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Fred Zimmerman brings experience, heart to 2018 Annual Campaign

By KATHY CARLSON

If you were a hockey fan, you could say that Nashville businessman Fred Zimmerman is going for the hat trick when it comes to helping support the local Jewish community.

He has agreed to chair the 2018 Annual Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, and it will be the third such campaign he has led.

"Everything we do (in annual campaign) is related to what happens on the ground here," between donors and the community our donations support, he said. "Your thoughts, desires, and ambitions are directly involved in what we're doing."

Jewish Federation President Lisa Perlen, in announcing that Zimmerman had agreed to chair the 2018 Annual Campaign, called him "an avid supporter and invaluable resource to our Jewish Federation. It is an honor and privilege to work with him as the Chair of our



Fred Zimmerman

Federation campaign. His vast experience and knowledge of our community as well as communities worldwide will help us advance our campaign."

He succeeds Dr. Frank Boehm, who was the 2017 Campaign Chair. That campaign "is poised to be the Federation's most successful in more than a decade," Nashville Federation Executive Director Mark Freedman said. "Frank has set the bar high and Fred is the perfect choice to leap over it."

Zimmerman has served in virtually every leadership position with the Jewish Federation, Freedman said. "He has chaired the Annual Campaign twice previously, he is a past President of the Jewish Federation and past chair of the Jewish Foundation. Fred continues to play major roles when it comes to Israel and international Jewry. ... He serves on the board of governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel and he is Vice Chair of the United Israel Appeal. Fred is also a member of the board of trustees of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and recently completed a two-year term as chair of JFNA's Intermediate-sized cities representing more than 50 Jewish Federations from across the United States and Canada."

"It has been interesting to watch the evolution of fund-raising," Zimmerman said in a July interview. He first chaired the Annual Campaign in 1993-1994. "Federations don't have one decision maker; they have thousands," he continued.

It's "not just a simple ask," he said. "You have to start looking (at fund-raising as part of) an integrated whole" that includes community goal-setting. In Nashville, that has happened through two iterations of the Best Jewish Nashville priority-setting process, in which our community creates a vision for the future, raises funds and develops operations to bring the vision into reality.

The Best Jewish Nashville process initiated a grants-based approach to funding, and the Nashville federation has become a national symbol for the grants-based approach to funding. "Harriet (Schifman, the Nashville Federation's associate executive director who spearheaded Best Jewish Nashville) gets a lot of calls about" it.

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Israeli teens sample life in Nashville



Among the gold records at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum are (back row, left to right) Lilu Tondowsky, Rachel Karp, Eden Cohen, Esther Kazakov, Carmi Shalev, Shaked Hadar, Kaitlyn Stout and Carter Koch. In front are Noa Nabet (left) and Madeleine Aikin. Story on page 3.

CommUNITY in the Face of Difficult Challenges – An Update

By Mark S. Freedman
Executive Director

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As you can see by reading our Nashville Jewish community letter to Prime Minister Netanyahu in response to the ongoing controversy surrounding the Kotel and conversion matters, we are standing strong together across all denominations of Judaism here in Nashville. Many other Jewish communities across the United States and throughout the Diaspora have made similar appeals to the prime minister.



Mark S. Freedman

Already there has been some minor

progress. The prime minister's office is proceeding with plans to enhance the egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall. The sticking point remains who shall administer the section where men and women can pray together and more negotiations loom between the Orthodox religious authorities who control the Kotel and the Israeli Reform and Conservative movements.

The conversion bill, which would grant an absolute monopoly to the Chief Rabbinate on conversions recognized in

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Rejecting Roger Waters' Message of Hate

Editor's note: This essay was submitted as an op-ed to The Tennessean and was expected to appear in that publication prior to its appearance in this issue of the Observer.

By **MARK S. FREEDMAN**

Roger Waters is coming to Nashville on August 13. For those of you not conversant with the world of rock and roll, Roger Waters was a founding member of Pink Floyd, a wildly popular band of the 70s and 80s. Roger Waters is also, quite simply stated, your garden variety anti-Semite. Oh, Mr. Waters likes to claim he is a forceful advocate for human rights and that he opposes the Israeli occupation and Israeli government policies. But this is far from the case.

At past concerts Roger Waters has displayed a huge inflatable pig, descending from the rafters, emblazoned with the

Star of David, dollar signs with images of Nazi swastikas projected on background screens. This is nasty stuff. If you want to complain about an Israeli government policy or practice, well, write a letter to the Prime Minister. But no, Mr. Waters' actions are reduced to the lowest common denominator – a purveyor of hatred and bigotry. Just shameful.

Thus, we should be concerned that Roger Waters is coming to Nashville. We don't want him here and we certainly don't need him here. Mr. Waters is also a very prominent and vocal proponent of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) targeted against Israel. The BDS movement was started by Palestinian activists. The real goal of BDS is not to change Israel's treatment of Palestinians through economic and political pressure; rather it is the elimination of the Jewish State of Israel. Its leaders have said so themselves. You could look it up. If you want to, here's a reference: http://www.stopbds.com/?page_id=48.

Roger Waters always takes the low road and encourages other prominent musical performers to refuse to perform in Israel. For example, he tried to persuade The Rolling Stones and more recently Radiohead to cancel performances in Israel. Fortunately, most musicians have ignored, and some vocally and forcefully rejected Mr. Waters and they have been warmly and enthusiastically received in Israel. Who knows, maybe Mr. Waters is doing us a favor by creating more Israel advocates to counter his campaign of bigotry.

So, what shall we do about all this? We could join Mr. Waters on the low road and encourage you to boycott his concert that will be staged at the Bridgestone Arena on August 13. But then we are reduced to his level. If you want to waste your money to support a bad dude that's your business.

But if you go to the concert, make your own sign and hold it up during the performance—let it clearly state that

there is no room for hatred and bigotry in our great city. Inform Mr. Waters that Israel shares democratic values with our country that support human rights while Arabs across the Middle East continue to slaughter each other at an alarming rate. Tell Mr. Waters to take his pig back to the poke where it belongs.

Finally be in touch with the officials of Bridgestone Arena and the concert sponsors, letting them know that welcoming and supporting a Roger Waters performance sends the wrong message in a city that promotes diversity and respects people of all backgrounds and faiths.

Roger Waters has dubbed his tour "Us + Them". My view is he is very much wrapped up in his "Us" and somehow he manages to send the message that the "Them" deserve scorn and condemnation. It's all very sad and by standing together "WE" can do much better. •

Zimmerman

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Throughout the process, programs are evaluated to determine how they meet community needs. The goal is to "make sure there is a direct line between the ask and the results we see with grants and other programs," he said.

For example, one goal of Best Jewish Nashville was to develop closer ties with Israel. Programs such as Partnership2Gether and Get Connected have brought Israelis and Americans

together over the years.

[Editor's note: Go to page 3 for a separate article and photographs on the visit of six Israeli teens to Nashville through the Partnership2Gether program.]

"It's visible now but a lot of thought went into" what we are seeing today, he said. Zimmerman was president of the Nashville Federation when "a few visionary people" had an idea about developing closer ties with Israel. The programs were established and since then, hundreds of people in Israel and Nashville have gotten to know one another.

Zimmerman's breadth of experience

throughout the Jewish community informs his approach to the Annual Campaign and, ultimately, enhances the ties between Nashville and the rest of the Jewish world.

Recently, the Jewish Agency (for Israel)'s board discussed the Israeli government's actions reversing a decision that would have allowed men and women to pray together at certain parts of the Kotel, he said.

Beyond responding to the immediate issue, there's a bigger underlying question of the level of understanding between American and Israeli Jews, he said. Through programs built on the Best Jewish Nashville goal of building closer ties between the

United States and Israel, both Americans and Israelis better understand each other because they've built personal connections. "Getting people to understand reality is quite a wonderful thing."

"The more people understand that (everything that's done through) Federation, the GJCC, Akiva, all our partners is a reflection of their dreams and desires, the better we are," he said.

"Every day we're saving lives, building community. Every day we're building progressive Judaism in Israel," he said. Contributing to the Annual Campaign is "not a gift, it's an investment" •



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Israeli teens sample life in Nashville

*"We're flying to Nashville
Tennessee,
To volunteer in the GJCC
To visit the Jewish community ..."*

— From original song written by Israeli teens visiting Nashville

By **KATHY CARLSON**

Just as many Nashville tourists have done, they've cheered at a Sounds baseball game, visited Lower Broadway and checked out the local cuisine. But these teen visitors from Israel are also learning what it's like to be part of an American Jewish community.

The six high school students are rising 10th- through 12th-graders and range in age from 14 to 17. They were in Nashville through the Partnership2Gether program of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Jewish Agency for Israel, bringing together teen-agers in Southeastern U.S. cities including Nashville and their peers in the Hadera-Eiron region of Israel.

Each year, teens in Hadera-Eiron, between Tel Aviv and Haifa, host Nashville teens visiting Israel through the Nashville Federation's Get Connected program. Later on, the Nashvillians return the favor when their former hosts come here.

"Thank you for coming all the way to Nashville," Federation Executive Director Mark Freedman told the teens at a welcoming breakfast. "... We love



It seems only fitting that Israeli teens visiting Music City through Partnership2Gether would write an original song about the experience. From left, Shaked Hadar, Lilu Tondowsky, Noa Nabet, Carmi Shalev, Esther Kazakov and Eden Cohen.

the partnership, we love Hadera, we love you. ... I hope to see you as much as I can. Have a great time in Nashville."

Halfway through their stay in Nashville, the teens seemed to be following his suggestion.

Eden Cohen, 16, loves music and plays guitar and piano. This was his first visit to the United States.

He said he wanted to see "the most American things there are," to learn about American culture and what regular people do here. So far, he's enjoyed the Sounds game and Farmers Market and wants to go to Costco and Walmart.

"I really like the vibe here in the GJCC," he said, adding he sees "how

hard people here work to keep their Jewish identity."

For Michal Yegar, a 7th-grade teacher and the teens' chaperone, it was her third time in Nashville. Her oldest son, now 23, came to Nashville several years ago and played the piano at the GJCC, in the same room where she and the students were sharing lunch with a group of senior citizens. Her second son, now in the Army, also visited Nashville. "I feel like this is my second home here," she said.

Eleventh-grader Esther Kazakov says a friend came to Nashville last year and urged her to try to come here, too. She likes working with children and loves art and the outdoors.

The path from Hadera-Eiron to Nashville involves work and commitment from the students. They spend a year in an after-school program in order to apply to go on the trip, said Harriet Schiftan, the Federation's associate executive director. Of 100 students who participated in the after-school program, 60 applied to come to the southeastern United States and 19 of those were chosen to go to various communities in the partnership region, Schiftan says. Six of the 19 came to Nashville.

"I always had a dream to come to the USA," said Noa Nabet, 15. The Partnership program has given her "a great opportunity to meet other Israelis and Americans." She says she wanted to do something fun in the summer between 10th and 11th grades, because 11th grade is difficult.

For Shaked Hadar, 17, a rising 12th-grader, this is the first time she has been so far from home. It's been a "big adventure." She said she feels more mature knowing she has had the experience of working in the program and traveling here.

Carmi Shalev, 14, said she has enjoyed getting to know her host family. "I always knew I was Jewish but I wanted to feel (Jewish)," so she wanted to participate in the program, she says.

For Michael "Lilu" Tondowsky, 17, a 12th grader, the program gave him a chance to meet new people. "I wanted to do something meaningful in the summer and something I would remember in the next years." •



Nashvillians and guests check out music history and poster design at Hatch Show Print.



Inside the Opryland Hotel are Michal Yegar (standing in back), Shaked Hadar (at left in back row), Carmi Shalev, Esther Kazakov, Noa Nabet and Carter Koch, with Eden Cohen lying crosswise. Bottom row: Rachel Karp (left), Madeleine Aikin, Joey Frank and Lilu Tondowsky.



Helen German (left), Anna Lambert Sir, Betty Kirshner and Esther Kazakov chat at lunch before the Israeli teens performed their song about Nashville.



Sharing dinner together at the Karp home are, from left, Carter Koch, Carmi Shalev, Rachel Karp, Eden Cohen, Jordan Cohen, Lilu Tondowsky, Kaitlyn Stout, Adi Ben Dor, Shaked Hadar and Esther Kazakov.

Federation speaks out against Murfreesboro mosque vandalism

Last month, vandals struck at the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro by painting obscene graffiti and leaving pork products, which Muslims do not eat. The mosque opened in August of 2012.

The Jewish Federation of Nashville quickly expressed its shock over the vandalism and empathy with the Muslim community to Dr. Saleh Sbenaty of the Islamic Center. Abbie Wolf, community relations director at the Federation, spoke at a community gathering at the center the day after the vandalism was discovered.

The following are her remarks:

"I'm Abbie Wolf, Director of Community Relations for the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, and we soundly condemn and decry these horrific acts of vandalism.

"My grandparents came to this country seeking freedom from religious persecution and dreaming of the 'golden land.' They worked in sweatshops, opened a fabric store in New Jersey and a restaurant in Cleveland. Their lives weren't easy, but they loved their new country where religious freedom flourished. The laws of this land gave them that freedom, and protected them from coercion or discrimination. Unfortunately, it didn't protect them from hate.

"My grandparents came to America rooted in the Jewish value that all peo-



Abbie Wolf, Federation community relations director, condemns vandalism at the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro.

ple are created in the image of G-d – all people, of equal and infinite value, no exceptions and no preferences, for we are all created with a spark of the divine.

"I greatly appreciate the chance to speak this evening, for it's my duty – and everyone else's duty – to denounce senseless acts like these. Silence is not an option.

"There is no legitimate place for such despicable and repugnant behavior or belief in our community. There is no place in America for bigotry against Islam.

"In the great tradition of the three monotheistic faiths, we continue to teach that we all are created in G-d's image. As it says in Leviticus 19, 'You shall love thy neighbor as thyself.' But that certainly wasn't the case here yesterday.

"We – all of us, all children of creation – are all responsible for one another. Part of that responsibility is to publicly denounce those who spew hatred and who commit acts like these.

We must chase out the bad and welcome more tolerance, more love.

"Again, thank you for the chance to speak tonight. The Jewish community was, and is, profoundly grateful for the support of the Muslim community earlier this year when multiple bomb threats were called into the Gordon Jewish Community Center. We are proud to stand with you now and in the future.

"I want to share with you one last thing. When I told my 11-year-old

daughter, who is here tonight, what happened at the mosque, she sat down and cried profusely. I asked her if it would be better for me to not tell her things like this – that maybe she needs to be a little bit older. She said, 'I do want to know about things like this. I don't want to be in the dark, but sometimes being in the light hurts.' I told her these acts were done at night, in the dark, and only by letting in the light can we see each other and stand together." •

OPINION

letters to the editor

Why this Christian family stands with Israel

To the editor:

I first visited Israel in 1987 with the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, on a mission to share Israel with leaders in the Christian community, and so we could see Israel through each other's eyes. Being fortunate to have received prophetic teaching on Israel, I was beginning to understand that my Bible was principally about Am Israel and Eretz Israel, albeit with a Christian church age aspect of key importance to me.

Having been privileged to travel in much of the world, I expected a special tourist experience. Wrong! Although El Al landed me in a strange environment (language, culture, climate, architecture, etc.), I felt "at home." Why? My Bible teaches my place in the New Jerusalem with the full redemption/restoration of Israel. So, for a Christian to sense being "at home" in Israel is Biblically ordained!

Our Jewish comrades were able to see and experience our love and appreciation for both Am Israel and Eretz Israel. This Israel mission launched a journey for me that can only be described as "divine."

My wife and I took our three children to Israel three years later so they could experience the Holy Land. We have returned twice since then and are also ready to return again next year. As

we continue our Biblical learning, our love for Israel only grows. For us Israel has moved 18 inches. That is the distance between our heads and our hearts.

But, what could a business man and his wife, a teaching minister, with three children and ten grandchildren, really do to support Israel from Nashville? Then it happened!

In 2006, a Christian pastor in San Antonio, Texas (John Hagee) cast a vision for a grassroots organization: Christians United for Israel. We were part of the "founding" meeting of 400 Christians.

Today CUFI has 3.5 million members and growing. We are (volunteer) Tennessee State Directors. CUFI's mission is to educate our government, our churches, and our college campuses on the biblical commands and/or geopolitical rationales to support Israel. Our membership of 3.5 million creates a notable platform from which to speak.

One additional mission is to reach out to the Jewish community with the single message that they are not alone; we stand with Israel and Jewish people everywhere and this is an eternal commitment!

Mike McNally
Tennessee State Director
Christians United for Israel

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People worship at the egalitarian prayer section of the Kotel during the Jewish Federations of North America's 2013 General Assembly in Israel. The section is currently in use and situated away from the Kotel's main plaza, with a separate entrance about 30 feet below the main prayer areas. Photograph by MARK FREEDMAN

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Israel, has been shelved for six months and a special Knesset committee is in the process of being created that will seek a compromise policy.

None of this will be easy but our voice is being heard on these critical matters that impact all Jews. In fact, our interests are being supported by you when you support the Federation Annual Campaign. Our major Israel beneficiary, the Jewish Agency for Israel, working in close partnership with the our Federation's umbrella organization Jewish Federations of North America, has been at the forefront in galvanizing efforts to pressure the prime minister to reverse the ill-advised actions taken in late June.

The chairman of the Jewish Agency, Natan Sharansky, who brokered the original compromise to create the egalitarian prayer space at the Kotel, continues to press the Israeli government, backed by collective advocacy of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency. Our own Fred Zimmerman, recently named as the chair of the Jewish Federation 2018 Annual Campaign, sits on the Jewish Agency board, and he is representing the interests and positions of not only Nashville Jewry, but the many hundreds of thousands of American Jews who value Jewish pluralism and believe that all Jewish religious traditions and practices should be respected and welcomed at Judaism's holiest site.

Your support of the Federation Annual Campaign plays a vital role in promoting religious pluralism in Israel. Through our core grant to the Jewish Agency there is significant support to the religious streams. In the coming year

the Jewish Agency will provide more than \$3 million to organizations and programs affiliated with Israel's Reform, Conservative and Modern Orthodox movements. This support bolsters these movements' presence in Israel and strengthens their impact. The programs offer Israelis a diversity of opportunities for religious expression, and it provides them with a greater understanding of Jewish expression outside Israel. These organizations also help Jews worldwide feel that their styles of religious expression have a home in Israel.

This last point is particularly important. To promote greater religious equality in Israel will require the collective action of American Jews and Israeli Jews working together in common cause. We were thrilled to see that our Israeli friends in our Partnership2Gether region in Hadera-Eiron have joined us in voicing concern directly to the prime minister over the Kotel and conversion issues. This occurred, and not in some small measure, as a result of our Federation's campaign support for the Partnership2Gether program.

The bottom line really is if we want to help other Jews, we have to begin by helping ourselves. Now, more than ever, we need your voice and your financial support in our efforts to build and sustain Jewish unity. Thanks to all of you for being a part of the family.

We will continue to keep you updated as the issues over the Kotel and conversion unfold. Please feel free at any time to contact me directly if you have questions or concerns. My email is mark@jewishnashville.org and my direct phone number is (615) 354-1660. I answer my own phone and I'm ready to chat with you. •



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The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu
Office of the Prime Minister of the State of Israel
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister Netanyahu:

We write to you on behalf of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee and Nashville's local congregations representing all of Judaism's religious streams. We write with heavy hearts and diminished spirits, profoundly anguished by the recent decisions of your government to suspend the implementation of the Kotel agreement and by the advancement of a bill in the Knesset that would yield all authority for conversions to the Chief Rabbinate.

Our collective history informs us that thousands of years ago the Jewish people stood at Sinai and we joined together in a covenant that endures to this very day. Through the millennia that have since passed, we learned through horrific tragedies and enormous triumphs that the survival of the Jewish people rests on our unity and commitment to one another. Sadly, that unity will be severely tested by this affront to religious pluralism that will have a deleterious impact on all of world Jewry.

Mr. Prime Minister, we are acutely aware of the political dynamics that you must deal with to maintain a governing coalition. We have no intention of suggesting an alteration to the political calculus—that is yours alone to determine. What we do wish to respectfully suggest is that the critical issues before us today must rise above coalition politics. While you were elected to serve by the people of Israel—you have another role, as Prime Minister of our sacred and eternal homeland you are the chief ambassador for world Jewry. It is a special role that has its own unique political dimensions. Your historical legacy will be linked not only to what you achieve for the people of Israel, it will also be defined by how you serve all of world Jewry.

We hope and trust that you believe the agreement forged in early 2016 regarding the Kotel was done in good faith. It was a proud moment for the Jewish people and it energized many Jews in our community and across our nation with the knowledge that Israel welcomes all Jews no matter their religious beliefs and practices. As far as the conversion issue is concerned, while it is certainly not a perfect arrangement the current status quo, which allows for some flexibility in conversion practices, offers a more inclusionary approach than ceding a monopoly to the Chief Rabbinate which will have the effect of excluding hundreds of thousands of Israelis from being a part of the Jewish people.

We cannot tell you what to do or demand that you take actions to satisfy our position. You must come to the conclusion that the regrets we have expressed are those you share with us. Nashville is a strongly Zionist community. Zionism was the framework that emerged as the house built for the modern State of Israel. Now it is in your hands to ensure that this house, so painfully and carefully constructed at such perilous and often desperate cost through many generations, will forever remain a home for all of the Jewish people. We ask that you grasp upon your role as ambassador to all the Jewish people and reinstate the Kotel agreement and seek the withdrawal or defeat of the conversion bill currently under consideration by the Knesset.

Most sincerely,

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Build Nashville's Jewish future with total financial resource team

By KATHY CARLSON

Want to be a philanthropist but need an efficient way to find encouragement and learn how?

It's easier than ever these days at the Jewish Federation of Nashville through its newly organized total financial resource development (TFRD) department, which offers convenience to donors wanting to ensure our community's future.

"The TFRD department is responsible for securing the resources necessary to create a vibrant Jewish community in Nashville as well as serve the needs of at-risk Jews in Israel and in 70 countries around the globe," says Naomi Limor Sedek, the Federation's assistant executive director. She leads the department, which places short- and long-term fund-raising activities under one umbrella.

Here's some fund-raising background. Each year's Federation Annual Campaign raises funds for the coming budget year, a short-term funding effort.

Under the leadership of Frank Boehm as the 2017 annual campaign chair, and the generous contributions from community members, the Jewish Federation provided 5 percent more in grants than from the 2016 annual campaign. The grants make possible many community programs, including Shalom Taxi for seniors and PJ Library for youngsters. Each year the needs always increase and the Federation is poised to be able to raise even more annual funds under the leadership of Fred Zimmerman, 2018 Jewish Federation annual campaign chair.

For the longer term, the Jewish Foundation has been the endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. It holds the income-producing assets that will allow this community to be stable long into the future, Sedek says. The Federation and Foundation offer a variety of estate-planning and charitable giving opportunities to enable donors to meet their individual financial and estate-planning needs, realize their philanthropic dreams and create a legacy for our Jewish future.

In addition, the Federation and Foundation, along with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, are collaborating on the LIFE & LEGACY program, which establishes a community-wide legacy giving program. [See separate article]

The TFRD department includes Joel Abramson, Andrea Crowe, Shannon



Joel Abramson



Andrea Crowe



Shannon Small



Naomi Limor Sedek

Small and Naomi Limor Sedek. Norma Shirk, LIFE & LEGACY associate, is responsible for that program's administration and her work relates to that of the TFRD team and its overall goals.

These professionals include both new faces and familiar ones.

Joel Abramson returns to Nashville after earning Master of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees in Brandeis University's Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program. For the past year he worked with the Jewish Federation of Atlanta as a development officer. Before studying at Brandeis, Abramson was the Nashville Federation's community engagement associate, developing programs for young adults.

"The nice thing about being a financial resource department: We are here to help our donors accomplish their philanthropic goals and we have a variety of philanthropic vehicles to help them," Abramson says. "We want to build strong relationships with donors. Our goal is to make sure they feel good about their donations (and what their dollars are doing) here, in Israel and around the world."

"It's about them – the donors intent and wishes – and (making) their desires a reality."

Andrea Crowe is the Federation's donor center manager. Her background is in customer service, development, financial and analytical reporting, sales, marketing and office management. She has previously worked in development and database management at Nashville CARES, Resource Center in Dallas, as well as the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center.

As donor center manager, Andrea is responsible for maintaining our community donor records as well as Jewish Federation communications. She is the liaison between the TFRD staff and community campaign volunteers.

Shannon Small comes to Nashville from Syracuse, N.Y., where she was education director for both Temple Adath Yeshurun Religious School and Syracuse Community Hebrew School. She believes that a collaborative and unified Jewish community motivated by common goals

is a stronger Jewish community.

She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Southwestern University in Central Texas. She then completed her master's degree in community counseling and a certificate of advanced study in school counseling from Syracuse University.

Small is originally from Houston, where her grandfather, Milton Levit, was a president of that city's Jewish Federation. Her grandmother and parents also were active in Federation and the Jewish community.

"I've been around philanthropy my entire life," she says. "For me it's about securing the future of the Jewish community. ... That was instilled in me my entire life. To have the opportunity to secure the future that I want and many people want is an exciting opportunity for me."

Norma Shirk, LIFE & LEGACY associate, is responsible for administering the program.

"I've served on the board of several nonprofits over the years and have participated in many fundraisers as a volunteer," she says. "But I've never been involved with planning or coordinating a philanthropic effort like the LIFE & LEGACY program. ... I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn so much about Jewish philanthropy and the wonderful programs in the Jewish community that are supported by it."

"...My primary goal is to be a resource to help the 13 teams participating in the LIFE & LEGACY program. ... I've met so many interesting people who are committed to helping the local Jewish community and, more generally, the Nashville area."

Naomi Limor Sedek was the Jewish Federation of Nashville's campaign director and missions director before assuming her current position of assistant executive director. She first joined the Nashville Federation in 1996 as campaign associate and has held a variety of positions, all with the goal of enhancing and building her community through development.

Sedek earned her bachelor's degree in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies from Brandeis University, including a year of study at Hebrew University. She is enrolled in the Executive MBA program at Vanderbilt University and received a Forte Fellowship for Women.

"Anyone in this community can be a Jewish philanthropist," she says. "If you believe in a Jewish future, reach out to one of us. We will help you realize your philanthropic goals and dreams, help you identify needs locally, in Israel and in countries around the world that can use your help. Just call on me, Joel or Shannon, at the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation, the center for your Jewish philanthropy." •

LIFE & LEGACY: A strong foundation

Jewish organizations in Nashville are partnering with the Massachusetts-based Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) in the LIFE & LEGACY program to preserve vibrant Jewish life for future generations.

Nationally, HGF has helped its partners to secure more than 14,000 after-lifetime commitments, valued at more than a half-billion dollars.

To date the LIFE & LEGACY program, administered by the Jewish Foundation of Nashville in partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and in collaboration with 13 other community organizations, has secured over 171 Letters of Intent and the total value is \$9,300,142 as of July 19.

LIFE & LEGACY operates under the Jewish Foundation of Nashville, the endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, under the leadership of the chair of the Foundation development committee, Adam Landa. The Jewish Foundation Development Committee was created in 2012 to help secure the financial support for the many programs and services offered locally, nationally, in Israel and throughout the world. The Foundation offers a variety of tax-wise estate planning and charitable giving opportunities to enable donors to meet their individual financial and estate planning needs; realize their philanthropic dreams; and create a legacy for our Jewish future.

The Jewish Foundation encourages Jewish legacy giving resulting in the growth of assets housed with and for our Jewish people for any Jewish organization and cause. If you would like information about the overall LIFE & LEGACY program please contact Adam Landa, landa@comcast.net. If you would like to talk about leaving a legacy gift to the Jewish Federation, you can speak with David Steine Jr., chair of the Jewish Federation LIFE & LEGACY team, dsteine@avondaleadvisors.com. You also may contact Mark Freedman (mark@jewishnashville.org), executive director of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation, who is staffing the Jewish Federation team, or any member of the Federation's Total Financial Resource Development team. •

Learn more about the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee at www.jewishnashville.org



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BBS: Brisket, Bird & Salmon

Mark your calendars for the WES-BBS event on Sunday, Aug. 13. Minyan will be at 6 p.m. followed by dinner in the social hall. A \$12 fee includes brisket and chicken or salmon with sides, drinks, and dessert. RSVP to office@westendsyn.org or (615) 269-4592, extension 12, by Thursday, Aug. 10. Please specify if you would like salmon because salmon will be limited.

Williamson County and Bellevue Chavurah

A shabbat service and potluck dinner is set for Friday, Aug. 18 at 5:45 p.m. Services will be led by Rabbi Joshua Kullock. You do not have to be a WES member to attend. For more information, location and to RSVP, please contact Linda Sisselman at (615) 269-4592, extension 12, or linda@westendsyn.org.

West End welcomes Cantor Sarah Levine

West End Synagogue is pleased to announce the addition of Cantor Sarah Levine as a member of our clergy as of July 1.

Cantor Levine comes to West End from Cherry Hill, N.J. She is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, where this May she was invested as a cantor and received Master of Arts degrees in sacred music and Jewish education. While at JTS, she held a number of positions including Jewish life director for graduate students and admissions intern for the cantorial school. She also was co-gabbai of Women's League Seminary Synagogue for three years.

Cantor Levine served as cantor/educator for Knesset Israel in Pittsfield, Mass., and hazzan sheni during High Holidays at Congregation Beth El in Bethesda, Md. Outside of school she interned at Congregation Beth El, B'nai Torah Congregation of Boca Raton, Fla., and North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, Ill. Cantor Levine also completed a unit of clinical pastoral education at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She holds a B.A. in Jewish studies and a minor in music from Temple University.

"We are delighted to have Cantor



Cantor Sarah Levine

Levine as part of the WES family," said Steve Hirsch, president of West End Synagogue.

"Cantor Levine's background in Jewish education and in musical training are outstanding. Her experiences with congregations and with instruction of young people during her cantorial program will enable her to have an immediate impact. We invite everyone to come to Shabbat services sometime during the summer to meet Cantor Levine and hear her sing." •

Vanderbilt Hillel reaches out to whole university family

Vanderbilt Hillel announces the first Vanderbilt Community Shabbat Experience on Friday, Aug. 11.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, Hillel will now be planning several events throughout the year specifically for the staff, faculty and employees of Vanderbilt University and the Medical Center as well as their families.

Plans include Shabbat services and dinners in the fall and spring as well as holiday experiences such as a second-night Rosh HaShanah seder.

Ari Dubin, executive director of Hillel, said, "The results of the demo-

graphic survey made it very clear that there are more Jews affiliated with Vanderbilt than anyone locally was aware of. We hope to offer opportunities that further engage the Jews on campus together with Hillel and the larger Nashville community. We are thrilled to be partnering with the Federation on this initiative as well as with the local synagogues."

The Aug. 11 Shabbat is just the first of many events that will take place over the year. The entire Vanderbilt Jewish community is invited to attend with their families, free of charge. If you are a Jew working at Vanderbilt and would like to attend, please email hillel@vanderbilt.edu or call (615) 322-8376 to make a reservation or for more information. •

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@ The Temple

Summer Song Sessions set for Aug. 22

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Next Dor - Fun & Functional Home Decor Workshop

Do you like building things? Like using power tools? Join us Thursday, Aug. 17, at 6 p.m. at Kraft-It-Yourself Studio in West Meade for a workshop for young adult singles, couples and families. Power tools and all materials plus snacks, wine, beer, and non-alcoholic drinks provided. All you need to bring is your creativity, your friends and yourself!

Choose one project: Industrial Wine Rack (great for couples to work on together) or Personalized Farmhouse Tray.

Cost: Wine Rack - \$50 per couple; Farmhouse Tray - \$30 per person.

RSVP by Aug. 11 to Rabbi Michael Shulman at (615) 352-7620 or rabbishulman@templenashville.org. Space is extremely limited!

Also at The Temple this month:

- Lunch with the Rabbi Summer Session is set for Aug. 24, with lunch at 11:30 a.m. and discussion at noon.
- Golden Lunch Bunch will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 1 and 15.

@ Micah

"What Feeds You" Workshop starts up

Danielle Gilbert will offer her workshop series titled "What Feeds You: Nourishing Yourself Through Food and a Healthy Lifestyle" at Micah. This workshop is open to 12 persons willing to commit to attending six bi-monthly sessions. Topics include diets versus healthy eating habits, building your immune system, healing your gut, calming inflammation, and much more. The information is presented in manageable and doable "bite-sized" pieces and the delivery of the information is nurturing and supportive. More information is available on the Micah Events webpage.

Cost: \$150 for the series. Each class is 1.5 hours long

Dates: This 6-class series will meet on the following dates from 11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. Aug. 17, Aug. 31, Sept. 7, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, and Oct. 5.

A Woman's Circle meeting set

Kathy Horn will host A Women's Circle at her home in Franklin on Friday, Aug. 18. The casual afternoon of lunch, learning, and conversation will be led by Rabbi Laurie Rice.

The lunch will begin at noon and will be followed by learning and conversation from 12:45 - 2 p.m. The event is free and open to all women. RSVP directly to Kathy at kathy.horn1101@comcast.net by Aug. 15 to ensure a spot at the table. Her home is not handicap accessible. Convenient cul-de-sac parking is available.

Tot Shabbat co-sponsored with Akiva

Akiva School and Congregation Micah are co-hosting a special Tot Shabbat service in the Eden Room at Micah on Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. This event is free, open to the public, and includes dinner. Please RSVP on the Micah Events web page.

High Holy Day Adult Choir

The Micah High Holy Days Adult Choir rehearsals begin Aug. 20 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Micah members interested in joining should contact Lisa Silver at lisa.silver@yahoo.com.

@ Sherith Israel

Young Israel Achva Bus Tour

Young Israel Achva bus tour visits Sherith Israel on Aug. 11 and 12. Fifty Jewish high-schoolers will

be spending Shabbat with us and getting a flavor for our wonderful Southern hospitality. Hosts are needed.

Please email rabbisaul@sherithisrael.com if you live near the shul and can help host. Meals will be eaten at the shul.

@ Chabad

Bertram and Beatrice King Chabad Hebrew School opens registration for fall

The Bertram and Beatrice King Chabad Hebrew School (CHS) has opened registration for the coming school year.

Directed by Mrs. Esther Tiechtel, the CHS has earned a 18-year reputation of being an innovative program in which students excel in their Hebrew reading, Jewish knowledge, and pride for their heritage.

CHS, located at the Genesis Campus for Jewish Life, meets weekly on Sunday mornings, and caters to students ages 5 through 13. The new academic year will begin on Sunday, Sept. 11 with a special program introducing this year's theme, "Living Jewishly as a community of One."

"The Bertram and Beatrice King Chabad Hebrew School emphasizes exploring the Jewish heritage is a creative and fun way, putting the FUN in FUNdamentals, with special focus on not only accumulating knowledge, but applying those lessons to our everyday life," said Educational Director Esther Tiechtel. She adds that through "art, drama, songs, contests, and interactive activities, Judaism become real and alive to the students."

The Bertram and Beatrice King Chabad Hebrew School creates confident Jewish learners by giving them the tools to read Hebrew and participate in the davening/prayer services. The Alef Champ Program is famous for instilling a love as well as fluency in Hebrew reading. This year, students will be offering centers on Hebrew writing and language as well as interactive vocabulary. The children and teens are invited to Shabbat family dinners and have workshops around the holidays where they learn from talented craftsmen, teachers and artists. They have a correspondence program with their peers, and see the meaning in their Jewish roots and feel a part of the world Jewish community.

For more information and to request registration forms, contact Chabad at (615) 646-5750, or email chabadnashville@gmail.com

Jumpstart Your Child's Jewish Life

As expectant women approach their due dates, a variety of emotions tend to surface. Some women are filled with excitement; others get the jitters. All women pray to G-d for a healthy baby. Many Jewish women would be thrilled to know that there is one special prayer that has been customary for centuries in our tradition to safeguard both the mother and the baby. This prayer is the *Shir Hamalot* (Song of Ascents, Psalms: 121). The verses of this psalm declare our dependence upon the Creator for our safety and well-being and His commitment to guard us at all times.

These holy words contain the power to protect the mother and baby throughout the birthing process and the recovery period that follows. That is why it is so imperative that, as an expectant mother packs up her overnight bag with all of the items she plans to take to the hospital, that she not forget the *Shir Hamalot*. Just having this prayer by her side throughout the delivery provides that extra dose of protection that any woman in labor would welcome!

Once the baby is born, it is customary to place the *Shir Hamalot* on the baby's cradle; this is a great way to safeguard your new little bundle. It is also the custom to hang the *Shir Hamalot* in the doorways of your home, especially in the doorway of the baby's room, before entering with the baby. It is important to realize that everything that surrounds a newborn has a spiritual effect. The Torah teaches us that what a baby sees and hears, even during the first day of life, will have an influence on the child for many years to come. Jewish parents are encouraged to expose their children to holy images as soon as they are born. The *Shir Hamalot* is a wonderful way to begin.

If you are expecting a child or know someone who is, Chabad of Nashville is offering a free, beautiful, full-color *Shir Hamalot* prayer card for any family in Middle Tennessee that requests one. They come in slightly different colors for boys and girls, designed with gorgeous artwork in pastel pink and baby blue. There is no greater gift to give yourself or your loved one at this precious time.

To receive your free *Shir Hamalot* blessing card, kindly email office@chabadnashville.com or call (615) 646-5750

Nashville Holocaust Memorial to mark first decade

By KATHY CARLSON

On Oct. 8, the Nashville community will commemorate the establishment of the Nashville Holocaust Memorial, situated in a quiet, wooded corner of the Gordon Jewish Community Center campus.

And throughout August, community members will be able to identify family ties to the Holocaust and also add names of Holocaust survivors to the memorial's granite walls.

"We just want to open up and provide an opportunity to those we know and those we don't know" to share information about their connections with the Holocaust, said Felicia Anchor, the daughter of survivors.

"Much has occurred in the past 10 years," she said. "We have welcomed new families and individuals who have a connection with the Holocaust. It's important for us to connect with them and them to us and to include and recognize their unique history and experiences. We hope they will take this opportunity to identify themselves if they wish."

Over the years, students, churches, police cadets and other visitors have

toured the memorial site and learned about the Holocaust through the names and histories of those who are recognized on its engraved walls.

Anchor said the idea for the memorial started with a survivor who lived in Nashville, Esther Loeb. Loeb was saddened when she would travel from Nashville and see communities that recognized survivors at a time when Nashville did not, she said.

A committee was formed, which Anchor chaired, and the Gordon Jewish Community Center agreed to provide a site. Nashville architect Manual Zeitlin offered his services pro bono and created a master plan for the memorial. Paul Lebovitz designed the landscaping and Alex Limor, a child of survivors, created the site's focal sculpture, a book whose missing and tattered pages represent lives lost in the Holocaust. Its intact pages, however, reflect life in the present and hope for the future.

Anchor says the memorial shows "how far this (hatred) can go if you let it go."

At the memorial these days, she says, people leave stones as they would at a cemetery to honor the memory of those who have died. "It's become a much more sacred space than we ever anticipated." •

If you'd like to add the name of a family member to the Nashville Holocaust Memorial, contact Susan Limor at slimor@comcast.net. Cost for inclusion is \$100 per line of engraving. All names and payments must be received by August 31 to ensure that names are in place for the October commemoration.

Contact Emily May, (615)352-1358 or emilym1951@yahoo.com, to share your family's history and connect with the Nashville survivors community. •

Holocaust Memorial essay contest for students

Students from 6th through 12th grades can participate in an essay contest that asks them to describe the impact of their visit to the Nashville Holocaust Memorial. The deadline is Sept. 1 and prizes will be awarded to winners in separate categories for grades 6-8 and 9-12.

All entries must be submitted electronically by Sept. 1 to HolocaustEssay2017@gmail.com. Receipt of the entry will be confirmed. Late entries will not be accepted.

Maximum length for the essay is 1,000 words. Judging will be based on originality, creativity, passion, message

conveyed and proper use of language.

In each category there will be a first place cash prize of \$100; second place, \$50; and third place, \$25. Awards will be presented at the Tenth Anniversary Observance of the Nashville Holocaust Memorial on October 8 at the GJCC, 801 Percy Warner Blvd., Nashville TN.

The contest is sponsored by the Nashville Holocaust Memorial and the Fedora Small Frank Fund for Jewish History.

For questions or additional information, please contact Leona Fleischer, (615) 354-1655 or the email address above.

Full rules are available online at jewishobservernashville.org. •

KiKi Evans named head of new Jewish Montessori Preschool

KiKi Evans has been chosen as the new director of the Revere Jewish Montessori Preschool to open this fall on the Genesis Campus for Jewish Life, 95 Bellevue Road in Nashville.

"We are excited about the future and confident we have found the right leader in KiKi to make the Jewish Montessori Preschool of unparalleled academic excellence, the Montessori preschool of choice for all Jewish families," Doug Revere, the main benefactor of the preschool, said in a statement.

Evans is the school's top administrator and lead general studies educator. She has two main goals: to create a rich tradition of educational excellence and to establish a close working relationship with each family.

Evans comes to the Jewish Montessori Preschool with two decades of early childhood experience, having spent the last seven years at The Temple preschool. Recognizing the uniqueness of each child, she created a classroom that encouraged self-discovery and tailored learning experiences. The Jewish Montessori Preschool values her enthusiasm and positive outlook coupled with her broad early childhood education.

"My goals as director is provide a learning environment for children that is free. Free to create, free to be an individual, free to grow, and free to love," Evans said in a conversation with parents. "My focus will be on the social and emotional well-being of each child in our care, understanding their value and the value of others, embracing the many cultures of our community."

She will be working alongside veteran Jewish educator Mrs. Esther Tiechtel,



KiKi Evans

who will direct the Jewish studies department of the Jewish Montessori Preschool. She has been working with children for 25 years and has a love for being an educator and a teacher. She believes in the potential of every single one of her students.

The philosophy for the Jewish Montessori Preschool is that in education there are no one-size-fits-all solutions, especially when teaching purpose and values. Intrinsic to Jewish educational heritage is an understanding that children learn differently. That means today, in an era of more avenues of teaching technology to support this process than ever, we must finally actualize our goal to guide every single Jewish child in the path of his potential.

The preschool will offer small class sizes and open in the fall. It offers a variety of schedules and programs. Registrations are being accepted now. To tour the school and meet with Evans, please call 615-646-5750 or jewishmontessoripreschoolinfo@gmail.com. •

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Son talks about working with Aging in Place Services

Aging in Place Services asked a recent client if we could spotlight their move for this Senior Issue.

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Steve says it best: I want to say thank you and your team for doing a fantastic job handling my Mom's move this year to Park Manor. From meeting with my Mom and being there throughout ... you and your staff made sure that my mother's requests and questions were handled immediately and with such care. It was as if you were moving your own family. Since this was new for me as well, I do thank you for making both of us feel at ease.

As part of the project, my Mom has some treasured pieces of art along with so many items from her travels throughout the world. It amazed me that not one item was damaged in any way; from all of her tchotchkes to her clothes and photos, your staff did

fantastic! You told me from the start that you were hands on for each and every move and I can see that. You were truly a lifesaver!

So the best way to describe our feelings for the move..... You Can't Fix Excellence!

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Steve Wallach

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Alive Hospice is part of Nashville's Jewish community

Charitable nonprofit Alive Hospice has a long history with Nashville's Jewish community. In fact, Alive Hospice wouldn't exist today had it not been for the work of several pillars of the Jewish community including Dr. David Barton, Mrs. Lynn Barton, Dr. John M. Flexner, Rabbi Randall Falk and many others.

Alive has the distinction of being the only hospice in Tennessee to be accredited by the National Institute for Jewish Hospice. Earning NIJH accreditation in 2015 and reaccredited in November 2016, Alive has worked to ensure that Jewish values and traditions are honored by each staff member involved in providing care for terminally ill patients and their families.

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Did you know? Alive provides the most mission-oriented care of any hospice organization in Tennessee. In order to keep this longstanding commitment, Alive must raise the funding to make this possible on an annual basis and welcomes donations.

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Older adults who participate in adult day services have fun while benefiting from activities to enhance or maintain their abilities. Program participants can expect some form of exercise; games that focus on recall and memory; arts activities, and nutritious meals.

Adult day service programs help older adults meet their physical, emotional and social needs; decrease isolation and depression; participate in projects and volunteerism; and, especially through a connection with FiftyForward Adult Day Services, learn about additional community resources that may enhance quality of life for the entire family.

Adult day service programs also aid caregivers and help them learn how to most effectively interact with their loved ones. Caregivers still working can go to work knowing their loved one is cared for and safe. Caregivers can also carve out time for themselves to attend a doctor’s appointment, meet a friend for lunch or have some alone time – all of which are essential to reduce stress.

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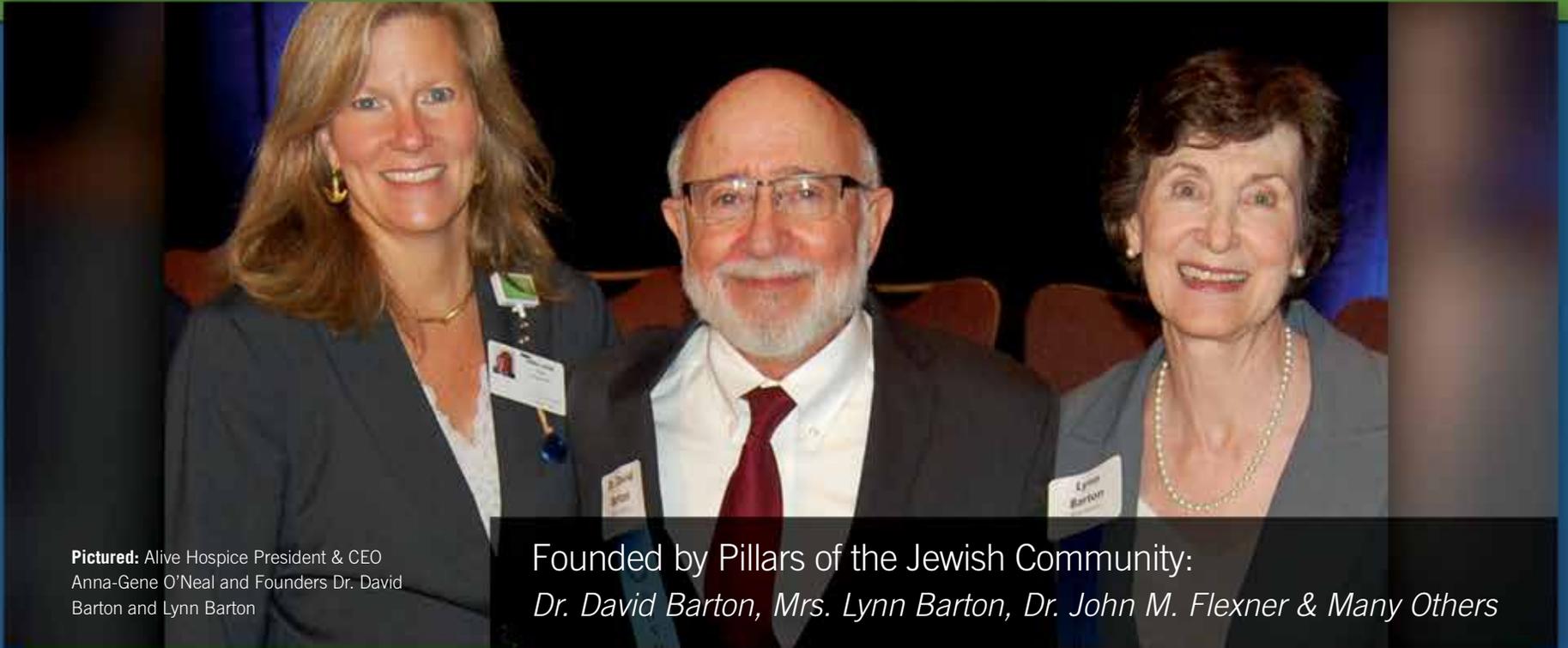
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Reasons why Macron's speech about the Holocaust in France was groundbreaking

By **CNAAN LIPSHIZ**

PARIS (JTA) — It wasn't the first time that a French president acknowledged his nation's Holocaust-era guilt, but Emmanuel Macron's recent speech was nonetheless groundbreaking in format, content and style.

Delivered during a ceremony at the Vel d'Hiv Holocaust memorial monument exactly 75 years after French police officers rounded up 13,152 Jews there for deportation to Nazi death camps, the 35-minute address was Macron's first about the Holocaust since the centrist won the presidency in May.

Evocative and more forthright than any of the speeches on the subject delivered by Macron's predecessors, his address "relieved the feeling of isolation" experienced by many Jews due to anti-Semitism today, according to Rabbi Delphine Horvilleur of the Liberal Jewish movement in France.

Macron's speech "made me proud to be French and Jewish," she said.

Here are here are the significant ways that the address differed from those of previous French presidents, including in scope; the unusual role played at the event by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu; its references to present realities, and Macron's emotional delivery.

Monsieur le Premier Ministre

It was the first time that an Israeli head of state attended the annual commemoration for the Vel d'Hiv deportations of July 16-17, 1942, named after the Velodrome d'Hiver stadium that used to stand near the monument.

Netanyahu was invited despite objections on Muslim websites, by the Communist Party and the party of the far-left leader Jean-Luc Melenchon — although the invitation came from the CRIF federation of French Jewish communities and not by the Elysee Presidential Palace, as reported by some French media. The Elysee, which organized the event, did not object publicly to Netanyahu's attendance and facilitated it.

The arrival of Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, in a motorcade whose limousines sported gold-fringed Israeli flags electrified the predominantly Jewish audience of 1,200 people. Holocaust survivors in their 80s and 90s approached the monument railing to catch a glimpse of the Israelis as others reacted with thunderous applause.

They oohed and applauded as Netanyahu delivered the first part of his speech in French, which he speaks with a thick accent and some errors, but understands without requiring translation. And they nodded as he urged Macron to stand with Israel and fight "the cancerous spread of militant Islam" and "hate that starts with the Jews but never ends there," as Netanyahu defined it.

But their enthusiasm for Netanyahu was dwarfed by the deafening applause they gave Macron when he responded to Netanyahu.

Anti-Zionism and the reinvention of anti-Semitism

Addressing Netanyahu, Macron assured the Israeli leader and listeners that "we will continue our fight against terror-

ism and the worst kinds of fanaticism," adding: "So yes, we will never surrender to the expressions of hatred; we will not surrender to anti-Zionism because it is a reinvention of anti-Semitism."

Articulated in recent years by Manuel Valls, a former prime minister of France, Macron's statement was the first time an incumbent president in France equated anti-Zionism — a fairly popular sentiment in France — with anti-Semitism. It triggered several emotional yelps from the audience and applause so vigorous, it caused the tarp strung up over the monument plaza for security reasons to vibrate.

There was another wave of applause when, unusually, Macron and Netanyahu hugged publicly after Netanyahu's speech.

Precedent-setting

Much of Macron's speech was devoted to establishing France's complicity in the murder of 25 percent of its Jewish population during the Holocaust and deconstructing apologist views on the subject.

Speaking plainly and avoiding metaphors, Macron sounded less like a politician than a historian or a prosecutor who is committed to factual accuracy.

In the first admission of Holocaust culpability by a French president, Jacques Chirac in 1995 said that "Frenchmen, the French state assisted the criminal folly of the occupier," resulting in a failure to uphold the nation's values and an "irreparable crime."

And Francois Hollande in 2012 said the roundups were a "crime committed in France, by France."

But the Macron address delivered Sunday "was a precedent-setting speech that went deeper, on a pedagogic level, than addresses that preceded it by French presidents," said Serge Klarsfeld, a historian and one of France's leading researchers on the Holocaust.

Macron's speech was the first presidential address that named individual collaborators who helped the Nazis kill Jews, including René Bousquet, a police chief who was indicted for planning the Vel d'Hiv roundups, but died in 1993 before his trial.

"France organized the roundups," Macron said. "Not a single German participated." And so France "in almost every aspect organized the death" of the victims.

More jarringly to many French ears, he said the collaborationist Vichy government "was not replaced overnight" by the free French government that succeeded it after the country's liberation in World War II.

"Ministers, civil servants, police officers, economy officials, unions, teachers" from the Vichy government were all incorporated into the Third Republic that replaced it, Macron said.

By touching on France's perceived failure to purge itself of collaborators and their legacy, Macron differentiated himself from all of France's presidents after Francois Mitterrand. Klarsfeld praised Macron for pointing out how Mitterrand and postwar leader Charles de Gaulle "remained silent on the historical truth" about collaboration "in favor of appeasement and reconciliation."

Macron said he "does not judge" his predecessors who remained silent on the issue.

During his speech, Macron said, "It is very convenient to view Vichy as a monstrosity, born of nothing and returned to nothing." But it is "false. We cannot base any pride on a lie." Rather than weaken the French nation, as argued by National Front politicians, admitting its guilt "opened the path to correcting" its faults, Macron said.

Refuting revisionists

Speaking about the Vichy puppet government, Macron deconstructed the main revisionist talking points put forward by the French far right led by the National Front party under Marine Le Pen. In April, Le Pen argued that the government's actions in World War II do not represent France as a nation.

"I reject the attempts to absolve one's conscience by those who claim Vichy wasn't France," Macron said. No other French president had said this in these terms.

Responding to repeated pleas by French Jews — including at the Vel d'Hiv event during a speech by CRIF President Francis Kalifat — Macron for the first time commented on the death of Sarah Halimi.

Halimi, a 66-year-old physician, was killed by a Muslim neighbor, Kobili Traore, who shouted about Allah before he killed her. Halimi's daughter said that Traore had called her a "dirty Jew." Yet in what CRIF considers a "cover-up,"

the indictment filed against Traore last week does not categorize the killing as a hate crime.

In his address, Netanyahu counted Halimi among other French Jews murdered in recent years by Islamists.

Macron replied: "Despite the denials of the murderer, the judiciary must as soon as possible provide maximum clarity on the death of Sarah Halimi." Klarsfeld said it was a strong message that will "probably induce change" in how Traore is tried.

A rational and analytical thinker with a background in banking and economics, Macron surprised many of his listeners with the apparent intensity of his intonation and body language during the speech.

"Above all, the speech was special for his palpable emotion," Horvilleur said.

Like many others Horvilleur, the Liberal rabbi, was "deeply moved" by Macron's remarks at the end of his speech about how the children deported from Vel d'Hiv informs how he views his role as president.

Children "who wanted to go to school, graduate, find work, start a family, read, watch a show, learn and travel," he said. "I want to tell those children that France has not forgotten them. That she loves them. That their tragic fate demands of us never to give up to hate, rancor or despair." •

All Things Seniors

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JFS provides an ongoing caregiver support group facilitated by a licensed clinical social worker on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at noon at the Gordon JCC.

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JFS social workers also provide counseling -- professional assessment and treatment for individuals, couples, families, and groups of all ages. A sliding fee scale is available for those unable to pay full fee, ensuring access to mental health for all.

The JFS Senior Directory is a comprehensive, large-print directory of all programs, services and activities available to the Jewish Senior community. Printed copies of the directory may be found at Jewish Family Service, the Gordon Jewish Community Center, synagogues and online at <http://jfsnashville.org/senior-directory/>.

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Area students help bring AEPi house to UT's fraternity row

The Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity at the University of Tennessee has achieved a dream that started in the fall of 2014, to have a house on fraternity row on the Knoxville campus, the group said in a news release. The group includes Nashville students Jacob Geltzer, Noah Geltzer, Jake McCoy, Ed Revere, Jonathan Stout and Andrew Wind.

The AEPi brothers hope that this house will give them an opportunity for major growth, and will help them realize their dream of strengthening the Jewish community on campus. Lots of hard work and dedication to their cause led

them to this point.

Nashville's Jacob Geltzer was a UT freshman when he contacted all of the Jewish men he could find on campus with the goal of strengthening the Jewish community at UT. The people he contacted met in October 2014 and became founding fathers of what was called the Alpha Epsilon Pi Psi Deuteron interest group.

"The Jewish community on campus seems more established now after my sophomore year than when I first applied my senior year of high school," says AEPi's Brother-at-Large, Kevin Saslawsky of Memphis. "We are definitely a major reason why, we always try



AEPi members raised money for charity with their AETie-Dye festival this year. Back, left to right, Ed Revere of Nashville, Benji Ballin of Memphis, Parker Alperin of Memphis, Jacob Geltzer of Nashville, David Gaynor of Manhattan New York, Kevin Saslawsky of Memphis, Jonathan Stout of Nashville, Jake McCoy of Nashville, Mitchell Basar of Memphis, Jacob Zigelnik of Sevierville, Noah Geltzer of Nashville. Front, left to right: Ari Szoychen of Memphis, Andrew Wind of Nashville.



This is the AEPi house at 1848 Fraternity Park Drive in Knoxville.

to help [with Hillel], and now with the house we feel like we can help [the Jewish community] even more."

In the 2016-17 academic year, the group took part in fall and spring rush, reconnected with alumni, and planned a successful philanthropy titled AETie-Dye, a tie-dye festival that raised over \$1,600 for the Gift-of-Life Bone Marrow Foundation.

The group won the 2016-17 Interfraternity Council "Council President's Choice Award" for adding a new aspect to the Greek Community as

UT's only Jewish fraternity.

"We're expecting Fall Rush to be a huge success for us this year," says current Rush Chair and past president Jake McCoy of Nashville. "The house is going to change everything. We'll get more exposure, and those Jewish guys who are looking for a more traditional greek experience will be able to get that with us now."

For inquiries about donations, recruitment, alumni, and any other questions, please contact President Benji Ballin: bballin@vols.utk.edu, 901-488-4330. •

Jewish cultural festivals to rock the rest of your summer

By JTA STAFF

(JTA) – Summer is in full swing, but it is not too late to catch the action at various Jewish cultural festivals around the world. Yiddish Summer Weimar, in Weimar, Germany and nearby Erfurt, began last month but continues through Aug. 12 and will feature performances, workshops and cultural tours.

Below are three festivals that will take you through to the end of summer:

The San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, through Aug. 6

Presented by the Jewish Film Institute for the past 37 years, San Francisco's is the longest-running festival of its kind, attracting more than 40,000 filmgoers and industry professionals for almost three weeks of films, events, panels and parties. Screenings take place at the historic Castro Theatre in San Francisco and venues throughout the Bay Area.

Over 40 percent of the official selections are by women directors, and the opening and closing nights feature films by women making their directorial debuts.

Yiddish Summer Weimar 2017, through August 12

For the 17th year, the Festival of Yiddish Culture, known as Yiddish Summer Weimar, will bring Jewish cul-

ture to a region marked both by historic Jewish cultural ferment and tragedy.

This year's festival features 14 workshops (including some on Yiddish language), story-telling, lecture series and ensemble concerts with artists such as Gulaza, Lenka Lichtenberg and Yair Dalal, the Hasidic band The Heart and Gershon Leizeron and The Yiddish Blues Drifters.

A focus of this year's Yiddish Summer Weimar is the ethnic diversity of Israel. As part of a youth exchange program, Voices of Peace, an Arab-Jewish choir from Jaffa, will collaborate with Weimar's Schola Cantorum in a musical setting of children's poems by the Polish-Yiddish author Kadya Molodowsky.

Festival Week, from Aug. 2-6, features nightly concerts and daytime workshops in klezmer music, Yiddish language, song, dance, literature, history and cooking.

Jewish Cultural Festival Budapest, Sept. 3-14

Held every summer since 1997, the former Jewish Summer Festival focuses on the important part Jews played in Hungary's history. Action centers around Budapest's Great Synagogue, the Rumbach Street Synagogue and Goldmark Hall. In addition to klezmer and cantorial concerts, the festival will include a book fair, film screenings, photo and fine arts exhibitions and culinary programs. •

Nashville NCJW welcomes new program director

Abbey Benjamin has joined NCJW, Nashville Section as its new program director. She will partner with volunteers and members so that the group can build upon its previous activities and projects. "After a year of evaluating our needs for professional partnership and what model makes sense for our section in this moment, we are so excited to have connected with Abbey for this opportunity," group leaders said in a news release.

Benjamin has served on the NCJW, Nashville Section board of directors for the last year, helping plan its opening meeting and helping organize Rosh Hashanah baskets and Kosher for Passover food boxes. She also brings to her new position experience as a vice president of projects with the Nashville section, plus a background in communications, public relations, and education.

"I am honored to continue my journey with this incredible organization," Benjamin said in a written statement. "NCJW, Nashville Section has become near and dear to my heart because it allows me to give back to the Nashville and Jewish community in a way that complements my family values. I look forward to working with each of you, as a partner, to help you utilize your own

unique values, interests, and talents, in the path that you would like your volunteer work with NCJW to go. Thank you for this amazing opportunity, and I look forward to getting to know each of you even more."

Serving on the executive board of the NCJW, Nashville Section are presidents Jamie Brook, Freya Sachs and Erin Zagnoev; vice presidents of programming Dara Frieberg, Katie Wayne and Kelly Unger; vice presidents of membership Jaime Heller and Jennie Zagnoev; vice president of projects Tara Axelroth; vice president of advocacy LaQuita Martin; treasurers: Mary Jones and Amy Katz; and secretary Rachel Hauber. •

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Area bicyclist to ride in Israel as IDF Friend

This fall, Michael Dobrin will trade Middle Tennessee's hills for Israel's dramatic terrain when he participates in third annual cycling tour of Israel organized by the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF). The tour goes from Eilat to Jerusalem and takes place Oct. 20-26.

Dobrin is a member of West End Synagogue and the Jewish Federation of Nashville's Community Relations Committee. He has been bicycling with a group in Middle Tennessee for the past five years, he says in an e-mail.

"I have been passionate about Israel for as long as I can remember, but have only been there once. When I found out about the FIDF ride, I was immediately excited about the prospect of merging those two passions." Two recent losses within a month of each other – of his father, who inspired his love for Israel, and of his friend, Shmuel Goldring, who had served in the Israel Defense

Forces – cemented Dobrin's decision to participate.

The FIDF Cycling Tour of Israel covers more than 400 miles and 32,000 feet of climbing. FIDF was established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors to provide for the well-being of the men and women who serve in the IDF as well as the families of fallen soldiers. Headquartered in New York City, FIDF is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Dobrin is raising funds for the Strides Program, which provides wounded IDF veterans with special prosthetics. He has a website for donations: <https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/michael-dobrin/FIDFBIKERIDE>

He asks people to sponsor his participation in the ride by clicking on the "donate" button on the website or writing a check to Friends of the Israel Defense Forces with Michael Dobrin - Cycling Tour in the memo and sending it to FIDF, 29 E. Madison St., Suite 1010, Chicago, IL 60602. •



West End Synagogue member Michael Dobrin pedals through the 2014 Jack & Back two-day ride from Franklin to Lynchburg, home of Jack Daniel's Distillery. The ride benefits MS research and raises funds for the National MS Society.



New executive committee members for the B'nai B'rith Social Unit began their terms in office at their first meeting of the year. From left to right are Gayle Lipp, treasurer; Tom Rice, programming vice president; Paula Kirwan, president; Jill Grothe, membership vice president; Bill Rosen, secretary; and Joyce Fox, immediate past president.

B'nai B'rith Social Unit Installs New Officers

B'nai B'rith Social Unit #5508 installed its executive committee for the 2017-2019 term at its annual meeting held on June 25. The executive committee consists of new officers Paula Kirwan, president; Tom Rice, programming vice president; Jill Grothe, membership vice president; Bill Rosen, secretary; and Gayle Lipp, treasurer; along with Joyce Fox, immediate past president.

This unit was founded in 1994 as a social group for active adults ages 50 and up. Its goal is to promote friendship, fellowship and social awareness while conforming to the values of Judaism. Programs consist of social gatherings, Jewish education events and participation in community service projects.

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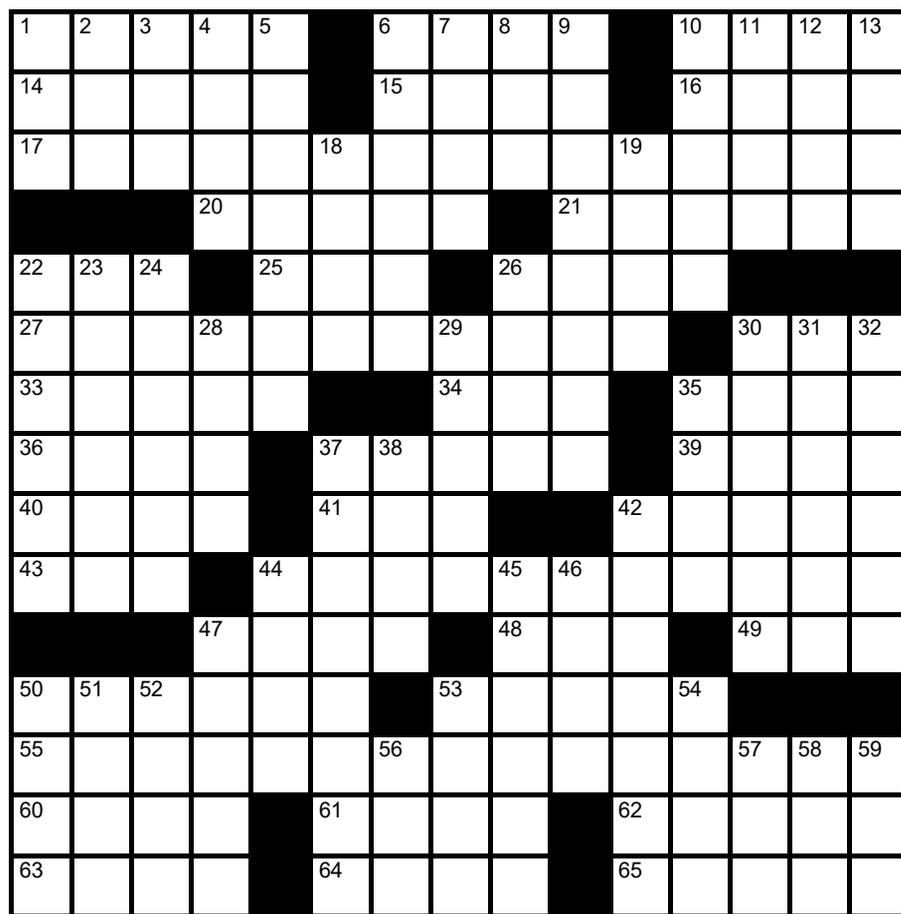
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27. TV host Orman's decorated hut?
30. Miami hotel, with Eden
33. The ___ Banquet (1883 infamous event)
34. El Al flights soar through it
35. Title for Freud before Doctor
36. Bagel feature
37. Rabbi Sacks and George Byron, e.g.
39. Uncle of Judah
40. How the second word of "Mrs. Robinson" would be said in a Cockney accent
41. J. Hozman Airport abbr.
42. Caribbean country that recognized Israel in 1949
43. Shofar source
44. TV host Lauer's simple food?
47. Parshat Ki ___
48. It was true for David when he killed Goliath
49. "___ thou shalt lose for me one drop of blood" ("Merchant of Venice")
50. She ended the Soup Nazi's reign
53. "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh" singer Sherman
55. Fixture on actress Debra's doorway?

60. Einstein was good at it
61. Jyn or Galen in the Chris Weitz penned "Star Wars: Rogue One"
62. Rare striped kosher animal
63. Solo for Beverly Sills
64. Kevin who advises Louis-Dreyfus on "Veep"
65. Be'er Sheva is in it

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1. North American students org. for those with a lot of chochmas
2. Spa sound ("Ayzeh yofi")
3. It connects most claimed descendants of Aaron
4. Buy in for Eli Elezra
5. Bayer who plays a Bar Mitzvah boy on "SNL"
6. Hirsch's "Taxi" co-star Henner
7. "Give me children, or ___ I die" (Gen. 30:1)
8. Rob Gronkowski and Randy Grossman: Abbr.
9. Maimonides and Nachmonides, e.g.
10. One of Bea's "Golden Girls" co-stars
11. Tefillin area bone
12. Knocked off, in a biblical way
13. Late great singer Ofra
18. (False) god of love
19. Second word in a bracha
22. Notable Jewish queen of a foreign land
23. Shirley's Oscar-winning role in Brooks' "Terms of Endearment"
24. B'___ Elokim
26. ___ Row, band heavily influenced by Kiss
28. Zilch
29. Goldsmith's measure
30. Adjust, like a pair of tefillin



31. Rabbi Sacks is considered a great one
32. Kosherica vacation offering
35. It can be intense in 65-Across
37. Unlike chametz
38. Preminger who made "Exodus"
42. Birchat follower following a meal
44. "The ___ Love" (Gershwin classic)
45. Lox source
46. Distance not normally used in Israel
47. ___ B'Av
50. First name behind "The New Colossus"
51. Producer Norman
52. Bartenura ___ Spumante
53. Part of NAJJC or Nasdaq: Abbr.
54. Zap (a way to warm up falafel)
56. "Despicable Me 3" hero
57. Zig's partner
58. Animal in a 2011 James Franco hit
59. Target of the Gamorra protein being studied at Hebrew U.

How a Chinese-Jewish chef finds inspiration on a North Dakota farm

By GABE FRIEDMAN

(JTA) — Not much could have prepared Molly Yeh for moving from New York City to Grand Forks, North Dakota — a city of a little over 50,000 residents near the state's eastern border with Minnesota.

At the time of her move in 2013, Yeh (pronounced "yay," as her website explains with several exclamation points) was a Juilliard graduate and classically trained percussionist playing professional gigs around New York City. She often hosted concerts in her Brooklyn apartment and enjoyed biking around the city with her then-boyfriend to see how many shows and events they could cram into one day.

She was passionate about food — especially when it came to Jewish staples like the matzah ball soup and hummus she had loved since childhood in a Chicago suburb, where she grew up with an Ashkenazi mother and Chinese father. But her casually updated food blog, which she had started a few years before during a family vacation, was of secondary concern.

When she chose to follow her boyfriend-turned-husband to his family beet farm in North Dakota, food gradually became more of a priority. Newly unemployed, Yeh took a job in a local bakery working a late-night shift. She began to put more energy into her food blog, which then started to gain some traction

online. Betty Crocker soon contacted her to contribute recipes.

Four years later, the 28-year-old Yeh is one of the Internet's most popular food bloggers, with 245,000 followers on Instagram. Her site, mynameisyeh.com — it uses only lowercase letters as an aesthetic choice — offers a cornucopia of impeccably photographed culinary treats (she also takes all the photos).

Many of her creations incorporate foods and ingredients that are popular in Jewish and Israeli cuisine, such as challah, shakshuka, hummus, tahini and shawarma. Some of the entries on her site, such as the scallion pancake challah and hummus dumplings, point to her dual heritage.

Besides the recipes and photos, Yeh is known for her personal, funny and engaging blog voice. She often mentions her husband, Nick Hagen, whom she calls "eggboy" in blog posts, because he used to eat several eggs each day. Sometimes she gives her recipes humorous names, such as the "ex-boyfriend latkes."

Yeh's move to North Dakota kick-started her efforts to make her work stand out in the crowded food blogosphere, but it also gave her an unexpected narrative that only added to her unique appeal — and gave her a lot to write about. Last fall, she released a book on the whole story (with plenty of recipes) titled "Molly on the Range: Recipes and Stories from An Unlikely Life on a Farm."

At first, she experienced some "cul-



Molly Yeh has taken the food blogging world by storm with her bubbly personality and creative recipes. (Chantell Quernemoen)

ture shock" in her new North Dakota community, which she called "challah-less" and "babka-less."

"Growing up in the suburbs of Chicago and living in New York, it didn't even strike me as a possibility that a place could really exist without tons of Jews," Yeh said. "If I wasn't going to be maintaining Jewish identity and celebrating Jewish holidays and cooking Jewish food on the farm, nobody was going to be."

She made it her mission to inject some Jewish food and culture into the farm community. Perhaps none of her recipes captured the goal as well as her Hummus With Meat All Over It, which she wrote about in the *Forward*, a Jewish publication that she occasionally contributes to.

"Question: How do you make a plate

of hummus filling enough for a bunch of big burly farmers? Answer: Put meat all over it," she wrote.

The Hagen family quickly took to Yeh's Jewish food-making ways. During her first year on the farm, for example, Passover coincided with Easter — so the family invited her to bake loaves of challah to include in their Easter meal.

"My mother-in-law is a hummus-making machine now," Yeh said.

In turn, Yeh took to the Midwestern flavors she was surrounded by. She now often includes ingredients grown on the farm, such as beets and rhubarb, in her recipes.

She admitted that it can be hard to find ingredients she needs for some of her more unusual recipes — tahini and hibiscus flour were two that she had recently ordered online while speaking with JTA recently from her North Dakota home. She often longs for the array of quirky ingredients that can be found in New York markets like Fairway or Zabar's.

The trade-off, she says, is that in summer she can walk outside and snatch fresh vegetables from the farm, such as cucumbers and tomatoes, to make an Israeli-style breakfast salad.

Reproducing some of her other New York Jewish food staples has been a little more difficult — even for an accomplished chef. Her first attempt at bagels was, in her words, a complete failure.

"I have no choice, I have to keep going!" she said.

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B'nai Mitzvah

Lindsay Hornick will be called to the Torah as a *bat mitzvah* on Saturday, Aug. 12, at West End Synagogue. Lindsay was born on July 14, 2004 in Nashville. Her parents are Sarah and Chad Hornick and she is the younger sister of Ellie. Lindsay's grandparents are Ros Shainberg and the late Roy Shainberg of Nashville and Danielle and Shelly Hornick of Deerfield, Ill.



Lindsay Hornick

Lindsay is in the seventh grade at Grassland Middle School. She is an avid horseback rider and spends a lot of her free time working and riding at Walnut Trace Farm. Lindsay also loves to be with her friends and to create art. For her mitzvah project, Lindsay has chosen to work with Volunteer Equine Advocates (VEA), a group that rescues abused, abandoned and neglected horses. She is collecting items for the horses and financial donations to help the non-profit organization. Lindsay has set up several horse-item drives at her barn and horse-supply stores to collect donations. She is also setting up several lemonade stands to raise money for VEA.

Gabrielle Ruben will be called to the Torah as a *bat mitzvah* on Saturday, Aug. 12, at The Temple. Gabrielle was born on August 11, 2004 in Louisville, Ky. Her parents are Herman and Jennifer Ruben and her grandparents are Joel Frockt and Judge Gina Calvert of Louisville, as well as Wendy and Richard Dotson of Louisville.



Gabrielle Ruben

As her mitzvah project, Gabrielle will be participating in UniCycle: Nashville, a school uniform recycling program that orchestrates the collection and redistribution of outgrown, gently-used clothing to Metro Nashville public school students who need it.

Gabrielle is in the eighth grade at H. G. Hill Middle School of Nashville and her special interests include dance, reading, fashion, and all things Paris.

Leia Aurora Miller will be called to the Torah as a *bat mitzvah* during services at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Congregation Micah. Leia is the daughter of Jason and Laura Miller and the sister of Levi. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Marion Boenheim of Ocean Shores, Wash., and great-granddaughter of the late Irene (Levy) Shwetz and Fred (Hans Fedor) Boenheim, Holocaust survivors.



Leia Aurora Miller

Leia just completed seventh grade at Grassland Middle School. She enjoys acting in both local theater and her school plays. When Leia is not involved with a dramatic performance, you will find her studying to continue her high academic success or aiding her mom in a variety of community service projects.

Free time to Leia means sibling bonding. She is a great cheerleader for her brother, especially at his many baseball games. Board games can get heated in the Miller house, but if you ask Leia, she only loses because she wants to give someone else a chance at the glory. This speaks volumes to how deep Leia's kindness runs.

For her mitzvah project, Leia has chosen to make and deliver Joy Jars to children who have cancer and are hospitalized.

Jonah Hirt will be called to the Torah as a *bar mitzvah* on Saturday, Aug. 26 at The Temple. Jonah was born on August 7, 2004 in Nashville. His parents are Mindy and Kenny Hirt and his grandparents are Arlene and Howard Safer and Melanie and Doug Hirt. He is also the first great grandson of Leon May.



Jonah Hirt

Jonah is in seventh grade at University School of Nashville. He enjoys playing basketball and soccer. He is also a master at Minecraft, a YouTube aficionado and an avid Packer, Badger and Vandy fan (although some are easier to cheer for than others).

For his mitzvah project, Jonah volunteered with Jewish Family Services preparing Kosher Food Boxes and creating a YouTube video to raise awareness of the service. You can see his video at <https://youtu.be/uJV9i1TOX6Q>

Ruby Tallulah Plume will be called to the Torah as a *bat mitzvah* during services at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26, at Congregation Micah. Ruby's parents, Mike and Jenny, are thrilled to celebrate this happy day among family and friends from near and far. Ruby is the granddaughter of Marion Orenstein of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Bernie and Barbara Orenstein of Weston, Conn.; Paul Plume of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada and the late Pierette Plume of Shediac, New Brunswick. Ruby and her family are traveling many miles from their new home in Edmonton,



Ruby Tallulah Plume

Alberta, Canada to celebrate this meaningful mitzvah in a community they called home for many years.

Ruby is currently in the 7th grade at Vimy Ridge Academy, a sports academy school, focusing on hockey (after all, they are in Canada!). In addition to hockey, Ruby competes in BMX bike racing, plays the cello, and loves to sing. Ruby loves to be with her friends and each year counts down the days until she goes to camp for seven weeks in Ontario at Camp Manitou.

For her mitzvah project, Ruby has chosen to help children with disabilities learn how to skate and play hockey. She will be working towards this as hockey season approaches in the fall.

Andrew Owen Biller will be called to the Torah as a *bar mitzvah* during services at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, at Congregation Micah. Andrew is the son of Tara and Daniel Biller and the brother of Jonah and Macie. He is the grandson of Dr. Samuel and Rhonnie Leder of Boca Raton, Fla., and Stephen and Margret Biller of Memphis. He is also the great-grandson of Belle Grusky.



Andrew Owen Biller

Andrew is an Akiva School graduate and will be a seventh-grader at Currey Ingram Academy in the fall. He is quite the artist and loves to play drums and keyboards with his friends at School of Rock. Andrew loves spending time with his friends. He always looks forward to his summers at Camp Barney Medintz and visiting with family in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

For his mitzvah project, Andrew has chosen to help support the kids that attend the W.O. Smith School of Music.

Abigail Riva Cohen will be called to the Torah as a *bat mitzvah* on Saturday, Sept. 2, at West End Synagogue. Abby is the daughter of Drs. Jonathan and Renee Cohen and the sister of Julia, Jordan and Rachel Cohen. She is the granddaughter of Drs. Allan and Maxine



Abigail Riva Cohen

Fried of Great Neck, N.Y., and Dr. Mark and Shirley Cohen of Phoenix, Ariz.

She is a rising eighth-grader at Grassland Middle School. She has enjoyed playing on the Grassland tennis team and the Franklin Arrows lacrosse team. She also enjoys playing guitar and piano.

For Abby's mitzvah project, she volunteered with the Jewish Family Service's Kosher Food Bank, and the Room at the Inn.

Sympathy

... to the family and friends of **Bertram Odes**, the father of Barbara (Peter) Tempkins, who died on June 21.

... to the family and friends of **Norman Lustig**, who died on July 1 at the age of 91. He is survived by Hedy Lustig, his wife of 66 years; sons Ron (Robbie) Lustig and Rabbi M. Bruce Lustig, and his grandchildren Brian, Tracey, Andy, Marcus and Eve Lustig. Services were held at The Temple on July 3 followed by burial at The Temple Cemetery. Donations may be made to Alive Hospice or Alzheimer's Foundation.

... to the family and friends of **Irving Levy**, 95, who died on July 11. Mr. Levy was preceded in death by his first wife, Miriam Levy, and his parents, Solomon and Rose Levy. He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Levy; his sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Irwin Stern; his daughter, Carol Singer; his son and daughter-in-law Robert and Sherry Levy; his daughters and sons-in-law Debbie and Laurance Kroman, Judy and Sol Jacobson, Tammy and Tim Kalla, and Nancy and Raymond Jacobs; and his grandchildren Keri Singer; Eric and Bryan Levy; Steven, Elissa and Beth Kroman; Tracy, Max and Eric Jacobson; Melissa and Gabrielle Kalla; and Seth, Ian and Alli Jacobs.

He proudly served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a B-17 pilot.

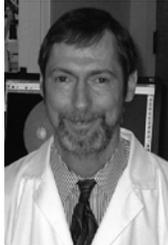
The funeral was held on July 13 at The Temple, Congregation Ohabai Sholom. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Milton Grossman Early Education Fund or any other charity of your choice.

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August GJCC Art Exhibit features Snap Photography, Jonathan Lewis

The Gordon Jewish Community Center's August art show exhibits will feature the work of Snap Photography and Jonathan Lewis.

The Janet Levine March Gallery and JLMG2 gallery will feature the work of Snap Photography.

The Society for Nashville's Artistic Photographers provides a forum for presenting and discussing members' work in formal and informal settings. Members foster artistic growth through an open dialogue of criticism and feedback. The group will endorse and engage in local and regional photographic exhibitions and activities.

They are dedicated to inspiring photographers and promoting photographic art in Nashville.

The Sig Held Gallery will feature the work of Jonathan Lewis, a Nashville native who has been drawing from an early age. As an adult he has taken influence from his work as a florist as well as his involvement in music and skateboarding. He continues to paint and reside in Nashville.

The reception for the artists is on Wed., Aug. 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the GJCC, 801 Percy Warner Blvd.

There will be music by DJ Joseph Harris. Complimentary food and beverage accompany the event.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the GJCC at (615) 354-1699, Curator Carrie Mills at carrie@nashvillejcc.org, or go to www.nashvillejcc.org.

Meet up with other families at PJ Library Splash Bash

Connect with other Jewish families while beating the heat of summer at the PJ Library Splash Bash, set for Sun., Aug. 27, from 3-5 p.m. at Cumberland Park, 592 South 1st Street in East Nashville.

PJ Library is a program in which Jewish children ages 6 months to 8 years can receive high-quality Jewish children's books and music each month for free. A separate, affiliated program, PJ Our Way, gives kids ages 9-11 the opportunity of choosing their own Jewish books each month.

The programs are made possible by a partnership between the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

For more information or to RSVP for the Splash Bash, contact: pjlibrary@nashvillejcc.org •

Jewish books to read this summer

By VICTOR WISHNA

(JTA) — Sure, winter might seem like the ideal time of year for curling up with a good book — but summer is when you might actually have time to read.

So before these warm months all too swiftly fade to fall, here are some Jewish-themed titles, from a wide range of genres, to fill your beach bag (or tablet) for the season.

A bonus: These works, from an international smattering of authors, are equally enjoyable while riding in an overcrowded bus on your way to work.

Al Franken, *Giant of the Senate* (Twelve)

By Al Franken

Franken may be best known for his years on "Saturday Night Live" and his popular satirical books, but he needed to contain his comedic chops in preparation for his current gig: U.S. senator from his home state of Minnesota, which he earned by the narrowest of margins after a recount in 2008. Yet once he was comfortably re-elected in 2014, he said he could finally be funny again. It was worth the wait: This new memoir features plenty of Franken's patented political and polemical comedy — including numerous takedowns of Texas Sen. Ted Cruz ("an obnoxious wrench in the gears of government") — along with some touching reflections on his childhood in "St. Jewish Park" (as the Minneapolis suburb St. Louis Park is known), his family life and, of course, his winding career path from 30 Rock to Capitol Hill.

Red Shoes for Rachel: Three Novellas (Syracuse University Press)

By Boris Sandler, translated by Barnett Zumoff

Sandler, who retired last year from his post as editor-in-chief of the Yiddish Forverts, is among the most prolific of the small circle of contemporary authors and poets writing in Yiddish. This 2010 award-winning collection of three novellas, just now available to English readers thanks to the work of translator Zumoff, mixes magic realism, satire and even a bit of autobiography, reflecting the author's experience of living in Soviet Moldova, Moscow, Jerusalem and New York. Sandler's work often centers on the disrupted world of Eastern European Jews who have been scattered to foreign lands, and the title novella is a perfect example: a Coney Island encounter between a Brooklyn-born woman and a Moldovan Jewish immigrant, two children of Holocaust survivors raised in very different societies.

Heretics (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

By Leonardo Padura, translated by Anna Kushner

A celebrated Cuban journalist and author, Padura is best known in the English-speaking world for his series of mysteries set in Havana featuring Lt. Mario Conde. In this newest adventure, as interpreted by Kushner, Conde is hired by a descendant of the Kaminsky family, who were among the German Jews who made a voyage of the damned from Hamburg to Havana and back again aboard the refugee ship St. Louis in 1939. The Kaminskys had carried with them a rare Rembrandt painting. Both the family and the painting disappeared during the war, but the Rembrandt reappeared decades later at a London auction. In pursuit of the truth, Conde must navigate layers of anti-Semitism, the corruption of contemporary Cuba and the ghosts of history.

Man of the Year (Flatiron Books)

By Lou Cove

Do you remember 1978? Cove, a former journalist whose resume includes senior roles with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Reboot and the National Yiddish Book Center, will never forget it. His quirky new memoir recalls his 13th year — traditionally a time of transition for any Jewish boy — when his family leaves New York City for Salem, Mass., and a seemingly humdrum small-town existence. This purgatory is interrupted by the arrival of a stranger from California, his father's old friend Howie — he may be better known to readers of that month's issue of Playgirl as Mr. November. But as Cove recounts in funny, touching prose, Howie isn't satisfied with a single month: He wants young Lou to lead his campaign to become the magazine's, yes, Man of the Year.

The Matrimonial Flirtations of Emma Kaulfield (Arcade Publishing)

By Anna Fishbeyn

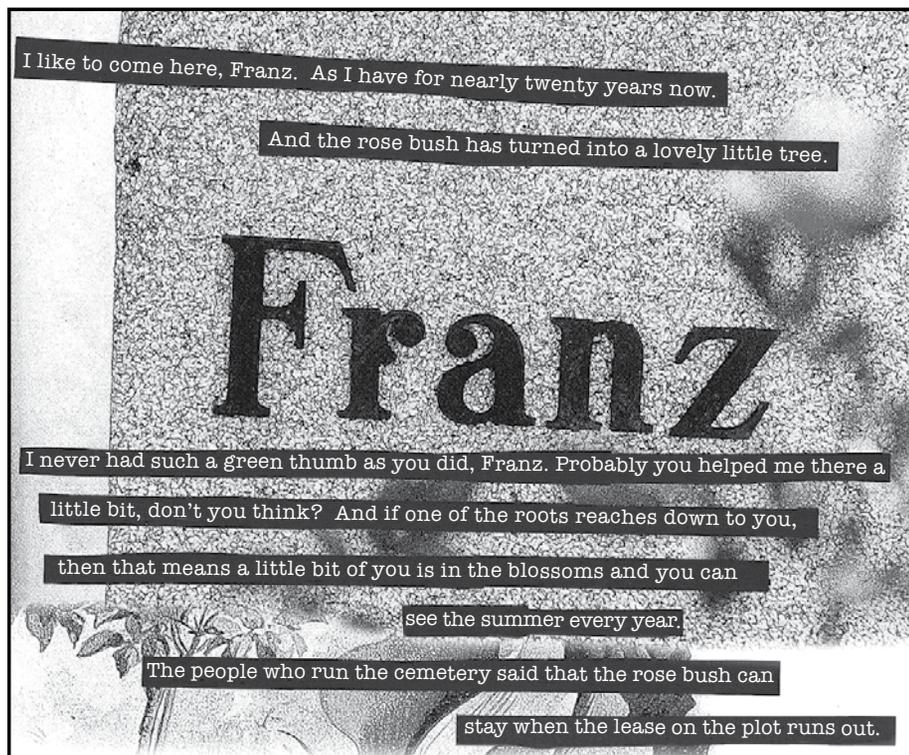
This debut novel by actress, comedian, writer and web producer Fishbeyn elevates the literary rom-com with inventive language and a distinctive immigrant identity twist. The title character has grown from a 10-year-old Soviet refusenik and new American into a beautiful, all-but-assimilated New York University grad student engaged to "one of her own people" — a handsome, Russian-born Jew. But when a random encounter with a stranger turns into a torrid affair, Emma finds herself torn between the wants and needs of love and career, which are intertwined with the bonds and burdens of her family and heritage. If that all sounds a little heavy, take note that it's all pretty hilarious, too.

Swell (Lee Boudreaux Books)

By Jill Eisenstadt

In the wake of 9/11, a Jewish man and his non-Jewish wife move their family from Manhattan's Tribeca to a house in Rockaway, Queens, that his father buys them on the condition that the father gets to live there — oh, and that the wife converts to Judaism. Also, the house is haunted. Sounds crazy, no? But this kooky setup for Eisenstadt's third novel is only the backdrop for the cast of characters she unfurls, including the 90-year-old former homeowner who murdered her son on the premises, plus the ex-lifeguard and firefighter who witnessed it (and has a secret of his own). •

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