

Study finds “slow and steady” growth of Middle Tennessee Jewish community over past decade

Communal engagement and connection to Israel are high

By CHARLES BERNSEN

The results of a new demographic survey show that Nashville and Middle Tennessee have a “slowly but steadily growing” Jewish population that is older and more intermarried than the national average but highly engaged in Jewish communal life and strongly connected to Israel.

In all, the survey commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee found that there are about 8,000 Jews – 6,500 adults and 1,500 children – living in about 4,700 Jewish households in the metro area that includes Davidson, Williamson, Rutherford, Wilson, Robertson, Cheatham and Sumner counties.

Counting non-Jewish family members, including 2,200 adults and 800 children, the total number of individuals living in these Jewish households is about 11,000.

The study, the first of Jewish Nashville since 2002, was conducted

online and by telephone over a three-month period last year by the Steinhardt Social Research Institute, which is part of Brandeis University’s Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies. The findings are based on a detailed questionnaire completed by a representative sample of 725 Jewish households, plus a supplemental sample of 290 households that makes it possible to better analyze various subgroups within the community. Overall, the results are accurate to about plus or minus 7 percent.

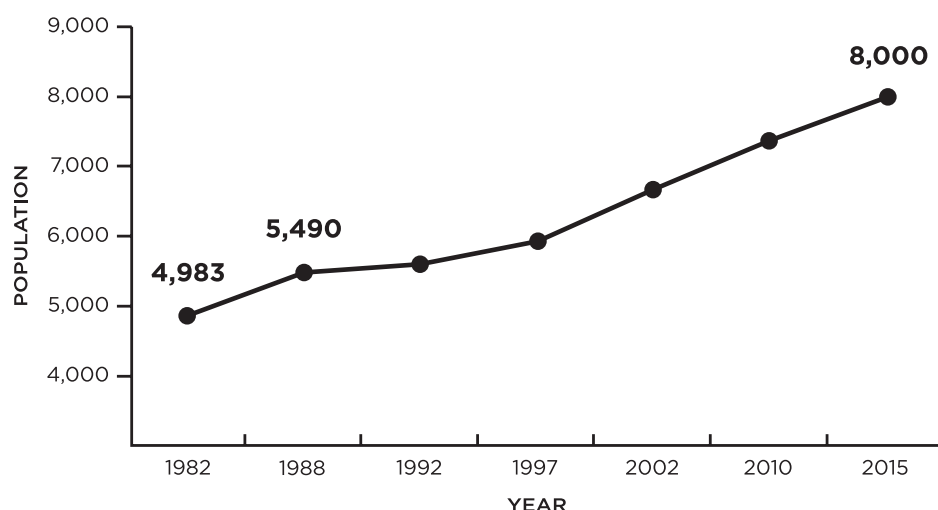
The Federation has scheduled a series of meetings this month to present and discuss the results with representatives of various Jewish institutions and organization as well as an informational meeting from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the Gordon Jewish Community Center that is open to the entire community. In addition, *The Observer* will be publishing an ongoing series – Jewish Nashville: By the Numbers – examining the results in more detail.

“The Federation undertook this study in an effort to analyze the growth

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JEWISH NASHVILLE: BY THE NUMBERS

Jewish population growth in Nashville and Middle Tennessee since 1982*



*Based on data from the *American Jewish Year Book* and previous community population studies. The 2002 and 2010 figures have been adjusted to reflect more accurate assessments of the survey conducted in 2002.

Source: 2015 Nashville and Middle Tennessee Jewish Demographic Study

On Tzedakah Tzunday, Federation will seek Jewish “super heroes” by phone and on social media

By CHARLES BERNSEN

Tzedakah Tzunday is going online.

Oh, there will still be dozens of volunteers making telephone calls to about 2,500 Jewish homes in the Nashville area seeking pledges for the 2016 annual campaign of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

But in conjunction with the annual telethon on Feb. 14, the Federation will conduct a parallel social media campaign aimed at expanding the reach of Tzedakah Tzunday, its biggest fundraiser of the year.

“The online presence will help us reach people who might not otherwise be

involved, especially young adults,” said Aron Karabel, who with his wife, Batia Karabel, co-chairs the Tzedakah Tzunday planning committee. The Karabels also are co-chairs of the philanthropic arm of NowGen Nashville, the Federation’s group for Jewish professionals ages 22-40.

Tzedakah Tzunday typically accounts for 20 percent of the donations to the annual campaign, which helps fund more than 75 program and institutions in Nashville, Israel and Jewish communities around the world. But its importance goes beyond fundraising. It also helps raise awareness of the Federation’s work and, perhaps most important, inspire engagement in the Jewish community.

“Tzedakah Tzunday provides an opportunity for individuals touched by

the Federation to tell their Jewish stories, volunteer and be involved in the Jewish community by making a donation, no matter what the amount,” said Batia.

To that end, the online campaign will pick up on the Tzedakah Tzunday theme and encourage members of the community to “be a super hero for the Jewish world” by taking their lunch to work and using the savings to make a pledge to the annual campaign. Those who participate will be asked to post photos of their lunch bags on Facebook and Twitter and to indicate why they contributing to the annual campaign.

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The Federation is asking members of the community to be “super heroes” by making pledges to the 2016 annual campaign on Tzedakah Tzunday, Feb. 14.



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of our Jewish community over the past decade and to provide us with empirical and anecdotal data to assist us in future planning efforts," said Federation Executive Director Mark S. Freedman. "We are confident that the results of this study will be an invaluable resource in continuing to assess our communal needs and strengthen our local Jewish institutions and organizations."

One of the most sensitive issues in any survey of a Jewish population is defining who is Jewish. Following the criteria used by the Pew Research Center in its 2013 survey of American Jewry, the Brandeis demographers identified two broad categories of Jews: those who identified themselves as Jewish by religion and those who identified themselves as Jewish by culture, ethnicity or ancestry. Unlike the Pew survey, however, the Nashville study includes adult respondents, typically the children of intermarried couples, who said they were both Jewish and something else.

"The question of who is a Jew has been debated as long as there have been Jews," said Matt Boxer, a Brandeis sociology professor and one of the study's authors.

In finding a balance between using *halachic* standards that would be too exclusive and counting anyone who claims to be Jewish, Boxer said the study relied on a "sociological definition" that would capture those who both identify themselves as Jewish and are generally acknowledged as Jewish in the Nashville community. A Jewish household was defined as one in which at least one adult who usually lives in the household iden-

tifies him- or herself as Jewish.

Some of the key results identified in the survey's executive summary are:

- The Middle Tennessee Jewish population has increased by more than 60 percent since 1982, at least 14 percent since the last demographic survey in 2002 and an estimated 7 percent since 2010.
- The median age of the entire Middle Tennessee Jewish population is 48; the adult median age is 57, somewhat older than the national median adult age of 50 reported in the 2013 Pew study.
- As might be expected, a significant majority of the Middle Tennessee Jewish population – 74 percent – lives in Davidson County. Another 16 percent lives in Williamson County and the remaining 10 percent in the other counties. However, 49 percent of the households in Williamson County include children compared to only 24 percent in Davidson County.
- About 60 percent of Jewish households include a married couple, with 56 percent of those marriages being between a Jew and a non-Jew. That intermarriage rate is significantly above the national rate of 44 percent found in the Pew survey.
- About 86 percent of Middle Tennessee Jewish adults have a college degree and more than half – 54 percent – have advanced degrees. The high number of advanced degrees could be connected to another finding: 31 percent of all Jewish households include at least one Vanderbilt University student, alumnus or employee.
- Over 90 percent of Nashville area Jewish adults identify as Jewish

2015 Jewish Population Estimates

There are about 4,700 Jewish households* in Davidson and the six surrounding counties. Here's a demographic breakdown of the individuals in those households.

Jewish adults	6,500
Jewish children	1,500
JEWISH TOTAL	8,000
Non-Jewish adults	2,200
Non-Jewish children	800
TOTAL JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH	11,000

*Any home with at least one self-identified adult Jew.

Source: 2015 Nashville and Middle Tennessee Jewish Demographic Study

Open Communitywide Meeting on Population Study

When: 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24

Where: Gordon Jewish Community Center

by religion compared to 78 percent in the national Pew survey. However, synagogue membership in the Nashville area (42 percent) is statistically the same as the national average (39 percent).

- More than 80 percent of Jewish households in Middle Tennessee report having some involvement in Jewish communal life. That's a high percentage, although Boxer said it's not unusual for a relatively small Jewish community like Nashville, where those who want a Jewish life must actively seek it out.
- About 42 percent of Middle Tennessee Jewish adults said they are "very much connected" to Israel while the percentage nationally is about 32 percent.

The study was overseen by Federation Planning Director Harriet Schifftan, who was working with an advisory panel that included Federation President Carol

Hyatt, Secretary Irwin Venick, board member Lori Fishel and volunteers Amy Smith, Randy Gross and Shaul Kelner, assistant professor of sociology and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University.

"This study gives us an opportunity to redouble our efforts where it matters most, rethink efforts that are not impactful, reach out to more Jews and revise our goals to address unmet needs," Schifftan said. "It will be very exciting as our entire community integrates all this feedback."

For his part, Boxer said one of the most interesting results of the study was the role played by Nashville synagogues in Jewish life: Depending on the synagogue, anywhere from 27 percent to 64 percent of those who attend its programs are not members, and 24 percent of those who attend all synagogue programs are not members of any synagogue.

"It indicates that the synagogues are true centers of Jewish life in Nashville," Boxer said. •

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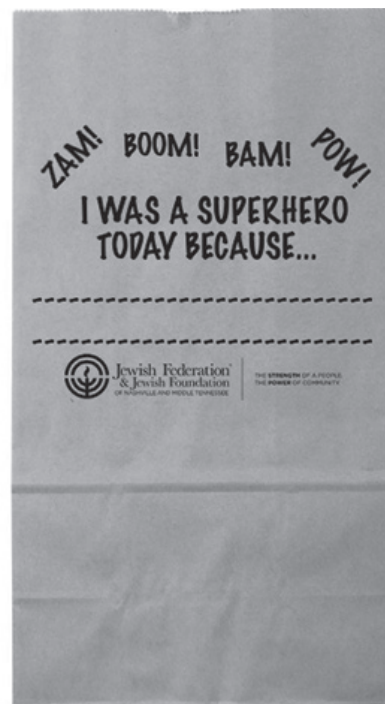
"For our generation, this is often an easier way to make a donation and have a Jewish conversation," said Aron.

So far the 2016 annual campaign has raised slightly more than \$1 million toward its goal of \$2.5 million. As in the previous two years, the Tzedakah Tzunday fundraiser will be aided by an anonymous benefactor who has agreed to donate one dollar for every dollar pledged by new donors and the same amount for every dollar increase pledged by renewing donors.

As usual, Tzedakah Tzunday will be at the GJCC. Volunteers are still needed to staff one or more of three 2½-hour shifts between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., plus two 2-hour follow up shifts from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16 and Thursday Feb. 26. Each shift is preceded by 30 minutes of training to prepare callers to speak with family and friends about the Federation and the programs it funds.

For those who don't want to make calls, there are other ways to help on Tzedakah Tzunday – providing food for volunteers, updating telephone numbers and writing letters and thank you notes.

To volunteer go to www.jewishnashville.org, the Federation's website, or contact Andrea Crowe at (615) 354-1641 or andrea@jewishnashville.org.



The Tzedakah Tzunday social media campaign will encourage members of the community to "brown bag it" and donate the savings to the annual campaign, then post on Facebook and Twitter explaining why they support the Federation.

There will be refreshments for volunteers as well as babysitting for those who register in advance by contacting Barbara Schwarcz at (615) 354-1630 or barbara@jewishnashville.org. •

Schaffer and Coleman tapped as Young Leaders on Federation's spring mission to Israel

Rachel Schaffer and Erin Coleman have been chosen to be the Young Leaders participants in the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee's upcoming community trip to Israel.

Their selection means they will receive full subsidies for the March 27-April 4 trip, a unique mission that will be headed by spiritual leaders from all five Nashville congregations. In return, they have committed to share at community events the experience of seeing Federation funds put to work and to serve on various Federation committees.

That shouldn't be difficult for Schaffer and Coleman. Both already have demonstrated their commitment through their leadership and community engagement.

Schaffer, a lawyer who is an active member of Congregation Micah, will be making her first trip to Israel. "I am looking forward to experiencing absolutely everything I possibly can and having a

chance to interact with other members of the Nashville Jewish community," she said.

Coleman, a member of Congregation Sherith Israel, serves on the board of Akiva School, the parent committee for the pre-school at the Gordon Jewish Community Center, and one the "teams" helping to raise funds for the Federation's annual campaign.

"I am most excited about seeing Israel through the eyes of a community leader and not just a tourist," said Coleman, whose last visit to Israel was eight years ago. "I think this will be an invaluable time to bring back fresh ideas to our community to increase our love and understanding of Israel and its culture. I am also looking forward to strengthening my relationships with those on the trip and making new connections with those I don't know yet."

This is the fifth year the Federation has awarded mission subsidies to promising young adult leaders. The goal is to inspire even greater engagement and help them develop as leaders by learning about the people, places, and sights they



Rachel Schaffer



Erin Coleman

visit and bringing that knowledge back to the Nashville Jewish community.

Ellen Levitt, chair of the Federation's Local/Global Committee, which approves the subsidies, said the benefits have "come back to our community in countless ways." Most have taken positions on the boards and committees of the Federation and other Jewish institutions.

This year Coleman and Schaffer will be taking part in an important mission that not only involves all five of the city's congregations but also includes four, mix-and-match itineraries for those who have different interests and levels of experience in Israel. One itinerary focuses on history and first-timer experiences,

another on adventure, a third on politics and security issues, and a fourth on high tech, arts, culture and cuisine.

So far 82 people are registered for the trip, making it the Federation's largest mission ever. Anyone interested in participating should contact Naomi Sedek, the Federation's annual campaign and missions director, at naomi@jewish-nashville.org or (615) 354-1642.

The trip includes an optional extension through April 7 for the 20th anniversary celebration of the Partnership2Gether program, which sponsors exchange partnerships between Jewish communities in North American and specific regions of Israel. •



Talia Stein (left) and Michelle Biesman were among the B'nai Tzedek Fund holders who attended last year's gathering, where they created "giving trees" to illustrate the values and ideals they hold dear.

B'nai Tzedek gathering this month is a time for camaraderie and sharing

All those who hold B'nai Tzedek funds with the Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee are invited to the annual gathering this month where they can see friends, enjoy a good dinner and share ideas about Jewish philanthropy.

The event takes place from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Gordon Jewish Community Center. To attend, contact Risa Klein Herzog, director of foundation development, risa@jewishnashville.org.

Everyone with a B'nai Tzedek fund can attend, hear the latest on the B'nai Tzedek program and decide where they want to contribute the yearly income

from their funds. The event will include dinner and an interactive, thought-provoking activity focusing on philanthropy. One attendee will win \$100 toward his or her B'nai Tzedek fund.

The B'nai Tzedek program helps teens begin a giving future. With a donation, a fund is established in the name of a bar- or bat mitzvah-age teen. The donation is then matched through the generosity of the Feldman/Hassenfeld Fund, along with additional Foundation funds.

Since its inception, 350 local teens from all congregations have established B'nai Tzedek funds, helping them to learn the value of *tikkun olam*, the repair of the world. •

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Over thirty years of research on the impact of the Israel Experience has shown that teens are at a critical time of development when they are shaping their patterns of adult Jewish identity and loyalties. An Israel program can enhance or complement a formal Jewish education. It can also affect those who may have been deprived of a rich Jewish life. Positive moments and memories are central factors in the development of affirming group identification. The purpose is to strengthen Jewish identity.

The next generation's commitment to the Jewish people can be greatly affected by the experience of being in Israel as a teen. The Jewish Federation of Nashville realizes this benefit and encourages families to consider sending their young people to Israel by offering incentive grants. These grants are available to 9th-12th graders as well as college students through the Mary & Harry Zimmerman Youth Exchange Endowment Fund. Programs that may qualify for partial scholarship grants include March of the Living, JCC Maccabi Xperience, NFTY, Ramah, USY, Volunteers for Israel, High School in Israel and BBYO.

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Tzedakah Tzunday:

A time to make Jewish connections and tell Jewish stories

By **BATIA AND ARON KARABEL**

Stories help make connections and shape our identities. They illustrate our humility, our diversity and our faith, and connect us as Jews at home and abroad. No story is too remote, too insignificant or too pedestrian. As a Jewish community, each of us has our own story to tell.

For young adults here in Nashville, our story is exciting and promising. Nashville is growing at an exponential rate bringing with it returning locals and new transplants. Every week we are seeing young couples move back home to raise families, entrepreneurs flourishing in a dynamic high tech marketplace, business owners in hospitality and real estate experiencing record setting growth, healthcare and legal professionals in high demand, and graduate students flocking to highly selective and world renowned institutions of higher education.

As Nashville continues to thrive, so too does our Jewish community. Several years ago the leadership of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee had the foresight to connect young Jewish professionals in a meaningful, thereby paving the way for the continuity of a vibrant Jewish life here in Nashville. From providing networking opportunities, to implementing

PJ Library for young families, to educational and social action events, the Federation has created opportunities for young adults to develop relationships both personally and professionally. This strengthens and lays the ground work for a close-knit, embracing community for years to come.

When we returned to Nashville more than three years ago, the Federation played an important role in making us feel welcomed and connecting us to other young adults who had similar backgrounds and desires to share in Jewish life. As just one example, shortly after we arrived to Nashville, we were invited to a small Shabbos gathering by the community engagement associate. Since that gathering, our group has grown and

we have shared Shabbos dinners almost monthly. Because of this connection, we have developed meaningful and lasting friendships based on a shared identity.

Tzedakah Tzunday – Feb. 14 – is only weeks away. It is our opportunity, through philanthropy and service, to ensure that the Federation continues to help create new stories and sustain existing ones. As many know, and as we newbies quickly learned, the Jewish Federation plays an integral role in Jewish stories in our community, in other communities across the country, in Israel, and around the world. It helps others lead more complete and healthy lives. It helps young and old stay connected and active. It strives to develop Jewish identities no matter how remote.

In light of these exciting times in Nashville and the Jewish community, what is your story? How has being Jewish shaped your identity? How has the Federation impacted and shaped your Jewish identity? How has it connected you to others? How has it helped you help others? How would you like it to? Not unlike a story, every gift is meaningful and significant.

Please join us, in any way you can, to help in supporting our Jewish Federation and the great work it does every single day. •

Batia and Aron Karabel are co-chairs of the philanthropic arm of NowGen Nashville and the Tzedakah Tzunday planning committee.

President's Memo

Reflecting on the work of the Federation

By **CAROL HYATT**

As I reflect on the first year and a half of my term as president of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee and contemplate the final six months, there is much that has been accomplished thanks to the hard work and generosity of a great many people. Our Jewish community is blessed to have such a wealth of dedicated volunteers



Federation President Carol Hyatt

and donors, not to mention incredible staff, not only at Federation but also at each of our Jewish agencies. My sincere thanks to each of you!

While there are many people doing so much good in our community, I have been incredibly impressed by the generosity and accomplishments of Moshe and Libby Werthan, to whom I was privileged to present the Federation's annual President's Award at the Bonim Society Dinner last month.

I also want to acknowledge Federation Vice President Lisa Perlen for stepping up when needed her to serve as our annual campaign chair this year, and to the campaign cabinet, volunteers and all those who helped reach our goal. Our 2015 campaign closed at \$2,455,500, an increase of more than \$60,000 over the 2014 Campaign. Special thanks to 2015 Campaign Chair Ted Mayden who led this effort. I can look forward with confidence to turning leadership over to Lisa in June, knowing that we will be in very capable and knowledgeable hands.

The new Ambassadors Program continues to ensure that newcomers are warmly welcomed and assisted in learning about the wealth of options available to them in our Jewish community.

The upcoming community mission trip to Israel in March is a great example of the collaborative nature of our community. With 82 participants from all five of our synagogues, including spiritual leaders from each of them, it is clearly going to be a powerful experience as well as a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with one another and with Israelis. We have good reason to be proud of our community for this level of participation: We will have the largest contingent there of anyplace in the United States. Naomi Sedek, the Federation's annual campaign and missions director, has done a great job of organizing a trip with a variety of options to appeal to first timers to Israel as well

as to those who have been there often.

I am especially excited to be part of a small group that will be traveling to our Partnership2Gether region of Hadera-Eiron to strengthen our bonds with the people there, deepen our understanding of the work that we help to make possible there, and to learn about the unmet needs we might consider helping to address.

Our Federation does so much that it can be hard to succinctly explain the impact of our work. We often convey what we do with numbers and data, but one of the privileges of my position is having frequent opportunities to witness how our work changes the lives of individuals in powerful ways.

It has been so gratifying to experience first-hand the difference we are making – whether hearing an enthusiastic teenager express gratitude for the financial support that made possible her first trip to Israel, talking to a grandfather who left behind everything familiar to move to Nashville to be near his grandchildren and found the senior hot lunch programs a great way to make new friends and quickly feel a part of his new community, seeing a young adult grow more engaged Jewishly after participating in our NowGen activities, or visiting an Ethiopian child whose after school program has helped him to do much better in school.

We will soon be disseminating the results of the Federation-sponsored population study of the Nashville area, which will help us learn about the most pressing unmet needs locally and better enable us to plan for the future. We will then take a hard look at our priorities, and reassess our goals to be sure we are addressing what is most important to you.

Thanks once again for helping us make this the Best Jewish Nashville. •

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Community Relations Communique

Join the Nashville contingent at the national Jewish Community Town Hall

By **ABBIE WOLF**

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) is the public affairs arm of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. The CRC works diligently to advance its mission by developing strategies to move the interests of our community forward. Some of our areas of focus are Israel advocacy, intergroup and interfaith relations, Holocaust remembrance and more.



Abbie Wolf

What you may not know is that the CRC essentially has two parent organizations that assist us. One of them is the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) through its Washington Action Office (WAO) and the other is the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA).

When I first started as the CRC director, the alphabet soup of Jewish organizations – JFS, BBYO, JFNA, JDC, AJC, JAFI, HIAS, WZO and more – made my head spin. However, two organizations from this sea of letters emerged as the most important for me and my role – JFNA's WAO and JCPA. I'd like to focus on the JCPA and explain how we work with them and the resources they provide.

The JCPA is the planning and coor-

inating body for the national organized Jewish community in the area of public affairs advocacy. It was established in 1944 by the Council of Jewish Federations, the forerunner of the JFNA. For years the JCPA was known as the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC). The name was changed to the Jewish Council for Public Affairs in 1997 to reflect more accurately the agency's mission.

For me, the easiest way to define the JCPA is as an umbrella over the organized national Jewish community. Its member organizations include, among others, the Anti-Defamation League, Orthodox Union, Hadassah, Union For Reform Judaism, American Jewish Committee, National Council of Jewish Women, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and others.

In addition to serving its national organizations, the JCPA also serves a network of 125 CRCs like ours in Nashville. The JCPA provides leadership, technical assistance, support and training to both professionals (like me) and volunteers (perhaps like you!).

The JCPA's work embraces a wide range of issues, including Israel/Middle East peace and security, civil rights and civil liberties, interfaith and intergroup relations, and anti-Semitism. To help achieve its goals, the JCPA sometimes partners with other Jewish organizations.

For example, the JCPA and JFNA partnered to establish the Israel Action

Network, which has become a leading authority against campaigns that seek to delegitimize Israel with efforts such as BDS (boycotts, divestment and sanctions). Another example is the Institute for Curriculum Services, a partnership between the JCPA and the San Francisco CRC that works to ensure that textbooks nationwide are accurate in their depictions of Jews, Judaism and Israel.

Like most organizations, the JCPA undergoes periods of introspection – examining its successes and its challenges – and adjusts its course accordingly. For the JCPA, the past year has been a time of transition, and one of the more visible changes is the appointment of a new president and CEO, David Bernstein.

David seems particularly well-suited to assume the top leadership role. He served as the national executive director of The David Project which works to improve Israel's image on college campuses across the country. They've trained a large number of Israel activists at colleges all around the country, including Vanderbilt Hillel.

David is approachable and eager to speak with and work closely with CRCs across the country. In fact, he's in the early stages of what he calls "a listening tour" to hear what communities and CRCs have to say about the JCPA and its value. I had an opportunity to chat with him recently and was impressed by his strategic way of thinking, his knowl-

edge, and his resolve to make himself as available as possible to those of us in the field.

Though we spoke about a number of topics, one thing resonated with me. David believes in "depth over breadth" and noted that when we try to be everything to everyone, we ultimately do nothing well. As our CRC has grown and changed, we've also narrowed our focus. It's a hard thing to do because there are so many important and worthy efforts in the field of Israel advocacy, intergroup relations and other arenas. But ultimately we have to look at our resources and our mission statement and decide where we'll be the most effective.

JCPA holds an annual conference called the Jewish Community Town Hall that features a wealth of important speakers and interesting workshops. National member organizations and local CRCs gather together to debate and vote on resolutions on domestic and international topics. It's a great example of how we can all interact civilly and respectfully despite formidable ideological differences. If you're interested in attending the 2016 Jewish Community Town Hall May 14-17 in Cleveland, our Nashville contingent would love to have you join us. •

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

New Nashville Jewish organization plans to address local, state and national social justice issues

Members of the Jewish community are organizing a new grassroots organization, Nashville Jewish Social Justice Roundtable (NJSJR), to present a non-partisan voice for progressive views on local, state and national issues including poverty, housing, employment, voting rights and more.

Interim leaders of the NJSJR, Irwin Venick and Avi Poster, have been meeting with a core group of Jewish community members to plan how to advocate in support of solutions to problems that will advance the principles of democratic pluralism, religious freedom and economic justice. When appropriate, NJSJR plans to take positions on and advocate for matters of local, state and national concern. NJSJR will not address issues concerning Israel or the Middle East.

"Our organization is open to all members of the Jewish community, affiliated and unaffiliated alike," Venick said. "If you are interested in addressing domestic issues from a Jewish progressive perspective, we welcome you."

Poster said the group's goals "are informed by Jewish values — the ideas and beliefs we hold that capture what truly matters to us as citizens of our country and the world. We believe it is the responsibility of the Jewish community to help protect, preserve and promote a just American society."

At times, the organization will join with groups in the broader Nashville community to strengthen advocacy for social justice issues.

The NJSJR stands on the Jewish moral values of *mishpat* (justice for all); *tzedakah* (social justice); *gemilut hesedim* (acts of loving kindness) and *rahamim* (compassion for those in need), organizers said.

Initially NJSJR will ask members to express their support or disagreement on specific social justice issues by contacting civic leaders and others via email and telephone, being sure to let them know that the opinion expressed is from this Nashville Jewish organization.

Anyone interested in joining NJSJR or learning more about it can contact the group by email at jsjrnashville@gmail.com or call Poster at (615) 414-2396 or Venick at (615) 390-6689. •

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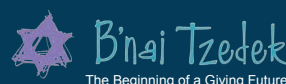


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@ Chabad

"Jewish Indiana Jones" will present archeological case for Jewish claim to Jerusalem

Chabad of Nashville this month will host "The Archaeological Claim to Jerusalem," a multi-media presentation Rabbi Avrohom Stolik that addresses one of the most contentious issue in the Middle East conflict, the ultimate status of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Stolik's presentation is at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8 at the Genesis Campus for Jewish life, 95 Bellevue Road. The event is free and open to the public, although those who wish to attend are asked to RSVP at www.chabadnashville.com or call (615) 646-5750.

"In recent years, archaeological discoveries in the ancient city of Jerusalem and throughout the Land of Israel have uncovered key findings that present a powerful and convincing case for the



Rabbi Avrohom Stolik's presentations reflect his passion for biblical archeology.
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biblical story and for the Jewish claim to Israel — even for those who have a hard time believing," said Rabbi Stolik, who is the director of Chabad in Coral Gables, FL.

Rabbi Stolik, who refers to himself

as a "Jewish Indiana Jones," has been lecturing on the topic of biblical archaeology for more than a decade, focusing mainly on Jerusalem, in presentations across the United States and Canada. His presentations, which include photos, diagrams and videos, make use of Rabbi Stolik's knowledge of Jewish history and Bible and reflect his passion for biblical archaeology.

"These are 'hot button' issues facing Jews today and Israel in particular," Stolik said. "Now, you can arm yourself with the facts on the ground — and underground."

Said Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel of Chabad of Nashville. "These are stories that I learned in the Bible as a student — and when something is actually found that corroborates a story and brings the story to life, it gives you a feeling of satisfaction."

More information about Rabbi Stolik's biblical archaeology presentations are available at www.JerusalemUncovered.com.

Registration begins for Camp Gan Israel Nashville

Registration begins on Feb. 1 for Camp Gan Israel, which is offering two one-week summer sessions from July 25-Aug. 5.

CGI Nashville, part of the worldwide Chabad network of summer camps, offers scholarships and sibling discounts. For more information or to register, go to www.chabadnashville.com or call (615) 646-5750. Those who register before May 1 will get a free camp t-shirt. •

@ Sherith Israel



This is one of the rotating photos on Congregation Sherith Israel's new Website at www.sherithisrael.com.

Sherith Israel's new Website is up and running

After many months of hard work, Congregation Sherith Israel has launched its new Website, which features what CSI President Roberta Goodman describes as "robust information about our Shul community and programs as well as helpful links for the broader Nashville Jewish community."

The site — www.sherithisrael.com — also has dozens of great photos, and

Goodman invited synagogue members to contribute more photos and testimonials so they can be posted on the site's "We are Sherith Israel" page. CSI also is planning to add a component to the site that will allow e-commerce transactions, she said.

The project to upgrade the Website was spearheaded by Michael Woolf, and Goodman said much of the content was compiled by Rabbis Saul Strosberg and Aaron Finkelstein, Pam Kelner, Daniella Pressner and Karen Daniel. •

@ The Temple

Conversation with Public Defender staff will focus inequities in the criminal justice system

Metro Public Defender Dawn Deaner and several lawyers on her staff will be at The Temple on Thursday, Feb. 11 to share their experiences about shortcomings in the criminal justice system.

The event, from 7-8:30 p.m., is part of Deaner's new initiative, Defend Nashville, which is aimed at creating public conversations about inequities in the justice system and how to address them.

"While we strive to represent every client as if they were a member of our family, we sometimes fail — not for lack of trying, and certainly not for lack of skill, ability and desire," Deaner said. "When we fail, it is most often due to the impossible volume of work, and our inability to do everything necessary in the time we have to defend every client as the law requires. I believe anyone who understood this reality would find it unacceptable, but unfortunately very few people know."

Deaner said her hope is that public conversations will unite their office, the client community and other Nashville residents into a grassroots group powerful enough to transform the criminal justice system into one that treats everyone fairly and equally.

Levine's annual lecture series will focus on the Bible and sexual sin

Vanderbilt professor Amy-Jill Levine will give her annual lecture series on three consecutive Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9 and 16.

This year's series is titled "Thou Shalt Not: The Bible and Sexual Sin." The lectures, each of which begins at 7 p.m., will focus respectively on adultery, rape and incest. Levine is the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at the Vanderbilt Divinity School and also teaches Jewish studies for the College of Arts and Sciences.



Metro Public Defender Dawn Deaner

Classes on Buber set for Feb. 21 and 28

Dr. David Barton, clinical professor of psychiatry at the Vanderbilt and Meharry medical schools, will join Rabbi Mark Schifman in leading two-sessions on the life and legacy of the modern Jewish philosopher Martin Buber. The classes begin at 9:45 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21 and Sunday, Feb. 28. •

@ Micah

Performances by the Bible Players will use sketch comedy to teach Torah

Andrew Davies and Aaron Friedman, better known as the Bible Players, have a simple motto: Comedy and Torah are not mutually exclusive.

The New York-based duo intends to prove that on Sunday, Feb. 28 when they bring their combination comedy show and Torah lesson to Congregation Micah for three performances geared to specific age groups:

- 9:30 a.m.: Pre-K through grade 3
- 10:30 a.m.: grades 4-6
- 11:30 a.m.: grades 7-10.

They also will hold a workshop session at 1 p.m. for religious school faculty members.

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Andrew Davies and Aaron Friedman, aka The Bible Players, will bring their comedy show/Torah lesson to Congregation Micah on Feb. 28.

Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, the event is free and open to the public.

Since founding Bible Players five years ago, Davies and Friedman have toured the country using theater and improv to bring humor into tales from the Torah. In addition to imbuing their performances with Hebrew and Jewish values – in one sketch, for example, they act out the story of Jacob and Esau to focus on the importance of *shalom bayit* (peace in the home) – they also teach Jewish improv games that emphasize *kehillah* (community) and *sh'ma* (listening skills).

fund will be used for scholarships and special religious school programming.

For more information, call the Micah office at (615) 377-9799.

Morin was also recognized last month when the Tennessee House of Representatives passed a resolution sponsored by state Rep. John Ray Clemmons honoring his "impeccable character and stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction."

New fund honors Richard Morin

Micah has established The Richard M. Morin Education Fund to honor the longtime educator and Micah board member who died last December. Micah Executive Director Todd Evans said the

Pre-school holding open house

Micah Children's Academy is hosting an open house for anyone interested in early childhood education. It will be from 9:30-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Please RSVP to Theresa LePore at tlepore@micahchildrensacademy.org.

@ West End

Rabbi Diamond, JTS professor, will be scholar in residence

West End Synagogue will host Rabbi Eliezer Diamond of the Jewish Theological seminary as its scholar in residence Feb. 5-7.

Rabbi Diamond, a Ph.D. who teaches rabbinic literature and Talmud studies, will present a series of *d'verei torah* and study sessions over the course of his weekend visit.

On Friday, Feb. 5, Rabbi Diamond will deliver a *d'var torah* during the evening service titled *Journeying into Prayer: A Look at Psalm 95 (Lechu Neraneneh)*. The service will be followed by a dinner from 7-8 p.m., after which Rabbi Diamond will lead a study session titled "Thou Shall Not Covert: Consumerism as an Environmental Issue. Those who wish to attend the dinner should RSVP to the synagogue office by Feb. 2. The cost is \$18 a person.

During the morning service on Saturday, Feb. 6, Rabbi Diamond will deliver a *d'var torah* titled *Not in My Backyard and the Problem of Conflicting Property Rights in Jewish Law: Fires, Ovens, Smoke (Exodus 22:5)*. That afternoon he will lead a study session called *Economics and the Environment: Fracking as a Case Study*.

Rabbi Diamond will also address the graduating class of Beit Miriam, West End's religious school, at 10 a.m. Sunday. The topic of his remarks will be *Lying: When is it Okay?*

Rabbi Diamond is the author of *Holy Men and Hunger Artists: Fasting and Asceticism in Rabbinic Culture* (Oxford

University Press, 2003), which reassess the role of asceticism in rabbinic Judaism, suggesting that it is more pervasive than generally thought. He also has written works on prayer and issues of environmental law and ethics and is currently working on a volume that addresses the problem of cognitive dissonance for the contemporary worshippers and offers readings of traditional liturgy that use midrashic methodology to help the modern Jew find meaning prayers.



Rabbi Eliezer Diamond

The WES Scholar-In Residence Program is funded by grants from the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, the Albert and Evelyn Stein Adult Education fund and the Max Levine Fund.

Intro to Judaism course has returned

West End has partnered again this year with the American Jewish University to host the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program.

Rabbi Joshua Kullock is teaching the four-month class and everyone is invited to enroll.

Classes, which began last month and will run through May 8, are from 9:30-11 a.m. each Sunday. It's not too late to enroll. The cost for WES members is \$36 (couples \$50) and for non-members is \$180. Contact the synagogue office at office@westendsyn.org or call (615) 269-4592, ext. 11 to register.

More information about the course is at intro.aju.edu.

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Vandy Hillel launches “Week in the life” Web feature as part of new outreach initiative

By **DEBBY WISTON**

Go to the Vanderbilt Hillel website and you will find a video about sophomore education major Mardi Caminer that details a typical week for the active Hillel member as she helps plan the Aviv Spring Break trip to Panama, bakes and sells challah from scratch to raise money for hunger programs like Mazon, and leads Shabbat services.

The video is part of a new initiative by Hillel to reach out to the broader Jewish community in Nashville in order to explain what it does and how it impacts the lives of more than 1,000 Jewish students on the Vanderbilt campus.

Executive Director Ari Dubin said Hillel regularly hosts visitors at its home in Vanderbilt’s Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life, and many of them want to know about Jewish life on campus – “what it looks like, how active our students are and what kinds of programs and events are available.” Although the staff and students can answer questions, show visitors around the building and relate their own experiences, Dubin said “the true nature of what Hillel does and how it affects our students cannot be explained on a short tour or in a passing conversation.”

So as part of its new outreach initiative, Hillel has added a marketing and outreach position to its staff and created a new page on its website that will include profiles of student leaders, first hand testimonials from students and alumni, student blogs and videos featuring a day or a week in the life of individual Hillel students.

“We often talk about how dynamic and committed our students are, and nothing can bring that to life more than looking at a typical week in the life of a Hillel student leader,” Dubin said. “It



An active member of Vanderbilt Hillel, Mardi Caminer (right) went to Israel on a Taglit Birthright trip with Emillie Weisberg (left) and Elena Caminer.
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shows how much Hillel permeates not just their Jewish life, but their entire campus experience as well.”

Caminer is among the first to be featured. A typical week for her might include meetings and events as well as outreach to fellow students. As one of the leaders of the Aviv Spring Break trip to Panama, she is helping to plan an itinerary that will include exploring and learning about Central America’s history, celebrating Shabbat with the Jewish community, hiking in the rainforest and visiting the Panama Canal, and leaving a mark in the Jewish community through service activities.

Last summer, Caminer went to Israel on Taglit Birthright and now she’s eager to help spread the word about the program that offers subsidized trips to the Jewish homeland for college students and young adults. She often can be found

“tabling” at Rand Dining Hall, where she talks to students who might be interested in a Birthright trip to Israel.

“A huge priority for me coming to Vanderbilt was that I was really looking for a strong Jewish community – and Hillel has provided a Jewish home away from home,” Caminer said. “Starting with FYSH [First Year Students at Hillel] board, I met my best friends and realized that Hillel was a place on campus that I wanted to involve myself in.”

Caminer also is a dedicated member of the Vanderbilt chapter of Hillel Challah for Hunger. They meet regularly to make challah from scratch and sell it on campus, with the proceeds going directly to hunger organizations like Mazon and the Nashville Food Project.

“Bringing Challah for Hunger to this campus, and seeing the impact we’ve been able to make has been amazing,” she said.

Caminer’s week typically concludes with her leading Conservative services on Shabbat.

Hillel services are completely student-run, and as a member of the Religious Life Committee (RLC), Mardi said she is proud to have a hand

in helping Jewish life thrive on campus. After services, everyone stays for a kosher Shabbat dinner catered by Goldie Shepard.

Sometimes there is a programming theme for Shabbat, and as a member of the Programming Board (ProBo), Mardi helps to plan and execute these opportunities, which are underwritten in part by the Nashville Section of the National Conference of Jewish Women.

“Without the generous support of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, Vanderbilt Hillel would not be able to offer the wide variety of programs and opportunities that attract students like Mardi to our campus,” Dubin said. “Everything that we do at Hillel helps students become informed, inspired leaders of the Jewish community and we are grateful to all of our supporters, but especially to the Federation.”

The “week in the life” video on Caminer and other Hillel outreach features can be found on its website at www.vuhille.org. •

Debby Wiston is the marketing and outreach manager for Vanderbilt Hillel.

Many, many heartfelt thanks to my family, my friends and my colleagues who shared in the weekend honoring me as the Nashville Chapter of Hadassah’s Woman of Valor. From the first article in the Observer, the exquisite invitation, to two beautiful and meaningful events that involved so many and the most generous donations that were made in my honor, I felt the immense warmth, admiration and love from family, friends and community. It was most humbling, but a beautiful collection of memories that I will treasure always!

I know from experience how much time and energy goes into making sure that this kind of undertaking is flawless and I was overwhelmed throughout the evening with presentations and letters and remembrances filled with kind and generous words, special memories that we have shared and highlights of my community volunteer career that has been filled with enduring friendships here in Nashville and around the world. Those friendships have been the most special part of all my volunteering activities.

I look back to the video and to the stunning certificate I was given and I am filled with gratitude for those who worked so diligently to make the events such a success. I thank Leslie Klein, Hadassah Chapter President and all her crews for the immense efforts put forth to honor me. It was truly a memorable experience.

I thank each and every one of you for your contributions, for your dedication to our shared goals and most importantly for your enduring friendships. I am truly blessed.

Bobbie Limor



Guests at Akiva School’s Family Math Night on Feb. 24 will be able to take part in activities like this one in which fifth graders Boaz and Naomi learn about geometry and three-dimensional figures by trying to determine which paper figures can be folded to form a cube and which cannot. Photo courtesy of Akiva School

Parents invited to special event on Feb. 24 to see first-hand how math is taught and learned at Akiva

Akiva School will hold a special event this month to allow parents and other family members to experience how students learn math.

Akiva Family Math Night will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 in the school’s multi-purpose room.

The event will provide an opportunity to “see what the Common Core

Standards look like in action and how deep understanding can develop through thoughtful tasks,” the school said in a press release. It will also allow parents to participate in the same games, puzzles and other learning activities that are used to teach their children every day at Akiva.

For further information, contact Marci Rosenblum, Akiva’s data and marketing associate, at marci@akivanashville.net. •

Breaking traditional reluctance to proselytize, Maryland foundation funds outreach programs aimed at winning converts to Judaism

By **SUZANNE POLLACK**
Washington Jewish Week

Maybe it's the centuries of living under Christian and Muslim rule. Maybe it's the history of forced conversion. Maybe it's that there's no religion requirement for the Jewish afterlife. Whatever the reasons, Jews have traditionally been uncomfortable proselytizing.

But a Maryland foundation is breaking the taboo by funding outreach programs to non-Jews in an effort to bring them into the fold.

"Our primary purpose is to support programs that publicize Judaism to non-Jews," Ellen Gerecht, executive director of the National Center to Encourage Judaism, says from her second-floor office in Silver Spring, MD. "We think Judaism has a lot to offer."

Asked if the ultimate goal is to convert non-Jews, Gerecht says, "Yes, because we think so much of Judaism. That would be the goal down the line."

Founded 21 years ago, the National Center to Encourage Judaism has \$2.3 million in assets and brings in about \$375,000 annually, according to its 2013 tax information. That year, the foundation gave \$50,000 to Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and \$28,000 to various synagogues throughout the United States.

Rabbi Michael Feshbach of Temple Shalom in Chevy Chase, MD has worked with the foundation both at his synagogue and at former pulpits in Pennsylvania and New York. He has known Gerecht's father, Ash, who started the foundation, for years.

"I know that this foundation believes some of the greatest and most important spiritual ideas in the world are in our tradition, and we don't show it enough," Feshbach says.

Feshbach has used funds from the National Center to Encourage Judaism to publicize a three-time weekly introduction-to-Judaism program called Taste



Ellen Gerecht, executive director of the National Center to Encourage Judaism, says its effort to publicize Judaism among non-Jews is ultimately aimed at winning converts. Photo by Suzanne Pollak/Washington Jewish Week

of Judaism. He has led the program, which is held across the country, about a dozen times at his synagogues since 2010, with the next course scheduled for this fall.

Though he ran the ads in local mainstream newspapers, Feshbach says Taste of Judaism is primarily intended to reach out to people with Jewish ties. Along with some congregants, most attendees have a Jewish parent or partner and want to know more, he says.

But the rabbi says people of other religions have participated, too, including a small group from an African-American church.

"It's been the most amazing assortment [of participants] of anything I've done," Feshbach says. "Speaking personally, I can say the more we learn about the people around us, the better we are. Sometimes, yes, this leads to continued interest. Of course we welcome that."

He adds: "We don't view it as we need to convert people to save their souls."

Orthodox Judaism is generally opposed to proselytizing, though organizations like Aish HaTorah and Chabad

conduct outreach to the non-Orthodox.

Aish expresses a traditional Jewish view of the matter on its website in an article that says, "It would be discriminatory for Judaism to proselytize and try to convert those not of the religion. That would imply that everybody needs to be Jewish in order to make a relationship with God, participate in the Torah's vision of repairing the world, and get to heaven. Yet this is not so."

Gerecht, of the National Center to Encourage Judaism, sees the issue in historical rather than theological terms.

Jews haven't proselytized in the past, she says, because they weren't in a strong enough position to. But things have changed. If Jews don't spread their religion now, she says, Judaism simply "will not survive."

Still, what her foundation promotes is more like welcoming than proselytizing, she insists.

"When you think about proselytization, you think going door to door. We are not advocating that," she says. "We are going to try and get the word out."

Most synagogues the center works with are part of the Reform movement, which has made inclusion of intermarried families a priority. As far back as 1965, the movement adopted a resolution to proselytize and "missionize converts to Judaism among the unsynagogued and unchurched."

Gerecht says there has also been growing interest in her foundation from the Conservative movement, which is struggling with dwindling numbers. Last year, Arnold Eisen, the chancellor of the movement's Jewish Theological Seminary, wrote a Wall Street Journal Op-Ed titled "Wanted: Converts to Judaism," in which he called on Jewish leaders and rabbis to "actively encourage non-Jewish family members in our midst to take the next step and formally commit to Judaism."

"It used to be novel to reach out to singles," and now that's common, Gerecht says. "From an overall standpoint, we all want Judaism to grow." •

First kosher-certified pot goes on the market in New York

NEW YORK (JTA) — A New York company is market what it says is the world's first kosher-certified marijuana.

The Orthodox Union has certified Vireo Health of New York's non-smokable medical marijuana products, Vireo announced in a recent news release. Vireo is one of five medical marijuana providers selected to participate in a New York state medical marijuana program that went into effect last month; none of the others will be certified kosher.

"Being certified kosher by the OU will not only help us serve the dietary needs of the largest Jewish community in the United States, but also combat unfortunate stigmas associated with medical cannabis," Vireo CEO Ari Hoffnung said in a statement. "Today's announcement

sends an important message to New Yorkers of all faiths and backgrounds that using medical cannabis to alleviate pain and suffering does not in any way represent an embrace of 'pot' culture."

Rabbi Menachem Genack, CEO of the O.U.'s kashrut department, said in a statement that Vireo's medical cannabis products "were developed to alleviate pain and suffering in accordance with the New York State Compassionate Care Act."

The statement adds, "Using medical cannabis products recommended by a physician should not be regarded as a 'chet,' a sinful act, but rather as a mitzvah, an imperative, a commandment."

Vireo operates a facility in the upstate town of Perth and will open four retail dispensaries in January, including two in the New York City area. •



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Zimmerman appointed chair of important JAFI subcommittee

Nashville businessman Fred Zimmerman has been appointed to chair an important subcommittee of the Jewish Agency for Israel that provides financial and governance oversight for more than 140 companies through which JAFI and its affiliates deliver programs and social services that help sustain Israel and build connections with Jews around the world.

Zimmerman has been on the JAFI Board of Governors since 2004 and has served as an officer and board member for other

local, national and international Jewish institutions, including both the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee and its umbrella group, the Jewish Federations of North America as well as AIPAC.



Fred Zimmerman

In appointing Zimmerman to lead the Companies Sub-Committee of JAFI's Assets and Liabilities Committee, Charles Ratner praised his experience and leadership and said it would help the agency meet its responsibilities.

Zimmerman, who recently finished a term as chair of JFNA board's intermediate federations division, began his term last month. •

Magevet Does Nashville



Magevet, Yale University's "first, best and only" Jewish a cappella group, performs for about 60 seniors at a TGIT (Thank Goodness It's Thursday) luncheon at the Gordon Jewish Community Center. The group spent three days in Nashville last month entertaining members of the community with its diverse repertoire of traditional, modern and original music that spans modern Israeli pop and Renaissance choral pieces to Yiddish folk tunes and Zionist classics. The members of Magevet are equally diverse: engineers and historians, Jews and Gentiles, New Yorkers and Floridians – all united by camaraderie and a love of singing. While in Nashville, they also gave concerts at Akiva School, Congregation Micah and Congregation Sherith Israel. Photo by Charles Bernsen



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How Matisyahu became a Hasidic humanist – in his own words

By GABE FRIEDMAN

(JTA) – Matisyahu's personal and religious journey — from non-religious stoner teen to Hasidic reggae rocker to non-Orthodox Jewish symbol — has been tracked closely in the media.

Last month, the Jewish reggae star sat down to tell his story in his own words, no holds barred. He spoke with Brooklyn Rabbi Dan Ain and *Relix* magazine editor Mike Greenhaus at Le Poisson Rouge in Manhattan's Greenwich Village for the second installment of their Friday Night Jam series — which features Jewish musicians willing to talk about their art and their spirituality.

The first speaker last month was Ryan Miller, the lead singer of Guster; the next musician lined up is Lenny Kaye, the longtime guitarist of Patti Smith's band.

After a Shabbat candle blessing and a short meditation session, Matisyahu began drinking red wine and opening up. He answered questions about what many of his fans are most interested in: how he entered the music world as a Hasidic Jew and how he eventually left the Chabad Hasidic community.

Here are five poignant and funny stories from his reprisal of the past decade of his life.

1. His late teenage years were full of drugs and jam bands

When he was 16, Matisyahu (then Matthew Miller) went to a Phish concert in Worcester, MA and dropped acid for the first time with some friends.

"It changed my life," he said.

He quickly became obsessed with the jam band scene and dropped out of high school to follow Phish on a tour across the country. After trying and failing to reenroll in high school, he ended up at a rehab center in Oregon, where he first began playing open mic sets.

"I wasn't religious but I remember drinking mushroom tea and coming out wrapped in an Israeli flag with sage burning," he said. "I decided: I love music, I love drugs, but I sort of need to make that next step. And being who I am, I did that in a drastic way and decided okay, I need to become something."

2. He lived with New York University's Chabad rabbi

After moving back to New York and attending The New School, Matisyahu started going to the Carlebach Shul on the city's Upper West Side — which, as he put it, blew his mind. He started wearing *tzitzit* and growing out his beard. One night he got so drunk that he collapsed in a bar's stairwell and had an epiphany that he had to change his ways.

"The next day I was in Washington Square Park and [NYU Chabad] Rabbi [Dave] Korn was there," Matisyahu said. "He poured me a glass of vodka ... and the next thing I knew I was married with three kids in Crown Heights."

What he really did next was move in with Korn's family and begin studying Torah all day, every day.

"There was a beauty to it, it was like a purification in some sense. And there was also a complete psychosis to it, where I completely lost touch with myself and was trying to be this other thing," he said.

3. His first hip-hop audience was a group of Hasidic Jews in the Catskills

The entire staff and student body of the yeshiva Matisyahu had enrolled



Matisyahu speaking last month at Le Poisson Rouge in New York City. Photo by Amir Norman

in vacationed in New York's Catskill Mountains. At a celebration one summer night, at the urging of someone, Matisyahu stood up on a table and rapped in front of the yeshiva's staff members and their families.

"They kind of flipped out," he said. "And they were into it."

He would soon be performing for larger audiences. Back in his Torah-consumed life in the city, he had a teacher — "a maniac from Russia" — who tried to "crush" any dreams he had of being a musician. He let go of his ambitions but quietly worked on his first album, which came out in 2004.

"I let go of [the dream] and said, 'Whatever God wants for me.' And I think that in that internal moment of letting go, I was afforded the humility for God to come and give it to me. Because when it happened, it just happened almost in a supernatural way ... It was just like, OK, this is now what you're doing. You're going to be on Jimmy Kimmel's show, you're going to be at Bonnaroo ... everything happened very quickly," Matisyahu said.

4. He got his beard shaved at Supercuts

Fast-forward several years and hundreds of thousands of records sold. In the Upper West Side one day in 2011, after a session with his therapist, he decided to walk into a Supercuts salon. The only employee inside was a Hispanic woman. He told her that he hadn't shaved his beard for 10 years. After the deed was done, the two of them cried together.

"Honestly, I really didn't think about anybody else when I shaved. I didn't think about what it would mean for my career or what people would think about it. I just got to the place I wanted to," he said.

5. Now, he's most comfortable praying with Hasidim who scream

After shaving his beard, Matisyahu began to attend a Hasidic shul in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, associated with the Karlin sect.

"The place I feel most comfortable davening is by the Hasidim who scream," he said. "I stepped into a Karlin shul, where they're literally pissed off and screaming at God and everybody is singing their own melody. And it's very beautiful."

These days, Matisyahu is still religious — and he's looking for a new synagogue to pray at near his home in Monsey, a town in New York's Rockland County.

"I love Hasidim, I love certain aspects of it. But when you put an idea at the top of the list and everything else falls under that, you lose track of what's real, of humanity," he said. •

How a U.S.-born amputee fought his way back into IDF combat role

By **BEN SALES**

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The hardest part was loading the Tavor assault rifle.

Not because he was a newbie, unaccustomed to the weapon. Rather, it was because 1st Sgt. Izzy Ezagui had lost an arm in combat.

He'd overcome seemingly insurmountable bureaucratic hurdles and got a posting on a Israeli Defense Forces base in the Negev. And so his next challenge began: He had to prove he could still fight.

Ezagui is the only combat soldier with an amputation to serve in the IDF reserves. For him, returning to the army meant proving to himself that his life could still be the same — even with just one arm.

"It's a weird thing to send a guy with one arm into combat," he said. "I was so excited to go back and erase the damage that was done."

Today, seven years after his injury, Ezagui travels around the United States, advocating for Israel's moral standing and giving motivational speeches about overcoming injury.

But the most challenging element of his recovery wasn't physical. It was convincing the army to let a one-armed soldier go back to war.

"When I woke up, everything was difficult," Ezagui said. "Whether by force or innovation, there was always a solution waiting for me. I imagined that would translate to combat as well."

Now 27, Ezagui grew up in a Chabad community in central Florida. He moved to Israel with his family in 2007 and enlisted in the IDF in 2008. He was, about to take part in Israel's invasion of the Gaza Strip when a mortar shell hit him, knocking him out and ripping off his dominant left arm.

Not long after he came to at the Soroka Medical Center in Beersheva, Ezagui said he resolved to fight again in the army. Ezagui is a Zionist and feels an obligation to serve. But he said his main



Izzy Ezagui, center, with fellow reserve soldiers in 2014. Photo courtesy of Izzy Ezagui

motivation for returning to the IDF was a desire to restore his old life as much as possible.

"I feel whole when I'm back," he said. "I don't feel held back because of what happened, but I thought for sure I would never see combat again."

IDF officials were also sure Ezagui could never re-enlist. After his injury, a string of officers visited him in the hospital. He asked every one of them to help him get back in uniform, but they all said it would be impossible.

Then he met Maj. Gen. (res.) Yoav Galant, then head of the IDF Southern Command. Galant took Ezagui's aspirations seriously and pushed his request through IDF bureaucracy. He also took Ezagui into his home, hosting him for a Passover seder the spring following his injury.

"Not just getting back into the army, but getting into the army as a combat soldier would be something illogical," said Galant, who is now Israel's housing minister. "But he was determined, with a lot of willpower."

In December of 2009, about a year after his injury, the IDF agreed to rein-

state Ezagui on one condition: that he pass all the tests combat soldiers take during their training. Ordinary privates get eight months to pass the tests; Ezagui got just one.

"I made sure to come off very secure in the fact that it would work, and I'm pretty sure I fooled everyone," he said. "I probably fooled myself too."

Ezagui had to complete tasks ranging from climbing a rope to throwing a grenade. He lived on an army base while he trained, and climbed a rope outside a cafeteria before every meal. To unpin his grenade with one hand, he wrapped scotch tape around the pin and pulled it out with his teeth.

Then there was loading that rifle. It's a task soldiers learn in basic training — and with two hands, it's not that hard. Hold the rifle, put the magazine in, snap it into place.

But without an extra hand to stabilize the rifle, the magazine would pop back out as soon as he loaded it. Over and over, he tried to load the Tavor single-handedly; he attempted the drill so many times at one point that he had to rest his remaining arm in a sling.

After a week of failure, Ezagui realized there was only one way to complete the task: Prop the rifle up on the ground, brace himself and press the stump of his amputated left arm into the gun, holding it in place.

It hurt; phantom pain shot through him as the rifle's jagged edge cut into the stump. But after a few seconds, a shot of adrenaline coursed through his body. With the extra energy, Ezagui loaded the gun, rested it on his shoulder and hit his targets.

"If I kept pressing, that darkness would dissipate, and I was boosted with adrenaline," Ezagui said. "I was shooting better because of the injury. I was seeing the target clearer. Time was slowing down. What started out as a flaw became a potent weapon for me."

Ezagui passed all the tests without a hitch. He served until December 2011, spending much of that time in Hebron.

When he was called back on reserve duty in 2012 for the next round of fighting in Gaza, he found himself once again stationed on the border. The troops ended up not invading, but the setting brought Ezagui back to his 2008 injury.

"We were lying on the concrete in sleeping bags, ready to go in whenever they tell us," he said. "I heard the snores of all the reservists, and I was just thinking, 'Holy crap, there are so many things I haven't done in life, and I may not be able to do them.'"

Following his service, Ezagui traveled to Thailand, where he worked as a bartender. He began giving speeches in the U.S. in 2012. He now lives in Brooklyn, New York, and is writing a memoir.

Ezagui still comes back to Israel for reserve duty every year — something most male Israeli veterans do until age 40 or 45 — completing exercises and trudging through the mud with the rest of his unit.

"It's a part of who I am today," he said. "I've done so much, it was such a struggle to make it back. It would feel like a waste to not continue." •

Patriots receiver Julian Edelman named 4th best Jewish NFL player of all time

(JTA) — New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman has never been elected to a Pro Bowl, but he can now add a Jewish honor to his resume.

He is the fourth-best Jewish football player ever, the American Jewish Historical Society announced last month just a few days before the Patriots played the Denver Broncos in the NFL's American Conference championship game.

The society included Edelman behind Hall of Fame quarterbacks Sid Luckman and Benny Friedman and Hall of Fame lineman Ron Mix in its ranking.

The 29-year-old Edelman has emerged as quarterback Tom Brady's favorite receiver over the past few seasons. He racked up 92 receptions for 972 yards in the 2014 season and was a key part of the team's Super Bowl victory last year.

His 2015 season was derailed by a foot injury on Nov. 15 that required surgery, but he returned to play last weekend in the Patriots' 27-20 AFC Divisional round win against the Kansas City Chiefs.

Edelman has referenced his Jewish heritage in interviews and on his highly trafficked social media pages. He visited Israel last summer.

The three Jewish football players



Julian Edelman, shown here playing this year against the Washington Redskins. Photo by Maddie Meyer/Getty Images

above Edelman on the list have kvell-worthy resumes of their own. Luckman played for the Chicago Bears from 1939 to 1950 and won four NFL championships. He was considered one of the best long-range passers of his time. Mix was a nine-time all star offensive tackle who played for the L.A. and San Diego Chargers and the Oakland Raiders. Friedman, who played for four different teams between 1927 and 1934, was considered one of the league's first great passers.

Here is the American Jewish Historical Society's top ten list:

- 1) Sid Luckman, QB, Chicago Bears (1939 -1950)
- 2) Ron Mix, OL, Los Angeles/San

- Diego Chargers, Oakland Raiders (1960 – 1971)
- 3) Benny Friedman, QB, Cleveland Bulldogs, Detroit Wolverines, New York Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers (1927 – 1934)
- 4) Julian Edelman, WR, New England Patriots (2009 – present)
- 5) Lyle Alzado, DL, Denver Broncos, Cleveland Browns, Los Angeles Raiders (1971 – 1985)
- 6) Ed Newman, OL, Miami Dolphins

- (1973 – 1984)
- 7) Harris Barton, OT/G San Francisco 49ers (1987–1996)
- 8) Harry Newman, QB, New York Giants (1933 – 1945)
- 9) Jay Fiedler, QB, Philadelphia Eagles, Minnesota Vikings, Jacksonville Jaguars, Miami Dolphins, New York Jets (1995 – 2005)
- 10) Kyle Kosier, OT/G, San Francisco 49ers, Detroit Lions, Dallas Cowboys (2002-2011) •



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Getting the word out

An indefatigable Evangelical warrior for truth defends Israel – reaching hundreds of millions of Christians around the world

By JOSH HASTEN

“Israel is the canary in the coal mine,” says Proclaiming Justice to the Nations founder and president Laurie Cardoza-Moore during an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* in Jerusalem earlier this month. On an unusually rainy day, she’s taking a break from her busy schedule, adding that “if we don’t help Israel, we can’t defend the Western world.”

Cardoza-Moore was recently in the country putting the final touches on a soon-to-be-released documentary that she says will “expose the hypocrisy of the BDS” (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions) movement, with the goal of educating Christian millennials in the US, along with others, on the facts about the Jewish state.

Devastated by the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, Cardoza-Moore, an Evangelical Christian from Tennessee, founded PJTN, a grassroots organization dedicated to not only educating Christians about the realities of the situation here, but also to making sure that they understand their Bible-based responsibility to take action on behalf of the Jewish State and the Jewish people.

She says that after 9/11 she realized that Christians in the US “weren’t getting information on how to support Israel.” Instead, they were being exposed to misinformation and skewed reports in the mainstream media. It was thus that Cardoza-Moore decided to utilize media productions as the tool to educate.

Since then, PJTN has produced numerous award-winning documentaries focused on relevant topics, such as the Jewish people’s historical rights to the Land of Israel; the rise of the “new” anti-Semitism; the Holocaust; the dangers of Islamofascism and more. In 2012, Cardoza-Moore began production of an episodic television series titled “Focus on Israel” exploring and educating viewers about Israel and the Jewish people. Her documentaries and the TV program have a viewing audience of a whopping 900 million viewers in 200 countries, through a wide range of Christian networks.

The current film on BDS is set to premiere in Israel, and then will be showcased at February’s popular NRB International Christian Media Convention in Nashville. Assisting Cardoza-Moore and her team on the ground in Israel is the “Yes! Israel” organization, a grassroots movement whose mission is to partner with organizations such as PJTN that are willing to publicly defend Israel on a world stage.

Cardoza-Moore says the movie will cover topics highlighting Israeli contributions in innovation, technology and medical advancements being exported and utilized by the world community.

Another major aspect of the film will highlight “the disparity in living conditions for Christians living under the Palestinian Authority versus those living under Israeli control.” She says her teams captured this reality while conducting comparisons in lifestyles, filming on one hand in PA-controlled Bethlehem and on the other in the Israeli northern town of Nazareth.

“The narrative out there,” says Cardoza-Moore “is that Christians are being persecuted by Israel. But we show how the Christians [in Israel] in Nazareth are prospering, while 80% of those in Bethlehem [under the PA] have



Laurie Cardoza-Moore: ‘People should be aware that their tax dollars are funding anti-Semitic organizations on campus.’ (Courtesy photo: PJTN)

fled.” At the same time, she says that “Christians are being slaughtered throughout the Middle East, but Israel is the only safe place for them. They [Christians in the US] shouldn’t be confused and buy into the [false anti-Israel] propaganda about what’s going on here.”

Cardoza-Moore makes it clear that PJTN doesn’t only produce video content, but is also involved in many other campaigns, utilizing a variety of strategies to combat BDS and get out the truth.

One of those methods is lobbying for anti-BDS legislation. In the next few months she says that a “tidal wave” is coming on the state level in the US, with 40 states set to pass resolutions in their legislatures exposing BDS on campus. Four states have already passed similar resolutions. With US states providing funding to local universities/colleges, she says, “People should be aware that their tax dollars are funding anti-Semitic organizations on campus.” She says that “there are organizations, including ‘Students for Justice in Palestine,’ that are promoting [not just BDS], but violence against Jewish students on campus – and against Christian Zionists as well.”

“The next step,” says Cardoza-Moore, “is to have each state legislature adopt the US State Department’s definition of anti-Semitism in order to publicly expose and condemn those haters on campus as being in violation of that definition.”

A fact-sheet on the State Department’s website gives a description of “ways in which anti-Semitism manifests itself” relative to Israel, with detailed bullet points under the headings “Demonize Israel, Double Standard for Israel, and Delegitimize Israel,” which Cardoza-Moore says are known as “the three Ds,” originally coined by Jewish Agency Chairman Natan Sharansky when he defined the new anti-Semitism.

Another objective of PJTN, says Cardoza-Moore, is the battle against a new emerging phenomenon in the US: Christians who claim to be Evangelicals yet are anti-Israel. Her hope is to “expose these supposed ‘Evangelicals’ and show that they are not using biblical narratives [to justify their anti-Israel behavior]. In other words, these

‘Evangelicals’ are claiming to be interpreting Scripture,” but she says their sources are far from authentic. She says that one day these individuals will have to stand before God “to give an account of how you protected Israel and upheld God’s words,” alluding to her belief that this group is failing by going off the path and turning against Israel.

As if she didn’t already have enough on her plate, Cardoza-Moore is also the UN Envoy for The World Council of Independent Christian Churches – a fellowship of churches and ministries with more than 44 million congregants in 79 countries. Her role in that position, she says, is to bring to light at the UN “human rights abuses against Jews, Christians and Muslims.”

Cardoza-Moore describes to this reporter the horror of honor killings of Muslim women in the United States by male family members, which often doesn’t get reported. She says that “if we can reach Muslim women – and Muslim women have an effect on all the men in their lives – we can help them secure their freedoms, and change the mind-set of violence [directed against them].”

With the movie exposing BDS on the way, and numerous other PJTN campaigns taking place simultaneously in support of Israel and against anti-Semitism, Cardoza-Moore is already thinking about her next documentary. She says it will focus on the 50th anniversary of “Nostra aetate” – meaning “in our time” – the Latin declaration by the Catholic Church in 1965 examining the relationship of the church to non-Christian religions, which rejects and condemns all displays of anti-Semitism. She says that while that declaration exists, it is not always manifested in terms of attitude or action when it comes to combating the hatred of Jews. Cardoza-Moore believes it is of the utmost importance to raise awareness of the declaration, thus creating change.

While certainly a stalwart in educating the Christian community on all of these issues affecting Israel and the Jews, Cardoza-Moore grins, proudly saying that while her target is certainly the Christians, she has been thanked repeatedly by members of the Jewish community for raising their awareness as well. ■

An open letter to the Nashville and Middle Tennessee Jewish Community:

Maria joins me in writing this letter to introduce you to an effective pro-Israel organization that we presently serve in an advisory capacity. We are excited to announce, that I have been invited to serve as a distinguished member of this organization's Board of Directors.

The organization, Proclaiming Justice to The Nations (PJTN), is a 501c3 whose mission is to change how the world perceives Israel and the Jewish people. As the largest people/religious group in the world, PJTN believes Christians must form a firewall of protection and support for the Jewish people and Israel for their mutual safety and benefit. Thus, PJTN's major target is to educate Christians about their biblical responsibility to stand with their Jewish brethren and Israel in order to increase awareness, support and action.

To learn more about PJTN, I hope you will take a moment to read a recent article on the preceding page published in the Jerusalem Post's November 2015 issue.

PJTN was founded and is led by Laurie Cardoza-Moore. I met Laurie in 2003 during the Federation's GA Trip to Israel. Since that time, Laurie has proven her friendship and uncompromising support for our community and the State of Israel through the numerous programs she has personally spearheaded at PJTN.

Six years ago, our family chose to financially support PJTN due to their outstanding work to confront the growing threat of anti-Semitism in Tennessee and around the world. Although we support Jewish Organizations, including religious, community social services, and advocacy organizations, we decided that we must join this activist organization with it's amazing potential to gain support for Israel from tens of millions of Christians across the globe.

In 2010, Maria and I were honored to join Dennis Prager, Michael Medved and other prominent Jewish and Christian supporters of Israel on PJTN's International Advisory Board.

We've witnessed how PJTN President, Laurie Cardoza-Moore, draws on her extensive media background and the talents of her Emmy award-winning husband to create compelling video documentaries and television media to educate the Christian community. Equally important, Laurie serves as a Special Envoy for the World Council of Independent Christian Churches at the United Nations in support of Israel.

Since its founding, PJTN has been dedicated to fighting anti-Semitism on many fronts utilizing many weapons as well as partnering with many other pro-Israel organizations. PJTN's comprehensive strategy involves combating lies and disinformation in the media, public schools, college campuses, at the United Nations, and at religious institutions.



More Information at PJTN.ORG

What Laurie and PJTN have accomplished in just the last seven years is rather amazing, including:

- PJTN's mission of educating Christians has reached over 900 million Christian households in over 200 countries around the world. As a result of PJTN's global reach through broadcast media, PJTN has had visitors from 176 countries visit its website in 2015 alone!
- PJTN has secured a global leadership role in the Christian Media World through its original programming at the National Religious Broadcasters Annual Convention (NRB)
- Laurie Cardoza-Moore serves as a Special Envoy at the United Nations and is a spokesperson against the delegitimization of Israel and the 'new' anti-Semitism
- PJTN won 3 awards and created content including 3 documentaries and 40-Episodes of a 30-minute program titled, *Focus On Israel* which broadcasts in over 200 nations around the world last year and will be added to more networks in the coming weeks.
- PJTN bridges the gap across media platforms and between the generations by creating 'PJTN Content For All' with television shows, infomercials as well as a robust online presence including a website, a blog, a Facebook Page, a Twitter presence and uploads to YouTube/Vimeo.
- As a result of leveraging PJTN's media contacts, we were able to expose anti-Semitic propaganda being peddled to our children in Williamson County schools and districts across the state and throughout the U.S. by Pearson Publishers. National and International media outlets like Fox News, The Washington Times, and The Jerusalem Post picked up the story and the news spread like wildfire. Not only did Pearson Publishers pull the offensive quote, Bloomberg News reported in October that Pearson sales were down in 2013.
- Our most recent nationwide anti-BDS campaign was launched in Tennessee as Governor Haslam became the first governor in the nation to sign a resolution condemning the anti-BDS movement in general, and on university campuses specifically. As a result of Laurie's effective media campaign strategy, a total of 46 states are currently considering introducing the resolution in their state legislatures. Three additional states have passed a similar version of Tennessee's resolution and last month, the State of Florida just introduced a version as well. Also, because of PJTN's global reach, 11 citizen activists in other countries have requested information about introducing a similar resolution in their governing bodies as well.

PJTN's Israel/Jewish activism model is a game changer and it's strategy is simple, that strategy turns on a "Campaign of Biblical Truth"... the more Christians see PJTN's materials and media content, the more they will stand with the Jewish people and Israel against anti-Semitism and delegitimization. PJTN encourages more Christians to support and defend their Jewish brethren and Israel through media than any other organization period. No other entity can match the results achieved by PJTN from every dollar of donors' contributions.

It's sadly obvious that anti-Semitism is coming back with a strength that was not anticipated. No matter where the world's "oldest hatred" arises, Laurie and the PJTN team have proven their commitment to exposing it, and mobilizing Christians, Jews and people of conscience to stand against it, even if it is not politically correct.

I hope that this letter brings greater understanding why Maria and I have committed our finances and time to this outstanding organization. We whole-heartedly encourage the rest of the Jewish community to join us in learning more about Laurie Cardoza-Moore's outstanding work and the PJTN team as well at PJTN.org. PJTN is truly *the* organization for you to express your activism to support Israel.

Respectfully,
Maria & Bernard A. Pargh

Behind the spread of BDS: An academic theory of oppression you've probably never heard of

By DAVID BERNSTEIN

NEW YORK (JTA) — If you want to understand why the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, or BDS, has gained so much ground in the past two years, look no further than intersectionality, the study of related systems of oppression.

Intersectionality holds that various forms of oppression — racism, sexism, classism, ableism, and homophobia — constitute an intersecting system of discrimination and domination. In this worldview, a transcendent white, male, heterosexual power structure keeps down marginalized groups. Uniting oppressed groups, the theory goes, strengthens them against the dominant power structure.

The BDS movement has successfully injected the anti-Israel cause into these intersecting forms of oppression and itself into the interlocking communities of people who hold by them. So it's increasingly likely that if a group sees itself as oppressed, it will see Israel as part of the dominant power structure doing the oppressing and Palestinians as fellow victims. That oppressed group will be susceptible to joining forces with the BDS movement.

At Columbia University, for example, Students for Justice in Palestine managed to form an alliance with No Red Tape, a student group fighting sexual violence. What does opposing sexual

violence have to do with Israel and the Palestinians?

"The way that No Red Tape conceives of sexual violence is a form of oppression that is related...to other forms of oppression," said one group member.

"Sexual violence is a deeper political issue, and it cannot be divorced or separated from other oppressed identities," said another No Red Tape member.

Intersectionality with the anti-Israel cause, unfortunately, has not been limited to groups working against sexual violence at Columbia. The anti-Israel website Mondoweiss recently declared that "since Mike Brown was shot by police in Ferguson ... solidarity between the Black Lives Matter and Palestine movements has become an increasingly central tenet of both struggles."

Other examples of groups and causes intersecting with BDS supporters abound, both on and off campus.

While anti-Israelism has long found a sympathetic ear among segments of the far left, until recently it has not enjoyed much popularity among ethnic minorities. Moreover, until recently, BDS supporters probably weren't organized enough to do the necessary outreach to and stewardship of fellow marginalized groups. Now, evidently, they are.

While he never uses the term intersectionality, Mark Yudof, president emeritus of the University of California system and chair of the recently established Academic Engagement Network,

which aims to fight anti-Israel sentiment on campus, ominously describes efforts to "connect the dots" and "co-opt the language of human rights." The BDS movement is "moving to integrate itself with nearly every progressive campus cause," Yudof said.

In other words, intersectionality with anti-Israel forces is not just some faddish academic theory bandied about by radical academics and sociology majors. BDS supporters are building alliances, and using those relationships as an opportunity to sell their cause. Much more than a theoretical framework, intersectionality is a comprehensive community relations strategy.

Nor will intersectionality remain primarily a campus phenomenon for long. Yudof worries that "future leaders of America will be viscerally anti-Israel because of the distorted discourse on today's campuses." He points out that "what happens on campus never stays on campus."

Indeed, the growing acceptance of intersectionality arguably poses the most significant community relations challenge of our time. Ultimately, how popular — and threatening — intersectionality becomes depends on the degree to which the far left, constituting about 10 percent of society, is successful in inculcating its black-and-white worldview, simplistic perspectives and resentment toward those perceived as powerful with the mainstream left. But we can influence the direction of this discussion.

Publicly attacking intersectionality and its adherents is not likely to do much damage. To the contrary, calling out Israel's detractors can paradoxically have the effect of popularizing their views and bringing them further into the mainstream.

Rather, the Jewish community and especially, the Jewish community relations movement, must do more to establish our own intersectionality with groups on the mainstream left, which is not nearly as prone to radical currents. Strengthening ties to these more moderate groups will erect a firewall between the far left and mainstream left on Israel, making it far less likely that the latter will ever take the bait from the BDS movement.

To do this, we need to understand the various issues and causes of the groups that make up this segment of the population, and make common cause whenever possible. Promoting Israel alone is not going to cut it because the various groups will have no reason or incentive to join forces with us. Just as BDS supporters embrace the agendas of the groups they seek to persuade, we must work on issues our key partners deem important.

We may not be able to discredit intersectionality with Israel across the board, but we can limit its reach. •

David Bernstein is president and CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the representative voice of the Jewish community relations movement.

letters to the editor

To the Editor,

I am writing to thank the Jewish Federation for the gift of Shalom Taxi!

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Sincerely,
Ruth Klar

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Camp Jacobs: Exciting things are happening

Exciting things are happening at Camp Jacobs. Enrollment is higher than ever at this point in year, interest in staff positions is incredible, and the camp has already hired phenomenal staff members who will return in senior leadership positions. The future looks bright, and as director I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the amazing summer we experienced in 2015.

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- Asked if the camp provides good value for the cost, 94 percent responded with a 5.92 percent
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Anna Herman, director

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Jack Simon, director

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The Frist Center is also offering Summer ARTlab, intensive two-day workshops for teens and preteens. Youth ages 11 to 14 can participate in an "Art Bikes" program on July 11 and 12 with Dan Furbish, artist and operator of the Oasis Center Bike Workshop. Each participant will take home his or her own customized bike at the end of the program.

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Camp Gan Israel Nashville: A summer of fun and more

As it celebrates its 15th year as part of the world's largest network of Jewish day camps, Camp Gan Israel Nashville (CGI) is preparing two exciting one-week sessions from July 25 through August 5.

Registration opens on Feb. 1, 2016, and those who register before May 1 will get a free camp t-shirt.

"Summer is a critical time in a child's life, and a successful summer camp experience is more than a break from studies," said CGI Nashville Director Esther Tiechtel. "Our program is designed to let our camper's minds run wild, enjoying nature, crafts, sports and water activities, while building character and responsibility in a relaxed, fun atmosphere."

Each day of camp has a theme, such as Shabbat or Israel, which is reflected in that day's activities. During the day on which the theme is charity, for example, the children create wooden *tzedakah* boxes, go on a penny hunt and bake edible charity boxes.

"The camp's goal is to create an exciting environment in which lessons come alive

and kids have a great time," Tiechtel said.

The camp brings events such as magic shows, carnivals and pony rides, all on Chabad of Nashville's Genesis Campus for Jewish Life. CGI Nashville offers scholarships, sibling discounts along with daily hot lunches.

For more information or to register please go to www.chabادنashville.com or call (615) 646-5750.

Ramah Darom to continue summer program for kids with developmental disorders

After a successful pilot program in the summer of 2015, Camp Ramah Darom announces the second season of Tikvah, a four-week inclusive summer experience for children ages 12-17 with neurodevelopmental disorders.

The program is the first of its kind in the Southeast focused on providing a traditional, immersive Jewish summer camping experience to Jewish teenagers with Autism Spectrum Disorder,

Down Syndrome, Intellectual Disability and Communication Disorder. Tikvah offers campers the additional staffing and support to experience the magic of Camp Ramah Darom in North Georgia but is fully integrated into a community that is steeped in Jewish celebration, learning, and ritual. The program is directed by Dr. Audra Kaplan.

For more information, contact Adina Kalish at akalish@ramahdarom.org or (404) 425-0306 or visit www.ramahdarom.org. •

Candy-making Holocaust survivor believed to be world's oldest man

(JTA) — A Holocaust survivor living in Haifa is believed to be the oldest man in the world.

Yisrael Kristal, 112, achieved that status this week after Yasutaro Koide of Japan, also 112, died, the newspaper *Haaretz* reported last month.

Kristal's grandson, Oren, received an email this week from the Gerontology Research Group, an international organization that tracks the world's over-110 set, alerting of the Polish-born Auschwitz survivor's status.

Upon hearing the news, Kristal said in Yiddish: "The joy of my old age."

To be officially certified as the oldest living man, Kristal must present documentation from the first 20 years of his life. However, *Haaretz* reported, the earliest official document Kristal possesses is from when he was 25.

Born on Sept. 15, 1903, in the town of Zarnow, Kristal moved to Lodz in 1920 to work in his family's candy business. He continued operating the business after the Nazis forced the city's Jews into a ghetto, where Kristal's two children died. In 1944, he was deported to Auschwitz,



Yisrael Kristal Photo courtesy of the family

where his wife, whom he had married at age 25, was killed.

After the war, he moved to Haifa with his second wife and their son, working again as a confectioner.

Kristal's daughter, Shula Kuperstoch, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he has been religiously observant his whole life and continues to lay *tefillin* each morning.

"The Holocaust did not affect his beliefs," Kuperstoch said. "He believes he was saved because that's what God wanted. He is not an angry person; he is not someone who seeks to an accounting, he believes everything has a reason in the world."

As for his attitude about life, it's "everything in moderation," she said. He eats and sleeps moderately, and says that a person should always be in control of their own life and not have their life control them, as far as this is possible."

Interviewed by *Haaretz* in 2012 when he was a mere 109, Kristal declined to offer a theory for his longevity, instead saying, "It's no great bargain. Everyone has their own good fortune. It's from heaven. There are no secrets."

Asked if his diet was responsible for his long life, he said, "In the camps there wasn't always anything to eat. What they gave me, I ate. I eat to live; I don't live to eat. I don't need too much. Anything that's too much is no good." •

Oregon militiamen blow "battle trumpet" shofars

By GABE FRIEDMAN

(JTA) — Hold onto your 10-gallon hats — and your shofars — the standoff in Burns, Oregon, got a little bit Jewish last month.

In early January, several dozen armed men occupied the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Eastern Oregon in protest of the prison sentences given to Dwight and Steven Hammond for committing arson. The militants, many of whom belong to unofficial citizen militias, also want to bring attention to what they describe as the "tyrannical" management of federal land.

Last month, Blaine Cooper — one of the leaders of the standoff with the federal government and the head of an informal citizen militia in Arizona — uploaded a video to Facebook showing two of the militants blowing what any Jew would recognize as some serious shofars.

"CHRISTIANS THE BATTLE TRUMPET HAS BEEN SOUNDED



Militants blow shofars last month in the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Burn, OR. Screenshot from Facebook

TIME TO RISE!" Cooper wrote in the caption. "CALL TO ACTION SEND IN THE TROOPS TO STAND WITH US IN BURNS OREGON!"

The guys in the video don't nail the *tekiah gedolah* blasts heard in synagogues on Rosh Hashanah. But they get an A for anarchistic effort.

The militia is led by Ammon Bundy, whose father Cliven Bundy led a similar month-long standoff of his own against the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. •

Financial Aid available for Jewish Overnight Summer Camp

Many of us remember those summers at camp that inspired our connection to Judaism — the singing after dinner or Havdalah on the edge of the lake at sunset. The Jewish summer camp experience creates community for life, not just for a summer.

Year after year our children return from camp with stories, memories and friendships. For many of them it is the first time they're surrounded by all things Jewish. Overnight Jewish camping is wonderful way to introduce children to the joy and celebration of Jewish traditions.

The Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee realizes the importance of building Jewish life and makes financial assistance available on a need basis for students to attend Jewish summer camps. If you know someone who could benefit from this information, please share it. **To request information on summer camp opportunities or for a scholarship application, please contact Tania Bukengolts at the Jewish Federation at tania@jewishnashville.org or 615-354-1668 and send completed applications to campscholarships2016@jewishnashville.org.**

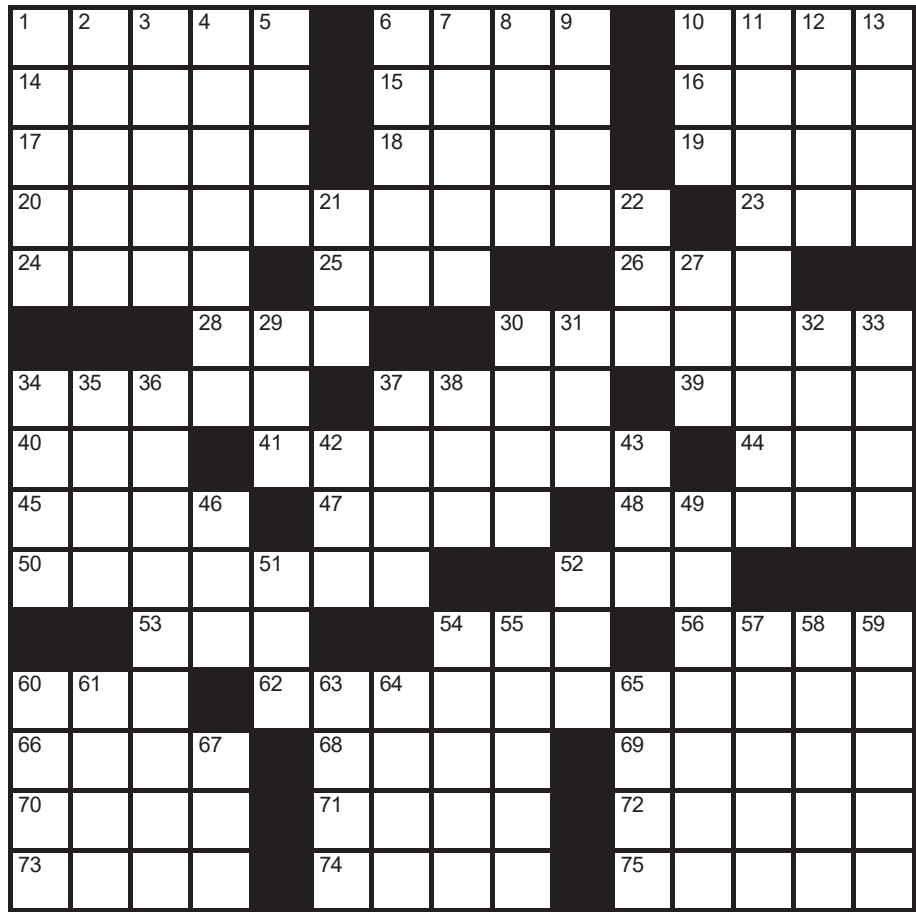
All inquiries are confidential. The deadline for submitting applications is March 15, 2016.



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Den Men

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Across

- 1. Brother of Gad
- 6. Rodriguez in Steven Levitan's "Modern Family"
- 10. Make like a mohel
- 14. Decided on schnitzel over cholent, e.g.
- 15. Doubled month

- 16. Foreign currency often exchanged in Israel
- 17. Hanging hand
- 18. Like the Negev
- 19. Ruler in "Fiddler on the Roof"
- 20. Minister of Defense during the 1982 Lebanon War
- 23. Insect for Paul Rudd
- 24. Many a gap year student in Israel
- 25. Need a refuah
- 26. "Joan of ___", 1999 Leelee Sobieski role
- 28. Gefilte fish alternative to carp
- 30. Like Abrams' "Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens"
- 34. What strong security can do
- 37. Slapper Seinfeld might cause
- 39. Walk through the Jordan
- 40. "Go, Maccabi!"
- 41. Sister to those in this puzzle?
- 44. Some Kosher caviar
- 45. "___ The Light", Mandy Moore song in "Tangled"
- 47. Like a hand-me-down pair of tefillin
- 48. What some Jews hope to do over the green line
- 50. Bamba ingredient
- 52. What Garfield and Goldlump do
- 53. Classic alt-rock band whose only show in Israel was in 1995
- 54. Sara, to Bibi
- 56. Sound that epitomizes tref
- 60. Arm of Israel
- 62. Great 20th century lion Rav and author?
- 66. What can be visible in the distance from the Pico- Robertson area
- 68. Berra elected to the Hall of Fame the same year as Koufax
- 69. City that seems overrun with jews in late January
- 70. Kind of law
- 71. Dershowitz of note
- 72. What IDF soldiers are trained not to do in tense situations
- 73. Balak of Chukas-Balak, e.g.
- 74. Like bread on Passover, e.g.
- 75. Like some Lewis Black comments
- 5. Unlike many a Chagall in people's homes
- 6. Great rabbinic vintner
- 7. Like the olympic performance of Sarah Hughes
- 8. Quarterback Derek on Mark Davis' team
- 9. Cookie that has an OU-D, but isn't technically dairy
- 10. Prepare a Shabbat table
- 11. Style of prayer started by 36-Down
- 12. Hezbollah funder
- 13. Haifa has one
- 21. Like "Eicha"
- 22. Be a nudnik
- 27. Like new IDF soldiers
- 29. Moshav southwest of Jerusalem
- 30. Vulcan mind ___
- 31. Slippery swimmer
- 32. Baal, e.g.
- 33. Started a drive, like Corey Pavin
- 34. IV item from Magen David Adom
- 35. "___ on Down the Road" (song in Lumet's "The Wiz")
- 36. Mystical 16th century rabbi
- 37. Paul Stanley's band
- 38. Golda Meir ___ Mabovitch
- 42. In a ___ (working the same job six days a week)
- 43. Airing of the anti-Israel show "Quantic"
- 46. Sederot to Beit Shemesh dir.
- 49. Society in the days of King Solomon, perhaps
- 51. She played Ulla in 2005's "The Producers"
- 52. Make like a child at a Seder
- 54. Shia's "Transformers" co-star
- 55. Kind of charger? (for short)
- 57. Comic Glazer of "Broad City"
- 58. Former Tel-Aviv mayor Mordechai
- 59. Amar'e Stoudamire was one, once
- 60. "Oy, we're in trouble"
- 61. Avodah ___
- 63. Title character in a Spielberg film
- 64. "The motto," according to a 2011 song by Drake
- 65. Equipment for 37-Down
- 67. 2003 Jon Favreau directed family film

Down

- 1. 1
- 2. Perform hachnasat orchim, essentially
- 3. Chabibi, in the US
- 4. The Torah, to Judaism

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B'nai Mitzvah

Alexandra Suchet was called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Jan. 9 at The Temple. She was born in Nashville on Dec. 6, 2002. Her parents are Dalih and Kenny Suchet and her grandparents are Jewel and David Grewe of South Haven, Michigan.



Alexandra Suchet

For her mitzvah project, Alexandra raised funds for the humane shelter and dedicated part of her own funds to provide continued support of this worthy organization. She also worked at Safe Haven Family Shelter.

Alexandra is in seventh grade at Meigs Magnet School and enjoys travel and school volleyball, track and participating in school plays.

Nali Beatrice Hodes will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27 at West End Synagogue. She is the daughter of Amy Sulam and Peter Hodes.



Nali Beatrice Hodes

Nali is a seventh grader at Curry Ingram Academy, where she is a cheerleader and a member of the volleyball team. She has been tumbling and cheering since she was 3 and continues to work on her handsprings, tucks and layouts. Nali loves make-up, fashion, and spending time with her friends and family.

Eli Kampine will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at 11 a.m. on Feb. 6 at the Temple. Eli was born in Nashville on Jan. 15, 2003. His parents are Bill and Andrea Kampine and his grandparents are Tillie Katz of New York City; Marc Katz of Hartford, CT, and Dr. John and Susan Kampine of Jupiter, FL.



Eli Kampine

Eli is in the seventh grade at Montgomery Bell Academy. He enjoys playing soccer, listening to music, traveling with his family, and spending time outdoors.

For his mitzvah project, Eli volunteered for Second Harvest, and will also be donating a portion of his Bar Mitzvah gifts to the organization.

Chloe Romain will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah at 11 a.m. on Feb. 13 at The Temple. She was born in Redlands, CA on Jan. 28, 2003. Her parents are Jeremy and Amy Romain, and her grandparents are Ken and Roslin Romain of Fallbrook, CA and Tim and Gloria Shumaker of Pagosa Springs, CO.



Chloe Romain

Chloe is in seventh grade at Hawkins Middle School and she enjoys gymnastics, loom, reading, art, and playing with her siblings.

For her mitzvah project, Chloe made loom bracelets to sell in order to donate loom kits to the children at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

Adam Drew Garfinkel will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at 11 a.m. on Feb. 20 at The Temple. He was born in Memphis on Feb. 20, 2002. His parents are Louise and Scott Garfinkel and his grandparents are Rita Zeitlin Garfinkel, Albin Garfinkel, Paula Palmer Morris, Larry Palmer and Susan Palmer.



Adam Drew Garfinkel

Adam is in seventh grade at Montgomery Bell Academy. He enjoys wrestling, cross-country, track, and climbing.

For his mitzvah project, Adam raised funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. He also assisted in the Operation Homefront Holiday House toy drive, providing board games and books to children of military families. at Fort Campbell.

Jake Steigelfest will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at 11 a.m. on Feb. 27 at The Temple. He was born in Nashville on Dec. 26, 2002. His parents are Eli and Jill Steigelfest and his grandparents are Steve and Nina Steigelfest of Brooklyn, NY and Michael and Beth Gordon of Plantation, FL.



Jake Steigelfest

Jake is in seventh grade at Montgomery Bell Academy and he enjoys baseball, sports, and spending

time with friends & family.

For his mitzvah project, Jake volunteered to feed the homeless.

Births

Dani and Jason Pachter of Flushing, NY announce the birth of their daughter, **Emrey Helen**, on Dec. 12. She is the granddaughter of **Anita and Steve Rich** and great-granddaughter of **Marvin Cohen**, all of Nashville.

Mazel Tov

... to **Joel Buckberg**, who has been named the leader of the new Commercial Transactions and Business Counseling Practice Group at the law firm of Baker Donelson.

Sympathy

... to the family of **Jay Brian Rosenblum**, who died on Dec. 30. He is survived by his wife of 16 years, **Jessie Rosenblum**; two children, **Zoe** and **Simon**; his parents, **Brenda** and **Bobby Rosenblum** of Nashville; his parents-in-law, **William Stockard** and **Mary Stockard** of Nashville, and brother and sister-in-law, **Cary** and **Jenn Rosenblum** of Nashville.

Jay was born March 29, 1973 in Nashville. He graduated from The University School of Nashville in 1991 and earned a bachelor's degree in music business from Belmont University in 1996. He was a successful commercial real estate entrepreneur for more

than 20 years and was committed to Congregation Micah, where he served on the board.

Jay was beloved by friends and family and will always be remembered with a huge smile. He was a true family man who took great pleasure in spending time with **Jessie**, **Zoe**, **Simon**, **Cary** and his large extended family and the Nashville community. He was a true Music City native and passionate music fan who always enjoyed live shows and discovering new bands. **Simon** remembers the night before he turned 10 when Jay told him to it would be the last time he would be a single digit. **Zoe** recalls when Jay took her to her first concert at 3rd and Lindsley featuring one of his favorite bands, **The Wood Brothers**.

Many would say that Jay had a soundtrack playing in the background of his life, always finding ways to weave his favorite bands, songs and lyrics into memorable moments with his family and friends. The walls of his home are filled with concert posters and music memorabilia, which always surrounded him and his family with the magic of live shows and the music he loved so deeply. His passion for life, his sweet soul, his big smile, and his loving spirit will live on in his children and will be remembered by all.

Funeral services were on Jan. 3 at Congregation Micah with burial in The Temple Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Congregation Micah, 2001 Old Hickory Blvd, Brentwood, TN 37027 or Thistle Farms, 5122 Charlotte Ave, Nashville, TN 37209.

Novel about Warsaw Ghetto boy wins Jewish literature medal

BOSTON (JTA) — A critically acclaimed novel told in the voice of an 8-year-old boy in the Warsaw Ghetto is the winner of the 2016 Sophie Brody Medal for achievement in Jewish literature.

The award for *The Book of Aron: A Novel* by Jim Shepard was announced last month at the American Library Association's midwinter meeting, a four-day conference being held in Boston.

Honorable mentions were awarded to *After Abel* and *Other Stories* by Michal Lemberger, *The Complete Works of Primo Levi*, edited by Ann Goldstein; *The House of Twenty Thousand Books* by Sasha Abramsky, and *Killing a King: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel* by Dan Ephron.

The medal, funded by Arthur Brody and the Brodard Foundation, is named for Sophie Brody, a philanthropist and leader of the United Jewish Federation. Past winners include **Boris Fishman**, **Yossi Klein Halevi**, **Adina Hoffman** and **Peter Cole**, and **Nathan Englander**.

In his eloquent, heartbreaking work of fiction, Shepard offers readers an unlikely narrator, **Aron**, a young, misunderstood boy from an impoverished Jewish family who ends up in the Warsaw Ghetto. As **Aron's** life descends into further misery of ghetto smuggling and thievery, he comes under the wings of **Dr. Janusz Korczak**, a real-life Holocaust hero who saved orphan children and sees beyond the misery of **Aron's** existence.

Shepard, a professor at Williams College, is an award-winning author of six novels and collections of stories.

Of other Jewish interest at the gathering of 10,000 attendees, including librarians, educators, authors and publishers, was a speech by the popular fashion designer **Isaac Mizrahi**. **Mizrahi**, who was raised in an Orthodox Jewish Syrian family in Brooklyn, spoke about his upcoming memoir that reveals the challenges he faced as a gay young man attending Jewish day school and the creative path he followed to break away from the community's conservative environment. **Mizrahi** is the subject of an upcoming exhibit at the Jewish Museum in New York.

The American Library Association also announced the winners of its prestigious literary prizes in children's and youth literature, including the Caldecott and Newberry awards. Noted author and artist **Jerry Pinkney** is the 2016 recipient of the Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton award for lifetime achievement.

Children's writer **David Adler**, known for his many books on Jewish subjects and historical figures, received the Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss) award for *Don't Throw It To Mo!*, which was illustrated by **Sam Ricks**. •

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around the town

New Fabisch comedy about mother and daughter will present 3 workshop readings this month



Sue Fabisch says her new autobiographical play is about her relationship with her mother.

Nashville composer and playwright Sue Fabisch will present three workshop readings this month of "Me & My SMother," a new autobiographical comedy based on her relationship between her overbearing mother.

Rather than formal stage productions, workshop readings allow the actors to explore various approaches to the material and often invite audience input. The readings of "SMother" are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Feb. 25 and 27 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Gordon Jewish Community Center. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

Fabisch, who moved to Nashville

from New Jersey 15 years ago with her husband and three children, has written a number of musicals. Among them is highly successful "Motherhood the Musical," which began as a workshop here in Nashville in 2008. Since then it has played at theaters across the country and even toured Australia.

But "SMother," is Fabisch's first non-musical. She describes it as a comedic "love story" in which the two characters – a mother and her daughter – re-enact their most hilarious moments together, from sharing a hotel room in Australia to being snowbound in New Jersey without luggage. In the end, Fabisch says, the dysfunctional duo learn to love one another again.

The readings this month will feature Fabisch and Kim Nygren, who is also directing.

Nashville Opera performance at Akiva is open to the public

The Nashville Opera will bring its production of "Goldie B. Locks and the Three Singing Bears" to Akiva School on Thursday, Feb. 25.

The 10 a.m. performance is free and open to the entire community. Those who want to attend should RSVP to Chistina Evans at cevans@akivanashville.net or (615) 432-2552.

The production is part of Nashville Opera's educational program, which introduces opera to students and young adults in school and community settings. The appearance at Akiva is made possible through the generosity of Hope and Howard Stringer.

Next in Vandy lecture series: Memories of growing up among Jewish immigrants in Bolivia and New York

Professor Leo Spitzer will present a lecture at Vanderbilt University this month based on his memoir about his immigration to the United States from Bolivia in the 1950s.

The lecture – "The Americanization of Poldi: Growing up among Jewish-refugee immigrants in La Paz and New York" – will be at 7 p.m. on Feb. 22 in the Commons Center, room 235. It is part of a 2015-2016 lecture series sponsored by the university's Jewish Studies Program called Jewish Encounters: Enmity, Amity, and Engagement. The event is free and open to the public.

Spitzer is Vernon Professor of History Emeritus at Dartmouth College and visiting professor of oral history at Columbia University. Among his many works are *Hotel Bolivia: The Culture of Memory in a Refuge from Nazism*; *Lives*

in *Between: Assimilation and Marginality in Austria, Bolivia, and West Africa*, and *Ghosts of Home: The Afterlife of Czernowitz in Jewish Memory*, which he coauthored with Marianne Hirsch.

Howards and Christmas join GJCC staff

The Gordon Jewish Community Center has hired Anita Howards as its new finance director and brought on Daniel Christmas to head its Aquatics Department.

Howards, a Nashville native who is returning to her hometown, has 25 years of accounting experience, most recently as director of administration at The Bridge Center, a non-profit in Bridgewater Massachusetts. She is replacing Jaclyn Waters, who moved with her family to Indiana.

Christmas, who takes over from Yvonne Hall, worked for six years for the YMCA of Middle Tennessee, where he was aquatics director at the Green Hills YMCA and waterfront director at Camp Widjiwagan for six years.

Both began their duties last month.

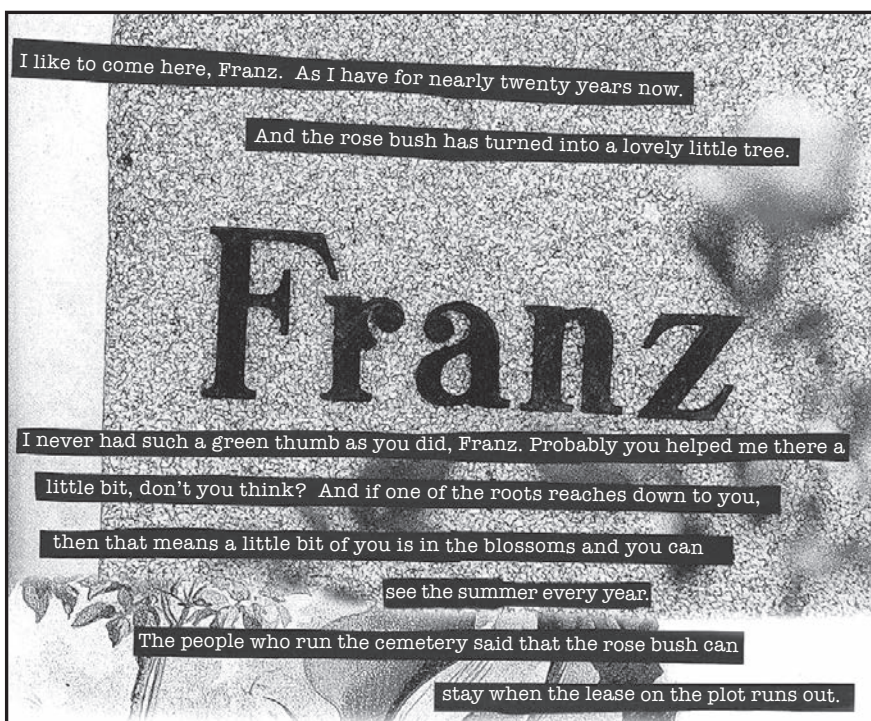
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