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Jewish Family Service: Helping Teens and Parents Navigate the LGBTQI Space

By BARBARA DAB

Nashville, Tn – Using the Jewish values of being welcoming, creating connected communities, fighting for justice and saving a life, local teens and their parents learned principles and developed skills to navigate the evolving LGBTQI space. The program, under the auspices of Jewish Family Service, featured presentations by two expert educators on a recent Sunday morning and helped participants understand how to define LGBTQI identities, how to support peers and children and how to promote wellness in LGBTQI youth, among other things. Teens and parents were in separate groups, with each group receiving similar materials.

Galia Godel, Program Manager of LGBTQI Initiatives with the Jewish Family Service of Greater Philadelphia, was the presenter for the teen group. There was role playing and discussion

designed to help the teens understand proper definitions of terms like sex, gender identity and sexual orientation. The group of about 30 teens asked questions, shared ideas and helped each other problem solve some potential issues that may arise with their friends.

Godel highlighted special challenges in Tennessee with the recent introduction in the State legislature of House Bill 2576, filed by Rep. John Ragan, R-Oak Ridge, and Sen. Janice Bowling, R-Tullahoma. The bill would effectively ban children under 18 from receiving any type of sex change therapy and would charge parents who provide those types of treatments with child abuse. She says it is important for teens to know the challenges and risks because transgender teens are at a higher risk of suicide. A recent study by the American Academy of Pediatrics revealed some alarming statistics. According to Godel the study found, “Forty percent of trans



Jewish Family CEO Pam Kelner. Presenter Shawn Reilly. Presender Galia Godel, Jewish Family Service Social Worker Ashley Franklin

people under the age of 25 attempt suicide.” As to the causes, she says it varies by person, but there is a general sense of not belonging. “It’s not that trans people are broken or don’t fit in the world, it’s

that the world is not designed for them and the only way we are going to be able to stop that epidemic is to change the world we live in so that each young trans

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Historian Deborah Lipstadt to Address Today’s Antisemitism

By BARBARA DAB

Nashville, Tn – The last two years have seen a dramatic rise in incidents of antisemitism. According to the Anti Defamation League, since 2018 there have been nearly 1900 acts, with a large increase in violent physical assaults. These developments are part of what inspired historian Deborah Lipstadt to write her latest book, “Antisemitism Here and Now.” The book is written as a series of letters to two characters, each representative of people she has encountered during her tenure at Emory University, where she is a professor. One character is a student studying antisemitism and trying to understand its causes, and the other is a non-Jewish colleague. The book is set against the backdrop of the summer of 2018. Lipstadt says she



Deborah Lipstadt

felt it was time to address what she saw as a growing problem. “I just had this feeling that things were getting worse and it needed to be looked at in a serious, nuanced, apolitical fashion,” she says. And as part of this year’s Vanderbilt Holocaust Lecture Series, she will be speaking about the book and her views

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Rabbis present “Torah from Music City” PHOTO: RICK WISE

Rabbis Highlight Ties That Bind Through Torah

By BARBARA DAB

Nashville, Tn – In the beginning, there were a dozen rabbis. Each had a unique perspective and approach to

studying and teaching Torah. Over the course of the last five years, this group came together to collaborate on what many are calling a cutting-edge work. A

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Local Students Build Bridges with Pen and Paper

By BARBARA DAB

Nashville, Tn – It all began last school year with two Akiva students and two students from Tusculum Elementary School in south Nashville, clear across town. After being taught the finer points of formal letter writing, the youngsters in grades three and four put pen to paper to introduce themselves. Lindsay Weiner, Co-founder of this program and Site Coordinator with Communities in Schools at Tusculum Elementary and Susan Eskew, a teacher at Akiva School, have worked to develop this pen pal program which this year includes a dozen students from each school. The students and families will meet, for the first time, on March 26th at the Community Relations Committee's annual Seder.

The Akiva students are part of the Kids4Kids initiative and teacher Susan Eskew is the facilitator. She said last year, the meeting between the students at the

Seder was a highlight. "They had been conversing about the things they liked and different things they were doing at school, so it was a really nice culminating activity for them," she said. This year, a focus has been on cultural awareness about similarities and differences. Each month introduces a different theme for the pen pal letters, with February's theme, "What does world peace mean to you?" and "How will you help make the world a more peaceful place?" sparking some deeper insights among the students.

The theme of this year's seder is, as last year, "Stronger than Hate." Through this pen pal project, Tusculum Elementary and Akiva School students have been working hard to live this message. Akiva Kids4Kids students donated boxes of new toys, clothing, and books for Tusculum families during the holidays. Tusculum is one of Nashville's most diverse elementary schools with families from approximately 35 different countries and with over 75%



Students participate in last year's CRC Seder

of the school population belonging to the immigrant and refugee community. Lindsey Weiner, who is also a member of Nashville's Jewish Community, says, "I am passionate about helping our students celebrate differences, discover similarities, and build friendships across different cultures and backgrounds." And Susan Eskew adds, "We have students who have come from Israel who don't speak English, we've had students from other countries who also don't speak English. And then

there are refugees we're meeting, and we talk about the hatred some of them have experienced, the discrimination. So, it's really some deep thinking." She says these conversations get the students in touch with their own feelings and experiences.

There are some similarities between the two schools, too. Although Akiva is the only Jewish Day School in Middle Tennessee, almost 41% of students are from international families and represent 50 countries.

This year once again the students will come together at the Community Relations Committee Seder and the plan is for them to recite The Four Questions together. And for two Akiva students, the experience is one they won't forget. Ten-year-old Hannah said, "Pen pals is a way to meet new people that we probably would have never known existed." And nine-year-old Amalia says, "I enjoyed learning about a different culture and making a new friend."

For more about the CRC Seder, contact Deborah Oleshansky, deborah@jewishnashville.org, or register at www.jewishnashville.org/crcseder.

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on the rising tide of antisemitism on Tuesday, March 31st.

Although Lipstadt believes antisemitism is something that is always bubbling under the surface, she believes what is being seen today is different in many ways from the antisemitism in the past. She says, "The moral guardrails that kept people from saying certain things or making certain arguments are significantly down. People feel freer to say things, to make accusations and it's very disturbing." She also cites the rise in social media as a vehicle for new expressions of antisemitism that she says embolden people to speak in extremes.

As to the politicization of antisemitism, Lipstadt says both people on the left and the right can accurately see antisemitism on the other side. But, she says, that vantage point is problematic. "When people are so focused on the other side, they don't see the antisemitism right next to them. And when that happens you get what I call a 'weaponization,' of antisemitism. Rather than addressing the real thing, it becomes a political cudgel." In other words, she says those who are really serious about the issue should see the need to address it regardless of where it comes from.

Now in its 42nd year, the Vanderbilt Holocaust Lecture Series is the longest running program of its kind at any American university. Christopher Donald, University Chaplain, Director of Religious Life and co-Chair of the Holocaust Lecture Series, says Lipstadt was asked to speak precisely because she has the ability to attract a broad audience and to shine a light on the growing problem. "Despite what we might think, recent events have shown antisemitism is alive in our world," he says, "But sunshine is the greatest disinfectant." Donald explains the series was started by pastor Beverly Asbury who believed it was important to be engaged in the world and was deeply moved by the horrors of the Holocaust. He says, "Bev believed that by continuing to talk about it, we can continue the mandate of, 'Never Again.'"

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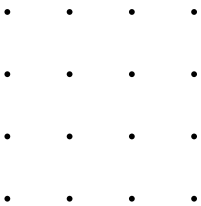
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book entitled, "Torah from Music City," that includes commentary on each of the weekly portions, each written by one of the 12 rabbis, was recently published and introduced to Nashville's Jewish Community.

What began as an idea in the mind of Rabbi Joshua Kullock of West End Synagogue, was not only to produce a book of Torah, but to showcase the local rabbinic relationships. Rabbi Kullock says, "When I became the president of the Board of Rabbis, I wanted to make sure that we could take advantage of the wonderful collegiality that we were able to build throughout the years. I wanted to translate those bonds into something concrete that will remind all of us of the precious community that we have."

In fact, the cohesiveness of the

local Jewish community is something not typically seen. Shaul Kelner, Associate Professor of Sociology and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, says, "There's nothing like this in any community that I know of. It's rare on the national level to see this broad of a collaboration between rabbis across all the denominations." And local rabbis who worked on the book are aware of the opportunity to share their various teachings. Rabbi Saul Strosberg of Sherith Israel says, "It's never a forgone conclusion when it comes to synagogue organizations, rabbis, and lay-leaders, but it is very much the unique spirit of Nashville, and because that's the case, we can all learn from and benefit from one another."

As to the reasons behind the cohesive nature of Nashville's Jewish community, Shaul Kelner says history plays a role in that families often have ties to many congregations. "It makes it easier

for the rabbis to collaborate, if the families belong to more than one congregation, why shouldn't the rabbis be working together," he says. In fact, the model that Nashville is creating is at the forefront of a national trend. "There's been a lot of work at the national level to bridge denominational divides," he says, "It's been going on for a few decades now in rabbinic seminaries."

The prevailing views among the rabbis has been largely positive in their work on the book. But one of the participants thinks things could be even better going forward. Rabbi Laurie Rice of Congregation Micah is grateful to Rabbi Kullock for spearheading this project, but says the process also highlighted areas for improvement. "This was a gift Joshua brought to all of us. But not everyone put enough effort in," she says. She believes the community's lay leaders can be called upon to encourage their respective rabbis to collaborate

even further on things like a unified high school program.

Nevertheless, the experience around the creation of the Torah book is being heralded as a model for helping communities evolve. And as more people arrive in Nashville, Shaul Kelner says, a more flexible culture is created. "Hopefully it's a virtual cycle that once we are in a dynamic like this, it's important that we stay here. And it's part of what becomes appealing about the community for people moving here. We begin to think of ourselves as a community that collaborates well, and we actually live out that value." And Rabbi Kullock agrees. He says, "We have created a strong culture of partnership and collegiality and I don't think that will be modified by the potential changes in the local demographics. On the contrary, we may be able to export the Nashville model of collaboration as one among many other reasons to move to Music City"

Jewish Federation Professional Advisory Council Seminar to Answer Six Estate Planning Questions

You've got questions, we have answers. The Jewish Federation of Nashville Professional Advisory Council, funded by the Joe Kraft Professional Advisory Program Fund housed at the Jewish Foundation and the LIFE & LEGACY™ program, is hosting its 4th seminar on Monday, March 30th from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at the Gordon JCC. The topic of the seminar is, "Legacy Options-Life Insurance, IRAs, Bequests." Come find out the answers to these six important questions:

1. Which is better to leave to a charity, life insurance or an IRA?
2. Do Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) make even more sense today?
3. How can I buy life insurance with tax deductible dollars?

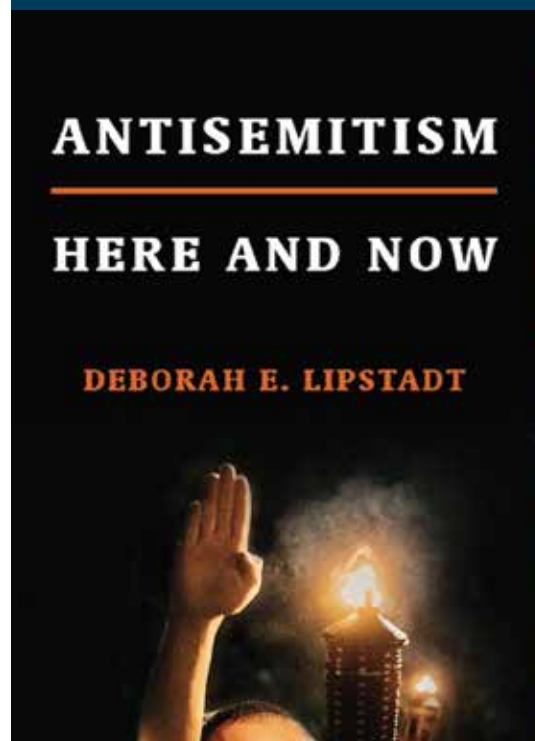
-Michael Levine, Wealth Manager, Levine Group, LLC

1. How secure am I in my knowledge of the recently enacted SECURE Act?
2. What changes do I need to make to my estate planning documents based on the SECURE Act?
3. As a result of the SECURE Act, should I designate charities as the beneficiaries of my IRA or 401(k) retirement benefits?

-Ralph Levy, Attorney, Dickinson Wright

Michael Levine and Ralph Levy will present, Dave Heller and Rodney Rosenblum are our panelists, and Eva Pulley will moderate. A free lunch will be served to those who RSVP. To RSVP, please contact Shannon Small, Financial Resource Philanthropic Officer, at 615-354-1651 or shannon@jewishnashville.org.

Antisemitism Here and Now with Keynote Speaker Deborah Lipstadt



Tuesday, March 31 | 7:30pm
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HOLD THE DATE: APRIL 30, 2020 for Gala 2020

Chabad of Nashville will host GALA 2020 on April 30, celebrating 22 years of service to the Nashville Jewish community.

There will be surprise honorees, an exquisite gourmet dinner by a world renowned celebrity chef, five-star entertainment, and a superb silent auction.

Details to follow in the April Observer.

PURIM 2020 with Chabad of Nashville

Chabad of Nashville will be hosting a variety of Purim events that will be offered to the Jewish community for people of all ages, including study, ritual, cultural and spiritual.

The following are the programs that will be offered at Chabad of Nashville for Purim 2020:

“The Solution to Anti-Semitism: Combating Hatred with Jewish Pride” Saturday, March 16, 1:30 PM

Chabad of Nashville will be offering a Purim study group on the Solution to Anti-Semitism, by Combating Hatred with Jewish Pride.

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 Haman’s 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 at Chabad of Nashville on Saturday, March 7, 1:30 PM in the Oak Library at Chabad of Nashville.

The Big Megillah Monday, March 9, 7:15 PM - Purim Eve

Chabad of Nashville will be celebrating Purim 2020 on Monday, March 9, 7:30 PM with the BIG MEGILLAH Reading. Festivities will begin with the Haman Boogie, Megillah Reading, and Hamantaschen Eating contest. All participants will receive a special Purim gift.

Hony Tonk Purim Celebration Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 PM

On Tuesday, March 10, the annual Purim Around the World celebration will take place at Chabad of Nashville with the Honky Tonk Purim celebration.

The event will include an adventure in the Honky Tonk Town, with a Southern Country Theme. Swing over for The Megillah Reading, a delectable Dinner Buffet with dishes from the Deep South, Musical Entertainment, a Southern Hamantaschen Bar, Country face painting, a Honky Tonk 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 March 4, at www.chabadnashville.com.

BLT – BAGELS, LOX AND TANYA

Join friends for a morning of bagels, lox and Tanya (Jewish mysticism) on Sunday, March 15, at 10:00 AM. Partake in a delicious spread of bagels, lox, cream cheese, and freshly brewed coffee as you learn from the Holy Book of the Tanya. The lesson is taught by lay leadership, starting with Doug Revere who has been a longtime student of these teachings. Nourish your Mind, Body and Soul with BLT at Chabad of Nashville.

Chabad to host two TGIS celebration in March

Start your Shabbat off right with good friends, great conversation, and excellent kosher cuisine, all seasoned with the perfect amount of spirit and joy. TGIS is a Club Med Shabbat: An all inclusive Shabbat experience. Enjoy a Friday night Shabbat dinner replete with traditional dishes. Blended with spirited singing, a Chasidic tale, and a chance to meet some wonderful new people. TGIS will be held on Friday evening, March 13, and on March 27, at 6:30 PM at Chabad of Nashville.

There is no cost to attend the TGIS Shabbat experience, however we kindly request that you RSVP by letting s know you will be attending at chabadnashville@gmail.com

Nashville’s congregations

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

Congregation Beit Tefilah Chabad, www.chabadnashville.com

Congregation Micah, www.congregationmicah.org

Congregation Sherith Israel, www.sherithisrael.com

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

West End Synagogue, www.westendsyn.org



March Social Action Drive: Second Harvest Food Bank

Congregation Micah is collecting canned food items for Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee. Most needed items: Peanut butter, seed/nut butter, canned chicken and tuna, soup, stew, and chili, canned low sugar fruits and low salt veggies, rice and pasta, cereal and oatmeal. Please avoid glass jars, expired items, and perishable foods.

Friday, March 6 after services Micah Readers

Book club meets the first Friday of the month in the library to discuss the monthly title.

Shabbat Shaband Service – Friday, March 6

Enjoy the sound of traditional instruments as Nashville’s Shabbat band accompanies song and prayer under the leadership of Lisa Silver. Weekly WINE-down begins at 5:30, service at 6:00 p.m.

Comical Con Purim Carnival Sunday, March 8, 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

This year’s Purim event, Comical Con is coming to Micah! \$36 Family Passes include games and food for the entire family. \$8 per adult, \$15 per child. Proceeds support Micah’s youth group! For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the Micah events page on our website.

Multi-Generational Hamantaschen Bake Sunday, March 8 @ 1:30 to 3:30 P.M.

You provide the toppings and we will provide the dough. Bake and take home with you. Cost is \$5 per person.

Temple Exchange Shabbat Service @ The Temple – Friday, March 13 at 6:00 P.M.

The Temple welcomes Congregation Micah and its clergy for a joint Shabbat service. Yahrzeits will be read at the service.

A(nother) Night to Remember Saturday, March 14 @ 6:00 P.M.

Re-do prom night with your Micah family! — An evening of frivolity and fun. Dinner, open bar, dancing, silent auction, photo booth, and entertainment. Dress in your favorite prom-era fashion! \$75 Per Person (\$150 Per Couple), \$500 Silver Patron Level, \$1,000 Gold Patron Level Patron levels include 2 tickets to the event, a bottle of bubbly, and names listed on signage. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit our Events page.

Room in the Inn – Sunday, March 15

Room in the Inn is a national program that provides food and shelter for the homeless in houses of worship throughout participating cities in the United States. Help us prepare food, serve the evening meal, set up the sleeping area or overnight as hosts with our guests. To volunteer, sign up on our website via our Social Action Projects page.

Hadassah Shabbat Service Friday, March 20 at 5:30 P.M.

Join us for Hadassah Shabbat, starting with a “preneg” at 5:30 followed by services at 6:00 featuring our Hadassah leaders.

Aging Parents Series – Navigating Family Wednesday, March 25 @ 6:30 – 8:00 PM

The next session in our Navigating the Aging Journey of Our Parents series, 5 Workshops for the Sandwich Generation (Adults 40 - 70 caring for aging parents while raising children). This workshop will focus on how to successfully communicate with family members as you strive to support and protect your aging loved ones whether locally or long distance.

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A Woman's Circle Friday, March 27 at 12:00 P.M.

A monthly opportunity to grow your soul, meet with other women and engage with sacred text. Rabbi Laurie challenges your intellect through study and conversation on Jewish and other relevant topics. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Rabbi Laurie Rice at lrice@congregationmicah.org

Shabbat Shal-Om – Saturday, March 28

Calling yogis of all ages! Join us for a Yoga class led by Rabbi Laurie of Congregation Micah and yoga teacher of Shakti Power Yoga. No matter where you are in your yoga practice or Judaism, we are inviting you to reconnect body and soul through gentle flow yoga and Jewish learning.

Women's Seder – Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 P.M.

This special evening celebrates the 19th Amendment and ERA. Featuring a performance from the Nashville Ballet, "72 Steps", and guest speaker Anat Hoffman, executive director of the IRAC (Israel Religious Action Center). This event is free and for men and women alike. RSVP at www.congregationmicah.org/events. Co-sponsored by: Congregation Micah, The Temple, Vanderbilt Hillel, Hadassah, and Nashville Ballet

Weekly Programs

B.L.T. - Bagels, Learning, and Torah – Come have a B.L.T. with the rabbi...That's Bagels, Learning, and Torah! Torah Study starts at 9 a.m. on Saturdays. Join us for fresh bagels, coffee! Bring your friends for some nourishment of both mind and body—Jewish style!

Schmooze and Views: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. – Join us for a lively current events discussion with the Rabbi; snacks and coffee provided.

Mah Jongg: Tuesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; For beginners (lessons @ 12:30) and established players. Questions? Contact Paula Kirwan at pgkwn@comcast.net

@ Sherith Israel

A Simcha-Filled Purim at Sherith Israel

Everyone is invited to join us for a joyful Purim celebration! Megillah reading will be on March 9th at 6:45pm, followed by a kids' party complete with snacks and a bounce house. Kids and adults alike will have their "simcha" (happiness) turned up a notch thanks to the joyful sounds of Staam, Wash U's Jewish A Capella group.

Rabbi Marc Gitler Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, March 27-28

Rabbi March Gitler will be visiting Sherith Israel for an exciting weekend of learning. Rabbi Gitler is a graduate of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and the founder of the non-profit Feast for Famine providing essential food to people in need in the United States and in Israel. He is joining us as a representative of 929, an exciting organization promoting the learning of Tanakh. His topics will include: David, Bathsheba, and Me Too? What Does David's Worst Moment Mean in this Moment?, Elijah's Knocking: Why is the Prophet Coming for your Wine?, and Bible in the Belt: What Does the Bible Say about the Politics of the "Moral Majority"? The presentations will be after Friday night dinner, during Shabbat morning services, and on Shabbat afternoon. RSVP to Janet for the Friday night dinner at office@sherithisrael.com, \$18/adult, \$12/child over 3, \$60 max per family.

@ The Temple

Golden Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 on March 3rd and 17th.

Purim Carnival

The Temple's Annual Purim Carnival-Party like a Rock Star!
Come dressed in your favorite music decade or as your favorite musician/rock star.
Sunday, March 8th at 10:30 am
Costume contest! Fabulous prizes!
Games and attractions for families with young children ages 0-5
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Train Rides • Exotic Animal Petting Zoo
• Magician & Juggler • Mask Making
• Face Paint • Sand Art • Balloon Animals
Special area for 4th - 7th graders with sports games & climbing wall

Temple Purim Service and Festive Oneg

We LOVE the 80's (5780) theme on Friday, March 6th at 6:00 PM. with festive Oneg to follow.

Tot Shabbat Saturday, March 28th at 10:00am

Come help us celebrate Shabbat for children up to 6 years old and the big people who love them! We'll have songs, crafts, a story, and yummy treats with a Passover theme!

Community Concert:

What's LOVE got to do with it ? A Glimpse into the Heart of Judaism Sunday, March 1 ~ 4:00 pm @ The Temple

For the second year in a row, the musical voices of our Nashville Jewish community will gather together as one for

an uplifting and inspiring concert. We would *love* for you to join us for this special afternoon of music where we'll explore the many different forms of love found throughout Jewish tradition.

A Free Concert Featuring:

Cantor Tracy Fishbein of The Temple, Cantor Sarah Levine of West End Synagogue, Cantorial Soloist Lisa Silver of Congregation Micah with Nashville Jewish Community Volunteer Choir conducted by John Sevier and Instrumentalists Russ Davis ~ John Mock ~ Chris Patterson

Reception to Follow

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The Temple is located at 5015 Harding Pike

This event is open to the community without charge.

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W.E.L.L – Women. Engaged in Living and Learning

Women's Power & Purim Happy Hour on March 10th. For More information, Please reach out to Rabbi Shana Mackler.

Scholar in Residence-

Dr. Richard Elliott Friedman
March 27-29, 2020

Dr. Richard Elliott Friedman will speak on Friday, March 27th at our 6:00pm Shabbat Service.

He will teach our Chevrah Torah on Saturday morning at 9:30am on March 28th. He will lead a Brunch and Learn on Sunday, March 29th.

"Who Wrote the Bible" and Other Questions & Insights on Sacred Texts

Dr. Friedman is the Ann and Jay Davis Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Georgia and is the Katzin Professor of Jewish Civilization Emeritus of the University of California, San Diego. He is the author of numerous best selling books including "Who Wrote the Bible" and The Exodus.



Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.
Study session with Rabbi Elie Kaunfer

Resurrection Revisited: A closer Look at the Second Blessing of the Amidah.

Save the Date:
Sisterhood Shabbat - Saturday, March 7

Monday, March 9, 2020
Celebrate Purim at West End Synagogue

5:45 p.m. Dairy Dinner catered by WES Sisterhood (no charge)

6:30 p.m. – Service with Megillah reading

Please rsvp to office@westendsyn.org by Thursday, March 5

Sunday March 8th at West End Synagogue
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
STAAM A Capella

Staam, WashU's premier Jewish A Cappella group, was founded in 1997, recently celebrating its 20th anniversary. Staam's members are brought together by their love of music and singing. Staam's repertoire includes songs in Hebrew and songs in English that are written or performed by Jewish artists like Imagine Dragons, Troye Sivan, Drake, Young the Giant, P!nk and so many more. They perform a mix of liturgical, Israeli and secular pop music.

Rsvp to office@westendsyn.org

Ben-Gurion, Epilogue

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, West End Synagogue, in partnership with the American Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev presents the movie, "Ben-Gurion, Epilogue".

Based on archive material, the film reveals the final years of Israel's founder, David Ben-Gurion. Excluded from leadership, he allowed himself a hindsight perspective on the Zionist enterprise. Please rsvp to office@westendsyn.org.

Screening at 6:30pm.

Conversation at 7:30pm.

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Local Educator Improving Civil Discourse at State Level

By BARBARA DAB

Nashville, Tn – After years as a Jewish educator, Lynn Heady is spending her retirement continuing to educate and finds she is busier than ever. Today, she is the Tennessee state coordinator for the Better Angels organization. The national organization began just after the 2016 election when many in the country were feeling distraught and frustrated. According to the Better Angels website, the initial meeting was a weekend of discussions between Clinton and Trump supporters, led by a family therapist and community organizer. The results were surprisingly positive and inspired further gatherings and evolved into workshops around the country. Lynn became involved when, after retiring as Head of School at Akiva School in 2016, she found herself searching for new ways to be engaged with the community and also unhappy with the negative rhetoric surrounding the election. “I’m very much a patriotic American, I believe in our country, and I was heart sick to see what was happening,” she says. The Better Angels was just beginning workshops in the region and she liked their principle of balance and the idea that the goal is to bring back civility and compromise.

Better Angels’ approach is through dialogue and teaching practical skills for communicating across political differences. The goal of each workshop is to include equal numbers of what they call, “red and blue Americans,” and rather than trying to change minds, they aim to learn to listen and understand. “I went to that first workshop and after the first hour, I was in,” says Lynn. “It was so powerful sitting in a room with equal numbers of blues

and reds and talking about stereotypes we have of each other. Talking about what we liked about our party’s platform, what we are worried about. We asked each other questions about understanding. It was exactly what I needed.”

Lynn was asked to organize the Tennessee workshops and she felt as an educator, she would be a good fit.

After being trained and leading the workshops for about 18 months, she was asked to be the state coordinator. Lynn says the work is challenging, particularly because Tennessee is a predominantly red state, so bringing people together is difficult. But she’s enjoying growing the state’s organization. “We started in

Nashville with a list of maybe 15 people involved, we’re now up to almost 300 in Nashville, over 500 in the state with groups in Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Maryville. We are definitely spreading out.” The growth of the organization is largely grassroots, with presentations made to various civic groups including Rotary clubs and conservative groups.

When it comes to both her experience as an educator in the Jewish community and her personal history, Lynn feels it is the ideal backdrop for this type of work. “We are taught to welcome the stranger. We are taught work for peace. Tikkun Olam is something that drives us to repair the world. For me, it’s the perfect match in terms of ideology and background.” She’s found that for some people she meets in her work, she is the first Jewish person they’ve ever met. She was recently invited to conduct a workshop for the United Methodist Church because they have also been experiencing the same polarization as other groups in the country. Lynn says her Jewish iden-



Lynn Heady



Better Angels Workshop

tity sparked some interesting questions. She says it was a good opportunity for the Jewish community that she was there to give answers.

Going forward, Lynn’s goals for Better Angels in Tennessee is to build diversity. “I want the organization to reflect the citizenry of Nashville.” And building partnerships within the city is happening as well. Elyse Adler, Assistant Director of Education and Literacy at Nashville Public Library says she has enjoyed getting to know Lynn and is pleased the Library can provide a setting for the workshops. “After speaking with Lynne and understanding their mission of unity and depolarization in an effort to understand all points of view, we thought it could be of great benefit to the community and what better place to hold these conversations than at a public library. NPL’s mission is to inspire reading, advance learning and connect community so helping to create an informed citizenry assuring a civil society, is foundational to our role in the

community!” In addition, Better Angels has partnered with another local initiative aimed at promoting civic engagement. David Plazas, Director of Opinion and Engagement at The Tennessean says the organization has been very helpful in his work with Civility Tennessee. “Better Angels has been a tremendous resource for me and the work my team are doing on civic engagement because they’ve shown a model of humanizing each other, of going against the de-humanization that’s so easy to do.” He says Lynn’s experience as a Jewish educator has added dimension to her work. “She has been a role model because she is someone who not only is open about her own views, but she’s open to listening to other views and to having those conversations that are really important. That’s the point of civility. It’s about listening, being empathetic, and at the same time speaking up for oneself. I think it’s important to speak truth to power and she is a wonderful example of someone who is able to speak up.”

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LGBTQI Space

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person feels like they fit and are accepted and safe and can survive in this world.”

Education professionals also participated in a workshop led by Godel. The focus for that program was on making changes in the classroom to make the space more inclusive. That also includes making the language more inclusive. “I encourage organizations to update their paperwork to say things like ‘parent one or parent two.’ To say ‘guardian,’ instead

of ‘mother and father.’ Don’t assume the gender of someone’s parents. Those little changes that take some practice can make a big difference for students.”

The parent’s presentation was given by Shawn Reilly, Trans Buddy Program Coordinator for LGBTQ Health at Vanderbilt. They say that for the parents, a big challenge is keeping up with the dynamic nature of the LGBTQI community. As people are moving to redefine themselves using new terms, it can be difficult for parents to keep up, particularly if they don’t have access to the new information. Shawn says education is key

to bridging the gap that can arise between parents and their young people, “Learning terminology and identities is important, and can help build common language so that we all can have deeper and more fulfilling conversations. More important than specific rhetoric though, is practicing affirmation without expertise. You are never going to completely understand the experiences of another person, but you can affirm them in their identity and support them.” Abbie Wolf, both a parent and a teacher at West End Synagogue Religious School, said the discussion did just that. “I felt like my understanding



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of how people define themselves was outdated. I really wanted to understand the terms, the concepts so that I can be as supportive as possible and to know a little bit more about what I was talking about. I felt there were just these huge gaps of knowledge,” she said. As for her 12-year-old daughter, Abbie said she felt very positive and learned a lot from it. And while this issue has not been very central in her life just yet, she will have this experience to draw from as she matures. “I also think for her generation, these kinds of discussions are less extraordinary.”

Shawn also talked about what they call, “Systems of Inequality.” These include barriers to education, low or no income, inadequate or no health care and risk of homelessness. They shared that forty percent of homeless youth are LGBTQ and Nashville has just six beds for trans teens. They cited reasons such as lack of funding and an LGBTQI community center or space. But they said that there are some local organizations that are starting to commit resources to this community of young people. “This year Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee has worked hard to develop LGBTQI youth programming and services. Jewish Family Services invited me in to do this incredible training. That type of resource allocation allows our city to better meet the needs of the LGBTQI community and allows us to reach all sorts of folks who might not walk into an LGBTQI center, even if we had one,” they said.

This program was offered in direct response to the surveys from last year’s family learning program and reflects the teens’ interest in the topic. Ashley Franklin, a social worker with Jewish Family Service, said, “We wanted to really listen to what topics the teens had expressed interest in. LGBT gender identity issues have so many definitions and ever-changing facets; it was amazing to hear Galia have meaningful conversations with the kids and watch them be engaged and interested.” She also said the information shared by both Galia and Shawn will help provide even more inclusive services to the local LGBTQI community.

A Journey of Connection: Interfaith Couples Leadership Mission Report

By BARBARA DAB

Against the backdrop of some of the holiest sites in Judeo-Christian history, local couples found that although they may come from different faiths there is much that binds them together. The recent Nashville Interfaith Couples Leadership Mission introduced some participants to Israel for the first time, and for those who have already made the journey, seeing it with their respective partner gave them fresh perspective.

Led by Rabbis Flip and Laurie Rice, Rabbi Mark Schifman and Harriet Schifman and Eric Stillman, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, the 10-day trip focused on both the origins of the modern-day State of Israel and the ancient historical roots of both Judaism and Christianity. The experience gave participants a shared context and an appreciation of the common links between the two religious traditions. First time visitor Gracey Donahue said, "We weren't sure what to expect, but we found that both of our faiths, Jewish and Catholic, were so connected through the history of the country that we were able to connect deeper on the tangible/visible stories we encountered. It helped us see where and how it all began."

For returning visitors, the trip provided some new ways to enjoy Israel. For Caroline Sprouse it was her third visit, but her husband's first. "I saw how much cities like Tel Aviv have grown since my last visit almost a decade earlier," she says, "I learned more about how the Christian sites intersect with our Jewish history. And because this was an interfaith trip, I learned from our fellow travelers about how they honor their beliefs and balance their differences." And Felice Apolinsky, who has also been to Israel previously, had a similar reaction. She enjoyed experiencing the trip through her husband's eyes. "My husband Joseph, a practicing Catholic, had never been to Israel," she says, "He deeply appreciates learning about history and it was incredible to watch his reactions as he experienced the various sites, sounds, and tastes, the terrain, the cultures and numerous religions existing so close together, the rich history of both Judaism and Catholicism. The entire trip was very powerful and moving."

In addition to learning about the intersection of their faiths, couples with young children gained valuable insights into raising their families while blending traditions. Gracey Donahue and her family are members at Congregation Micah. She says, "It helped us dig deeper into the Jewish faith, which we are raising our kids, and allow us to explore the traditions more comfortably so we could bring them home and share them." And Caroline Sprouse echoes those sentiments. "This trip added depth and dimension to our relationship as a couple and re-centered our values as a family."

For the leaders of this community mission, the trip was also an opportunity to educate and help couples reach greater understanding. Rabbi Flip Rice, of Congregation Micah, says, "For the second time, this [Interfaith Couples] trip revealed the power of Israel to unleash its magic on the souls of not just Jews, but their partners. Safe spaces were created for couples to share wisdom on how to navigate the sometimes difficult topics of interfaith family life as well their relationships with the Holy Land.



Gracey & Nic Donahue

Our experience was priceless, and we have forever been changed by the depth and scope of what Israel has endured historically and religiously, which both pretty much go hand in hand.



Caroline & Lee Sprouse

Traveling to Israel with my husband was a life-changing experience that helped bring us closer together and better understand each other's views of spirituality, faith and the history of Judaism and Israel.



Jason & Sarah Shuster

The trip was more than either one of us expected. Most memorable were the people we got to meet along the way.



Felice Apolinsky, right, and her husband Joseph Gigante, left, visit with Partnership students from Haklai High School in Pardes Hana.

Engagement with Israel, its history, culture, and specifically its people, provided all of us an opportunity to see this sacred place beyond its conflicts and embrace its complexities." And Jewish Federation

Executive Director, Eric Stillman, is pleased for the opportunity to help make this trip a reality for the participants. He says, "I think it was very important for the Federation to make the Grant to

provide subsidies for the participants on the Interfaith Couples Mission to Israel in order to engage them more fully in our Jewish community and build stronger connections between the couples themselves and with Israel. I look forward to their greater involvement with our Federation following this experience."

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Nick Frank, Congregation Micah: "It's important to raise money to keep our community secure. I'm also happy to see the funds are being pooled."

Abby Kaye-Phillips, NowGen: "I understand the importance of this type of fundraising. I'm new here, and the Jewish Community was a nice surprise."

Greg Goldberg, Sherith Israel: "I came to learn more about how the funds raised are being spent."

Ellen Potash, West End Synagogue: "We've been doing this same job for twenty years. We think it's important to do our part and we come every year."



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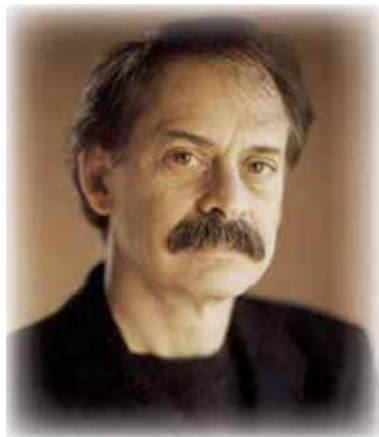
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Anat Hoffman is an Israeli activist and serves as Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, also known as IRAC. She is the director and founding member of Nashot HaKotel, also known as Women of the Wall.



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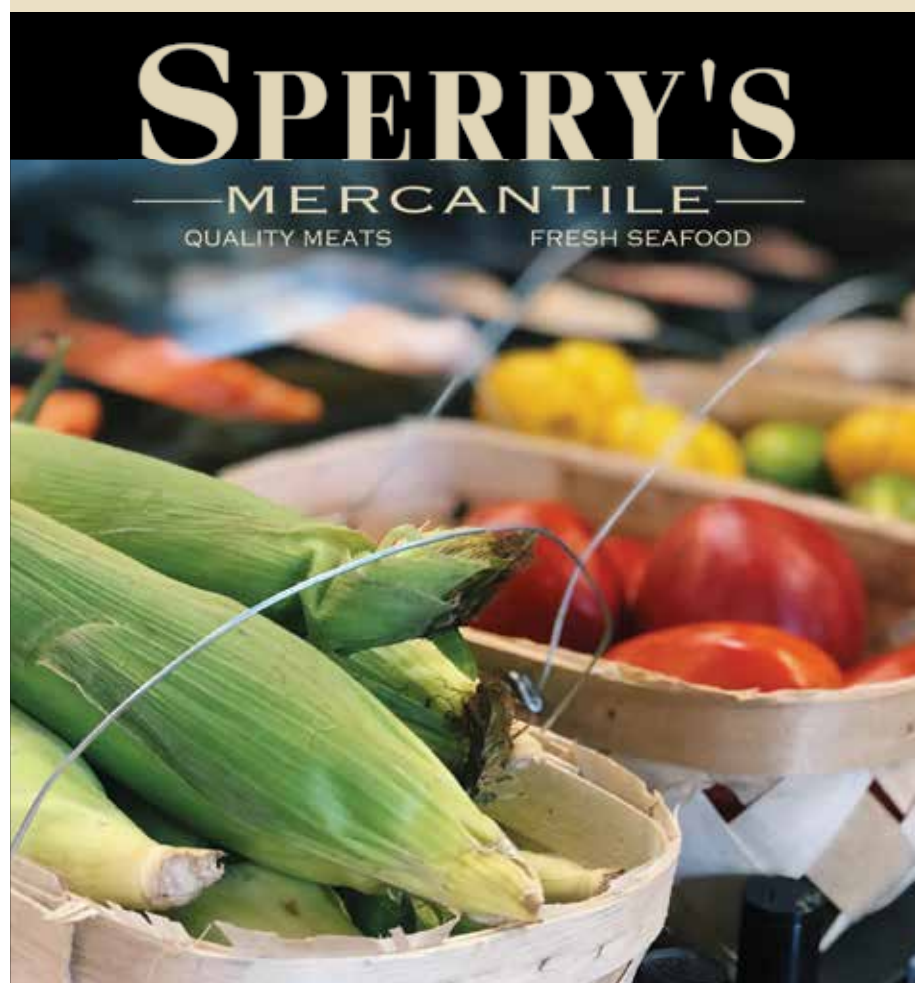
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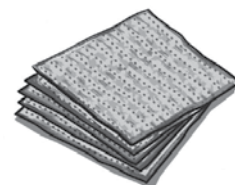
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2 for Seder at the Gordon JCC

The Gordon JCC and the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee are excited to participate in 2 for Seder, a grassroots initiative empowering all Jews to take action against anti-Semitism. 2 for Seder is an annual event started by Marnie Feinstein, daughter-in-law of Joyce Feinstein, one of the victims on the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh. Joyce was a connector. Connecting people for a holiday meal

was extremely important to her, and it didn't just mean family; Joyce invited her students and colleagues from the University of Pittsburgh, people she met on world travels, and anywhere else. She brought together people of all different backgrounds, and they'd have in depth conversations over Thanksgiving or Rosh Hashanah and, especially Passover. 2 for Seder honors Joyce's memory by encouraging anyone holding a Seder to invite two friends or acquaintances who have never been to

a Seder, to their first one, either at your home or at a Community event.

Anti-Semitism begins with biased attitudes and general misconceptions and including people who may not know about Judaism fights these attitudes. We as a JCC and the CRC are the ideal partners for this type of program because we work with all denominations and backgrounds of Jews, with all faiths, we promote Jewish values in the most positive light and as community members we look for intersections and commonalities

to become the best neighbors possible.

We are encouraging the Jewish community to participate in 2 for Seder to begin the dialogue and create a ripple-effect at the grassroots level. If you would like to participate in this program and host 2 individuals to their first Seder, either at your home, or in the community, please contact Michal Eskenazi Becker at michal@jewishnashville.org

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Erin Coleman is honored as our chapter's "Woman of the Year." On right is Marla Kameny, Pres. Southern Region, left is Bettye Berlin, past regional Pres. From Memphis. Erin was honored for being Nashville's Advocacy Chair and co-Chair of Hadassah's successful, "Best Strokes" Gala in 2019 that raised \$24k for Breast cancer research at Hadassah Medical Organization. Erin is again co-Chairing this event for this year. Erin and Nili are on the Hadassah National committee for young members and both women chair this effort for our chapter.

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Sunday, April 26 from 3 – 5 p.m. at the home of Mindy Drongowski
Hadassah Book Club Discussion
 This month we will be discussing the book *The Weight of Ink*. Light snacks provided.

Sunday, May 31
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Interfaith

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about this trip, or to share your experiences, Congregation Micah and The Temple are joining together for two special services. From Rabbi Laurie Rice to the participants, "Friends: please BLOCK your calendars, bring your kids if you would like, to The Temple on March 13 and Congregation Micah on April 10. On those two dates, we will

come together as one Reform community in Nashville (so no services at Congregation Micah on 3/13 and no services at The Temple 4/10) and hear from YOU about your experience together in Israel. Stay tuned for further outreach about those evenings. Services are at 6:00 pm both dates. Mark your calendars!"

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Helping Hands through Art is a partnership of Jewish Family Service of Nashville and OMA (Opening Minds through Art), an award-winning inter-generational art-making program for people with neurocognitive disorders such as Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Eileen Wallach, social worker and trained OMA facilitator, conducts the monthly art visits by meeting with each client on a one-on-one basis. Wallach's training has prepared her to guide budding artists through the process and help them achieve a sense of accomplishment.

Michelle Tishler, whose mom Marilyn is a participant in the program

says, "my mom has been participating in the art program for nearly 3 years and it has continually been a creative and positive experience. Even as mom's physical abilities have become more limited over time, Eileen always finds a way to help mom create beautiful art. The "art lady" visits with Eileen always include smiles, laughter, and compassion."

Jewish Family Service began the art program in 2016 with a New Initiative Grant from the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, enabling JFS to continue their tradition of providing one-on-one services and activities for the community's seniors. Program Coordinator Anna Sir works closely with Eileen on running this meaningful program in our community.

Please plan to attend the opening reception on March 11 or stop by the GJCC during the month of March to view the artwork.

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A juicy, heartbreaking, and cathartic conversation with the author, about her new book, *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*. Lori shares her very personal and revealing journey to help explain and demystify the therapeutic process. The author teaches us that the truth of who we are is what draws people to us. This event is co-presented with Parnassus Books.

Lori Gottlieb is a psychotherapist and New York Times best-selling author. She writes *The Atlantic's* weekly Dear Therapist advice column, and also writes regularly for *The New York Times*. She has appeared on *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *CNN*, and *NPR*. Ann Patchett is the author of seven novels: *The Patron Saint of Liars*, *Taft*, *The Magician's Assistant*,

Bel Canto, *Run*, *State of Wonder*, and most recently, *Commonwealth*. She was the editor of *Best American Short Stories*, 2006, and has written three books of nonfiction: *Truth & Beauty*, about her friendship with the writer, Lucy Grealy; *What Now?* an expansion of her graduation address at Sarah Lawrence College; and *This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage*, a collection of essays that examines the theme of commitment. Ira Helderman is a Nashville based psychotherapist and author whose research examines how psychotherapists and psychotherapeutic ideas shape the way that people are religious in the United States. His latest book *Prescribing the Dharma: Psychotherapists, Buddhist Traditions, and Defining Religion* maps the surprisingly diverse ways that psychotherapists have related to Buddhist traditions.

This event is sponsored by Nashville Psych. Tickets are FREE and are available at nashvillejcc.org/book

Aussie Gourmet Chef Naomi Nachman to host Pre-Passover Cooking Demo in Nashville

In celebration of Passover 2020, Chabad of Nashville will welcome Kosher celebrity chef Naomi Nachman when she presents her cookbook, "Perfect Flavors," to Nashville on Sunday, March 29, at 6:00 PM. She will host a pre-Passover cooking demo for the Nashville Jewish community using recipe selections from her most popular Passover cookbook, "Perfect for Pesach." The latest release is written in the style and tone of her earlier collection, but with a focus on the everyday as well as holidays that span the entire Jewish year.

Participants of the pre-Passover cooking demo with Naomi Nachman will

get to feast on a delicious dinner including appetizers, entrée, and desserts, while observing the chef in action, demonstrating the techniques and skills of preparing a most delicious and elegant Passover dinner. This event is a unique opportunity to spend an evening with a world-renowned chef and author of four kosher cookbooks and get new recipes and ideas for their Passover Seder and Shabbat Table. RSVP is required to participate in this this most special event and can made at www.chabadnashville.com. For more information please call Chabad of Nashville at 615-646-5750



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NCJW, Nashville Section, Executive Director

POSITION TITLE: Executive Director

ABOUT NCJW: The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a non-profit, grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. The NCJW, Nashville Section was established in 1901, and throughout its history, has worked with numerous community partners to improve and fight for the life of immigrants and refugees, victims of domestic violence, and women battling substance use disorders. In addition, the Section provides ongoing programming support to the Nashville Jewish community and advocates for legislation that supports the health and well-being of all women and children.

PRIMARY FUNCTION: The Executive Director position is responsible for the management and operation of the NCJW, Nashville Section, in accordance with Board policy. The Executive Director reports to the President(s) and works in a creative partnership with the President(s) and Board of Directors to provide resources, support, coordination and overall direction for Section operations. This will be a part-time position with an average of 20-25 hours/week (additional hours may be necessary during busy times of year) with an opportunity to grow if needed. Competitive compensation and professional development opportunities will be provided.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Supervise volunteer recruitment, orientation, training, support and recognition to ensure organizational growth; maintain current data on members' interests and skills; oversee with volunteer leadership/chairs/committees and staff to ensure overall effectiveness of volunteer participation and support.
- Inspire and engage our volunteers and leadership helping to make their experience with NCJW meaningful.
- Educate and reeducate new and long standing members about the impact of NCJW on the local and national level.
- Maintain records and database (i.e., Salesforce); implement management systems that ensure oversight of Section activities.
- Assist in budget development, implementation and reporting and also expenditure approval in cooperation with the appropriate volunteer leadership. Coordinate with external accountant to ensure federal and state documentation and taxes are filed timely and accurately.
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- Assist in program planning, implementation, and evaluation; support volunteer advocacy efforts.
- Coordinate and oversee internal and external communications, public relations, marketing and social media.
- Implement and evaluate ongoing strategic plan on an annual basis in coordination with the strategic planning committee.
- Other duties as assigned.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's degree required; Master's degree preferred; 5 to 10 years strong management and administrative experience; knowledge of volunteer and non-profit community; excellent written, verbal and interpersonal skills; computer literacy, financial literacy (i.e., creating and tracking budget); ability to work with and motivate staff and volunteers of all ages and varying interests and professions; public relations and fundraising experience needed; sense of humor essential.

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Diverse Crowd Proves Nashville is Stronger Than The “H” Word

By BARBARA DAB

Nashville, Tn – They came to hear from a victim, a witness to the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history, and a survivor who now feels called to tell his story and wipe out the use of extreme language. Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, spiritual leader of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, addressed a diverse crowd of nearly 1,000, people at the “Stronger Than Hate,” rally presented by the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, co-sponsored by every local Jewish congregation and agency, and, held at The Temple. Heads nodded as he decried the use of the word, “hate.” “Hate is a four-letter obscenity and I will no longer use it,” he said. Referring to the word as “the ‘H’ word,” he stressed the importance of changing the way we use language, he said, “A simple act like this will tone down our national discourse.”

Myers’ speech included a directive for people to get to know their neighbors. “We live in silos,” he said, “Although we live in Mr. Rogers neighborhood, we don’t really know our neighbors.” This year’s Jewish Federation annual campaign includes prioritizing addressing security issues in the community and Myers agreed. He said that by learning more about who lives next door or down the street, it is easier to make security decisions that will affect everyone. Brad Orsini, who previously was the security director for the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and now works for the Secure Community Network, stressed training and preparedness. “We need to make strong, resilient Jewish communities and all faith communities,” he said. Aron Karabel, Vice President of the Jewish Federation, cited his own safety concerns and shared his hesitation to show up. Nevertheless, he said, “We are here today

because we are commanded to make the world a better place.”

Attendees included both members of the Jewish community and non-Jews. Here are some of their reflections:

Deb Grant, who is not Jewish and calls herself an “ally,” said she came to the first rally just after the massacre. “I was moved by what happened,” she said, “As a member of the LGBT community this message resonates with me.”

Chenoa Jacobs, who is not Jewish, attended with her husband Bob, who is. She said, “This is a piece of history we can share with our kids. I wanted to hear what the rabbi has been through in two years.”

Nolan Siegel, a Freshman at Vanderbilt University came with a group from Hillel. He said “What happened in Pittsburgh was a tragedy. We have to learn what caused such an atrocity so we can stop it from happening again.”

Carly Stewart, also a Vanderbilt student, said the attack hit close to home for her. “I have friends who live in Squirrel Hill. They said people outside the Jewish community were upset Jews took a stand at that time. We have to take a stand.”

Robbin Hessa, a congregant at Sherith Israel, said she was shaken after hearing Brad Orsini’s story, “It really rattled me to hear him describe what he saw after the massacre, that after all he’s seen in his career, he was so shocked.”

Congressman Jim Cooper (D-Nashville), was among some elected officials in attendance. He said, “It’s important for Nashville to express its love for the Jewish community and all communities.”

And Deegee Lester, who is member of St. Henry’s church, said she tries to visit a diverse array of houses of worship. “We’re all connected,” she said, “Unless people are willing to understand each other, nothing will change.”



Jewish Federation Executive Director, Eric Stillman; Rabbi Marc Schiffman, The Temple; Congressman Jim Cooper; Rabbi Shana Mackler, The Temple; Brad Orsini, Secure Community Network; Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, Tree of Life Synagogue



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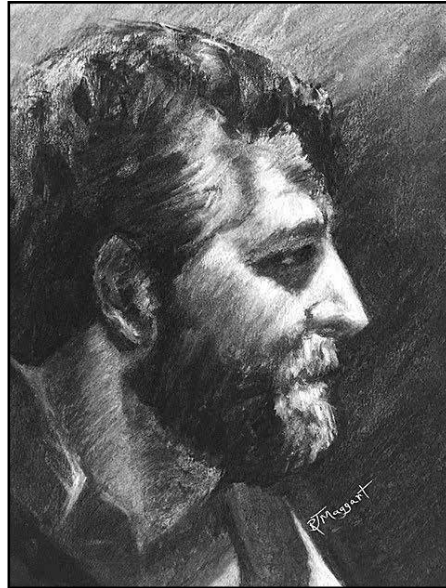
Gordon JCC Hosts March Art Exhibit Reception featuring the work of Brian Nash and Rita Maggart

Nashville, TN – Beginning on March 2nd, the Gordon Jewish Community Center Galleries will feature the works of Brian Nash and Rita Maggart.

Painter Brian Nash will be shown in the Janet Levine March Gallery. Brian moved to Chicago after college to work at Leo Burnett, one of the largest ad agencies in the world. He left Burnett to get an MBA at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business, and then moved to NYC and became the Director of Retail Marketing and Advertising for Polo Ralph Lauren.

He loved Polo and NYC, but was eager to try something different, so Brian moved to Nashville to write music. He had several songs recorded and featured in television shows and movies but stopped writing as soon as he realized that painting was more creatively satisfying. Brian still resides in Nashville and his art is in galleries around the country and is on display at many of the country's leading hospitals, has decorated the sets of several television shows and films and has been featured in the New York Times. His work also hangs on the wall of several hotels and clothing stores and has been printed on wrapping paper, wallpaper, greeting cards, fabric. His paintings are also in the private collections of several Emmy and Grammy winners.

The JLMG2 Gallery will feature the art of Rita Maggart. From her earliest days Rita has searched for ways to



Rita Maggart

communicate and create in the arts of writing, painting, Illustration, photography and most recently drawing. Drawing the human form holds a special place in the world of fine art and it is there that her creative life has taken on a new challenge. Rita discovered that by getting back to the basics of drawing and simplifying her materials to paper, chalk, blenders and an eraser she could focus on the model and reach new goals as a figurative artist. Also, by reducing the palette to shades of gray, and searching for the lights and darks of chiaroscuro, (Italian



Brian Nash

for "light-dark") she found a dramatic way of simplifying her art and making that critical connection with the viewer.

The House gallery will continue its feature of the Under One Roof annual exhibit. This year's theme is "Repairing the World." It is a collective of pieces from various Nashville organizations reflection on the theme.

The Exhibition Dates are March 2nd

– 31st. mThe reception for the artists is on Wednesday, March 11th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the GJCC, 801 Percy Warner Blvd. There will be music by DJ Joseph, along with complimentary food and beverage. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the GJCC at 615.354-1699, Curator Carrie Mills at carrie@nashvillejcc.org, or go to www.nashvillejcc.org.

Op-ed

Not At All Traditional: How Nashville has solved the Millennial Jew "crisis"

By ELLIE FLIER

While other Jewish communities around the country panic in the face of their ability (or lack thereof) to engage Millennial Jews, Nashville has been fearless in its dedication to providing space for young Jews in its community -- and more importantly, supporting young Jews who want to create spaces of their own.

Through the original Best Jewish Nashville initiative in the late 2000's, the Jewish Federation identified Jews ages 22-40 as the population most in need of attention. Thus bloomed NowGen, a social group run through the Federation that hosts several events a month ranging from Rosh Hashana dinners to Super Bowl parties. When I first arrived in Nashville in 2012, the people I met through NowGen are why I fell in love with this city, and I'm still happily residing here seven years later.

Out of this young Jewish Nashville community came others: Through NowGen I became friends with Nashville newcomers Sarah and Jacob Ruden, and in 2016 the three of us founded Jewsic City Shabbat, a musical Friday night service that meets in peoples' homes and draws an average of 40 young Jews to the monthly events. Our size grew rapidly to the point where we could not sustain the group on our own, so we approached the Federation for help. As a result, we received a New Initiatives grant, which has been renewed three times and for



which we and our Jewsic City community are extremely grateful. In response to the lack of Jewish events in East Nashville came East Side Tribe, a grassroots community that hosts potluck shabbat dinners, encourages interfaith participation, and is led by Millennials. Wandering Scholars, established by Emily Siner in 2018, is a non-denominational Torah study group with discussions led by volunteers -- and again, its participants are primarily Millennials.

The widespread panic over engaging Millennial Jews was clear when I attended the Union for Reform Judaism biennial conference in December. Congregational leaders fretted and complained about how Millennials don't want to be involved in Jewish life. I happily countered their concerns with anecdotes from young Jewish life in Nashville, and I pointed out that what worked for our community was



to let the Millennials drive their own Judaism. Our young Jewish community is thriving because we are given the space and resources to come up with our own ways of celebrating and participating in

our religion.

I am grateful that I belong to a community led by a Jewish Federation that values Millennial voices and honors diverse ways of being Jewish.

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Southern Hospitality, Jewish Personality: The ISJL Turns Twenty

Jackson, MS—This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL), an energetic Jewish nonprofit serving a thirteen-state southern region.

When the ISJL first opened its doors on February 13, 2000, there were five people on staff and a big vision in mind: provide regional Jewish services and support to communities in the South, no matter how small. Twenty years later, the ISJL has a team of two dozen professionals, and partners with a trans-denominational collection of more than a hundred southern Jewish communities.

Over the years, the organization has served thousands of religious school students and teachers through its Jewish education programs, cultural events, and more, but individual stories stand out as much as the big numbers. For example, because of the ISJL's rabbinical resources and remote-tutoring options, a 75-year-old man from Vicksburg, Mississippi was able to be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Additionally, The Jewish Women's Theatre of Los Angeles vis-

ited communities across the South in 2019, delighting diverse audiences with their moving theatrical presentations. They've already secured their own initial funding to come back and perform for more of the ISJL's southern Jewish communities in 2020.

Michele Schipper, the ISJL's Chief Executive Officer, says, "The ISJL is part of so many great stories. And our own story is ongoing. We're excited to be preparing for a strategic planning process and digging in to discover what our next chapter will look like."

In preparation for the upcoming strategic planning process, the ISJL has been conducting a Listening Tour across the region to run focus groups and get input from communities about their current and emerging needs. A Survey of Southern Jewish Life will be available on the organization's website throughout the month of March. There is also a challenge grant about to begin, to support the organization's next steps into the future.

To learn more about the ISJL, visit www.isjl.org or call 601-362-6357.



ISJL Education Fellows are recent college graduates who travel to Jewish communities across the South to elevate Jewish educational experiences. Image courtesy of the ISJL.

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Sandwich Generation Support Group

Parenting your parents. With so many aging baby boomers living longer than ever before, it is no wonder that the children of this aging demographic are feeling confused about what happens when a parent's cognitive functioning is compromised and requires the adult child to 'parent' the parent. This was the case for Amy Weinstein a recent newcomer to Nashville. "While there were many different and wonderful support groups in Nashville for the 'caregiver' of a parent who was ailing, I couldn't find anything that would support the emotional and psychological angst for an adult child of a parent suffering from cognitive demise. This isn't about caregiving, per se. It is about how to transition from being the child of a parent to be the parent of the parent." Says Weinstein. Based on this void in the market, Weinstein reached out to her Nashville clergy, Rabbi Laurie Rice, to ask for support in launching the first Sandwich Generation Support Group for adult children of parents suffering from cognitive demise. In collaboration with Sheila Uselton, Senior Living Consultant, Weinstein developed the curriculum for this five-part series based on thematic issues plaguing adult children of aging parents. The purpose of the series is to unite others on a similar journey to share information and support each other as they 'walk this journey'. Each session includes a brief presentation by a content expert and an opportunity for discussion. Topics covered include:

- **The Emotions of Role Reversal: Courageous Conversations, Family Dynamics, Caregiving, and the Adult Child Experience** (Wednesday, February

26, 2020) – Presented by Dr. Melissa Burton at Micah - Let's be honest. Growing up, you never imagined the day would come that your parents would need you this much. Feelings of duty, sibling rivalry, guilt and resentment can all bubble up – and sometimes all at the same time! Let's explore the family dynamics of this challenging phase of life from the perspective of the adult child.

- **Navigating Family Conflict: Facing Difficult Family Decisions** (Wednesday, March 25, 2020) – Presented by Ms. Pat Caron at Sherith Israel - Do you and your siblings, step-family, or in-laws find it challenging to work together to meet the increasing needs of your aging parents? Are you facing difficult family decisions regarding care giving, living situation, family finances, or shared property? This workshop will focus on how to successfully communicate with family members as you strive to support and protect your aging loved ones whether locally or long distance.

- **Communication Challenges With Your Parents: Understanding New Ways to Relate to One Another** (Wednesday, April 29, 2020) – Presented by Ms. Julie Eurlich at Micah - What do you do when the parents you have known and loved, no longer communicate as they always have? Are they accurate in what they tell you? Or are they fabricating misinformation in what they think is the truth? How do you know the difference and how do you approach misconceptions in their perception of reality? This workshop will offer helpful ways of listening and

techniques in speech and language, to help you and your parents.

- **Navigating the Emotional and Psychological Challenges in Older Adults: Mood Disturbances, Independence Issues, Depression and Anxiety** (Wednesday, May 27th, 2020) – Presented by Dr. William Petrie – at The Temple - The emotional and psychological challenges of life don't "retire" when we do. Older adults experience the same issues as the rest of the population, and often deal with even more loss, isolation, and grief as they age. When does the adult child know it's time to become involved in medical appointments, medication

management, and even financial and legal issues? What are helpful tips to approaching these sensitive topics?

Uselton said, "Creating a curriculum to address the emotional and psychological barriers for adult children experiencing the role reversal of becoming the parent for their parent is bringing issues to the surface for so many in a safe and embracing community. Our hope is that we can help provide perspective and education to adults parenting their parents."

This series is FREE and open to the public. Attendees are welcome to attend all sessions or just one. Please email questions to nashvillesandwichgeneration@gmail.com. RSVP is welcomed!

Tu B'Shvat Seder



On Sunday, February 9, Chabad of Nashville hosted a Tu B'Shvat Seder with the Seven Biblical Fruits of the Land of Israel, the Four Cups of Wine for the Four Seasons, and the Four types of Fruit for the Four Personality Types. It was a tasteful and delightful event with participants from all cross-sections of the Nashville Jewish community.



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B'nai Mitzvah

Kacey Pauline Hill March 28

Kacey is the daughter of Mark and Jodi Hill. She is the granddaughter of Keith Kraft, Meryl Kraft, Terry Kornman, Gary Hill, Clara Hill. Kacey is an 8th grader at Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Magnet School. Her special interests are singing, playing guitar and spending time with friends and family. For her mitzvah project, she visited the National Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., and was deeply saddened by what she saw. This experience helped enlighten her and provide her with more information about the Holocaust. She donated to the Museum as well as became a member. She is also in the process of arranging a Holocaust speaker to come to her school to talk about his/her experience. She will continue to help keep the memory of this horrific event alive, through action and education.



Kacey Pauline Hill

Judah Horn March 14

Judah Horn will become bar mitzvah at Congregation Sherith Israel on March 14, 2020. Judah is the son of Adam and Ilana Horn, the brother of Naomi and Elinor, and the grandson of Michael and Paula Ungar, Eugene Horn (z"l), and Laura and Michael (z"l) Paster.



Judah Horn

Judah is an 8th grader at Meigs Academic Magnet Middle School. He likes theater, dance, and math. During the summer, he attends Ramah Galim in Northern California.

Hannah Frohsin Saturday, March 7

Hannah Frohsin is the daughter of Michelle and Stephen Frohsin and sister to Jake and Patricia. Hannah's grandparents are Judy and Joe Barker and Carolyn and Henry Frohsin. Hannah is in the 6th grade at Harpeth Hall. She enjoys a variety of sports, including travel soccer, volleyball, basketball, and lacrosse and spending time with friends. For her Mitzvah project, Hannah will be working with Tennessee Alliance for Kids.



Hannah Frohsin

Patricia Frohsin Saturday, March 7

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Patricia Frohsin

Jacob Frohsin Saturday, March 7

Jacob Frohsin is the son of Michelle and Stephen Frohsin and brother to Hannah and Patricia. Jake's grandparents are Judy and Joe Barker and Carolyn and Henry Frohsin. Jake is in the 7th grade at University School of Nashville. He enjoys playing most sports, including basketball, tennis, and lacrosse, and spending time with friends. For his Mitzvah project, Jake will be working with Tennessee Alliance for Kids.



Jacob Frohsin

Mitzvah Announcements

Sophia Graff

Sophia Graff, granddaughter of Lorna Graff, daughter of Amy Graff and Jay Graff, was awarded Valedictorian of her graduating class at West Boca High School. Sophia is also Regional weight lifting winner in the 110lb weight level. Lorna is very proud of Sophia and the hard work that it represents.

Marlene Eskind Moses named to Lawdragon's Leading Family Lawyers list

Marlene Eskind Moses, an internationally recognized family law expert and founding manager of MTR Family Law, PLLC, has been selected for inclusion in the 2020 Lawdragon list of Leading Family Lawyers. Moses is one of only 2 Tennesseans on the nationwide list of 500 attorneys.



Marlene Eskind Moses

Moses is President-Elect of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL), having previously served as past president of the International Academy of Family Lawyers USA Chapter. She is a past-president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and was awarded the organization's Outstanding Fellow of the Year Award. She is a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Association Foundation and the Nashville Bar Association Foundation. Moses is a Diplomate of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers and serves as secretary. She is a past president of the Tennessee Supreme Court Historical Society, the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners, and Lawyers Association for Women. She is a former vice president of the Nashville Bar Association and has served on the Tennessee Bar Association's Family Law Code Commission.

Moses graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and Masters in Social Work. In 2012, she received the Distinguished Alumnae Award from the Newcomb Alumnae Association of Tulane University. Moses received her law degree from the Nashville School of Law and has been honored with the Nashville School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award.

Obituaries

Henrietta Goldner Guttman

Henrietta (Reta) Goldner Guttman died on Shabbat, January 4, 2020 at Brighton Gardens in Rockville Maryland. Reta was born in 1929 and until her recent illness lived her entire life

in Nashville, Tennessee. She will be sorely missed by her children Fred (Nancy), Gail (Evan) and Gary (Jan); her brother Fred Goldner (Martha); her grandchildren, Ilan Guttman (Hadar), Maital Guttman (Netta), Yoav Guttman (Chelsea), Matthew Altman (Camila), Jill Altman-Caffery (Kate), Joel, Max and Eve Guttman. She was overjoyed to have lived long enough to see the birth of three great grandchildren.

Reta was a matriarch in the truest sense of the word and a devoted daughter to her parents and a loving sister to Norma, all of whom predeceased her. She was a committed Jew who participated in and had leadership positions in several local Jewish organizations. She celebrated Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath, every Friday night.

Reta was an independent woman and ran a successful accounting business for many years, and was blessed with many long-term friends.

Funeral Services were held Monday January 6 at 2 PM at Temple Ohabei Sholom in Nashville. Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Ohabei Sholom.

Neil Michael Wolfman

Neil Michael Wolfman, age 66, passed on January 15th after a yearlong battle with cancer.

Neil was born and raised in Bronx, NY, son of Sarah and Louis Wolfman. His parents were holocaust survivors and married before coming to America. Neil felt that being a child of holocaust survivors profoundly shaped his childhood. He went to Bronx High School of Science, New York University, then Cornell University where he received his PhD in biochemistry. It was during the final weeks of getting his doctorate that he met his future wife, Deborah May.

After getting a job in Boston at a genetic engineering start-up (Genetics Institute), he and Deborah settled in Dover MA where they raised their 3 children.

While Neil continued to work in the pharmaceutical industry, he followed his passion for teaching and taught chemistry at Boston College part-time for 15 years. He then became a full-time professor once he retired from Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in 2013.

He became a beloved mentor to countless students and was proudly recognized as such by winning two university wide Professor of the Year awards.

Survived by Deborah, his wife of 38 years, children Celia Katz (John), Hannah Wolfman Jones (James), Willie Wolfman and 2 grandchildren. A funeral was held on January 19th at The Temple, Ohabei Sholom in Nashville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boston College for a Neil Wolfman memorial- www.bc.edu/give. In the dedication line, write "in memory of Neil Wolfman" or donate a tribute gift to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum www.ushmm.org/donate.

Rhoda Weinstein Herzog

Rhoda Weinstein Herzog, aged 91, of Daphne AL died peacefully Sunday at home. Rhoda, the wife of Albert Herzog (deceased) of Meridian, MS was beloved by her many friends, her Jewish community, and her family. She leaves 4 children: Jan Herzog of Center Valley, PA; Joseph Herzog of Frederick, MD; Laurie Herzog of Northampton, MA; and Drew Herzog of Nashville, TN, as well as their beloved spouses James Markson, Candace Clapp Herzog, Laura Arbeitman and Risa Klein Herzog. In addition, 7 grandchild-

dren grieve her death: Jessie Forsythe of Alexandria, VA.; Eli Forsythe of Brooklyn, NY; Alexa Herzog of Queens, NY; Abe Herzog-Arbeitman of Cambridge, MA; Jonah Herzog-Arbeitman of Oxford, England; Vivian Herzog and Tess Herzog of Nashville, TN. In addition, she leaves her companion of 22 years, Joseph Plasteras. She will be remembered for her loving smile, enduring curiosity, optimism and zest for life. The family requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to the Institute of Southern Jewish Living of Jackson, MS, <https://www.isjl.org/contact-us.html> or Congregation Ahavas Chesed, Mobile, AL.

Hanna Davidson Pankowsky

Baruch Dayan HaEmet/Blessed is the Judge of All Truth. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Hanna Davidson Pankowsky, grandmother to Raquel Pankowsky. Hanna passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Hannah was predeceased by her son, Dan Pankowsky in 2014.

We offer our condolences to her husband, Jaime Pankowsky; daughter Helen Pankowsky (Daniel) Alonso, grandchildren Jacob (Liddy Morris) Alonso, Nathan (Renana) Pankowsky, Shirit Pankowsky, and Raquel Pankowsky. A memorial service was held in San Antonio, Texas

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

Lynne Ellen Hand

Baruch Dayan HaEmet/Blessed is the Judge of All Truth. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lynne Ellen Hand, mother of WES member Netta (Ronald) Lubovich. Lynne passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

We offer our condolences to her daughter Netta, and her grandchildren Illyana and Minha Lubovich and Kristin Bitner. A memorial service will be held in the coming weeks.

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

Irwin Sisselman

Baruch Dayan HaEmet/Blessed is the one True Judge. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Irwin Sisselman, father of WES member Lenny (Linda) Sisselman. Irwin passed away Tuesday, January 28, in Florida. He is survived by his wife Cissy Sisselman.

We offer our condolences to Irwin's wife Cissy, to his children Lenny (Linda) Sisselman, Steven (Karen) Sisselman, Jayne (Andy) Becker, Wendy (Martin) Ellin, and Drew Sisselman. Condolences also go to his grandchildren Mickey (Ankita) Sisselman, Jeffrey (Heather) Sisselman, Justin Sisselman, Rachel & Richard Becker and Lara and Jaclyn Sisselman.

The funeral was held in Jupiter, Florida and the family observed Shiva in Florida.

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

Rusty Jones

Baruch Dayan HaEmet - Blessed is the True Judge. We are deeply saddened by the loss of Rusty Jones, big brother to Wes (Rachel) Jones. He passed away earlier today. Memorial informa-

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Gary Zeitlin

The Temple notes with sorrow the passing of Gary Zeitlin, son of Barry & Linda Zeitlin. His funeral took place on Sunday, February 9th at The Temple followed by burial at The Temple Cemetery.

Richard Phillip Feldman

Richard Feldman, 80, of Nashville, Tennessee passed away on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020. Richard was born in Nashville, Tennessee on February 22nd, 1939. A lifelong Nashvillian, he graduated from West End High School in 1957. Richard earned a Bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University in 1961, where he was active in his fraternity Zeta Beta Tau. He remained in Nashville and began his career with the Holiday Inn corporation and transitioned to his natural role of sales with Zep Manufacturing, where he remained for 42 years.

Richard married Karol Neff in 1966. He is survived by his wife and three sons- Kyle (Allison, Jake, Jayne), Kurt (Robingale) and Kevin (Kristie, Katie, Ben, Karoline), as well as his sister Diane and several nieces and nephews.

Richard was a successful entrepreneur in the self-serve car wash industry and an avid fan of the Atlanta Braves. He enjoyed spending time with his five grandchildren, as well as with his five lifelong friends at their monthly boys night out.

A graveside service held on Thursday, February 6th, 2020 at Temple Cemetery- 2001 15th Avenue North Nashville, TN 37208. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in his memory be sent to Alive Hospice or to a charity of your choice.

Ann Kauvar

Baruch Dayan HaEmet/Blessed is the Judge of All Truth. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of, Ann Kauvar, mother of WES member Leslye (Steve) Lapidus. Ann passed away peacefully February 9 in Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, Irving Kauvar.

We offer our condolences to her daughters Leslye (Steve) Lapidus and Candy (Keith) Mirman. Condolences also go to her grandchildren Brian &

Kim Lapidus, Brett Mirman, and Stacy & Daniel Cohen and great grandchildren Max & Lily Lapidus, Eli, Saige & Drew Mirman, and Henry & Abe Cohen.

A memorial service was held on February 11, 2020 in Akron, Ohio. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to West End Synagogue Religious School Enrichment Fund.

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

Beatrice Batty

Baruch Dayan HaEmet/Blessed is the Judge of All Truth. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Beatrice Batty, grandmother of longtime WES Security Consultant Lieutenant H. John Batty. Beatrice passed away last Thursday, February 6. She was 104 years old.

We offer our condolences to her son Harry John Batty, Jr. and to her grandson, Lt. John Batty and John's children. A memorial service will be held in North Port Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Special Olympics or the charity of your choice.

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

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