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## Be a superhero at this year's Tzedakah Funday

By KATHY CARLSON

Superheroes answer their phones when they ring, especially on a certain Sunday this month.

That's the message from organizers of this year's Tzedakah Funday event benefiting the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. The event runs from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Gordon Jewish Community Center on Sunday, Feb. 11. You can volunteer at [jewishnashville.org/TZF](http://jewishnashville.org/TZF).

"Donating the two to five minutes to receive a Tzedakah Funday call pays dividends for dozens of programs and thousands of individuals," say Mollie and Bobby Perry, who are on the Tzedakah

Funday committee. "It's also easier than screening your friend's call and having to explain why when you run into him/her at Pilates."

Serving with the Perrys on the committee are chair Rachel Iroff and Eric Mirowitz.

The annual fundraiser, traditionally held on the Sunday after the Super Bowl, brings in about 20 percent of the pledges to the Federation's annual campaign, which funds scores of programs and initiatives that help Jewish Nashville and fellow Jews around the world, including in Israel.

This year, Federation is partnering with the JCC's new Sunday Funday program to provide

Tzedakah-themed free family activities during Tzedakah Funday. The family programs start at noon and run through 4:30 p.m., and there's free food and ice cream bars for participating families. Activities include making family tzedakah, saving and spending boxes and assembling emergency kits for distribution by local Jewish agencies supporting Jewish students. The kits are sponsored by Cash & Carry.

"We're celebrating philanthropy," said Joel Abramson, financial resource development officer with the Nashville Federation. "It will be a really big day. Come to help our community and make an impact."

For the Perrys, being involved in community projects is a family tradition.

They're both Nashville natives who were classmates at the University School of Nashville from kindergarten through 12th grade. After college and two years working in New York, the couple returned to Nashville in 2009 after getting engaged.

"We both grew up in households with parents and siblings who were (and still are) very active and involved community members," they said in an email.

In addition, Mollie has been friends for years with Carolyn Hecklin Hyatt, the Nashville Federation's community engagement associate. "Carolyn's enthusiasm for the Federation's mission and its program is infectious. When Carolyn asked us if we would consider serving on the committee we were very excited to get involved," they said.

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## Making Nashville feel like home

What makes a place a home? More specifically, what makes Nashville a warm Jewish home?

For one recent college graduate, it's knowing she can plug into a network of friends through the Jewish Federation of Nashville's Now Gen programming. For a young professional with a family, it's finding a like-minded community through the Federation's Community Relations Committee. For another, now-established Nashville couple, joining the Federation-supported Gordon JCC when their children were young helped create relationships that have lasted over the years.

You could say the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee is the glue binding together many services and organizations that make our community a home. This month, Federation's annual campaign month, we can join together to help Nashville remain the kind of home we enjoy and open to friends from all over the world.

"Basically, all of my friends are through Now Gen," says Becca Groner, a 2017 graduate of Brandeis University.

"Now Gen has been a great resource for me as a new Nashville person."

Originally from New York, Groner has lived in Nashville since August. She earned her bachelor's degree in public health and business and works for Stratasan, a health care data-analytics startup based in Nashville, as a product associate.

She heard about the Federation's Now Gen program through three different friends in New York, whom she knew from United Synagogue Youth activities. They told her she needed to check out Now Gen. She did, and urges other newcomers to do the same.

"Step One, go onto the Now Gen events page on Facebook," she says. Go to an event – there are lots of them, she says, adding, "You will meet people."

Since she arrived in town, she has hosted Jewish City Shabbat and spends time with East Side Tribe, which plans and holds Jewish activities in East Nashville.

Joshua Segall relocated from Montgomery, Ala., to Nashville a few years ago with his wife and family. He grew up in Montgomery, where his family has been active in Federation activities. Segall himself served on the board of the

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## Nashville Ballet ushers in *Violins*



The Nashville Ballet is presenting "Light/The Holocaust & Humanity Project," which is based on the story of Holocaust survivor Naomi Warren. A full story on "Light" and updated information on upcoming Violins of Hope events this spring are on page 4 inside. PHOTOGRAPH BY TONY SPIELBERG COURTESY OF BALLET AUSTIN

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# Get involved with your community with 30 Days of Doing Good

**N**eed some inspiration or ideas on how to get involved in your Jewish community? How about a whole month's worth?

For the second year in a row, the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee offers 30 Days of Doing Good, events designed to bring people together so they can be part of the community.

This year's events are designed to help people know what Federation does and how they can participate.

This year's calendar includes:

- Sunday, Feb. 4: NowGen Super Bowl Party and Mitzvah Moment. Contact Carolyn Hyatt for details at (615) 354-1650 or carolynh@jewishnashville.org
- Wednesday, Feb. 7: IMPACT Leadership Speaker Event with Sarah Tuttle-Singer, new media editor, Times of Israel; 6 p.m., Gordon JCC
- Sunday, Feb. 11: Tzedakah Funday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Gordon JCC
- Sunday, Feb. 18: Jewish Newcomers Reception, part of the Federation's Welcoming Ambassadors program, 3-5 p.m. Event open to everyone, all ages and kids are welcome. If you've been

here a while, but still feel new or want to continue to meet new people please join us. It's a casual reception where newcomers will meet both Welcoming Ambassadors of Nashville along with other newcomers. For location information, contact Barbara Schwarcz, barbara@jewishnashville.org, or (615) 354-1630.

- Saturday, Feb. 24: NowGen Purim Masquerade, 8-11:30 p.m., Fat Bottom Brewery

Check out Doing Good videos on the Jewish Federation of Nashville's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/JewishNashville/>

## Feel like home

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Jewish Federation of Central Alabama and says he was raised to be involved with Federation.

He has found a niche in Nashville with the Federation's Community Relations Committee, on which he co-chairs the rapid response committee with Nashville attorney Irwin Venick. "I found a group of people (in the CRC) that I have a lot in common with," he said. He's learning from his fellow CRC members and is sharing his experiences in related work in Montgomery.

Segall also said he appreciates the greater opportunity in Nashville's larger Jewish community for his children to meet and find friends in other Jewish children.

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Bruce and Kay Robins have grandchildren now, but when they arrived in Nashville in the mid-1970s they were just starting out – the two of them and their eight-month-old daughter. Bruce grew up in the northeast and attended college in Memphis, where he and Kay met. She had moved to Nashville from Memphis in high school, attending junior and senior years here.

"The Jewish community was very welcoming," Bruce says. "It seems like there were a lot of people new to Nashville then."

In addition to joining The Temple, the Robinses joined the JCC. Their children attended the preschool, swam in the pool and attended Camp Davis. For Bruce and Kay, the J was where they got to know other couples and families. Eventually, Bruce served two three-year terms on the JCC's board of directors.

As their children grew up, they continued their connections with the community in different ways. Bruce and Kay traveled to Argentina last year on a Federation mission.

Bruce says he was a bit surprised to learn about the connection between the Jewish Federation of Nashville and the organizations they visited in Argentina. "I didn't realize (the Federation's connections were) global, not just to Israel," he said.

Now another generation of the Robins family is enjoying the Gordon JCC. Just this past summer, their grandson "went to JCC camp and loved it," Kay Robins said. It's the same Camp Davis where Kay, as a teen-ager new to Nashville, taught drama and art to the younger kids. •

## Superhero

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"We would love to see lots of families participating in this year's programming—enjoying themselves, making new friends, and helping the Federation continue to fund the dozens of unique projects and organizations that serve and protect thousands of people here in Nashville and worldwide."

In addition to the new family programs, there's another innovation for people who like to text, with the Text to Give option. Community members can text in an amount they'd like to pledge, and they'll receive a follow-up call from a Federation professional to formalize the pledge.

Of course, people can always pledge the traditional way: when they receive a phone call from a volunteer on Tzedakah Funday.

It's a good way to keep traditions going. As the Perrys said, "We are very lucky to be members of such a long-standing, welcoming, diverse, and charitable Jewish community here in Nashville and we cannot afford to take it for granted. It is a true pleasure to attend events, share our time or expertise, and provide philanthropic support." •

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# Pressner promoted to lead Akiva

## STAFF REPORTS

**A**kiva School Principal Daniella Pressner will become head of school this summer, following the recommendation of Akiva Executive Director Tony McLarty and the unanimous decision last month of the school's board of directors, the board said in a statement.

Board president Uzi Yemin stated, "We have seen many leadership changes at Akiva, but the one person who has remained constant and has continually pushed the school to higher and higher levels of excellence is Daniella. She has been preparing for this role over the last few years and we are confident in her leadership ability." She will assume her new responsibilities beginning on July 1.

In 2016, McLarty took on the role of Akiva's executive director for a two-year term. In anticipation of the end of his contract, he recommended to the board of directors that Akiva return to the head-of-school operating model, which combines the roles of executive director and principal. He nominated Pressner to serve as head of school.

"It is an honor to lead the school at a time when its vibrancy and presence are so real," Pressner said on accepting her new position. "I have so much respect for the individuals who have led the school to this point and look forward to

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— Daniella Pressner

continuing to raise the bar for excellence. I am honored to be working alongside such loving and talented educators, parents, children, and lay leaders who have committed themselves so deeply to this school. My door is always open and I look forward to continuing to welcome everyone into this vision."

McLarty will remain on staff until Aug. 31 to ensure a seamless transition into the 2018-2019 school year. The board expressed appreciation for his many accomplishments and contributions. Mr. McLarty successfully leveraged his strong business experience and acumen to help ensure the stability and viability of Akiva School for years to come.

"I will always treasure my time at Akiva and getting to know the wonderful people that are part of this community," McLarty said. "Leaving is bittersweet, but I know that Akiva will continue to thrive and flourish under the guidance and leadership of Daniella Pressner.

"We have worked closely over the last two years, and I am confident that Daniella's inspirational leadership, strategic focus, commitment to Judaism and passion for education make her a perfect fit to lead Akiva."

was a member of the Scholars Circle and the Summer Talmud Intensives at the Drisha Institute. She was awarded a Day School Leadership Training Institute fellowship for future leaders of Jewish day schools.

In addition, Pressner has served on many international and local boards and is the past president of Jewish Family Service in Nashville. She has written and taught for many different audiences.

Karen Weil, a former Akiva parent, also shared her enthusiasm. "Daniella has long been thought of as the heart and soul of Akiva School. There is no one more qualified or more deserving. Akiva School and Nashville are lucky to have her as head of school." •

## Sarah Tuttle-Singer speaks on Zionism in the modern age

IMPACT talk set for Feb. 7

## STAFF REPORTS

**S**arah Tuttle-Singer, the Times of Israel's New Media editor, is a young American expat and writer, living in Israel with her two children.

She'll be sharing her story with a Nashville audience on Wednesday, Feb. 7, in the IMPACT Leadership Speaker event sponsored by the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee

Tuttle-Singer will explore Zionism in the modern age and how Americans and Israelis grapple with uncertainty for what's ahead. The event will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Gordon JCC and will feature Israeli tapas and cocktails. To register, visit [jewishnashville.org/IMPACT](http://jewishnashville.org/IMPACT).

"I personally have been following her writing for a while," said Nashville resident Tara Worthey-Segal, who is chairing a volunteer steering committee that's organizing the event. "Her pieces address such a wide subject matter that I think many people can relate to, which is one of the reasons we thought she'd be so good for this role. I find her to be incredibly thoughtful and honest as she addresses complex issues, which is what draws me to her writing."

IMPACT is a community-wide event aiming to deepen the conversation surrounding our responsibility as leaders of the Jewish community in Nashville, she continued. The goal is to meet people where they are and expose them to how they can create tangible growth in our community.



Sarah Tuttle-Singer

"We know everyone's time is limited," Worthey-Segal said. "We can't all do everything, but we all can do something. We want to talk with people about the different ways they can get involved."

Tuttle-Singer's involvement with the Jewish community took her and her family to Israel, but there are many ways to help create the Jewish future.

"Being part of Jewish history doesn't just mean living it, it means helping create it," Tuttle-Singer says in a written statement. "We are all players in this as we create Jewish history together. Israel is a small country, and it's very much a work in progress, and being engaged is the only way to help direct its course."

"The Jewish community has a choice for what's next, whether it's Israel, Nashville, your social circles, your family, or just you," said Worthey-Segal, "You can wait and watch Judaism go by, or you can choose to be engaged, get involved, and make an IMPACT."



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# Nashville Ballet performance offers prelude to Violins of Hope events

The Nashville Ballet will use light, music and the human body as the instruments to tell one woman's story of survival as a prelude this month to the Violins of Hope series of Holocaust-related arts events.

"Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project" will be presented from Feb. 9-11 at TPAC's Polk Theater. The internationally acclaimed contemporary ballet comes to Nashville from Ballet Austin Artistic Director Stephen Mills.

"We knew that this performance was going to be on the front end of an entire series of events with the Violins of Hope," said Nashville Ballet spokeswoman Jan Morrison. "We wanted everybody to have the opportunity to start opening their minds to the projects at the beginning."

The Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee is collaborating with the Nashville Symphony and many other community organizations to present the Violins of Hope programs. The events are designed to encourage dialogue throughout the city about music, art, social justice and free expression.

The Violins of Hope themselves are musical instruments that Jewish musicians played during the Holocaust. Years later, Amnon and Avshi Weinstein,

father and son artisans, restored the instruments in Tel Aviv.

Upcoming Violins of Hope events include a Nashville Symphony concert on March 22-24 at which the restored instruments will be played and an April 12 Yom Ha Shoah program to be held at the Symphony's Schermerhorn Center.

Dance may be uniquely suited to introduce audiences to the Violins of Hope series.

"In ballet there's never any talking," Morrison said. "It's the job of the dancers to use their bodies to tell the story, evoke emotion."

"Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project" follows the story of Naomi Warren, a Holocaust survivor who recently passed away. "Some parts are fairly literal and others are symbolic," said Morrison.

The story evolves from a hopeful, warm beginning, through the cold and dark Holocaust and finally to hope for the future, Morrison said. She calls it a "visually stunning work."

Created and choreographed by Mills, "Light" traveled to cities all over the world since its premiere in Austin, Texas, in 2005. The ballet is set to a contemporary score by composers Philip Glass, Evelyn Glennie, Michael Gordon, Arvo Pärt and Steve Reich.

"Light" is a timely reminder of

## Ballet offers programs to complement 'Light'

As a lead-in to the performance of "Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project," the Nashville Ballet is offering additional events as well as information on how to become more involved as a volunteer with social justice causes.

Here are February's events in addition to performances of the ballet:

### Continuing through Feb. 28

#### Living On: Portraits of Survivors and Liberators in Tennessee

Nashville Ballet Studio A (3630 Redmon Street, Nashville 37209)

9 a.m. - 6 p.m., weekdays

"Living On" presents portraits and testimonies of Holocaust survivors and U.S. Army liberators now living in Tennessee. This exhibit is made possible by the Tennessee Holocaust Commission. Free event.

### Saturday, Feb. 3

#### The Art of Tolerance: Community Panel Discussion

Fisk University, Appleton Room in Jubilee Hall, 17th Avenue North, Nashville 37208

3-5:30 p.m.

Join us at Fisk University for a discussion about tolerance in our community, featuring a diverse panel curated by the Tennessee Human Rights Commission. A volunteering fair with information on volunteering takes place from 3-3:30 p.m., followed by a panel discussion from 3:30-5 p.m. Free event; register on site.

the fragility of human rights," Nashville Ballet Artistic Director and CEO Paul Vasterling said in a news release.

"What's unique about art is its ability to spark meaningful conversation, teach important lessons and leave last-

ing impressions that have the power to lead to change. 'Light' is an especially poignant example of that as we not only reflect on the past, but also consider the present and our personal responsibility when we see acts of injustice today." •

## Upcoming events for Violins of Hope

Information for this calendar is from the Violins of Hope web site, [violinsofhopenashville.com](http://violinsofhopenashville.com). Check there for additional information.

### FEBRUARY

#### Feb. 3 - Nashville Ballet Panel Discussion

Jubilee Hall, Fisk University

Free and open to the public

#### Feb. 9-11 - Light / The Holocaust and Humanity Project

Polk Theater, Tennessee Performing Arts Center

Presented by Nashville Ballet

#### Continuing Exhibit

#### Feb. 23-May 28 - Slavery, The Prison Industrial Complex

Frist Center for the Visual Arts

Photographs by Keith Calhoun and Chandra McCormick

### MARCH

#### March 16-17 - From the Ancient Valley

Presented by Intersection

A musical program inspired by Kurdish and Persian culture

#### March 21: Interfaith Women's Passover Seder

Congregation Micah

Free and open to the public

#### March 22-24 - Guerrero Conducts the Violins of Hope

Schermerhorn Symphony Center

Featuring Giancarlo Guerrero and the Nashville Symphony

#### Continuing Exhibit

#### March 26-May 27 - Violins of Hope Exhibit

Main Public Library

Free and open to the public

#### March 27 - Interfaith Concert

Congregation Micah

Free and open to the public

#### March 29 - Chamber Music of Hope

Ingram Hall, Blair School of Music

Compositions from the Holocaust

#### Continuing Exhibit

#### March 30-Oct. 7 - We Shall Overcome: Civil Rights and the Nashville Press, 1957-1968

Frist Center for the Visual Arts

### APRIL

#### April 6 - Nick Cave: Feat. Nashville

Schermerhorn Symphony Center

Free large-scale performance presented by Frist Center for the Visual Arts

#### April 12 - Holocaust Remembrance Day

Yom HaShoah Memorial Service

#### April 12-14 - Bach, Mozart and Elgar

Schermerhorn Symphony Center

Featuring Pinchas Zukerman and the Nashville Symphony

#### April 18 - Music of the Holocaust for Strings and Winds

Blair School of Music

Violist Dan Reinker with Nashville Symphony and Blair faculty musicians

#### April 22 - Silenced Voices

Blair School of Music

Featuring violinist Sylvia Samis performing music written in concentration camps and ghettos

#### April 25 - Voices of Hope: The Power of Music Part 1 - Lecture

Christ Church Cathedral

The power of vocal music as an expression of hope.

#### April 29 - Music and Film: Schindler's List

Blair School of Music

Lecture and screening of Steven Spielberg's 1993 film classic.

### MAY

#### May 2 - Voices of Hope: The Power of Music Part 2 - Concert

Christ Church Cathedral

With Portara, Nashville Children's Choir and Nashville Concerto Orchestra

#### May 8 - The Return of the Violin

Nashville Public Library downtown, 7 p.m.

Film featuring violinist Joshua Bell about the return of the Stradivarius stolen from Bronislaw Huberman, founder of what became the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

#### May 9 - Joshua Bell with the Nashville Symphony

Schermerhorn Symphony Center

Featuring Bruch's First Violin Concerto

#### May 10 - Anne Frank: A Living Voice

The Temple

Featuring Vox Grata Women's Choir

#### May 15 - Anne Frank: A Living Voice

Ingram Hall, Blair School of Music

Featuring Blair Children's Chorus and Vox Grata Women's Choir

#### May 31-June 2 - Verdi's Requiem

Schermerhorn Symphony Center

Featuring the Nashville Symphony and Chorus

# Sharing With Sharon

About #MeToo, aha moments, reality checks

By SHARON BEN AMI  
Community Shlichah

On January 7 I heard one of my heroes give an outstanding speech to the whole wide world. It was, of course, Oprah, the beautiful, inspiring and strong woman that broke the glass ceiling and with it some of my misconceptions about myself as a Jewish Mizrahi woman through a lot of “aha” moments. As a little girl, The Oprah Show was a heaven for me, a place I escaped to find order, knowledge and support. When people’s actions and words around me seemed unjust, I knew better because I had Oprah to support my inner compass that felt otherwise.



Sharon Ben Ami

Unfortunately, not everyone had Oprah or any other hero in their life to lean on. Some heroes eventually turned out to be villains – very powerful, smart, accomplished and persuasive villains who misled another generation down the wrong path. And so I find myself in the “enlightened” western society we live in today needing Oprah again to support that inner compass once more and bring back order to a very conflicted world.

On January 7, Oprah delivered a very well-written, charismatic speech that ended with the paragraph: “I want all the girls watching here, now, to know that a new day is on the horizon! And when that new day finally dawns, it will be because of a lot of magnificent women, many of whom are right here in this room tonight, and some pretty phenomenal men,

*fighting hard to make sure that they become the leaders who take us to the time when nobody ever has to say ‘Me too’ again.”*

I saw that speech being sealed with a standing ovation and all I could do is to stand there by myself in my apartment and join the virtual crowd.

That night I went to sleep so cheerful, so hopeful, so empowered.

On January 8 I woke up as usual to the Ynet (the Yediot Acharonot newspaper app) notification ringing on my phone. “What is it now?” I thought. “Another stabbing? Another bomb?” Turns out that it was shameful recordings of our prime minister’s son Yair Netanyahu that came out of the shadows, revealing the reality, in which women are often treated as objects used by men.

It doesn’t matter where you live, the old order between man and woman still kicks hard, and the change needs our support – from the living room talks to the court and legislators. It will be a bottom-up process because immorality exists even in the highest levels. Ironically, immorality does not discriminate.

What now? We can start with something small, raising awareness and empowering women in our community. You have a chance to start by joining me to a session of women empowerment, led by an Israeli Sensei and leader, the CEO of the organization “El Halev” (to the heart), whose goal is to empower girls and women to remove the obstacles they encounter, with the goal of creating a social environment of equal opportunity. You can find more details in the ad at right or respond to me at [sharon@jewish-nashville.org](mailto:sharon@jewish-nashville.org), (615) 573-5188. •

# Now Gen Purim Masquerade on tap for Feb. 24

Wear your favorite cocktail-casual attire or come in costume to this year’s Purim Masquerade, sponsored by Now Gen Nashville.

The event takes place on Feb. 24 at The Reserve at Fat Bottom Brewery, 800 44th Avenue North in the Nations and runs from 8-11:30 p.m. It will be the sixth year for one of Now Gen’s two big events for young professionals (the other is the Rosh Bash in the fall). Proceeds benefit the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

“It’s our major event for Now Gen,” says Federation Community Engagement Associate Carolyn Hecklin Hyatt. “This is philanthropy for young professionals, to be part of something bigger and an opportunity to give back” by purchas-

ing tickets to attend. There’s an extra incentive for attendees who volunteer for Tzedakah Funday; they’ll receive a \$10 discount on their ticket.

Costumes are welcome but not mandatory, and accessories – feather boas, funny glasses and masks – will be available for non-costumed guests to jazz up their outfits. Entertainment is planned, along with some Israeli touches courtesy of Community Shlichah Sharon Ben Ami.

There are two tiers of ticket prices: one that includes an open bar of beer and soft drinks only and a second covering beer, wine and spirits. Event sponsors include the Jewish Federation of Nashville, Reliant Bank, Green Hills Diamonds, The Pargh Team, Frost Brown Todd law firm, Gold Skin Care Center, and Barry’s.

To get your ticket, go to [www.jewishnashville.org/purim2018](http://www.jewishnashville.org/purim2018). •

# Community Relations Seder ‘Justice, justice you shall pursue’

Deepening relationships with our social justice partners sets the theme of this year’s community Seder, sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

The Seder will be held on Tuesday, March 13, at the Gordon Jewish

Community Center. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with welcome and appetizers, followed by the program and dinner at 6:30.

CRC Seder Chair this year is Andrea Bernstein, working in collaboration with CRC Chair Ron Galbraith, others on the committee and volunteers.

For additional information, contact CRC Director Deborah Oleshansky, [deborah@jewishnashville.org](mailto:deborah@jewishnashville.org). •

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**ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION**

El Halev, founded in 2003, was created to empower girls and women to remove the obstacles they encounter, with the goal of creating a social environment of equal opportunity. El Halev’s goals are to include a nation-wide project for minimizing physical, sexual, emotional, and financial violence to disadvantaged groups. Today, El Halev works with hundreds of organizations seeking to play a part in the creation of a society that respects the right of every person to live with freedom and safety.

Join us for a workshop of self-defense that is focused on women empowerment with the Israeli organization El Halev, by the sensei and the CEO herself- Yehudit Zicklin-Sidikman.

**SENSEI YEHUDIT**

Sensei Yehudit is a global speaker who’s expertise is in Empowerment Self-defense (ESD) as a tool for the reduction of violence towards women and children. Her keynotes and panel sessions are both informative and active, allowing the audiences to experience their bodies and their power. Yehudit is a motivational speaker who has taught thousands to connect with their inner strength.

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## @ Chabad

### Revere Preschool to host 2 open houses

The Revere Jewish Montessori Preschool (JuMP) invites young parents of the Nashville Jewish community for an open house on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m., and on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., at 95 Bellevue Road, Nashville.

At the winter open house, parents will discover the benefits of a Montessori education for their child. The preschool co-directors, KiKi Evans and Esther Tiechtel, will be available to speak with parents about JuMP's early childhood programs and flexible scheduling options. The Montessori teachers will be happy to answer any questions parents may have about the Montessori philosophy.

"The experience has been the best one for our son," said Noah Sakazi, a parent of a young preschooler. "The welcoming faces of the loving teachers are a true blessing. He feels loved and knows he is cared for. I can tell by his happiness when we come to school and when he talks about Miss KiKi and Miss Ana on the weekends. We appreciate the teaching and all that he learns; we see it daily in new skills and everyday development," said Noah.

The Revere Jewish Montessori Preschool is committed to providing its students with an outstanding Jewish Montessori education, which will become their foundation for a lifelong love of learning. Beyond small class sizes and a Montessori philosophy, lies the opportunity to give each child a rich, Jewish foundation in a warm and nurturing environment.

All are invited to come tour the preschool campus, and to explore the all new classrooms outfitted with furnishings and materials conducive to the proven methods of Montessori, designed for children ages 18 months to 6 years.

This open house is not an enrollment/admissions function but rather an opportunity for to get to know and see the Jewish Montessori Preschool firsthand, meet the teachers and get a feel for the environment.

Whether one is a neighbor, friend, family member, a family considering a Montessori education for the fall of 2018/19 for their child or just a Montessori enthusiast, all are encouraged to attend the open house. For further information or to schedule a private tour of the Revere Jewish Montessori Preschool please call KiKi Evans at (615) 646-5750.

### Study group on the Book of Joshua

During the winter and spring of 2017, Chabad of Nashville offered a ten-week course on the Biblical Book of Joshua, and studied the first ten chapters of Joshua as a community. Due the great success of this course and by a great demand from many participants, Part II of this course on the Book of Joshua will be offered by Chabad on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m., beginning in February. This course, "Joshua Uncovered," will be a weekly study lesson on the first book of the Prophets.

The title character of the Book of Joshua is the son of Nun, who figures heavily in the Torah as the protégé of Moses. Joshua appears early on as Moses' sentry at the base of Mount Sinai during the golden calf incident in Exodus. He also has an important role as one of the 12 spies sent into the land of Canaan, and one of only two who came back with positive reports about the land in the Book of Numbers.

Finally, after Moses strikes the rock and loses his right to enter the Land of Israel, Joshua is designated the next leader of the Israelites. And it is under Joshua's leadership that they enter the land of Canaan. By following God's will the people received all the blessings of the land.

The lessons will take place on Tuesday evenings, starting Feb. 20, through the month of May, in the Oak Library at Chabad of Nashville.

For more information or to register please [chabadsnashville@gmail.com](mailto:chabadsnashville@gmail.com) or call (615) 646-5750.

## @ Sherith Israel

### Macabeenies get ready for Purim

Join the Macabeenies crew in February, with two fun sessions of free play and Purim-related songs and activities. Kids will get their energy out bouncing on toys, crawling through tunnels, playing with the parachute, and more. On Feb. 18, come as you are, or feel free to wear a play-friendly costume.

Families with children age 6 months to pre-K are invited to sing, dance, bounce, and celebrate with us. Macabeenies will meet on Sunday, Feb. 4 and Feb. 18 from 10-11:00 am, downstairs in the Playspace at Sherith Israel. Free!

Email Cara at [csuvall@gmail.com](mailto:csuvall@gmail.com) or connect on Facebook with any questions.

### Speaker explores patterns in the Torah

Dr. Robert Appelson, author of "Patterns on Parchment: The Structural Unity of the Five Books of Moses," will speak at Sherith Israel after Shabbat dinner on Friday, Feb. 9. As a trained mathematician, Dr. Appelson brings his analytical expertise to bear on the text of the Torah – identifying unity and coherence in Biblical structure that just may be the fingerprint of the divine.

He will make his presentation following a warm, intimate Shabbat dinner at Sherith Israel beginning at approximately 6 p.m., after Kabbalat Shabbat beginning at 5:10 p.m. His talk will begin at approximately 7 p.m. There is no cost for the dinner. For reservations, please call the Shul office at (615) 292-6614 or reserve online at [sherithisrael.com](http://sherithisrael.com).

### Sherith community melave malke series

A melave malka is a celebration that extends the joy of Shabbat for just a bit longer. What better way to do that than in the warm homes of our community members? Our February community melave malke dessert and social gathering will be hosted by Sherith Israel members Lenn and Roberta Goodman on Feb. 10 beginning at 7 p.m. Contact Cara at [csuvall@gmail.com](mailto:csuvall@gmail.com) or keep an eye out for details in the weekly Shabbos in Shul flyer.

### Family-friendly pizza and movie night

Join us for a family-friendly movie and pizza dinner on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. at Sherith Israel. There's a charge of \$5 per person for pizza dinner.

## @ West End

### Scholar in residence: Rabbi Rami Shapiro

Join West End Synagogue for a scholar-in-residence weekend with Rabbi Rami Shapiro on February 2-4.

On Friday evening, there will be Kabbalat Shabbat services from 6-7 p.m. followed by Shabbat dinner from 7-8 p.m. Afterward, Rabbi Shapiro will speak from 8-9 p.m. on "Why Hasidism Matters."

Shabbat morning Dvar Torah is "Parshat Vitro: Reading the Aseret HaDibrot (Ten Commandments) as a Path to Personal and Communal Liberation;" 11 a.m.

Shabbat Kiddush lunch will be followed by a lecture titled "From Ain to Ani (Self to Self) and Back Again," at 12:45 p.m.

Sunday Morning, Rabbi Shapiro will speak from 11 a.m. to noon on "The Ultimate Four Questions: Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going? How shall I live?"

There's a charge for Shabbat dinner: \$22 per adult; \$8 for children 3-11; no charge for children under 3.

The annual 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, The Max Levine Fund and The Janet Levine March Fund for Cultural Arts.

### Sisterhood Shabbat at WES

Come to Sisterhood Shabbat at West End Synagogue on Saturday, Feb. 10, with special guest speaker Margie Miller.

### Hadassah Shabbat; Benefactor Shabbat

Feb. 17 is the date for Hadassah Shabbat at WES.

The following week, on Feb. 24, join us to honor all of our benefactors at Benefactor Shabbat at WES.

### Religious school alums talk politics

Roz Helderman, political investigations reporter for the Washington Post, and Gabrielle Schonder, reporter and producer for PBS Frontline, will speak on Friday, March 2, at West End Synagogue. Their topic: From Music City to the Beltway: WES Religious School Graduates Cover U.S. Politics. Services start at 6 p.m., with Shabbat dinner at 7 and speakers at 8. There's a \$22 charge for the dinner.

## @ The Temple

### Golden Lunch Bunch

Golden Lunch Bunch get-togethers will be held at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at The Temple. Join us for lunch, entertainment and fun! This month's dates are Feb. 6 and 20. To RSVP, call Anna Sir at (615) 354-1686.

### Levine speaks on Bible, current issues

Dr. A.-J. Levine, Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University, speaks on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on these topics:

- Feb. 6 – The Bible and Immigration
- Feb. 13 – The Bible and Health Care
- Feb. 20 – The Bible and Poverty

### Social Action Shabbat on Feb. 2 at 6 p.m.

Each year, The Temple's social action allocations subcommittee sends requests for proposals to community organizations that meet our guidelines, and then evaluates the resulting proposals. Recommendations are approved by the social action committee, and then by the board of trustees, for allocations to be made from funds earmarked for social action. In 2018, seventeen agencies—including our own Room in the Inn—will receive a total of \$18,000.

At Shabbat services on Feb. 2, we will honor these agencies by providing them an opportunity to display information about their organizations in our Oneg area both before and after services.

Anna-Gene O'Neal, president/CEO of Alive Hospice, will speak about her organization that evening. We encourage you to join us as we celebrate the wonderful works of the organizations The Temple supports.

### Green Team Shabbat and Federation Shabbat

On Friday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m., learn more about our efforts to take proactive steps to take care of our environment.

### Weekend of music and fun with Rabbi Neal Katz, musician in residence

The weekend of Feb. 23-25, The Temple is very excited to welcome Rabbi Neal Katz to join with our Temple clergy for a wonderful weekend of music and learning. An engaging and prolific clergy person and Jewish singer/songwriter, Rabbi Katz will share many of his own songs and the stories behind them as he participates in several events with our congregation throughout the weekend.

Neal Katz is the Rabbi of Congregation Beth El in Tyler, Texas. He has been making Jewish and folk music for almost 30 years. He grew up in the youth groups and summer camps of the Reform movement and was a song leader for NFTY in Israel trips for three summers. He has also shared his music at Jewish summer camps, congregations, and conferences around the county.

Neal has released three CDs of Jewish music and one folk music CD. In Tyler, he has created and performs with a klezmer band for the wider community.

As a rabbi, he is heavily involved in the nonprofit world, serving on local boards. He is the immediate past chair of the local non-profit hospice in Tyler, and the immediate past chair and co-founder of a non-profit counseling center. Neal is also active in interfaith dialogue and peace projects. He also teaches at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Rabbi Katz will join us for Shabbat services on Friday, Feb. 23, leading the music of our worship featuring many of his own melodies. He'll discuss his love and history in writing and leading Jewish music.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, he'll lead our Chevrah Torah study hour at 9:30. At 4:30 that afternoon, Rabbi Katz will participate alongside Rabbi Mackler and Jan Huettner in our Purim-themed Havdallah Tot Shabbat program.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, he'll also share some of his music and his love of teaching with our Religious School students.

To learn more about Rabbi Neal Katz, please visit his website: [katzmusic.wixsite.com/katzmusic](http://katzmusic.wixsite.com/katzmusic)

## @ Micah

### Consecration/Kabbalat K'tan Shabbat service and dinner

Congregation Micah and Akiva School invite you to spend Shabbat with us.

Please join us on Friday, Feb. 2, for Shabbat, when Congregation Micah honors its first-grade class in their consecration ceremony. Service begins at 6 p.m. and there will be a family-friendly, kosher dinner immediately following. This event is free and open to the entire community; however, registration for dinner is required. You can register online or contact Julie Fortune at [jfortune@akivanashville.net](mailto:jfortune@akivanashville.net).

Registration Link: <https://jfortune1.wufoo.com/forms/akiva-and-congregation-micahs-shabbat/>

### Violins of Hope Lunch and Learn

This event is set for Thursday, Feb. 8, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the PBS documentary about the Violins of Hope – finding, restoring, bringing violins played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust back to the life of music. A representative from the Symphony and from the Jewish Federation will join us for the experience. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

### Shabbat service with Rep. Jim Cooper

U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper will speak during Friday night services on Feb. 9 about current issues facing voters in Tennessee. Services begin at 6 p.m., with a dinner afterward. In order for us to plan for the event, please RSVP by calling the Micah office (615-377-9799) no later than February 5.

### Blood drive to be held Feb. 25

Come to Micah on Sunday, Feb. 25, to give blood and help save lives! Hours for the drive are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter CHAI to schedule an appointment.



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# Get in the Purim spirit with special community programs

## Chabad of Nashville

### Multigenerational Hamantashen Bake Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

First it was bagels. Then rugelach. What's the next Jewish food to go mainstream?

Could it be hamantashen?

Hamantashen are the filled, triangular-shaped pastries associated with the most joyous of all Jewish holidays, Purim. Both Jewish children and adults anticipate getting these treats many weeks in advance of the holiday.

The Multigenerational Hamantashen Bake will take place Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Congregation Beit Tefilah Chabad. The event is open to the entire community.

Participants of all ages are invited to bake hamantashen of all varieties. Dough and fillings will be provided, and all participants are invited to take home a box of freshly baked hamantashen for Purim.

Kindly RSVP at [chabادنashville.com/hamantashen](http://chabادنashville.com/hamantashen). For additional information, contact (615) 646-5750.

### Purim study group: Combating Hatred with Jewish Pride

Chabad of Nashville will be offering a Purim study group titled "The Solution to Anti-Semitism, by Combating Hatred with Jewish Pride." It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 1:30 p.m.

Haman in the Purim story was neither the first nor the last to seek a "final solution," G-d forbid. What is it about the Jewish people that the Hamans in each generation simply cannot tolerate? It is crucial for us to understand what really lies behind the hate to be able to address it properly.

This lesson will be taught by Rebbetzen Esther Tiechtel on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 1:30 p.m. in the Oak Library at Chabad of Nashville.

### The Big Megillah

Chabad of Nashville will be celebrating Purim 2018 on Purim Eve, Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 6:15 p.m. with the BIG MEGILLAH Reading. Festivities will begin with the Haman booing, Megillah reading, and hamantashen eating contest. All participants will receive a special Purim gift.

### The Grand Festival: Purim in the 60s

On Wednesday, March 1, the annual Purim Around the World celebration will take place at Chabad of Nashville with the Purim in the 60s celebration. The event starts at 4:30 p.m.

The event will include the Megillah reading, a delectable dinner buffet with dishes from the 60s, "Totally Twitchin" music of the Daddy-O's, a tie-dyed hamantashen Bar, 60s face painting, dress-up photo booth, costume contest and a Purim gift for each participant.

All are invited to attend. There is a nominal fee to cover the cost of the dinner. RSVP is required by Feb. 21, at [www.chabادنashville.com](http://www.chabادنashville.com).

## Congregation Micah

Join us for a Harry Potter-themed Purim Carnival and Shpiel on Sunday, March 4. Check our website for more details.

## The Temple

### Pre-Purim Havdallah for the little ones

On Saturday, Feb. 24, at 4:30 p.m., Rabbi Neal Katz will participate alongside Rabbi Mackler and Jan Huettner in our Purim-themed Havdallah Tot Shabbat program.

### Purim at the preschool

Temple Preschool celebrates Purim on March 2 at 10 a.m.

### Purim service March 2

Celebrations start at 5:15 p.m. with a pre-service Oneg, followed at 6 p.m. by a Purim service with our Mazel Tones (Junior Choir) and topsy-turvy Purim-style congregational dinner with activities for the children

### Purim Carnival

The Temple holds its Purim Carnival on March 4 at 10:30 a.m., featuring petting zoo, inflatable attractions, karaoke, costume contest, trackless train, arts and crafts, lunch, sweet treats and so much more! Family passes are available for purchase. For more information, please contact The Temple Religious School.

## Congregation Sherith Israel

### Pre-Purim Macabees fun

Children ages 6 months to pre-K can play and have some pre-Purim fun at the Macabees' Feb. 18 get-together. Come as you are, or feel free to wear a play-friendly costume. Macabees meet from 10-11:00 a.m., downstairs in the Playspace at Sherith Israel. No charge to attend.

### Megillah reading and hamantashen

On Feb. 28, Sherith celebrates Purim with a megillah reading in costume at 6:15 p.m. After the reading will be a hamantashen party, which is free and open to the public.

## Gordon JCC Early Childhood Learning Center

A Purim parade will be held on March 2, which is also Read Across America Day. The activities are open to children who are enrolled in the ECLC. They may dress as their favorite book characters for the parade. Other reading-related events are planned.

## West End Synagogue

Purim at West End Synagogue will be celebrated on Wednesday, Feb. 28, starting with dinner at 5:45 p.m. Ma'ariv and reading of the Megillah take place at 6:15 p.m. Dinner is free of charge. Please call (615) 269-4592, ext. 11, or email [office@westendsyn.org](mailto:office@westendsyn.org) to RSVP.





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# Once-confiscated Yiddish songs gain public forum at Vanderbilt

Learn about a little-known chapter of Jewish life in “Yiddish Glory – Lost and Found Songs of Soviet Jews during World War II,” presented at Vanderbilt University on Wednesday, Feb. 21, as part of its Jewish Studies Lecture Series.

The event takes place in the Sarratt Student Center Cinema from 7-8:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Information is available online at <https://as.vanderbilt.edu/jewishstudies/>

The lecture/concert program brings to Nashville historian Anna Shternshis of the University of Toronto and singer-songwriter Psoy Korolenko, of Moscow and New York.

During the World War II, ethnomusicologists in the Soviet Union, who realized the scope of the destruction of Jewish culture, risked their lives collecting songs of the Holocaust and Jewish soldiers in the Red Army and other survivors, organizers at Vanderbilt said in a written statement.

Following the war, the researchers were arrested by Stalin, their work confiscated, and they died thinking the collection was lost forever.

A few years ago, Shternshis was doing research for her new book on Jewish daily life under Stalin’s totalitarianism, and found the collection of lyrics buried in a former Soviet archive. Most of these songs have never been heard or performed in over seven decades. Korolenko set the lyrics to music.

The songs detail the Holocaust as it happened and often deal with revenge on a visceral level. There is even a song in the collection that was written by a 10-year-old orphan who lost his family in the Holocaust.

This lecture/concert gives listeners a chance to hear the live performance of these songs in Yiddish, complete with English sur-titles, and hear the stories about each one of them. The program is co-sponsored by the Max Kade Center for European and German Studies at Vanderbilt. •



Anna Shternshis and Psoy Korolenko are collaborating on the Yiddish Glory presentation at Vanderbilt.



One of the newly found manuscripts of Yiddish song lyrics.

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Dr. Book has served as Director of Israel Education, Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York, and Educational Guide for the Alexander Muss Institute of Israel Education.

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# Israel's King of Blues Rock comes to Nashville Feb. 17

The month of Adar is known to be filled with an extra dose of joy and happiness, and a month where the Jewish people have an extra measure of good luck. Haman tried to annihilate the Jewish people in Adar thinking that since Moses passed away on the 7th of Adar it would be a month of bad luck for the Jews.

However, little did he know that Moses' birthday was the same day of his passing, 120 years apart. Thus Haman's plan failed, and instead of the annihilation of the Jews in Adar, the tables turned and Haman and his sons were hanged that month. Thus the tradition that Adar is a month of especially good luck for the Jewish people, and a month to be joyous and happy.

To kick off the joyous month, Chabad of Nashville will host an evening of blues and rock at the annual Cafe Chabad, on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Genesis Campus for Jewish Life in Bellevue. This is one of Chabad's most popular musical events, a night of entertainment, music, inspiration, and good food, this year featuring international recording artist, singer-songwriter and guitar virtuoso Lazer Lloyd, coming to Nashville direct from Israel.

This event is made possible through a grant from the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

Lazer Lloyd's songwriting is capturing hearts across the world, his singing has been compared to greats from Johnny Cash to Eddie Vedder, with guitar playing beyond words. Millions of fans have gathered around the virtual campfire of his intimate live performances posted on Facebook and Youtube.

His most popular video, "New Year's Blues (Tears for Dikla)", was inspired by Dikla, an IDF female soldier who was fighting for her life after a terrorist attack. It has been viewed over 3 million times, shared 50,000 times and prompted more than 7,000 moving comments.

Combining Americana, roots rock and blazing guitar with storytelling and inspirational lyrics, Lazer Lloyd spreads encouragement in life's worst moments and joy in life's best. His Sunday morning

guitar chats on Facebook, full of positivity and "attended" by a global audience of all ages, religions, colors and genders, create community in a divided world.

Lazer's music and lyrics are inspired by his Torah study. He seamlessly incorporates messages of love of Hashem and our fellows in the spirit of Hillel directly into all of his shows.

Lazer Pinchas Blumen, known by his stage name Lazer Lloyd (a combination of his Hebrew name and his given English name Lloyd), was raised in Connecticut with a love of football and fishing, with folk music, jazz, and blues playing on his parents turntable every weekend.

Driven to take up singing and guitar at a young age seeing Stevie Ray Vaughn and Santana, his growing passion for live performance was honed in the rock music clubs of the eastern seaboard and at the feet of musical masters at Skidmore College. He was showcasing for Atlantic

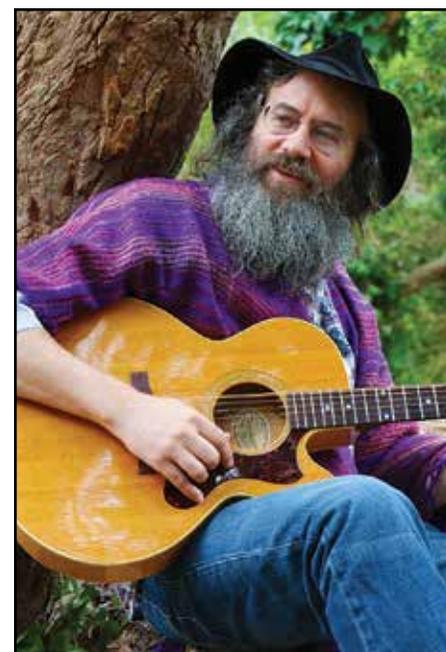
Records and about to head off to record in Nashville with producer and E-Street Band member Garry Tallent, but then Lloyd's life turned upside down through a fascinating story that you have to hear to believe.

Lazer was off to Israel to settle in the small Israeli village of Yavneh helping his new Moroccan Israeli father-in-law sell watermelons and starting a young family.

How did he manage to build a career as world renowned roots singer/songwriter and virtuoso guitarist while living in Israel where no one sings in English?

Come to hear the story and meet Lazer for a wonderful evening of music and fun at Café Chabad.

The evening at Café Chabad will include an open bar and hors d'oeuvres, beverages and dessert. The eat and drink all you can cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. RSVP at [www.chabad-nashville.com/cafechabad](http://www.chabad-nashville.com/cafechabad). •



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## Jewish book series tackles caregivers, sports, food

**O**n Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Gordon JCC, meet Ali Katz, author of "Finding Balance While Caring for Others." Join the author in a zen setting as she shares everyday tips to leave stress behind.

Then, join author Gary Belsky and local sportscaster Rudy Kalis on Feb. 8 as they explore Gary's new book and share the tricks, techniques, and unwritten rules every sports fan needs—from naming your fantasy team to betting with friends, doing a flip turn to investing in memorabilia, and winning at arm wrestling.

Belsky's book, "Up Your Game," was published last year. It can help you sound smart and play smarter with its 150

to-the-point entries, plus helpful illustrations, charts, and lists.

Coming up in March: Cooking for King Solomon's Table, with esteemed Jewish cookbook author Joan Nathan, on March 8 at 6 p.m. at Sur La Table in Brentwood. Join us for a night of cooking demonstration and instruction at Sur La Table in Brentwood from this much-loved cookbook author and authority. Space limited. Reserve early. Series Plus subscribers receive first priority for Joan Nathan tickets.

These three events are part of the Gordon JCC's Nashville Jewish Book Series, an annual celebration of books, authors and ideas. It features work on Jewish themes and topics, work by Jewish authors or work from a Jewish perspective. The series runs through April. •

## Former Nashvillian tapped for State Department post

**C**ommunications executive I. Steven "Steve" Goldstein has been chosen to serve as the U.S. Department of State's under secretary for public diplomacy and public affairs.

Goldstein, whose resume includes both private-sector and government experience, is the son of Bernie and the late Sandi Goldstein, of Nashville. His grandparents were the late Anne and Sol Goldstein and Esther and Harry Klein.

A graduate of the University School of Nashville,

Goldstein earned a bachelor's degree in education and political science at the University of Arizona.

Before his appointment as under secretary, he was senior vice president of BP Global Solutions, where he advised the founders of two start-up technology companies in the energy and health care fields on marketing strategy and staff management, the State Department said in a statement.

Goldstein's experience includes seven years as executive vice president and chief communications officer at TIAA, a Fortune 100 company providing financial services to people who work in the academic, research, medical, and nonprofit fields. As the senior executive responsible for marketing, communications, and advertising, he played a leading role in transforming the company for the digital age.

Previously, Goldstein was vice president of corporate communications for Dow Jones/The Wall Street Journal, where he helped lead one of the world's premier newspapers through a major redesign, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the kidnapping of Daniel Pearl, a Wall Street Journal reporter who was on assignment in Pakistan.

During the administration of President George H.W. Bush, Goldstein served as an assistant to the secretary and the director of public affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior. He joined the Bush administration after serving for eight years as a press secretary and chief of staff to several members of Congress. •



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## Synagogues in Boston, Philly make Super Bowl wager

(JTA) — They're calling it the Tzedakah Super Bowl Wager.

Congregation Rodeph Shalom of Philadelphia and Temple Israel of Boston are making a friendly bet on next week's Super Bowl for charity. The synagogue from the city of the losing team will donate 18 times the point difference in the final score to the charity of the other synagogue's choice.

Rodeph Shalom has chosen Philly Youth Basketball; Temple Israel has chosen the CTE Center at Boston University Medical Center, which conducts research on repetitive brain trauma. Both synagogues urged congregants to donate as well.

There are cross-city Jewish ties on each side of the upcoming game. Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeff Lurie, who grew up outside Boston, attended Temple Israel as a child. And Temple Israel's Associate Rabbi Matt Soffer is from Philadelphia and remains an Eagles fan. He grew up going to Congregation Rodeph Shalom. •

To access the Community Calendar, go to [www.jewishnashville.org](http://www.jewishnashville.org) and click on "Calendar."

# The 5 best Jewish films to watch this Oscar season

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — With the Academy Awards on the horizon, there is no shortage of high-quality films to see in theaters and on the small screen.

Getting a jump on the festivities, here are five of the best Jewish-themed ones to watch this awards season, from Oscar contenders to short gems.

## Foxtrot

Directed by Samuel Maoz and starring Lior Ashkenazi and Sarah Adler, "Foxtrot" is a wrenching film about an array of dark topics: parental grief after the death of a soldier son, the joys and stresses of marriage, and the boredom of army life. But it is also about Israeli control of the West Bank and how, in the filmmaker's view, Israel's occupation humiliates the occupied and hardens the occupier.

After being named the second-best film at the Venice International Film Festival and winning best film at Israel's Ophir Awards, it's on the shortlist for the Academy Award for best foreign language film.

In a phone interview with JTA, Maoz described his movie as "the dance of a man with his fate." He said "there are many variations to this dance, but they end up at the same starting point."

In more concrete terms, the film follows an affluent Tel Aviv couple who learn their son has died in the line of duty.

The film has come under fire from Miri Regev, Israel's controversial minister of culture and sports.

"It is inconceivable," she declared publicly, "that movies which shame the reputation of the Israel Defense Forces ... and that are supported [financially] by the state ... are selected to showcase Israel cinema abroad."

Maoz did not directly address Regev's criticism, but said, "When my brothers are dying, I have the right to make such a movie."

"Foxtrot" will open in U.S. theaters on March 2.

## In the Fade

Germany's "In the Fade" dramatizes the rise of neo-Nazism in the country over the past few years through the murder of a Kurdish man, his German wife and their small son by a neo-Nazi couple. The neo-Nazi theme is timely in light of the rise of the far right in Europe and, as demonstrated by the white supremacist rally last summer in Charlottesville, Va.

Director Fatih Akin, a German native of Turkish descent, attributes Germany's growing neo-Nazi sentiment largely to hostility to the large number of refugees, mainly from Muslim countries, who have been admitted into Germany.

"The new neo-Nazis are different from those of the 1980s and '90s," he told JTA. "Then they were outcasts and easily recognizable as skinheads. Today's neo-Nazis are still criminals, but they look like everybody else."

"In the Fade," fresh off a Golden Globe win for best foreign film, is also one of the nine films on the Oscar shortlist for best foreign language film. It's out now in U.S. theaters in a limited release.

## In the Land of Pomegranates

In Hebrew, the word for pomegranate has a double meaning: It can mean

either the fruit that symbolizes rebirth or a hand grenade.

The documentary "In the Land of Pomegranates," directed by Israeli Hava Kohav Beller, wrestles with these conflicting meanings as it explores the chasm between the ways that young Israelis and Palestinians think about each other.

The film follows young men and women who have been brought together in a scenic German town for a program called Vacation from War. They live under the same roof, go on joint excursions in the lovely countryside, take a riverboat cruise and argue earnestly for hours on end.

The program started in 2002 and, as one of the organizers put it, "Our goal is not to make participants love each other. If only five people change their attitudes ... that's progress."

Even this modest goal seems unreachable in the film, although it inadvertently clarifies why decades of peacemaking efforts have proven largely fruitless. Most of the arguments are on the level of "Hamas is a terrorist organization," as an Israeli participant charges, to which the Palestinian response is, "We are just trying to get back the land you took from us."

However, the largely pessimistic view is brightened by a couple of episodes that bridge the conflicts. One scene shows Palestinians dancing the dabke and Israelis dancing the hora — and both performances are almost identical.

"In the Land of Pomegranates" will open in U.S. theaters in February and March.

## The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm

How does one teach very young children about the Holocaust? An upcoming HBO short documentary, slated to premiere on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, attempts to provide a model for that daunting task.

In "The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm," Holocaust survivor Jack Feldman and his American-born great-grandson Elliott bond as the 10-year-old (he's now 12) prompts his ancestor to speak about his Holocaust experiences.

Feldman emigrated after the war and settled in Rochester, N.Y., where he opened a fish market. He ran the business successfully, though with one quirk. As an African-American customer notes, "Jack has known what hunger is, so he gives free fish to a customer too poor to pay."

Veteran documentary filmmaker Amy Schatz was attracted to the project because, she said, there is hardly any material on the Holocaust suitable for children and their families. Her goal was to transmit the survivor's experience "gently and with clarity."

## 116 Cameras

"116 Cameras," one of 10 films on the Oscar shortlist for best short documentary, gives a behind-the-scenes look into the filming of a Holocaust survivor's testimony. It shows how filmmakers preserve the memories of Eva Schloss, Anne Frank's surviving stepsister, in the form of an interactive, 3-D, holographic image. The project was a product of Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation at the University of Southern California.

You can watch the film now on The New York Times website. •



Israeli folk dancing takes place each week at the Gordon JCC. PHOTOGRAPH BY JUDY GIVEN

## Join Nashville Israeli Folk Dancers for a round of fun

Curious about Israeli dancing? Try a sampler: the Nashville Israeli Folk Dancers' Dance and Munchies Sampler event on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Gordon JCC.

No experience is necessary and there's no charge. It's OK to bring a friend and non-members are welcome. It's also good exercise, accompanied by good music. The dancing takes place in the Group Fitness Room, starts at 6:30 p.m. and goes for an hour.

If you try it and like it, or if you're already a fan, the group offers three dance sessions each week, says group member Evelyn Koch.

• Wednesday at the JCC from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., led by Judy Given. If there are new dancers, the first hour is for

beginners.

• Thursday at the Schulman Center for Jewish Life at Vanderbilt from 7-9 p.m., led by Sharon Morrow leads that and is the main leader of the Nashville dancers. The first hour there is also for beginners.

• Friday at Akiva School from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Akiva School, led by Evelyn Koch. It's an intermediate-level group, and members often stay afterward if any Akiva students want to dance during their recess.

The Nashville Israeli Folk Dancers started in the early 1990s. Early citizens of modern Israel started Israeli folk dancing in the middle of the 20th century to create a unifying culture for their new nation. Over the years, it has incorporated new music and dance from around the world. •

## MLK Day commemoration



The Jewish community came out to participate in this year's Jan. 15 march in Nashville commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Day. The ceremonial march proceeded from 28th Avenue North and Jefferson Street to the Gentry Complex at 3500 John A. Merritt Boulevard on the Tennessee State University campus, where a convocation was held. Above, marchers pause outside the Gentry Center at the end of the march. Members of local synagogues, the Jewish Federation of Nashville and its Community Relations Committee were represented in this year's event.



## B'nai Mitzvah

Daniel Pert will become a bar mitzvah at Congregation Micah on Feb. 10. Daniel is the son of Beth Malow and Stephen Pert, and the grandson of Monroe Malow of Delray Beach, Fla. He is the brother of Austin Pert. Daniel is an 11th grader at Ravenwood High School. He enjoys participating in tennis, art, science, and math. Daniel will be pursuing engineering in college.



Daniel Pert

## Sympathy

... to the family and friends of **Michael Paster**, stepfather of Lani (Adam) Horn and grandfather of Naomi, Elinor, and Judah. Services were conducted in California.

... to the family and friends of West End synagogue member **Sandra (Sandy) Schatten**, who died on Dec. 21 after a short illness.

Sandra graduated from Peabody Demonstration School (now University School of Nashville) and attended the University of Miami and Vanderbilt University. She had a 17-year career in special education in public schools in the Miami area and Nashville.

After retiring from teaching, Sandra devoted herself to philanthropy, creating a foundation to support literary, educational, charitable, religious and scientific purposes in Nashville.

Sandra is survived by her mother, Joan Stanley Schatten, sisters Leslie Stillman (Barry) and Maxine Star Schatten, and nieces and nephews Megan Stillman, Kevin Stillman, Jared Stillman and Stephanie Cook.

The family would like to thank the team at St. Thomas Hospital West and Sandra's assistants Marvin Cody and Nelly Escamilla for their care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Emanuel Schatten Scholarship Fund of the University School of Nashville or to a charity of your choice.

... to the family and friends of West End Synagogue member **Minnette Funt Shepard**, who died peacefully at the age of 91 on Dec. 28. Minnette was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Alfred Shepard.

She is survived by her children, Renee Alterman and Ralph Shepard, sister Phyllis Hunt, sister-in-law Sylvia Shepard, grandchildren Rachel Alterman Wallack, Daniel and Joshua Alterman and Kaiya Shepard, and by her three great-grandchildren. Survivors also

include her nieces and nephews Julie and Frank Boehm, Randy and Gretchen Goldstein, Nancy and Phil Hoffman, Tommy and Lucy Goldstein, Larry and Karen Lefkowitz, Mark and Goldie Shepard, Roger Shepard and Phillip and Toni Shepard, and her many great nieces and nephews.

... to the family and friends of **Dr. Herman Kaplan**, who died on Dec. 31. He served with honor and distinction as the president of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee from 1978 to 1980 and as annual campaign chair in 1984. Herman was a gentleman, community leader and forceful advocate for the Jewish people and Jewish causes.

Dr. Kaplan was born in 1925 in Lithuania, the oldest child of Chaije Libbe and David Kaplan. He, his parents and brothers fled from Lithuania in 1940 and after a six-month journey that took them to Poland, Berlin, Italy, Spain and Portugal, they reached the United States and relatives in Memphis. There, Dr. Kaplan, speaking no English, enrolled in junior high school. His dear Uncle Mayer Lazar translated his school lessons from English into Yiddish for him until Dr. Kaplan learned to speak English. He went on to graduate as valedictorian from Humes High School in Memphis a few years later.

In 1945, he became a U.S. citizen and was drafted into the U.S. Army. After his military service, he graduated from Southwestern (now Rhodes College) in Memphis before going on to medical school at Vanderbilt University, graduating in 1954. While training in internal medicine and gastroenterology at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, he met the woman who became his wife, Irma Bailit.

In addition to his service with the Nashville Federation, Dr. Kaplan was president of the board of Akiva School, president of the Vanderbilt Medical Alumni Association and chief of the medical staff of Saint Thomas Hospital. He practiced medicine in Nashville for more than 50 years.

Dr. Kaplan was forever grateful to this country, which took him in as a child and provided him with so many opportunities. He expressed that gratitude in his community involvement, in the care he provided for his patients, and in the way he looked after those less fortunate than he.

He is survived by his wife, Irma, daughter and Jewish Federation Board of Directors member Didi Biesman and her husband Brian Biesman, son Mark Kaplan and his wife, Hilary Kaplan, and daughter Debbie Rosenwein and her husband Moshe Rosenwein, along with grandchildren Aaron, Andrew and Matthew Kaplan; Adam, Abby and Michelle Biesman; and David, Danielle, Hannah and Benjamin Rosenwein.

Contributions in Dr. Kaplan's memory may be made to Akiva School or to the charity of your choice.

... to the family and friends of **Anne Susan Perler Hummell**, sister of West

End Synagogue associate member Lynne Perler. Anne was preceded in death by her husband, Ross Bennett Hummell, and her parents, Florence and George Perler.

She is survived by her brother, Marc (Paulette) Perler of Tupelo, Miss., and her sister, Lynne Perler, of Dallas, as well as by nieces and nephews Keith (Melissa) Perler, Stephanie (Barry) Garst, Andrea Sour and Chad (Jill) Sour.

... to the family and friends of **Louis Palet**, who died on Jan. 1. Louis was a loving husband, father and grandfather who had a big personality and could take over a room with his sense of humor. He also loved being around his family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ruth Palet; daughter, Lisa Palet Goldstein (Rob); son, Dave Palet (Rita); grandchildren, Sarah Goldstein, Josh Palet, and Jake Palet.

... to the family and friends of **Elaine Shulman Hirsch**, mother of Congregation Micah member Abby Reish, who died on Jan. 2. Elaine is also survived by her son-in-law and granddaughter, Greg and Isabella Reish.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Elaine's name to Congregation Micah.

... to the family and friends of **Shannon Bishop Snyder**, 47, who died on Jan. 11 after courageously fighting brain cancer. A native of Florida, Shannon came to Nashville to attend medical school at Vanderbilt University, which her father and brother attended. There she met her husband, Oran Aaronson.

Shannon completed residency in emergency medicine and stayed on as Vanderbilt faculty for 11 years, where she taught hundreds of residents and medical students. She became the first fellow at Vanderbilt to train in emergency bedside ultrasound. Shannon also spent three years at TriStar Horizon/Natchez.

Travelling, exploring the outdoors, learning about Judaism, spending time in Israel, and giving back were meaningful to Shannon. She spent years connecting to Judaism and embraced her conversion in 2011.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Liam and Talia; her parents, Gayle Fambrough Snyder and Harold Emil Snyder; her sister, Shirley Greene; her brother, Brett Snyder, and her extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Temple - Congregation Ohabai Shalom, Vanderbilt School of Medicine or Vanderbilt Department of Emergency Medicine.

... to the family and friends of Congregation Micah member **Irving Joseph Slotchiver**, who died on Jan. 13 at the age of 95. Mr. Slotchiver was born in Walterboro, S.C., the third of four children of Edward and Sadie Slotchiver. He served with honor and distinction in

the United States Army during World War II. After attending what was then known as Clemson College before joining the Army, he earned a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Miami at Coral Gables and returned to South Carolina to work in the family business.

A few years later, he and his wife, Bettie, decided to go into business for themselves and settled in Middle Tennessee with their three daughters. After many years in the hospitality business, Mr. Slotchiver retired at age 52.

He returned to college and earned a master's degree in art from Vanderbilt University, specializing in glass technology and art glass making. In his second career, Mr. Slotchiver developed several glass formulas. He retired from the art glass business after nearly 20 years.

Mr. Slotchiver was survived by his beloved wife and devoted caregiver of 62 years, Bettie Slotchiver; three daughters, Gay, Jeni and Laurie; a son-in-law, Carl; and two granddaughters, Rachel and Jane.

Services were held at Congregation Micah. Memorial donations can be made to Congregation Micah or a charity of your choice.

... to the family and friends of Congregation Micah member **Suzanne Brandes**, who died on Jan. 18 at the age of 88. She is survived by her children, Chip Weinstein and Valerie Fisher (Jeff); grandchildren Natalie Chetboun (Johnny), Casey Fisher and Jamie Fisher; and by her great-granddaughter Ella Chetboun. She was preceded in death by first husband, Paul B. Weinstein Jr., by her second husband of 37 years, Martin Donald Brandes, and by her sisters Jane Linn and Shirley Gold. Donations in her honor may be made to Congregation Micah or The Temple.

... to the family and friends of **David Anchel**, who died on Jan. 21. He is survived by his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren, Congregation Micah members Wendy, Jon, Kimberly, and Andrew Kiepek. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in his name to Congregation Micah.

## In remembrance

The unveiling for **Jacqueline Diamond Zbar** will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18, at West End Synagogue's Cemetery at 2136 18th Avenue North. She was the mother of Darrel, Jeffery (Robbie), and Lisa (Ernst) Zbar.

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# Meet a super Eagles fan who's older than the team

By **BEN SALES**

(JTA) — Throughout the NFL playoffs, the Philadelphia Eagles have been treated as gritty underdogs. So it's only fitting that the city's spotlight is now on a 99-year-old Jewish man who endured hardship before coming out on top.

For the past few days, as Philly cheers the Eagles making it to the big game on Feb. 4, it's also celebrating Phil Basser, a native son who is waiting for his beloved football team to win its first Super Bowl. He will turn 100 in March.

"Philadelphia Phil," as he's come to be known, entered Philadelphians' hearts after his 18-year-old grandson, Josh Potter, tweeted about him. Potter was responding to a tweet about 99-year-old Millie Wall, a Minnesota Vikings fan who was looking forward to an Eagles-Vikings matchup in Sunday's NFC Championship game (The Eagles will actually play the New England Patriots). He included a photo of Basser wearing the jersey of the Eagles' injured starting quarterback, Carson Wentz.

"Looks like we got a battle of the centenarians!" Potter tweeted. The Eagles thrashed the Vikings, 38-7, to earn the Super Bowl berth, only the third in franchise history. Philly lost in its appearances following the 1980 and 2004 seasons.

Born to a poor Jewish family in 1918, Basser had a rags-to-riches story decades before he started making headlines. His mother died when he was 4 and his sister died when he was 8. He spent his weekdays in a local Jewish orphanage, the Jewish Foster Home and Orphan Asylum, and saw his father on weekends. His father died just as Basser was about to be deployed in World War II; he also served in the Korean War.



**Phil Basser with his grandson Josh Potter at the Eagles' NFC Championship game against the Minnesota Vikings in Philadelphia.** PHOTOGRAPH VIA JTA, COURTESY OF FOX 29 NEWS

As an adult, Basser founded a successful advertising agency in Philadelphia bearing his name. He had four children and has 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His wife of 65 years, Pearl, died last year, and he moved to New York to live with his daughter.

"The successes of all of my children and their spouses make me feel like I'm living in a dreamland," he said in an article published by the Eagles. "I can't explain it. It's heaven on earth."

Basser isn't a lifelong Eagles fan only because he's been alive longer than the Eagles have existed. Their first game was in 1933, when he was 15, and he still follows the team week in and week out. When they play a late game, he told Fox, he takes a nap beforehand so he can stay alert.

He has attended about 25 Eagles games, mostly in their early years. But Basser and his family were on hand Sunday at Lincoln Financial Field for the NFC title game on the way to a shot at team history.

"One could look at my life and see the hurdles and the tragedy," he told the Philly Voice. "These were all devastating, but I choose to wake up each and every day seeing the best that life has to offer." •

# Groundhog Day

By: **Yoni Glatt, koshercrosswords@gmail.com**  
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Hundreds of newcomers from across our community have been welcomed to the Jewish community through Jewish Federation programs.

#### Inspires

Jewish teens from the Nashville community have the opportunity to experience Israel through our Get Connected program and foster a deeper connection to Israel inspiring them to get involved in their local Jewish community.

#### Supports

During tough times, families in our community get counseling, financial planning and case management they need to feel secure, empowered and supported.

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## Check out Camp Davis at the J: Getting kids dirty since 1930

If it's time for summer, it's time for Camp Davis. The flagship summer program of the Gordon JCC, Camp Davis has another incredible summer in store for 2018. At the center of the Camp Davis experience are six values pulled from Jewish tradition: love, righteousness, holy community, nature, growth, and most importantly, fun.

A combination of our time-tested traditional camp and top-quality specialty tracks means that there is something for everyone. No matter who you are or where you come from, the Camp Davis family welcomes you.

More than just something to do in the summer, Camp Davis is a place where all campers are pushed to go just a little bit further. We believe that true growth can only be achieved through the taking of risks. Failure is not to be avoided, but embraced as a part of the learning process. Through a community of support, Camp Davis campers are able to set their own goals and achieve incredible success.

At Camp Davis we are committed to providing our campers with positive and meaningful interactions with their peers, staff members, and the natural world. We do this not just because it's fun, but to actively participate in tikkun olam.

To learn more, visit us at [www.campdavisnashville.com](http://www.campdavisnashville.com), or swing by the Gordon JCC. If you're lucky, Mr. Jack may even give you a ride in the ruach rover!

## Hoof it to Creekside Riding Academy

Creekside Riding Academy and Stables for ages 6 and up is where horse lovers come to camp!

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Barn activities include scavenger hunts, horse-related arts and crafts, making homemade horse treats. Connecting with and caring for these magnificent animals has been shown to give riders confidence in many areas of life.

Camps are offered weekly throughout June and July. Half-day or all-day camps start at \$250 per week.

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Phone: (615) 595-7547; website: [creeksideridingstables.com](http://creeksideridingstables.com)

## Jacobs Camp - Nashville Jewish youths' home away from home

We are counting down the days to another incredible summer, and we hope to open our camp gates even wider for Nashville families this summer. Jacobs Camp, a reform Jewish summer camp in Utica, Miss., has been home to thousands of Jewish youth from the Deep South since 1970. Each summer, we create a fun, loving, and meaningful community for rising 2nd through 10th graders. Jacobs campers get the chance to try new activities, build friendships, and grow their Jewish identity. Our campers return home feeling more confident, independent, and deeply connected to Judaism.

Throughout the years, our programs have evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. We've expanded our specialty programs by hiring highly trained staff to develop and teach our sports, creative arts, and adventure programs. Additionally, we are continuously enhancing our waterfront with new features to our lake and pool – a true highlight of the summer for our campers. With summer 2018 quickly approaching, we are excited to unveil new and exciting features to make this summer the best yet!

Enrollment for Summer 2018 has surpassed previous summers, and we want to make Jacobs Camp your child's home away from home this year! There are incredible scholarship opportunities for new Nashville campers; check our ad or talk to us for details. We offer a rich, active, welcoming community that celebrates Judaism in every moment of every day, and we hope to welcome your child to the Jacobs Camp Family this summer!

## Fashion Camp's back for another stylish summer

Six years ago Carrie Mills, a Parsons School of Design alumna, was asked to start a fashion camp for Camp Davis at the Gordon Jewish Community Center.

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Here, we bring together a diverse community of talented, experienced staff, offer outstanding athletics and arts programs, and infuse a love of Israeli culture and Jewish heritage into everything we do.

Ramah Darom is an inclusive environment that feels like home. Guided by caring role models, children of all abilities are challenged to reach new heights, supported in their growth, and afforded opportunities to pursue their interests and dreams.

Our beautiful 122-acre campus is nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and surrounded by the Chattahoochee National Forest. Ramah Darom's world-class amenities, top-notch accommodations, delicious food, and dedicated staff have made us a camp and retreat center that's second to none. But it's our heart and soul that make Ramah Darom a magical place, one that leaves a mark on all who spend time here.

We look forward to seeing you soon at Ramah Darom.

Learn more about all that we offer: Summer camp, year-round programs and rental opportunities at [ramahdarom.org](http://ramahdarom.org).



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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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## 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.

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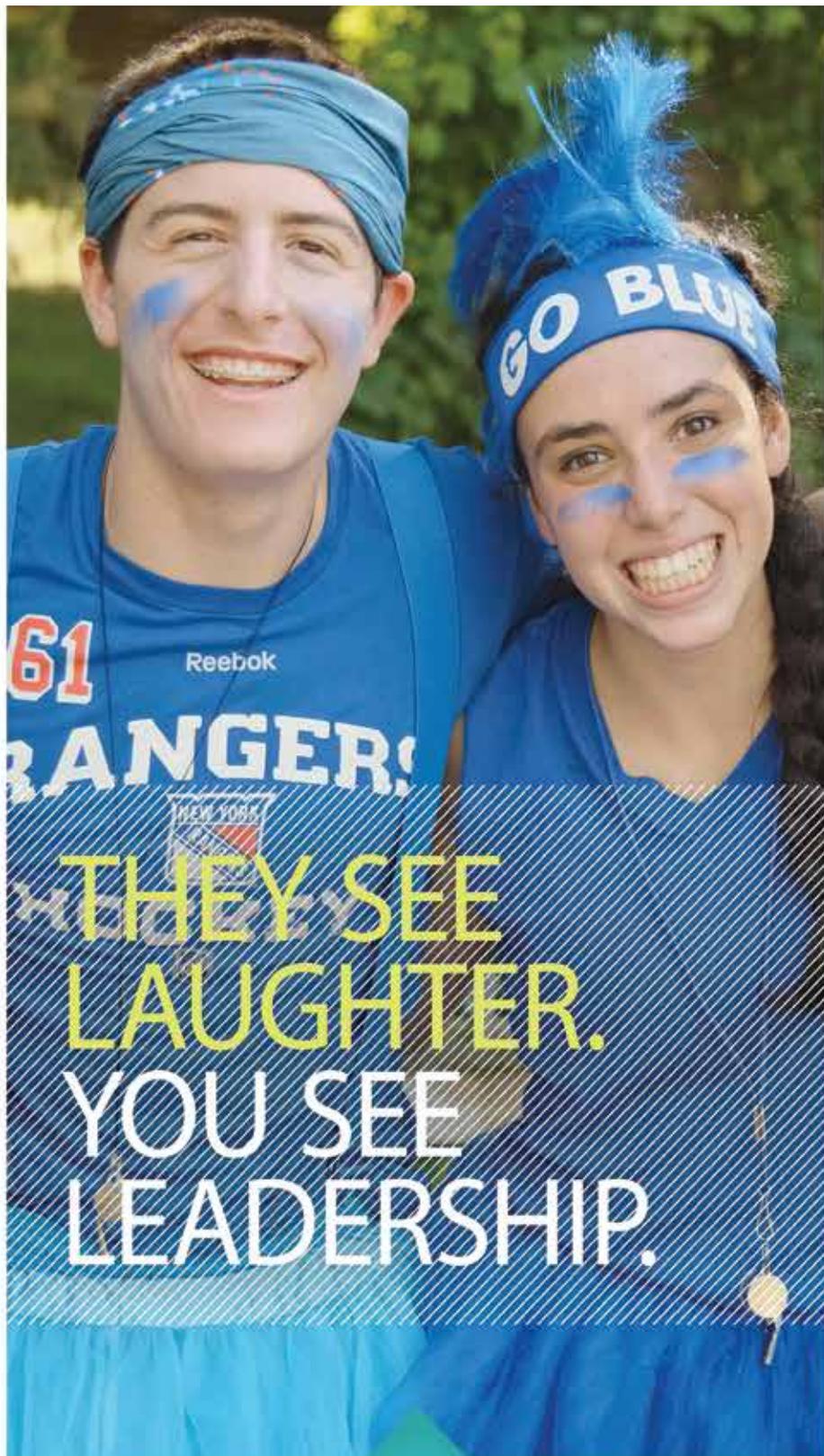
The Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee realizes the importance of building Jewish life and makes financial assistance available on a need basis for students to attend Jewish summer camps. If you know someone who could benefit from this information, please share it. **To request information on summer camp opportunities or for a scholarship application, please contact Becky Gunn at the Jewish Federation at [becky@jewishnashville.org](mailto:becky@jewishnashville.org) or 615-354-1668 and send completed applications to [campscholarships2018@jewishnashville.org](mailto:campscholarships2018@jewishnashville.org).**

All inquiries are confidential. The deadline for submitting applications is March 15, 2018.



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[OneHappyCamper.org](http://OneHappyCamper.org)  
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## Open eyes and hands to creating art at Watkins Summer Camps

As the world becomes ever more dependent on creative minds, now is the time for your child to take on a creative challenge and develop those skills. Young people who participate in Watkins Summer Camps learn to think and follow through on an idea, to accept and integrate feedback, and to see the world through more innovative and richer lenses. Best of all, they have terrific fun while they're learning, growing, and creating, which is what summer is all about.

All Watkins Summer Camps are weeklong, full-day camps.

Our Multi-Arts Camps, for ages 5-7 and 8-10, give young artists the opportunity to explore a variety of media and techniques under the guidance of talented, expert educators. Devoting half the day to creating 2D and then 3D art, campers will spend their whole week fully immersed in age-appropriate projects.

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After all the making, campers will showcase their work alongside that of their peers in an art show open to all our artists' family and friends. With accessible parking and free childcare before and after camp hours, we're as convenient for parents as we are fun for kids.

More information and registration can be found online at [watkins.edu/community-education](http://watkins.edu/community-education).

## Explore on land or water with Leadership Academy camps

Leadership Academy believes that outdoor play and exploration increases confidence, creativity and social intelligence. Because of this, Leadership Academy has created six summer camp programs all around Nashville to engage youth in outdoor activity and grow a true love and affinity for the parks and outdoor spaces in our community.

The first of these programs is Camp Warner Park, an outdoor nature camp located at Warner Park. Your camper(s) will spend a week hiking, creek exploring, doing crafts, playing camp games, building forts and making friends while out in nature. They will share all of these new experiences with a group of their peers, led by a counselor who is passionate about the life change that can come only from camp.

If your child has more aquatic passions, Nashville Sail Camp, located on Percy Priest and Old Hickory Lakes, would be the perfect fit. Your camper(s) will spend the week learning all about boats and sailing, while still making new friends and memories that will last a lifetime. Every day the campers sail on the lake and try out their new skills in a safe, contained environment under the supervision of U.S. Sailing certified instructors who also have a passion to impact lives.

So, whether by land or by sea, Leadership Academy has the program to engage your child in outdoor play and boost their awareness and enthusiasm for the nature around them. Learn more about all the camps at [LeadershipAcademyLLC.com](http://LeadershipAcademyLLC.com) or call the camp office at (615) 856-4772.

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