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## Annual Meeting promises to be fun event

The Annual Meeting for the Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks is coming up on Sunday evening, June 11. We are excited to be hosting the improv team from ComedySportz out of Philadelphia for a fun, adult evening at the GoggleWorks. (Free babysitting will be available at the JCC for children ages 3-12 so everyone can join in the fun.)

ComedySportz is the longest running

comedy show in Philadelphia and has been entertaining people for more than a quarter century. Not a sports fan? Good thing, because it’s not about sports. They describe themselves as “a comedy show that thinks it’s a sporting event with teams, points, fouls, a referee, and of course, Loyal Fans.”

We will be offering a variety of kosher-style vegetarian hors d’oeuvres and a selection of kosher and non-kosher wines beginning at 6

p.m. Following the cocktail hour, we’ll move into the auditorium for a short meeting to approve the slate of new board members and officers, and then move right into the comedy show. Please be on the lookout, your invitation will be arriving in the mail very soon! Charge for JCC members will be \$27 and \$36 for non-JCC members. Online registration is available at [ReadingJewishCommunity.org](http://ReadingJewishCommunity.org). We hope to see you there!



Stacy Seltzer and Michele Leisawitz shared their grandparents Sid and Esther Bratt’s stories of survival during the Holocaust at our annual Yom Hashoah Event on April 17 at the Highlands. The capacity crowd of more than 200 also viewed a candle lighting by local Holocaust survivors and second- and third-generation family members.



# Working for the betterment of others

By Laurie Waxler  
Development Director

As I write this month's article, I am at the bedside of my mother who has enjoyed 92 years of life. I'm reminded of the gift of life and how truly special it is to be surrounded by loved ones and people who truly care about other people. It's so easy to get caught up in the day-to-day doldrums and not take that moment to think about how truly lucky we are. Have you taken a moment recently to notice the beautiful spring blooms in our gardens and in our trees? Before we know it (and probably by the time *Shalom* goes to print) the trees will be green and full and we'll begin planting our annuals.

When I started this job two years ago, I had no idea what to expect. I knew I loved the idea of fundraising for the betterment of others but as I've mentioned in other articles, I was never sure what role the



Federation played. I've learned it plays a big role in many lives, but just like those spring blooms, much of it goes unnoticed because we are all "busy."

I want to assure you that I've found Federation works for the "betterment of others" and the people I've met along the way have been a pleasure to befriend. The Federation is really a special place, and if you haven't stopped by in a while, I highly suggest you do. You will find lovely and engaging people who like you, are looking to enjoy those small things in life, just like those spring blooms.

Stop by for Movie Monday, or

challenge your brain and learn something new at Noontime Knowledge where we have covered some really interesting topics! The Puzzle Swap is new and just waiting for some avid puzzlers to get it rolling.

Don't see what you're looking for? Help us get it started. We are here for you.

The ultimate goal of the Federation is to bring people together and raise money so we can provide for our community and make a difference. The more we raise through our Annual Campaign, the more we can do. Hope to see you soon.

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# What's in a name?

By Brian Chartock  
CEO

Dear Federation community,

According to Wikipedia, the word “YOM” is a biblical term that appears in the Hebrew Bible or the Tanach; the word translates to “day” in both modern and biblical Hebrew. While in most English translations, the word “YOM” means day, “YOM” may be used in different ways when referring to different time spans. For example:

- A point of time (a specific day)
- A time period of a whole or half day (e.g., sunrise to sunset)
- A general term for time (e.g., a day in our lives)
- A year (e.g., lived a lot of days)
- A time period of a certain length (e.g., days and days)



In April of this year, Jews throughout the world observed and celebrated three “Yom’s, or “Yomim (plural in Hebrew).

Beginning on the evening of April 17 (Nisan 27), we observed Yom HaShoah. Yom HaShoah is the day — yom — where Jews commemorate the Holocaust.

Beginning on the evening of April 24 (Iyyar 4), we observed Yom HaZikaron. Yom HaZikaron is a Memorial Day for the fallen soldiers of the wars of Israel and for victims of actions of terrorism.

Beginning on the evening of April 25 (Iyyar 5), we celebrated Yom HaAtzmaut. Yom HaAtzmaut is Israel’s Independence Day — commemorating the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948. This year (again, another translation of the word “Yom”) marked the 75th anniversary of Israel’s independence.

In his classic play “Romeo and Juliet,” Shakespeare famously remarked, “What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell just as

sweet.” Many interpret Shakespeare’s meaning of this phrase to convey that the naming of something is irrelevant. To Shakespeare, one can posit that names are simply a convention to discern things or people, but taken alone, do not have any worth or meaning.

I respectfully disagree with Mr. Shakespeare on this point.

Throughout Jewish texts and history, the word “Yom” played prevalent and meaningful roles. In addition to the “Yom’s” mentioned above — Yom HaShoah, Yom Hazikaron and Yom HaAtzmaout, from Yom Kippur to Yom Tov, the “Yom” for me allows me to find meaning in each moment in time — everyday — and gives me hope for tomorrow.

There is a wonderful song entitled “What a Difference a Day Makes,” which is sung by various artists. It is a lovely tune with music and lyrics that resonate deeply with me.

To me, a day — or “Yom” — can truly

make difference. What is happening in our lives today can change in a split second, — in a day. While how one defines a period of that day, is subjective. But, we should take comfort in knowing that each new day brings a new lesson and serves as a reminder of our past, present and future — as Americans, Jews, and as a community.

Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaout are three “Yomim” days in our lives — that are different and similar at the same time. From tragedy to triumph, from sadness to joy, they are all but single “days”; moreover, these days remain important reminders in our lives that each new day can truly make a positive difference for us, our loved ones and for a better world.

Thank you for your continued support of the Federation, including the Jewish Cultural Center (JCC), Jewish Family Service (JFS) and the Lakin Preschool.

L’Shalom,  
Brian

# Bring one, swap one ... Puzzle Swap

By Laurie Waxler

For all you puzzlers out there, the Federation is happy to announce a new Puzzle Swap!

Staff members have graciously donated approximately a dozen jigsaw puzzles to the Swap, and we invite our community members to come in and swap their puzzles for something new.

No doubt we have some avid puzzlers out there who will hopefully find this to be a fun, and cost-effective, initiative.

The Puzzle Swap is already up and running! Simply bring in up to three puzzles to swap out with our puzzle stash

and once you complete them, come back and swap again!

Please be mindful to try to swap out same-sized, or similar-sized puzzles so we can keep a variety of puzzle sizes to meet the needs of everyone wanting to swap.

Our goal is to have 50-piece to 1,000-piece puzzles on hand for your enjoyment.

We don’t guarantee every puzzle will have 100% of its pieces, but we ask that if it’s missing more than five, you don’t include it in the swap.

The more people who join the swap, the better the selections will be as time goes on, so please consider joining the

fun!

If you have some puzzles at home that you’d like to donate to the Swap, we will be happy to add them to our collection!

Puzzle swapping will be available Monday thru Friday, noon-4 p.m.

Feel free to call the Federation with any questions, and we hope to see you puzzling soon!

## Simcha Supplement deadline is here!

If you had or are having a bar/bat mitzvah or graduation (high school or higher) in your family this Jewish year, please share the good news with the community. Just submit a few sentences about the person and their accomplishment, along with a photo.

Text and photos can be sent to [Marknem@aol.com](mailto:Marknem@aol.com) or to the Federation office.

**DEADLINE IS APRIL 30.**

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# Come to the Tikkun!

**By Cantor Ted Prosnitz**  
*Kesher Zion Synagogue*

Come to the Tikkun!  
Almost every month has at least one holiday, sometimes more than one. In April we observed Yom HaShoah, Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut, recalling the Holocaust, Israel's Memorial Day and the birthday of the modern



State of Israel. Perhaps the holiday that occupied much of our thought and time, with its preparation and celebration, was Passover. I hope everyone had a joyous holiday, recalling our history and traditions, celebrating our current freedom, and thanking God for all the gifts with which we are graced.

In the month of May, yes, we will observe Yom Yerushalayim on May 19. It commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem on 28 Iyar in 1967. That

happened six weeks after Passover. But another holiday is coming.

Starting with the second day of Pesach, while the Temple stood, an omer of barley was brought as an offering from the beginning of the grain harvest. We still count in our own time, according to the Biblical injunction: תַּרְחֻמֶם כָּל סַתְרָפְסוֹ עֶבֶד הַפְּזוּתָה רְמַע-תָּא מְכַאֲיָהּ הַיּוֹמִי תִבְרַשֶׁה תִבְרַשֶׁה תַּרְחֻמֶם דָּע / You are to count from the day following the day of rest, from the day that you brought an omer of grain as an offering, seven full weeks shall be counted; you shall count 50 days to the day following the seventh week (Lev. 23:15,16). That 50th day is the Festival of Weeks, Shavuot.

Like the other pilgrimage festivals, Shavuot in the Bible is agriculturally oriented. Also like the other festivals, it has been layered with historical connections: Pesach with the Exodus; Sukkot with the dwelling in the desert wilderness.

## All Around the Town

**Hannah Glassmire**, daughter of **Missy and Galen Glassmire** and granddaughter of **Pam Daniels**, is engaged to Matt Orlando. Hannah attends Physician Assistant school at Slippery Rock University and will graduate next May. Matt is a biomedical engineer at Haemonetics, Pittsburgh. They plan to get married in February 2025.

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Wyomissing native **Sam Sodomsy**, who records as The Bird Calls, has released a new album called "My Life in Hollywood," available for download and streaming on bandcamp.com. Sodomsy, who resides in New York, works as an associate editor and reviewer for the music website pitchfork.com. He is the son of **Robin and Allan Sodomsy** and grandson of **Betty Sodomsy**.

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Mazel tov to **Rebecca and Jakob**

**Whiteley** on the birth of their son Rowan Elijah. Mazel tov to grandparents **Beth and Scott Cantor** and great grandfather **Mel Singer**.

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**Molly Nemirow**, daughter of **Geri and Mark Nemirow**, performed in the play "Rising Up: Young Holocaust Heroes" before a group of 1,500 New York public and parochial school students at the St. George Theatre in Staten Island. It was part of one of the largest "Youth Stand Up to Hate" days in New York history. Based on the lives of six Holocaust survivors, the original play was performed by a group of Wagner College students representing a number of faiths.

Send good news to [Marknem@aol.com](mailto:Marknem@aol.com) or call 610-921-0624.

*Until next time: Shalom!*

## What to expect

Some of the topics at the upcoming community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot include:

- "The Four Questions' by Allegra Goodman: A Problematic Intergenerational Passover" by Dr. John Incledon (this short story can be found online)
- "Each According to it's Kind': the Human and the Animal in modern biblical and Jewish studies" by Dr. Robert Seesengood
- "Revelation and Maimonides" by Cantor Ted Prosnitz

Our sages count the 6th of Sivan, which is the 50th day of the counting of the omer, as the day when the Torah was given to Israel. So it is celebrated in our prayers as וְיִתְרוֹתָן / the Giving of our Torah.

As extraordinary and miraculous as was the Redemption from slavery in Egypt, the momentous Revelation at Mount Sinai is truly the sine qua non of Judaism. The moment, and its impact are indescribable-almost. On Wednesday, May 24, several eminent individuals, scholars, and rabbis will share some of their thoughts, inspired by Shavuot, in a community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot. All are invited to come and hear.

The evening will have three 30-minute

sessions, with refreshments in between. You will have the opportunity to listen and learn from a favorite or from someone new and to enjoy some desserts and discussion with friends. The children of Israel were not brought out of bondage to wander aimlessly in anarchy, they were lead in freedom to become a great nation, dedicated to the proposition that Hashem is our God, Hashem the One and Only.

I hope to see you at this lovely and enlightening evening.

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# RCOS pays tribute to Annette Peppard





Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom hosted a reception in honor of Annette Peppard, this year’s recipient of the Ruth and Irvin Balis Volunteer Award. Clockwise from top left, Peppard addresses the gathering; the RCOS choir performs; Rabbi Brian and Holly Michelson; and Russ and Esther Shanahan.



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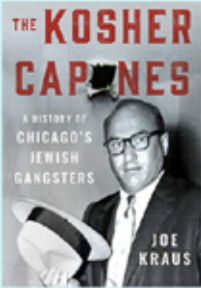
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**NOONTIME KNOWLEDGE**

**"The Kosher Mafia"**  
*presented by Federation's CEO*  
**Brian Chartock**

**Tuesday, May 16 at noon at the JCC**

American Jewish Gangsters of the 20th Century, including a book review of "The Kosher Capones: A History of Chicago's Jewish Gangsters" written by Joe Kraus



**RSVP by calling the JCC at 610-921-0624 or email [info@jfreading.org](mailto:info@jfreading.org)**

Noontime Knowledge is a free program, held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, provided by the Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks to educate our community on a variety of topics.

## Grief support group

Do you or someone you know have an interest in participating in a grief support group?

Please contact Carole at [CaroleR@JFReading.org](mailto:CaroleR@JFReading.org) or call 610-921-0624.



Art, Culture & Ideas series  
continues with Bernstein program

**By Amanda J. Hornberger**  
The Mind and Music of Leonard Bernstein is the next topic of Art, Culture & Ideas. Trapped between an id that urged him to flamboyance and a superego that demanded that he be serious and conventional, Leonard Bernstein struggled between those two poles even as he produced some of the world's most memorable music. Professionally, he veered from composing Symphony No; 1: "Jeremiah" and "Candide" to "Maria," "Somewhere" and "America." And personally, he refused the advice that he change Bernstein to a less Jewish-sounding name but responded to the guidance that he give up his homosexuality by marrying a woman. As a result, Bernstein never reached his personal goal of being remembered in the same vein as figures like Mozart, worried that his rising fame as an animated conductor overshadowed

his compositions and slipped into addiction and bouts of depression. Dr. Richard Kogan returns to lead this musical lecture to discuss the life, psyche and music of one of America's greatest composers during an evening that integrates masterful piano playing, humor and insight into the close links between music, healing and genius. Trained in piano at Juilliard and in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Kogan is Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Co-Director of the Human Sexuality Program at Weill Cornell Medical Center and Artistic Director of the Music and Medicine program. Join us on Monday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center of the Highlands of Wyomissing for this exciting and informative musical program. No registration is required. The event is free and open to the public.



Dr. Richard Kogan

Season 4 finale with bestselling author

**By Amanda J. Hornberger**  
Historical fiction lovers won't want to miss the season 4 finale of Literatour Berks featuring author Weina Dei Randel. Join us on Wednesday, May 3, at 6 p.m. at the Exeter Community Library for a lively conversation with Randel on her book "The Last Rose of Shanghai." In Japanese-occupied Shanghai, two people from different cultures are drawn together by fate and the freedom of music... 1940. Aiyi Shao is a young heiress and the owner of a formerly popular and glamorous Shanghai nightclub. Ernest Reismann is a penniless Jewish refugee driven out of Germany, an outsider searching for shelter in a city wary of strangers. He loses nearly all hope until he crosses paths with Aiyi. When she hires Ernest to play

piano at her club, her defiance of custom causes a sen-sation. His instant fame makes Aiyi's club once again the hottest spot in Shanghai. Soon they realize they share more than a passion for jazz — but their differences seem insurmountable, and Aiyi is engaged to another man. As the war escalates, Aiyi and Ernest find themselves torn apart, and their choices between love and survival grow more desperate. In the face of overwhelming odds,

a chain of events is set in motion that will change both their lives forever. Weina Dei Randel is the author of four novels, her latest published in March is "Night Angels." Born and raised in China, Weina came to the United States at 24, when she began to speak, write and dream in English. Weina resides in Boston. After her lecture, Weina will be on-hand to sign copies of her books, which will be available for purchase that day. Registration is recommended by calling the Exeter Community Library at 610-406-9431. Exeter Community Library is located at 4569 Prestwick Dr. in Reading. Thank you to our Literatour Berks sponsors and partner Exeter Community Library for their support! We look forward to another great season of authors and books in the fall of 2023!

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- ❖ Rugelach: \$ 24 per box (14-15 pieces)
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# PJ Library launches online hub to celebrate Israel

**PJ Library**  
As Israelis and people around the world mark Israel's 75th anniversary as a modern state. PJ Library, long a leader in providing engaging ways for families to connect with Jewish life, has created an activity-filled online hub to celebrate this landmark anniversary! To kick Israel's birthday party off, visitors to PJ Library's Israel Trail Hub ([pjlibrary.org/israel](http://pjlibrary.org/israel)) will be transported on a virtual voyage to the land of milk and honey with fun resources and activities, including:  
**Virtual Tours of Jerusalem, Part 1 & Part 2** — Join tour guide Jonty Blackman, PJ and friends to explore both the old and new city including stops at Jaffa Gate, the Knesset, the

City of David and the world-famous Machane Yehudah outdoor market.  
**Israel Independence Day Activities** (Ages 8 and under) — In Israel, Jewish people celebrate the day with fireworks, barbecues, and public concerts. Outside Israel, Jewish communities host parties and gatherings to celebrate. Often, the focus of these events is on Israeli culture, everything from classic Israeli foods — hummus, falafel, schnitzel, and shawarma — to Israeli dance, Israeli music, and all things Hebrew. North American families can celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut too with fun activities from PJ Library  
**Tour Israel with Picture Books** — PJ Library' curated a curated and

age-appropriate list of beautifully illustrated children's picture books that will transport families to Israel, including "3 Falafels in My Pita" (by Maya Friedman), "A Concert in the Sand" (by Tami Shem-Tov), "And Shira Imagined" (by Giori Carmi), "The Colors of Israel" (by Rachel Raz), "Ella's Trip to Israel" (by Vivian Newman) and "Everybody Says Shalom" (by Leslie Kimmelman)  
**Israeli Music Playlist** — Stream PJ Library's Spotify playlist of celebratory songs.  
**(For Parents) Historical Timeline of Israel** — Key moments in the Jewish state's history to spur discussion  
Families can also gather around for a special episode of the Parents'

Choice and NAPPA Award-winning podcast "Afternoons with Mimi." In "Kiddo Tours Israel" (available now), Kiddo calls his uncle in Tel Aviv and everyone is invited to enjoy the soundscapes of a bustling Israeli neighborhood.  
**About PJ Library**  
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<b>May 19</b> 7:59 p.m.	<b>May 20/29 Iyyar</b> Bamidbar (Numbers 1:1-4:20)
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# The national days of Israel

By Ziv Laskin  
*Community Shaliach*

The community of Reading is like my family now. I am always surrounded by people I love and make me feel comfortable; this is my second home. Last month my real family from Israel came to visit me, and the meeting with the community was fantastic! Beyond seeing where I work and live, they enjoyed and were charmed to meet the people in the community. In quite a short time my family felt it was their second

home too. While you are far from your family, at some point homesickness appears. My family’s visit here filled me with a new energy. To see them made me so happy. The Torah tells as to “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which Adonai your God has given you”. This visit of my family taught me an old lesson. I am so appreciative and full of honor for my family. Of course, we also spent a lot

of time on the road. We traveled to different destinations such as the historic city of Boston, the skyline of New York City, the monuments in Washington, D.C., incredible Niagara Falls and more amazing places. I was surprised how many things we did in a short time. The experience we had on this trip couldn’t have happened if not for my “Shlichut.” This opportunity gave us the time to be together and learn about each other and others. After this trip, I can recommend

to you to have once-a-year quality vacation time with your family. It makes your connections get closer. To finish, I would like to tell about my bigger family, the family of Israel. Israel has been in a hard security situation this spring, as rockets were launched toward Israel from Gaza, Lebanon and Syria and further terrible terror attacks occurred in different locations in Israel. With all the sorrow, it was a heartwarming to see the people of Israel so united and stand together.

## JFS hospital and outpatient visits

By Carole Robinson  
and Sari Incledon  
Jewish Family Service social workers visit Jewish patients at local hospitals, senior communities, nursing homes and rehab centers. Our goal in these visits is both to be friendly and supportive at a difficult time, and to provide social services that supplement and complement the case managers at these locations. If you or a loved one is at a local hospital or nursing home and would like

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### Obituaries

**Natalie Carabello-Gonzalez**, 61, died April 9. She was the daughter of the late Martin and Florence Bookbinder. Natalie was employed by Threshold Rehabilitation in Reading as a peer specialist until her retirement. She is survived by her sisters Barbara Ripple and Ann Custodio and brother Mark Bookbinder.

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**Gerald “Jerry” Goldberg**, 83, of West Palm Beach, Fla., died on April 12. Born and raised in Reading, he graduated from Reading High School and received a B.A. in marketing from Penn State. After working for Olivetti for 11 years, Gerry returned to Reading and co-founded Craft-Maid Kitchens, serving as its CEO for more than 50 years. An avid horseman, Gerry also enjoyed fox hunting, playing and watching tennis, James Bond movies and traveling. He is survived by his wife, Monica, of West Palm Beach and daughter Elizabeth of New York City

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**Bernard Kaplan**, 90, died on April 11. Born in Brooklyn, he was a teenager when his family moved to a farm in Kutztown, and he spent most of his life as a resident of Berks County. He received his bachelor’s degree from Kutztown University and his masters in school administration from Lehigh. Bernie taught driver’s safety education for more than 30 years at Reading High School and was well-known as a driving safety consultant for police departments, trucking companies and the county coroner, helping with accident investigations. He served as a member of the task force that created the state Motor Vehicle Code. During the 1960s he worked as a director for the Reading JCC’s Camp Asodi. He was a member of Keshet Zion Synagogue and served on its board of directors and served on the boards of the Reading JCC and of the B’nai Brith Apartments in Reading. Above all, Bernie cherished the time he spent with his family—his wife, Janet; daughter Deanna Tanner and her husband, Jonathan; son David and his wife, Deborah Markowitz; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



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# Driving safely while aging

By Carole Robinson

Spring is in the air. Between the cool breeze and the sunshine, the road is calling. My husband and I are eager to plan some day trips.

Before you begin your next road trip, it's important to stop and consider road safety. Did you know that fatal crashes rise considerably after age 70 and reach their peak among drivers 85 and older? Pretty scary when statistics from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention show there are 44 million licensed drivers ages 65 and older in the United States!

Since the risk of being injured in a motor vehicle accident increases as you age, and since spring is the start of road-trip season, I want to share the steps that older adults can take to remain safe on the roads. Here are some recommendations from the Bureau of Transportation:

### Vision

- Always wear your glasses and make sure they are a current prescription.
- Avoid driving at dawn, dusk and night.
- Keep your windshields, mirrors and headlights clean.
- Sit high enough in your seat so you can see the road for at least 10 feet in front of your car.
- Have an annual eye exam to check for cataracts, glaucoma, and other conditions associated with aging.



### Physical Fitness

- Do some stretching exercises or fitness programs geared to older people.
- Choose a car with automatic transmission, power steering and power brakes.
- Eliminate your driver's side blind spot by re-aiming your side mirror.
- Keep alert to sounds outside your car.
- Watch for flashing lights.
- Sit at least 10 inches from the steering wheel to reduce the chances of an injury from your airbag and always wear your seatbelt.

### Reaction Time

- Plan your route. Drive where you are familiar with the road conditions and traffic patterns.
- Drive during the day and avoid rush hour.
- Keep a safe distance between you and the car ahead.
- When approaching intersections, look to the sides of the roads as well as directly ahead.
- Try to make left turns at intersections where green arrow signals provide protected turns.
- Scan far down the road continuously so you can anticipate future problems.

Most importantly, older adults need to be aware of their physical limitations and how it may affect their driving. Normal aging is associated with changes in vision, physical fitness and reflexes, and these may cause safety concerns. People who accurately assess these changes can adjust their driving habits to remain safe on the road or choose alternate forms of transportation. A

few things to consider include:

- Have friends expressed concerns about your driving?
- Do you sometimes get lost while driving on familiar routes?
- Do you have trouble parking or turning left?
- Have you had several near misses or actual crashes in the past three years?

If you answered yes to any of the above, it's not necessarily time to hand over the car keys, but it is time to refresh your knowledge of safe driving practices through a mature-driver class. In addition, you may want to schedule an appointment with an Occupational Therapist and Driving Rehab Specialist. They will conduct a comprehensive occupational therapy evaluation with focus on client safety, implement a plan of care to address impairments, and conduct on-the-road and behind-the-wheel evaluations. Doing all these things will help you stay mobile and independent.

And if you decide it's time to stop driving, JFS is here to help. We offer a Transportation Program, which is funded by the Jewish Federation. Books of taxi tickets (\$75 value) are available at the JCC for \$25. For more details, contact Carole at 610-921-0624. It's always better to err on the side of caution, and I'm proud of JFS for making transportation more accessible for seniors.

In "A Farewell to Arms," Ernest Hemingway wrote, "No that is the great fallacy, the wisdom of old men. They do not grow wise. They grow careful." The road may be calling us, but let's all follow Hemingway's advice and grow carefully older by doing a driving checkup for our loved ones and ourselves!

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

**May 4 - Visit with Rabbi Michelson**  
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Friendship circle is held twice a month on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. at the JCC. An optional lunch is served, followed by an entertaining or educational program or holiday celebration.

Programs are free; optional lunch is \$7. Contact Carole at 610-921-0624 to make lunch reservations.



Many thanks to our  
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# Seder celebrations with Jewish Family Service



*Jewish Family Service held Passover Seders at Friendship Circle at the JCC and at the Highlands at Wyomissing. Clockwise from top left, Tootie Moyer and Helene Berne; Pat Frankel; Ingrid Soltysik, Louise Zeidman, and Sylvia Wenger; and Bob and Kaye Ullman.*

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**Thank you!**





## Volunteers continue efforts to feed community

Pete Jacobson, Joan Sherman, and Debra Montanino, three of the volunteers at the JFS Olivet food pantry in April, enjoy their work serving the community. Our organization and its dedicated volunteers distributed 17,750 pounds of food to 445 households for the month.

## Federations enable Ukrainians to celebrate Passover

### From Federation staff

Thousands of Ukrainians who have fled the country, as well as those still in Ukraine, were able to celebrate April's Passover holiday with the help of holiday meals and seders made possible by Jewish Federations of North America.

Jewish Federations provided seder items and food packages to more than 17,360 families via Jewish Relief Ukraine—Chabad's network in the country.

The distributed supplies included 54 tons of matzah, 41,800 bottles of grape juice, 30.5 tons of meat and chicken and additional supplies shipped from Israel.

Nutritious kosher for Passover meals were also delivered to Jewish families in 35 different communities around Ukraine, including Berdichev, Dnipro, Lviv, Kharkov, Poltava, Odessa

and others.

The meal packages included matzah, fresh and canned vegetables, fresh and dried fruits, milk, juice and wine, olive oil, tea and coffee, honey, eggs, fresh and canned fish, and chicken.

Jewish Federations supported seders in Moldova and Poland, organized by their core partner the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

About 150 refugees were able to attend seders in Poland and another 200 refugees and community members in Moldova. Jewish Federations also supported the distribution of boxes of matzah and other provisions.

In partnership with American Friends of the Jewish Community in Vienna, Jewish Federations supported 250 refugees who had the opportunity

to enjoy seders in Vienna along with prepared meals throughout the holiday.

"It is deeply moving to know that more than one year since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, generous donors across our Federation system continue to respond so favorably to the needs of Ukrainian Jews who are experiencing their own exodus story" said Jewish Federations of North America Vice Chair and Ukraine Allocations Committee Chair David Brown.

"As we prepare to gather around our seder tables with our loved ones, we pledge to continue to support the needs of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and around the globe who do not live in comfort and security, and to pray for their safety and well-being," Brown concluded.

Since the outbreak of the war in

February 2022, Jewish Federations have raised a collective \$88.9 million for Ukraine aid to support the work of their core partners JDC,

The Jewish Agency for Israel and World ORT, as well as over 85 NGOs providing humanitarian aid and relief to refugees in Ukraine and neighboring countries. ]

Funding from these organizations supports emergency operational costs, temporary housing and transportation costs, security, humanitarian support and trauma and medical relief, and immigration and absorption in Israel.

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# Answering common questions on antisemitism definition

## American Jewish Committee

According to the American Jewish Committee's State of Antisemitism in America Report 2022, nearly a third of Americans are either unsure of what antisemitism means or never heard the term.

That lack of knowledge extends beyond national borders. To even begin to solve the problem of antisemitism, there must be clarity about what it is and what it isn't.

That's why in 2016 the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) built international consensus around a non-legally binding definition that offers clear guidelines and guardrails.

Since then, the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism has been endorsed as a tool by more than 1,100 entities, including dozens of countries, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, the United Nations Secretary General, the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief, and the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS).

In the U.S. alone it has been adopted or endorsed by a majority of states and the District of Columbia, the Biden administration, dozens of state and local governments and institutes of higher education as an essential tool to clarify what antisemitism looks and sounds like in the 21st century.

Below are answers to questions about the definition:

### 1. Does the IHRA Working Definition censor criticism of Israel? Does it serve to shield Israel from criticism?

Absolutely not. The IHRA definition does not prohibit anyone from exercising their First Amendment rights. The definition is a tool to identify and address

antisemitism — nothing more. In fact, the IHRA definition expressly recognizes that criticism of Israel's policies and politics, like criticism leveled at other countries' policies, cannot be regarded as antisemitic.

It offers 11 examples, seven referring to Israel that, depending on the context, could become antisemitic.

But these examples are not etched in stone. They simply serve as guidelines, so critics can distinguish between criticizing national policies (totally acceptable) and denying the Jewish people's right to self-determination (not acceptable). In fact, Spain, Sweden, and other countries that have delivered stinging criticism of the Jewish state have embraced the definition as a useful tool.

Isolated individuals have attempted to distort the definition to shut down speech. But any tool can be misused and it's important to speak out against those exceptions when they occur.

That said, the definition on its own is not legally binding and does nothing to prohibit any speech, even the most hateful.

### 2. Are there other definitions of antisemitism that serve as sufficient alternatives?

To discredit the IHRA definition, opponents have proposed the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism (JDA) and the Nexus Document. But no government entity has endorsed these definitions. Only the IHRA definition has been widely accepted by governments and institutions worldwide. Why?

The IHRA definition offers succinct explanations and practical examples that can help a police officer on the street recognize antisemitism as well as

a graduate student in a classroom. The other definitions are inadequate. Here's why:

The JDA defends the tactic of holding Israel to a double standard by requiring behavior not expected of any other democratic nation when it's based on an outsized concern about Jewish power. It also defends the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, whose founder has said he wishes to dismantle the Jewish state, and which ostracizes Israeli civil society, including cultural and academic institutions, businesses, and sports teams, which play no role in government policy.

Some of the original signatories of the JDA included anti-Israel activists and antisemites, like Richard Falk, a former UN rapporteur on Palestinian rights, who has compared Israel to Nazi Germany and spread conspiracy theories about the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The Nexus Document is not a free-standing definition. It's merely one point of view about how to interpret

the IHRA definition. It falsely labels Zionism as nothing more than a political movement, rather than the 2,000-year-old tangible expression of the Jewish people's yearning to return to their homeland.

It also prioritizes intention over impact, enabling purveyors of antisemitism to say "Sorry, not sorry," rather than try to comprehend why their speech or actions are hurtful.

For these reasons, the IHRA definition has been adopted by more than 1,100 entities as the most useful resource for helping to identify anti-Jewish prejudice and hatred.

### 3. Why do some people say even the author of the IHRA definition doesn't support it?

Until 2005, most of the monitors of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC) lacked any definition of antisemitism that could guide their efforts to accurately track hate crimes. Meanwhile, amid the Middle East conflict, violent attacks against Jews were getting brushed off as political

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# ANTISEMITISM

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protests. Neither government officials nor law enforcement labeled these aggressions as antisemitic.

Ken Stern, an AJC staff member at the time, collected and sorted through definitions of antisemitism from experts around the world. He combined multiple draft proposals. Then, he and a dozen experts around the world, including other AJC staff members, collaborated to reach a consensus — a definition on which they all agreed. That Working Definition was then presented to and adopted by the EUMC and later adopted in a slightly modified form by IHRA.

“It was important for authorities to understand that what might appear to be a political activity, simply because it references Israel or Zionists, shouldn’t obscure the fact that these violent acts directed at Jews were a form of antisemitism,” said Rabbi Andrew Baker, AJC’s Director of International Jewish Affairs, who led negotiations with the EUMC on behalf of international Jewish organizations.

In 2016, IHRA built consensus around the definition and adopted it as a tool to help people recognize and address antisemitism. Hundreds of entities from governments and universities to sports clubs and corporations have embraced it as well.

Stern has voiced concern about the many uses of a definition that he says was created solely to help agencies collect data. His point of view has been embraced by those who seek to discredit

the definition.

But Stern stands out as a lone critical voice among the dozen of experts who contributed to the definition’s creation.

**4. Israel, Israel, Israel. Does the IHRA Working Definition only focus on antisemitism related to Israel?**

No. The very first example listed in the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is, “Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.”

Another example includes “Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.”

Israel has also become code for Jews as a collective, and symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism such as blood libel to characterize Israel or Israelis have seen a resurgence.

Since medieval times, conspiracy theories have attributed inordinate power to Jews.

It’s a form of antisemitism that can exist and take root equally in places where Jews may be numerous, such as Israel, or where they are few in number, which is many places around the globe.

Read about the bevy of antisemitic tropes and conspiracy theories in AJC’s

***Israel has become code for Jews as a collective, and symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism have seen a resurgence.***

Translate Hate glossary (<https://www.ajc.org/translatehateglossary>).

**5. Does the Working Definition conflate Judaism with Zionism?**

The Working Definition does not equate the religion of Judaism with Zionism. In fact, some Haredim are Jewish and against Zionism for religious reasons. They are not antisemites. Palestinians who seek a bi-national solution and not the expulsion of the Jews are not antisemitic either.

But when Jews are singled out for having a state that’s ethnically based, and others are not, that’s antisemitism.

When Jews are targeted by people who wish Israel did not exist, that’s antisemitism. Full stop.

It’s not antisemitic to say that Israeli government policy is racist; but to call the Jewish state a racist state by design is antisemitic. Why?

Because it implies that Israel was illegitimate from the start and doesn’t have a right to exist in the society of nations, just as some types of antisemitism claim that Jews don’t have a right to exist in society.

In fact, AJC’s State of Antisemitism in America Report 2022 found that 90% of Americans consider the statement “Israel has no right to exist” to be antisemitic.

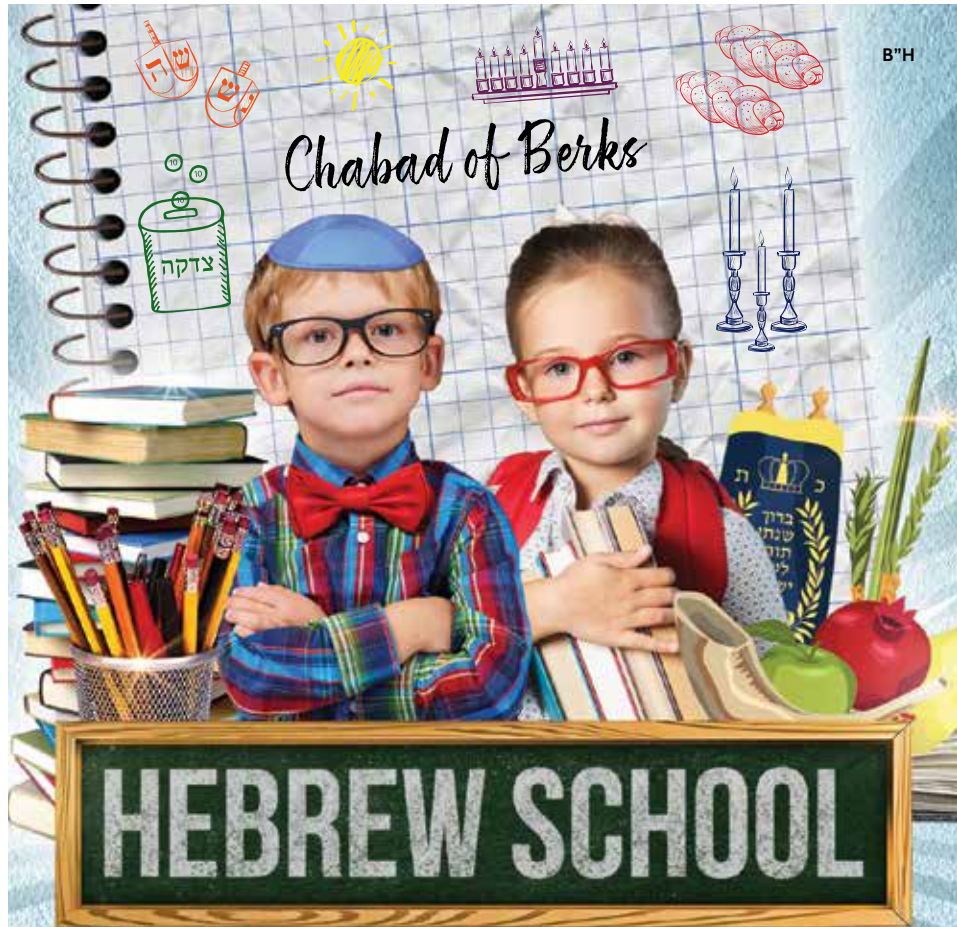
Similarly, to say Israel’s founding fathers wholly dispossessed Palestinians oversimplifies history to delegitimize the Jewish state.

A Jewish state in Israel never precluded a Palestinian state alongside her, and Jewish organizations collaborated with the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine to make both a reality.

But a two-state solution must be the result of a directly negotiated settlement between both parties, not an external pressure campaign that delegitimizes the Jewish state.

Five of the six examples that mention Israel also mention Jews; four of them deal specifically with the way in which explicitly antisemitic ideas can be disguised in Israel-related language. These include examples such as “accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust” or “holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.”

But the Working Definition also makes it clear that these examples always depend on context.



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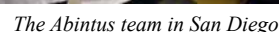
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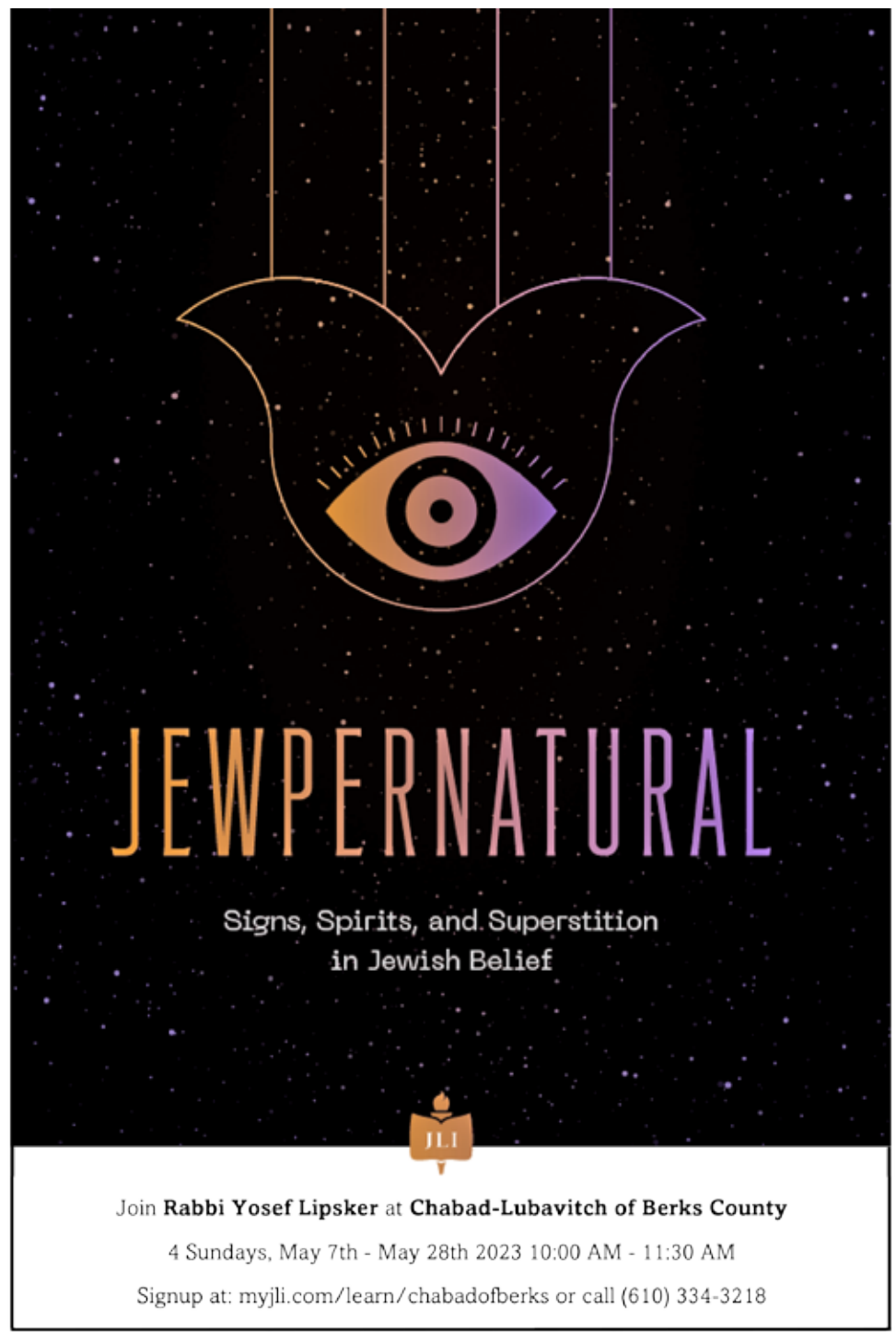
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Evelyn S. Thompson Nursery School Scholarship Fund

In memory of:  
Joe Friedman - Beth and Bob Caster

Taxi Transportation Program

In honor of:  
Marjorie Moyer’s birthday - Wendy Neuhs

In memory of:  
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Federation Jewish Community Campaign

In memory of:  
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In honor of:  
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Honorials and Memorials

Contributions may be made to the following Funds:

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Leo Camp Lecture Fund

JFS Food Bank

JFS Taxi Transportation Program

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In memory of:  
Jennie Saft - Stephanie Arbige  
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Holocaust Memorial Fund

In memory of:  
Naum Ger - Rosalye Yashek

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This program provides transportation to members of the Jewish community, age 60 and over or those with disabilities, who have no other way of getting around. It allows participants to retain their independence and keeps them from becoming homebound and isolated. It can be used for medical appointments, synagogue attendance, shopping and other errands.

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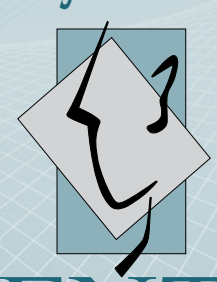
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