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Key words to start up Federation Annual Campaign: Serve more needs

By KATHY CARLSON

September is a time for new beginnings – the High Holidays, returning to school and, for your Nashville Jewish community, a time to build up resources to enable new beginnings continue into the future.

A new beginning might be a child's first day at Jewish preschool, making new friends at a BBYO event, taking that first Shalom Taxi ride. It might that first Shabbat dinner at Vanderbilt Hillel as a brand-new college student.

All these firsts have something in common: the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee (JFNMT) and the annual campaign that supports it, launching this month.

"The goal for the launch in September is to talk to donors about the need for serving more people," says Jewish Federation Assistant Executive Director Naomi Limor Sedek, who leads the Federation's total financial resource development team.

Conversations with donors will take place throughout the campaign, informally and at events such as Girls Night

Out, a women's philanthropy event set for Nov. 9.

"We want to connect as many dots as possible for women in our community," said Stephanie Townsend, chair of the Girls Night Out event for women's philanthropy. "We want them to have a good time and make connections to give back to the community. Federation supports so many programs and activities: Akiva, the GJCC, camps, all different parts of the community. There probably are women who are taking advantage of these activities but don't really know Federation is supporting them."

Requests for services and financial assistance have increased throughout Nashville's Jewish community, from its youngest to oldest residents, which also mirrors a rising need for services for Jews around the world.

For example, more families requested needs-based scholarships so their children could attend Camp Davis, the only 8-week Jewish day camp in Middle Tennessee. Jewish Federation's 2017 scholarship support for Jewish campers increased 7 percent from the previous summer, but requests for assistance exceeded

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After learning about the science behind the eclipse, students see it for themselves at Akiva School. PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHELLE MANDICO

The eyes have it: Experiencing a full solar eclipse, together

A lot of things get labeled once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, but what happened on Aug. 21 truly was: the chance to witness a full solar eclipse with friends and colleagues on the Gordon Jewish Community Center campus.

The GJCC hosted a family eclipse viewing party in the Camp Davis drop-off area, offering music, games, art projects and a special presentation from Super Science Tennessee. Special eclipse-viewing glasses were sold out before the event.

Smaller groups of people set up lawn chairs to watch. Others checked the

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With LIFE & LEGACY, Akiva helps to secure the next generation of Jewish Nashville

By LARRY HYATT

Akiva School, Middle Tennessee's only Jewish day school, is grateful for the strong support we have received for our LIFE & LEGACY campaign.

As of this writing, almost 40 members of the greater Nashville Jewish community have committed to include Akiva in their estate plans. Their generosity will help secure a bright future for our 60-year-old school. Given the extensive research indicating that a Jewish day school education is one of the best predictors of future Jewish engagement, their generosity will also help secure the future of Jewish Nashville.

Akiva students represent the full



spectrum of Jewish beliefs and practices, coming from Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Chabad, secular and unaffiliated homes. Our curriculum integrates general and Jewish studies. Our Jewish studies include a Hebrew immersion approach to learning, while our general studies include a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics). In fact, Akiva is currently working towards STEM accreditation and, once complete, will be one of the only schools in Tennessee with this accreditation.

Since providing this quality of educa-

tion is expensive, and we provide generous scholarships to help make the school affordable to Jewish families, net tuition covers only approximately 40 percent of Akiva's annual operating costs. Akiva could not exist without the generosity of our annual donors, the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, and the endowment that our LIFE & LEGACY donors will help create.

We are grateful to everyone who has made our LIFE & LEGACY campaign possible, including the members of Akiva's LIFE & LEGACY Committee; the Federation staff; and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, which helps develop and support LIFE & LEGACY, PJ Library and other programs benefiting Jewish life. It is a great team effort to

secure the future of our school, and our community. •

Editor's note: Larry Hyatt is vice president of the board of the Akiva School and chairman of its LIFE & LEGACY Committee.

Campaign

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available funds. Camp Davis is serving more campers each summer and projects a 15 percent growth in the number of campers next summer.

Many families also need a hand in sending children to overnight camp. In the past five years, requests for needs-based scholarships have increased by 150 percent and total awards have risen by 100 percent. The reasons include both increased needs and rising costs of Jewish camping and immersive experiences.

The JFNMT supports Jewish cultural, religious and social life on a variety of campuses throughout Tennessee including Belmont, Middle Tennessee State University, University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Vanderbilt University. It is estimated that close to 1,500 Jewish college students attend these schools with over 1,000 currently being served by Hillel and Jewish Student Services. With additional resources we can reach the additional 33 percent.

Jewish Federation is helping elderly Nashvillians remain part of the community through Shalom Taxi vouchers that help them get to doctor's appointments as well as get together with friends. Since its inception, Shalom Taxi has seen a 98 percent growth in ridership, increasing from 37 rides per month to 73 rides per month. In 2018, Shalom Taxi usage is expected to increase by 20 percent and with increased support, we can provide the additional rides to seniors in our community.

In addition to raising funds, the Jewish Federation's annual campaign will include donor recognition such as the Nov. 9 Girls Night Out featuring Jane Weitzman, former executive vice president of Stuart Weitzman and the first vice president of Stuart Weitzman retail.

"Having Jane Weitzman, who is very involved in philanthropy, tell her story will inspire women here," event chairperson Townsend said. Local women will also tell their own stories about how they've connected philanthropically. The event is open to all women. Any woman interested in volunteering to be on the host committee can contact Townsend, stephtownsend@mac.com.

Early next year, everyone in the community will be invited to participate in "30 Days of Doing Good," our marketing campaign to educate the entire community about the Jewish Federation's work locally and abroad.

In February, a revamped Tzedakah Tzunday will engage our community and volunteers in new and meaningful ways. Nashville's congregations will hold Jewish Federation Shabbat services starting in February and the community will celebrate the campaign and work of the Jewish Federation in March.

"We hope you'll join us and share your experiences as we work together to strengthen our communities," said Sedek. •



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Eclipse

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progress of the eclipse as totality approached.

At Akiva School, the whole day was devoted to the phenomenon. Parents, students and others from the greater Nashville Jewish community were there, along with students and teachers from three Jewish day schools from Memphis and Knoxville, Akiva Principal Daniella Pressner said in a newsletter to parents.

"Our children will be rotating through educational booths, dancing to music about the moon and the sun and learning with each other, our faculty, and a NASA representative," she wrote. "It is remarkable to think that we will all be watching the moon completely pass by the sun; in the middle of the day, we will be able to look up into the darkness to see the stars. Most awe-inspiring is that our children will get to experience the workings of our magnificent universe

firsthand, not in a text book, or a computer-based simulation but outside with the Universe.

"Our tradition teaches that on the fourth day of creation, God created luminaries. These luminaries were to serve as 'signs' to help us identify days and seasons and years. Some of our Jewish sources view the notion of the eclipse as a warning or even a bad omen, as these signs are no longer functioning as they were intended. But we are also taught to view these warnings as reminders of our substantial responsibility to this world. Unlike the Greek tragedy, our tradition teaches us that our actions do, in fact, impact this world. We are not helpless; in fact, it is our right and responsibility to be helpful. The eclipse serves as a reminder that while we may not be the ones in charge of the entire Universe, sometimes we must engage it as if we are, in whatever capacity we are able." •

Photographs by Carrie Mills



An attentive owner helps adjust eclipse glasses for Gatorade the boxer.



GJCC Membership and Development Director Dara Freiberg and son Rory look skyward.



GJCC Gallery Curator Carrie Mills and son Garrett, roughly three hours before totality.



What the camera saw when aimed at the eclipse.



Nashville Federation Executive Director Mark Freedman, left, and his wife, Leslie J. Klein, join family members to usher in the eclipse.



Gordon Jewish Community Center Executive Director Leslie Sax, left, chats with Carla Rosenthal, past president of the GJCC board of directors, and David Jacobs, executive director of the Mandell Jewish Community Center in West Hartford, Conn.



Rich Askey, aka Mr. Rich the Super Scientist, views the progress of the eclipse with his daughter, Aurora. He presented a science demonstration as part of the GJCC's Family Eclipse celebration.

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Community Relations director taking new position with animal welfare group

After nearly five years as the Nashville Jewish Federation's director of community relations, Abbie Wolf is leaving that position this month. She will become the director of external relations for the Pet Community Center, an animal welfare organization that works with Metro Nashville and corporate partners to reduce animal homelessness. She had worked in the past for animal welfare organizations and has a longstanding commitment to animal welfare issues.

"Despite the deep fulfillment that

working on behalf of our Jewish community has brought me, a part of me has longed to return to the animal welfare field, and when this opportunity arose, I felt I couldn't pass it up," Wolf said.

"Abbie served in her role with the Community Relations Committee ... with great distinction and with a full measure of professional excellence," Federation Executive Director Mark Freedman said. "During her tenure, the CRC expanded its membership, engaged a broader segment of the



Abbie Wolf

Jewish and wider community and Abbie played a leading role in pursuing the CRC's core mission—advancing Israel education and advocacy, combatting anti-Semitism and engaging in social justice causes.

"Working in close cooperation with the three lay chairs with whom she served, Irwin Venick, Arthur Perlen and Ron Galbraith, Abbie has positioned the CRC front and center in the heartbeat of Jewish life and Jewish public affairs. I am deeply indebted to Abbie and I want to thank her for having con-

tributed so much to the CRC, the Jewish Federation and our Jewish community," said Freedman.

Wolf told CRC members, "I am tremendously proud of all the important work we have done together over the last five years. We have accomplished so much, and overcome so many challenges. I will miss working with every single one of you." •

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OPINION

letter to the editor

To the editor:

Jerry and I were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and caring and generosity that was shown to our daughter, Risa and Drew Herzog and their daughters, Vivian and Tess, after the devastating fire that took their home this past winter. From the calls and visits to the donations of food, clothing and contributions from friends, neighbors and even strangers, it was so amazing and heartwarming. We were in awe of everyone's kindness and so appreciative of this wonderful community we live in.

With much gratitude and love,
Mimi and Jerry Klein

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SHANA TOVAH

Drop the Labels this year and come together as one Jewish community.

Religious freedom. It's an important issue to Jews everywhere. Today, it's especially relevant here and in Israel. Which on reflection, gives Rosh Hashanah an even deeper significance.

Because no matter how we may label ourselves — we are all Jews. That's what matters. Recognizing that our diversity strengthens us.

So this Rosh Hashanah, let's make it a sweeter new year by standing together. You can do that by giving generously to Federation. Your gift supports our work for a more pluralistic Israel and a stronger global community.



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Newest shlichah shares her story

By KATHY CARLSON

A great first interview brought Sharon Ben Ami to the Nashville Jewish Federation, where she is the community's fifth shlichah, or Israel emissary.

"Whenever there is an opening for a shlichah, they tell you and you interview for the position," she recalled. "The first one I got was Nashville and it just clicked."

"...The job in Nashville seemed very dynamic, working with all age groups," she said. Other communities wanted their shlichah to focus on specific age groups, but the Nashville position involved working with children, teens, young adults and seniors, and the variety appealed to Ben Ami.

Shlichot come to Nashville and other communities throughout the United States and around the world through a program with the Jewish Agency for Israel. They help their local communities learn about Israel and help build a bridge between Israel and each Jewish community. Ben Ami will work with synagogues, religious schools and other community organizations.

Ben Ami grew up in Jerusalem and attended The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo. She decided to become a shlichah when, as a soldier in the Israel Defense Forces, she accompanied American and British college students on Birthright Israel trips.



Sharon Ben Ami

"When I was with the students, they debated a lot of Jewish and Israeli issues and conflicts, and I saw the impact I could have on other Jewish communities around the world," she said. "Since then, it became one of my goals to become a shlichah, and today, with the rising

anti-Semitism around the world that goes hand-in-hand with Israel's de-legitimacy, it couldn't seem like a better time."

This is her first time in the United States and she said she doesn't know anyone who has been to Nashville. She's not a singer but loves music, so Nashville's focus on music was a draw.

Ben Ami's grandparents came to Israel from Morocco and the Kurdish part of Iraq, Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews respectively. Her parents were the younger children in their families and, unlike their siblings, were born in Israel.

Because their families weren't Ashkenazi Jews, they were considered underprivileged when they arrived in Israel, Ben Ami said. As non-Ashkenazi, her parents had to fight for their rights in Israel, she said.

In the United States people would probably consider her white, she said, but in Israel she's "not from that group," and her last name isn't Ashkenazi.

These days, not being Ashkenazi

is not the big deal that was 50 years ago and the social situation in Israel is becoming more fluid and multicultural, but you can still find discrimination and gaps that exist for instance in the academy where proportionally fewer Mizrahi Jews are in professions or are college educated compared with Ashkenazis so being Ashkenazi "still stings. I know what discrimination feels like," she said.

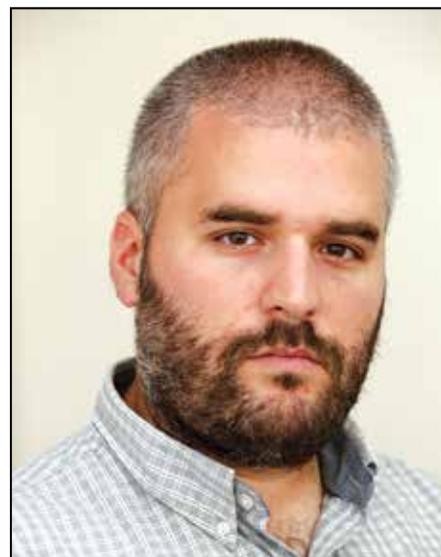
She's eager to hear the personal stories of people in Nashville's Jewish community. Given her background, Ben Ami is interested in 'Tikkun olam', working to bond the Jewish community and strengthen its relations with Israel. She also wants to see as much as she can of the United States and talk to people about Israeli music and arts. Her mother and sister are "body trainers," and she is interested in healthy living, yoga, body and soul and its connection to Judaism.

Ben Ami also wants to share some Mizrahi traditions, food and music. "It's just a little part of who I am." •

Veteran journalist to speak on 'Kotel, conversion, conflict'

Israeli-American journalist Haviv Rettig Gur will speak on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Gordon Jewish Community Center on the topic "Kotel, Conversion and Conflict: Hot Button Issues in Israel, Where Do We Stand Today?"

His talk begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a dessert reception. It is sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.



Haviv Rettig Gur

Gur is a political correspondent and analyst for the Times of Israel and a commentator and lecturer on Jewish history and identity. He was a diplomatic

and Jewish world correspondent for the Jerusalem Post and director of communications for the Jewish Agency for Israel.

He is a wide-ranging lecturer on Israeli politics and history, U.S.-Israel relations, Jewish identity and communal issues, and Israel-Diaspora relations. He has reported from more than 20 countries and previously served as director of communications for the Jewish Agency for Israel.

From 2010 to 2012 Mr. Gur also acted, on a volunteer basis, as the vice president for government relations of SpaceIL, the Israeli team competing in Google's Lunar X-Prize competition to land the first civilian spacecraft on the moon. He served for three years as an infantry combat medic in the Israel Defense Forces, a role in which he continues to serve in a reserve capacity.

To RSVP or more information, please contact Barbara Schwarcz at (615) 354-1630 or barbara@jewishnashville.org. •

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Nashville grapples with Charlottesville events, aftermath

One week after the deadly violence in Charlottesville, Va., Nashville's rabbis spoke to their congregations. Here are their thoughts, gathered before Shabbat on Aug. 18:

Chabad of Nashville Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel

Beneath the surface of every terrible experience there lies the opportunity to grow and increase in goodness. Every step back can—and must—become the impetus for a giant leap forward.

Chabad's Nashville Tefillin Campaign encourages Jewish men to put on tefillin—a sacred pair of black leather boxes containing Hebrew parchment scrolls.

When one puts on tefillin, they're connecting to the Infinite, fulfilling G-d's will and reminding themselves to be a better person emphasizing the infinite potential within every individual.

Tefillin is just one part of our broader effort to dispel darkness with light and make Judaism accessible to the local community, including distributing Shabbat candles to women, affixing mezuzahs to doorposts and encouraging the giving of charity.

The fact the G-d created each of us, means that we each, no matter race or creed, are extremely important to Him and we each have a unique purpose in this world, that no else can fulfill. When we recognize that, we will come to appreciate the immense importance and value of each and every individual -- especially if they are different from us. I encourage all people of goodwill to add in goodness and kindness, to those around you—and to people you may have never met.

There is no room for HATE speech, period. Beyond statements, beyond marching – Action! Apolitical, academic, political, religious – right, left,

center – stop yourself EVERY time you think the word HATE! and find a more truthful and healthy word to think the same thought.

Enjoy the inner peace and good energy output you create.

Congregation Micah Rabbi Laurie Rice

I would say that one thing you can do is recall the principle of Hillel: "What is hateful to you, do not do to another." Replace hate with love. Fill your heart with kindness and remember the words of Leviticus which instruct that we are not to hate our fellow in our heart. Then call your congressional reps and tell them what you expect as a citizen so that they hear your voice. Spread love, speak kindly, and care for others passionately.

Congregation Sherith Israel Rabbi Saul Strosberg

After tragedies like Charlottesville, people of conscience want to do something. They want to respond. They want to help. They don't want to stand idly by. Judaism gives us two responsibilities in this situation: to bring comfort to those who have suffered, and to bring to justice those who have done wrong. My concern is that much of what people and organizations have said has done neither. At a certain point, talk becomes unfruitful. Speaking up for the sake of speaking up is not enough. Our actions and our words need to make a difference. Here are a few examples that could make a difference:

- Visiting, calling or sending notes to the families and communities of the victims.
- Sending a check to support increased security of the Charlottesville Jewish community.
- Going online to combat hate-messages and hate-groups.

It's my hope that all who feel moved

to do something, follow the Jewish ideal of not just standing up, but thinking through clearly how our words and actions will bring about positive change.

The Temple: Congregation Ohabai Sholom Rabbi Mark Schiffan Rabbi Shana Goldstein Mackler Cantor Tracy Fishbein Rabbi Michael Shulman

The events of this past weekend in Charlottesville are shocking and abhorrent.

As a collective Jewish community we have been shaken, both by the acts of violence and by the hateful rhetoric spewed by white supremacist groups who organized and led the march and rally that claimed the life of three people.

We grieve for the three human lives lost. We pray for those who are wounded and hurting still.

And we stand together in defense of the values and ethics we uphold as Americans and as Jews.

Even more, most of us – perhaps even all of us – are deeply troubled by the incendiary remarks that led to these events, as well as those made subsequent to these events, which tried to defend and equivocate the actions of those who participated in them.

Let us be clear: There is no moral equivalency when it comes to hate-filled, bigoted, or biased speech or action. There are not many sides to this. There is only right versus wrong, and good versus evil.

To that end, we condemn, in the strongest terms, the hate speech, the violence and the terror brought about by those claiming white supremacy.

We want you to know that during these tense times, we are actively engaged in a number of meaningful responses on several fronts: First, we are taking the steps necessary to ensure the safety and security of all those who enter our build-

ing. We do this in concert and regular communication and coordination with law enforcement. You may notice some of these measures. Some of these measures may purposely be done behind the scenes. Please help us be vigilant: If you see something unusual, please say something to our staff. ...

May all of us together move toward justice and peace, as we work toward healing our nation.

(Editor's note: The message to congregants listed events that were to take place before readers would receive the September Observer and were deleted for that reason.)

West End Synagogue Rabbi Joshua Kullock

We don't need to dig too deep in our history to discover the lessons of many of the catastrophes that fell upon our people in the past. We know what happens when bigots seize power. We know what happens when democracy crumbles and a free and independent press is no longer to be found. We know who wins and who loses when the haters are emboldened and enabled. And we know how to distinguish between paranoia and real concerns for the well-being of our country.

But, above all of those lessons, we also know that the only way to act is by proactively raising our voices, by defending the causes that we care about, by committing to vote in the elections and by taking responsibility for our decisions.

Healing will require the strength to embrace and accept the differences of opinion among ourselves, while making sure that racists are held accountable by the rule of law.

Healing will require that we hold our moral ground, that we keep fighting for that which is worth fighting, and that we remain committed to working on behalf of this Nation which, under one G-d, will continue to stand indivisible procuring liberty and justice for all. •

Jewish mayor draws strength from family roots

By **RON KAMPEAS**

Editor's note: Since this article was written, the mayor has reversed his position and called for Confederate statues to be removed from downtown Charlottesville.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (JTA) — Michael Signer, the Jewish mayor of Charlottesville, has one thing in common with the white supremacists who descended on his southern Virginia city over the weekend: He also opposed the removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Of course, Signer's reasons for preserving the statue would have appalled the supremacists: He agreed with local African-American activists who had argued that preserving the statue was a means of teaching Virginians about the horrors of a "dishonorable" cause, the Confederacy.

Signer was on the losing side of a 3-2 City Council decision, and the statue is now slated for removal. But his



Michael Signer speaking to "Meet the Press," Aug. 14. PHOTO PROVIDED BY JTA AND TAKEN FROM YOUTUBE SCREENSHOT

thoughtful approach, more typical of an academic than a politician, has also been evident in his counsel during the rash of protests that have plagued this city: "Don't take the bait," he has said.

In giving that advice, Signer has noted that for the first time in his life,

he has been the target of intense baiting as a Jew.

"I can't see the world through a black person's eyes," he said at an address earlier this summer at an African-American church, where he urged constituents not to give in to the impulse to counter hatred with hatred.

"I can see it through a Jewish person's eyes; the KKK hates Jews just as much as they hate black people. The stuff with this group online about Jews is unbelievable, bloodcurdling. The stuff I've gotten on my phone at my house, you'd think it was done a hundred years ago."

Signer, 44, a practicing lawyer in Charlottesville, also lectures on politics and leadership at the University of Virginia, his law school alma mater. His wife, Emily Blout, is an Iran scholar at the same university, which is in Charlottesville.

An Arlington native, Signer is the child of journalists, but in his author's autobiography sounds like many other

younger liberal Jews who note with pride their grandparents' working class and intellectual roots:

"My grandfather was a Jeep mechanic for the Army on the European front in World War II and lifetime member of the proofreaders' union at the New York Times; he lost part of a finger in an industrial accident as a young man," he wrote. "My grandmother organized seamstresses on her factory floor in New York City and later worked as a secretary to Hannah Arendt at the New School."

In a January speech declaring Charlottesville "a capital of the resistance," Signer described his grandfather as a "Jewish kid raised in the Bronx" who was "part of the forces that liberated the world from Nazism and fascism, that laid the groundwork for NATO and the Marshall Plan, and for a country that lived up to the promises of the Statue of Liberty. ...

"If he were alive right now, I don't think I could look him in the face and say Grandpa, I didn't fight for the values you fought for." •

Hate in Charlottesville: The day the Nazi called me Shlomo

By **RON KAMPEAS**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (JTA) — The white supremacists, for all their vaunted purpose, appeared to be disoriented.

Some 500 had gathered at a park here on Aug. 12 to protest this southern Virginia city's plans to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from the park. Pressured by the American Civil Liberties Union, Charlottesville had allowed the march at Emancipation Park — or Lee Park, the protesters' preferred name.

That worked for an hour or so, and then the protesters and counterprotesters started to pelt one another with plastic bottles — it was unclear who started it. Gas bombs — mildly irritating — seemed to come more from the white supremacists. Finally, the sides rushed each other headlong and there were scuffles.

So Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe declared a state of emergency and, heeding the police, the white supremacists filed out of the park and started walking, north, but to where no one seemed sure. There was talk of meeting at a parking lot, but which parking lot, no one was sure. As they approached the Dogwood Vietnam Memorial, a bucolic hill overlooking an overpass, they sputtered to a stop for consultations and did what marchers on a seasonably warm day do: They sat on the grass, sought shade and chatted.

I had been following at a distance with a handful of journalists and folks who were there not so much to counterprotest but to deliver an alternative message. Zelic Jones from Richmond bore a poster with a saying by Martin Luther King Jr., "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

I climbed the hillock to see if anyone would be willing to talk. On the way, the marchers had studiously ignored reporters, but I thought, at rest, they might be more amenable. It was not to be. One man, wearing black slacks, a white shirt, sunglasses and black baseball cap, shadowed me. He moved to stand between me and anyone I had hoped to interview.

I looked him directly in the eye.

"How's it going, Shlomo?" he asked.

"My name is Ron," I said. I hadn't identified myself as Jewish.

"You look like a Shlomo."

"You want to talk?" I offered.

"I don't talk to the press," he said.

"They just lie." He scampered away.

The exchange was jarring in how personal it was. I've been hated directly for many things (try being a journalist, anywhere), but it had been a while — I'd have to cast back to early childhood — since I'd faced visceral hatred just for, well, looking Jewish.

A year ago I had attended at a hotel in Washington, D.C., the unveiling of the "alt-right," convened by one of its lead theorists, Richard Spencer, who also was in attendance in Charlottesville. That news conference — an expression of white supremacy argued in plummy tones that disguised its hateful content — was at a remove from the hatred stalking the streets of Charlottesville on Saturday. Spencer was polite and helpful after the fact. His ideas are toxic, but in the airless corridors of a Washington hotel, they seemed denuded of malice; they seem to be the imaginings of an intemperate toddler.

Here in Charlottesville, the hatred was present and real and would before the day ended apparently kill someone, when a car driven by a 20-year-old Ohio man plowed through counterprotesters.

Among the 500 white supremacists were men and women bearing signs like "Goyim know!" (Know what?) and "Jews are satans children." There were Nazi flags. There were men all in black, T-shirts and slacks and army boots and helmets, jogging along with plastic shields. There were the men who sang of "blood and soil" as they marched to the Emancipation Park event. And when the white supremacists got their act together and gathered in McIntire Park, they shouted "Jew" every time the name of Charlottesville's Jewish mayor, Michael Signer, was mentioned.

Of course, the hostility was not confined to Jews: As targets, Jews were not even preeminent; blacks were. There were the "White lives matter" T-shirts. Marching along McIntire Road, the white supremacists shouted the N-word at drivers passing by. More prominent than the Nazi flags were the Confederate flags and their variants.

The focus on Jews was anomalous: This was supposed to be about the Confederacy and Southern heritage, and defenders of the Southern cause

are not always identified with hostility toward Jews. About an hour's drive away, Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery, a Confederate monument, has a carefully tended Jewish section.

And yet here it was, the chants of "Jews will not replace us" (as?). I had two more personal encounters. At the Dogwood Vietnam Memorial, a man wearing a floppy beige sunhat started following me and explaining the lie of the Holocaust, the evil of the Jews, the value of DNA in determining purity. I retreated as he ran after me, screaming, "My mother says I'm a Jew! My MOTHER! Does that mean I'm entitled to something?" (I resisted replying, "Your mother's love.")

And earlier, filing out of Emancipation Park, a group of youths surrounded and shouted at me, "Take that wall in Israel down! An open border for everyone!" — a reference to a popular theory on the far right that Jews are engineering open borders to bring the United States to ruination while keeping Israel pure. They moved on.

Anomalies like these tend to bemuse, at least me. What the racists believe to be hurtful jibes come across more as non sequiturs, as mouthings of the deluded or the possessed. Why Shlomo of all names?

And then the car rammed the crowd, and there was a fatality, and some 35 injured, including five critically, and it was harder to pick out the

absurd and use that as a way of keeping an emotional distance from the hate speech. I counted the wounded, rushed by stretchers into the back of ambulances, the less seriously injured patched up with torn cloths, leaning on friends' shoulders and wincing.

I retreated to a cafe that was open only to clergy and the media dispensing free water and beer. I filed a story, and on the large wall TV, CNN said President Donald Trump was ready to speak.

The cafe fell silent. There was, it seems, even among this crowd of liberal clergy, a thirst for a message of unity from a president who has pledged, and more often than not failed, to lead us all.

Trump engaged in some throat clearing about the Veterans Administration, and then began, "We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred bigotry and violence, on many sides." At "on many sides" the room erupted into shouts of anger. On cue, Trump repeated, "On many sides."

There was only one side visibly and overwhelmingly gripped by hate on Saturday in Charlottesville.

As the day wore on, the White House refused to retreat from Trump's many sides comment, and the president's tweets didn't add clarity.

"Condolences to the family of the young woman killed today, and best regards to all of those injured, in Charlottesville, Virginia. So sad!" was his last tweet of the day. •

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@ Chabad

Rosh Hashanah Mega Challah Bake with NowGen and Chabad

Yearning to learn the secret of how to knead good dough and fill your home with the aroma of Shabbat? Wait no more! On Sunday, Sept. 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., women and children from across Nashville will gather in the Bernard Ballroom at Chabad of Nashville at 95 Bellevue Road for a Rosh Hashanah Mega Challah Bake.

The Mega Challah Bake has been presented in cities from Los Angeles to Miami and even internationally and was a big hit in Nashville last year. Due to popular demand, the Mega Challah Bake will come back once again, this time in partnership NowGen, the program of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee for young adults.

Mrs. Esther Tiechtel, educator at Chabad, explains, "When we join in this tradition of kneading challah, all channels open for us to ask for all the blessings we need for our families and community.

"There are many little-known customs that give layers of meaning to this tradition, like removing a piece of dough for the Kohanim with a blessing: Breaking off a piece of our dough symbolizes taking from everything we have and sharing with others," she says.

"Mothers and daughters are invited to come along together for this multigenerational challah bake, as there is so much unity and togetherness when all are kneading and braiding the challah together."

Each participant will go home with their own challah, a Challah Bake apron and the know-how to recreate the moment weekly in their homes.

The Mega Challah Bake is presented for women and children. Tickets for participants ages 11 and up are \$14 dollars in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets for children 10 and under are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations, go to www.ChabadNashville.com/ChallahBake or call (615) 646-5750.

CSI and CBT to join for the High Holiday kickoff

As a kickoff for the High Holiday season, Congregation Sherith Israel will join Congregation Beit Tefilah for a joint Selichot service, on Saturday, Sept. 16, 11:30 p.m., at Congregation Beit Tefilah, 95 Bellevue Road. The Selichot service will be preceded by a Chasidic Farbrengen - a gathering of souls, where stories of Chasidic masters will be shared, together with a bit of L'Chaim to warm the soul for the beginning of the High Holiday season, and will be led by Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel from Beit Tefilah, and Rabbi Shlomo Rothstein from Chabad at Vanderbilt.

While most Jewish services are held during the day or early evening, the High Holiday Selichot are the exception, held in the wee hours of the morning. Drawing from a plethora of biblical verses and rabbinic teachings, they are a soul-stirring introduction to the Days of Awe.

The liturgy for Selichot is not found in most prayer books; rather, it is found in

special Selichot booklets, with a different selection for each day. The actual Selichot are a collage of Torah verses and poetically written Hebrew works in which we ask G-d to forgive us on a personal and communal level. An oft-repeated phrase is the "13 Attributes of Mercy," which G-d revealed to Moses at Sinai as the key to forgiveness.

Cantor George Lieberman of Sherith Israel will lead the service, while Rabbi Saul Strosberg will play various of the Selichot melodies on the keyboard. This is the third year that the two congregations are joining together for the Selichot service.

Ashkenazic communities start saying Selichot several days before Rosh Hashanah, while Sephardic communities recite Selichot throughout the entire month of Elul.

For more information go to www.chabadnashville.com

Chabad to host New Year's Eve Dinner

Chabad of Nashville will be hosting its 19th annual New Year's Eve Dinner for the Nashville Jewish community, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join friends and meet new faces from the Nashville community, to welcome the Jewish New Year on the Eve of Rosh Hashanah.

The dinner will be catered by one of Nashville's premier chefs, and will include a four-course festive meal complete with round challah and the apple 'n' honey, all of the holiday trimmings, including gefilte fish, chicken soup, sweet roasted chicken, brisket, tzimmes, honey cake and more. The tradition is to eat symbolic dishes that are sweet and round, symbolizing a sweet New Year that will be a full circle until next year's Rosh Hashanah.

To RSVP for the dinner go to chabadnashville.com/RH_dinner

Cantor Yossele Kagan will lead High Holiday services at Chabad

Congregation Beit Tefilah is honored and pleased to welcome Cantor Yossele Kagan to lead the High Holiday services during the High Holiday season of 5778.

Cantor Kagan born in Montreal as number 10 in a large family with a long lineage of cantors. Shortly thereafter the Kagan family moved to Miami where Cantor Kagan grew up. From a young age, Cantor Kagan's father used to put him to bed with tunes of famous cantorial music, and wake him up to the tunes of Modeh Ani sung by Chazen Yossele Rosenblatt.

Cantor Kagan chose to add to his family's rich history of cantors, and has studied under the famous metropolitan singer Eugene Flam, and renowned chazan and voice instructor Cantor David Cabinet.

Cantor Kagan has davened and performed for audiences all over the world, including cantorial renditions as far as Melbourne, Australia and the Congo in Central Africa.

Cantor Kagan is happy to be coming to Nashville to lead the services at Congregation Beit Tefilah Chabad. One of the unique additions to the service by Cantor Kagan is to blend Chasidic melodies and various famous Jewish tunes into the liturgy of the High Holiday services. Also, during the services, stories and insights into the prayer will be shared by Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel.

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Prayer, Poetry & Popular Music

Sessions are set for Sept. 6, 13 and 27 at 7 p.m. at The Temple. Join us for a fun and interactive study of our High Holy Day prayers old and new.

Golden Lunch Bunch

This group meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at The Temple. Join us for lunch, entertainment and fun! This month's dates are Sept. 5 and 19. To RSVP, call Anna Sir at (615) 354-1686.

Lunch with the Rabbi

Next lunch takes place at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 7.

@ Micah

'Bring a Friend' Shabbat, Friday, Sept. 8

All members who bring a guest will receive a special Shabbat gift bag! Weekly WINE-down begins at 5:30 p.m. with services to follow and an oneg. Share the "Micah Magic!"

Religious School Begins Sept. 10

The first day of Religious School is approaching quickly; have you registered your child? To learn more about our comprehensive program, contact Education Director Julie Greenberg, jgreenberg@congregationmicah.org, and visit our website for information and registration.

Childcare Shabbat each month through December

For parents looking for a focused, contemplative Shabbat experience! For children six months through six years – no registration is necessary. Drop-off is during weekly WINE-down and pick-up follows services. Offered Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 22. As always, children are welcome at all services.

A Women's Circle Sept. 15 with Special Guest Leah Lax

Nicole Keller is hosting Leah Lax, author of "Uncovered," as she shares her journey from Chasidic woman to Reform feminist Jew. RSVP to nicolemiddleton-keller@gmail.com. A Woman's Circle is

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a monthly casual meeting of learning and conversation. Free and open to all women. See the Micah Events web page for R.S.V.P. and host information. Are you interested in hosting? Please contact Rabbi Laurie Rice at rabbilaurie@congregationmicah.org.

Unique Selichot Program Saturday, Sept. 16, at 8 p.m.

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Women's Torah Group

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Men's Torah Group

Come join Rabbi Joshua for the Men's Torah group which meets on the second Thursday of each month at noon. The next session will be Thursday, Sept. 14.

The focus of the study is on Judges. Please let us know (office@westendsyn.org) if you will attend so we can pick a room that will be large enough to accommodate the group.

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**Erev Rosh Hashanah,
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Rabbi's Sermon 6:40 p.m.
Services end at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**First Day of Rosh Hashanah,
Thursday, September 21, 9:00 a.m.**

Blessing of Babies born in the last year 10:15 a.m.
Rabbi's Sermon 11:00 a.m.
Family Services follow the Rabbi's Sermon
Services end at approximately 1:00 p.m.

**Family Friendly Tashlich,
Thursday, September 21, 4:45 p.m.**

Join us for the three-block walk from WES to the creek at 4:45 p.m. Shofar blowing will follow back at the synagogue.

**Second Day of Rosh Hashanah,
Friday, September 22, 9:00 a.m.**

Rabbi's Sermon 10:30 a.m.
Children's services follow the Rabbi's sermon
Services end at approximately 12:30 p.m.

**Kol Nidre,
Friday, September 29, 6:00 p.m.**

Kol Nidre 6:16 p.m.
Rabbi's Sermon 8:00 p.m.
Services end at approximately 8:30 p.m.

**Yom Kippur Day,
Saturday, September 30, 9:30 a.m.**

Family & Children Services 10:30 a.m.
Rabbi's sermon 12:00 p.m.
Study session with Lior Klirs 3:30 p.m.
Cantor's talk 5:15 p.m.
Yizkor 5:45 p.m.

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@ Sherith Israel

Sherith Israel Pre-Selichot Concert Sept. 16 will Channel High Holiday Spirit

The talented Rabbi Saul Strosberg and friends will kick start the high holiday season with an evening of music and song. The concert will begin at 8:15 p.m. at Sherith Israel on Sept. 16. There is no cost and the entire community is warmly welcomed to get into the high holiday spirit with us!

Macabeenies Music Class and Play Space Returns to Sherith Israel

Last year's "Macabeenies" Music Class and Play Space was a success, as young families with children aged 6 months to pre-K sang, danced, creatively explored the Jewish calendar, and let out some energy bouncing on blow-up donkeys and playing under the parachute. This fall, Macabeenies is returning with a regular schedule, meeting every first and third Sunday from 10-11:30 a.m. Nashville singer/songwriter Karen Daniel will again be participating in Macabeenies, sharing her charming and catchy songs along with her love of Jewish music with kids and parents alike. The first Macabeenies will be on Sept. 17. Contact Cara Suvall at csuvall@gmail.com (or connect on Facebook) with any questions, or just show up!

Rosh Hashanah Community Lunch @ Sherith

Continuing Sherith Israel's tradition of bringing the Jewish community together over meals, the congregation will be hosting a special Rosh Hashanah lunch on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 21, immediately after services. The kosher meat lunch will be catered by Bobbie Limor. The cost of the lunch is \$26/adult, \$14/children age 5-12, free for children under 5, with a maximum cost of \$110/family. RSVP and arrange payment with Janet at (615) 292-6614, csi3600@comcast.net, or through sherithisrael.com. •

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Macabeenies and their parents sing out at Congregation Sherith Israel.

Holocaust Lecture Series 40th Anniversary

In 1979, then university chaplain, now emeritus, Rev. Bev Asbury organized what would prove to be the first of the now longest continuous Holocaust Lecture Series at any American university. Under the rubric "Holocaust: Jewish and Christian Perspectives," prominent theologians and philosophers Irving Greenberg, Emil Fackenheim, and Franklin H. Littell, as well as one of the leading survivor memoirists, Gerda Klein, spoke to the greater Vanderbilt community. Since then our ongoing examination of ourselves and our society in the wake of the Holocaust has brought such notable figures as Elie Wiesel, Simon Wiesenthal, Claude Lanzmann, Lawrence Langer, Nechama Tec, Deborah Lipstadt, among many other scholars and survivors, along with an array of artistic engagements with the Shoah (dance, film, music, painting, photography, theater) to campus. The series has also been committed to drawing our community's attention to past and present acts of genocidal violence, including those wreaked upon Armenians, Kurds, Native Americans, Roma, Tutsis, and Yazidis. It has addressed such general themes as art, gender, law, medicine, and theology, as well as the particulars of perpetration, resistance, standing by, and living on.

Almost seventy years since the UN's adoption of the Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, we still find genocide and institutional discrimination. The fortieth anniversary of the series seems an appropriate time to reflect on the history of the series, and of our society as well, so as to look ahead to our common future. And beyond reflection and anticipation lies responsibility. Our responsibilities to teach, to learn, and to stand up do not end with Fall Semester final exams.

Please join the fortieth annual Vanderbilt University Holocaust Lecture Series throughout the 2017-18 academic year as it explores, through lecture, music, film, conversation, and genocide prevention simulation, the many places (borrowing from the title of the recent memoir of leading Holocaust scholar and this year's plenary speaker, Saul Friedländer) *where memory leads*.

For more information contact us at religiouslife@vanderbilt.edu



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WHERE MEMORY LEADS

SERIES SCHEDULE

Where Memory Leads

The 40th Anniversary Keynote Address by Professor Saul Friedländer
September 26, 7 p.m.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning, Israeli-American professor emeritus of history at UCLA, Saul Friedländer is the foremost historian of the Holocaust of his generation and the author of two acclaimed memoirs, *When Memory Comes* (1977), the classic account of his childhood (from his family's 1939 flight from Prague through hiding in a Roman Catholic Seminary, after his parents' conceded to the Church's demand for their son's baptism, to the teen-aged orphan's rediscovery of his Jewish identity and 1948 journey to Israel), and, forty-years later, its sequel *Where Memory Leads* (2016). Professor Friedländer will explore how these disparate genres (historiography and autobiography) intersect and, more importantly, where these disciplines of knowing can lead us to a faithful and enduring memory of the Holocaust in the twenty-first century and beyond.

Flynn Auditorium, Vanderbilt Law School

Voices of Hope & Resistance: *Courage Was My Only Option* with Roman Kent
October 24, 7 p.m.

Born in Lodz, Poland, Kent spent the war years in the Lodz Ghetto and in the Auschwitz, Märzbachthal, Derna, and Flossenburg concentration camps. He arrived in the United States in 1946 under the auspices of the children's quota of the United States Government's "Displaced Persons Act." Mr. Kent serves as President of The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, Chairman of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, and has received the Interfaith Committee of Remembrance Humanitarian Award and the Elie Wiesel Holocaust Remembrance Award. Roman Kent has lived a life dedicated to bearing witness and playing an active role in Holocaust education and philanthropy.

Board of Trust Room, Student Life Center

Out of Darkness: A Chamber Performance and Lecture
The Blakemore Trio and Friends

Lecture by Joy H. Calico, Professor of Musicology
October 28, 7 p.m.

Blair musicians—The Blakemore Trio: Amy Dorfman, piano; Carolyn Huebl, violin; Felix Wang, cello; and friends Evan Bish, bass; Bill Jackson, clarinet; Amy Jarman, soprano; Christina McGann, viola; along with Joy H. Calico—offer this lecture and performance to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the Vanderbilt Holocaust Lecture Series, a legacy program of the Office of the University Chaplain and Religious Life. The program will bear witness to the Holocaust through these compositions:

Prayer (Three Pieces from Jewish Life) (1924), Ernest Bloch; *Rhapsody No. 3 on Moldavian Themes Op. 47* (1949), Mieczyslaw Weinberg; *String Trio* (1944), Gideon Klein; *ANOTHER SUNRISE* (2012), Music by Jake Heggie, Libretto by Gene Scheer, based on the life and writing of Krystyna Żywulska. Commissioned and premiered by Music of Remembrance (Mina Miller, Artistic Director) and first performed at MOR Holocaust Remembrance Concerts at Benaroya Hall, Seattle WA.

The Blair School of Music—Ingram Hall

Documentary Film—*Monsieur Mayonnaise*
November 9, 7:30 p.m.

Australian artist and film-maker, Philippe Mora, investigates his father's clandestine role in the French Resistance in WWII and his mother's miraculous escape en route to Auschwitz. Philippe, a Hollywood cult-horror movie director and pop-artist, adopts a Film Noir persona to tell his family's story of survival and the Holocaust.

Monsieur Mayonnaise is co-sponsored by the Holocaust Lecture Series and the Nashville Jewish Film Festival Belcourt Theatre, 2102 Belcourt Avenue



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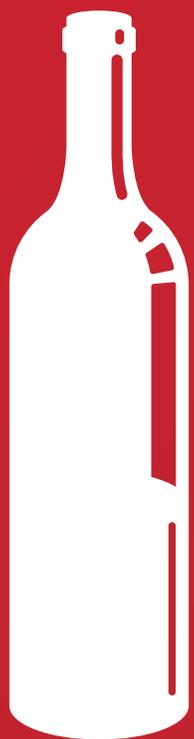
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JMS draws families to student-centered, small-school experience

By **KATHY CARLSON**

Imagine a school where students, parents and teachers could all fit in one classroom, around one big table (with just a little crowding).

That school is Nashville's Jewish Middle School, now in its second year. Seven students will attend JMS this fall, and an eighth will join in the spring semester. The school is housed at Akiva School, Nashville's community Jewish day school for students from kindergarten through 6th grade, located on the campus of the Gordon Jewish Community Center.

At JMS, some students are sixth-graders; some are seventh-graders. Some attended Akiva before coming to JMS; others attended private schools, public schools or were homeschooled. Some are Jewish; some are not.

Speaking in the Observer two years ago, Rabbi Saul Strosberg of Congregation Sherith Israel described JMS Nashville as a "pluralistic but unabashedly Jewish school."

Strosberg said he had dreamed for 10 years of opening a school that would extend the Jewish day school experience available in Nashville beyond the elementary grades at Akiva School, where his wife, Daniella Pressner, is principal.

"This spring I said to Daniella, 'We've just got to do it,'" he said, citing the quote attributed to Hillel: "Where there is no man, be a man."

This year, JMS has three returning teachers in addition to Strosberg, who will teach ethics and Bible.

Lead teacher Alene Arnold teaches science and English and is an administrative point of contact for parents. "I love middle school. It's a huge opportunity for a huge impact socially and academically," she told parents and students at an orientation meeting last month, one day before school was to start. She has four children.

Shelton Clark teaches social studies and math. He comes to teaching after working as a writer and journalist for close to 30 years. "Being a parent is hugely helpful when you're teaching middle school," said Clark, the parent of three sons.

Michelle Mandico, a songwriter, teaches art studio, music, movement/yoga and performing arts.

Jack Simon, camp director and director of children and youth at the GJCC, teaches leadership workshop in the spring.

Strosberg told parents that students will learn Hebrew through an immersive method, taught by Israeli teachers. Students will work on the Hebrew alphabet in their first semester and begin with texts in the second. Ethics is taught two or three times a week using a text by Joseph Telushkin. JMS students also do community service during half-hour chesed sessions twice a week.

One theme among parents involved choosing JMS because they thought a small school would benefit their children. "I really feel like there's a love for the spirit of children at that age," one parent said.

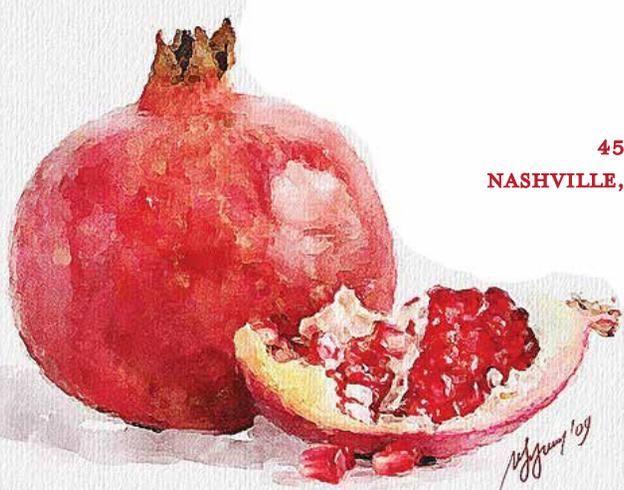
While school started on August 15, the JMS classroom is always open. •

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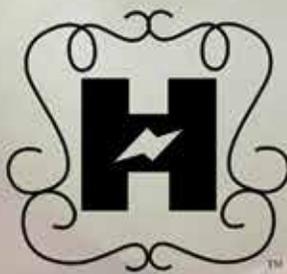
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Congregational Schedules

Chabad of Nashville

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Saturday, Sept. 16

11:45 p.m. - Selichot services jointly with
Congregation Sherith Israel, held at Chabad

Wednesday, Sept. 20 -

First night of Rosh Hashanah

6:30 p.m. - Candle lighting and service to
welcome the New Year
7:30 p.m. - New Year's Eve Dinner (Dinner
reservations required: please visit www.
chabادنashville.com)

Thursday, Sept. 21 - First day of Rosh Hashanah

9 a.m. - Morning service
10:45-11:30 a.m. - Children's Service
11:45 a.m. - Shofar Sounding
12:30 p.m. - Mussaf
5:45 p.m. - Tashlich at Percy Warner Park
Light candles after 7:24 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22 - Second day of Rosh Hashanah

9 a.m. - Morning Service
10:45-11:30 a.m. - Children's Service
11:45 a.m. - Shofar Sounding
12:30 p.m. - Mussaf
Light candles after 6:26 p.m.
6:30 p.m. - TGIS Shabbat Celebration

Saturday, Sept. 23 - Shabbat Shuva

9:30 a.m. - Morning Service
Shabbat ends at 7:21 PM

Friday, Sept. 29 - Yom Kippur Eve

6:15 p.m. - Light Yom Kippur candles and Kol
Nidrei Service

Saturday, Sept. 30 - Yom Kippur Day

9:30 a.m. - Morning Service
10:45-11:30 a.m. - Children's Service
11:45 a.m. - Yizkor Memorial Service
12:15 p.m. - Mussaf
3:30 p.m. - The Inner Circle
5 p.m. - Mincha Service
6 p.m. - Ne'ilah Closing Service
7:10 p.m. - Havdalah Service and "Break the Fast" ...

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2001 Old Hickory Boulevard
Reform
www.congregationmicah.org

Saturday, Sept. 16 - Selichot

9:15 a.m. - Exploring the sacred texts of the
season, Eden Room
8 p.m. - Evening service, Sanctuary, Oneg
following

Wednesday, Sept. 20 - Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:30 p.m. - Evening Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, Sept. 21 - Rosh Hashanah

10:30 a.m. - Morning Service, Sanctuary
3:15 p.m. - Family Service, Sanctuary
4 p.m. - Birthday Party of the World and Tashlich,
Social Hall and Little Harpeth River

Friday, Sept. 22 - Shabbat Shuvah

6 p.m. - Evening Service, Friday, September 22

Saturday, Sept. 23 - Shabbat Shuvah

10:30 a.m. Cemetery Service, Micah Cemetery
2 p.m. - Tashlich Paddle at Percy Priest Reservoir.
Pre-register with Nashville Paddle Company
through the Micah Events or High Holidays
pages. Free if you bring your own SUP/kayak,
\$20 to rent - quantities limited.

Friday, Sept. 29 - Kol Nidre

7:30 p.m. - Evening Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, Sept. 30 - Yom Kippur

10:30 a.m. - Morning Service, Sanctuary
1 p.m. - Young Family Service (birth - 4th grade),
Sanctuary
1 p.m. - Teen Service, Eden Room
2 p.m. - Healing Service, Sanctuary
2 p.m. - High Holidays Schmooze & Views Session,
Eden Room
2 p.m. - Memorial Garden Tour - Meet in Garden
3:30 p.m. - Afternoon Panel: "Keep Calm and Get
Absolved," Sanctuary
5 p.m. - Yizkor Memorial Service with Neilah,
concluding service, following, Sanctuary

Congregation Sherith Israel

3600 West End Avenue
Orthodox
www.sherithisrael.com

Saturday, Sept. 16

8:30 p.m. - Selichot concert
11:45 p.m. - Selichot services jointly at Beit Tefilah
- Chabad

Sunday, Sept. 17

Noon - Memorial service (Lucas Chapel)

Wednesday, Sept. 20 - Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:29 p.m. - Candle lighting
6:30 p.m. - Evening services

Thursday, Sept. 21 - First day of Rosh Hashanah

8 a.m. - Preliminary services
9:30 a.m. - Torah reading
10:15 a.m. - Rabbi's address/Shofar
10:40 a.m. - Musaf
12:45 p.m. - Lunch (reservations required)
2:30 p.m. - Tashlich at Richland Creek
6:25 p.m. - Mincha/Maariv
7:23 p.m. - Earliest candle lighting

Friday, Sept. 22 - Second day of Rosh Hashanah

8 a.m. - Preliminary services
9:40 a.m. - Torah reading
10:20 a.m. - Rabbi's address/Shofar
10:40 a.m. - Musaf
6:15 p.m. - Mincha
6:26 p.m. - Candle lighting

Sunday, Sept. 24 - Fast of Gedalia

5:17 a.m. - Fast begins
7:45 a.m. - Selichot and Shacharit
6:15 p.m. - Mincha
7:02 p.m. - Fast ends

Friday, Sept. 29 - Erev Yom Kippur

6:30 a.m. - Shacharit
3 p.m. - Mincha
6 p.m. - Late Mincha
6:16 p.m. - Candle lighting
6:15 p.m. - Kol Nidre

Saturday, Sept. 30 - Yom Kippur

8:30 a.m. - Shacharit
10:50 a.m. - Torah reading
11:40 a.m. - Rabbi's address
11:55 a.m. - Yizkor
12:10 p.m. - Musaf
4 p.m. - Reading of the Names
4:30 p.m. - Mincha
5:45 p.m. - Neilah
7:08 p.m. - Shofar followed by break-fast

The Temple - Congregation Ohabei Sholom

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Saturday, Sept. 16

7:30 p.m. - Selichot program and services

Wednesday, Sept. 20

7:30 p.m. - Erev Rosh Hashanah service

Thursday, Sept. 21

9 a.m. - Family service
9 a.m. - Tot Yom Tov
10:30 a.m. - Morning service
12:45 p.m. - President's Rosh Hashanah reception
12:45 p.m. - Tashlich at the creek

Friday, Sept. 22

6 p.m. - Shabbat Shuvah

Sunday, Sept. 24

2 p.m. - Memorial service at The Temple Cemetery

Friday, Sept. 29

7:30 p.m. - Kol Nidre service

Saturday, Sept. 30

9 a.m. - Family service
9 a.m. - Tot Yom Tov
10:30 a.m. - Morning service
11 a.m. - Shabbat service
12:45 p.m. - Congregants hour
2 p.m. - Afternoon service
3:15 p.m. - Study hour
4:15 p.m. - Yizkor and concluding service
Break Fast following concluding service
(reservations required)

West End Synagogue

3810 West End Avenue
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www.westendsyn.org

Wednesday, Sept. 20 - Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m. - Evening services
6:30 p.m. - Rabbi's sermon
Services end at approximately 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 21 - First Day of Rosh Hashanah

9 a.m. - Morning services
10:15 a.m. - Blessing of babies born in the last year
11 a.m. - Rabbi's sermon, with family services
following the sermon
Services end at approximately 1 p.m.
4:45 p.m. - Family friendly Tashlich, a three-block
walk from WES to the creek at 4:45 p.m.; shofar
blowing to follow back at the synagogue.

Friday, Sept. 22 - Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

9 a.m. - Morning services
10:30 a.m. - Rabbi's sermon; children's services
following the sermon
Services end at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 24

10 a.m. - Memorial service at West End Synagogue
- KKAI Cemetery

Friday, Sept. 29 - Kol Nidre

6 p.m. - Services begin
6:16 p.m. - Kol Nidre
8 p.m. - Rabbi's sermon
Services end at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30 - Yom Kippur Day

9:30 a.m. - Services begin
10:30 a.m. - Family and children's services
Noon - Rabbi's sermon
3:30 p.m. - Study session with Lior Kliirs
5:15 p.m. - Cantor's talk - Cantor Sarah Levine
5:45 p.m. - Yizkor
6 p.m. - Neilah with open Ark for personal prayers
7:10 p.m. - Havdallah Ramah Style and sounding of
the Shofar
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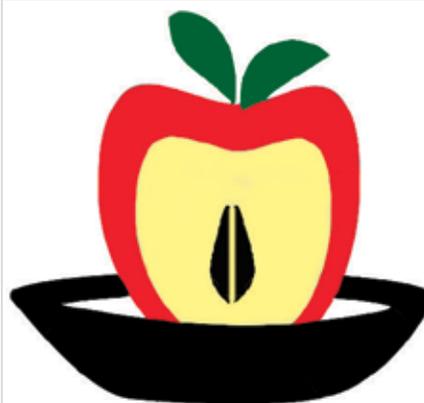
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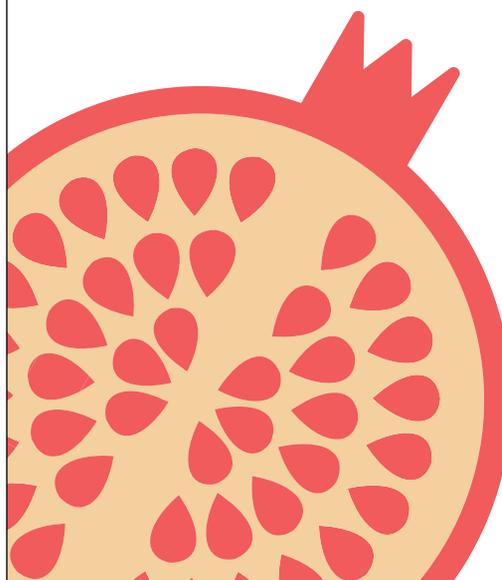
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Tennessee State Museum gains key pieces of Werthan Packaging Co.'s story

Pieces of the history of a long-time Nashville manufacturing business, Werthan Packaging Co., now are housed with the Tennessee State Museum, following donations from Gateway Packaging Co. and Saw Mill Capital Partners as well as from a Werthan family member. The state museum announced in a news release that it had been given the artifacts.

Werthan Packaging was one of the longest-running, family-owned manufacturing companies in Tennessee. The manufacturer had been run by members of Nashville's Werthan family since the late 1860s, when German-born Meier Werthan began as a rag dealer working from a wagon in downtown Nashville.

The items given to the state museum include an original horse-drawn, wooden wagon used when Werthan Bag operated from Second Avenue in downtown Nashville. These artifacts were obtained by Illinois-based Gateway through the purchase of assets from the former Werthan Packaging Co. of Nashville in January 2017. Gateway Packaging continues to manufacture flexible packaging products in the Nashville area. In addition to the wagon, Gateway donated artifacts including samples of manufactured bags, early business ledgers, and an industrial sewing machine.

"Gateway Packaging Co. is committed to education and to supporting our local communities," stated Omar Abuaita, president and chief operating officer at Gateway Packaging Company. "The donation of these important artifacts and archives puts them in the



Omar Abuaita, president and chief operating officer at Gateway Packaging Co., stands in front of the original horse-drawn, wooden wagon that once belonged to the Werthan family. PHOTOGRAPH FURNISHED BY TENNESSEE STATE MUSEUM

hands of historians who can interpret the evolution of an important business industry and its development over time."

In conjunction with the Gateway donation, additional artifacts were provided to the State Museum by Tony Werthan, a fifth-generation family member who was chairman of Werthan Packaging until the Gateway acquisition. This Werthan collection includes important documentary photographs, sample bags, a portrait of Meier Werthan, historic company documents, employee newsletters, and a company history tapestry commissioned in the 1970s by Mary Jane Werthan. "Documenting our

company's history was always important to our family," Tony Werthan noted at the time of the donation.

"We are very grateful to both Gateway Packaging Company and the Werthan family for these very generous donations," said Ashley Howell, the museum's executive director. "The new Tennessee State Museum opens next year and is located just a few blocks away from the old manufacturing plant, now known as the Werthan Lofts. The State Museum takes great pride in being the caretaker of Tennessee's historic collections for future generations."

The story of Werthan Packaging

spans decades and diverse businesses. From peddling rags to creating bags, Meier Werthan developed the company into an important manufacturer in the late 1800s. He and his partner, Sigmund Godhelp, opened a produce store in downtown Nashville on Market Street, now 2nd Avenue, in 1868.

The business changed over the years from selling produce to selling reconditioned cotton and burlap bags. In 1895, after the death of Godhelp, the business became an exclusively family-run company, and Meier passed on the management to his sons, Morris and Joe.

In 1928, Werthan Bag Company merged with Morgan and Hamilton Co., and the merger resulted in operations being moved to Eighth Avenue North in Nashville. Over the decades Werthan Bag made and sold various types of related products, including burlap and cotton bags, as well as sandbags for use during World War I and World War II.

In the 1960s, Werthan diversified into new areas, including plastic bags, auto parts and printed checks, although its primary business remained sophisticated printed paper bags for consumer products. As the decades passed, the company became known as Werthan Packaging Inc., and its markets became increasingly focused on the steadily growing pet products industry. After 2000, the company relocated from the Germantown neighborhood in North Nashville to a manufacturing facility in White House, Tenn.

More information about the Tennessee State Museum and its extensive collections can be found at www.tnmuseum.org.

Panima offers High Holiday challah, baked goods

A variety of artisan challah is again available for the High Holidays (and year-round) from Panima, a micro-bakery founded by Erika Shuman in 2013.

"From day one, we resolved to make only the finest products using only the finest ingredients. It is so rewarding to have so many happy customers come back week after week, year after year," Shuman said.

Panima has also baked for many weddings, Bar/Bat mitzvahs, baby namings, circumcisions and other simchas and special events throughout Middle Tennessee. "I can make any size challah, as long as it fits in the commercial oven I use, that is," she says. Bulk pricing is available for individuals as well as caterers.

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If you order by Tuesday, Sept. 12, your Rosh Hashanah order will be available for pickup in the lobby of the GJCC Jewish Community Center on Monday, Sept. 18.

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Team Nashville's a hit at 2017 JCC Maccabi Games

Team Nashville had an amazing time in Birmingham, Ala., this past August at the JCC Maccabi Games. We brought 18 teens, two coaches, Afshin Yazdian and Sheri Rosenberg and one delegation head, Andrew Schulman. Team members included Ally Jacobs, Annie Jacobs, Emma Harris, Carly Harris, Eliana Schneider, Ellie Hornick, Jordan Marger, Ilanit Sedek, Hailey Mittelberg, Morgan Jacobs, Benny Yazdian, Carson Kirshner,

Hugh Greenfield, Jackson Liff, Gavin Gordon, Michael Gordon, Russ Petty, and Kyle Wolfson.

Our 16U boys' flag football and 16U girls' volleyball teams didn't medal but they were the talk of the games. They exemplified true Southern values and respect. Our hats and pins were also a hit along with our great swag. Our teens can't wait for next summer's games in Orange County-Long Beach, Calif., from Aug. 5-10. For more info, contact andrew@nashvillejcc.org.

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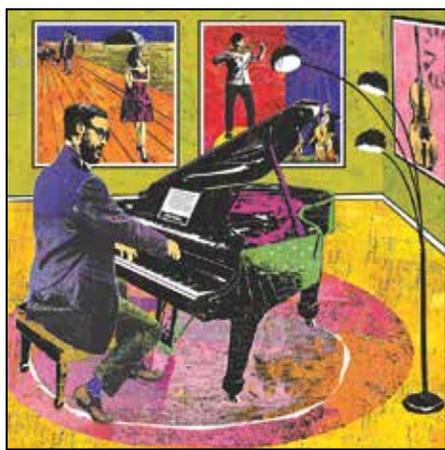
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GJCC's September artists are an eclectic group

The Gordon Jewish Community Center's September art show exhibits will feature the work of Bill Arthur, an exhibition by Rhonda Wernick's students and a second-time collaboration with The Arts Company, featuring the work of Daryl Thetford and Edward Belbusti.

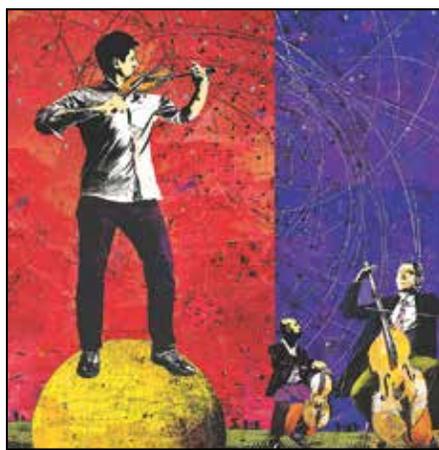
The reception for the artists is set for Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the GJCC, 801 Percy Warner Blvd. There will be music by DJ Joseph Harris, plus complimentary food and beverages. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the GJCC at (615) 354-1699, Curator Carrie Mills at carrie@nashvillejcc.org, or go to www.nashvillejcc.org.

The collaboration with The Arts



Man with Piano, Daryl Thetford, Inkjet on Aluminum

Company's roster artists, Daryl Thetford and sculptor Edward Belbusti, will be held in the Janet Levine March Gallery.



Understanding Contemporary Relationships (Blue), Daryl Thetford

Thetford's work has been described as graphic, modern, pop and contemporary. What to actually call the process

has been a larger source of debate; it has been called photo collage, digital art, and digital mixed media.

The process begins with Thetford selecting a single, original photographic image followed by a digital layering and combining of dozens of additional original photographs. The process takes an average of 40 hours.

His resulting images range from culturally familiar individual pieces (bikes, cowboys, guitars, cityscapes) to more esoteric series based on man's inner struggle with modern society or the human sense of isolation in the noise of the modern world. Thetford's recent exhibits include a solo show at the Art Museum at the University of Memphis.

Born in 1954, Edward Belbusti studied architecture at Virginia Tech, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1981. Before moving to Nashville in 1989, he worked as an architect in New York and Baltimore. In Nashville he worked for many years as University Architect at Vanderbilt University. He retired from architecture and began his career as a sculptor in 2011.

Even though retired from the field; he admits that architecture still plays a strong role in his artwork – especially in the freedom of expression of his own designs and concepts.

The JLMG2 gallery will feature the work of Bill Arthur. Arthur creates woodblock prints and pastel drawings, utilizing color and black and white images of specific moments interwoven with a stream of conscious memories.

His landscapes reflect his time in the wilderness of Ontario, incorporating the color of the skies, the water, the hills, the wind, the weather and the lakes. It is an impression born of joy, pleasure, weariness and solitude.

His figures depict the grace of the human figure in a moment of rest. Bill modifies the color to alter the mood of the piece and convey the movement, gesture, and grace of the human form.

The Sig Held Gallery will feature the student art from Rhonda Wernick's class.

The oil painting class started 9 years ago at the J. The class encompasses a wonderful mix of beginning and intermediate students.

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Playing at this year's NJFF

Full-length films to be shown at this year's NJFF are:

- Oct. 17: "Loving Henri," documentary. Story of Holocaust survivor Henri Landwirth, founder of Give Kids the World Village, a nonprofit in Florida.
- Oct. 19: "Harmonia," feature. Modern retelling of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar story.
- Oct. 21: "Bye Bye Germany." Holocaust survivors need to make money to leave Germany.
- Oct. 21: "90 Minute War," mockumentary. Israel and Palestine can't come to peace and division of the land. So they decide to play a soccer game with winner taking all.
- Oct. 23: "The Women's Balcony," comedy. Bar mitzvah mishap causes a major rift in a devout Orthodox community in Jerusalem.
- Oct. 24: "Fanny's Journey." Fourteen-year-old Fanny leads a group of children to safety and away from Occupied France.
- Oct. 26: "The History of Love." Based on the award-winning novel by Nicole Krause and starring Derek Jacobi and Elliot Gould.
- Oct. 28: "The Kind Words." Follows three siblings who are going to discover the greatest secret of their late mother.
- Oct. 30: "Compared to What: The Barney Frank Story." Documentary focusing on the life of the first openly gay and Jewish congressperson.
- Nov. 1: "Keep Quiet." An anti-Semitic far-right politician's astonishing transformation after finding out he is Jewish.
- Nov. 2: "Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story." One of the world's most beautiful women was also the secret inventor of technology we use today.
- Nov. 7: "Body and Soul." The juxtaposition of African-American music and Jewish composers.
- Nov. 9: "Scandal in Ivansk." Photographer journeys to his grandfather's former Polish shtetl in search of memories and how they are formed ... and forgotten.
- Nov. 9: "Monsieur Mayonnaise." An epic adventure starring artists, werewolves, heroes, Nazis, a comic book and baguettes ... with lashings of French mayonnaise! This film also will be shown during the Vanderbilt Holocaust Lecture Series.
- Nov. 11: "The Exception," starring Christopher Plummer, Lily James and Janet McTeer.

For more information and to see trailers of the films, go to nashvillejff.net. •

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Nashville Jewish Film Festival seeks student filmmakers

Attention, filmmakers: There's still time to enter your work in the 2017 Nashville Jewish Film Festival's Kathryn H. Gutow Student Film Competition, until Sept. 16, to be exact. The winner of the competition, bearing the name of a co-founder of the NJFF, takes home a \$1,000 cash prize and the winning film is shown at next spring's Nashville Film Festival.

The Nashville Jewish Film Festival (NJFF), now in its 17th year, runs from Oct. 17 through Nov. 11. Fifteen films in all will be shown at venues including the Belcourt Theater in Hillsboro Village, at the Gordon Jewish Community Center for the senior matinee and closing night, and at the new Bellevue 12 Theatre on two Saturdays, Oct. 21 and Oct. 28, says Festival Director Fran Brumlik. Among the films are documentaries, a mocku-

mentary, comedies and drama.

"One of the most exciting things (about a film festival) is nurturing young talent," Brumlik says. Student film competition winners have included "West Bank Story" and "Jewish Blind Date," both of which have gained additional recognition and accolades in the film world.

"Last year's winner was from Switzerland," she says. Another student competition winner was from Israel. "It's very exciting to get films from Switzerland and all over the world."

Contestants can submit multiple entries. The cash prize is awarded by Creative Artists Association. Films by the four finalists for the prize are shown at the NJFF and a winner is chosen. For full information on the contest and entry rules, go to <http://nashvillejff.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Student-Film-Submission-2017-FORM.pdf> •



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Why more Israelis are moving to the US

By **BEN SALES**

NEW YORK (JTA) — Six years ago, the Israeli government released a series of controversial ads to show its expatriates that they would never feel at home in the United States.

But last year, Israeli Cabinet members lined up to address a Washington, D.C., conference celebrating Israeli-American identity.

The ad campaign, which was pulled following a backlash from Israelis and Jews abroad, represented Israel's traditional attitude toward citizens who left its borders. Emphasizing its image as the Jewish national homeland — and ever concerned about its Jewish-Arab demographic balance — Israel's government has long encouraged Jews not only to move to Israel but to stay there. In 2014, then-Finance Minister Yair Lapid called Israelis who moved to Berlin “anti-Zionists.”

But the parade of Israeli ministers who spoke at the 2016 conference of the Israeli-American Council attested to a shifting reality: Whether the Israeli government likes it or not, the Israeli-American diaspora is real, growing and leaving its mark on the United States.

Here are four things to know about the Israelis who live in the United States.

Numbers are tricky

No one knows how many Israelis live in the United States — but it could be a million.

There's no real way to know how many Israelis are living in the United States. Any first-generation child of



Children wave Israeli and American flags at this year's Celebrate Israel parade in New York City.

Israelis is considered an Israeli citizen, and Israel can't force its expatriates to register with their local consulate.

Estimates of Israelis in America vary widely — from about 200,000 to as many as a million. According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, some 250,000 Israelis acquired permanent residence in the United States between 1949 (when 98 Israelis left the infant state) to 2015 (which saw about 4,000 Israelis move stateside). But that number does not chart deaths or Israelis who moved back.

The 2013 Pew Research Forum study on American Jews found a similar number: About 300,000 Jews in America were

either born in Israel or born to an Israeli parent. In total, Pew found that first- or second-generation Israelis account for about 5 percent of American Jews.

Even the Israeli government produces two different numbers. Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics reports that a little more than 500,000 Israelis in total moved abroad from 1990 to 2014 — and nearly 230,000 came back. But Israel's U.S. Embassy told JTA that between 750,000 and 1 million Israelis live in the country. Adam Milstein, chairman of the Israeli-American Council, an umbrella group for Israelis here, told JTA that includes 400,000 children born to an Israeli parent.

In recent years, Israel has lost more people to the United States than it has gained. From 2012 to 2015, according to Homeland Security, 17,770 Israelis took up residence in the United States. During that span, fewer than 13,000 people made the move from the United States to Israel.

Location, location, location

They are centered in New York and Los Angeles.

Israelis tend to go where the Jews are. Milstein estimates that about 250,000 Israelis each live in the Los Angeles and New York City metro areas, which also boast the two largest Jewish communities in the United States. Smaller concentrations of Israelis (and Jews) live in South Florida, Chicago and San Francisco.

Those cities, in turn, have developed a range of services for their Israeli diasporas. Israel's Immigrant Absorption Ministry maintains Israeli Houses in nine American cities that host cultural events and political activism. The Israeli-American Council has chapters in 15 cities. And communities boast active Facebook groups: “Israelis in New York” includes 18,000 members.

The cities also provide ample opportunities for Israeli culture. Israeli cuisine is a staple of New York's restaurant scene, from chef Einat Admony's mini empire of eateries, to Dizengoff, an Israeli restaurant with branches in Philadelphia and New York. Aroma, the iconic Israeli coffee chain, has branches in New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., and Miami.

And Israeli musicians — from Idan Raichel to Shlomo Artzi to Sarit Hadad — are never hard to find on New York's

concert scene. An adaptation of Israeli novelist David Grossman's book “To the End of the Land” opened recently at the annual Lincoln Center Festival.

Why Israelis move here

They come for education and work.

Neither the Israeli Embassy nor the Israeli-American Council tracks why Israelis move to the U.S., but Milstein suspects it's for professional and academic reasons. Israel's small size means Israelis with college or advanced degrees often seek to advance their careers in places with more opportunities abroad.

Israelis “don't have the roots [of] someone whose family lived in Italy for 20 generations, or who lived in America for the last 150 years,” Milstein said. “The Jewish people, the most valuable asset they have is their brain. They can take their brain[s] anywhere.”

Israel, conversely, has begun to worry about its “brain drain” recently. A 2013 study by the Taub Center for Social Policy Studies found that for every 100 Israeli scholars who stayed in Israel, 29 left for positions abroad in 2008.

The drain is happening in the tech industry, too: According to the Israeli Executives and Founders Forum, an Israeli tech association, there are nearly 150 Israeli startups in Silicon Valley.

The door's always open

Israel still wants them back.

Israel's government may have recognized that it can't bring back all the Israelis from the United States, but it's still trying. The appeal is both emotional and economic.

The 2011 ad campaign, for example, featured a series of shorts highlighting the Israeli-American cultural divide. In one, a child of Israelis in America, video chatting with Israeli grandparents, talks about the upcoming winter holiday of Christmas, not Hanukkah. In another, an Israeli woman comes home to commemorate Memorial Day in Israel with a candle — her American boyfriend mistakes it for romantic lighting.

More recently, Israel has also laid out financial incentives to draw expatriates back, including a program set to launch later this year called “Returning at 70,” a reference to Israel's 70th Independence Day in 2018. The Immigrant Absorption Ministry will provide returning Israelis with financial assistance for six months, and will even cover a portion of their salaries in order to ensure they can find work in their old-new home. The government is also offering free professional development courses and consulting.

Israelis who have opened businesses stateside, meanwhile, will receive about \$14,000 for the costs of relocating the business. And Israelis who move to the country's underdeveloped northern and southern regions are eligible for grants as well as loans with low interest rates.

But Milstein says that even with these programs, Israeli officials still understand that it's better to embrace expatriates than shame them into coming home.

“By trying to raise our guilt feeling, it backfired,” he said. “The State of Israel is getting to the realization that [our] being here, they can't do too much about it. We can help the State of Israel a lot. They understand we can be their strategic asset.” •

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Celebrate the birthday of the world - sustainably

From Hazon.org

The holiday of Rosh Hashanah is the perfect time to let the blasts of the shofar shake you awake to the world around you. It's a time to open up to new possibilities and be grateful for everything you have. And more than anything, Rosh Hashanah offers the opportunity for tshuva (returning/repentance) – to return to our best, most full versions of ourselves. As we turn inward, we have the chance to ask, “what impact do our actions have on our friends and family, our communities, and on the earth?”

In celebration of this time of turning and returning, Hazon created a list of healthy, sustainable resources that will help you welcome Rosh Hashanah with mindfulness, sustainability, and joy.

Activities and rituals

Go apple picking. What could be better than dipping apples that you picked yourself, straight from the tree? Many family farms welcome visitors to pick apples, make fresh cider, and tour their grounds. Needless to say, this is a great activity for the whole family.

Eat and Learn. Rabbi Shimon said: If three have eaten at one table and have spoken over it words of Torah, it is as if they had eaten from the table of God, for it is written (Ezekiel 41:22). Ask each of your Rosh Hashanah guests to bring a reading (e.g. traditional Jewish texts, Hasidic tales, a favorite poem or scene from a play, children's book etc.) to share on a particular Rosh Hashanah-related theme. Need an example? Try “returning,” “scarcity and abundance,” or “mindfulness.” At dinner, ask your guests to share what they brought.

Get outside! Rosh Hashanah celebrations have the tendency to fall into the rhythm of pray, eat, sleep, pray, eat, sleep...eat. This year, change up that rhythm by finding some time to get outside into the crisp fall sunlight. Go for an early morning walk before synagogue, meditate outside in the afternoon, take a walk on the beach (if you're lucky enough to live by one!), or bring your kids to the park after lunch to sing holiday songs. Whatever way you get there, don't wait until Tashlich to get outside.

Talk about Tashlich! Use the new year's ritual of Tashlich to have a conversation about water pollution and what your community can do about it. Learn about your local watershed, and draw connections between casting our spiritual sins into the ocean and throwing our physical trash there. Tashlich can also be a good opportunity to think about how our homes get clean water.

How do we filter the physical bread crumbs out to make water safe to drink again? Tour your local water treatment plant to learn more!

Sustainability Tips

Celebrate the holiday foods.

Pomegranates are an important symbolic food on Rosh Hashanah, but are not necessarily local to most regions in America. Instead of eschewing them entirely from your table, take the moment to recognize why you are including this food and how it fits into your celebration. Ask someone at your dinner table to prepare a few words (a poem or fact sheet) about pomegranates, or whatever other food you'd like to highlight.

Kosher organic wine. Serve your friends and family wines from Hazon's kosher, organic wine list. The list got a whole lot longer since Baron Herzog decided to go “sustainable” (three cheers!). The wines on this list are tasty, hechshered and good for the earth – you'll be able to impress your friends as the world's best sustainable sommelier.

Highlight local flavors. This year, Rosh Hashanah falls at the end of summer and beginning of early fall. It is one of the most amazing times to find fresh local vegetables through your CSA or farmers' market. Serve a root veggie medley that highlights the vegetables of fall. Check out The Jew & The Carrot's recipe archive for ideas.

Choose good honey. This year, dip your apples in delicious, raw honey produced by a small-scale apiary.

Seasonal centerpieces. Instead of fresh-cut flowers that will wilt after a few days, create a sustainable centerpiece that will impress your guests. Place 12 heirloom apples or pomegranates in a glass bowl, or place potted fall flowers (chrysanthemums, zinnias, marigolds, etc.) around the table to add seasonal color.

Cast away cleanup. Tashlich is one of the most beautiful moments of Rosh Hashanah where we head towards a flowing body of water and toss in bread to symbolically cast away our sins. As part of your Rosh Hashanah preparation, take a day in the week leading up to the holiday (and bring your friends and kids) to “clean up” the river or watershed where you will perform the tashlich ritual. Collect any garbage or bottles lying about and walk around to get a lay of the land. When you come back the next week, note if you feel a different connection to the space. •

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On holiest day, focus on fundamental relationships

From Hazon.org

Yom Kippur is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. Observance of Yom Kippur traditionally includes fasting; abstaining from leather, lotion, and other physical comforts; and spending the day focused on prayer and atonement. On Yom Kippur, our relationship with the outside world changes. Instead of thinking about what we consume, we focus on self-reflection and prayer. It is an ideal time to spend time learning and reflecting on our relationships with food and the environment.

Activities and rituals

Alleviate hunger. Instead of spending the day focused on your own hunger while fasting, work to alleviate hunger within your community. Set up a food drive for your synagogue during the high holidays, or consider donating the money that you normally would have spent on food for you and your family that day to a local anti-hunger organization.

Talk about Bike Day. In Israel, Yom Kippur is also called “Yom Ha'Ofanaim,” or Bicycle Day. Few Israelis drive on Yom Kippur, leaving the roads open to thousands of bicycles. Because of the lack of cars on the road, air quality has

been shown to improve in Israel over the 25 hours.

Learn about Jonah. On Yom Kippur, we read the book of Jonah, a powerful story with many lessons about how humans relate to the environment.

Approaching the fast

Unlike almost every other Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur is not centered around a meal. We still cook and prepare for Se'udah Mafseket (the meal before fasting) and a post-Yom Kippur break-fast.

Before your fast:

- Drink plenty of water
- Wean yourself off of caffeine
- Avoid salty foods
- Eat complex carbohydrates (such as brown rice, quinoa)
- Avoid heavy meats (If you would like to eat meat, stick to poultry)

After your fast:

- Start off by eating fruit in order to get your blood sugar back in action
- Continue eating with a mixture of protein and complex carbohydrates
- Prepare your food for break-fast ahead of time. •

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When American Jews fought Nazis — in New Jersey

By JOSEFIN DOLSTEN

(JTA) — Whether it's OK to confront hatred with violence is not a new topic of conversation. The question was debated in the 1930s among American Jews, who were faced with both the rise of Adolf Hitler in Germany and Nazi sympathizers at home.

One hotbed for the debate was Newark, New Jersey, home to a large German-American population and a fair share of supporters of the Nazi cause. Though only around 5 percent of the city's German-American population of some 45,000 sympathized with the Nazis, they made it known, said Warren Grover, a historian and the author of the 2003 book "Nazis in Newark."

Following Hitler's rise to power in 1933, Jews in Newark saw Nazi sympathizers marching down their city's streets.

"The threats they faced were physical because the Nazis were marching in uniform. Many of them were armed. They broke windows, and they attacked merchants, but never with fatal consequences," Grover said of residents of the city's Third Ward neighborhood, where many Jews and Nazi supporters lived side by side.

Nazis also screened movies with anti-Semitic messages and hung anti-Jewish posters in the city, Grover told JTA. At a local election in bordering Irvington, they plastered posters across the city urging residents not to vote for Jewish candidates.

In response, Jews started organizing to defend themselves. Across the country, Jews would fight Nazis on an ad hoc basis. But in Newark, a more organized group emerged: the Minutemen. Jewish mobster Meyer Lansky had started the group in New York, but the Minutemen were shut down there by the authorities after some Jews reported them, fearing the use of violence would lead to an increase in anti-Semitism.

In Newark, however, the Minutemen took hold, aided by another Jewish gangster, Abner "Longy" Zwillman, and led by former professional boxer Nat Arno. On Oct. 18, 1933, JTA reported on a typical clash, outside a Nazi meeting at a German auditorium: "The meeting, at the Schwabenhalle, under the auspices of the Friends of the New Germany ... was the target for stones and stench bombs thrown by the anti-Nazis in the crowd of about one thousand who waited outside the hall."

The following May, JTA reported on a melee in Irvington: A "Nazi meeting terminated in fisticuffs, a miniature riot, arrests and injury to many persons."

Though the Minutemen were "cheered and accepted by the majority of the Newark Jewish population," Grover said, not everyone was enthusiastic.

Some Jews, especially those affiliated with Reform synagogues, "felt it gave Jews a bad name to be engaged in brawling, and they felt the government would take care of it," he said. Those who opposed the group tended not to live in the Third Ward.

Yet the mostly Jewish group, which also had a few Irish and Italian members, became a powerful tool to fight Hitler sympathizers.

"The Minutemen were ready for them. The Minutemen had clubs and stink bombs, and they attacked the participants of the event," Grover said of one Nazi mass demonstration in 1933. "Police came, and there were some arrests, and people said later that the Jews,

the Minutemen, had no right to attack a peaceful gathering in a Newark hall."

The Minutemen boosted Jewish morale.

"Physical prowess as exhibited against the Newark Nazis, Irvington Nazis, was a matter of pride for the Eastern European Jews who came because of the pogroms in Russia in the 1880s," Grover said. "They took pride in it because they saw the newsreels coming from Germany [showing] how the Jews in Germany were being treated and all the different anti-Jewish legislation."

Ultimately, Grover said, the group served its purpose: deterring Nazis from organizing in Newark.

"Just the thought of having Minutemen present at any of their meetings discouraged a lot of the Nazis from holding public meetings," he said. "They were successful because a lot less propaganda was brought out by the Nazis because of fear of the Minutemen." •



An anti-Nazi protest in front of the German legation in New York, 1933. PHOTOGRAPH: KEYSTONE-FRANCE/GAMMA-KEYSTONE VIA GETTY IMAGES

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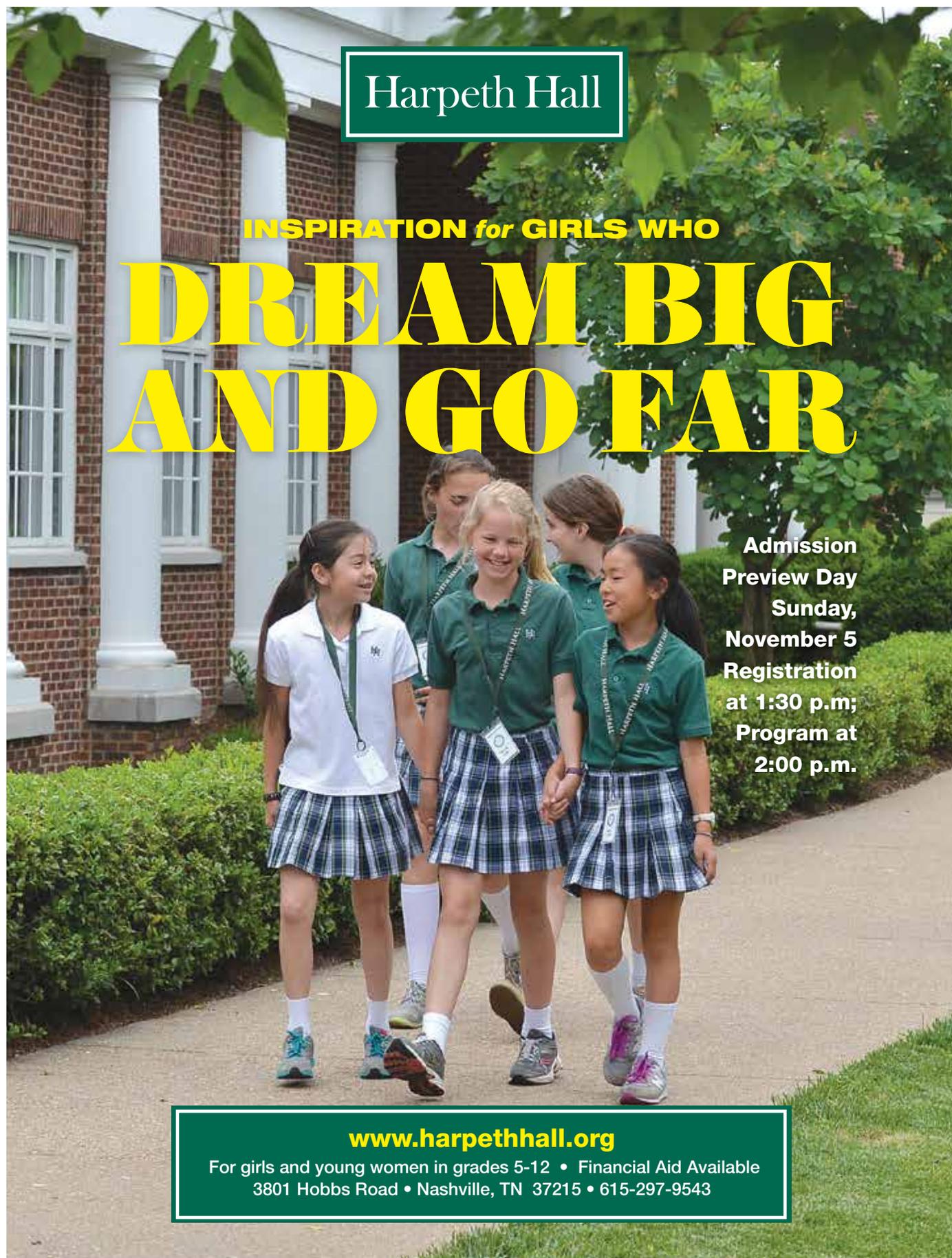
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Top travel technologies from Israel to ease your journeys

There are close to 300 travel-related companies in the startup nation. We chose several that are red hot.

By **BRIAN BLUM**
Israel 21 Newsletter

Israelis love to travel. Whether it's a post-army trek to South America or a family outing to the Alps, it sometimes seems there are more Israelis beyond the country's borders than within. So it's not surprising that travel technology from Israel is red hot right now – both websites and apps.

With close to 300 travel-related companies in the startup nation, it was hard for us to pick our top 6, but we did the heavy lifting and you get to sit back and go with the flow (of tourists) using these very cool products.

Tell us your favorite Israeli travel apps in the comments section below.

1. Gooster

Planning an itinerary by swiping through menus in an app or clicking on a website is so 2012. Gooster goes up the interaction through its free smart chatbot that works within Facebook Messenger. When you fire it up, Gooster asks you where you're traveling and whether you want to learn more about cool cafés, tourist sites or the latest in-places to party. Gooster responds accordingly.

Gooster is location-specific and has a database of 50,000 tips and recommendations "from the useful to the off-the-beaten track," CEO Ardon Wesley tells ISRAEL21c. Gooster is available now for Tel Aviv, Amsterdam and Berlin with four more cities coming in the next six months.

2. Sidekix

If Bitemojo is Waze for foodies, then Sidekix is Waze for walkers. When you want to get from point A to point B in

your car, you usually want the fastest route. Not when you're walking – then you may prefer the most scenic itinerary, one that passes by hip shopping, food, culture, nightlife and more. Enter your destination and the Sidekix app gives you a choice of walks. Users can also share their routes so others can follow in their footsteps.

Sidekix chief marketing officer Jenny Drezin told ISRAEL21c that locals are using Sidekix as "a tool for urban discovery." Available in hundreds of cities, London, Paris and New York City have the largest user base, with Tel Aviv, Berlin and Los Angeles coming up strong. During the Tel Aviv "White Night" celebration, Sidekix highlighted the evening's best parties and outdoor concerts.

3. EatWith

EatWith is like Airbnb for meals. You use the app or website to book a place at a dinner party cooked by local

chefs in their homes. It's a whole lot more social than eating alone in a restaurant. There's a Tinder aspect to EatWith: Hungry travelers contact a host, but the host chooses the guest based on his or her EatWith profile.

Prices range from \$25-\$50 per person. EatWith started in Tel Aviv but has expanded to 200 cities across Europe and the US with 650 participating hosts. EatWith is not just for travelers; locals are discovering EatWith as they look for a unique outing or an opportunity to meet their neighbors. EatWith says 11,000 diners have been hosted in 50 countries so far.

4. Trailze

If you've ever been out hiking or biking and arrived at a junction where you weren't sure which way to turn, you've probably wished there were a Waze for the great outdoors. That's Israeli app Trailze's mission.

Trailze combines the power of GPS mapping with what the company calls "the world's largest database of trails, locations and outdoor information," created automatically in part by the 120,000 people who have downloaded the app (another way Trailze is like Waze). Choose the level of difficulty you're seeking and Trailze will pick a route for you.

Another Waze-y feature allows users to report events along the way – whether that's a mudslide or an undiscovered swimming hole. There are 5,000 trails currently on Trailze, most in Israel, with a few hundred more available in Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States. Trailze users have walked or biked a million miles.

5. ThemeGo

Sometimes it's not walking you want but a little Disney fun. But with so many theme parks around the world, how do you know which one to choose? And once you get there, which rides are the most appropriate for your family? Which have the shortest lines? Israeli website ThemeGo gives you the low-down through user-generated reviews and rankings.

Yes, you could get the same on TripAdvisor, but ThemeGo is faster and more targeted. There are sections for attractions, events, restaurants and hotels. Not surprisingly, Disney parks hold six of the top slots in the ThemeGo top 10. You can bookmark attractions to create your own mobile route using Google Maps. Founder Yariv Padva built ThemeGo from his personal passion. "I'm a huge theme park fan and have visited more than 30 theme parks around the world," he says.

6. Guiderr

Guiderr is one of two Israeli startups on our list that promises to plan a custom trip for its users. Guiderr's niche is families. The company uses its network of travel agents and tour guides to piece together a personalized trip for families that even includes meetings with local families.

Start by picking an itinerary for your chosen destination (Israel, New York and Japan are currently on offer), then modify it according to your dates and specific needs. Each itinerary lists the guide who's developed the plan and a chat button that encourages interested travelers to ask questions before booking. For tour guides, Guiderr has built its own online platform on which tour guides can manage their business, from query to reservation. •

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Hedge Your Bets

By Yoni Glatt, koshercrosswords@gmail.com

Difficulty Level: Challenging • Solution on page 38

Note from Yoni: This is a Challenging rebus puzzle, which means that in some of the boxes there is meant to be an image, in this case the Hebrew letter Bet.

Across

1. Dances like Davis Jr.
5. One with one sign of kashrut
9. Larry, Moe, and Curly, e.g.
14. "Why should ___ you?"
15. Contemporary of Isaiah
16. Like Efron
17. Like one needing a new parnasah source
19. Senator of Watergate fame
20. Mauna ___
21. Jewish slaves might have had holes put into them
23. Name derived from Adam's wife
24. She's "The Divine Miss M"
28. Avner and Amichai
30. Way more than 5777 years
31. Chills and fever
33. Best (wines)
34. Trent who criticized Carter over the Palestinians
36. Makes a rabbi
38. Ice cream alternative
40. "The L-rd shall ___ to me another son" (Gen. 30:24)
41. "Of course!"
44. Like Primo Levy
47. Aussie actress Stone
49. Home for women who are almost certainly not Jewish
52. Praying to him wont result in a shiduch
54. ___ Lanka
55. It was satirized in Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove"
57. Event that might be followed by a l'chaim
59. Super time?: Abbr.
60. One going to MTA or YULA
62. Shesh, to a 44-Across
63. "...___ like to call it..."
65. Words that might be followed by "Ok bro, yer on!"...or how to solve this puzzle
70. Like Samson's hair, for most of his life
71. Lady Liberty's Lazarus
72. A good girl's name?
73. Little laugh
74. Red and White
75. Kibbutz near Kiryat Shmona

Down

1. Lhasa's land
2. Div. for Angels
3. Stick one's head through the shul door, e.g.
4. Ahab might have ridden one in battle
5. 1984 novel about the life of Ishmael (with "The")
6. "Ani ohev", in Latin
7. Garment for a High Priest
8. Many an Ephron work
9. Israel Security Agency
10. Capek's 1920 sci-fi play with the character Jacob Berman
11. Make like Jordan in 1967
12. Rabbi Eiger and writer Goldsman
13. Solomon, e.g.
18. Mate of Broderick's "Simba"
22. Get a mortgage adjustment from Leumi, briefly
24. Nut that sounds like the house of G-d?
25. Sacrificial sounds?
26. Many Jack Kirby creations had an alter one
27. Like a kibbutz, often
29. Take back lashon hara, in a way
32. Carrie Fisher's father
35. Like Eichmann in Israel in 1961
37. It comes thirteenth, occasionally
39. Notable Bea Arthur co-star

42. Redeem for some kesef
43. She was worshipped in Greece
45. Jolson and a king
46. Easter preceder
48. "___ Abner"
49. Make like Marcel Marceau
50. Damon character first brought to the screen by Doug Liman
51. It could make a kittel look like new
53. His massive homerun totals weren't exactly kosher
56. Jose of Wilpon's Mets
58. Dwellings for Jews 3300 years ago
61. Where thousands of Jews were brought after the Temple fell
64. Basketballer Bird
66. Meryl played her Jewish therapist in "Prime"
67. "...and the bush ___ not consumed" (Ex. 3:2)
68. Rabbi Weiss of note
69. Zionist youth movement

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Brian Shankman has spent the better part of the past two decades in various professional capacities with AIPAC. He started his AIPAC career in Washington, D.C. and took on added responsibilities in positions in Florida, Boston, and New York. Prior to taking on this position, Brian worked as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director for seven years.

Brian holds a Master's Degree from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy where he focused on International Security Studies and International Conflict Resolution and Negotiation. Brian is married to his wife Debora and they have two sons.

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The Community Relations Committee (CRC) is seeking a Director of Community Relations. The CRC is a constitutional committee of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee (the "Federation"). The CRC is the intergroup and public policy advocacy arm of the organized Nashville Jewish community. The CRC maintains an affiliation with and membership in the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) an umbrella group consisting of local CRCs and other national Jewish organizations that deal in the public policy, social action and Israel advocacy arenas.

The CRC also works in close cooperation with the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) including its Washington Action Office and the Israel Action Network. The Director of Community Relations, who reports to the Associate Executive Director of the Federation, provides professional leadership in assuming responsibility for community relations and public affairs activities in the Nashville Jewish community with outreach and collaboration with other Jewish and non-Jewish agencies and institutions.

The Director works in cooperation with the CRC Chair and Vice Chair to determine the priorities for the local Jewish community relations agenda, and oversees the core work of the CRC which includes issues related to Israel advocacy, combatting anti-Semitism, public policy, social and economic justice and interfaith/intergroup relations. The Director of Community Relations also supervises the work of the Jewish Community Shaliach (Israel Emissary).

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B'nai Mitzvah

Abigail Green will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m. at The Temple.

Abigail was born on June 11, 2004 in Lexington, Kentucky. Her parents are Eric and Shari Green. Her grandparents are Albert and Iris Klein, and the late Lawrence Fetterman of Mobile, Ala., and Wayne and Darlene Green, and the late Mary Rae Stuedeman of Birmingham, Ala.

For her *mitzvah* project, Abigail will be spending time volunteering at Clover Patch Sanctuary where she will be raising money and gathering supplies for Monroe Harding, a Nashville nonprofit serving children and youth.

Abigail is in the 7th grade at University School of Nashville and she enjoys playing volleyball, animals, and spending time with friends and family.

Benjamin Ian Yazdian will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, Sept. 9, at West End Synagogue. Benny is the son of Laura and Afshin Yazdian, and the grandson of Marty and Linda Ardman of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Bruce and Giti Yazdian of Los Angeles.

He is the great-grandson of Mohtaram Yazdian of Nashville and Aziz and Nazarin Ahdout of Los Angeles.

Benny is in the 7th grade at University School of Nashville, and his special interests include watching and playing sports including basketball, soccer and lacrosse; playing video games and spending time with his family. For his *Bar Mitzvah* project, Benny chose to focus on helping families in need by volunteering with two great Nashville organizations, the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee and the Safe Haven Family Shelter.

Anna Straus will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 11 a.m. at The Temple.

Anna was born in Nashville on March 23, 2004. Anna's parents are Andy and Patti Straus. Her grandparents are Bob and Joan Garfield of Cleveland, Ohio, and Jim and Elise Straus of Nashville.

For her *mitzvah* project, throughout the year Anna will make monthly homemade challah for Friday night Shabbat



Abigail Green



Benjamin Ian Yazdian



Anna Straus

Services at Abe's Garden, a local memory center for people with Alzheimer's disease. Anna combines her love of cooking with her passion for helping seniors in our Jewish community.

Anna is in the 8th grade at University School of Nashville. She also enjoys playing travel soccer, water and snow skiing, singing and playing piano, and spending time with her family, especially her younger sister, Lexi, and her new puppy, Blaze.

Sympathy

... to the friends and family of Sanford Roth, 66, formerly of Nashville, who died on July 17 in Northridge, Calif. He was preceded in death by his father, Morris Roth, and brother, Clifford Roth. Sanford graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy in 1968 and from Vanderbilt University in 1973. He moved to California in 1976 and lived there until his death. Sanford survived for more than 25 years after receiving a heart transplant. He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Roth, of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; his wife of 40 years, Jacque Roth; his son, Cameron Roth, and Cameron's fiancée, Rebecca Gilbert; and his aunt, Ethel Eiseman, all of California.

... to the friends and family of West End Synagogue member Peter Schine, who died on Aug. 12. He is survived by his wife, Andrea Barach; his children, Miriam (Jonathan) Lee and Nathan (Rachel) Schine; his grandson, Elliott Lee; his mother, Deena Schine; sisters Denise Schine and Andy Schine (John Hall) and their children, Ava and Dashiell Hall.

Mr. Schine, 59, suffered a sudden heart attack while traveling home from a short vacation with his wife. Just that morning he had taken a beautiful rainforest walk and had been thrilled to capture a good photograph of a Bellbird.

Peter grew up in Miami Beach where he developed a love of oceans and became a certified scuba diver at a young age. At Vanderbilt he met his wife of 37 years, Andrea, during freshman orientation. He taught chemistry at LaVergne High School for over 20 years. Upon retirement, he divided his time among volunteering with CASA, Meals on Wheels, serving his synagogue, and keeping his family in love, delicious food, meticulously curated playlists, and company, all with his unique nerdy and pun-filled humor.

Peter's creativity and sense of adventure were pervasive: Any recipe was an invitation to experiment, any free time a travel opportunity, and any flora or fauna a photograph in the making. Those close to him were in turn gifted a hunger for the unique, a passport full of stamps, and a home ornamented with art.

In his honor, his family asks that friends support CASA of Nashville, the W. O. Smith Music School, or the Ocean Conservancy.

... to the friends and family of Yvette Sebelist, a Nashville immigration attorney, who died on Aug. 15. Graveside services were held at The Temple Cemetery.

... to the friends and family of Congregation Sherith Israel member Samuel Lyndon Hessa, 77, who died on Aug. 18. He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Robbin Kaplan Hessa; daughter, Anna Nicole Hessa; brother-in-law, B. Jay Kaplan (Pamela); niece, Jennifer Kaplan of Little Rock, Ark.; and cousins Julie Thomas Courtenay (Gary) of Auckland, N.Z., Marty Kooperman (Sherri) of Nashville and many other family and friends.

Mr. Hessa was born in Nashville to Beatrice and Von David Hessa and also raised by grandparents Etta and Sam Slutsky. He graduated from West High School and Vanderbilt University and was looking forward to his 55th Vanderbilt class reunion later this year.

Following college, he moved to Norman, Okla., to pursue a master of science degree in geology at the University of Oklahoma. He also studied at George Washington University and spent many fond years in Washington, D.C., where he was active in the Georgetown Jewish community and the National Press Club. He later returned to Nashville to care for his aging parents and build a successful career in environmental geology as a licensed professional geologist. An avid art and book collector, and connoisseur of fine wine, Sam prided himself in speaking eloquently to subjects ranging from World and American History to all genres of literature. He also worked as a sous-chef in Nashville's vibrant early

restaurant scene. Despite all these pursuits, nothing was more important to him than his devotion to his family. In 1985, he met the love of his life and soulmate Robbin and they married shortly after. But the greatest joy in his life came with the birth of his daughter Anna.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Congregation Sherith Israel in his memory.

Mazel Tov

... to Heather Michelle Cohen, who has been named senior architectural project manager in the store planning and construction department at Genesco, Inc. She directs and manages the architectural portion of the construction process for the Genesco store brands, Journeys Group and Johnston & Murphy, at locations in North America and Europe. She previously worked in Vanderbilt University Medical Center's in-house architectural/facility management division, which was responsible VUMC's outside clinics. Cohen earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from Roger Williams University, Bristol, R.I.

... to Marcie Cohen and Michael Wiener on their engagement. Marcie, a Nashville native, received her law degree cum laude from University of Miami School of Law and is currently director, senior counsel at Arise Virtual Solutions, Inc. in Miramar, Fla. Michael, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, is a physician sales representative for Medline Industries, Inc. The couple met in Miami and currently live in Coconut Creek, Fla.

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Retired Davidson County General Sessions Judge Daniel Eisenstein has received the Louise B. Katzman Volunteer of the Year award from Mental Health America of Middle Tennessee. The organization presented the award at its annual meeting earlier this summer.

Eisenstein was recognized for his years of volunteer work and particularly for serving as this year's co-chairman with State Rep. Beth Harwell for Mental Health America of Middle Tennessee's President's Council. He also organized

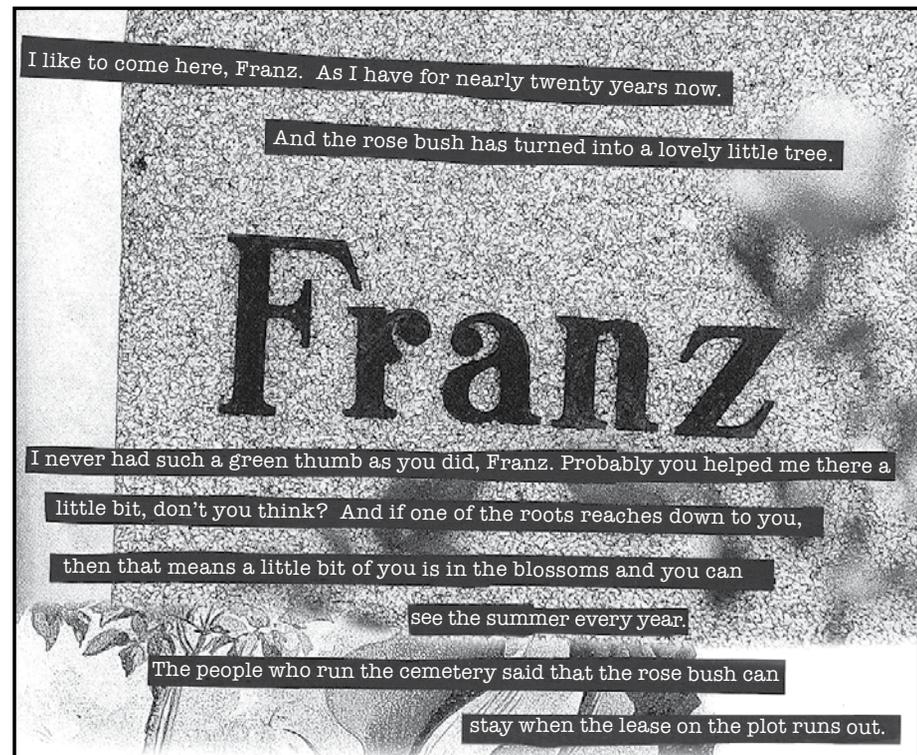
a statewide coalition of individuals and organizations that helped secure \$15 million in funding from the State of Tennessee to develop community pre-arrest diversion programs for persons having mental health issues.

Eisenstein presently serves on the National Board of Directors for Mental Health America and is the co-chairman of the public policy committee. He is a member of the American Judges Association.

Louise Brooks Katzman, for whom the award is named, was a longtime member of the Nashville Jewish commu-



From left: Tom Starling, CEO of Mental Health America of Middle Tennessee; Terry Katzman Rosenblum, daughter of Louise Brooks Katzman; and Dan Eisenstein. PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF DAN EISENSTEIN



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Mrs. Katzman was a professional social worker and later devoted her time and talents to volunteer work, especially in the field of mental health. She was founding chairman of Hickory Hall School

for Emotionally Disturbed Children (now Murrell School) and Park Center, president of the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association of Nashville, and served with Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Federation of Nashville. •

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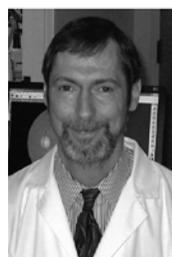
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