiling faces, I saw blue and white masks on all sides.

Only one accompanying person is now allowed to enter the delivery room. The midwife and nurses, keeping the required distance as much as possible, come in wearing protective gear, allowing the women giving birth to relax a bit from the masks – but only at the very end of the process.



**Roy Talmor with his newborn baby girl.**

Every woman who comes to the delivery room or maternity ward undergoes a coronavirus examination. If by chance a woman comes who tests positive, she is immediately transferred to a special maternity ward in another building.

In the end, the experience of giving birth is different as a result of the coronavirus but the result is worth it all.

*Maia Ishai Talmor is a volunteer on the Steering Committee of the P2G Hadera-Eiron region. She was born and raised in Hadera and is a fourth generation resident. Her family was among the first to live in the former settlement, current city, of Hadera. She is the brand new mother of Renana and is married to Roy. In her free time, she enjoys hiking in nature, watching TV and relaxing at home with a good book and some music.*

## Grandma During the Coronavirus

By SARAH REINER

Israel is a small country and we, the Israelis, have the privilege that our children and grandchildren live close to us. We live in Hadera, a city of about 100,000 residents. To our great joy, our eldest son moved to live within walking distance of our home and as such, we get to see our first grandson, Hod, several times a week.

When the coronavirus broke out in Israel in March, he was eight months old. We went into lockdown and suddenly – no visits, not with family nor friends. But the most difficult thing – it was impossible to meet with the children and see our grandson.

A week went by, two weeks went by, and it was very strange and illogical – we live five minutes away, missing them and unable to hug them.

And then the idea arose – I would do exercise (it was permitted to go out to walk and run) and I would tell the children to go out onto the balcony on the fifth floor. Standing in the street, trying to see Hod and hoping he would understand who is standing downstairs making funny motions with her hands at him.

After about two months, I decided that that's it – I must see this cute toddler who I miss so much. I came to their home wearing a mask and he does not understand what is happening – everyone was wearing a mask. This is Grandma? She definitely does not look like the grandma he knows. Hod started to go to preschool, and in preschool, the teacher, his mother, and all the other mothers – are all wearing masks. Grandma comes to take him from preschool – and she is also wearing a mask. What is going on here?

Several months went by, the second lockdown has passed, and the masks are still here. And I think – how will the little children, and especially Hod, learn to know when the people around them are happy, sad, angry, laughing? Can a one-year-old child decipher social situations like this, just by voice, tone of speaking and glances with their eyes?

I bought Hod a book in which an illustrated boy is portrayed – sometimes sad, sometimes happy, sometimes crying. And when Hod comes over to us, I sit



**Sarah Reiner**

with him and together we look at the drawings. I explain to him each drawing and teach him each mood. Are we raising a generation of children for whom facial expressions will be a mystery?

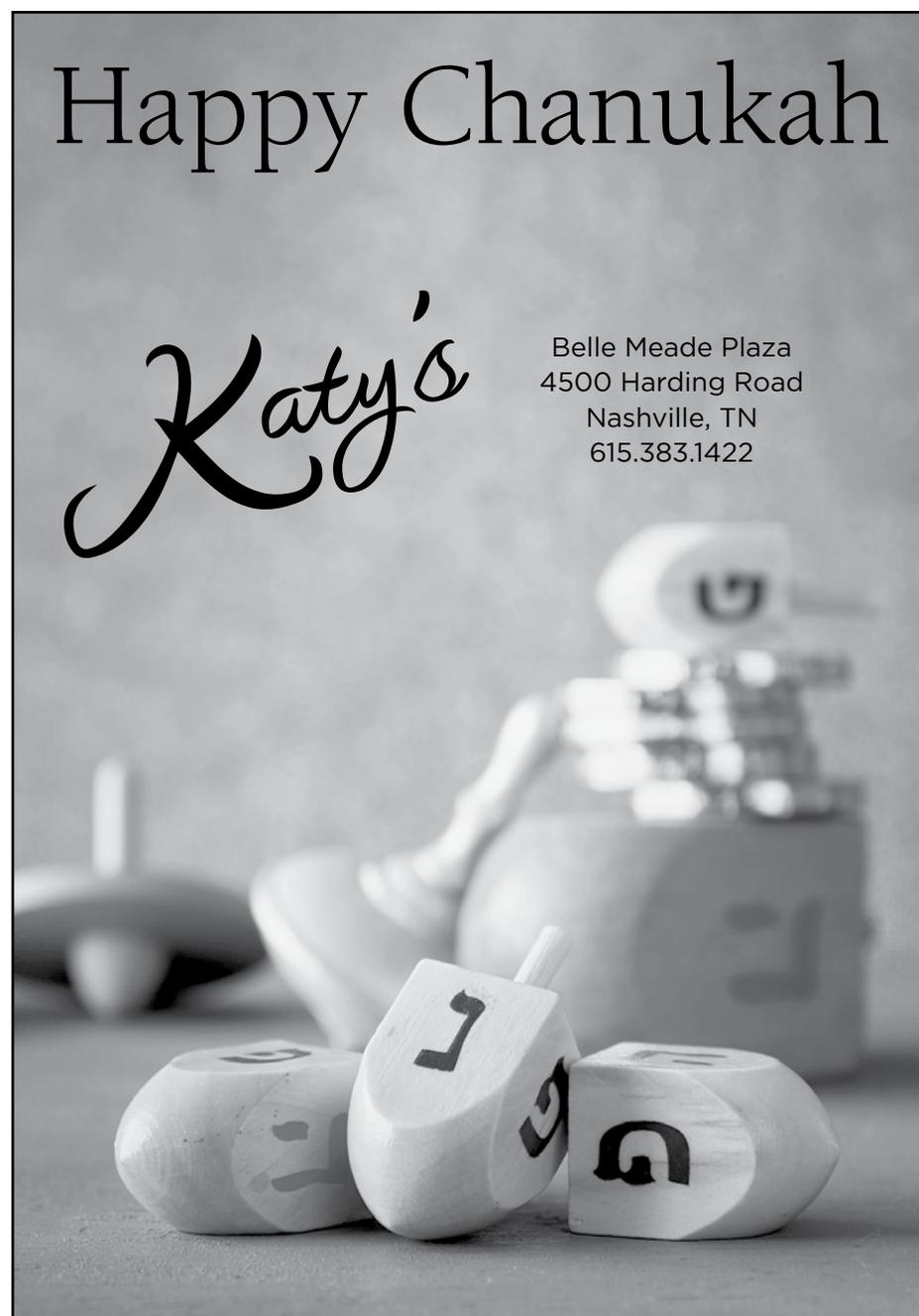
We are expecting our second grandchild in a few months. And I hope that this grandchild will be born into a different world – a world without masks, without social distancing, and with many hugs from all the family.

*Sarah Reiner has lived in Hadera since 1973. Since her retirement four years ago, she has been the Chairperson of the Hadera branch of the Women's International Zionist Organization, volunteering primarily with women and children suffering from domestic violence. She is also an active member of the P2G Committee and visited Nashville last year. Her busy schedule with WIZO doesn't allow her much free time, but every chance she gets, she spends with her sweet grandson. •*

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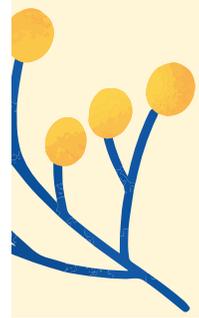
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# Jewish Federation Archives Helps Return 95-Year-Old Diploma to Family

By BARBARA DAB

This story begins, as so many these days, with a social media post. In mid-October Metro Nashville School Board Member, Gini Pupo-Walker, took a shot at posting a photo on Twitter of retired Metro Schools employee, Thomas Hatfield, standing next to a framed Hume-Fogg High School diploma. The document is dated 1924 and bears the name of Nashvillian Aaron Wasserman. The tweet, which reads in part, “Twitter, do you see this diploma? Mr. Hatfield wants to find the family of 1924 Hume-Fogg High School graduate Aaron Wasserman and give it to them,” links to an article on the Metro Nashville Public Schools website featuring Hatfield. In the article Hatfield,

the, “unofficial historian,” of MNPS, describes how he found the diploma in a store in Daytona Beach, Florida and said it was his desire to return the document to the Wasserman family.

Over the next couple of weeks and thanks to the investigative ingenuity of Pupo-Walker, the diploma’s story made its way to Lynn Fleischer, Archive Associate at the Annette Levy Ratkin Jewish Community Archives of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. Fleischer immediately got to work researching Aaron Wasserman in the archives. She looked through obituaries in both print and online, checked with local synagogues and cemeteries, and finally found an obituary for Florence Wasserman, Aaron’s wife. Aaron had, in fact, predeceased Florence,

but Fleischer learned the names of the Wasserman’s adult daughters, neither of whom live in Nashville. After additional internet sleuthing, and outreach to a synagogue in Houston, Fleischer found Lani Wasserman Rose, one of Aaron’s daughters. Rose was put in touch with Gini Pupo-Walker and the diploma was returned to the Wasserman family. In an email, Rose says, “Our family is so excited. It will be so meaningful to receive my father’s graduation certificate. He was reputed to be an excellent student.” Fleischer says this story really



Metro Schools, “unofficial historian,” Thomas Hatfield stands next to Aaron Wasserman’s 1924 diploma from Hume-Fogg

illustrates why archives are so important to a community, and why she loves her work, “It was a great sleuthing effort that paid off.” •

## Notes from Noam

By NOAM HARARI  
ISRAELI SHLICHA (EMISSARY)

Last spring I produced a musical project to bring together musicians in Nashville with musicians in Israel. The goal was for each partnership to create a music video to share in a virtual concert, called, “NASHir Together.” Musicians in two countries bridged the distance using technology, creativity and skill. It has now been six months

since the debut concert, and I wanted to share it again.

It’s difficult to put this project into words. I keep watching all the videos over and over again. To me each video tells a different story and represents the amazing collaboration created here. Despite the distance and the differences, the music brought them all together to bring a smile in difficult times, no matter where in the world we are.

So many talented people took part in this amazing project! I’m very proud in all the videos

And now all that’s left is to share this amazing playlist with everyone.

To learn more about NASHir or any of the other programs and initiatives I am working on, email me or look for me on social media.

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# Middle School Diaries: You gotta make the shot...but, do you?

By JAY RIVEN

It was one of those “throw away” comments, and one I’ve heard countless times since I started listening for it. It was at an off-season basketball league game at one of those huge, loud sports complexes with multiple gym floors under one roof. We were there supporting our son’s team, probably a bunch of 4th or 5th graders at the time.



Jay Riven

As were most games, it was low scoring yet super close, down-to-the wire, very tense, and very exciting, especially if you’re one of the parents. A little boy from the other team was at the foul line with the chance to tie the game. He took his shot and missed. That is when someone from the stands, likely his mother or annoying older sister, yelled, “You gotta make those!”

Well, duh.

I’m guessing that he knew he needed to make that shot. I’m also guessing he really wanted to make that shot. And, I’m guessing, when he missed it, he was both embarrassed and discouraged. This was now the mindset he had when he lined up for the second foul shot, which he also missed.

It made me start to think about what we tell our children that is completely either unnecessary or, worse, defeating. Maybe it’s about grades (“You need to do better on these.”), friends (“You should get out more and play at other people’s house.”) or activities (“That kind of performance is not going to get you a larger role.”). Perhaps we say these things out of concern or some twisted logic under the guise of motivation, but it’s not. We tell

them what they already know, whether they are 9 or 14, and generally it neither helps nor motivates.

I remember this basketball incident because I recall how much of a coincidence it was that I was reading Jessica Lahey’s *The Gift of Failure*. Simply browsing the table of contents can give you the gist of the content: intrinsic motivation, autonomy and competence, praise (or the “damage that comes from praise), self-esteem, and, of course, the merits of failure and mistakes, especially at the formative years of Middle School. In the introduction alone, Lahey writes, “We have taught our kids to fear failure and, in doing so, we have blocked the surest and clearest path to their success. The setbacks, mistakes, miscalculations and failures we have shoved out of our children’s way are the very experiences that teach them how to be resourceful, persistent, innovative and resilient citizens of this world.” Middle School and younger is the ideal time for a child to make mistakes and learn to face and navigate failure. Not only are the stakes lower, but there are caring adults within close proximity to help guide their children through the process. I’m sure we all have that friend who never got his heart broken or failed her first test until college and seeing how hard it was for that individual. (By college, for good or ill, I was a pro at both.)

I’m no basketball coach. Yet, I can’t help but think that the little foul shooter did not need an adult pointing out his failure, especially in such a public forum. I’d like to assume the parent in the stands was well-meaning, as all of us who are parents, but like our children, we all have room to grow. •

*Jay Riven is co-Head of School at Jewish Middle School of Nashville.*

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# 2020 Nashville Jewish Film Festival a "Virtual" Success!

By **FRAN BRUMLIK**

The 2020 Nashville Jewish Film Festival was a resounding success as we celebrated 20 years of presenting interesting, educational and informative films that reflect on contemporary Jewish life. This year, by virtue of being virtual, we were able to enjoy meeting many producers, directors, and writers of the films who were able to join us via Zoom and talk about their films and answer questions from viewers.

It was a new task for us to learn how to present a film festival over cyber space and it was an adventure for many of our film goers to master the technology, but we all did it.

Thank you to all the generous sponsors and donors who ensured that the

20th anniversary NJFF would continue despite COVID19. Thank you to all our screeners who, though it was a shortened screening period, watched many, many films (some very good, and some really awful) to help make the decision about which would make it into the festival. Thank you to Kurt Meyer, our marketing director for quickly adding to his plate the job of technical director. And thank you to all the people who joined us watching 16 wonderful movies. This year because we were virtual, film goers joined us from all over the country and Canada.

Thank you to Laurie Eskind, Jackie Karr, Jamie Brook, Cindy Moskovitz and Loretta Saff who again gave us the Nashville Jewish Film Festival.

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# Braver Angels

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organization grow, “People are finally saying, ‘enough,’ it’s time to start talking and listening to one another.”

One of Braver Angels’ workshops, called, “With Malice Toward None,” is designed to help congregations and faith communities build trust and respect among the members. The two-session workshop was conducted recently in Nashville in partnership with The Community Relations Committee of The Jewish Federation, Congregation Micah and The Temple. Attendees comprised members of local synagogues and others from the Nashville Jewish community. Lynn Heady says the goal was to begin to de-polarize the community, “Our community is diverse and this election galvanized people around some key issues. Our goal was not to change minds, but to encourage people to listen to each other.” The workshops involved communication and listening techniques as well as exercises that allowed folks on each side to answer questions about their political opinions without being judged or criticized. Breakout rooms were the final part, allowing small groups of people on both sides, and a facilitator, to discuss what they experienced. In one of the breakout rooms, one of the participants who identifies as a conservative, expressed his anxiety about being in a predominantly liberal congregation, but felt the workshop was a safe place to have a conversation about his views. Liberal participants expressed fears about the current President’s reluctance to admit defeat and what they perceive as unbridled support for the President.

As the election recedes into the past, what remains in Nashville’s Jewish community is the lingering feeling that the country is still divided, that healing will take some time and that there is an urgent need for understanding and improved civil discourse. Rabbi Shana Mackler of The Temple, says the political divide is real, both in the country overall and in the Jewish community, “Many of us feel unheard, worried or distressed; some feel validated or vindicated. All of us feel frustration at some level with the lack of civility around us. And until we intentionally get out of our own echo chambers and bubbles, we may not be able to move forward.” Those sentiments are shared by participants in the Braver Angels program, but there is also the sense that real change will take time. Kitty Calhoon, a liberal Democrat who participated in the workshop and a member of West End Synagogue, says she was struck by what she perceived to be pain on the part of the conservatives. “I was surprised by their fears about the incoming Biden administration,” she said, “But I felt hope listening to them talk about their desire for civility and respect, and the overall need for decency.” Michael Oppenheimer, a Republican participant in the workshop and member of the Community Relations Committee, is dismayed at the need to have these types of programs at all. He says, “It’s a shame we’ve gotten to this point in our country. We’ve always had differences, that’s what makes us so great.” And he believes the sharp divisions center around the personality of President Trump in particular. “I’ve found that if you voted for Trump, people assume you’re racist, you’re an anti-Semite, you’re homophobic,” he says. As a member of Congregation Micah, he

also is often at odds with the prevailing synagogue culture. He says, “I do get frustrated by comments that there is so much racial injustice in the world.”

The Braver Angels workshop asked participants to address how their Jewish values shape and inform their political views. What is notable is that both conservatives and liberals shared some common themes, particularly that everyone is made in the image of God and that it is important to accept and respect people for who they are. Rabbi Shana Mackler agrees that when it comes to shared values, there is no fundamental divide, “Judaism has always been about being partners with God in bringing justice to the world, advocating and arguing for that justice (with humans and even with God), and for seeking and pursuing peace. Politically speaking, people on both sides of the spectrum may disagree on how to do that, but the mandate in Judaism is clear.”

Professor Kenneth Wald says, however, that while it is good to examine how religious values inform political views, when it comes to actual voting it is typically the other way around. “Voting is not usually shaped by religion. I’ve found that people shape their religious views around their political views,” he says, “And any major religion has within it the resources to support any political orientation.” Michael Oppenheimer shares that position, “My political views are not tied to religious teachings or spirituality,” he says, “I focus on being a good person, being civil. I don’t think the world is a bad place and I focus on this country in particular.” Nevertheless, Kenneth Wald says Jewish culture does lean toward what he calls, “classic liberalism,” with a central belief in the separation of church and state. “Jews have always understood that their rights and benefits in this country are not based on religion.”

In looking toward the future, partic-

ularly in Nashville’s Jewish community, there is agreement that continuing communication is the key. Kitty Calhoon says, “I do think that small impacts or changes are important in making a difference, for individuals and communities, and that having many such events in a community adds up to substantial impact and change.” Others in the Braver Angels workshop echoed her views. And Rabbi Shana Mackler believes the model being taught in the workshop will help give people the tools to work toward healing. “One way to do this is to not try to convince others, not speak from what the late, great poet Yehuda Amichai called “the place where we are right”, but rather from our fears and our doubts – and maybe our hopes -which we all have – perhaps there we can find some common ground to grow. I think we can invite others, through a program or a simple phone call, to have a conversation.” •

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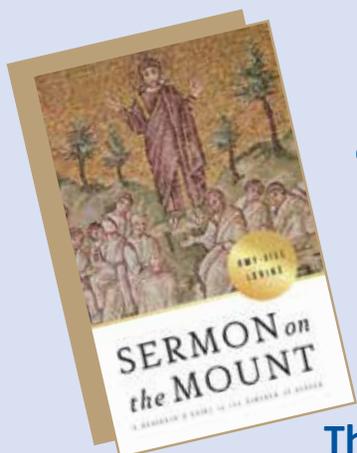
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# Obituary for Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

(JTA) — Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, 72, the former chief rabbi of the United Kingdom whose extensive writings and frequent media appearances commanded a global following among Jews and non-Jews alike, has died. He was in the midst of a third bout of cancer, which he had announced in October.

Sacks was among the world's leading exponents of Orthodox Judaism for a global audience. In his 22 years as chief rabbi, he emerged as the most visible Jewish leader in the United Kingdom and one of the European continent's leading Jewish voices, offering Jewish wisdom to the masses through a regular segment he produced for the BBC. He had a close relationship with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who called Sacks "an intellectual giant" and presented him with a lifetime achievement award in 2018.

Sacks was also an immensely prolific author, addressing pressing social and

political issues in a succession of well received books. His popular commentary on the prayer book, published by Koren, helped to dethrone the more traditionalist Artscroll Siddur as the preeminent prayer book in American Modern Orthodox synagogues.

Sacks was normally averse to mixing religion and politics, something he discussed, along with his latest book, "Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times," and an array of other hot-button topics with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in August.

"When anger erupts in a body politic, there is quite often a justified cause. But then the political domain has got to take that anger and deal with it very fast," he told JTA's opinion editor Laura Adkins. "Because anger exposes the problem but never delivers the solution."

But he did take public stances on two topics that were often ensnared with

European politics: Israel and anti-Semitism. Sacks spoke out publicly as Britain's Labour Party was engulfed in an anti-Semitism scandal under its previous leader Jeremy Corbyn, calling Corbyn an anti-Semite. "We have an anti-Semite as the leader of the Labour Party and her majesty's opposition. That is why Jews feel so threatened by Mr. Corbyn and those who support him," Sacks said in 2018 during an interview with the New Statesman. That judgment paved the way for the current British Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis to harshly condemn the Labour Party, a precedent-setting event in British Jewish life.

Sacks was also vocal in his opposition to the forces that lead to anti-Semitism on the far left and the far right, as he wrote in a JTA op-ed in January. "Anti-Semitism has little to do with Jews — they are its object, not its cause — and everything to do with dysfunction in the

communities that harbor it," he wrote. In 2017, in a widely circulated YouTube video, Sacks called anti-Zionism a new form of anti-Semitism, arguing that it denies Jews the "right to exist collectively with the same rights as everyone else."

Born in London in 1948, Sacks studied at Cambridge University. While a student there in the 60s, he visited Rabbi Menachem Schneerson — the spiritual leader who is credited with turning the Hasidic Chabad-Lubavitch movement into a powerful organizing force of Jewry around the world — in New York City. Sacks credits that meeting with inspiring him to get involved with Jewish studies. He became the rabbi of the Golders Green synagogue in London's most Orthodox neighborhood in the late 70s and then rabbi of the Marble Arch synagogue in central London.

Sacks is survived by his wife Elaine, three children and several grandchildren. •

## The Encounter that changed Rabbi Jonathan Sacks' life

By RABBI YITZCHOK TIECHTEL

*"On the day when our forefather Avraham left the world, the leaders of the nations of the world stood in a line, in the manner of mourners, and said: Woe to the world that has lost its leader, and woe to the ship that has lost its captain (Talmud. Bava Basra 91a)"*

It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we learned of the passing of Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks on Shabbat, November 7, the 20th of Cheshvan, 5781. Our world has lost a global religious leader, prolific author and moral voice, respected by world Jewry, and far beyond.

People of all ages and stages, from all walks of life, have been deeply inspired and richly educated by Rabbi Sacks' wisdom. He had a unique ability to share knowledge garnered, taking the most complex, abstract ideas and communicating them so they could be understood and absorbed by all. I had the opportunity of meeting him only once, when he attended the Annual Convention

of Chabad Shluchim and delivered the keynote address. That talk inspired me to live my life as a Chabad Shaliach in Nashville, knowing that we can make it all happen, if we wish for it to happen.

Rabbi Sacks' intellectual prowess was evident for all to see from an early age, a rare gift. Yet faced with many options, a young bright person may not know which professional path to pursue as the world awaits. On more than one occasion, I heard him share the story of how his rabbinic journey began. As a young, inquisitive college student, he traveled to meet great Jewish leaders across the United States. Many graciously answered his queries. In New York, he visited the Lubavitcher Rebbe. To his surprise, instead of dutifully hearing answers to his questions, the dynamic shifted into a role reversal and he was asked questions posed by the Rebbe himself. "How many Jewish students are there on your university campus at Cambridge? What are you doing to involve them in Jewish life?" Rabbi Sacks thought to himself, I came to ask the Rebbe questions, and here he



turned the tables and is asking me questions. Rabbi Sacks answered, "Rebbe, in the situation I find myself if ....". Before he finished his sentence, the Rebbe said to Rabbi Sacks, "A person does not find himself in a situation, he puts himself in a situation, and if he puts himself in one situation, he can put himself in another situation." The Rebbe explained to young Master Sacks — who at the time was deliberating whether to study economics or law — that the Jewish world was in a real crisis with ignorance our greatest enemy. Therefore, it was Sacks' obligation to help, utilize his talents to study and teach Torah. "That encounter and conversation changed my life," he wrote.

Sacks, who was not observant at the time, took the Rebbe's call to heart. He went on to become the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, a professor, a member of the British House of Lords and more. The list of his achievements and accolades is astonishing.

Rabbi Sacks heard a holy call-to-action and act he did! So too must we each channel our G-d-given talents to add unique layers to the Jewish world. At testing times such as these, we must pause and give thought to how we can each honor all that he has given us as we collectively struggle to move forward.

When one of the greatest Jewish voices of our generation, such as Rabbi Jonathan Sacks passes away, there is a tangible vacuum left behind, it is up to us to fill that void. His mission was to make Judaism more relatable and understandable to the masses. That is us. Perhaps that is why so many around the globe have felt this loss so personally.

May his memory inspire us, so that we too can become a blessing. Amen! •

## Local responses to the death of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Rabbi Sacks was an inspiration. A learned man who was proud of his Jewish identity and, yet, fully immersed in the universal teachings of philosophy, ethics and the like. He was an example of the ways we can bridge between the particular and the universal, and how we can be part of the wider community by embracing our own uniqueness. He will be missed but his words and insights will continue to guide us as we move forward. May his memory be for a blessing.

— Rabbi Joshua Kullock, West End Synagogue

I am profoundly saddened by the passing of Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. Rabbi Sacks helped influence me as the rabbi I am today. I came to know him through his book Dignity of Difference, which came out after 9/11, when I was in rabbinic school. His text, his teaching, his dedication to celebrating not just what made Judaism great, but finding that inherent quality in other people's faith and practice underscored for me what it meant to be a Jew in the world

today. He was not particularly supportive of liberal Judaism, but that did not diminish how much I have learned and have been influenced by his teaching. When he would teach, write, speak or post, he brought in wisdom from sources Jewish and not, religious and not — reminding us to be open to learning in all its forms, willing to be inspired and enlightened. His influence has spread far and wide, touching so many souls across our world, and our world has been made better because of him. That world is now a little darker, having the brilliance of his light extinguished.

— Rabbi Shana Mackler

Not since Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook — First chief rabbi of Israel — have I encountered the genius and menchechite of a scholar like Rabbi Sacks. He will be missed for his scholarship and his ability to translate the wisdom of our tradition into the practical application of our world.

— Rabbi Flip Rice, Congregation Micah

Rabbi Sacks was a world-renowned scholar, teacher and leader who inspired, influenced and empowered world Jewry, global leaders and communities throughout the world. He demonstrated the enduring importance of God and religious values in our contemporary society. And

he uniquely exemplified and articulated a worldview and mission to the broader Jewish people and the world at large. His legacy will continue through all those who have been elevated by his teaching.

— Rabbi Saul Strosberg, Congregation Sherith Israel



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# Girls' Night In Welcomes Sasha Shor Back to Nashville

This year's annual Girls' Night event went virtual, but even over Zoom there were plenty of laughs and a warm welcome back to Nashville for featured speaker, Sasha Shor. Sasha shared stories of her childhood as an immigrant from Belarus, her years growing up in Nashville, and her passion for blending the foods of the two regions. She cooked up garlic and dill biscuits and a

classic Russian Borsch while attendees, "Zoomed," in from the comfort of their homes. A VIP cocktail party kicked off the evening with a delicious Moscow Belle drink created for the occasion. This year's event was attended by over 170 women. If you missed the event, but want to check out the fun, visit The Federation's Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/JFEDofNashville> •



VIPs were treated to a lovely box filled with all the fixings for a Southern Belle cocktail.



Guest speaker Sasha Shor demonstrates her love for both Southern and Russian cooking by preparing biscuits and traditional Borsch.

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# AT OUR CONGREGATIONS...

## @ Chabad

### Chabad of Nashville to host Chanukah Across Nashville during the eight days of Chanukah.

- During the weekdays of Chanukah there will be the lighting of the State Capitol Menorah at Charlotte and 6th, and the lighting of the Metro Menorah at the Public Square with community leaders, in a social distancing environment. Check out [chabadnashville.com](http://chabadnashville.com) for the exact date and times.
- Chabad of Nashville will also be hosting the Big Mesibah with social distancing, a Chanukah celebration for the Israeli community, that will include lots of Israeli spirit, Chanukah songs in Hebrew, and Sufganiyot. Check out [chabadnashville.com](http://chabadnashville.com) for more details.
- On Saturday evening, December 12, Chabad of Nashville is inviting you to join your friends and family for a communal Chanukah Menorah lighting via zoom. Families and friends will all join virtually as they kindle the lights and sing Chanukah songs, and celebrate the Festival of Lights with the Nashville Jewish community via zoom. See [chabadnashville.com](http://chabadnashville.com) for more details
- On Sunday, December 13, at 4:30 PM there will be Chanukah Celebration on the outdoor patio of Chabad of Nashville, with the lighting of a giant Menorah, music, a special surprise show for children, and prepackaged Chanukah gelt and dreidels for all participants. See [Chabadnashville.com](http://Chabadnashville.com) for more details and to RSVP
- On Monday, December 14, at 7:00 PM there will be a Chanukah Torah Study via Zoom on "Jewish Culture vs. Jewish Faith. Which One Is the True Judaism?" The presentation will discuss "Who is the genuine Jew: the rigid ritualist or the carefree culturalist?" We are compelled to consider the benefits of each lifestyle to decide which offers the future of Judaism its greatest hope. In the end, bagels and lox aren't enough, but neither is rote observance of the commandments. The battle between the law and the spirit of Judaism must be resolved another way. See [chabadnashville.com](http://chabadnashville.com) for more details
- During the week of Chanukah there will be several large public Menorah displays around Nashville, including local supermarkets, the Nashville airport and other public venues, to display Jewish pride. These Menorahs are being sponsored by Chabad of Nashville. Chabad will also be distributing free Chanukah kits that include a menorah, candles, a Dreidel, and a Chanukah gift to all who need one. Feel free to come by the Chabad Center to pick one up.
- This year Chabad of Nashville will be offering the opportunity to order Sufganiyot for your Chanukah celebration. All order can be made at [chabadnashville.com](http://chabadnashville.com), and are to be in by December 7

For more information please call 615-646-5750, or go to [www.chabadnashville.com](http://www.chabadnashville.com)

## @ Micah

*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](http://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 programs from the front page of our website - all are free and open to the public.*

### Book Club

Monday, December 7 @ 7:00 PM on Zoom

All are welcome for a Zoom discussion on the book *Real Change* by Sharon Salzburg.

### "Are You Jewish Enough?"

Second Friday of each month @ 12:00 PM on Zoom

A discussion over lunch about all things Jewish. We'll explore prayer, spirituality, the nature of God, Israel, Jewish superstitions and so much more.

Led by Rabbis Laurie Rice and Jen Lader of Temple Israel in Bloomfield Hills, MI.  
December 4, January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9

### Chanukah Services

Friday, December 11 on Zoom

Celebrate the first night of Chanukah with us as we say blessings together and light the first candle as a community. There will be a Chanukah story and music from Ms. Lisa Silver.

Friday, December 18 on Micah Livestream, YouTube & Facebook Live

That oil burned on for an eighth night! So our holiday celebration culminates on the Sabbath of Chanukah with a special service of music and meditations. Rededicate yourself to the transcendent, hear the tormenting tale of the Maccabean Revolt retold through story and song, and feel the warmth of the light of our spiritual community from our youngest to our wisest!

Micah Minis - Chanukah

Saturday, December 12 at 9:30 AM on Zoom

Since and dance during this family-friendly Shabbat experience. Led by Lisa Silver & Julie Greenberg

A Woman's Circle

Friday afternoons (monthly) on Zoom - December 18

Using the book, *Getting Good at Getting Older* as our companion guide throughout our fall sessions, this class will help you grow with grace, meet with other women and engage with sacred text. Books available for purchase on Amazon or through your local book seller. Taught by Rabbis Laurie Rice and Laura Geller

Schmooze & Views

Thursdays at 10:30 AM on Zoom

A discussion about politics conducted in a civil and humorous way. Led by Dr. Bob Smith and Rabbi Flip.

Torah Study

Saturday Mornings at 9:00 AM on Zoom

The sages and commentators - past and present - come alive. Led by one of the Rabbis Rice.

Shabbat Services

Friday Nights @ 6:00 PM on Livestream, Facebook and YouTube

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## @ Sherith Israel

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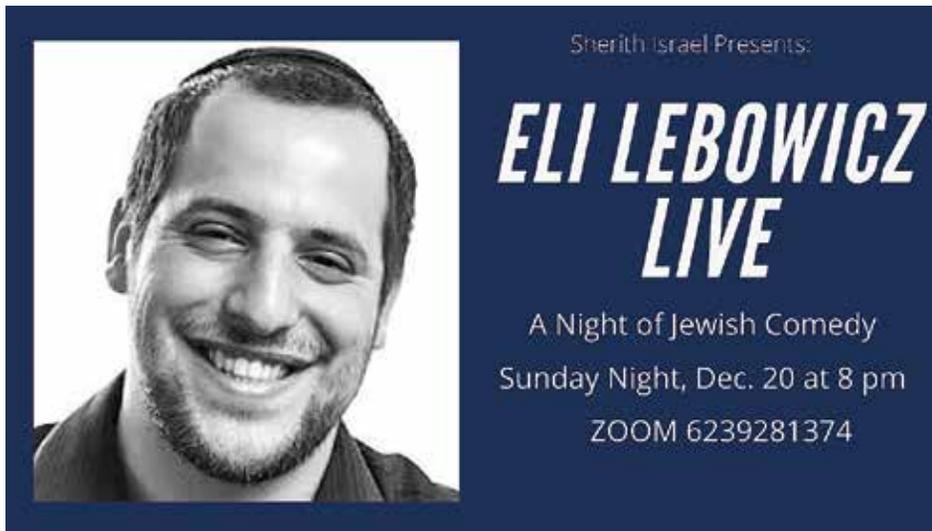
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## Sherith Israel Chanukah Celebration Lighting the Limor Menorah Grab & Go Festive Dinner

Sunday, December 13, at 5:30 pm  
For more information, call 615 292 6614.



## @ The Temple

### December at The Temple

All programming can be accessed via [thetemplehub.org](http://thetemplehub.org)

- **The Temple: Bringing Light to You During Chanukah 2020**  
Connect with your Temple family during this Chanukah season!

Every day of Chanukah will be filled with opportunities for fun, learning, music and connection:

Chanukah food demos, virtual trivia contests, a warm sock mitzvah drive, a live concert with Noam Katz, a winter whiskey cocktail class, the origins of Chanukah lunch and learn, a magic show and lots more for all ages!

Every night of Chanukah, join us at The Temple parking lot at 5:00 PM for a drive-in menorah lighting. Masks required and social distancing observed

Look out for special videos from the Temple clergy and other surprises and treats!

For more information about any of our Chanukah programming, please check out [thetemplehub.org/chanukah](http://thetemplehub.org/chanukah)

- **Chanukah Service** at 6:00PM on Friday, December 11th. We will come together to light the candles and celebrate Chanukah
- **Tot Shabbat - GET READY FOR CHANUKAH!** Saturday, December 5 @ 10am via zoom; access through [thetemplehub.org](http://thetemplehub.org)
- **Lunch with the Rabbi**-Noon on Thursday, December 3rd, 10th & 17th. Please join us via [thetemplehub.org](http://thetemplehub.org).

## @ West End

### Shacharit

Join us Mondays & Thursdays for Shacharit service at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Zoom info:

Meeting ID: 847 4426 3911

Password (case sensitive): 5A63j6

Those having issues with getting onto Zoom can message Rabbi or Cantor through Facebook and they will reply back asap.

### Daily Mincha

Join us for daily Mincha on Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 831 8625 7601

Password (case sensitive): 9ix4BK

### Kabbalat Shabbat

You are invited to join. Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat on Fridays on Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

### Morning Shabbat services

You are invited to join by zoom on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting ID for both Friday and Saturday: Meeting ID: 817 3312 3376

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### Talmud on Tuesdays

at 8:30 a.m.

Zoom Information: (No password required)

Meeting ID: 777 716 003

### Torah class on Thursdays

Nechemya Rosenfeld teaches a torah study class on Thursday mornings at 7:00 am.

The link is the same as Shacharit on Thursdays.

### SAVE THE DATE: WES'S HAVDALAH AND HANUKKAH HAPPENING, SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 12 FROM 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.

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Please RSVP to the West End Synagogue Office ([office@westendsyn.org](mailto:office@westendsyn.org)) by Monday, December 7 – MUST RSVP

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### Intro To Judaism Class Returns in 2021 as a virtual class

Once again, the West End Synagogue will be partnering with the American Jewish University hosting the very prestigious Miller Introduction to Judaism Program. Rabbi Joshua Kullock will be teaching the four months class and everyone is invited to join. This learning opportunity, which begins January 10, 2021 and runs through May 2, 2021, is in partnership with the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program of the American Jewish University. Classes will run every Sunday from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The cost for WES members is \$36 (couples \$50) and for non-members is \$180. Don't miss the opportunity to learn with Rabbi Joshua Kullock, make new friends and explore Judaism in new and deeper ways. For more information, check out the website at [intro.aju.edu](http://intro.aju.edu). We encourage you to please register at [linda@westendsyn.org](mailto:linda@westendsyn.org) or call 269-4592 ext. 12 so that we can plan for materials and get you the link to the class. We hope to "see" you soon!

## Nashville's congregations

Here are the websites for all five Nashville Jewish congregations, with information on services, upcoming events and more:

Congregation Beit Tefilah Chabad, [www.chabadnashville.com](http://www.chabadnashville.com)

Congregation Micah, [www.congregationmicah.org](http://www.congregationmicah.org)

Congregation Sherith Israel, [www.sherithisrael.com](http://www.sherithisrael.com)

The Temple – Congregation Ohabai Sholom, [www.templenashville.org](http://www.templenashville.org)

West End Synagogue, [www.westendsyn.org](http://www.westendsyn.org)



# Happy Chanukah

# December in the Gordon JCC Galleries: The Brentwood Photography Group, H.N. James and Marcia Eden

By **CARRIE MILLS**

The Janet Levine March Gallery will feature the work of the Brentwood Photography Group whose mission is to serve their members by encouraging development of photographic skills through education, exhibitions of photographic work, friendship with others who share a love of photography and sharing their talents with individuals and organizations in the community. Their group members are a mixture of beginning, amateur and professional photographers, with skills ranging from novice to expert. They shoot a wide variety of subjects ranging from portraiture to nature.

The JLMG2 Gallery will feature the photography of H.N. James, a photographic artist living and working near Nashville. She is a self-taught artist who focuses on the transformative power of changing one's perspective and seeing the ignored and invisible with new eyes. Her subjects include live music performances, musicians, artists, goddesses, and the occasional dog. This exhibit of musical performance is called "Raw

Power," and aims for a sense of immediacy, for the viewer to feel what it was like to be there in the audience. The center of the performance is the heart of the performer, the raw willingness to express complex feelings and thoughts. A few of the subjects in, "Raw Power," are national and internationally-known



**Butterfly, by Diane Burgett**



**Raw Power, by H.N. James**

performers, but most are Nashville locals in various stages of their music careers.

The Sig Held Gallery will feature the photography of Marcia Eden. Marcia is a native Nashvillian with over 25 years in the film industry. She's worked as a costume designer and wardrobe stylist on major films, commercials and music videos. Marcia's photography has been published in The Huffington Post, USA Today and Audubon. This photographic exhibit reflects her attempt to find symmetry in pandemic times.

The House gallery will continue to feature the Under One Roof collaborative exhibit.

The Exhibition Dates are December 1st - 31st.

The exhibitions are free and open to the public. Any attendees 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](mailto:carrie@nashvillejcc.org), or go to [www.nashvillejcc.org](http://www.nashvillejcc.org).



**Beachgoer, by Marcia Eden**



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# Mitzvahs and Lifecycles

## B'nai Mitzvah

### Elliot Cowan Bar Mitzvah December 19

Elliot Cowan will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Sat., Dec. 19, over Zoom from The Netherlands. He is the son of Chad and Alison Cowan, brother to Zoe and Annabelle Cowan, and grandson to Sondra and Richard Martin of Solon, Ohio, and Pat and Peter Cowan of North Canton, Ohio. Elliot has been living in the Netherlands for the past 3.5 years and is an eighth grader at the International School of Amsterdam. In his spare time Elliot enjoys camping, working on his computer, sailing and swimming



### Evie Hollis

Evie Hollis will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Sat., Nov. 14, at 11 a.m. at The Temple. She was born on October 2, 2007, in Gallatin, Tenn. Her parents are Dr. Jeff and Ashley Hollis. Evie's grandparents are Gary and Linda Johnson of Maryville, Tenn., and Joe and Lane Hollis of Fernandina Beach, Fla.



ported front-line health care workers in a physician's office. She performed various weekly duties to help promote a safe environment during the pandemic of 2020.

Evie is in the seventh grade at Station Camp Middle School. She enjoys watching movies, playing games, dance and taking ballet lessons.

### Sophia Kimball Bat Mitzvah December 5

Sophia Rose Kimball will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Sat., Dec. 5, at 10:30 a.m. at Congregation Micah. Sophia is the daughter of Erica and William Kimball and the sister of June. Her grandparents are Marlene and the late Jerome Kimball of Longmeadow, Mass., and Roberta Spinner Barnet and the late Seymour Spinner of Nashville, as well as her bonus Papa, Burton Barnet.



Sophia is a seventh grader at Grassland Middle School. Her favorite school subjects include social studies and language arts and she enjoys playing violin in the school orchestra.

For Sophia's mitzvah project, she will be asking for donations to OneTreePlanted, a nonprofit organization that plants trees around the world for only \$1 each. For more information or to make a donation, please visit [www.onetreepanted.org](http://www.onetreepanted.org).

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## Dear Esther

Dear Esther,  
Every morning I wake up with my body feeling uneasy. I don't want to get out of bed but at the same time I cannot relax enough to fall back asleep. It feels like Groundhog Day every day. The stress of the pandemic and being quarantined is causing a lot of anxiety for me. I usually feel better after a warm shower. What can I do to get off to a better start?

– Nervous Nellie

Dear Nervous Nellie,  
You aren't alone. Many people are struggling with anxiety as they stay home and watch the COVID cases rise. It can certainly seem like Groundhog Day! I applaud you for identifying what makes you feel better—a hot shower in the morning. There is comfort in knowing what lies ahead so I encourage you to have a plan for what you are going to do the next day before you go to bed. I would suggest that you come up with at least one small task or activity that you enjoy. It can be as little as 15-30 minutes a day reading a book you enjoy, working on a craft or speaking with a friend. You need to find something to look forward to each day. You also might want to try changing your morning routine to take your shower earlier in the morning and possibly add some

relaxation/meditation exercises before you get out of bed.

Realizing that we do not have any control over the pandemic can be emotionally overwhelming and exhausting. Do what you can to be safe including wearing a mask and staying home whenever possible and then, “put it on the shelf.” I always told my clients that if worrying about something will change the outcome, then go right ahead. If it does not, they are wasting their time. “Putting it on the shelf,” means not giving it any attention when the anxious thoughts come into your mind. We cannot control our thoughts and feelings, but we can decide to not engage with them. You might find it helpful to visualize swiping them away, putting them in a box on a shelf or any other visual that is meaningful to you. Keep doing this and eventually the thoughts will be less frequent.

None of us know if we or the people we love are going to become infected with Covid-19. It is beyond our control, but we CAN control how we cope with it. Focus on each day and the little joys it brings. Notice your surroundings, stop to look closely at the fall leaves and savor your cup of coffee each morning. Until COVID19 knocks on your door, find joy in each day.

– Esther

*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](mailto:esther@jfsnashville.org) on anything under the sun and watch for answers in her column. •*

# Kvetch in the City

By CARRIE MILLS

When I began writing this month's column, I had been up for four days, anxiously awaiting the election results and the ensuing drama of waiting to see which candidate would win. I was glued to social media and my phone, constantly checking for election updates. The crazy making aspect of it all reminded me of how back in the day I was glued to another type of drama which included constantly checking my phone. Back then though, the drama and constant phone checking was not due to a national election, but a personal election of dating the wrong man.



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Yes, I've had my share of one too many unfortunate relationships, almost every time knowing in the first five minutes, maybe it wasn't a good idea to give that person my phone number. Once given, the immediate red flying flag for me was a, “Hey, what's up?” text, followed by some emoji sentence I could never figure out, instead of something that resembled real relating, like for instance, an actual phone call, or perhaps a statement like, “I'd like to have dinner with you tonight if you are free.”

Call me a text kvetch. Call me old fashioned. I still believe in straight up phone calls when it comes to sustaining a relationship. I'd like to interject that I actually once broke up with someone with a text, with the urging of my then therapist who said something to the effect of, “That would be speaking his language.” That was a new personal low in breaking up with someone for me.

Maybe you're wondering what's so bad about texting? I'd suggest, maybe

you've never dated a love avoidant man. I mean yes, they will tell you they love you, but do they really? While the first few weeks may be cute and fun, receiving little buzz shots of affirmative words on a tiny screen, the charm wears off pretty quickly when the texting becomes the main source of communication in a, “relationship.” The last person I dated, instead of actually showing up in real time, would write texts that were mini emotional novels in his attempt to communicate his feelings. His inability to have a face to face conversation about feelings and yet send endless texts, videos, or songs was actually maddening, and well, sadly very high school for a middle aged man. The constant buzz of a text coming in, instead of my doorbell ringing with an actual man with flowers on the other side...well that eventually wore thin.

The positive thing about negative relationships, is that I learned a lot about myself. I learned, not only did I cringe at texting as conversation, I also learned to not give my phone number to the complete stranger at CVS who was waiting behind me in the pharmacy aisle. I knew what household items I was picking up, but I sure as heck didn't know what kind of medication he was picking up.

Most importantly, I learned it's never really about the other person. It was about me, ignoring the red flags, needing validation...and oh...so much more. The doomed relationships were not about the other person having to change, it was about me having to change.

This election cycle reminded me that all my self-work has helped put my crazy making dating days behind me. I now trust myself to know I'll recognize the right candidate for me when he starts by picking up the phone to call, shows up with flowers, opens the door to his car, and takes me to dinner. •

## Obituaries

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### Rose Ann Elli

Condolences to the family of Rose Ann Ellis, who died at her home in Florida.

### Thomas (Tom) Hellman Loventhal

Condolences to the family of Thomas (Tom) Hellman Loventhal, age 66, who died November 5, 2020 after an extended illness. A lifelong Nashvillian, he was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Clare Loventhal. Tom is survived by his beloved partner, Debbie Layman; son, Charles Loventhal; daughter, Natalie Clare Loventhal; sister, Mary Loventhal Jones; nephews, Michael (Amber) and

Clayton Jones; and Michael Layman (Jessica) and Natalie Noland (Jamie).

Born on November 2, 1954, he attended Montgomery Bell Academy and the University of Tennessee. After school, he joined his father in the family business, Loventhal Brothers Insurance, started in 1889. His interests grew and he founded INSBANK, Nashville, Tin Angel and Blue Moon, among many others. Tom found success in these endeavors and demonstrated an admirable capacity to be a true friend and mentor to many people he encountered, several referring to him as a second father.

Tom gave much of his time to a myriad of charitable and civic causes including serving on the boards of the Special Olympics, the Nashville Zoo, Tennessee Hospitality Association, Montgomery Bell Academy Alumni, Nashville Originals, Leadership Nashville and the Nashville Junior Chamber. Donations may be made to Special Olympics of Tennessee and/or The Nashville Zoo.

### Bernice Ritt

Condolences to the family of Bernice

Ritt (Berel bat Avraham) who died on October 23. She was 100 years old. Bernice was predeceased by her husband, Mahlon Ritt, and her son, Arnie Ritt. She is survived by her daughter, Judy Montague, and her son, Jerry (Sally) Ritt, as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren.

### Eli Roth

Condolences to the family of Eli Roth, who passed away recently surrounded by family.

### Mildred Roth

Condolences to the family of Mildred Roth, who passed away recently. She is survived by family members.

### Dez Zamek

Condolences to the family of Dez Zamek, who died on October 28. She is survived by her husband, Paul Zamek; brother, Graham Ashington; nieces Sian Haddow, Jessica Pereira and Sharry Brown; and nephews Gary and Dereck Hirson. A private memorial will be held at a later time. Donations may be made to Larkspur Conservation and to Congregation Micah.

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