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Levi and Chana Tiechtel present the scissors for the ribbon cutting ceremony to Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel, from Chabad of Nashville, Rabbi Shlomo Tiechtel from N.Y., Boaz Ramon from Genesis Diamonds, to Gov. Bill Haslam, to Rabbi Moshe Kotlarski, vice chairman of international conference of Chabad shluchim, to Rabbi Levi Klein from Chabad of Tennessee, and to Tommy Bernard, president Chabad of Nashville. Photos: Rick Malkin

Hundreds turn out to dedicate new Chabad Genesis Campus

By Kathy Carlson

A contingent of rabbis, the governor of Tennessee and about 300 Nashvillians gathered for the dedication of Chabad of Nashville's Genesis Campus for Jewish Life on April 22.

The Mediterranean-style building is situated on nine acres in Bellevue and represents the growth of Chabad of Nashville from humble beginnings some 13 years ago. It is Nashville's fifth permanent synagogue building and the first built since the construction of Congregation Micah in 1997.

Crafted with stone from local quarries and decorated in warm tones of brown and cream, the 14,000-square-foot building includes a sanctuary, two full kosher kitchens, modern spa-style mikvah, classrooms, and windows to a green spring landscape. A kosher café is in the works as well.

"You definitely get images of David's city when you walk in here," said Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam. "Any time you dedicate a new, physical place of remembrance, a place of study, and a place of life, the community moves forward. ... Our entire community is a better place because of Chabad."

"It's a beautiful place for people to share some of the life celebrations that take place," said Tommy Bernard, president of Chabad of Nashville. "... When I think of Rabbi (Yitzchok) and Esther (Tiechtel) going from a basement under a bar (to here), it's quite an accomplishment."

"The building looks and feels like

a home," said Frank Boehm, speaking at the dedication. "It's a place where an individual can shed the facades and pretensions of the outside world and be him or herself." Boehm, raised in the Reform tradition, said, "I felt I could be myself and could connect with my spiritual self" at Chabad.

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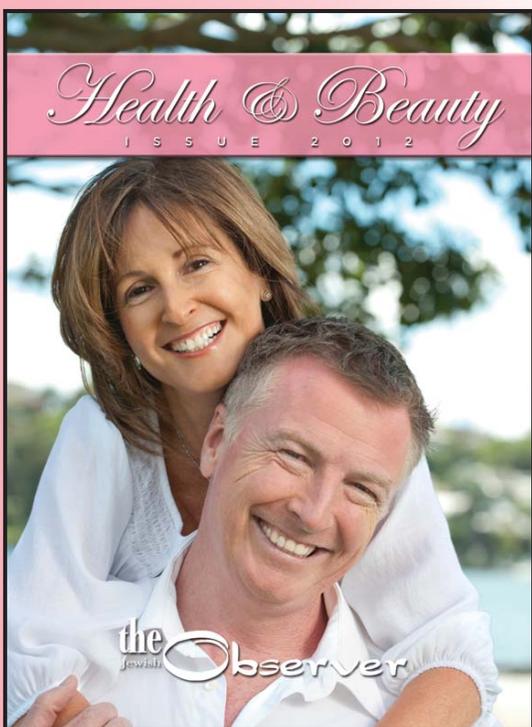
By Kathy Carlson

Adi K (her last name cannot be used because she still serves in the IDF) and Ido Klotz are "lone soldiers," members of the Israel Defense Forces who immigrated to Israel on their own, without other family members. The two recently visited Nashville with the Jewish Agency for Israel to tell their stories and let the community know how their donations to Federation have helped them realize their dreams of a new life in Israel.

Adi grew up in the San Francisco Bay area and made aliyah at age 18, Continued on page 4



Adi K and Ido Klotz



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Gov. Bill Haslam addresses the gathering at the Chabad dedication.



From left: Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel, Boaz Ramon, Tali Ramon and Esther Tiechtel.

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Simone Meyerowitz, who remembers going to services in the Tiechtels' basement more than a decade ago, said she's glad to see the center expand and is looking forward to the new building attracting new fans and members to get involved. It's a place that has always felt like an extension of her own home, she added.

"We'd like to keep that same intimate and relaxed atmosphere we've always had," she explained.

Tiechtel spoke about how he and his wife, Esther, came to Nashville in 1997. Chabad of Nashville grew from the father and son who shared a Shabbat dinner with the Tiechtels to a group that held services in a 1,500-square-foot room in the basement of a Bellevue bar. The saying used to be, "Go upstairs to the bar and come down for the mitzvah," Tiechtel said.

"Our little home under the bar" grew to 3,000 square feet, he continued. Participation grew, and Chabad began serving a full, community Shabbat dinner first once and then twice a month.

In 2010, ground was broken on the Genesis campus in Bellevue, following a sizable donation from philanthropists Boaz and Tali Ramon.

"This has been the collective effort of many, many people," said Tiechtel. "We've had hundreds and hundreds of people step up to the plate. Everyone came together."

Tiechtel thanked everyone who helped make the building possible, from Ramon and other donors to builder Fred Yazdian and Tiechtel's parents, siblings, children and wife.

"Esther, I couldn't have done this without you," he said. "From the bottom of my heart, I thank you."

The building was dedicated to the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, OB" M. "We built this building with your inspiration because it's what you taught us to do," Tiechtel said. Chabad rabbis from Tennessee and Tiechtel's brother, Yehuda, a Chabad emissary in Berlin, spoke at the dedication.

In addition to Nashville, there are active Chabad centers in Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and at Vanderbilt University, all under the umbrella of Rabbi Levi Klein, director of Chabad of Tennessee.

Rabbi Moshe Kotlarski, vice chair of the educational arm of Chabad International and chair of the International Conference of Shluchim, spoke about Chabad's commitment to strengthen the Jewish people by reaching out to those who, through no fault of their own, never received a Jewish education. "To those who sought to destroy Israel and the Jewish community, you did not win," he said. "Take a look at this beautiful building, and we say, 'Am Yisroel chai.'"

Tiechtel spoke of his great-grandfather, Rabbi Yitzchok Raskin, a mohel and rabbi in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Rabbi Raskin "was a very humble man, one who always remained under

the radar. ... He started a small place of worship in his basement in St. Petersburg, Russia, back in 1938," Tiechtel said. "He would perform the circumcisions under the evil eye of the KGB and Stalin's secret service, [and] wished to one day build a synagogue in the open, to come out from the underground.

"Unfortunately, before Passover in 1938 he was taken away by the KGB, and as he was being carried away, he turned to his young children, one of them my grandmother, and he [told them to] continue the work," continued the rabbi. "I say to my great-grandfather, who must be looking down from above [that] we've come full circle, we are fulfilling your last request." □

GJCC honors longtime staff member Naomi Pritikin with playground naming

If your child (or even you!) is a graduate of the Gordon Jewish Community Center's preschool, chances are you know her. For 44 years, Naomi Pritikin was a fixture at the J, working tirelessly to meet the needs of babies, toddlers and "big kids." Whether she was filling minds by teaching in the classroom, or filling bellies by making endless runs to Kroger for snacks for the kids, Pritikin was a steady and kind presence.

In recognition of her myriad contributions, one of the two new playgrounds at the GJCC Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) will be named in

Pritikin's honor.

"I felt very honored - flabbergasted really," Pritikin said when she learned of the plans for naming the playground. "I wasn't expecting this at all."

Melissa Worthington, director of the ECLC, commented, "Naomi has touched a lot of people's lives. The GJCC has been her life, and she has contributed to its very fabric. She's

been so much to so many people and it's important to acknowledge her in this way."

The GJCC invites the community to attend the opening celebration of the Naomi Pritikin Playground on Mon., May 21, at 5 p.m. Pritikin can't wait to see old friends, including students she used to teach who are now parents of their own preschoolers. □

WES Shavuot program, 'Reclaiming Ruth,' discusses Jews by choice

West End Synagogue presents a night of engagement with Torah and our sacred texts titled "Reclaiming Ruth: Tikkun Leyl Shavuot." The program starts at 7 p.m. on Sat., May 26.

The program will begin with "Journeying into Judaism," the stories of people who have chosen to join the Jewish people. A panel discussion on embracing Jews by choice into our community will be moderated by Jewish Federation of Nashville Executive Director Mark Freedman and will feature Rabbis Shana Mackler of The Temple, Daniel Levitt of Sherith Israel, and Kliel Rose of West End.

From 8:30-9 p.m., there's a Yom

Tov/Festival Service followed by WES Cantor Marcia Lane speaking on fairy tale motifs and symbols in the Book of Ruth.

Rabbi Saul Strosberg of Sherith Israel will speak on "International Dateline in Rabbinic Literature." Philip Ackerman-Lieberman, an assistant professor in law and Jewish studies at Vanderbilt University, will talk on why it is so difficult to convert, and James Grady of WES will speak on redeeming the Torah.

In the final presentation, Vanderbilt University Jewish Studies and Sociology Associate Professor Shaul Kelner, along with daughter Shoshana, will present "Torah at Twelve Thirty."

For information, call the synagogue at 269-4592. □

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Something for everyone at Israelfest 2012



Cole Strosberg, right, sings backup as his dad, Rabbi Saul Strosberg, accompanies singer Lital Swissa, Hillel's Israel fellow, at Israelfest 2012. Photos: Kathy Carlson



Kids line up to try out Krav Maga moves during a demonstration of the Israeli self-defense discipline.

With music, cotton candy, falafel and sports, Jewish Nashville celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut – Israel's Independence Day – at Israelfest 2012 at the Gordon Jewish Community Center on April 29.

People chatted in English and Hebrew on a warm Sunday. Moms led little kids to a petting zoo, where they got to feed real “kids.” Older children learned krav maga moves and others summoned up their inner Spiderman to scale a rock-climbing wall.

Throughout the afternoon, more than 250 people attended, said Eric Goldstein, the GJCC's executive director. “It was a great family fun day celebrating Israel's 64th birthday,” he said. “It's great to see the community come out and celebrate together.”

The event is self-sustaining and funded by the Jewish Federation of Nashville. It is organized by the GJCC's department of Jewish programs. □

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After the Conversations

By Mark S. Freedman

Last week our community concluded a vitally important project. From a broad swath of our Jewish community, in a process we called “Conversations about Community and Israel,” there emerged a group of meticulously crafted consensus goals that address this subject, “What are your goals for the Jewish community when people hold strong and conflicting views about issues related to Israel and its future?”

Over a period of some two months, nearly 150 members of the Jewish community participated in a three-stage process that first involved articulating written individual goals regarding personal feelings and thoughts about Israel. Next, individual respondents to an online survey determined from among three groups, which one to associate him or herself with as it related to various positions about Israel’s prospects for peace and then meeting and discussing mutual goals with others holding similar views. Finally, all three groups convened together, each group with differing viewpoints about Israel, to determine which goals all could agree on by consensus.

To be sure, not an easy process! Yet, when all was said and done, not only were four action goals agreed upon, but there also emerged from the discussion a stronger connection and understanding among individuals who had previously not shared much common ground when

it came to speaking about a subject as passionate as the future of Israel tends to be. Furthermore, this diverse group of individuals felt strongly enough to create a fifth goal that encourages all of our Jewish institutions to take responsibility to ensure that the four action goals emerging from the “Conversations” can be implemented moving forward.

The Federation soon will be issuing a report to the entire Jewish community that will enumerate each of the five goals which address matters of civility, education, solidarity and communal leadership as it relates to Israel. These conversations and the work produced by the participants have the potential to profoundly impact the way we handle difficult conversations about Israel moving forward.

It would be naïve to think that we

can all agree on every point when it comes to discussing Israel. That’s not the point at all. The real impact of the “Conversations” was not to reach agreement on the many issues concerning Israel in our community. Instead we have created defined boundaries so that honest differences of opinion can be aired in a safe and respectful manner.

When all of the data from the “Conversations” project are released, community members will have the opportunity to read personal stories (anonymously) about the participants’ individual connections to Israel. Having read many of these stories, I found them to be profoundly meaningful and poignant. They are unique and common in the same breath. I gained a deeper appreciation for the visceral emotions and passions so many of us hold for Israel.

The Jewish Federation undertook this project because we knew that discussing important matters about Israel isn’t easy. I believe that we have made a significant advance by ensuring that we now have a stronger platform upon which to stand when we agree and also when we disagree about Israel.

I also believe that we have now built a large enough platform upon which there is room for everyone to stand. I hope after you have had an opportunity to review the report of the “Conversations” project, that each of you will feel that your place and your thoughts about Israel can stand on this newly formed platform as well. □

Mark S. Freedman is executive director of the Jewish Federation of Nashville.

Lone soldiers find friends, community in Nashville

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right after high school, in July 2010. She had help from the Jewish Agency’s Garin Tzabar program and received financial support through the Jewish Agency’s MASA program. Ido first connected with Israel through Jewish Agency programs, and the organization helped make aliyah a reality for him.

The Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee supports the Jewish Agency for Israel, a Federation primary overseas partner, and helps it connect Diaspora Jews to Israel.

In both the Former Soviet Union and the United States, there are activities to connect young people with Israel and, through this connection, build Jewish life in their countries, said the Jewish Agency’s Dusty Heist, who accompanied Adi and Ido on their trip to Nashville. Gifts to Federation support Jewish Agency programs that facilitate pathways to life in Israel and help all Diaspora Jews make aliyah. Both pieces matter: Israel needs a strong Diaspora,

and the Diaspora needs a safe, secure Jewish homeland.

“I had known since I was a kid that I wanted to live in Israel,” Adi said. Her grandmother, 85, survived the Holocaust.

Adi attended a public high school and knew few Jews, but studied Hebrew outside of school. An Israeli teacher helped lead her toward aliyah. A trip to Poland with her grandmother and family to participate in a program with other survivors “was the final push I needed to realize what my obligation was.”

In the Garim Tzabar program, Adi joined more than 20 other young Americans from the West Coast who had made aliyah. They all lived on the same kibbutz and each was paired with a family. They studied Hebrew, worked on the kibbutz and took two weeks of tests to determine their assignment in the IDF.

Initially, Adi was assigned to be a fitness trainer, but a knee injury and surgery changed all that. She rejoined the army as an infantry sniper instructor and says she graduated at the top of her class both in infantry and sniper school.

Ido grew up in Kishinev, the capital of Moldova. His father served in Moldova’s military and wasn’t strongly connected with his Judaism, but some of his relatives perished in the Holocaust. Ido studied at one of the city’s two Jewish schools, the Herzl school, a secular school sponsored by Moldova’s Ministry of the Interior and the Jewish Agency. There, he participated in a Jewish Agency youth club and became a counselor.

Ido made aliyah in 2006 after high school. Three years earlier, he had visited Israel in a Jewish Agency program for young leaders. The 10-day trip was similar to a Birthright trip, he said. “It was

totally amazing,” he said. “That’s why I’m here right now.”

He was determined to go back to Israel, but it was expensive. “My Hebrew teacher told me there was a quiz about the geography and history of Israel,” he said. The prize was a trip to Israel for a competition with winners from other countries in the Former Soviet Union.

“I just had to win,” he recalled. Students from all over Moldova competed and Ido came in first. “I was so prepared. I came in second in Israel,” he said. “I decided to stay in Israel for another three weeks” after the contest. “I wanted to see how it was to live in Israel.” He stayed with relatives and got a feel for the land. “I was asking all the time questions about everything.”

Back in Moldova, he told his parents he wanted to live in Israel. “My parents were supporting me,” he said. “My mom cried – I’m an only child,” but his father and she both understood it was “good and better for me” to leave.

Once in Israel, Ido studied Hebrew four days a week along with math and English through another Jewish Agency program. There were meetings with social workers, mentors and other lone soldiers. “I knew I wanted to go to the IDF,” he said. He served in the infantry as a fighter and field medic, and currently as a field medic in the reserves. He’s also a guitarist and music student at Rimon School of Jazz and Contemporary Music in Tel Aviv.

Adi sees herself making a career either with the military or in government work. “I’m so happy to be in the Army,” she said. She wants to make sure her grandmother’s experiences aren’t lost to future generations, and she’s doing her part by serving in the IDF. “I’m idealistic,” she said. “... I’m defending a country I believe in.” □

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Teens learn how to deal with anti-Israel situations before starting college

By Kathy Carlson

When Simon Lowen attended a program on campus anti-Semitism, he expected a lecture along the lines of, "While you're in college, this is what people will say."

Instead, he and about 40 other Nashville religious school students learned from attorney Mark Levine, who played the roles of two professors with opposing viewpoints. The two-hour community program was held on April 22 at Montgomery Bell Academy for students in grades 8 through 10.

Levine hosts the Washington-based radio and television talk show "The Inside Scoop" and "The Raucous Caucus" on Pacifica Radio. He is the son of Nashvillians Larry and Carolyn Levine.

"We wanted to prepare the kids for what they would run into on college campuses when they take courses," said Sharon Paz, director of lifelong learning at West End Synagogue. All of Nashville's synagogues participated in the program, and the Jewish Federation Nashville' Community Relations Committee provided additional funding, she said.

This was the first time Levine had participated in this type program, Paz said. "When I ran it by him, he said he'd love to do this."

When Levine went to the podium at MBA, he first played the role of an anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian professor. Then, switching out ties and losing the jacket, he "came back as himself," Paz said, rebutting the arguments made in the anti-Israel role.

"The reason I did it that way - I don't think it would have had the same effect," Levine said. If he had presented a lecture, eyes might glaze over, "not that



Teens listen as Mark Levine plays the role of an anti-Semitic professor at a workshop to prepare them for situations they may encounter when they go to college.

they don't care, but it's different when you have someone challenging you."

"I didn't so much lie as distort (and give a) selective rendering of fact," he said. "I didn't play a raving lunatic - that wouldn't have been believable or effective."

Parents weren't allowed to attend and participate, to allow the teens to listen to Levine and challenge him. "I wanted to take away their [the teens'] crutches," he said.

Sherith Israel Rabbi Daniel Levitt, in the audience with an educator, said he was tempted at times to raise his hand and respond to Levine as the anti-Israel professor. "I'm glad I didn't," he said. Levine gave "a very realistic description of some of the educated, anti-Israel sentiments they will come across." Having one person give both sides of current debate on Israel argument was "one of the best ways" to convey the issues because the same person could explain

how he was distorting facts to make anti-Israel points, he said.

Even if the teens don't remember all the arguments Levine raised, they'll know that points can be raised to counter anti-Israel statements and that what is presented as fact isn't necessarily true, Levitt said. Moreover, the teens understood they need to study and learn about Israel.

Some of the participating students talked about the presentation in a group religious school session a week later.

"He made a lot of sense of what the two different views were," one student said.

"I've gone to public schools my whole life," one student said. A lot of classmates are "against Jews for no appar-

ent reason." Some don't know any Jews but think they're "evil," and others say the death toll of the Holocaust has been exaggerated and fewer than 100,000 people actually died.

"It's amazing what people don't know and how they believe people who don't know what they're talking about," another student said.

Levine taught Jonah Neuman, 14, about the BDS (boycott, divest, sanction) movement against Israel. "He talked about how to defend yourself from that," he said.

"I could tell the difference between both sides and noticed how much it was rude or mean against each side," said Lisette Liss, 14.

"It made me realize how much I don't know and really have yet to know," said Micah, 16.

"It was really cool," said B.J. Newell, 14. "The same guy made both presentations." Everything in the first anti-Israel speech that was wrong, he addressed in the second, she said.

Levine "said that a lot of pro-Palestinian arguments are based on the argument that (Israel) is Palestinian land, but it really isn't," Lowen, 15, said. The land has changed hands many times through the centuries, and much of the pro-Palestinian argument is based on a "non-fact," he said.

"I said some pretty awful things" as the anti-Israel professor, Levine said. "If you respond in an emotional way, then the debate gets nowhere. ... I want them to care. I want them to understand that a calm, insistent argument is better way to go about it than an emotional argument." □

Venick to receive CommunityNashville Human Relations Award on May 24

Nashville attorney Irwin Venick, who chairs the Jewish Federation of Nashville's Community Relations Committee, is among this year's recipients of CommunityNashville's Human Relations Award.

He will receive the award at the organization's 41st Annual Human Relations Award Dinner, set for Thurs., May 24, at Loews Vanderbilt Hotel. The award recognizes area leaders for their work in human rights.

This year's recipients also include V. H. "Sonny" Dixon, senior pastor of Hobson United Methodist Church in Nashville; Lady Bird, current board chair of The Nashville Food Project and president of Tennessee International Women's Forum; and Linda and Jim Zralek, in recognition of their lifelong work to promote human rights and social justice.

Venick, a member and past president of The Temple - Congregation Ohabai Shalom, is a partner in the Nashville law firm of Dobbins, Venick, Kuhn & Byassee. He has worked behind the scenes to fight bias and bigotry in our community. His law practice has focused on employment discrimination and health care. In one of his employment cases, the U.S. Supreme Court estab-



Irwin Venick

lished a new legal standard for the evaluation of sexual harassment claims.

He has and continues to serve as a board member of agencies which provide or support access to health care. Venick also is a participant of the Circle of Friends, an interfaith group that has been working to foster dialogue between the Jewish and Muslim communities in Nashville.

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Tennessee State Day of Remembrance commemorates Holocaust victims

Survivors, families, friends and supporters gathered on April 2 to commemorate the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust as well as the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution. The ceremony in Legislative Plaza began with welcoming remarks delivered by Gov. Bill Haslam and Sen. Andy Berke. Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey and Speaker of the House Beth Harwell offered their reflection on the day.

The observance, “L’Dor V’Dor – From Generation to Generation” included readings of poetry and thoughts by Laura Morris’s fifth grade students from Glenellen Elementary in Clarksville; Molly McKinney from the Cumberland County Playhouse Children’s Theater; Carrie Mills, who shared a song inspired by Anne Frank; Erin Rausch, an eighth grade student from Dyersburg Middle School; and Ryan Johnson, a student from the University of Tennessee Knoxville.

Jack Belz and Josh Lipman recognized the winners of the 2012 Belz-Lipman Holocaust Educator of the Year Award presented to: Shari Scott, Tennessee School for the Blind, Clarksville; Trevor Fuller, Soddy Daisy High School, Soddy Daisy; Tom Hopkins, Hancock County High School,



Survivor, Sally Wolkoff, and Sen. Douglas Henry embrace at the Tennessee State Day of Remembrance Ceremony.

Sneedville; and Dave Barrett, Millington High School, Millington.

Felicia Anchor was recognized for her 15 years of service as chair of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission and her tireless work in support of Holocaust education throughout the state of Tennessee.

The event concluded with the Kaddish and with survivors and legislators lighting memorial candles. □



Gov. Bill Haslam addresses the audience at the Tennessee State Day of Remembrance Ceremony. From left: Sen. Jack Johnson, Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey, Haslam, Sen. Andy Berke, Speaker Beth Harwell

J-Serve brings teens together for service to community

Seventy Nashville teens from grades 6-12 rallied together for J-Serve, the National Day of Jewish Youth Service, on April 29. Teens volunteered across the community and participated in projects ranging from painting a mural in the JCC’s teen lounge, baking cookies for residents at Ronald McDonald house, running a game day for residents at Room in the Inn, sorting donations at ThriftSmart, and helping out at the JCC’s Israelfest. The day of service was coordinated by the JCC in partnership with local youth groups and congregations. For more information on J-Serve



Gal Crouvi and Lauren Rosen serve up cotton candy as J-Serve volunteers at the community’s Yom Ha’Atzmaut celebration at the GJCC.

or other community service opportunities for teens, contact Jessica Leving at jleving@bbyo.org. □



One group of J-Serve teen volunteers helped out at the Room in the Inn.



Sen. Beverly Marrero; survivor, Sally Wolkoff; liberator, Robert Mamlin; and Commissioner Allen Exelbierd participate in the traditional memorial candle lighting.

Community remembers Israel’s fallen heroes on Yom Hazikaron

With music, prayer, poetry and heartfelt stories, the Jewish community came together to remember those who sacrificed their lives to build the Jewish homeland.

The community Yom Hazikaron event took place at Congregation Micah on April 25. Both Israelis and Americans participated, along with representatives from all of Nashville’s congregations. Four Israelis from the community spoke about someone they knew who died defending Israel.

The sanctuary was “very full there – it was amazing,” said Inbar Shaked, the Jewish Federation of Nashville’s community shlichah. “What was very nice – it was

not just Israelis there. Eighty percent were from the (Nashville) community.”

The event focused on the stories of real Israelis, stories that came alive in a very special way, Federation Executive Director Mark Freedman said. “I felt it was, in my entire career as a Jewish professional, the most moving and poignant memorial service to Israel’s brave soldiers that I’ve ever experienced. ... I admired the courage and passion of the speakers.”

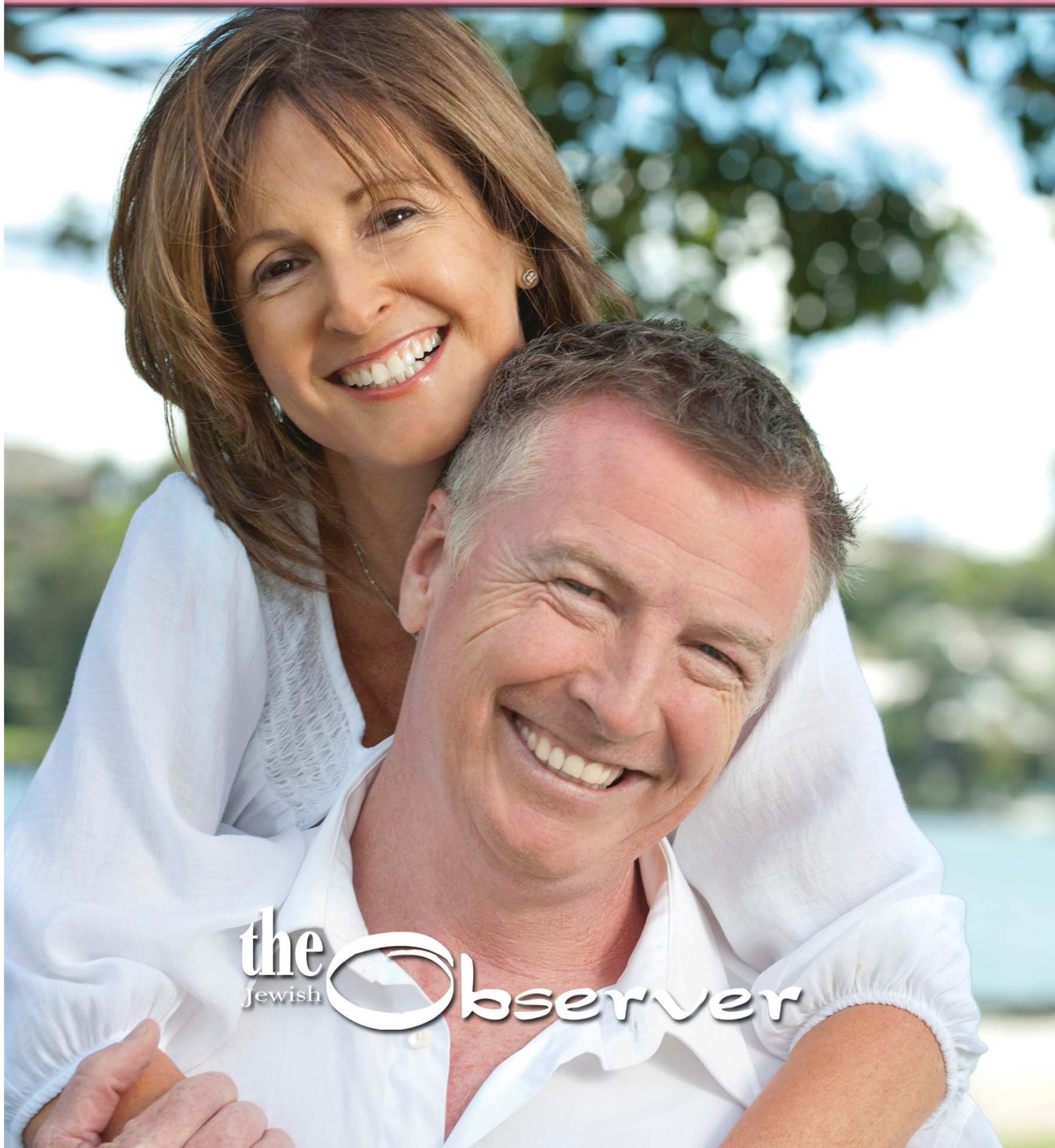
The service concluded with participants walking to Congregation Micah’s memorial garden and saying Kaddish.

“It was nice seeing it was not just Israel’s pain; everyone participated,” Shaked said. “I just think it was very powerful because it was in Micah and all the congregations were represented. It was truly a community event.” □

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My elderly mother is having difficulty seeing the Rabbi at Temple. Is this a normal change of aging?

Declining vision is never a normal change of aging. Most types of blurry vision can be corrected with an updated glasses or contact lens prescription. However, a host of eye diseases have no symptoms initially, but can be treated if caught in their early stages. I like to follow the American Optometric Association's recommendation of annual eye examinations in patients over 61 to ensure that we catch any potential problems early.

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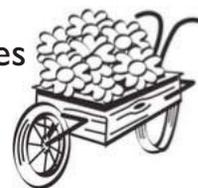
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Lenn Goodman to lecture on the history of Maimonides at Chabad of Nashville

Chabad of Nashville will be hosting an evening of celebration with a lecture presented by Dr. Lenn Goodman, on Mon., May 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the new Chabad Center, at the Genesis Campus for Jewish Life. The event marks the completion of the 30th cycle of study of the Rambam,

Moses Maimonides, known as the Rambam (1138-1204), jurist, philosopher, and physician, was the author of the still authoritative Code of Jewish law, the *Mishneh Torah*, affectionately known as the *Yad Hazakah* (or Strong Hand). It is a biblically resonant allusion to the 14 volumes of its closely reasoned and brilliantly organized text, written in Mishnaic Hebrew and grounded in Maimonides' own compilation of the 613 mitzvot of the Torah, and in his penetrating Arabic commentary on the ancient halakhic code, the *Mishnah*.

Ever thoughtful about astronomy and mechanics, Maimonides composed 10 medical works in Arabic in the scientific medical tradition of Galen. His famous *Guide to the Perplexed*, composed in Arabic and later translated into Hebrew and Latin, aimed to help seriously committed, intellectually disciplined Jews integrate their logical, philosophical, and scientific knowledge with the poetic language and sometimes ram-bunctious methods of the Torah.

Goodman, a graduate of Harvard, with a doctorate from Oxford University, is professor of philosophy and Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Vanderbilt. He has written and lectured widely on the Rambam

in this country and abroad. His many books and articles include detailed studies of Maimonides' thought and of the Muslim, Jewish, and classical philosophers he read as well as the modern philosophers whom he influenced. Goodman is especially interested in the enduring relevance of Maimonides' philosophy today and is currently at



Dr. Lenn Goodman

work, with his colleague Rabbi Philip Lieberman, on a new translation from the Arabic and philosophical commentary on the *Guide to the Perplexed*.

Goodman's talk at Chabad of Nashville will survey the events of Maimonides' life from his birth in Cordova, his family's exile in the conquest of

Islamic Spain by the militantly Islamic Almohads, and the forced conversions they imposed, the family's migration to Egypt, and Maimonides' rise to fame and intellectual leadership. He will introduce key themes in Maimonides' philosophy and the methods and abiding impact of the *Guide to the Perplexed*.

This lecture is part of Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel's celebration of the completion of another round of traditional study of Maimonides' *Mishneh Torah*. □

West End announces 2-day-plus school schedule

Beginning this fall, West End Synagogue's Religious School will move to adopt a two-day-plus Shabbat curriculum model. The change comes after an extensive yearlong effort spearheaded by Sharon Paz, WES' director of Lifelong Learning, and Gloria Sternberg and Linda Gluck, Religious School Committee co-chairs. The Religious School at WES is a United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) "School of Excellence"

The Religious School Committee devoted this academic year to a visioning process to determine where the school is going and what the priorities are in teaching the children at WES.

"Prioritizing quality Jewish education for our children and accommodating demanding school and after school activities is the challenge facing congregational schools across the country," Paz said. "Thanks to the investment of time and energy by our Religious School Committee, we now have a vision for the next three to five years."

The process resulted in recognizing three top priorities: first, the need for more efficient use of time given the world in which we live today; second, the desire of parents for their children to graduate with a strong Jewish identity, a strong foundation in Torah, proficiency in T'filah based on Conservative Judaism, proficiency in Hebrew and a connection to Judaism through "community"; and third, the need for our students to have the knowledge and skills necessary to practice Judaism so they will choose Judaism for life.

West End Synagogue's rabbi, Kliel Rose, believes the changes to the Religious School will accomplish all these goals.

"This marks a pivotal moment in our shul's history. As the rabbi, a member of this committee, and as a parent, I am really excited by what this will mean for our children, their families and the entire congregation. With Sharon and our talented teaching staff, we are poised to bring about transformative Jewish encounters for our children."

Dr. Steve Hecklin, synagogue president, said, "I'm excited about the way this new structure has been embraced by the entire Board of Trustees. In addition, our parents have responded in an extremely positive manner. Sharon and the Religious School Committee's leadership have created a vision that allows us to maintain our award winning USCJ 'School of Excellence' designation."

The WES Religious School will pilot a 2-day plus Shabbat school program for students in 2nd-7th grades for the 2012-2013 year. In the new model, Sunday school will continue from 9-noon, and midweek Hebrew will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 4:15 to 6:30. In addition, students will have an engaging Shabbat class once a month. The preschool-first grade and high school Sunday programs will remain unchanged.

Anyone interested in West End Synagogue Religious School for calendar year 2012-2013 should contact Sharon Paz at spaz@westendsyn.org or call 615-269-4592, ext. 17. □

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Billboard magazine recognizes Nashville attorney for changing entertainment law

By Kathy Carlson

Pick up a certain issue of Billboard magazine and you can read about a Nashville attorney who “continues to give the majors connip-tions.” The lawyer is Richard Busch, named to Billboard’s Power 100 list for 2012.

Busch, a partner in the King & Ballow law firm, is one of four lawyers on the list, which also includes performers, recording company executives, managers, music publishers, television and movie executives, and digital music figures.

“I never thought I’d be on the same list with Taylor Swift, Lady Gaga and Simon Cowell,” Busch said in a recent interview.

Busch was chosen for his work on two cases that spelled major changes for the music industry. How he came to be recognized goes back to a shared cab ride on a snowy day in New York.

Busch and his wife, Lucy, had moved to Nashville in 1991, when he joined King & Ballow. Two years later, he was assigned to represent the former owner of the New York Daily News in a workers’ compensation dispute with its former workers. Busch investigated the situation and recommended filing a civil racketeering case against those believed to be involved – nearly 600 defendants. Busch spent much of the next five years in New York on the case.

Fast forward to Busch’s last day in New York and the shared cab ride. His fellow passenger was a neighbor whose wife was in the music business and they often came to Nashville. The two exchanged information and kept in touch. The neighbor’s wife was the copyright administrator for Bridgeport Music and Westbound Records, who owned the rights to music by such artists as the Ohio Players, Funkadelic and George Clinton.

Busch said that back then, “the entire rap music industry was sampling” – or reusing snippets of – works by Bridgeport and Westbound artists. “They were looking for a lawyer to sue just about every record label and music publisher for some 500 different cases of alleged copyright infringement.”

His former neighbors introduced Busch to Bridgeport/Westbound’s owner, who hired Busch to pursue some 470 copyright infringement cases against some of the best known figures in rap music. “Bridgeport/Westbound won each case we tried and settled most others,” Busch said.

He obtained a \$4.5 million jury verdict against P Diddy Combs’ record label, and Billboard recognized another trial victory as one of the five most important court decisions in the entertainment field in 2009. In that case, a federal appeals court rejected music samplers’ claims that they were making fair use of copyright materials and that if there was any infringement, it was inconsequential or de minimis. “The court ruled that even an everyday ordinary word, if used in the same way in a new composition as in the original, can constitute copyright infringement,” Busch said.

Bridgeport/Westbound’s owner “was well known in Detroit and very happy with our work,” Busch said. So when a Detroit company, F.B.T. Productions, needed legal help over the right measure of compensation for music downloads, the Bridgeport/Westbound executive recommended Busch.



Richard Busch

F.B.T. stands for Funky Bass Team, made up of brothers Mark and Jeff Bass along with Joel Martin. The Bass brothers discovered Eminem when he was in high school, and they co-wrote some of Eminem’s hits. FBT felt it wasn’t being fairly compensated for digital downloads of Eminem’s work.

This was a big question because of the music business’s shift in the 1990s to digital downloads from physical products such as CDs.

Busch explains the case as follows: “In a typical record contract, artists are paid one of two ways. If the record company sells a record itself, the artist receives a small percentage of the retail price. Why a small percentage when the record label sells a record itself? Because with the sale of physical product, the record label has incremental manufacturing and distribution costs with each CD sold.

“On the other hand, when a record label licenses a master recording to a third party, and that third party sells the record themselves, artist contracts generally provided that the artist receives 50 percent of the label’s net receipts. Why? Because in the case of a license, the third party is doing all the work, and the record label just sends over to them a digital file at very little or no cost, so it is only fair that the artist gets 50 percent of what the label gets,” he said.

Record labels maintained that their agreements with iTunes were sales agree-

ments in which they sold records to iTunes who resold them to the public. FBT believed the agreements were licenses and that they should get 50 percent of what the label received from iTunes. Last year, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in California agreed with Busch and Eminem’s organization that the correct measure of payment under his contract was the higher amount paid under a license.

FBT was the first and only organization that had filed a lawsuit seeking license-type payments for downloads and that had received a favorable court decision, Busch said. Currently, he represents, among others, Peter Frampton, Eddie Money, Kenny Rogers, Toto, Michael McDonald, and the estate of Bruce Gary, drummer for the group the Knack, in similar cases.

After graduating from law school in New Orleans and clerking for a federal judge in Louisiana, Busch has spent his entire professional life in Nashville with King & Ballow. Richard and Lucy Busch are members of West End Synagogue and have three children: Ryan, 15; Jamie, 13; and Jaxen, 8.

Of the Billboard recognition, Busch said, “Obviously, it’s an incredible honor and something that I will always be very proud about. Certainly, it has impressed my 13-year-old daughter Jamie, which is almost impossible to do, so that is great.” □

Class offers informal way to learn conversational Hebrew

Have you always wanted to speak Hebrew? What is stopping you? There is no better time than this summer. Come to the Gordon Jewish Community Center on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. where Inbar Shaked, the community shlichah, is teaching conversational Hebrew.

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For information or to register for the class, contact Shaked at 354-1632 or inbar@jewishnashville.org. □



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B'nai Mitzvah

Spencer Aaron Klinsky will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Sat., May 12, at 11 a.m. at The Temple. He was born on Nov. 23, 1998, in Nashville. His parents are Trenda and Lawrence Klinsky. His grandparents are Janice and Alan Bussey of Murray, Ky., Nikki and David Friedman of Highland Park, Ill., and Gladys and Phil Klinsky of Sarasota, Fla.



Spencer Aaron Klinsky

A seventh grader at Brentwood Middle School, Spencer's special interests include swimming, soccer and hanging out with his friends and brother.

He is donating books to The Temple Library in memory of Baruch Fum as his mitzvah project. Baruch was a young boy who died during the Holocaust and was unable to become a Bar Mitzvah.

Shayna Juliette Elliot will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Sat., May 19, at 11 a.m. at The Temple. She was born on March 22, 1999, in Nashville. Her parents are Loren and Jon Elliot. Her grandparents are Sharon and Alan Lipworth and Greta and Michael Elliot, all of Scarsdale, N.Y.



Shayna Juliette Elliot

A seventh grader at University School of Nashville, Shayna's special interests include basketball, volleyball, tennis, art and architecture, and spending time with family and friends.

For her mitzvah project, Shayna selected Afrika Tikkun, an international organization that provides education, health and social services to children, youth and their families through centers of excellence in South African Townships.

Rebekah Claire Doochin will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Sat., May 26, at 9:30 a.m. at West End Synagogue. Rebekah is the daughter of Tish and Ben Doochin, sister of Justin and Olivia, and granddaughter of Sonia Doochin of Nashville and Alexander Star of Indianapolis, Ind.



Rebekah Claire Doochin

A seventh grader at University School of Nashville, Rebekah enjoys tennis, piano, singing, and playing with her siblings, friends, and pets Ace and Bella.

Jay Louis Karp will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Sat., May 26, at 11 a.m. at The Temple. He was born on Feb. 2, 1999, in Boston, Mass. His parents are Lauren and Seth Karp. His grandparents are Joyce and Alan Karp of



Jay Louis Karp

Melville, N.Y., and Evelyn and Stanley Harris of Richboro, Pa.

A seventh grader at Harding Academy, Jay's special interests are saxophone, drums, karate (brown belt), Camp Encore Coda (Maine), skiing, snowboarding and golf.

He is focusing on raising awareness and funds in addition to giving Bar Mitzvah donations for Empower African Children as his mitzvah project. Jay would like to fund a student's tuition, medical expenses, food and clothing for one year.

Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shook of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Weitzman of Nashville, announce the marriage of their children **Lisa Marie Shook and Aaron Weitzman** at their home on Jan. 13. Lisa is a paramedic with Lanier Pain Interventional Clinic and Aaron is a firefighter/EMT with Hall County, Ga.



Lisa Marie Shook and Aaron Weitzman

Honors

Rafael "Ray" H. Berk has been named president of The Temple - Congregation Ohabai Sholom. He will lead its 750-member family congregation for a two-year term. Other newly-elected officers are: Vice President **Ralph Z. Levy Jr.**, Treasurer **Martin Sir**, and Secretary **Joyce B. Friedman**.



Rafael "Ray" H. Berk

Unveiling

The unveiling for **Libby Buchman** will be at 1 p.m. on Sun., May 20, at The Temple Cemetery.

Sympathy

... to the family of **Michael Ossoff**, 95, of Annapolis, Md., who died at the Hospice of the Chesapeake, Harwood, Md., on April 24. He was born in Peabody, Mass., on June 29, 1916, to Annie and Israel Ossoff, the fourth of their eight children. He lived most of his life in Peabody, Beverly, and Ipswich, Mass., moving to Naples, Fla., full time after retiring in 1999. He moved to Annapolis in 2006. Mr. Ossoff graduated from Peabody High School in 1934, and attended Boston University and the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Mr. Ossoff served in the US Navy during World War II. He and his brother, Hyman, founded Ossoff Leather Company in 1947 and built it into a successful sales company for United Tanners of Dover, N.H., and subsequently, Suncook Tanning of Pittsfield, N.H., a firm owned by the Ossoff brothers. Mr. Ossoff was also a founding director of Century Bank in Medford, Mass., and served on its Board of Directors for many years. Mr. Ossoff was happily married to Eve Kladky of Haverhill, Mass., from May 14, 1941, until her death on September 2, 2003. Survivors include two children, Martha Ossoff Blaxall (Joe Dickey) of Davidsonville, Md., and

Robert H. Ossoff (Lynn Ossoff) of Nashville, TN; four grandchildren, Jenifer Blaxall Buice of Brooklyn, Johanna Blaxall Longnecker of Boston, Jacob Ossoff of Chicago, and Leslin Ossoff of Savannah. Donations may be made to the Michael M. Ossoff Research Fund in support of The Johns Hopkins Memory and Alzheimer's Treatment Center. Checks should be made payable to Johns Hopkins University and mailed to The Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry, 100 N. Charles Street, 4th floor, Baltimore, MD 21201. Mr. Ossoff has supported the Center's programs since 2007.

... to the family of **Naomi Sherman**, 91, of Nashville, who died April 22. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Meyer Sherman; sons, Jonathan Sherman (Paula) and Barnet Sherman; grandchildren, Ryan Alexander Sherman and Zoe Isabella Ji Sherman. Mrs. Sherman was a graduate of Goucher College with a degree in liberal arts. She then received her master's in art education from New York University. She was an accomplished silversmith and jeweler. Memorials may be made to the National Children's Cancer Society.

... to the family of **Ethel Schulman**, 86, of Nashville, who died peacefully surrounded by those closest to her on April 24. She was preceded in death by her parents, J.B. Schulman, Rose Bittner Schulman, and brother, David "Skull" Schulman. Survived by childhood and special friend, Helen Farmer and her family; son, Sonny Farmer and wife Sheri Weiner; son, Michael Farmer and their children. She was a graduate of North High School in Nashville and retired after 40 years from General Electric Supply. She also spent a number of years as a part-time employee at Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center. Ethel was a long time volunteer in the gift shop at St. Thomas Hospital. Special Thanks to Dr. B. Stephen Dudley, Dr. H. Douglas and Deb Holliday, and the nurses and staff on the Second Floor of St. Thomas Hospital. The kindness and support will always be remembered. Donations can be made to The American Cancer Society in Ethel's memory.

... to the family of **Lester D. (Les) Speyer**, 91, who died April 26 in Nashville. He was born and raised in Chicago, Ill., but Nashville was his home for the last 34 years. During the second World War, he served in the Army Air Corps as a test pilot, having flown every type of aircraft the Allies fielded during

the war. He also flew supplies from Burma, India, to China (the Hump). He was justly proud of his military career, having reached the rank of major. Les maintained his love of flying and remained a pilot into his seventies. He was a successful entrepreneur starting Midwest Folding Products in Chicago from scratch, and in 1962, founding Tennsco Corp in Dickson, Tenn. He built Tennsco to be the largest employer in the county. He was a world traveler having visited most every spot on the globe, many a trip with his wife, Barbara, on the back of a BMW motorcycle. Les loved snow skiing with his family and was zipping around Aspen in his yellow ski suit into his 80s. As an avid tennis player, his wicked cross-court forehand and pinpoint lobs confounded many an opponent. At age 70, he and Russell Buchi won the Cystic Fibrosis tennis tournament. He supported local tennis by funding the Sportsplex indoor courts, and a tennis scholarship at Vanderbilt. His philanthropy left his fingerprints on many worthwhile causes in both Nashville and Dickson. Les was the son of the late Albert and Jennie Speyer. He was preceded in death by sister, Beverly; son, James, and former wife, June Brune. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; sisters, Syril (Marv) Beskin and Gloria (Jim) Saag; daughters, April Speyer (Pat Smith), Susan Berman (Ray Cahnman); sons, Stuart (Shirley) Speyer, Robert (Lyudmila) Speyer and Scott (Laura) Berman; grandchildren, Max (Karen) Speyer, Sarah Gragert, Rachel (Scott) Bradley, Daniel Gragert, Adam Speyer, Jennie Speyer, Veronica Speyer, Spencer Lazar, Winston Lazar, Graham Lazar, Grace Berman, Adam Berman and Oliver Cahnman; great-grandchildren, Kendall Speyer, Owen Bradley, Karson Speyer and Wyatt Bradley. Memorial donations may be made to the Community Foundation of Dickson County or Middle Tennessee. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

... to the family of **Julia Turczyk**, 88. She was the widow of the late Nickolis Turczyk. Survivors include son, James; daughter, Elaine (Steven) Edelstein; grandchildren, Deborah Kate (Jonathan) Feldstein and Benjamin Edelstein; great-grandson, Samuel Feldstein; sister, Mary Kovach; and brother, Joseph Ulan. Julia was a life-long resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and was devoted to her family. Donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent to the Edelstein family at 20201 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, OH 44126.

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GJCC introduces new outdoor pool features

The Gordon Jewish Community Center is implementing several new features to make swimming in the outdoor pool an even better experience.

A few months back, the saltwater conversion of the GJCC indoor pool was the first action in a long list of aquatics goals to be accomplished over the next year.

Now, the J is moving forward on plans for the outdoor pool to be completely redesigned and resurfaced. The redesign includes a brand new pool deck, interior pool lighting, new lane and racing lines, a new café, a new beach volleyball court and a lift that meets requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

But that's not all: The outdoor pool will be converted to saltwater as well by July. The benefits of saltwater include comfort, health and maintenance. Saltwater is better for skin, hair and eyes. It also lengthens the life of swimwear compared to the damaging

effects of chlorine.

In addition, chlorine levels in standard pools create organochlorines, which often mirror human hormones and can create or worsen medical conditions. There is also an increasing number of children and adults who have allergies to chlorine.

Saltwater pools are also eco-friendly. In a traditional pool, chlorine evaporation is a major environmental concern. Saltwater pools are more environmentally sound since they only require low levels of free chlorine to maintain.

The GJCC Aquatics Department offers a wide variety of programming including a new splashball program, swim lessons, year-round swim team, stroke-and-turn clinics and much more.

The staff and community of the GJCC are looking forward to a summer to remember. Special summer membership rates are in place to encourage all Nashville residents to join in the fun. To find out more or take a tour of the facility, contact Kara Meyer, director of membership and marketing, at 615/356-7170. □

Temple hosts May 15 community blood drive

A community blood drive is scheduled for Tues., May 15, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Temple - Congregation Ohabei Shalom.

The Temple's Social Action Committee and the American Red Cross are organizing the event. Appointments are encouraged by calling Chairperson Victoria Cohen-Crumpton at 615/646-7918.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, or 16 with parental consent, permitted by Tennessee law. Those needing parental consent must bring a signed parent/guardian consent form, found on the American Red Cross web site, to the blood donation appointment.

Donors must also weight at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Two forms of identification are required, so bring your donor card, driver's license or two

other forms of identification.

American Red Cross recommends these steps to prepare for your blood donation:

- Maintain a healthy level of iron in your diet before donating. Eat iron-rich foods, especially in the weeks before your donation. These foods include spinach, red meat, fish, poultry, beans, iron-fortified cereals and raisins.

- Get a good night's sleep.
- Hydrate; drink an extra 16 ounces of water and fluids before the donation.

- Eat a healthy meal before your donation. Avoid fatty foods, such as hamburgers, fries or ice cream, before donating. Tests for infections done on all donated blood can be affected by fats that appear in your blood for several hours after eating fatty foods.

- Wear comfortable clothing, including sleeves that can easily be rolled up above the elbow. □

Akiva marks Bar Mitzvah year, honors head of school

On Sun., May 13, at 5 p.m., members of the Akiva community - both past and present - will gather together at the school to celebrate 13 years in the building and to honor Patricia Schwartz, head of school.

The past year has been special for Akiva. The 13 years since the Akiva building was built on the Gordon Jewish Community Center campus have been transformational. The Akiva community has grown and flourished and the Hora Hoedown is the perfect opportunity for families to spend an evening together enjoying kosher BBQ while marking this

important milestone in the school's development.

Spring signals the end to another school year and a change in the leadership at Akiva. The Hora Hoedown will honor Schwartz for her commitment to education and the community and her three years of service to Akiva.

The Hora Hoedown is a Southern-style Bar Mitzvah celebration with the meal prepared by Sova Catering. The event is open to the entire Nashville Jewish community.

For more information, for the cost for the dinner or to make a reservation, contact Debby Wiston, dwiston@akivanashville.net, or call 615/356-1880, ext. 24. □

To access the Community Calendar, go to www.jewishnashville.org and click on "Calendar."



The Cumberland Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), presented a Conservation Medal from the National Society of the DAR to Dan Heller for his activities with Urban Green Lab in East Nashville. He co-founded and serves as president of this nonprofit organization. From left: Barbara Stanfill, Cumberland Chapter DAR conservation chair; Dan Heller; Wilma Konig, Cumberland Chapter committee member.

GJCC May art show features paintings and photography

The GJCC May Art show will feature work from the Tennessee Watercolor Association (TnWS), the Wild Iris Art Collective and Congregation Micah's Photography Class.

The Nashville Region of the Tennessee Watercolor Society (TnWS) presents an exhibit of watermedia works on paper, "The Beauty of Watermedia." The Nashville TnWS region has a membership of 73 artists and a statewide membership of approximately 220. The paintings in TnWS exhibits must have been painted in an aqueous manner, on paper, and presented framed behind glass. Collage is accepted with hand-painted papers.

Artists participating in the exhibit are Jan Batts, Marilyn Brisbois, Anne

Carter-Brothers, Jan Cabler, Jacques Camp, Glenna Cook, Kathleen Haynes, Vinci Kolodziejski, Wendy Latimer, Christine Parachek Marshall, Gail McDaniel, Noriko Register, Elizabeth Sanford, Dean Shelton, Helen Shull, Pam Tyson and Robert Vantrease.

The Wild Iris Art Collective includes artists Karen Carter, Merrill Farnsworth, Rachel Harrison, Mandy Peitz Mood, Arunima Orr, Vicki Jett Terry and Doris Wasserman. Their exhibit includes a number of colorful, abstract and realism paintings.

The Congregation Micah photography class will also have works on display.

For more information on this and other exhibits, call Carrie Mills at the GJCC, 356-7170, or contact her via email at carrie@nashvillejcc.org. □

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