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Jewish Federation's 76th Annual Meeting, Foundation reception to be held Sept. 12

The membership of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee will gather for the organization's 76th Annual Meeting on Wed., Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Gordon Jewish Community Center. The meeting will be chaired by Barbara Mayden. The event will be preceded by a special reception of the Jewish Foundation beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Foundation event, which is by invitation, will be chaired by Jessica and Sam Averbuch.

The annual meeting will include a tribute to outgoing Federation President Martin Ted Mayden, the inaugural presentation of the Federation President's Award to Sandra Averbuch and special recognition of Judith A. Saks, who is retiring as community relations director and as editor of the Jewish Observer after 25 years of service.



Andrew May
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The annual meeting will also feature the election of new officers and members of the Federation Board of Directors. Cynthia Morin, immediate past president of the chair of the



Martin Ted Mayden



Sandra Averbuch



Judith A. Saks

Nominating Committee, announced the following slate of officers: Andrew May, president; Carol Hyatt, vice president; Jan Liff, secretary; and Adam Landa, treasurer. Federation officers are elected for a one-year term.

Morin also announced that Didi Biesman, Micah Coleman, Michael Doochin and David Schwartz have been nominated to serve three-year terms on the Federation Board. James Mackler has been nominated to serve a one-year term. In addition Rabbi Flip Rice of Congregation Micah will begin his service as the rabbinic representative to the Federation Board.

Outgoing Federation Board members will also be recognized for their service. They are David Hanchrow, Shaul Kelner, Ellen Rosen and Rabbi Mark Schiftan, whose term as rabbinic representative concludes with the annual meeting.

Participants at the annual meeting will also consider several amendments to the Federation's Constitution including the establishment of the Jewish Foundation Development Committee and the creation of the Jewish Federation Council of Past Presidents. There are also several other minor amendments. Proposed amendments can be reviewed at the Federation website by visiting www.jewishnashville.org.

For more information about the Annual Meeting or to RSVP, contact Barbara Schwarcz at Barbara@jewishnashville.org or by phone at 354-1630.

For more information about the Jewish Foundation reception, contact Risa Klein Herzog at risa@jewishnashville.org or by phone at 354-1651.

The 76th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Foundation reception are generously underwritten by SEI Investments. □

Hop to it! NowGen Craft Beer Revue on tap for Aug. 26

By Kathy Carlson

Make a hot summer downright beerable – oops, bearable – at NowGen Nashville's Craft Beer Revue on Sun., Aug. 26, at the Gordon Jewish Community Center.

At the afternoon event, presented by the Jewish Federation of Nashville and sponsored by NowGen Nashville, people can learn all about beer with friends and with a little help from craft brewers themselves.

Ten breweries will be represented on site, with 40 beers in all available for sampling. Special guest Jeremy Cowan will speak beforehand about how he started Shmaltz Brewery, maker of HE'BREW beer and other Jewish celebration beers. NowGen Nashville hopes to make the Brew Revue an annual event.

Nashville brew-fest entrepreneur Matt Leff is producing the event. A native New Yorker, he and his wife

moved to Nashville two years ago. He branched out from his information technology job in April 2011 with the East Nashville Beer Fest and eventually made beer events his full-time job.

Leff likened the craft beer movement to the local food movement, in which food is traced from farm to table. Learning about beer requires a shift from mass-market, mass-produced beers to small-brewery products that use live ingredients and are made without pasteurization for maximum flavor, he said. Craft beers include IPAs (India Pale Ales) and other pale ales, porters and stouts.

Local breweries including Yazoo, Blackstone, Jackalope and Turtle Anarchy will be represented. It's an exciting time for craft brewing in Nashville, Leff said. He sees many new local breweries springing up over the next few years.

Perhaps the coolest part of the day for beer enthusiasts will be the chance to meet Cowan one-on-one at a pre-revue brunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the J. Copies of his book,

Craft Beer Bar Mitzvah, will be available for purchase. Cowan will be available to sign his book after the brunch. HE'BREW shirts will be available for sale as well.

Brunch tickets also include access to the Craft Brew Revue, which is open to the entire Jewish community. The Revue itself runs from 1 until 5 p.m. and will feature beers from all over the United States. Tickets to the Beer Revue include entry, unlimited 3-oz. samples, and a souvenir tasting glass.

Food will be for sale as well as non-alcoholic beverages. The Grilled Cheeserie Truck and Jonbalaya Truck will be selling food at the event.

Remember the Craft Beer Revue's educational purpose. "I want people to learn why they like what they like," Leff said, and for people to "think before they buy a six-pack of beer."

Space is extremely limited so please do not delay. To RSVP, visit www.jewishnashville.org. For more information, contact joel@jewishnashville.org. □

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David Schwartz

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Submitted by the 2012 Federation Nominating Committee

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Committee Members: Daniel Biller, Lori Fishel, Frank Gordon,
Sandra Hecklin, David Schwartz, Irwin Venick

Please note: Any twenty-five members of the Jewish Federation may submit additional names provided such names are submitted to the president or to the executive director at least twenty days before the annual election. The persons nominated for officer positions must be or have been members of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee list and all other qualified lists are to be presented for election at the annual meeting which is open to all members of the Jewish Federation. The Nominating Committee shall publish the list of nominees thirty days before the annual meeting. (Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee Constitution, Section 6.1)

Jewish Family Service Helping Hands Music Program

- In February 2012 Jewish Family Service expanded its Helping Hands Program to include the Helping Hands Music Program.
- The program matches Jewish musicians with adults living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia for one on one monthly visits.
- If you are a Jewish musician and would like to learn more OR if you are a family member of someone who would benefit from this program call Anna Sir at 354-1686 or helpinghands@jfsnashville.org to learn more.

This program is so stimulating for her that I wish Carrie could come every day...just so that I could see my mother's face light up and see her smile with pure happiness. This program is truly a blessing for both of us.
- daughter of a participant



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Carlson named new Observer editor as Saks retires after 25 years

A fter 25 years of leadership on the Jewish Federation of Nashville's staff, Community Relations Director and Observer Editor Judith A. Saks will retire at the end of this month.

Observer staff writer Kathy Carlson will succeed Saks as editor of The Jewish

Observer. Carlson began writing for the Observer as a freelancer in summer 2006 and has assisted Saks with editorial matters over the years. Carlson has worked in print journalism in Nashville including the Tennessean and the former Nashville Banner.

All articles and information for the Observer should be submitted to Carlson at kathy@jewishnashville.org or 354-1653.

Saks joined the Federation staff in 1987 as Observer editor and became com-

munity relations director in 1998. As community relations director, she has handled public affairs activities in the Nashville Jewish community and with the larger Nashville community. She also has directed outreach and collaboration with other Jewish and non-Jewish groups.

Saks has worked with the Federation's Community Relations Committee to address issues such as Israel advocacy, anti-Semitism, public policy, social and economic justice and interfaith/inter-ethnic relations. The CRC has initiated a communitywide Social Justice Seder for the past four years. It has worked to build bridges to Nashville's Hispanic and other immigrant communities and was involved in building a coalition that voted down a Nashville English-only referendum proposal. The CRC has brought nationally known scholars, journalists and other speakers to educate the Jewish community on Israel and Israel advocacy.

The Federation is currently conducting a search for someone to succeed Saks as community relations director. □



After several months of selling raffle tickets, and selling out completely days before the event, the Gordon Jewish Community Center Annual Raffle winning ticket was pulled at a party at the outdoor pool on July 19. Local artist, costumer and fashion designer Manuel pulled the winning ticket. Winner Karen Datillo accepts the check for \$35,000 from Jared Book, GJCC CFO. The next GJCC annual raffle begins in spring 2013.



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Helping Hands uses music to reach adults living with Alzheimer's

Since its inception in 2004, the Jewish Family Service Helping Hands Program has been matching volunteers with senior adults for friendly visits. These visits can include activities such as playing cards, talking about current events or interests, or even sorting paperwork and mail. Anna Sir has been the Helping Hands program coordinator since 2006. "It's such an important program in our community and I feel honored to spend so much of my time with amazing volunteers and the most interesting seniors you could ever meet."

While the program has grown steadily over the last few years, one group that has been challenging to match with volunteers are those adults living with Alzheimer's or other dementias. When the Jewish Federation announced that they were accepting grants through their New Initiative Fund—specifically for programs that would benefit seniors—the timing seemed perfect.

Along with JFS Casework Director Teri Sogol and JFS Executive Director Pam Kelner, Sir began researching ways to create a successful program. Repeatedly the JFS staff found research reinforcing the ways that music can have a positive effect on the brain. It has a way of connecting on a level that nothing else does. Dr. Oliver Sacks, noted neurologist and musician, said that "to those who are lost in dementia, music is not some trivial of life, but a necessity, and can have power beyond anything else to restore them to themselves, and to others, at least for a little while." Thus the Helping Hands Music Program was formed, thanks to a New Initiative Grant from the Jewish Federation.

One of the first steps was identifying Jewish musicians who would be eager to meet with and perform one-on-one with the clients. To train the musicians JFS partnered with Sarah Martin McConnell from Music for Seniors (a program of Fifty Forward). A partnership between JFS and Fifty Forward was a seamless relationship and especially meaningful given the large number of Jewish adults in Nashville who are supportive of both organizations.

The musicians currently participating in the program are not only talented, but also demonstrate a compassion and sensitivity that is critical to the success of the program. Not surprisingly, they also feel they gain as much as they give. As participating musician James Haymer said, "I'm sure rock stars like Paul McCartney get a thrill from playing in front of thousands of fans, but the connection formed between a client and seeing them come alive from listening to my music is every bit as thrilling and much more rewarding."

To date, there are several seniors participating in the program and the expectation is that it will continue to grow. Cindee Gold, whose mother is participating in the new program, said, "In spite of everything my mother still remembers her favorite songs and loves to sing along. Thank you so much to JFS for running this program."

All of the participating families have responded enthusiastically to seeing their loved ones benefit from the individual attention of a musician. Families are encouraged to let the musicians know what music their loved ones once enjoyed, enabling the musician to

customize the songs for each individual visit. Interests so far have ranged from Jewish songs to Broadway show tunes to country and western melodies.

While most facilities offer musical entertainment for their residents in a group setting, it is the one-on-one connection that is a unique characteristic of this program. Each musician is able to create a relationship, not only with the client being served, but often with their family as well.

JFS would like to reach more clients with this program. Any Jewish families caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia are encouraged to call JFS to learn more. Additionally, the next training for musicians will be at the Gordon JCC on Mon., Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.

If you are a Jewish musician and would like to learn more—or if you are the family member of a potential client—contact Anna Sir at JFS at 615/354-1686. □



Carrie Mills, right, plays and sings old tunes that resonate with Betty Wolf.

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Nashville welcomes new community shlicha, Hadar Moskovitz

By Kathy Carlson

At 26, Hadar Moskovitz has already graduated from college, served in the military and traveled in the United States with the Tzofim, Israeli scouts who share life in their country through song and dance.

Soon she'll be in Nashville as the new Jewish Agency shlicha or emissary for the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

She became interested in the "shlichut world" at age 17 with the scouts delegation, which took her to towns in the Northeast and Midwest over three months.

"I found myself interested in the Jewish communities I visited at, and in the people I met along the way," she said in an email. "I deeply understood its importance and since then I have always thought of coming back for a second 'shlichut.' This year I've finished my degree in the university so it was the perfect time to go on 'shlichut' once again."



Hadar Moskovitz

great," Levitt said. "We want the (shlicha) program to continue. It's been successful and we're looking forward to seeing what she'll bring to the program."

Hadar will arrive in Nashville just as current shlicha Inbar Shaked returns to Israel. Inbar was the first shlicha in Nashville under the Jewish Agency program. She became a key part of the community, introducing monthly Israeli film nights, teaching conversational Hebrew, helping Nashville teens prepare for their Get Connected trip to Israel, and much more. "We'll miss Inbar," Levitt said.

"She's a great person to introduce us to what this program can do." Inbar and Hadar have been in touch so Hadar can get a feel for what to expect in Nashville, she said.

"My main goal is to create a personal link" to Israel, Hadar said in a later phone interview. She'll bring lots of photos, her uniform from the Israeli army and an assortment of other little things from Israel. "I'm really excited to come in two weeks," she said. "I want to meet everyone and hope people are interested in the things I bring."

As part of her shlicha training with the Jewish Agency this summer, Hadar spent time in Hadera and met two other shlichim who will be living in Charlotte, N.C., and Chattanooga, two of the American cities that along with Nashville are paired with the Hadera-Eiron region of Israel.

Hadar was born in Rehovot and grew up in Shoham, near Ben-Gurion Airport and Tel Aviv. It's a great town with a high school and lots to do, she said. She and her family have lived there for the past 16 years.

Hadar graduated from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, studying business and management. In her military service, she served as a platoon commander, responsible for 50 soldiers.

Before coming on shlichut, she was a coordinator of the Perach tutorial project, in charge of more than 50 students who tutor children.

Hadar loves to travel and looks forward to seeing more of Tennessee and the United States. She'll participate in Jewish Agency conferences for shlichot in New York and Miami.

"As the shlicha I would like to bring and show Israel the way I see it, to create great links with as many people as I can and expose them to some new things and ideas about Israel," she wrote in the email. She wants to highlight life in Israel, Jewish identity, Israeli culture, and Jewish and Israeli holidays and to develop leadership with young adults groups. "I'm very excited about meeting everybody and start working with the community."

To invite Hadar to dinner or to have her speak to your organization, contact Harriet Schiftan at 354-1687. □

Nashvillians can help Bulgaria bomb victims through Federation

Burgas, Bulgaria is a short flight from Tel Aviv – 810 miles and about two hours in the air. This Black Sea resort that had been popular with Israeli vacationers now may be better known for a July 18 terrorist attack on Israeli tourists that killed seven people.

As the Israeli government quickly aided attack victims, the Jewish Agency's Victims of Terror Fund stepped

in as well. North American Jewish communities, including Nashville, support the Jewish Agency through their local federations.

Needing help was probably the last thing on the minds of 158 Israelis who took a charter plane to Burgas and hurried to the buses that would take them to their hotels for a three-day vacation break.

On one bus were Amir Menashe, 27, and Itzik Kolengi, also 27, both from Petah Tikva. They were childhood friends and had gone to Bulgaria with their wives, according to Israel's Channel 2. The Kolengis had a four-month-old daughter, their first. The baby's grandparents were caring for her and this was to be a long weekend for the couple.

Maor Harush and Elior Priess were both 26 and from Akko. Kochava Shriki and her husband, Itzik, also were on the bus. Kochava was in her forties and pregnant with her first child after years of fertility treatments. Itzik survived the attack; Kochava did not. "I wanted her to rest and gather strength – and it ended

in disaster," he told Ynetnews.

The as-yet unidentified bomber died in the attack and also killed the bus driver, a Bulgarian man named Mustafa Kyosov, 36. Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, said that "Hezbollah, the long arm of Iran," carried out the attack. International law enforcement officers continue to investigate.

The attack took place on a Wednesday. By midnight, an Israeli military aircraft had returned the victims' bodies to Israel. By noon the next day, 32 injured Israelis returned home on a military plane. Later that night, three Israelis who had been seriously injured were transported to Israel. It was all part of an Israeli rescue mission to Burgas.

The Jewish Agency's Victims of Terror Fund is designed to provide immediate assistance, in real-time, to those physically injured from terror events, the Jewish Agency's southern regional manager of community relations, Dusty Heist, explained in an email. Its goal is to help provide funding for needs that are not being met by other organizations, such as the supplying of food, medication and essential equipment destroyed by the attacks, the financing of ambulances and other urgent necessities.

The fund provides immediate subsidies to victims. It also provides funds for

orphans of victims that become available to them when they reach the age of 18, because experience has shown that these individuals face needs as they begin to establish their adult lives without the resources available in an intact family. It is also common for the fund to help in organizing camp and respite activities for children of victims.

For the victims of the Burgas attack, the Fund is doing what it always does in these circumstances, coordinating with the National Insurance in contacting the families quickly to assess their needs and respond accordingly to the individual needs of each victim or family, Heist said.

Nashville Jewish Federation Executive Director Mark Freedman offered our local community's "deepest condolences to the families of the victims and condemnation of this horrific act of violence."

To aid the Burgas victims, mail your donation to The Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee Attn: Victims of Terror Fund, 801 Percy Warner Blvd. Suite 102, Nashville, TN 37205, or online at www.jewish-nashville.org. □

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Sinai border attack seen as test in Egypt-Israel relationship

By Marcy Oster

JERUSALEM (JTA) – The Aug. 5 attack along the Israel-Egypt border poses dilemmas both for Israel and for the new Egyptian president.

Should Israel accede to pressure to modify its 1979 peace treaty with Egypt and allow more Egyptian troops into the Sinai to quell the unrest there?

For Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi, who hails from the Muslim Brotherhood, will his crackdown on militancy in the Sinai be seen domestically as his offering a helping hand to Israel, a country much of his constituency still views as an implacable foe?

After the attack, Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood and Gazan Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas, which is affiliated with the Brotherhood, blamed Israel's Mossad intelligence agency for the attack. Hamas claimed it was an attempt to disrupt Morsi's new Islamist government, and the Muslim Brotherhood reportedly called for a review of the Egypt-Israel peace treaty.

But it's not clear that Morsi endorsed that statement; rather, he ordered the Egyptian army to take "control" of the Sinai.

Israeli defense and government officials are saying that the attack — in which militants in the Sinai Peninsula killed at least 15 Egyptian soldiers before breaching the Israeli border and being stopped by deadly Israeli fire — is an important moment in the Israel-Egypt relationship.

Ehud Barak, the Israeli defense minister, called the attack a "wake-up call" for Egypt.

As part of the 1979 peace treaty,

Egypt agreed to leave the Sinai mostly demilitarized, with specific restrictions on the number of troops and type of weaponry allowed there. Israel agreed to ease those restrictions in January 2011 after protests against then-President Hosni Mubarak intensified and attacks began on the gas pipeline between Egypt and Israel.

Since Mubarak's fall, the Sinai has become increasingly lawless, with multiple bombings of the Egypt-Israel gas pipeline before Egypt halted gas delivery earlier this year; stepped-up smuggling between Egypt and Hamas-controlled Gaza; and terrorist attacks launched against Israel from the Sinai. African migrants from Sudan, Eritrea and elsewhere also have used the Sinai as a base for sneaking into Israel.

Last week's assault was the deadliest incident along the border since Mubarak's fall, although an attack last

summer left eight Israelis dead in Eilat. Aside from the Egyptian soldiers killed in the attack at the Rafah security checkpoint, several Egyptian soldiers may have been kidnapped by the terrorists, according to reports. Barak identified the attackers as members of the Global Jihadi terrorist group.

After killing the Egyptians, attackers used two vehicles to cross the border into Israel at the Kerem Shalom checkpoint. Israeli helicopters responded, killing the terrorists. At least six were wearing suicide vests, according to the Israel Defense Forces. Israeli intelligence had information on the planned attack, enabling the military to have helicopters in the area to strike the terrorists, an IDF spokesman said. Israel shared its intelligence with Egypt before the attack, according to reports.

"I think that it is clear that Israel and

Egypt have a common interest in maintaining a quiet border," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said while touring the site of the attack. "However, as has been made clear on numerous occasions, when it comes to the security of the citizens of Israel, the State of Israel must and can rely only on itself."

The border crossing was later reopened.

Israel's Foreign Ministry issued a condolence message to Egypt on the deaths of its troops. The message pointed out that the attack "aimed at shattering the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt."

The message said, "Peace between the two countries has been, and still is, an interest common to both peoples; Israel will continue to act in a spirit of cooperation with Egypt in order to preserve this vital interest and ensure security and stability in the region." □

Alive Hospice taking registrations for fall support groups

There's support in Nashville for adults and children grieving the losses of loved ones. Alive Hospice's fall grief support groups will begin meeting in September near downtown Nashville and in Madison.

Registration is required and continues through Sept. 7 or until the groups are full. To register or for more information, call the phone numbers listed for each group. There is a cost for participating, but this fee may be waived due to financial need.

Nashville support groups:

Loss of Spouse: Two groups will

meet in Nashville: one on Monday mornings and the other on Monday evenings. Call 615/963-4732 to register.

Loss of Parent, Sibling or Other Loved One (for adults): This support group for adults will meet on Tuesday evenings in Nashville. Call 615/963-4732 to register.

Parents' Loss of Children: This ongoing support group meets every other Thursday evening in Nashville. Call 615/346-8364 to register.

Children Experiencing Loss: This support group for children (ages 6-14) will meet on Monday evenings in Nashville. Call 615/963-4732 to register.

Madison support group:

Loss of Parent, Spouse, Sibling or Other Loved One (for adults): This support group for adults will meet on Thursday evenings in Madison. Call 615/346-8637 to register.

Additionally, Alive Hospice offers Same-Sex Loss of Partner grief support groups. Call 615/346-8364 for more information.

Alive Hospice's grief support groups and individual counseling services are available to anyone who has experienced a loss, regardless of whether a loved one was served by Alive Hospice. Call 615/963-4732 or visit www.alivehospice.org for more information. □

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Get Connected marks 5 years of American-Israeli friendships

By Kathy Carlson

This year's Get Connected teens enjoyed a bonus, meeting a whole new group of Israeli youth in Nashville in addition to those who hosted them earlier this summer in Hadera.

The Americans and Israelis gathered in Nashville for a three-day mifgash or meeting that brought together young people from the Hadera-Eiron region in Israel and from Nashville and other cities paired with the region in the Southeastern Consortium of the Jewish Agency's Partnership 2Gether program.

The Nashville mifgash in late July capped a month in which the teens had spent time together in both countries, 24-7, some said.

"You guys have family here," Nashville's Ben Davis told the group in a wrap-up meeting on the Israelis' last day in Nashville. "You're all welcome at my house any time."

Hadera teen Shelly Hindi told the group, "I'm glad I met you guys. Thank you, Andy – you were the best host ever," she told Get Connected board chair Andy Neuman.

Iris Nagler, from Hadera, chaperoned four Hadera teens in Nashville. She came to Nashville last summer, too. "Please come to Israel," she said. "Come to Hadera – we expect you."

Now in its fifth year, Get Connected brings rising high school seniors from Nashville to Israel and Hadera, introducing American teens to Israel and their peers there. The Jewish Federation and community support the program to hold down the cost to teens and their families. So far, 112 local teens have taken Get Connected trips.

"This program, as far as I'm concerned, is the most important program we do at the Jewish Federation of Nashville," Mark Freedman, Federation executive director, said earlier at a Get Connected reunion dinner. "Making that connection, whether you stay in Nashville or go somewhere else ... affects how we advocate for Israel."

"I miss the people," Get Connected participant Zac Crowley said at the dinner. "Anyone who is on the edge and thinking about going – it was one of the best decisions I ever made. The people you meet are amazing. They're very friendly. When you meet Israelis, they're not 'foreign' to you – (we) have a lot in common."

Brandon Green recounted a conversation he and his mother, Amy Green, had on the way to the airport. If someone wanted to focus on religion in Israel, she said, it could be a religious trip. If another person was more interested in culture, it could be a cultural trip, and if someone wanted to have fun and meet Israeli teens, it could be that kind of trip as well.

Brandon said he had a "deep religious experience, and ... a lot of fun meeting Israeli people. ... I grew as a person."

"I kind of had the fun time," Harrison Wolskij said. "It was easily the best time I had in my life." He enjoyed the home stay in Hadera and has been keeping in touch on Facebook with friends he met in Hadera. Other high points were an archeological dig in which he and others found artifacts and happening upon a presentation by Polish government officials to Israeli citizens who served in the Polish army in World War II.



Brandon Green of Nashville and Hadera guests Guy Vilkomirskey and Shelly Hindi share American-made falafel and side dishes at the Get Connected reunion dinner on July 22.



Get Connected teens pile up as they say, "good-bye" at the mifgash in Nashville.

better from other teens because they're on the same level, she said. "They get to know the subject closer and better."

Orit Copperman, of Hadera, chaperoned teens visiting Charlotte, N.C. The Israeli teens prepared for their Partnership 2Gether experience for a year, meeting once a week to learn about Jewish life in America, Orit said. The teens, who all attend different schools, got to know each other over the year.

The program helps personalize Israel to the American teens and make it real to them, not just a faraway place, she said. Teens were so happy to see each other when they reunited in Charlotte. "It's like a big family." □

'An Evening of Sholom Aleichem' comes to the GJCC for one night

An Evening of Sholom Aleichem," a unique one-man show starring Murray Horwitz, will be presented by National Public Radio and the Gordon Jewish Community Center on Sun., Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the GJCC. In the show, Horwitz recreates the heart-warming humor of famed Yiddish writer and storyteller Sholom Aleichem, whose stories of Tevye the Milkman provided the basis for "Fiddler on the Roof."

Often referred to as "the Jewish Mark Twain," Aleichem's witty, wise work comes alive in the capable hands of

only here, but in Israel."

Ido Yanko, 15, of Hadera, had been to Jacksonville, Fla., before coming to Nashville for the mifgash. Being in the program "means a lot," she said. "We're representing Israel in the best way." American teens learn about life in Israel

Horwitz, who portrays the author with wit and authenticity.

Horwitz's extraordinary career in the arts includes authoring the hit Broadway musical "Ain't Misbehavin'," writing the song lyrics for John Harbison's "The Great Gatsby" at the Metropolitan Opera, and originating the NPR comedy quiz, "Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!"

In addition, Horwitz was director and COO of the American Film Institute's Silver Theatre, vice president of cultural programming for National Public Radio and NPR's director of jazz, classical music, and entertainment pro-

gramming. His written works include television, film, and theater projects and he is the recipient of 20 ASCAP songwriting awards.

Currently, Horwitz may be heard on NPR's "All Things Considered" and as a panelist on the same network's word game show, "Says You!" which will be presented at TPAC on Sept. 8 and 9.

Tickets are available for the show, only, or the show and a reception with Horwitz at www.wpln.org or at the Gordon Jewish Community Center. For information, contact Meryl Kraft at 615/356-7170 or meryl@nashvillejcc.org. □

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Jewish Family Service launches award-winning program for girls, grades 6-12

Jewish Family Service of Nashville joins over 350 Jewish organizations across the country in offering Nashville-area girls a national, award winning informal education program. A program of the Jewish educational organization Moving Traditions, "Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!" draws on Jewish teachings to help girls in grades 6-12 of all affiliations navigate the complexities of adolescent life. The program empowers girls to think for themselves, stay healthy, enhance self esteem and to make connections to Judaism and to their peers, all while having a good time.

Jewish Family Service has announced that Samara Orkin will lead a group for girls who are entering 6th grade this fall. Samara, who is pursuing a master's degree in education at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College, is a dynamic and engaging role-model. Samara has taught at Bellevue Middle School, taught in Hebrew School at the Temple and worked as a camp counselor for many years at an all-girls camp.

Samara attended the intensive two-day Moving Traditions Training Institute this summer, and will use the nationally tested materials provided by Moving

Traditions to lead the group, but with a Nashville twist. "I cannot wait to get to know the girls," said Samara. "Rosh Hodesh is such an effective program, and I am so excited to begin!"

Rosh Hodesh is the first Jewish communal program to proactively address two well-documented trends: many girls drop out of organized Jewish experiences after bat mitzvah and girls' self-esteem plummets during adolescence. Through discussion, arts and crafts, and drama, small groups of tween and teenage girls integrate core Jewish

values as they engage issues of body image, friendship, relationships, competition, stress, and family. A mother of one of the thousands of participants sums up the program nicely: "It IS a girl thing! During a time of intense emotional and physical growth, my daughter returns monthly to a circle of friends where they speak honestly about their concerns and triumphs. An adolescent's mother's dream!"

Since Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing! was launched nationally in 2002 with 40 groups, it has grown to more

than 350 groups meeting in 27 states and four Canadian provinces, including groups returning for their second through fifth years.

JFS thanks the Ernest and Selma Rosenblum Foundation for the grant that enabled JFS to invest in the curriculum.

If you have a daughter entering the 6th grade and would like to hear more about this opportunity for her, contact Pam Kelner at 615/354-1644. To find out more about the Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing! program, visit www.roshhodesh.org. □

GJCC's 109th Annual Meeting includes induction of new leaders, special awards

The Gordon Jewish Community Center (GJCC) hosted its 109th Annual Meeting on July 17. The Annual Meeting combines the induction of new GJCC Executive Committee and Board Members, GJCC department updates and awards for outstanding members. Beth Rossen has joined the GJCC Executive Committee; and Jamie Rosen and Isla Krivcher have joined the GJCC Board of Directors.

Recipients of this year's Kehillah and Kovod Awards were announced. Whitney Perlen and Alex Metzman received the new Kehillah Award, presented to teens who have shown spirit, leadership and dedication to the Nashville Jewish community.

Bernice Ritt received the Kovod Award presented to an outstanding senior adult who has shown initiative, creativity, compassion and effort in the Jewish and general community. The award is given with the help of a Jewish Foundation grant set up in memory of Marilyn and Harry Stern.

During the opening remarks, GJCC Executive Director Eric Goldstein said, "It has been a tremendous year. The brilliant thing about the leaders, staff and volunteers of this organization is their innate ability to determine and accomplish goals. Each year, those things we talked about as possibilities in year's prior come to fruition at such an astounding rate and capacity

that I am often awed by the hard work and dedication evident in every fiber of each completed project. To say that we have come far is an understatement and I thank the membership, the officers and each department for what they do.

"We hope that the year ahead will continue to provide new services, upgraded facilities and exceptional programming for our community. It is our goal going forward to not only continue our current programming but to add to it. We would like to see the renewal of family-centric events, both on campus and off; we would like to see an influx of Judaic offerings; and we would like to make the Jewish community who are new to the Nashville area or have been here many years see us as the center of their Jewish life."

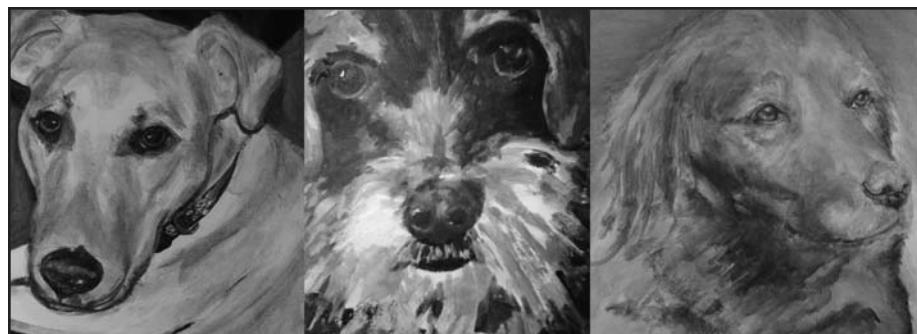
The entire presentation from the Annual Meeting can be viewed by going to www.nashvillejcc.org and clicking on "About Us." □

GJCC Main Event to feature 'Magical Mystery Tour'

The GJCC's Annual Main Event will be held on Sat., Nov. 3. Join the GJCC for the Magical Mystery Tour and step back in time

with a live performance by The Wannabeatles; mingle with friends to peruse the hippest auction this side of Liverpool; enjoy a family-style UK feast; and put those go-go boots to work as you dance the night away!

Stay posted for more complete details to follow but mark your calendars now and get ready to twist and shout. □



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Birth

Sarah and Sam Caplan of Chicago announce the birth of their son, **Jack Robert Caplan**, on July 10. Jack is the grandson of Kitty Calhoon and David Ettinger of Nashville and Patti and Alan Caplan of Highland Park, Ill. His great-grandfather is Sherman Faber of Morton Grove, Ill.

B'nai Mitzvah

Riley Lauren Fobare and **Hayden Kate Fobare** will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah on Sat., Aug. 11, at 10:30 a.m. at Congregation Micah. They are the daughters of Terri and Ty Fobare and the sisters of Sydney Fobare. Their grandparents are Mimi Cohen of Franklin, Tenn., Alvin Cohen of Altamonte Springs, Fla., and Malcolm and Lorraine Fobare of Bloomingdale, N.Y.

Riley is a freshman at Centennial High School, where she is a member of the soccer team. She also plays soccer for the Tennessee Soccer Club. Riley also enjoys singing and playing the guitar. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with her friends, cooking and running summer track.

An eighth grader at Page Middle School, Riley is a member of the cross country, soccer and track teams. She also plays soccer for the Tennessee Soccer Club. Hayden also enjoys gymnastics and anything art related. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with her friends, baking, and running summer track.

As Riley and Hayden are sharing their Bat Mitzvah, their mitzvah project has been volunteering with TopSoccer of Middle Tennessee over the past few years. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl who has a mental or physical disability.

Talia Jessica Barton will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Sat., Aug. 18, at 9:30 am at West End Synagogue. She is the daughter of Nancy Lipsitz and Kirk Barton and the sister of Ben and Aden Barton. Her grandparents are Jacqueline and Martin Lipsitz of St. Louis and Lynn and David Barton of Nashville.

A seventh grader at University School, Talia particularly enjoys social studies and history. She is a competitive gymnast and practices year round.

For Talia's mitzvah project, she plans to teach others about the Holocaust by making a video and presentations. She recently received a grant from her school and she attended a three-day seminar at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington with teachers from all over Tennessee. She will be making donations to the Tennessee Holocaust Commission and to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Rachel Elise Hanchrow will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Sat., Aug. 18, at 10:30 a.m. at Congregation Micah. She is the daughter of Liz and David Hanchrow and the older sister of Leah Hanchrow. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Gracie Hanchrow of Montgomery, Ala., and the late John Elder and the late Ann Payne Elder of Birmingham, Ala.

An eighth grader at Battle Ground Academy, Rachel is the co-captain of her cheerleading squad. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and hanging out with her friends. After taking this summer off to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah, she is looking forward to returning to Camp Barney Medintz next summer.

For her mitzvah project, Rachel has chosen to volunteer at Mercy Children's Clinic, a Franklin-based clinic that provides healthcare services to all children and support to their families.

Shelby Kate Kleiner will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Sat., Aug. 25, at 11 a.m. at The Temple. She was born on Aug. 5, 1999, in Nashville. Her parents are Ann Gordon and Rick Kleiner. Her grandparents are the late Bernice K. and Lionel J. Gordon and the late Phyllis and Walter Kleiner.

A seventh grader at Grassland Middle School, Shelby's special interests include playing flute in the band, roller skating, Girl Scouts, cross country and creative writing.

Her mitzvah project is focused on reducing homelessness through improving the lives of people in Middle Tennessee and encouraging pet adoptions from the Nashville Humane Association to loving homes.

Jason Malkofsky-Berger will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Sat., Aug. 25, at 10:30 a.m. at Congregation Micah. He is the son of Rena and Josh Malkofsky-Berger and the brother of Jeffrey and Hannah. He is the grandson of Liz and Mike Berger of Nashville and Marion and Morton Malkofsky of California.

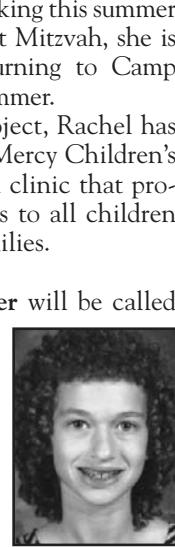
An eighth grader at University School of Nashville, Jason enjoys basketball, baseball and cooking, as well as developing his skills in each of these pursuits. He keeps up with the latest news regarding the teams, players, famous chefs and restaurants.

For his mitzvah project, Jason has chosen to raise money for Food Network's No Kid Hungry, a campaign to end childhood hunger.

Jordan Nicole Cohen will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Sat., Sept. 1, at 9:30 a.m. at West End Synagogue. Jordan is the daughter of Drs. Jonathan and Renee Cohen and the sister to Julia, Rachel and Abigail Cohen. She is the granddaughter of Drs. Allan and Maxine Fried of Great



Rachel Elise Hanchrow



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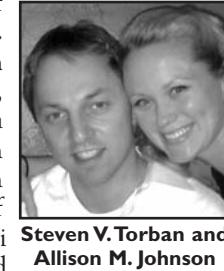
Neck, N.Y., and Dr. Mark and Shirley Cohen of Phoenix, Ariz., and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Bader of Fort Lee, N.J.

An eighth grader at Grassland Middle School, Jordan enjoys playing tennis and studying the guitar. This summer was her seventh summer at Camp Ramah Darom.

For Jordan's mitzvah project, she raised and donated money to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

Engagement

Sema and Alex Torban announce the engagement of their son, **Steven V. Torban**, to **Allison M. Johnson**,



Steven V. Torban and Allison M. Johnson

daughter of Linda and Troy Johnson of Virginia. Steven is the grandson of Mark Torban, Meri Karmazina and Naum Bogakovsky of Nashville. Alli is the granddaughter of Ann and Dave Sherman of Florida. Steven is the brother of Sasha Torban.

Steven grew up in Nashville and is a graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy and Wake Forest University with a degree in computer science. Alli graduated from James Madison University with a degree in math. Both are information technology specialists in consulting firms in Washington, D.C.

The Jewish ceremony and wedding are planned for Sept. 2 in Washington, D.C.

Graduate

Benjamin Ethan Keller graduated on May 20 from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., with a B.A. from The Elliott School of International Affairs. Ben is a graduate of Akiva School and University School of Nashville. He is the son of Joyce Keller of Nashville and Robert Keller of London, England. His grandparents are Queenie and Louis Miller of Nashville, Jane Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn., and Don and Kate Keller of Montgomery, Ala. Ben is employed by Cooley LLP, a leading law firm in Reston, Va.



Benjamin Ethan Keller

of Joyce Keller of Nashville and Robert Keller of London, England. His grandparents are Queenie and Louis Miller of Nashville, Jane Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn., and Don and Kate Keller of Montgomery, Ala. Ben is employed by Cooley LLP, a leading law firm in Reston, Va.

Honors

Phillip Shmerling recently was chosen for a 2012 Nashville Emerging Leader Award in the hospitality and tourism division. The Nashville Area Chamber and YP Nashville annually present the awards to recognize young professionals for significant accomplishments in their chosen career fields and their commitment and contribution to the community. Shmerling worked for three years in investment banking and returned to Nashville at age 26 to run the retail division at Choice Food Group where he is responsible for operations, management, marketing and accounting, as well as strategy and project execution. Shmerling is an advisor for BBYO, Inc., where he teaches teenagers about leadership, charity and community service. He serves on the Nashville Food Policy Council and chairs its Issues Committee. He's also on the board of the Nashville Junior Chamber and is cur-

rently the Civic Committee Chair. He is the son of Debbie and Jim Shmerling of Denver, formerly of Nashville.

Sympathy

... to the family of **Dr. Stanley Bernard**, 88 of Nashville, a leader in the life and vitality of Nashville since he arrived as a student at Vanderbilt University in 1941. He died on July 14. Dr. Bernard was an eternal optimist in all aspects of his life: a husband, father, physician, volunteer, and longtime friend. He will long be remembered by the family whom he cherished, the friends whom he adored, and the many peoples' lives he touched. As an undergraduate at Vanderbilt, Dr. Bernard played on the basketball team and served as president of ZBT fraternity. After completing medical school and residency training at Vanderbilt and serving as a captain in the U.S. Army, Dr. Bernard practiced as a general surgeon in Nashville for over 40 years. He was board certified surgeon and a member of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Bernard served on the teaching faculties of both Vanderbilt and Meharry Medical Schools. A man for all causes, Dr. Bernard was an officer and active supporter of numerous philanthropic, health care, academic and business organizations. A passionate supporter of Vanderbilt, Dr. Bernard founded the National Commodore Club and received the Nashville Banner's "Commodore Award" for his dedication to Vanderbilt athletics. He served on the boards of the Vanderbilt Medical Center's Canby Robinson Society and as president and chairman of the Board of the Vanderbilt School of Nursing and the Julia Hereford Society. Dr. Bernard served as the dinner chairman for the National Council of Christians and Jews, where he received the NCCJ's "Humanitarian Special Award." He was the President of the Multiple Sclerosis Society from which he received its Silver Hope Chest Award for Philanthropic Service and Community Leadership. He served as honorary chair for the Middle Tennessee Heart Association Heart Gala and as a Board member of the Easter Seals in Tennessee. Dr. Bernard served on the board of the Nashville Jewish Community Center. He was on the board of Westside Hospital and one of the original owners of Parkview Hospital, the first Hospital Corporation of America hospital. He served as the medical director of Medifax, Inc., and Medical Information Management Systems. Dr. Bernard was instrumental in the building of the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel. He was married to his life-long partner and best friend, the late Adell Robinson, dear beloved father of Susan Bernard, Betsy Bernard (Bob) Wegusen, Stan Bernard and Joni Bernard (Jay) Meiselman; wonderful grandfather to Bobby (Brittany) and Ben Wegusen; Andrew and Eric Taylor; Brian and Jana Bernard; Samantha and Evan Meiselman. Dearest brother to late Jack (Marge Landau) Bernard, late Harold "Jobi" (Ann) Bernard and late Carolyn (Maurice) Grief. Dear brother-in-law to late Evelyn R. (Saul) Chernoff and late Philip (Marge) Robinson. Donations may be made in memory of Dr. Bernard to the Bernard-Grief Scholarship Fund, Box 188, Rockwood, TN, 37854 or to any one of his favorite causes.

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. . . to the family of **Philip M. Efron**, 78, who died on July 28 at his home in McMinnville. Born in Seattle, Wash., he was a Nashville-area resident of many years. His death came after a long battle with emphysema. His wife, Janice Dowell, is a nurse and he was fortunate to have her at his side during the long progression of this illness, giving him strength as well as comfort. For many years, Phil owned and operated the Douglas Corner Cleaners in Nashville where he was known as "Cleaner to the Stars." He was honored for his annual clothing drive for the homeless and needy: any donated garment brought in to Douglas Corner Cleaners would be dry cleaned without charge before being turned over to the various agencies serving the less fortunate. A serial entrepreneur, Phil earlier created similar establishments in Moraga, Calif., and in Las Vegas, Nev., where he specialized in the overnight cleaning of performers' costumes to make them ready for the next show. His walls were covered with autographed photos of headliners and others; one prized possession was a check written by Col. Tom Parker to Phil for work he'd

done for Elvis. The award-winning Moraga business graced the cover of The American Drycleaner magazine for its unique design and approach to "old fashioned customer care." He is survived by Janice (wife); his daughter, Erica (and partner Celeste) of W. Jordan, Utah, who had been at his side only hours before; sons, Greg of Spokane and Ted of Seattle, Wash.; brother, David (Judy) of Scottsdale, Ariz.; sister, Deborah of Bellevue, Wash. He was preceded in death by his son, Howard.

. . . to the family of **Betty "B.P." Potts**, "The Tile Lady of Brentwood, Tennessee," who died July 15. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Richard Potts; daughter, Samantha Potts Pruitt (Jordan) of Kentucky; step son, Michael Potts of Los Angeles, Calif.; father, Merrill Stoller (Joan) of Tampa, Fla.; sisters, Gail Stoller of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jayme Silber (David) of Israel; brother, David Stoller of Phoenix, Ariz.; nephews, Aryeh, Yaakov and Yehuda Silber. Betty was an amazing mom and extraordinary person and wonderful wife, sister, daughter and friend. Memorials may be made in Betty's honor to St. Jude or the American Lung Association.

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GJCC exhibit features works of three artists

The August art exhibit at the GJCC features the work of Barbara Speyer, Rick Smith and David Landry.

Speyer has studied with Hazel King and Paul Proctor in Nashville. She has exhibited at the Centennial Art Center, The Tennessee Art League, and the Central South juried competition. She is also in several private collections. Her favorite subjects are people and include ballerinas, Native Americans, musicians, children and animals.

Working mostly in acrylics on canvas, Landry's fine art illustrations are painted in dynamic realism with very stylized splashes of color. He strives in his compositions to find a balance between energy and stillness.

Smith has won awards in commercial shows from the Los Angeles Society of Illustrators, Dallas Society of Illustrators, and Dallas Society of Visual Communications. His work has been recognized in Print magazine and the Annual of American Illustration, as well as having been published in



Art by Barbara Speyer

numerous other periodicals. He has had group and solo shows of paintings and mixed media works in galleries throughout the country.

For more information, contact the GJCC at 615/356-7170, Curator Carrie Mills or go to www.nashvillejcc.org. □

Israeli dance workshop to be held Sept. 6 at Vanderbilt

The Nashville Israeli Folk Dancers and the Vanderbilt University Hillel present a one-night Israeli dance workshop with Dany Benshalom and Ruthy Slann on Thurs., Sept. 6, from 7-11 p.m. at the Schulman Center for Jewish Life at Vanderbilt University. Refreshments will be served.

This is a special opportunity to learn great dances, meet the friendliest people,

exercise aerobically and participate in an enjoyable, stress-reducing activity.

For cost, directions, parking, home hospitality and other information, contact Carol Rubin at carol.rubin@vanderbilt.edu or 615/352-9447 or 615/767-1176. Make it an evening out: enjoy dinner at Grins Vegetarian Cafe in the Schulman Center before the dancing begins.

Go to www.vanderbilt.edu/israelidance for more information. □

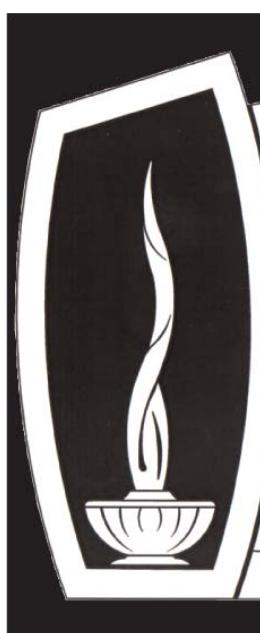
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