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Fun summer events ahead with Federation

By Amanda J. Hornberger

After three long years the pandemic is officially over, and Federation staff has been hearing the call from the community...we need more FUN! So get ready for a summer chock-full of Federation fun!

A night of good food and big laughs is in store at this year's annual meeting. Join us on Sunday, June 11, at 6 p.m. at the Goggleworks for an adults-only event that's short on business and big on laughs.

Providing the entertainment is ComedySportz, an improv comedy show that thinks it's a sporting match. The comedy is made up on the spot, but the competition is real! Philly's longest-running show, they've been entertaining fans for 30 years!

There is a \$27 cover charge per adult for JCC members and \$36 for non-members. Free babysitting for ages 3-12 will be provided at the JCC for the evening. RSVP is requested so don't miss the fun and register today at ReadingJewishCommunity.org

In July and August gather your friends and meet new faces at two Federation hosted happy hours!

Join us on Tuesday, July 11 at the Bar Cart in West Reading for a fun evening of cocktails and appetizers



from Comalli Taqueria! Join Federation staff from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for a laid-back night of fun.

In August bring your throwing arm and join us for cornhole, beer, food and fun at Schaylor Brewing Company in Reading! Happy hour will be outdoors (weather permitting) from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday,

Programming fun doesn't stop just because the weather is warmer!

Join Ziv to connect with your Jewish identity on weekly walks in June and July or stop by the bi-weekly Friday Israeli coffee time at the JCC.

Keep your mind sharp at Noontime Knowledge and Arts, Idea and Culture events throughout the summer too.

Kids can also cool off with two popsicles in the park dates with Ziv.

It's time to relax and have some fun this summer with your Federation

We hope to see you at the annual meeting and at our great events throughout the summertime as we continue to live, work and play together in Berks!

Community member in need of a gift of life

Bv Laurie Waxler

transplant from a living donor, due to the this gift. perils of a rare genetic condition.

A young parent, our recipient is choosing to keep their identity guiet for now to protect their children who aren't in a position to understand all that goes into having a sick parent in desperate need of a portion of another's body part. Once a donor is found and they move through the process, they will be able to share more with their family and our community.

If you've considered being a living donor, are under the age of 60 and have the blood type of "A" or "O", you may be a candidate to truly make a difference.

Our own Amanda Hornberger's mother became an organ donor when she was 38. In recognition of his mother-in-law's gift of life to others, Amanda's husband, Jason, opted to be a living donor a few years ago of both a kidney and a portion of his liver. There is nothing Jason likes

more than sharing his story and showing Plain and simple, we have a young off his scars, and we at the Federation community member in need of a liver think he's a pretty special guy for giving

> According to the Mayo Clinic, a livingdonor liver transplant is a surgery in which a portion of the liver from a healthy living person is removed and placed into someone whose liver is no longer working properly. The donor's remaining liver regrows and returns to its normal size. volume and capacity within a couple of months after the surgery. At the same time, the transplanted liver portion grows and restores normal liver function in the

> If you would like to be considered by the University of Pennsylvania to be a living donor for our community member, or would like more information, please contact Amanda Hornberger at 610-921-0624 or email her at amandah@ jfreading.org. She can provide you with the link for a health questionnaire to fill out that will directly link you to our candidate.



Living Donor Jason Hornberger shows off the scars he earned by giving the amazing gift of life, a kidney and a portion of his liver

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The importance of Jewish connections

By Laurie Waxler
Development Director

Coming up with a monthly article for Shalom can sometimes be a little daunting, however, this month I'm going to take advantage of it and extend a huge thank you to everyone for their lovely messages



and thoughtful comments following the passing of my mother. Sometimes you don't realize how much "community" means, and how people are there for you when you least expect it, until you're in a situation like this.

You can find articles everywhere about the increase in loneliness in our world, which seems so crazy with all the technology out there that is supposed to keep us connected. I always refer to Facebook as a "perpetual"

Christmas letter" where everyone tells you all the great things happening in their lives, but they never show the heartache which may be much more prevalent. My husband always talks about the famous song "Tears of a Clown" sung by Smokey Robinson. Lyrics like "Smiling in the crowd I try, but in my lonely room I cry."

You may wonder why I bring this up and what in the world does it have to do with Development?!? First and foremost, I want everyone out there to know we have a wonderful Jewish community here in Berks County and if you've lost someone, or are simply feeling alone, we are here. I know it can be hard to bring yourself to a program when you don't have a buddy, but in reality, you have lots of buddies here, perhaps you just haven't met them yet. Second, is the importance of having an organized

Jewish community here in Berks County. There is something special about being Jewish and it's something that connects people instantaneously. No doubt you've been somewhere new and you've come in contact with another Jewish person and you felt an instant connection.

Our Jewish connections are so important here, and when all is well in our lives, we don't always take notice. With only 40% of the Jewish population affiliated with one of the three synagogues, our Federation plays a huge role in keeping everyone together. I've always referred to the Federation as the umbrella of all things Jewish in Berks County and your contributions to the Annual Campaign are what keeps us going and allows us to provide the outreach, programming, care, etc.. needed to do it.



Celebrating 30 years of the Lakin Holocaust Library and Resource Center.



\$30 for 30yrs Campaign

Thank you to those who've helped us raise \$3,648 so far! We've begun the work of transcribing 36 Holocaust survivor stories and 13 liberator stories for future generations to hear. Our goal is \$5,000 to transcribe them all.

If you haven't already donated, will you consider a gift today?

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An evening of celebration

By Brian Chartock CEO

Dear Federation community,

On the evening of June 11, 2023, a very special event will be taking place right here in our community,

The Jewish Federation of Reading Berks will be holding its Annual Meeting.

The details are below:

Event: JFR's Annual Meeting (RSVP

Required)

Date: June 11, 2023



Couvert: \$27-\$36 (per JCC membership) Venue: Light kosher style vegetarian/ dairy fare, wine, annual meeting, and entertainment by the hilarious Comedy

· Complimentary child care will be available at the JCC for those attending the Annual Neeting by contacting the Federation office at 610-921-0624.

Time: 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sportz out of Philadelphia.

Online registration is available on the Federation's website: ReadingJewishCommunity.org.

One of the main purposes of JFR's Place: The Goggleworks Center for Annual Meeting is to allow us all to celebrate the success and triumphs of the Federation - Your Federation. Whether your involvement is through Jewish Family Service, fundraising, programming, committees, or the Lakin Preschool, we are immensely grateful for your participation and support of Federation's core mission and values.

And, together, we will gather on June 11 to renew our commitment to Federation's vision as we strive for even greater successes.

There is something very special, and a synergistic effect, of people gathering for a common purpose. The Annual Meeting has those essential ingredients that make our Jewish community stronger. Unity, pride, friendship, and focus are but a sampling of our shared values.

Please join Federation's amazing Board, dedicated staff, and your friends and colleagues at JFR's Annual Meeting on June 11 as we gather and stand together as one Jewish community, recommit ourselves, and thank our incredible cadre of volunteers for doing so much good for our greater community.

L'Shalom and Todah Rabah (thank you very much),

Interfaith relations and the spirit of friendly good fellowship

By Margo Levin

I had the opportunity to attend the closure of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan at FirstEnergy Stadium on April 21. It was an honor to share with friends who observe Ramadan a very meaningful morning of prayer and self-introspection. Some of the things I reflected on were my personal relationships with friends of other faiths, as well as the relations of the Jewish community with other religious and ethnic groups.

By experiencing in person, the traditions and rituals of different faiths and cultures, I have come to a better understanding of why their beliefs are important to them. Similarly, I have continued to participate in community and religious events with churches throughout Berks County, as well as with the Hispanic and LGBTQ communities.

Getting involved in the outside community teaches each of us that while different people may pray to a "different G-d," our core beliefs are the same. It must be stressed that basic values are common to all religions: Compassion; solidarity; respect for the human person.



Margo Levin found great meaning in Reading's Ramadan celebration at FirstEnergy Stadium.

At the same time, we need to get away from stereotypes, generalizations, and preconceptions. We need to take care not to let outliers or small groups dictate our image of an entire people, an entire region, or an entire religion. It is a simple matter of respect and getting to know how others of different religions practice.

By interacting with others, each of us will see that we share the same basic values about life in general. In addition, participating in interfaith events allows us to see firsthand how alike we are, while acknowledging and respecting certain differences. This is the true spirit of friendly good fellowship.

Lastly, with the rise of antisemitism and other forms of hatred toward different faiths and communities, we need to stand together as one. We, here in Reading, need to continue to support our neighbors while continuing to value the freedom to practice, believe and love whom we choose.



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My community

By Ziv Laskin Community Shaliach

This spring we celebrated the national days of Israel, Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. These days are very important for Israel. On these unique days you can feel the atmosphere is different.

On Yom Hazikaron the workplaces are closed, TV shows are limited, the sirens blare, and there is a sense of solidarity. Yom Ha'atzmaut is one great celebration throughout all Israel.

This year was the first Yom Hazikaron that I was not in Israel. On this day I always go to the cemetery and attend ceremonies with the people who share the same feelings.

This Yom Hazikaron, I woke up in the morning and I felt sad. It was so different than what I was used to, I felt lonely, and had nobody to share the feeling with.

I arrived at the office at 9 a.m.and started to prepare the Yom Hazikaron program. All the staff in the office came to help. It was so warming.

Around noon, people came to the office. After we viewed the exhibition of fallen soldiers and civilians, people lit candles to remember the soldiers who sacrificed themselves for Israel.

I have been surrounded by a wonderful community. I started the day so sad, and the people in our community gave me a huge hug, and I felt the support for Israel and for me.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is the biggest celebration in Israel. In Reading our celebration was just like the celebration in Israel. I really enjoyed seeing the community having fun on Israel's 75th anniversary. All this would not have been successful without the JCC staff and the great support from Chabad.

I also want to thank our community for their support, and especially thank Rabbi Michelson, Cantor Prosnitz and Rabbi Lipsker for participating in these holiday programs.

Our community is amazing. The things we have done together are so powerful.

While I was in the military service, my commander used to say: Alone, you may get there faster, but together you will get further.







The community celebrates Israel with our Shaliach, Ziv Laskin.

A closer look at Jerusalem Day

By Ziv Laskin Community Shaliach

"Yom Yerushalayim", Jerusalem Day, is a national holiday in Israel and is celebrated on the 28th of lyar (רייאב ח"כ). On that day we celebrate the unification of Jerusalem after the battles of the Six Day War in 1967. In that war Israel faced the armies of Egypt, Jordan and Syria. After six days of battle, Israel took over an area three times larger than its size. After the war, Sinai, Golan Heights, Gaza Strip, Judea and Samaria and East Jerusalem were under Israel's control.

enacted the "Jerusalem Day" law, which established the holiday officially.

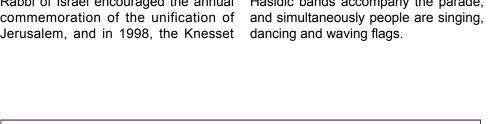
Jerusalem Day is celebrated all over Israel, and schools are teaching about it and having ceremonies. When I was a student at school, every year we had a performance about the unification of Jerusalem. Private homes and public institutions mark that day by ceremonies and hanging Israeli flags.

The biggest celebration happens in Jerusalem, the city colored blue and white, Israeli flags are everywhere. The most famous custom on that day The first Jerusalem Day was held is the great parade. The parade goes one year after the war in 1968. The Chief through Jaffa Street to the Western Wall. Rabbi of Israel encouraged the annual Hasidic bands accompany the parade,

This event brings with it conflicts and incidences of violence between extreme groups of Arabs and Jews. Israelis on the left even tried to cancel Jerusalem Day

Jerusalem Day is one of the national days in Israel. Even with the disputes, that day unites Jews all over the world who are joyful to celebrate the unification of Jerusalem.

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Graduations and B'nai Mitzvah



Carson Endy, son of Alicia and Chad Endy, grandson of Aileen Endy and great-grandson of Tootie Moyer, graduated from Penn State, where he was in marching band and on the dean's list.



Sophia Horowitz, daughter of Elyse and Dr. Jeffrey Horowitz, is graduating from Gov. Mifflin High School as a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society & Thespian Society. She has been a member of the Marching Band, indoor Percussion, and pit percussion. Sophia's film won second place in the Reading Five Minute FilmFest. She will be attending Emerson College in the fall studying Media Arts Production.



Jeremy A. Lupowitz, son of Dr. Jeffrey and Robin Lupowitz of Wyomissing, has received his Master's in Business Administration rom Villanova University. He is employed by the Villanova School of Law in development and alumni relations. He resides in West Philadelphia.



Asa Platt, son of Gretchen and Alec Platt, graduated from Wyomissing Area Junior/Senior High School. Asa was a member of the high school's Quiz Bowl team, ski club, and volleyball team. In the fall, Asa will be attending Bard College, where he plans to study biology, English literature and Arabic.



Benjamin Primack, son of Pam Charendoff and Jonathan Primack, is graduating from Wyomissing Area High School. Ben enjoyed running on the Cross Country Team, participated in Student Council and the Student Advisory Board, was elected Class Secretary, and was named Valedictorian. He is looking forward to studying Finance at the Questrom School of Business at Boston University this fall.



Danielle "Dani" Radosh, daughter of Jodi and Lee Radosh, is graduating from Wilson High School. Dani was Student Government president, Student Representative to the school board and a Mini-THON captain. She performed in school musicals, played clarinet in the concert band and was a member of the tennis team. Dani was inducted into the National Honor Society and received the Berks' Best Taylor Seitzinger Award for Community Service and Leadership. She will attend Tulane University, where she plans to double-major in communication and psychology in the pre-law track.



Simon Seesengood, son of Dr. Jennifer Koosed and Dr. Rob Seesengood, became a bar mitzvah on Jan. 21. He is in seventh grade at Wyomissing Junior/Senior High. He attends Chabad Hebrew School, and he and his family are members of Kesher Zion Synagogue.



Ethan Isaac Shull, son of Polina Shull and grandson of Lina and Alex Eydlin, is graduating from Exeter High School. He will be joining the Air Force in July.



Talia Nadine Spillerman, daughter of Ruth and David Spillerman and granddaughter of Cheryl Spillerman and Nelly Massuda, graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.A. in Political Science. Talia regularly wrote for *The Pitt News* and worked part-time for the Campus Recreation Department. She also volunteered and interned at The Women's Law Project. This fall, Talia will attend The George Washington University Law School in Washington.



Ari Benjamin Spillerman, son of Ruth & David Spillerman and grandson of Cheryl Spillerman and Nelly Massuda, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Ari volunteered at both the Low Income Tax-Payer Law Clinic and the Securities Arbitration Law Clinic. After taking the bar exam this summer, Ari will begin his legal career this fall with the Philadelphia office of KPMG, where he will work in their Mergers & Acquisitions Tax practice group.



Aspen Taylor Weizer, daughter of Ilene and Jeffrey Weizer of Orwigsburg, is graduating from Blue Mountain High School with high honors. Aspen was captain of her varsity tennis team and member or officer of all Honor Societies. Aspen was the recipient of the Schuylkill County Female Scholar Athletes for Blue Mountain. She will be attending the George Washington University in Washington DC in the fall. She was accepted into the honors program and plans on majoring in International Relations with a focus on human rights and law degree.

What's happening at Yemin Orde

Friends of Yemin Orde

Yemin Orde, an organization in Israel supported by our community through the Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks, is celebrating milestones

Yemin Orde recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of its French youth program, which began as a response to rising anti-Semitism and deadly terror attacks throughout France. Since 2013, more than 200 young French Jews have come to Yemin Orde.

Some of these boys and girls made Aliyah without their parents, while others came with their families but moved to Yemin Orde to more easily integrate into Israeli society and receive a better education.

The anniversary celebration was warm and joyous — more than 50 graduates reunited with their former classmates and Village staff. After the graduates provided guidance and encouragement to the current students, they enjoyed a traditional French dinner before making their way to the new auditorium for the evening's programing.

In the auditorium, 12th graders welcomed representatives from the French embassy and government officials from Netanya, where many of the youths' families have settled. Leyon, a famous French-Israeli singer who got his start in the Yemin Orde Band, performed alongside students and graduates.

While the event ended with a very proud rendition of HaTikva, many graduates stayed late in the night reconnecting with the old friends and staff who've been such an important part of their lives.

Graduates Return to Yemin Orde

Graduates' Day, a powerful event at Yemin Orde, allows alumni to reconnect with the Village and continue to grow and succeed.

As a testament to the With You All the Way component of the Village Way methodology, scholarships are presented to graduates who are enrolled in higher education. This year, 173 such scholarships were awarded.

The day is also an opportunity for graduates to share their experiences with the current student body. After an emotional reunion with staff and a meeting with Village director Boaz Schwartz, each graduate met with a group of 5 students to talk about their past, present, and plans for the future.

The breakout sessions were followed by a festive dinner and a scholarship award ceremony in the auditorium. Boaz Schwartz and Chaim Peri gave touching speeches, while Tariko Motzaya — a medical school student and the evening's featured graduate speaker — encouraged the students to dream big. He explained that it's OK to have setbacks along the way and to remember that the Yemin Orde community is behind them every step of the way.

As each graduate was called on stage to receive their scholarship, their name and course of study was projected on a screen.

And as the students watched, there's no doubt that many imagined themselves in a similar position a few years down the road





Top, Yemin Orde celebrates the 10th anniversary of its program aiding immigrants to Israel from France. Below, graduates return to the village with inspiring messages.

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 access to 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 a visit, please call us.

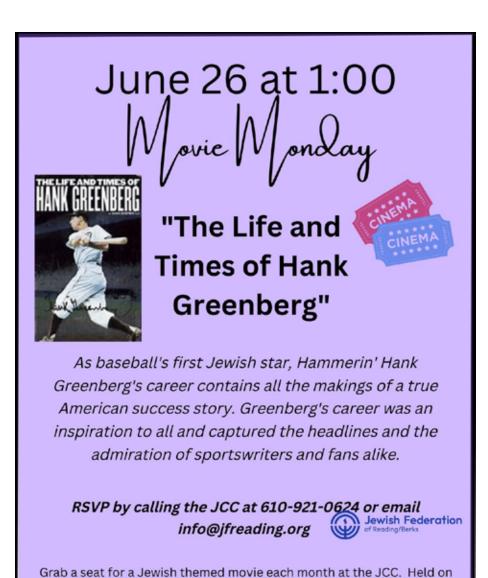
If you or a loved one are treated at a hospital out of our area we are also available for follow-up visits upon discharge.

At times of ill health, stress or crisis,

families are often looking for information about home care, transportation services, senior communities, nursing homes and rehabs. This is what we're here for

Please call Jewish Family Service social workers for help at 610-921-0624.





the 4th Monday of the month, the popcorn and the movie are both free!

JCC programming for all ages







Recent community activities included, clockwise from top left, Israeli coffee and talk at the JCC, Camp Day for youth at the South Mountain YMCA and a class in making Hummus at the Exeter Community Library.

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY

NOONTIME KNOWLEDGE

"The Mind & Music of George Gershwin"

Tuesday, June 20 at noon at the JCC

Dr. Richard Kogan leads this
musical lecture to discuss the life,
psyche and music of one of
America's greatest composers
during a taped event that
integrates masterful piano playing,
humor and insight.



RSVP by calling the JCC at 610-921-0624 or email 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.

Plastic Grocery Bags Needed

JFS needs plastic grocery bags for our food pantries. Drop off at the Federation office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Grief support group

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

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Art, culture and Ideas: Summer dates with Daniel Gordis and Broadway stars

By Amanda J. Hornberger

Join us in June to explore whether Israel has lived up to the dreams and expectations of its founders on its 75th birthday during Art, Culture and Ideas.

At its 75th birthday, one of the country's most prolific writers and intellectuals now asks whether "the most hated country in the world" has fulfilled the dreams and expectations of its founders.

Dr. Daniel Gordis will be in conversation with Abigail Pogrebin, a writer, journalist and Tablet magazine podcast host. In his new book, "Impossible Takes Longer", Gordis argues with nuance and force that Israel has accomplished more than David Ben-Gurion could ever have imagined. Join us to hear his eloquent argument about where Israel has

fallen short and the many ways — from the cultural to the economic to the technological — the country has exceeded all aspiration.

Author of eight books, including two winners of the National Jewish Book Award, Dr. Gordis, who made aliyah from California 25 years ago, is the Koret Distinguished Fellow at Jerusalem's Shalem College, which he helped found.

The pre-taped program with Dr. Gordis will screen at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 12 in the Cultural Center of the Highlands of Wyomissing.

Then in July join us for an interactive discussion with the cast of the hit revival of the Broadway musical "Parade". Nominated for six Tony awards including best revival of a musical and acting nominations for leads

Ben Platt and Micaela Diamond, "Parade" tells the story of the early-20th-century Jewish lynching victim Leo Frank.

June 2023

In "Parade," Leo and Lucille Frank are a newlywed Jewish couple struggling to make a life in the old red hills of Georgia. When Leo is accused of an unspeakable crime, it propels them into an unimaginable test of faith, humanity, justice and devotion. Riveting and gloriously hopeful, "Parade" reminds us that to love, we must truly see one another.

Arts, Idea and Culture featuring the cast and creative team of "Parade" will be shown on Monday, July 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center of the Highlands of Wyomissing.

Both events are free and open to the public and no pre-registration is required.



Giving back, connecting with community at RCOS





At left, Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom Religious School students continue the tradition of making meals for people served by Opportunity House. At right, volunteers serve up chicken at an RCOS fundraiser.

Obituaries

cultural events.

Sara Marcia Eligman, 99, died on April 26. Her husband, George, died five months ago, and they are survived by their sons Bob of Alexandria, Va., and Don of State College, Pa. Born in Reading, Marcia graduated from Reading High and Penn State majoring in chemistry. During World War II she worked in a medical laboratory at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco. When the war ended, she returned to Reading, got married and raised her sons in their home on Cumberland Avenue, where they lived for 70 years. Marcia returned to working at a lab (at St. Joseph's Hospital) when her children were grown, and worked there until she was 70. She was a member of Kesher Zion Synagogue and served as a president of the Reading chapter of Hadassah. During her retirement she enjoyed playing bridge and attending Jeanne Marcus Winston, 95, died on May 1 in Sarasota, Fla. Born in Beaver Falls, Pa., she attended the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in English. She was a championship golfer and talented sculptor. She enjoyed playing the piano, collecting antiques, knitting and writing poetry. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Dr. Norman Winston, sons Steve and Bill Gilbert, daughter-in-law Beanie Gilbert, four grandchildren and stepson Gregg Winston. Stepson John Winston predeceased her. She was a member of RCOS.

Ethel Engel, 92, died on May 10. She was born in New York and worked as a hat maker. Ethel was a talented artist, and her favorite medium was oil paints. She enjoyed writing poetry and published some of her poems in the Shalom. Ethel was a Friendship Circle member for many years. She is survived by her four children Henry, Rose, Yvette, and Steven, three grandchildren, and a great granddaughter.

All Around the Town_

Mazel tov to **Bobbi Lawit**. Her grandson Sam Sodomsky just released a new album Called "My Life in Hollywood." The album is available for downstreamingon bandcamp. com.

Congratulations to **Austin Kohler**, son of Wendy and Rich Kohler, on his tennis singles victory that contributed to Wilson winning the BCIAA boys tennis championship.

Ari Levin, son of Margo and Adam Levin, will be participating in the 2023 Maccabi Games in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in August as a member of the lacrosse team representing the Philadelphia delegation.

The Maccabi Games bring together more than 1,500 Jewish teens from around the world for a week of Olympic-style athletic competition, community service and social activities.

Ari's brother, Will, participated in the 2018 games as a soccer player



Ari Levin

in Orange County, Calif.

Send good news to Marknem@ aol.com or call 610-921-0624.

Until next time: Shalom!



by Branden Moyer Owner of Uncle Bs Honey Company



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Stop by for a tour of Manor at Market Square and stick around for Branden Moyer's Honey Bee Presentation where you'll learn the A-Bee-C's of bee keeping. Hear how he turned his bee keeping hobby into a sweet success of a honey business.

Children's book, The Adventure of Uncle B and Ruby Catching a Swarm, written by Mr. Moyer, will be available for sale.

Please RSVP by June 10 to 610-624-1299



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"The Mind & Music of Leonard Bernstein"

Tuesday, July 18 at noon at the JCC

Dr. Richard Kogan leads this musical lecture to discuss the life, psyche and music of Bernstein who produced some of the world's most memorable music.



RSVP by calling the JCC at 610-921-0624 or email 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.

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ROMEO growing

By Jeff Bornstein

Our ROMEO group had its biggest get together since COVID put a damper on our regular monthly meetings.

On May 2, 13 of us fit snugly around a table for 10 at Plum Creek Farm Market and Creamery for lunch and comradery. For those into numbers, that's about 1,000 years of combined wisdom!

We talked about topics from baseball to photography to real estate, and many other items. In short, we just had a fun time being together for a few hours.

The group decided to have its next directly.

meeting at noon on June 6 at Ganly's Irish Pub, 500 Brownsville Road, Sinking Spring on the restaurant's outdoor patio.

For those of you who come regularly, try to bring a friend and for those of you who want to come for the first time — just come. You don't have to be retired, just hungry

We meet the first Tuesday of every month but this July our regular meeting falls on July 4. We will publish an alternate date to be agreed upon by the group at our next meeting.

For more information, call the Jewish Federation or contact Jeff Bornstein directly

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Mother's Day reflections

By Carole Robinson

Mother's Day, a day to honor and remember mothers, makes me think of my mother, Doris Levin. Some of you may remember my mother as Jewish Family Service's first social worker, and I am proud to



be following in her footsteps. My mother was passionate about making the world a better place. I can still picture her marching on Penn Street in her knee-length skirt and ponytail to protest the Vietnam War. She recycled before most people even knew what the word "recycling" meant and made her children accompany her to sort glass jars, metal cans, and newspaper into big bins. My mom was also active in the League of Women Voters. She believed in the importance of education, served as president of the Mount Penn School Board, and nurtured my lifelong love of reading.

Most importantly, she was compassionate and empathetic. Her superpower was her ability to make everyone feel special and loved. My mother taught me how to be a loving mother to my four children and they, in turn, have acquired some of their "Dor-Dor's" attributes. Like my mother, my daughter Rebecca is an advocate for social justice, and she is the kindest person I know.

On the other hand, it took motherhood to teach my ambitious daughter Madelyn the

importance of "soft skills". Madelyn quickly developed patience and empathy — skills she will admit she did not have before — as the mother of two young daughters. She now picks up on emotional cues a lot faster than she did before and is more adept at multi-tasking, time management, and communication, skills which translate to assets as a working mother.

Though I can't offer you any young children to help you build "soft skills," I can give you the opportunity to hone these skills another way — volunteering. Similar to motherhood, volunteering allows one to build "soft skills" that translate to the professional world and will enhance your interpersonal relationships. Luckily for you, I have an abundance of opportunities for you.

Join JFS as a volunteer at one of our two monthly food pantries. Help us with our mission to ensure that nobody in the Jewish and wider Berks County community suffers from hunger. One of our recent volunteers was astonished by the number of clients waiting in line for hours to receive food. Her eyes were opened when she realized how much they rely on a few bags of groceries to feed their families. Now, she wants to guarantee that nobody is turned away empty handed!

If food pantries aren't your thing, share your expertise at a program for Friendship Circle, our senior group, or make a friendly visit to a shut-in and make our seniors smile. Let them know we care!

Dalai Lama XIV, the spiritual leader of



Doris Levin

Tibet and author of "The Art of Happiness," teaches, "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."

While I made sure to spend time with my children and grandchildren to celebrate Mother's Day, I also plan to incorporate more volunteering into my schedule. Both will put a smile on my face.

If you would like to find happiness as a JFS volunteer, please contact me at Caroler@JFReading.org or call 610-921-0624. Your happiness awaits!

Fun at Friendship Circle



Rabbi Brian Michelson joins with Friendship Circle for one of the group's twice-monthly meetings at the JCC. The Jewish Family Service program offers friendship, fun and learning. See more Friendship Circle photos on Page 17.

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You are invited to join the fun and celebrate with your friends.



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.

Poetry cornerAn Original Poem

The years fly by, I really know
Some days we're high and some we're low
I am now 99 years of age
I write about my life, page by page
I love so many people, they love me too
If I can help them with whatever, I do
I have another year to finish whatever I want to do
To help everyone and be a good Jew.

- Tootie Moyer

Happy birthday, Tootie!



Tootie Moyer, a Friendship Circle mainstay and a regular writer for Shalom, celebrates her 99th birthday at the

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Feeding the community



Jewish Family Service volunteers Sheila Bornstein and Mary Anne Avins at the SDA food pantry on May 9

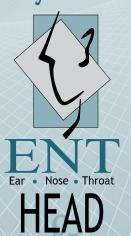
Many thanks to our May Food Pantry Volunteers who distributed 13,000 lbs of food to 470 households!



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Great places to go with kids in Israel

ISRAEL21c is proud to present our updated ultimate guide to summer activities in Israel for children. We aim to help you keep children of all ages entertained, educated and cool during your stay here. After all, Israel may just be the most child-friendly destination on the planet.

Beaches

With 170 miles of beautiful coastline in Israel, you can't miss. In summertime, the Mediterranean has an average temperature of about 86 degrees, so it's like getting into a warm bath.

Particularly child-friendly Mediterranean beaches:

- Shavei Tzion Beach just south of Nahariya with its natural seawater pool.
- · Achziv Beach, between Nahariya and Rosh Hanikra, replete with lagoons to splash in. · Dor (Tantura) Beach near Zichron Ya'akov,
- featuring natural wave breaks.
- · Beit Yannai Beach on the Alexander Stream near Caesarea, which has both awesome kite-surfing and restricted turtle nesting grounds.
- Palmachim Beach National Park near Rishon LeZion with perfect sand for castles.
- Tel Baruch Beach in Tel Aviv, where there's tons of paid parking and family-oriented cafés.
- The ever-popular Acadia Beach in Herzliya.

There are also nice beaches at the Red Sea, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee.

Wildlife attractions

- · Jerusalem's Tisch Family Zoological Gardens (the Biblical Zoo) hosts the world's largest collection of animals mentioned in the Bible, as well as thousands of other creatures in natural habitats. The zoo features a train, animal-themed play area and petting zoo.
- The Ramat Gan Safari near Tel Aviv combines the safari and zoo experience. Drive your car (or take a safari bus) through the open-air exhibits, then enter the zoo area for a closer look at the Middle East's largest collection of furry and feathery friends across 250 acres.
- · There are also zoos in Haifa, Rishon LeZion and Beersheva.
- At Gan Garoo in Nir David (Gilboa Springs) you can hand-feed kangaroos and exotic birds.
- Ya'ar HaAyalim deer forest in the Golan Heights offers guided tours in an electric vehicle, pony rides, zipline, indoor games, pedal cars, a petting zoo and
- The Israeli Primate Sanctuary near Modi'in is a refuge for 850 primates of 20 different species. Register in advance for tickets to meet the monkeys, learn about primates and play in a Gymboree and climbing wall.
- Freedom Farm Sanctuary in Olesh provides care to an assortment of animals rescued from research labs or from factory farms because they have disabilities making them unprofitable to the food industry.

Playgrounds and parks

A well-equipped playground is always a pleasure

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for kids, and those with water attractions are especially welcome in hot weather.

- One of the loveliest municipal parks in Israel is Park Ra'anana, a 200-acre expanse offering advanced play areas for children with and without disabilities, a boating lake, sports facilities, café, small zoo, amphitheater, observatory and hiking trails.
- Tel Aviv's Ganei Yehoshua Park includes playgrounds, gardens, boating lake, train ride, picnic areas, running and biking paths, climbing walls, soccer and basketball courts, Zapari topiary and Meymadion Water Park, among other attractions.
- Kids love running in and out of the huge water jets at Teddy Park across from the Old City walls. At night, these fountains are aglow.
- · Anava Park in Modi'in has an adventure playground, splash park, duck pond, boating lake, café, picnic areas, biking trails, zipline and trampolining, and evening concerts in the summer.
- · Herzliya Park is known for its slides. It offers bridges, slides, train, café, library, biking and walking paths, and other activities across 50 acres.
- in Beersheva, a 13.5-acre progressive children's park adjacent to Lunada Children's Museum encompasses a lake, pirate island, lighthouse, waterfall, bridges and water channels.

Amusement parks

Disneyland they're not, but Israel's more modest amusement parks guarantee hours of fun.

- Magic Kass in Ma'aleh Adumim is the largest indoor amusement park in Israel. There's a roller coaster overlooking the Dead Sea as well as rides, bumper cars, a musical carousel, playgrounds, video game hall, Gymboree, space simulation area, performance complexes and lots more.
- · Luna Park in Tel Aviv, opposite Ganei Yehoshua has a Ferris wheel, bumper cars and rides such as Swan Carousel, Demon Train, Pirate Ship and Top Spin.
- Superland in Rishon LeZion has two Ferris wheels, Congo tubing line, teacup ride, carousels, boat rides and

a range of roller coasters, some that go through water.

- · Shvil Hatapuzim near Hadera is a cross between a nature park and an amusement park. It has batteryoperated vehicles that kids can drive through the orange orchard; climbing and ropes courses for various ages and abilities; a netted tunnel; miniature golf; mini roller coasters; treehouses; boats; an obstacle course; zipline; splash pool and waterslides; carpentry shop; and mini carwash tunnel.
- · Kiftzuba on Kibbutz Tzuba near Jerusalem is especially recommended for younger children. It has carousels, trains, a pirate ship, bumper cars, indoor play area, picnic area and plenty of rides for older kids too.
- Balagan at Kibbutz Yagur in the Haifa region offers rides, a carousel, a train, challenges, table games and other fun activities geared to kids ages 1 to 15, including children with disabilities.

Water parks

Have a good splash at a water park for true summer fun. While they don't come cheap, water parks are a special treat that are suitable for all ages, making them a fabulous family destination.

Those staying in Tel Aviv can hop over to the Meymadion in the city's north (open Saturdays most of the year and daily in July and August) or drive a little south to Holon to check out the Yamit 2000 water park.

Another favorite is Shefayim Water Park near Netanya (open May to September) and Gai Beach Water Park in Tiberias on Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee).

Pedal-boating and rowing

Strap on a lifejacket, climb aboard and cruise around in a rented boat along these relaxing waterways: · Yarkon Park, Tel Aviv (motorboats are also

- available here)
 - Timna Park north of Eilat
- Peres Park in Holon next to the Children's Museum and Music Garden
- Anava Park, Modi'in
- Shvil Hatapuzim near Hadera
- · Pool of Arches, Ramla (in an eighth-century underground reservoir)



Synagogue. Donations accepted through June.

Walking Club starting at the JCC

By Ziv Laskin

Judaism teaches us to connect the at 7 p.m.and Thursdays at 8 a.m. mind and the body, on Shabbat we pray "חיימשה ןמ המילש האפר םהל חלשי, יףוגה תאופרו שפנה תאופר", May God send you a full heal, the heal of the mind and the heal of the body.

Join the new JCC Walking Club and take advantage of a great opportunity to connect your mind and body with your fellow members of our community.

The Walking Club will meet Mondays

On June 1 and June 5 we will meet at the barn at Grings Mill Recreation

New locations will be announced each week in our Monday weekly

RSVP: call-610.921.0624 or email Zivl@jfreading.org.

Sivan-Tammuz June





June 2 8:10 pm

June 9 8:15 pm

June 16 8:18 p.m.

June 23 8:20 p.m.

June 3/14 Sivan

Nasso (Numbers 4:21-7:89)

June 10/2i Sivan Beha' Alotcha (Numbers 8:1-12:15)

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Lag B'Omer celebration



Chabad's annual community Lag B'omer celebration featured a delicious BBQ with all the trimmings. Lots of people in the community came out and enjoyed s'mores by the bonfires and a drum circle.



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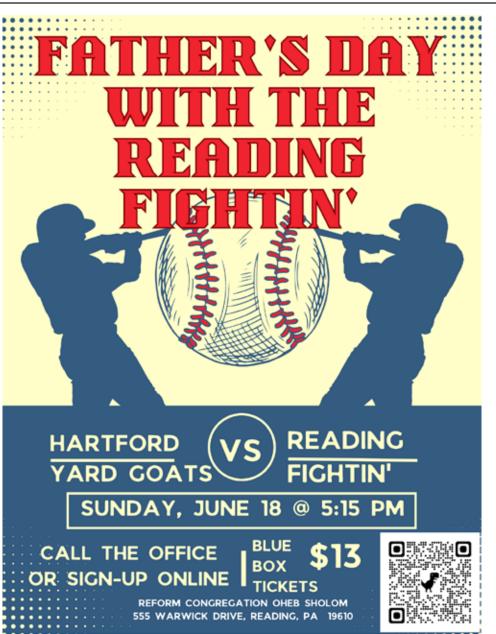
Clockwise from left: Chabad Hebrew School ended the year with a brunch and award ceremony for its Alef Champ Hebrew reading champions. On display were projects the students made during the school year. Along with fun get togethers and activities, Cteen jrs mastered Jewish knowledge throughout the year, At a recent shabbaton in Connecticut, there was a game show for the kids. Congratulations to Melanie Leshner for being a gold medalist out of hundreds of kids at this international event. Some of our CTeen jrs got to experience the gift of volunteering. They went to Philadelphia to help out at the JRA, which delivers kosher food and necessary supplies to thousands of households. The Cteen jrs worked alongside hundreds of volunteers in the JRA warehouse and delivered some of the boxes. Following their volunteering they enjoyed lunch at Zagafen kosher dairy restaurant.

JFS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

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.

It is easy to participate. Purchase a book of 25 taxi tickets from the Federation at a cost of \$25. Each coupon is worth \$3. The phone number for Reading Metro Taxi is printed on the ticket book. Call the company and arrange your ride. At the end of the ride, sign your coupon(s) before giving them to the driver. Tipping is left to the passenger's discretion. The coupon does not include the cost of tipping.

This program is subsidized by the Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks





Kesher Zion event spans generations

Kesher Zion Synagogue

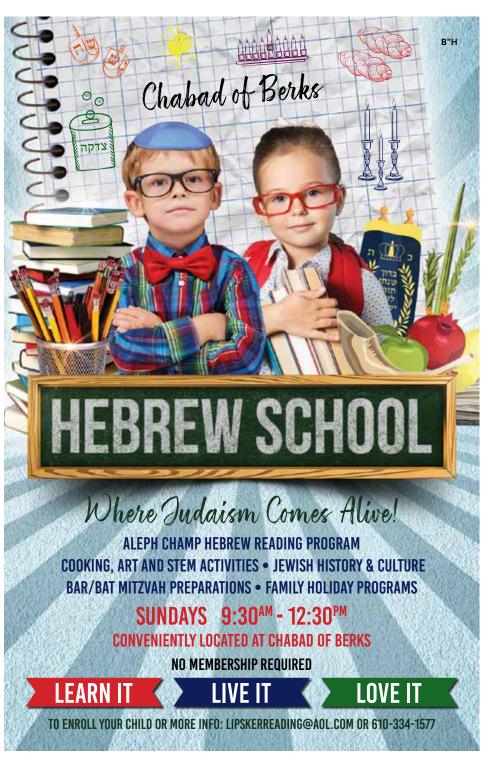
Kesher Zion Synagogue's L'dor V'dor Havdalah event was a wonderful opportunity for longtime congregants to meet new members and welcome them

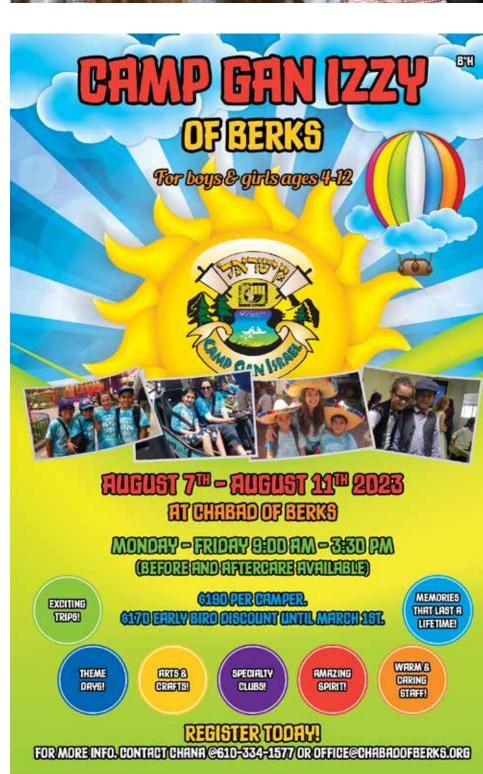
into the KZ family. This evening was also special as it included several families with three and four generations of KZ congregants. May we all have many more simchas to celebrate together.











Children's generosity brings joy to Friendship Circle





of our Friendship Circle friends. Here is the FC group enjoying the flowers and butterflies the students made.

Kyiv recognizes Jewish Federations for war relief

Jewish Federations of North America of North American and of the Israel

Jewish Federations of North America are honored and deeply moved that the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv has recognized our community's role in supporting the Ukrainian people during the war.

To recognize international support efforts during the war, the city of Kyiv built an "Avenue of International Aid" in its Independence Square, planting seven sakura (Japanese cherry) trees to recognize each of seven countries that have significantly supported the Ukrainian people — the U.S., Canada, Lithuania, Israel, Great Britain, Poland and Germany.

The tree in the center honors Israel; its plaque carries the names and logos of the Jewish Federations Trauma Coalition. A QR code to a brief explanation of Jewish Federations' activities in Ukraine will be linked to the plaque.

Since the outbreak of the war, Jewish Federations, with support from local contributors to the Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks, have raised a collective \$90 million for Ukraine aid to support the work of their core partners, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, The Jewish Agency for Israel, and World ORT, as well as more than 85 nonprofit groups

— including the Israel Trauma Coalition - providing humanitarian aid and relief to refugees in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Funding supports emergency

operational costs, temporary housing and transportation costs, security, humanitarian support and trauma and medical relief, and immigration and absorption in Israel.

Jewish Federations were uniquely positioned to respond immediately and effectively to the crisis due to their long presence in the region supporting their partners in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

We remain committed to supporting Ukraine's people and ensuring that their communities have the backing they need in the face of relentless adversity.





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