

the Jewish Observer

Words Matter at Global Day of Jewish Learning

Former head of Schusterman Family Foundation to lead first U.S. discussion of “Our Common Destiny” declaration

Words Matter – and that will be the message of Nashville’s Global Day of Jewish Learning, Nov. 10 at Vanderbilt University.

Sandy Cardin, who was president of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation for 25 years, will be the keynote speaker and lead one of the sessions during the half-day program.

The Global Day of Jewish Learning brings Jewish communities around the world together on the same date to examine topics dealing with a common theme and to share in the experience of learning. This year’s topic covers the power of words with novel and thought-provoking approaches.

This year’s local chair for Global Day of Jewish Learning is Alon Diamant-Cohen, a Nashville-based Cloud security manager and digital anthropologist passionate about community, Judaism and education.

This year, participants will have the opportunity to register for two different breakout sessions, providing everyone with the opportunity to learn from two different presenters.

The Global Day of Jewish Learning will begin at 8:30 a.m., with coffee and pastries. The opening session will begin at 9 a.m., with remarks from Diamant-Cohen and Cardin.

Breakout sessions will be at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with closing remarks at 11:30 a.m. There are four sessions to choose from, and they will all be available in both time slots.

Cardin will lead a session on “Our Common Destiny,” a ground-breaking effort by Genesis Philanthropy Group and the State of Israel, under the auspices of the president of Israel, to strengthen global Jewry by linking Jewish communities all over the world to a shared set of ethics and values across religious and cultural identities. This presentation will be the first public discussion of the declaration in North America, and he is looking for feedback from the community, which he will share with the declaration’s authors, including Israel’s president.

Julia Motis will lead a session on



Sandy Cardin

“Words – Making Movements Matter.” As movements and groups take common phrases and change their meaning – such as #MeToo and #BlackLivesMatter, the session will examine through a Jewish lens how political and social movements cause a rethinking of how we use words.

Tara Worthey-Segal and Marsha Rami will lead a discussion of “The Words People Use: Appropriate or Appropriation.” How do word choices provide impact – or provoke others? With the recent use of “concentration camps” to describe detention facilities at the U.S.-Mexico border, or the slogan “never again” in many contexts, is such usage mindful of history, or does that depend on one’s perspective?

Sophie Rapoport will examine “Good Speech, Bad Speech,” with the many types of human conversation that Jewish tradition opposes, from idle chatter to gossip. The session will study legal and narrative texts that highlight the power of speech to deepen relationships and transform communities.

Parking will be available for free. There is no charge for the event, and community members can register for the event at: www.jewishnashville.org/globalday. Once registered, attendees will receive an email with location information and parking details.

For more information about the event, including any accommodation needs, contact Adam Bronstone, director of planning, at adam@jewishnashville.org.

CRC Book Club Participates in Community-Wide Town Hall



On Sept. 18, the Community Relations Committee welcomed community members to a dinner program to discuss the book “Dying of Whiteness” by Dr. Jonathan Metz. The conversation was part of a larger community town hall project sponsored by Vanderbilt Divinity School. The book details how the politics of racial resentment are affecting public policy, and addresses three key areas of concern: health care, gun violence, and public education. The health care section was sourced in Tennessee and the research for that section was done throughout the state. As an introduction to the conversation, Michele Johnson, executive director of the Tennessee Justice Center (pictured on the right), presented an overview of current health care policy in Tennessee and how those policies are adversely affecting Tennessee citizens, causing the state to go backward in health care affordability and accessibility. On the left, CRC Book Group Co-Chair Erin Coleman welcomed participants.

Holocaust Commission names new educator

Devora Fish to coordinate programming statewide

The Tennessee Holocaust Commission announced the hiring of Devora Fish as the new director of education.

Fish brings a thorough background in education and curriculum development with a focus on integrating the arts, social justice initiatives and experiential learning into formal and informal educational organizations. Fish has a strong understanding of the issues and varied experience in religious, secular, for profit and nonprofit programs and outreach.

Fish was instrumental in the develop-



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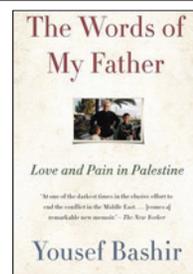
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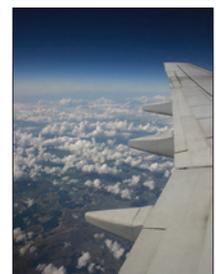
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Dear Friends,

We are proud to partner with the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee for the Jewish Community Security Initiative.

In calendar year 2018, there were 1,879 attacks against Jews and Jewish institutions across our nation, according to the ADL. In response, the Jewish Community Security Initiative brings together the Federation and our Nashville congregations in partnership to identify and fund community security best practices, training, and a new enhanced level of physical security for our Jewish institutions. Recognizing that this is not a one-time situation, our initiative seeks to develop sustainable measures and practices that will serve the community this year and for the future. Together, we are making a commitment to prioritize the safety and well-being of our Jewish community.

It is significant that the Federation has modified its traditional funding approach from the Federation Annual Campaign in order to incorporate local security needs and has pre-committed \$200,000 in Grants from the 2020 Annual Campaign to be spent on community security. This pre-commitment for 2020 is in addition to the 2018 Homeland Security Grant of \$100,000 to which the Federation added \$50,000 last year and another Federation grant this year of \$50,000 shared by all 5 congregations.

You have the power to support this promise and help protect ourselves and our children from potential targeted attacks of hatred, anti-Semitism, extremism, terrorism, and violence. As the spiritual and congregational leaders of all 5 synagogues, we endorse this Community Security Initiative and encourage your active participation in these efforts.

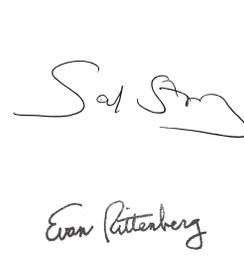
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Auschwitz Survivor Irving Roth to Visit Nashville

As the number of Holocaust survivors dwindles, Middle Tennesseans have a rare opportunity to hear the first-hand account of Irving Roth, age 90, who survived Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps.

In partnership with Chabad of Nashville and presenting sponsor Regions Bank, Roth will share his story of survival and grit on Nov. 14 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Gordon Jewish Community Center.

"Irving Roth is a true survivor," said Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel with Chabad of Nashville. "Not only did he physically survive the terrors of World War II, but he lived on with his heart and hope intact. Roth's presentation is sure to be moving, inspiring and educational for all who attend."

Born in Kosice, Czechoslovakia, in 1929, Roth lived through the horrors of multiple concentration camps.

Roth and his brother were captured toward the end of the war, having been hiding in Hungary. They were sent to Auschwitz, then marched to Buchenwald when the Russians were closing in on Auschwitz. That was the last time he saw his brother.

Roth was 16 years old when he was liberated from Buchenwald on April 10, 1945, by two U.S. soldiers – U.S.

Army Corporal Rick Carrier and an African-American soldier whose name he never knew, but who had entered his barracks bearing chocolate.

Carrier had been looking for a supply dump but instead stumbled on the camp.

Roth admits in interviews that he had never seen a black person before. "I tell people you may not know what the Messiah looks like, but I do. One is black and one is white." Among the venues where he has told that story is Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church in Montgomery, where Rev. Martin Luther King preached in the 1950s.

After the war, Roth moved to New York in 1947 and served in the U.S. Army in Korea.

The first time he returned to Auschwitz in 1998, Roth realized the importance of keeping his memories from five decades earlier alive in the minds of Jewish youth. He is now devoted to educating young and old about the perils of anti-Semitism and prejudice, traveling the country to share his story. His book, "Bondi's Brother," tells that story.

After meeting Randy Neal, western regional coordinator for Christians United for Israel, a decade ago, Roth has spoken

at hundreds of CUFI events, including September gatherings at churches in the Chattanooga area and at Bryan College. He is involved with CUFI because of the shared passion in advocating for Israel and fighting global anti-Semitism.

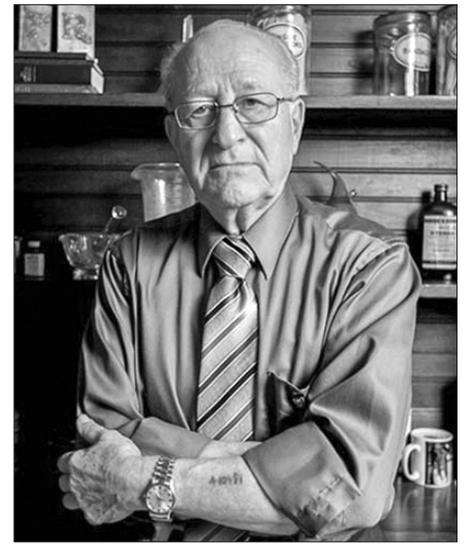
A group of CUFI supporters in Panama City Beach, Fla., recently started Bikers for Zion, motorcyclists who ride in support of Israel. Moved by hearing Roth's story, they asked Roth for permission to include his Auschwitz number, A-10491, with the phrase "Never Again," on the group logo. During an April visit to Panama City, Roth was made a member of the group, and was given membership no. 1.

"By telling and retelling our stories of survival and determination, I believe we will be able to fully realize a better tomorrow," Roth said. "I am very much looking forward to spreading my message to a new audience in Nashville."

Tickets to "A Harrowing Story of Survival" are available at irvingrothnashville.com. All ages are welcome. General admission tickets are discounted to \$20 through Nov. 7. Tickets will then increase to \$30.

Student and senior tickets are \$15, and reserved seating tickets are \$50 per person. A VIP option is available for \$150 and includes a reception with Roth, an autographed book and general admission.

Roth is the director of the Holocaust Resource Center - Temple Judea of Manhasset, New York, and spends his free time touring the United States, Canada and Europe to speak about his experiences. Roth is also an adjunct professor at the University of Maine and in addition to



his autobiography has published the children's book "Saved by Psalms: The Story of Irving Roth."

For tickets and additional details, visit <https://www.irvingrothnashville.com>, call (615) 646-5750 or follow the event on Facebook.

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ment of the Hillel International Senior Jewish and Experiential educator initiative. She served in this role at the University of Texas Hillel in Austin, prior to moving to Nashville. During her time with Hillel she initiated educational workshops about Jewish ethics and leadership for the Law School, large scale performance art exhibitions on anti-Semitism, professional development for early childhood development consortiums, intergenerational historical travel opportunities, and immersive learning opportunities.

She has also taught several courses in adult education programs. Her expertise in alternative education models has also contributed to well-established institutions including the Bureau of Jewish Education, Ramah Camping Movement, Alternative Spring Breaks on Campus, and City Year.

Fish holds a Master's Degree in Education from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass., a B.A. in Religious Studies and Theater from Hofstra University, and a certification in Family Education from Hebrew College as well as several certifications in nonprofit human services management, social media and business development, fundraising, and storytelling and theater for the classroom.

"I am honored to be working with the Tennessee Holocaust Commission," Fish said. "It has been my purpose as an educator for over 20 years to bring personal connection to learning that advances curiosity, action, and meaning. My childhood memories (at my synagogue and at school at Solomon Schechter) are of listening to the horrors of the Holocaust and witnessing the resiliency and joy that the survivors were able to bring to their families and communities. I have carried their message with me and share that message of hope everywhere I have the privilege of teaching. Today we are entering the unique time when first-hand accounts of survivors, refugees, hidden children, and liberators will no longer be heard. The time is now for all of us to become stewards of their stories so that we may never forget and prevent the atrocities of the Holocaust from ever happening again."

As Director of Education, Fish will be responsible, with the support of the governor-appointed commissioners, for the strategic vision and planning for Holocaust education across the 100 school districts across the state, working collaboratively with community organizations to host public Holocaust Day of Remembrance events, co-sponsoring public lectures and author engagements, developing and facilitating workshops for Tennessee Law Enforcement, and curating artistic and educational exhibits state-wide.

Founded in 1984, the Tennessee Holocaust Commission provides education to promote remembrance of the Holocaust, to fight prejudice, and to encourage tolerance and understanding among all people. The commission acts as a resource for teachers, students and individuals, providing seminars, resources, workshops, mobile exhibits and commemorations and ceremonies to build awareness of the Holocaust.

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To answer this question, The Jewish Federation of Nashville Professional Advisory Council, a group of estate planning attorneys, financial planners, wealth managers, life insurance brokers and accountants held its first PAC seminar of this year on Sept. 17.

Kimbra Spann gave a presentation on Wills and Powers of Attorney, and Dave Heller and Randy Ratliff spoke about setting up Trusts. Mindy Hirt served as moderator and a panelist.

Everyone can leave a Legacy Gift, it is just a question of how to financially plan for it. Howard Safer, Mindy Hirt and Adam Dretler will address "Financial Planning" at the second PAC Seminar this year, Nov. 19 at noon and 7 p.m. at the Gordon Jewish Community Center.

Panelists Eva Pulley and David Heller will join them for a question and answer session after the presentations. Lunch will be provided to those who reserve for the noon program.

To make a reservation for the second seminar, contact Shannon Small at (615) 354-1651 or shannon@jewishnashville.org.



Jewish Federation and West End Synagogue members gathered together to learn about the upcoming Professional Advisory Council Seminars.

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Nashville Jewish Book Series Opens Nov. 12

Ten events will feature 13 authors through April

The Gordon JCC has been hard at work preparing for the 2019/20 Nashville Jewish Book Series.

Opening Nov. 12, the Nashville Jewish Book Series is an annual celebration of books, authors and ideas. It features work on Jewish themes and topics, work by Jewish authors, work from a Jewish perspective and opens new work to Jewish audiences.

The Series will feature three tracks, 10 events, 13 authors, two musical programs, four musical acts, two genealogists, and one Book Awards Committee. Hundreds of local book lovers will come together to

enjoy panels and talks featuring 13 of the nation's foremost writers. In addition, the Series offers six workshops, salons and musical performances to enhance the book talk experience.

The Nashville Jewish Book Series will run from November to next April. The six-month series format allows attendees to see and do more than in a traditional book festival. This year's series offers three tracks – Fall Author Talks, Behind the Book and Jewish Books around Town.

The **Fall Author Talks** track includes intimate conversations and performances

exploring identity, memory and music, and opens with Dan Oren, who shares his family's unbelievable history through his latest book, "The Wedding Photo," along with the Jewish Genealogical Society of Nashville.

This track features Jamie Bernstein, daughter of Leonard Bernstein, in concert with local classical ensembles ALIAS, Chatterbird and Intersection. It also includes author Yousef Bashir in conversation with award winning journalist David Plazas, Opinion and Engagement Director for the USA Today Network, and a musical program by the Pursuit of Harmony, featuring Michael Ochs, multi-platinum and award-winning songwriter and Composer in Residence at Congregation Micah.

The **Behind the Book** track provides local, thoughtful literary workshops and salons throughout the month of February 2020. Talks include "What Makes a Good Book? Behind the Book Awards," featuring a representative of the Association of Jewish Libraries Awards Committee and Author Mark Sarvas, winner of the 2019 Association of Jewish Libraries' Jewish Fiction Award. Other events include "Suspenseful Tales! Nashville's Best Selling Authors," featuring local authors JT Ellison, Jeremy Finlay, and Rea Frey; "What Makes Us Who We Are? A Jewish Genealogy Salon"; and a Jewish Book Salon on "Picking Books for Your Book Club," with Parnassus Books' book club coordinator Kathy Schultenover.

The third track, **Jewish Books around Town**, includes three events at three different locations across Nashville between January and April 2020. Independent film and television producer and author Marra B. Gad joins Joelle Herr, owner of The Bookshop, to discuss her book, "The Col-

or of Love." Psychotherapist and author Lori Gottlieb talks with local authors Mary Laura Philpott and Ira Helderman at Parnassus Books about her new book, "Maybe You Should Talk to Someone."

Through their books, "The Unwanted" and "Rescue Board," Michael Dobbs and Rebecca Erbelding join the Tennessee Holocaust Commission at the Nashville Public Library to discuss the motives, pressures and

fears that shaped American responses to Nazism, war and genocide during World War II. This talk coincides with Yom Ha'shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

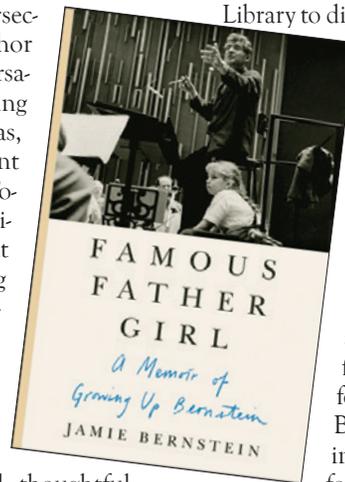
All book talks are free, except for the Jamie Bernstein event and Yousef Bashir reception. An All-Season Literary Supporter Pass is available for \$125 and includes tickets for both the Bernstein and Bashir receptions, reserved seating, and signed copies of books for the Jamie Bernstein, Yousef

Bashir, Marra B. Gad and Lori Gottlieb events. Literary Supporters also receive written recognition in Book Series programs and series promotional items.

Tickets for "Tonight, Tonight! Won't Just Be Any Night: Looking Back on Leonard Bernstein, 101 Years," on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. Tickets for the pre-event reception with the author, including a signed copy of the book "Famous Father Girl," and reserved seating are available for \$75.

Tickets for a pre-event reception for "Until this is Over," with David Plazas and Yousef Bashir, an Unlikely Peace Builder on Dec. 3 are \$36 and include a signed copy of the book "The Words of My Father" and reserved seating.

For more information, visit nashvillejcc.org/book, or contact Adult Programs Director Alex Heller at alex@nashvillejcc.org, or Michael Gross, program director, at michael@nashvillejcc.org, or (615) 356-7170.



Self Mastery Kabbalah Weekend at Chabad

The weekend of Nov. 8, Chabad of Nashville will be hosting scholar in residence Shimona Tzukernik, designer of the acclaimed program "The Method for Self Mastery," a process designed to take one's life from unmanageable to unimaginable.

Tzukernik has addressed the United Nations Staff Recreation Council on "Kabbalah for Global Peace" and has been featured in media around the world, including a documentary by National Geographic and "Take Me to Your Mother" for NickMom TV.

On Nov. 8, guests will have the opportunity to join her for a gourmet Shabbat dinner. She will present "Forgive for Good," how to attain the peace that comes with forgiveness.

The evening of Nov. 9 will begin at 7:30 with a mystical Havdalah ceremony, followed by a Mediterranean dinner. Tzukernik will present "The Art of Healing and Contemplation through Prayer," how prayer is relevant to daily life, and how to master an intimate union with G-d.

On Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. there will be a Kabbalah Power Breakfast, and a presentation on "Kabbalah-Based Cognitive Meditation."

The weekend is made possible through a grant from the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. All the events are free, though those who want to attend are asked to RSVP at www.chabadnashville.com. For more information call (615) 646-5750, or www.chabadnashville.com.

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On Oct. 6, two days before Yom Kippur, Chabad of Nashville celebrated the dedication of a very special Torah commissioned by Brian and Dianne Berry, in memory of Joseph and Eileen Berry. Over 150 friends and family joined in the celebration of the scroll's completion, and the Torah was used for the first time at Kol Nidrei, starting the Yom Kippur observance. Above, Brian Berry leads the Torah parade under the Chuppah, shortly after taking part in the scribing of the Torah's final letter.



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The Cast of "Rumors" at Gordon JCC Can't Stop Laughing

The Gordon Jewish Community Center's production of "Rumors" delivers constant laughs. The show is directed by Suzanne Burns and performed and produced by the newly re-named "Mazel Tov Repertory Company," the Gordon JCC's community theater troupe. The show is a fitting tribute to Simon, who died last August.

Neil Simon's comic credentials are indisputable. The author of dozens of the most beloved American stage comedies, he made his reputation with "Barefoot in the Park"

in 1963, cemented it with "The Odd Couple" in 1965, and continued turning out popular hits until his death.

First performed in 1988, "Rumors" is something of a throwback for Simon to the screwball drawing room comedies of the 1930s. When four couples gather for an anniversary party at the posh suburban home of New York Deputy Mayor Charley Brock and his wife, Myra, it isn't long before those guests, in full evening regalia, realize that their hosts don't seem to be in evidence, and something odd is up. A crazy comedy of errors ensues as the guests try to put the pieces together using snippets of rumors that have been circulating about Charley, Myra and the extramarital affairs they may or may not be conducting (Simon helpfully sub-

titles the play "A Farce," just in case the audience doesn't pick up on that).

The cast from the Mazel Tov Players includes Sarah Bailey, Dina Barabash, Laura Franklin, Tony Grimes, Mosh Koch, Jerry Nidiffer, Julie Nidiffer, Jerry Stelmaszak, Patty Stelmaszak and Rich Strauss. Set and technical design are in the capable hands of Chip Weinstein. Stephen Moltz serves as stage manager and Jerry Klein is the producer.

Koch, who once made minyan dressed as a Catholic priest – he was playing a priest in a show at West End High School at the time – and played a gambler in "The Odd Couple" is emphatic about the play and the repertory company. "The Mazel Tov Players are a great re-boot to the JCC's theater program. The troupe welcomes people from the JCC community regardless of acting experience and we are building a strong theater community."

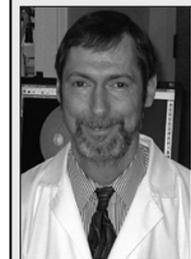
"A volunteer repertory theater is in the making," according to Klein, who has supported the drama program at the JCC for more than 60 years. "Now on our second play this year, we are building a group of dedicated people, experienced actors and novices, who are bringing their passion to the stage."

The show runs Nov. 9 and 10, and again Nov. 23 and 24, with evening and matinee performances. For more information and to reserve tickets, call the Gordon JCC "Box Office" at (615) 356-7170.



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The Jewish Federation and Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee is currently accepting applications for : **The Lori Ann Fishel Fund to Enhance the Lives of Those with Disabilities**

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2. Be a Jewish individual or a member of a Jewish family of any age with a diagnosed disability.
3. Complete the attached form.
4. Submit a letter of recommendation. The person preparing the letter of recommendation should be knowledgeable about the applicant's ability to participate in the suggested outing.

Applications for this quarter are available and due by December 31, 2019. For information, please contact Adam Bronstone, Director of Planning, at 615-354-1687. The Jewish Foundation welcomes gifts from the community to existing funds.

Lori Ann Fishel

Words to Action

Tools for Parents to Address Anti–Semitism

This interactive program and networking event, for parents of school age children, will address anti–Semitism in schools. Parents will be taught how to equip their children with constructive and effective responses to combat hatred and anti–Israel bias. The program will be lead by ADL Associate Southeast Regional Director, David Hoffman.



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At Our Congregations...



Hike & Havdalah

Join us at Percy Warner Park for an event presented by The Temple's Worship and Music Committee. Meet at the top of the steps at the end of Belle Meade Boulevard at 2:45 p.m. on Nov. 16, with the hike of the 2.5 mile white trail to begin at 3 p.m. Meet at the stone gate entrance to the park at 4:30 p.m. for Havdalah. All ages welcome; bring friends and family; if you are not hiking, please meet us for Havdalah.

Music City Mah Jongg Tournament

The Temple's 2nd Music City Mah Jongg Tournament will be on Nov. 3. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Game time starts promptly at 10 a.m. and goes to 4 p.m. Lunch will be served and prizes will be awarded. Registration fee is \$60. Go to templenashville.org to sign up.

Medicare Prescription Plan Review

Attention Seniors!!! A Medicare Prescription Plan Review will be held at The Temple on Nov. 17 from noon to 3 p.m. Dr. Bob Neaderthal and Judy Book, FNP, will review the medications you take and help select the plan best suited for your needs. Bring your prescriptions... you will be seen on a first come, first served basis. The review will take approximately 10 minutes. Can't make it to the review? Dr. Neaderthal will do your review over the phone. Call The Temple for details.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Concert

"Together in Gratitude, Together in Song: An Interfaith Thanksgiving Concert" will be Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. at The Temple. For the second year in a row, we are thrilled to gather together for a free concert of choral and liturgical music showcasing the shared ideologies of thanksgiving and gratitude. Please join us for this exciting and unique musical experience.

Boulevard Bolt Thanksgiving Race

The Boulevard Bolt Thanksgiving Day 2019 Race begins at 8 a.m. on Nov. 28. Imagine a world where Baptists, Jews and Episcopalians pause from carving the Thanksgiving turkey and join hands to serve the homeless. No imagination is necessary – that's actually what happens each Thanksgiving Day in Nashville as three congregations work together to put on the Boulevard Bolt, a 5-mile race on Belle Meade Boulevard. There is an amazing spirit and sense of cooperation among the volunteers from Immanuel Baptist Church, St. George's Episcopal Church and The Temple who "make the Bolt happen each year." With over 7,500 participants, it is one of the largest 5-mile runs in the country. For more information go to www.boulevardbolt.org. To volunteer to help with this year's effort call The Temple.

Golden Lunch Bunch

Join the Golden Lunch Bunch for lunch, entertainment and fun at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at The Temple. This month's gatherings are Nov. 5 and 19. To reserve, call Anna Sir, 354-1686.

Tot Shabbat

Come help us celebrate Shabbat on Nov. 2 at 10 a.m., for children up to 6 years old and the big people who love them! We'll have songs, crafts, a story and yummy treats!

Next Dor Drinks and a Movie

There will be Drinks and a Movie for the Next Dor group of singles, couples and young families ages 22 to 40, at the Nashville Jewish Film Festival screening of "Tel Aviv on Fire" at the Belcourt Theatre, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

Next Dor Shabbat Dinner

We welcome singles, couples and young families ages 22 to 40 for Dinner After Shabbat Services on Nov. 8 at 7:30 pm. Join us for a delicious dinner. For more information and to sign up, contact Rabbi Shulman at The Temple.

Ayeka: The Story of Responsibility

What is the big story of the Bible? Come learn old stories with new readings, and join us for an amazing journey to discover the hidden messages of our tradition and connect them to modern life. Eitan Bar Or, Israeli educator from Torah Metzion, will lead this relevant discussion on the ethics of responsibility, and its thread throughout the Hebrew Bible and beyond. This series will meet for five sessions, one hour each, and will learn together through text and conversation. The series begins at The Temple on Oct. 29 at 6 p.m., and continues each Tuesday through Nov. 26.

W.E.L.L. Lunch at Thistle Farms

W.E.L.L. – Women Engaged in Living and Learning – will hold Gratitude, Gab and Grub: Lunch at Thistle Farms, Nov. 21 at 1:15 p.m., after Women's Torah Study.

Antisemitism: Past, Present and Future, with Dr. Shaul Kelner

Dr. Shaul Kelner, associate professor of sociology and Jewish studies at Vanderbilt University, and past director of Vanderbilt's program in Jewish Studies, will lead this series. His research addresses the intersection of culture and politics, focusing on how cultural practices are mobilized to shape contemporary Jewish political identities. Some of his recent work has examined on diaspora Jewish travel to Israel, and cultural dimensions of the Cold War era movement to free Soviet Jews. The programs will be at 7 p.m.

The Oldest Hatred (Oct. 30): The first session explores how and why Jew-hatred has evolved throughout history, and will trace continuities and discontinuities between religious anti-Judaism in the Middle Ages, racial antisemitism from the 1800s through the Shoah, and political anti-Zionism from the Soviet era to the present.

Is America Different? (Nov. 6): American Jews have long embraced a notion of American exceptionalism – that Jews are secure and at home in the U.S. in a way that fundamentally breaks with the Jewish past. This session will critically examine this basic tenet of American Jewish faith. Is it still true? Was it ever? And what does it mean if it is not?

From the Right and From the Left (Nov. 12): We will examine how efforts have been made to try to define Jews out of legitimate political society, whether from right wing visions of an America without Jews or left wing visions of a world without Israel.



A fabulous summer awaits: Ramah Darom Recruitment

Experience Jewish friends, fun, and Jewish living that will last a lifetime. On Nov. 1, there will be a Potluck Shabbat Dinner at 7 p.m. after Kabbalat Shabbat services.

On Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m., rock out with Assistant Camp Director Rachel Dobbs Schwartz and Rabbi David Paskin and their Nashville friends in a night of music, magic and the best dancing ever with our Nashville campers, at the home of Adina and Dan Barocas, 305 West End Place.

Join the 33 WES campers who rocked at Camp Ramah Darom in Georgia, Ramah in the Rockies and Ramah Galim last summer, for an unbelievable Havdalah Experience. Bring a friend, everyone is welcome! Call or email Sharon Paz (spaz@westendsyn.org) to RSVP and to schedule a time to speak with Schwartz on Nov. 3 at WES, starting at 9 a.m., and explore the option of a summer of a lifetime for your children. Scholarships are available!

Pray, Eat, Learn

Join us on Nov. 15 for "Proof in American and Jewish Law," with Professor Ed Cheng, Hess Chair in Law at Vanderbilt University. The service will be at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the talk at 8 p.m. Dinner reservations are \$22 and should be made to office@westendsyn.org.

New Member Shabbat

Please join us for Shabbat services and a kiddush luncheon on Nov. 16 to honor our 50+ newest members in 2019!

Caravan of Faith

Join us at West End Synagogue for the Caravan of Faith on Nov. 17. The "Beyond Tolerance: Love, Peace and Justice" caravan tour of places of worship will be at WES at 1:30 p.m.

Annual Concert

Save the Date: WES's Annual Concert and Cultural Series will be on Dec. 5, featuring an acoustic set by The Shadowboxes.

Micah

Red Cross Blood Drive

We need your blood! To sign up and donate during our blood drive, Nov. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., contact Brandi at brandi@congregationmicah.org.

"Be in the Room Where It Happens"

A special Hamilton Musical Shabbat experience will be on Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. We invite all veterans to be honored during the service.

Freedom Ride

Join us on an intergenerational pilgrimage to Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama, Nov. 15 and 16. Highlights include tours of The Equal Justice Institute's Legacy Museum, National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and The Southern Poverty Law Center's Civil Rights Museum, along with Torah Study at Temple Emanu-El. For more information and to register, visit www.congregationmicah.org/events.

Room in the Inn

Room in the Inn is a national program that provides food and shelter for the homeless in houses of worship throughout participating cities in the United States. On Nov. 17, help us prepare food, serve the evening meal, set up the sleeping area or overnight as hosts with our guests. To volunteer, sign up on our website via our Social Action Projects page.

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Micah Uncorked

Our 4th annual Micah Children's Academy and Congregation Micah joint event, Micah Uncorked will be on Nov. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. It is an evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and door prizes. Friendraising, not fundraising. Visit our events page to RSVP!

A Woman's Circle

A monthly opportunity to grow your soul, meet with other women and engage with sacred text. Rabbi Laurie challenges your intellect through study and conversation on Jewish and other relevant topics. All are welcome on Nov. 22 at noon. Bring a friend. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Rabbi Laurie Rice at lrice@congregationmicah.org.

Bagels, Love and Torah

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

Schmooze and Views

Join us on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. for a lively current events discussion with the rabbi; snacks and coffee provided.

Mah Jongg

Meets Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For beginners (lessons at 12:30) and established players. Questions? Contact Paula Kirwan at pgkwn@comcast.net.

Chabad

New Course on Jewish Art of Prayer

Chabad of Nashville presents a new learning opportunity with its fall 2019 session, "On a Wing and on a Prayer." This new course will examine the Jewish art of prayer and spiritual experience.

Starting Nov. 6, the course runs for five Wednesdays in November and December, at 7:30 p.m. Participants will study the history and philosophy of Jewish worship, seeking to discover the deep, elegant structure embedded within the Jewish prayer book, and within Judaism's ancient synagogue traditions.

"On a Wing and on a Prayer" explores questions such as: What is Jewish prayer? How do we achieve intimacy with G-d? What is the mystical meaning, power, and impact of our prayers? If prayer is a journey, what is its destination? And how do we practice focused mindfulness while engaging in our day-to-day responsibilities?

To register for this course, or for more information, go to chabadnashville.com.

Thanksgiving Challah Bake Comes to Nashville

Yearning to learn the secret of how to knead good dough and fill your home with the aroma of Shabbat? Wait no more! On Nov. 24 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., women and children from across Nashville will gather in the Bernard Ballroom at Chabad of Nashville for a Thanksgiving Mega Challah Bake.

Though the Mega Challah Bake has been presented in Nashville several times with great success and is back by popular demand, this year's has an added Thanksgiving twist – in addition to the learning the art of traditional Challah baking, participants will bake and taste the sweet pumpkin variety in the spirit of the Thanksgiving.

Esther Tiechtel, educator at Chabad, explained, "When we join in the ancient tradition of kneading Challah, all channels open for us to ask for all the blessings we need for our families and community. Mothers and daughters are invited to come along together for this multi-generational Challah Bake, as there is so much unity and togetherness when all are kneading and braiding the Challah together."

The ballroom will be elegantly set with round tables, premeasured ingredients, and a Mega Challah Bake apron for each participant, as well as shorter tables for the little ones. While the loaves are rising, there will be refreshments and song, and a Thanksgiving Challah recipe sharing presentation for the adults.

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. For reservations, go to www.ChabadNashville.com/ChallahBake or call (615) 646-5750.

Chabad Hosts Two TGIS Celebrations

Start your Shabbat off right with good friends, great conversation and excellent kosher cuisine, all seasoned with the perfect amount of spirit and joy. TGIS is a "Club Med Shabbat: An all-inclusive Shabbat experience." Enjoy a Friday night Shabbat dinner replete with traditional dishes, blended with spirited singing, a Chasidic tale, and a chance to meet some wonderful new people. TGIS will be held on Friday evenings, Nov. 8 and 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Chabad of Nashville. There is no cost to attend the TGIS Shabbat experience, however reservations are requested at chabadnashville@gmail.com.

BLT – Bagels, Lox and Tanya

Join friends for a morning of bagels, lox and Tanya (Jewish mysticism) on Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. Partake in a delicious spread of bagels, lox, cream cheese and freshly brewed coffee as you learn from the Holy Book of the Tanya. The lesson is taught by lay leadership, starting with Doug Revere, who has been a longtime student of these teachings. Nourish your Mind, Body and Soul with BLT at Chabad of Nashville.

Sherith Israel

Challah-Baking Women's Program

Join us on Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. for a Challah Baking women's program with Melissa.

WeBoo Gathering

See the sherithisrael.com website for more details about this Nov. 13 program, a kosher dinner and discussion at West End Church.

Scholar in Residence Weekend

Join us in welcoming Scholar in Residence Rachel Slutsky, from the Department of Religion at Harvard University, Nov. 15 and 16.

Slutsky focuses her scholarship on biblical interpretation during the Second Temple period. Check out sherithisrael.com for details about this special scholar-in-residence weekend!

Guest Cantor in Residence Yoni Rose

Join us on Nov. 22 and 23 for an extra-musical shabbat with Cantor Yoni Rose. Cantor Rose has performed around the world, earning acclaim from Jewish communities for his chazanut (cantorial singing) as well as appearing as an orchestral soloist and concert artist in cities around the world.



Above: Dr. David Barton and wife Lynn Barton
Left: Dr. John Flexner

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How I Got Connected

By **AYLA O'NEAL**

Get Connected is more than a Nashville Jewish Teen trip to Israel. It is a chance to find a little more of yourself. It is a chance to connect with your own Jewish identity and understand the role that it plays in your everyday life. This trip does not push teens to be more religious, but rather to remind them why their Judaism is important and to know how loved and welcome they are.

Every person who goes on this trip connects differently than the others around them. While you are brought closer to your peers, it is undeniable how much closer this trip brings you to yourself. Teens come out of this trip with a more comfortable stance on who they are as individuals, which they carry with them the rest of their lives. When you share such a spiritual and influential experience with other people, you gain more than friendships. You gain a bond with the people around you.

All of these teens will go on and lead their own separate lives, but this trip will always keep them close. Whether they are apart a couple of days or a couple of years, these friendships pick right back up where they left off because of the bond that Get Connected creates. Hiking up Masada to see the sunrise, riding camels in the desert, praying at the Kotel, meeting Israeli teens, and just experiencing life in the Holy Land

are small pieces of such an amazing trip.

I am reminded daily of my Get Connected trip in 2010. Every success story I hear from my friends with whom I traveled brings me back to parts of our trip. In fact, my closest friends, even today, are friends who were a part of my Get Connected experience, despite being from different schools and synagogues across Middle Tennessee. Every major decision in my life when I am filled with my own self love and confidence, I think back to the first day of my trip when I removed my blindfold and saw Israel for the first time with my own eyes. The warm, overwhelming emotion that rushed through me in that moment is the same feeling I get when I move forward in life in a way that I know will better myself.

When I see Israel in the news today, my heart strings are pulled even harder because I feel like a part of me stayed in my homeland even after I returned to the United States. Every Shabbat when I finally slow down, I am reminded that my Judaism may be different from everyone else's, but it is also just as important.

Thanks to this experience, I have learned that my own individuality makes me the person who I am today. My Get Connected trip, to this day, is one of the best experiences in my short life. It is a trip that can never be repeated, and it is a trip that I always will cherish.

Contemporary Collective exhibiting at Gordon JCC

The Gordon Jewish Community Center's Janet Levine March Gallery will feature the work of The Contemporary Collective in November.

The Contemporary Collective is an established group of Nashville area abstract artists who have been working together since 2012, and represent a variety of ages, styles, approaches, and motivation for painting.

Their paintings are not representations of what they think, but rather living descriptions of what they feel. The painted results capture the essence of what cannot be touched by words. Alone, each piece is an independent work of art. Displayed together, their collection of paintings invigorates the viewer with an excitement for difference. The Contemporary Collective offers an expanse of original experiences rooted in creative, personal expression.



The JLMG2 Gallery will feature the quilts of Betty Krogman, who has been making quilts for 20 years. Currently, she is selling these unique art pieces in order to raise funds for the education of African students in Kenya. All proceeds go to End My Hopelessness Foundation.

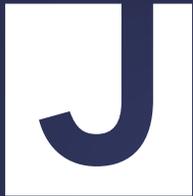
As a retired educator, the project is close to her heart.

The Sig Held Gallery will feature the paintings of Roy Laws. Laws grew up just outside of Nashville, raised in a household where he was always surrounded with music and taught to appreciate all genres. The musical influences of his childhood still inspire him today and can be seen in his artistic interpretation of vintage guitars, rock n' roll icons, and outlaw country legends. Law's paintings employ a rough palette-knife style with blazing colors. They are remarkable, experimental, and exude Nashville.

The galleries will also feature the work of various Nashville craft artists beginning the annual holiday craft show, which will run through December.

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

The exhibition dates are Nov. 1 to 30. The reception for the artists is on Nov. 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Gordon JCC. There will be music by DJ Joseph, along with complimentary food and beverage. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the GJCC at (615) 354-1699, Curator Carrie Mills at carrie@nashvillejcc.org, or go to www.nashvillejcc.org.



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B'nai Mitzvah

Jude Eskind

Jude Eskind will become Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Micah on Nov. 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Jude is the son of Jamie and Billy Eskind. Jude is a 7th grader at USN and has 6 older siblings. He has one sister, Madeline and 5 brothers, Mitchell, Mackenzie, Alec, Isaac and Jackson. His paternal grandparents are Jane (z"l) and Richard Eskind, and his maternal grandparents are Sharon and Charles Rampenthal, all of Nashville.

Jude enjoys time with family and friends, and playing basketball, soccer and the piano. He especially loves his friends and time at Camp Timberlane.

Jude chose the 2nd Harvest Food bank for his Mitzvah project and liked going to work there, especially in the freezer sorting perishables for the needy.



Jude Eskind

Evan Jacob Ostrander

Evan Jacob Ostrander will become Bar Mitzvah at The Temple on Nov. 2 at 11 a.m.

Evan was born on Oct. 10, 2006, in New York City. His parents are Kelli Turner and Thomas W. Ostrander. Evan's grandparents are Donald and Renata Turner of West Bloomfield, Mich.; Dr. Joseph and Amy Berke of West Bloomfield, Mich.; and the late Roland and Sybil Ostrander.

For his mitzvah project, Evan has been tutoring 15 under-privileged kindergarten to sixth grade students in math in Nashville. He enjoys working with younger children of all backgrounds.

Evan is in the eighth grade at Meigs Academic Magnet School. He enjoys participating in basketball, tennis, flag football, swimming and ultimate Frisbee, as well as spectator sports. He is a major University of Michigan fan, and he loves summer camp in Maine.



Evan Jacob Ostrander

Sonia Keller

Sonia Keller will become a Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Micah on Nov. 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Sonia is the daughter of Jordan and Nicole Keller, and sister to Max Keller. She is a 7th grader at Harding Academy and excels in varsity volleyball.

For her Mitzvah project, Sonia will be working with Safe Passage in Guatemala City. Safe Passage brings hope, education and opportunity to the children and families making their lives around Guatemala City's garbage dump.



Sonia Keller

Ellie Rothman

Ellie Rothman will become Bat Mitzvah at The Temple on Nov. 9 at 11 a.m.

Ellie was born on Nov. 8, 2006, in Nashville. Her parents are Russell and Alice Rothman. Ellie's grandparents are Sy and Jo Mauskopf of Durham, N.C., and Matthew and Carole Rothman of Woodland Park, N.J.

For her mitzvah project, Ellie is working with the HERO program, which assists students in the Metro Nashville Public Schools who are experiencing homelessness. She is helping to provide allergy-friendly snack foods, something that is particularly meaningful to Ellie as she has celiac disease, and therefore, is on a gluten-free diet.

Ellie is in the seventh grade at the University School of Nashville. She enjoys singing and participates in the Blair Children's Chorus at Vanderbilt and musical theater at USN and the Theater Bug. She also likes to bake, rock climb and play guitar. Her biggest love is her wonderful dog, Prescott.



Ellie Rothman

Sari Preis Shaffer

Sari Preis Shaffer will become Bat Mitzvah at The Temple on Nov. 16 at 11 a.m.

Sari was born on Oct. 29, 2006, in Nashville. Her parents are Karen and Brian Vingeien, and Preston and Amanda Shaffer. Sari's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doochin of Nashville; Mrs. Elaine Cook of Nashville; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Shaffer of Georgetown, Ky.; and Ms. Paige Prewitt of Lexington, Ky.

For her mitzvah project, Sari is collecting suitcases, duffle bags and overnight bags for foster children to use when transitioning from home to home.

Sari is in the seventh grade at Harpeth Hall. She enjoys golf, choir, drama club, cooking – especially baking, and hanging out and laughing with all of her friends.



Sari Preis Shaffer

Samuel James Trent Atlas

Samuel James Trent Atlas, a member of The Temple, will become Bar Mitzvah at The Temple/Congregation Adath Israel Brith Sholom in Louisville, Ky., on Nov. 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Sam was born on Oct. 8, 2006, in Nashville. His parents are Jamie and Ed Atlas. Sam's grandparents are June and Stanley Atlas of Louisville, Ky., and Doretta and James Trent of Columbus, Ind.

For his Mitzvah Project, Sam is writing notes of encouragement and reassurance



Samuel James Trent Atlas



The Children's Choir sings during the High Holidays at Congregation Micah

to the parents of infant children who are patients in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Thomas Midtown Hospital. Sam was born three months prematurely and spent the first 100 days of his life in the St. Thomas NICU. Sam is supporting his Mitzvah Project by contributing to the March of Dimes.

Sam is in the seventh grade at Harding Academy. He enjoys travel (Las Vegas and Boca Raton are his favorites), playing sports and video games, hanging out with his dog, Roxey, and cat, Charley, and studying politics, history and current events.

Sister Ruth Ann Raines Smith, Brother Tommy Raines, and Husband Bob White.

Joyce is survived by her two daughters, Dianne Adair Berry and her husband Brian of Nashville, Luran Adair Mason and her husband Ed of Kingston Springs, grandchildren Chaz Mason and Julia Mason Tansley-McCoy, and her son Richard White and his wife Debbie of Portland, grandchild Allie White.

The family requests that those who wish to honor Joyce do so by a memorial to Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.

Obituaries

Evelyn "Joyce" Raines Adair White

Joyce White, 87, died at Alive Hospice in Nashville on Sept. 24 after a short illness. She was born Oct. 10, 1931 in Nashville, the daughter of Horce H. and Lillie Ruth (Bolton) Raines. Joyce graduated from Cohn High School, Class of 1949. After graduation, she married her high school sweetheart, Robert "Bobby" Lee Adair on Nov. 18, 1949. They had two daughters, Dianne and Luran. Joyce became a widow when Bobby Adair died in August 1960. She was employed at the Ford Glass Plant as well as South Central Bell (AT&T). She also received her B.S. in Business Administration from Belmont University. Joyce married her second husband, James Robert "Bob" White in April of 1964. Joyce and Bob had one son, Richard White. Joyce was widowed a second time when Bob White died in September 2011. Joyce was a loyal member of the Pioneers. She had a beautiful voice and enjoyed singing in the church choir. She loved fashion and could always be found to be impeccably dressed. She will be remembered as a Loving Wife, Sister, Mother, and Grandmother. She is predeceased by her parents Horce H. and Lillie Ruth Raines, her loving in-laws Earnest and Nina Adair, her husband Bobby Adair,

Linda Joy Shulman

Linda Joy Shulman (nee Udelson), 70, of Cleveland, Ohio, died on Oct. 1. Beloved wife of Jay Shulman. Loving mother of Rabbi Michael Shulman of Nashville and Lori D. Shulman. Dear sister of the late Alan and David Udelson. Cherished daughter of the late Helen and Edward Udelson

Graveside service was held Oct. 3 at the Bet Olam Cemetery. Memorials to the Seidman Cancer Center c/o The University Hospitals of Cleveland, 11100 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44106, or any Congregation or Temple's Library Fund of choice.

Rita Ethelyn Horowitz Feldman

Rita Feldman, 98, died on Oct. 3. She was one of three sisters raised in Bayonne, N.J. Her parents immigrated from Russia and Austria, married in New York in 1915. They lived a modest life in an Orthodox home. Each sister was set on a path. Esther, the oldest, was the most studious, graduated college and went on to become a college professor. Anita, the youngest, was considered the most beautiful, pursued a life in modeling and television. And Rita was polished and groomed at a finishing school to become the perfect wife.

In 1939, she moved to Washington to work with the Army's Quartermaster Corps as secretary. In 1942 she moved back home and took a secretarial job in New York for a man that told her to change her

name to Howard because many employers would not hire Jews. Through the 1940s she was employed in NYC as Rita Howard. She loved to dance and even won some contests in New York. She was invited to a friend's wedding in Nashville, set up with a blind date, Ned Feldman, with whom she fell in love and married in 1950.

She had two daughters, Valerie Sue in 1955 and Devery Joy in 1957. Rita's life was very full as wife, mother, mahjongg maven, book club member and more. She was involved in many Jewish organizations offering her acting and singing talents for benefits, volunteering and financial support.

She began recording books for the Tennessee Library for the Blind, utilizing her many dialects to make the characters come to life. This was something she continued for almost 40 years, including the recording of law school books which enabled a blind law student to graduate.

She ran her home life traditionally, with family dinners every night, and weekly Shabbat meals with blessings. She regularly attended Friday night services at The Temple, and never missed a High Holiday Service. It was important to impart her love for Judaism to her children, hoping they would embrace the religion.

Her favorite family holiday was Passover. She would set an elaborate Seder table, making sure to include Vandy students who couldn't get home to their families or non-Jewish friends with whom she wanted to share the experience. Ned, her husband, would lead the Seder using the Union Haggadah, always including after dinner a race of the prose, "Who knows One." She was usually the first one to finish, always ending in a great laugh fest. Something that was important to her was to always end the Seder with "My Country 'Tis of Thee." She was very proud to be an American.

When her children were grown, she would travel extensively throughout the world. This gave her great pleasure, seeing and learning about other cultures. Later in life she created a lamp based on her trip to Kenya, which she said were her most fond travel memories. She has been a loving grandmother to Daniel (Amiee), Erin (Joey), Allison and Nikki. When Ned passed, she sold the house and moved to the Blakeford, where she has been to this day. She met a friend, Gerry, in Yiddish class. He became her soul mate. Gerry played the piano, was very social and outgoing- they were two peas in a pod. They would enjoy each other's company as he would play and she would sing- so much fun to watch. They would often perform downstairs for resident events. This was a passion for her.

Her 17 years at the Blakeford have been so enjoyable. She loved her friends, apartment, attended many classes, cocktail hours, and most importantly costume parties, her personal favorite.

When Gerry passed it was extremely hard on her, she had lost her dearest friend. Her health declined. A wonderful, caring team of women, lead by Jan Norby RN BSN, of Geriatric Health and Care Management, along with many loving caregivers from Comfort Keepers, have nurtured and watched over her for the past several years. The family cannot thank them enough for all their love and kindness. And, at the end, Alive Hospice was here to help all everyone with her journey.

She always enjoyed visits with her daughters and grandchildren. Those who knew Rita found her to be a humorous, gracious, thoughtful and appreciative of other's kindness. She will live on in the happiest of memories.

Visitation was held on Oct. 6 at Marshall Donnelly Combs. A service celebrating her life was held on Oct. 7, and the graveside service was at The Temple Cemetery. Memorials to the American Cancer Society, 2000 Charlotte Ave, Nashville, TN 37203.

Allen Henri Lesnick

Allen Henri Lesnick, 63, passed away on Oct. 3. Allen was born and raised in New York. He was a proud graduate of Michigan State University.

Allen loved the town of Nashville, which he called home for the past 25 years, and resided in Franklin, Tenn. He was a beautiful friend to many and a fabulous husband and father. His greatest joys were wining, dining and smoking cigars with friends and family. He loved the cool breeze atop his paddle board on a Sunday morning.

Allen, along with his wife, Randi, of 30 years, made their mark on Nashville through the building of Randi Events. He also got so much pleasure through his work as a financial advisor.

In addition to being survived by his devoted wife, Randi, he is survived by their two sons, Jason and Jonathan, and his two brothers Richard and Robert Gallucci.

Funeral services were held at Congregation Micah on Oct. 7. Memorials may be made to National Alliance of Mental Illness, www.nami.org.

Miriam Freedman Silver

Miriam Freedman Silver, 95, peacefully passed away on Oct. 6 at her home in Nashville. She is survived by her sister, Joyce Freedman, her daughter Lisa Silver Dendy, her six wonderful grandchildren and her eight beautiful great-grandchildren. Miriam is pre-deceased by her husband, Jack Silver, her brother, Selig Freedman, her daughter, Jan Silver and her son in law Robert Dendy.

Funeral services were held graveside at Mount Lebanon in Adelphi, Md. Memorials to Montgomery County Women's Democratic Club, P.O. Box 34047, Bethesda, Md. 29827.

Jerome Allen Averbuch

Well-known Huntsville community leader Jerome Allen Averbuch, 81, died Oct. 16, peacefully at his home. He was the founder and President of Averbuch Enterprises.

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Jerry was born in Nashville, to Juliet and Sidney Averbuch. His achievements began in Nashville while attending West High School. A graduate of the class of 1956, Jerry was president of the Honor Society and the Campus Club, and vice president of the senior class. While president of the Key Club, Jerry proudly served as lieutenant governor of the Kentucky/Tennessee Key Club International.

Jerry won numerous tennis championships captain of the school's tennis team. He was the Nashville Interscholastic High School Champion in 1955 and 1956 and the Tennessee State Champion in 1956. He held the title of the City of Nashville

Doubles Champion from ages 12 thru 17. He was recently inducted into the West High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jerry graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta in 1960 with a B.S. degree. While attending Georgia Tech, Jerry played on the tennis team for four years, including the 1959 Southeastern Conference championship team. He was president of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity.

When Jerry ventured to Huntsville from Nashville in 1962, he became a visionary, striving to help develop the city. He built hundreds of homes in Huntsville and developed Country Club and Malibu Apartments. Truly gifted and innovative, Jerry developed Plantation South, the first residential condominiums in Huntsville, as well as Park Plaza Offices, the first office condominiums in the state of Alabama. He developed Main Street South Shopping Village, which was the first shopping center condominiums in Alabama. He also developed the Radisson Suites Hotel, Office Park South Office Building and Civic Plaza Office Building, and Four Season Apartments in Birmingham. In later years, Jerry, along with his son Gregory Averbuch, developed hotels in Atlanta, Memphis and Nashville.

His leadership ability serving as a mentor to many was valued in the city. He was president of the Huntsville Home Builders Association and was honored by being inducted into the Hall of Fame. He was president of the Huntsville Museum of Art, the Better Business Bureau of North Alabama, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and a founding board member of the Heritage Club. He was president of Park Plaza Condo Association for over 40 years and president of the Huntsville Racquet Club when he won the Club Singles and Doubles Championship. He also won the Huntsville City Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships.

He was a member of Temple B'nai Sholom, where he served as president. He was president of the Jewish Community Council

of Huntsville and North Alabama, and a founder of the Israeli Tennis Center in Ramat Hasharon, Israel. He was also a member of Temple Ohabai Sholom in Nashville, as well as Temple Israel and Bar-on Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis.

His joy was his residence in Destin, Fla., where he spent his time working, playing tennis, golfing, fishing, and walking on the beach.

His loving legacy will live on among everyone who knew him, especially his surviving family, his beloved wife, Arlene; his extraordinary children, Scott (Dana), Gregory (Dana), Jennifer Averbuch Ronnel (Steve), Lynn Ghertner (Scott), and Jan Brackett (Jim); his outstanding sister, Shirley Averbuch Zeitlin; his endearing brother, Larry Averbuch; and 15 loving and wonderful grandchildren.

Services were held on Oct. 18 at Temple B'nai Sholom, followed by burial at Maple Hill Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be sent to Temple B'nai Sholom or to a charity of your choice.



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Arts and Culture at the J

Did you know the Gordon Jewish Community Center offers a great fall arts and culture program, in addition to fitness and swimming? Look to the J for your fall leisure activities, including books, theatre and film.

The 2019/20 Nashville Jewish Book Series opens Nov. 12. Exploring memory, identity and music, it offers 10 events and 13 authors in 3 tracks – Fall Author Talks, Behind the Book, and Jewish Books around Town.

Highlights include a musical evening with Jamie Bernstein, the daughter of Leonard Bernstein, and local classical ensembles Alias, Chatterbird and Intersection on Nov. 21. Unlikely Israeli-Palestinian peace builder Yousef Bashir will be in conversation with David Plazas from the Tennessean on Dec. 3. Tickets to all talks (except Jamie Bernstein) are free/suggested donation. For more information visit nashvillejcc.org/book or contact Michael Gross or Alex Heller at (615) 356-7170. An All-Season Literary Supporter Pass is available for \$125 and includes receptions, reserved seating and signed copies of select books.

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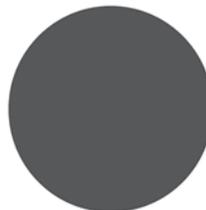
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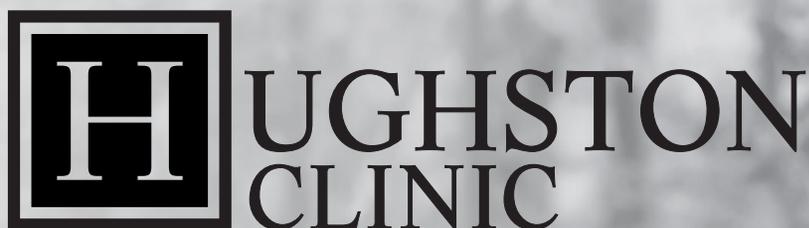


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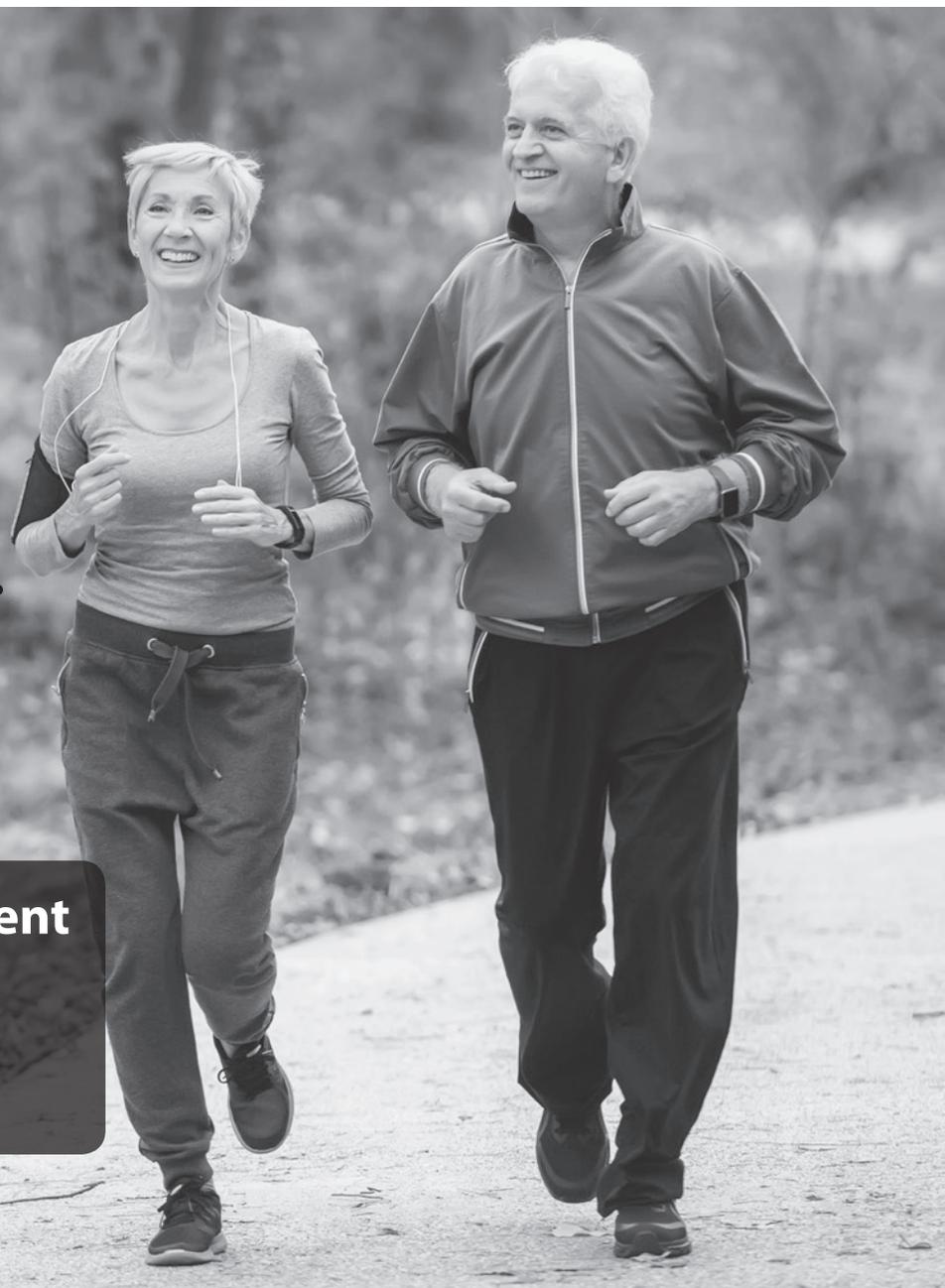
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Tyler, Matt Lipkins, and Adam Hoffman (all Jewish) met in college, instantly recognized their musical compatibility, and have been writing, recording and performing together ever since. At a Passover Seder during college, Tyler met one of the Indigo Girls, who heard him sing the four questions and asked him on behalf of the group to tour with them as both their opening and backing band for over two years, giving them invaluable experience and confidence performing for large audiences. Justin Timberlake discovered them soon afterwards and invited them to open alongside the superstar on his recent Man of the Woods tour throughout the U.S. and Europe.

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November highlights include classical series performances of "Symphonie Fantastique," described by Leonard Bernstein as the first musical expedition into psychedelia (Nov. 7 to 9), and Rachmaninoff's "The Bells," inspired by Edgar Allen Poe's poem of the same name (Nov. 21 to 23), as well as appearances by India.Arie on Nov. 14 and 15, and the legendary Johnny Mathis on Nov. 16.

In addition to a diverse offering of holiday-themed programs, December closes with the Music City headlining debut of four-time Las Vegas "Headliner of the Year" Frankie Moreno on Dec. 28.

The New Year kicks off with even more incredible programming – including the extravagant Salute to Vienna on Jan. 3, National Geographic Live's "Coral Kingdoms and Empires of Ice" multimedia speaker event on Jan. 14, rock legends Foreigner performing with the orchestra Jan. 16 to 18, a special tribute to Bob Dylan with the Nashville Symphony and Chorus on Jan. 26, and much more.

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