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## Israeli Consul General to speak in Reading

By Amanda J. Hornberger

Our community has a fantastic opportunity to learn about current events in the Middle East and the realities facing Israel. A diplomatic expert, Yaron Sideman, Consul General of Israel to the Mid-Atlantic Region will be in Reading for a special event on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Wachovia Theatre at Albright College.

Sideman's discussion, entitled "Perspectives on Israel, Iran and the Middle East," is free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this interesting event!

Sideman is the Consul General of Israel to the Mid-Atlantic Region and serves Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, West Virginia, Kentucky and southern New Jersey as the highest ranking diplomatic official representing Israel in this part of the U.S. He is the local resource and expert on Israeli affairs and



Yaron Sideman

the current situation in the Middle East. His discussion will focus on Israel, the proposed

Iran nuclear deal and other pertinent topics relating to the Middle East.

Sideman is a graduate of the Israel National Defense College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Philosophy from Tel Aviv University and a Master's degree in political science from Haifa University. He served in his most recent position at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Director of Congressional Affairs at the North America Division, where he was responsible for supervising and directing Israel's relations with the U.S. Congress.

The discussion will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8, in the Wachovia Theatre at Albright College.

We are expecting a large crowd for this event, so I recommend arriving early to secure a seat.

For more information, directions or questions, please contact Amanda at [amandah@jfreading.org](mailto:amandah@jfreading.org) or call 610-921-0624.

## Visits to Meir Panim put Reading in spotlight

Recently Michael and Susan Fromm visited Israel to further their work with Meir Panim. Independently, Bill Franklin visited the Jerusalem Meir Panim food branch while touring Israel with his wife, Andi, and their grandson Max. As a result Reading is currently featured with two stories on the Meir Panim website. Local support for Meir Panim comes from contributions to the Israel Now fund as part of the Federation's Annual Campaign.

The largest institutional kitchen in the Middle East will soon open to produce 30,000 hot meals per day to feed hungry Israelis. The kitchen is a pet project of Michael Fromm, a Berks County resident and chairman of American Friends of Meir Panim, Israel's leading supplier of food and social services for poverty-stricken children and families.

"The plan is to have three shifts of staff working to ensure that everyone in Israel who needs a hot meal will get one," Fromm explained.

Fromm is the CEO of Fromm Electric Supply Corporation headquartered in Reading. He resides in Wyomissing and New York City with his wife, Susan. The couple have traveled back and forth to Israel for years to follow the progress of this project.

"This building originally was a dilapidated textile warehouse," Susan said. "When we first saw it with our children, Jacob and Casey, it felt like we were walking over miles of junk. I thought,

'What have we done?' But, seeing it today, it's an amazing accomplishment."

Called The Mortimer Zuckerman & Abigail Zuckerman Israel Nutrition Center, the \$12 million building construction and the \$2 million worth of equipment were funded by donations from the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Australia and Israel.

However, there is more to this story. With Fromm's business background and desire to help as many needy people as possible, he not only sought to build the facility but also to create jobs and a self-sustaining solution for feeding Israel's hungry.

To that end, the nutritional center has formed a strategic alliance with a leading corporate caterer, which will lease the institutional kitchen to serve its for-profit client base, offsetting much of the operating expenses.

The facility is expected to create more than 200 new jobs for local workers in economically depressed areas. Hot meals will be produced in this one location and be trucked to cities all over Israel day and night. Thirty percent of the hired staff will be legally disabled. Since much of the food production will be automated, the handicapped will be able to handle these positions and receive a wage.

David Roth, President of American Friends of Meir Panim, explained: "Meir Panim partnering with a catering company guarantees the highest standards



Michael Fromm and David Roth at Meir Panim's kitchen under construction.

of food for our clientele. This Kiryat Gat facility is a revolutionary concept-for a nonprofit to have overhead expenses covered through a joint venture allows us to honestly say to our funders that 100 percent of your donation goes to buying food for the hungry."

Founded in 2000, Meir Panim serves thousands of nutritious free meals a day in its restaurant-style soup kitchens located in six Israeli cities. The organization also delivers daily meals to thousands of homebound, elderly, disabled and needy school children.

"Hunger in Israel is often kept under wraps because people would rather think about the amazing strides the country has made in its short existence," Fromm said. "I get that, but we can't ignore the hungry. Everyone wins in this deal. This building marks a clear turning point in our decade-long fight against hunger in Israel."

### Jewish Federation of Reading, teams up with Meir Panim

William Franklin, President of the Jewish Federation of Reading, visited the Jerusalem branch of Meir Panim this summer to show the community's support for the organization.

The Jewish Federation of Reading has a long-standing relationship with American Friends of Meir Panim, a U.S. affiliate organization that supports the Israeli charity. Franklin, whose tenure as president began last summer, is continuing a tradition of many years.

Meir Panim runs many programs for the benefit of Israel's needy. One of its best-known projects is a chain of restaurant-style soup kitchens. The Jerusalem branch, which is one of six such restaurants, provides free meals daily to the city's needy and is run almost

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# Community campaign needs your support as New Year begins

By **Richard Nassau**  
Development Director

The sound of the shofar alerts us — it's time to prepare for the New Year. During the High Holidays we look inside ourselves and ask, what have we accomplished? What new challenges will we face? How will we make a difference in the world?



At the Jewish Federation of Reading, we're proud of everything we've accomplished in the past year to build our Jewish community, to keep our Jewish community strong, to provide programs for young and

old, and to help so many people who have faced hardships. What we have accomplished, we have accomplished as a community because of your help. Yet, we know many members of our community here at home and overseas continue to struggle.

Our 2015 Community Campaign is not over. Your campaign gift ensures we can continue meeting the needs of people in our community now and allows us to extend a hand to those who will need our help in the months ahead. Your gift provides fragile, elderly Jews with food and warm clothes to help them through cold winters. Children who barely knew they were Jewish are learning to value their Jewish identity. A few years ago, they probably hadn't heard of a

shofar. Today, like us, they look forward to hearing its sound.

Your support extends beyond our local community. It transforms lives. People like Inna and her daughter Anzhelika who have benefited from our community's generosity. They moved to Israel from Kharkov, Ukraine, because Inna often felt the sting of anti-Semitism in Ukraine. She had been considering Aliyah for several years when she learned about a program that helps bring new immigrants to Israel. Arriving in Israel, Inna said, "I don't feel like I'm moving to a new place, I'm coming home."

The New Year brings renewed opportunities to help, to teach, to care. Thank you for being part of it. Your support does make a difference. You help

bring experiences to young and old that is building Jewish identity and celebrating Jewish life. Your gift links Jews at home and throughout the world to Israel and to the global Jewish community.

We still need your support and the support of the entire community. Your participation is more important than the dollar amount. If you have not yet participated in the Community Campaign, please do so. Thank you for your gift. Your contribution to our 2015 Community Campaign makes it all possible.

Best wishes to you and your family for a sweet New Year.

To contribute to the 2015 Community Campaign visit our website [ReadingJewishCommunity.org](http://ReadingJewishCommunity.org) or contact me at [RichardN@JFReading.org](mailto:RichardN@JFReading.org).

## Yemin Orde: A gap year of exceptional growth and change for Israel's immigrant youth

By **William Franklin**

Andi, I and our grandson were fortunate to be able to visit Yemin Orde recently in Israel. The passion of the staff and the smiles and laughter of the youth we met was one of the highlights of our trip. The support of our community is greatly appreciated; we should all be proud of the positive impact they are having on 'at-risk' Israeli youth. When in Israel you should take the opportunity to visit. One of the programs we were introduced to is the IsraElite Women's Leadership Program.

The IsraElite Women's Leadership Program for Immigrant Youth, or the Women's Mechina, was established in 2013 to empower young women from the margins of Israeli society with the tools they need to rise to leadership positions in their mandatory military service and beyond. The intensive 10-month program brings participants from around the country to the northern development town of Migdal HaEmek, where they live, learn and volunteer together.

The Women's Mechina is the only gap-year program specifically designed for young women who are immigrants or children of immigrants, mainly from



Ethiopia or the former Soviet Union. Participants struggle with serious questions of identity, economic distress and complex family situations. Most are unaware that their mandatory service can be utilized as a time to develop leadership skills and launch their futures as successful members of society.

The Women's Mechina provides a rare opportunity for participants to focus on their personal development, their place in Israeli society and their opportunities for their future. For the 18 young women of the second graduating class, the themes of change and empowerment reflected greatly in their accomplishments. The women learned about respect, Israel, Judaism, history, politics and religion. They also prepared themselves emotionally and physically for future mandatory national service.

Components of the Women's Mechina are:

- Weekly volunteering in the local community, a focus on Tikkun Olam (social justice) and community involvement;
- Workshops on life skills and

leadership development: including financial management, public speaking, and healthy relationships;

- Programs that support personal development and identity, plus exploration of cultural heritage and their place in Israeli society;

- Weeklong seminars throughout the country, including tours and hikes that introduce participants to Jewish and Israeli history and connect them to the Land of Israel;

- Programs to open horizons for the future: Meeting with women leaders, visiting universities, exploring scientific and cultural institutions;

- Preparation for life in the army: physical training, programs on opportunities and challenges for women in the military, female role models, assistance in placement.

The Women's Mechina is providing participants with important skills to overcome the cultural and societal obstacles they face. These young women develop a deep belief in their abilities and the determination to succeed.

At graduation, Anat Steiner, Mechina Director, emphasized the remarkable personal growth of the graduates. "I am full of respect for the courageous choice to embark on this fascinating and exciting journey and to see you choose your own way because you know that reality does not activate us, we choose how to act."

Graduates will serve in the following IDF divisions: Search and Rescue, Air Force, Communications Corps, Basic Training units, Navigation and Investigation Unit of the Air Force, national volunteer service.



William Franklin helps to feed the needy at a Meir Panim facility in Jerusalem.

## MEIR PANIM

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completely by volunteers. During his visit, Franklin helped serve lunch to the hungry diners who came in for a hot meal.

Franklin believes there is a close connection between helping the needy in one's own neighborhood and in Israel. "If you support the hungry in Reading, support the hungry in Israel," he said during a Breaking Israel News interview.

The Reading community is very supportive of Israel. "Both the Jewish

and non-Jewish communities are strong supporters of Israel," Franklin explained.

The Reading Jewish Federation does its best to ensure that the community remains connected to Israel. "We give scholarships for youth to come spend a summer here in Israel and bring in speakers to help them connect.

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From the President's Desk

# Federation hard at work on plans for great new year

By William D. Franklin  
President

Your Federation has been busy planning an exciting New Year

- Israeli Consul General Yaron Sideman is coming to Reading on Sept. 8 to speak with us on "Perspectives on Israel, Iran and the Middle East"

- Amanda Hornberger has been working with our Programming Committee and will soon be finalizing the 2016 Reading Jewish Film Series.

- Richard Nassau has plans for the Oct. 1 inaugural event for the Maimonides Society and is arranging for a dynamic speaker to kick off our



Campaign 2016.

- We are partnering with Alvernia University for an Interfaith Mitzvah day on Oct. 25. Community volunteers will assemble care packages for our community's homeless.

- Dr. Adam Garfinkle, founding editor of *The American Interest* and well-known author, will speak Nov. 10 for the annual Leo Camp Lecture at Albright College.

- Again partnering with Alvernia University, Esther Bauer, a nationally known Holocaust survivor, will speak Nov. 17 at a community Interfaith event;

- Chevra, our newly formed young adults division, is planning a Latkes and Vodka party on Dec. 19 in addition to our community Hanukkah celebration.

- Several community members

who recently attended the 92nd Y presentation of Michael Oren expressed an interest in discussing his new book, "Ally," and other relevant works. Amanda is working to organize this. If you are interested, please contact her at 610-921-0624.

- We recently met with our Youth Council to get their input on our high school program and 'Better Together'—our new program linking youth and seniors. Plans for the high school curriculum have been finalized.

- Work has commenced with Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom and Keshet Zion Synagogue to explore the feasibility of expanding RCOS's building to include Keshet Zion and Federation.

- Work also continues with the Lakin preschool to build upon the

successes of the last year.

- Jewish Family Service is sponsoring a Rosh Hashanah service and luncheon for seniors at the Manor at Market Square and a holiday service at Berks Heim.

Unfortunately, the national trend of increased demand on food pantries has hit Reading. Sari Incledon, Carole Robinson and our wonderful team of volunteers are able to keep up with the increased demand, up about 6 percent, working out of Keshet Zion Synagogue to serve more than 150 households.

Andi and I are looking forward to celebrating our second Rosh Hashanah with you and thank you for making 5775 such a sweet year for us.

*L'shanah tovah tikatevu* — May you be inscribed for a good year.

## A dream of grandparents come true

By Larry Rotenberg  
Chairman

Days before we left for Israel, my son David said: "Dad, in five days, three generations of Rotenbergs will be in Israel".

With that inspiring comment, my wife,

Alison, and I; our son David, and two of his children, Eli and Talia, set off for an adventure, aptly named "Authentic Israel".

This magnificent experience was



not for the faint of heart. From 6 in the morning, we were frenetically on the go. And we covered all the sights in Jerusalem, the Dead Sea; a Bedouin Village, complete with a delicious dinner, and a camel ride in the middle of a sandstorm. We went up and down Masada in the middle of a heat wave, well in excess of 110 degrees. And then on the Kineret; the Golan Heights; Haifa, Caesaria, Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

In addition to the Rotenbergs, Reading Jewry was represented by the Spillerman Family; including Dr. Ruth Spillerman, husband David, and Talia and Ari. Talia, together with some other youngsters, did

a post Bat Mitzvah ceremony on Masada, which was very moving.

We saw the passion, the creativity, and the commitment of the Israelis. We felt safe on the Golan, where we were a short distance away from all the chaos in Syria.

We saw a gay pride parade in Jerusalem, right out of our hotel window, where the joy of the occasion was only disturbed by a Jewish terrorist, who stabbed to death one of the supporters.

We noted the growth of poverty, and just as at home, the increasing distance between the few who were becoming

ever more affluent, and the many, who had a hard time making ends meet.

In short, we saw a country and a society that is becoming ever more mature.

But what made this trip so special was the opportunity to share it with our grandchildren. While these youngsters cannot feel the kind of closeness that the older generation has with Israel, it is our hope that this trip will remain to them a meaningful memory, that will bring them closer to the Yishuv.

And so, in the spirit of the season: "*L'shanah habaah byirushalaim*" — next year in Jerusalem.

## Medical mystery historian to speak at dinner

Noted medical mystery historian Dr. Philip Mackowiak will be the featured speaker at this year's Maimonides Society dinner on Oct. 1. The dinner will be held at the Berkshire Country Club.

Dr. Mackowiak's presentation on Mozart will be illustrated by special accompaniment featuring the Wilson High School String Quartet. Dr. Mackowiak is the author of "Post Mortem: Solving History's Great Medical Mysteries" and "Diagnosing Giants:

Solving the Medical Mysteries of Thirteen Patients Who Changed the World."

In 2009, he received the Theodore E. Woodward, M.D. Award for Teaching Excellence. His talks are always entertaining, and he serves as the Carolyn Frenkil and Selvin Passen History of Medicine Scholar-in-Residence at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

The Maimonides Society of the Jewish Federation of Reading sponsors programs

for the community and Society members throughout the year. Led by Dr. Richard Alweis, program director of the internal medicine residency program for the Reading Health System, the Society brings together Jewish medical professionals who continue the tradition of tikkun olam — healing the world. The 35 members of Reading's Maimonides Society integrate Jewish values with community medical needs, helping to improve the lives of people here

at home, in Israel and around the world. The Society is open to physicians, dentists and other health care professionals at the doctorate level; welcoming new members and helping develop leadership roles within the Jewish community.

For more information about the Society's Oct. 1 dinner with Dr. Philip Mackowiak or to join the Maimonides Society contact the Federation or Richard Nassau at RichardN@JFReading.org.

## Everyone invited to first annual Interfaith Mitzvah Day

By Amanda J. Hornberger

A mitzvah or good deed is a commandment for all Jews. Repairing the world or tikkun olam is the mitzvah that our community is invited to participate in this fall at our first annual Interfaith Mitzvah Day.

The Reading area Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities will be joining together for an interfaith day of service on Sunday, Oct. 25. This inaugural

event is being sponsored by Jewish Federation of Reading and Alvernia University.

The event will be held at Alvernia University, and we will be working together to support the Berks Coalition to End Homelessness (BCEH). We will be wrapping donated items in preparation for the People First event being held at Queen City Diner on Nov. 10. The People First event invites the

homeless to the diner for a free meal and an opportunity to receive donated items.

The Berks Coalition to End Homelessness will be on hand during our Interfaith Mitzvah Day to share stories with the group. In addition we will have music, snacks and a discussion on the act of a mitzvah and its importance to all

religious groups.

Please join us on Oct. 25. We hope to have a large part of our community participate in this interfaith community service event!

To sign up please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-mitzvah-day-registration-18259204773> or email [amandah@jfreeding.org](mailto:amandah@jfreeding.org)

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## Please join us for General Assembly

Consider participating in the premier North American Jewish communal event being held Nov. 8-10 in Washington, D.C. For three extraordinary days, the General Assembly, sponsored by Jewish Federations of North America, brings together current and emerging Jewish decision-makers representing a range of organizations.

The GA is an opportunity to learn about the innovative ways people are building and sustaining thriving Jewish communities. It features phenomenal speakers, top political figures and thought leaders. Among the presenters this year are Rosalie Abella, the first Jewish woman to sit on the Canadian Supreme Court; Rabbi David Saperstein, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom; and Leslie Wexner, chair and CEO of L Brands, Inc.

You'll have opportunities to voice your ideas and interact with other community leaders. Topics addressed include sessions on rethinking Jewish education, how communities are connecting with the millennial generation, confronting the new anti-Semitism, the future of



Jewish philanthropy, and many more.

The Jewish Federations of North America represents 151 Jewish Federations and 300 smaller communities that raise and distribute close to \$3 billion annually for social welfare, human services and educational needs. Federations touch more Jewish lives than any organization in the world.

Please join us as part of the Reading delegation. For more information about the GA, you can find a link on our website or contact RichardN@JFReading.org or on the Web at GeneralAssembly.org.



### Author entertains PJ Library participants

Author, Mara Rockliff of Kutztown reads her book "Chik Chak Shabbat" to youngsters as part of the summer PJ Library program on Aug. 18 at the Wyomissing Public Library. Rockliff read the book to the kids, they "made soup" together and then worked on a soup craft.

Want to sign your child up for free Jewish themed books? Please email Amanda to sign up for PJ Library.

## JCC starting book group

By Amanda J. Hornberger

In August the 92nd St. Y program featured Dr. Michael Oren, the American-born former Israeli ambassador to the U.S. During the program Oren discussed his new book, "Ally: My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide." Attendees at that program discussed starting a JCC book group and meeting periodically to discuss relevant books.

Due to the interest in Dr. Oren, the first book selected for the JCC book group is

"Ally: My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide."

The first meeting date and time is to be determined, but if you are interested in joining the group please contact Amanda at amandah@jfreeding.org or 610-921-0624.

The book "Ally" can be purchased as major book retailers, Amazon.com or borrowed from your local public library. Suggestions for future books are always welcome!



## Kids ages 9-11 are invited to take part in PJ Our Way

By Amanda J. Hornberger

The Jewish Federation of Reading is thrilled to announce that our community has been awarded a grant and selected as a new pilot community for PJ Our Way! Thanks to the generous support of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the nonprofit behind PJ Library, now kids ages 9-11 can receive Jewish themed books, as an extension and expansion of PJ Library.

PJ Our Way is the newest chapter of PJ Library for kids ages 9-11. It is designed to meet the developmental needs of 9-11 year olds by offering choice and creative outlets. Every month kids visit a secure website to choose one book from a selection of four high-quality titles with Jewish themes. Books are then mailed to kids' homes. Kids can also post comments and reviews on the secure website.

Similar to PJ Library, the PJ Our Way program will be run at no cost to local families. All 9-11 years olds living in the

Reading area are eligible to sign up for PJ Our Way beginning on their 9th birthday until the day before their 12th birthday.

Reading's pilot of PJ Our Way will begin later this fall. More information will be sent to eligible children in the coming weeks. If you or your child are interested in PJ Our Way, please reach out to Amanda to ensure your name, address and birthdate are up to date so that accurate information can be sent to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. In addition, a limited number of programs directly related to PJ Our Way will also be planned throughout the year once the program is up and running in our community.

JFR looks forward to working with our youth ages 9-11 and their families as we roll out the PJ Our Way program. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact your PJ Our Way Program Professional, Amanda Hornberger at amandah@jfreeding.org or 610-921-0624.

## 'Constructed Identities': Fall Art Exhibit

By Amanda J. Hornberger

In September and October the JCC will host the artwork of Cathy Jones and Erica Kabbeko in an exhibit entitled "Constructed Identities". The show runs through Oct. 30.

Cathy, from Kutztown, and Erica, from Lancaster, met while working on

their Master of Fine Arts degrees at the Vermont College of Fine Arts. Each woman's art is unique, but both will challenge the way you look at yourself and the identities of others.

I hope you find time to stop by and view "Constructed Identities" this fall at the JCC.

## America's superheroes are Jewish

By Amanda J. Hornberger

What do Spiderman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, the Fantastic Four, the Avengers and X-Men have in common? Would you be surprised to learn that all of these superheroes have a Jewish foundation? If so come out on Sept. 9 to learn more about the Jewish subtext of superhero movies at our Underoos to Super Jews event!

Guest speaker Alon Barzilay will be on hand on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall at Albright College to discuss superheroes, Jewish heroes and the connection to Jewish American culture. Few people know that America's superheroes share the same Jewish cultural themes as the comic book artists who created them, such as

immigration, Zionism and antisemitism.

In an interactive and dynamic presentation that will leave you AMAZED, get a new perspective on how the true themes of superhero films are rooted in Jewish American culture. Whether you are interested in Superman or Wonder Woman, you will discover how superheroes are fighting for truth, justice and the Jewish American way!

The Underoos to Super Jews event is FREE and open to the public. Please note that it is intended for adult audiences due to the complex nature of the topic (this is not a children's event).

For directions or for more information, please contact Amanda at amandah@jfreeding.org or call 610-921-0624.

## Youth are gaga for Gaga Ball

By Amanda J. Hornberger

Back by popular demand, the JCC Youth in grades 1-6 are invited to play Gaga Ball at Bodyzone on Sept. 27!

What is Gaga Ball? Described as a fast-paced contest similar to dodgeball, the game is played in a large, inflatable hexagon. The ball is foam and soft, and players attempt to knock each other out of the game. Conversely players are always on the move trying to avoid being hit. The last player or team standing wins.

Our group will meet at BodyZone, 3103 Paper Mill Road in Spring

Township, at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27. We'll eat a pizza lunch and then start playing!

Kids are required to wear shoes and socks. Pick up will be at 2 pm. The cost is \$10 per child.

All children are invited and if you need financial assistance please contact Sari Inledon at 610-921-0624.

Please RSVP to Brenda by Friday, Sept. 25, at brendas@jfreeding.org or 610-921-0624.

For directions or for more information, please contact Amanda at amandah@jfreeding.org or call 610-921-0624.

## Albright, Federation to host screening of award-winning 'Nicky's Family'

By Amanda J. Hornberger

Thanks to the success of "Schindler's List," most Americans are aware of the Righteous Gentile Oskar Schindler and his saving of 1,200 Jewish men and women during World War II. Many people do not know the story of Sir Nicholas Winton, a British Christian who rescued 669 children from Czechoslovakia in the months prior to the start of World War II.

Winton, who died this past July at the age of 106, was not recognized for his role in saving Jewish lives until the late 1980s. The award-winning documentary "Nicky's Family" tells the story of Winton and the many lives he impacted.

One amazing aspect of Winton's

story is the way he influenced many later generations to work across religious differences to help others in need.

In connection with our upcoming Interfaith Mitzvah Day, the Lakin Holocaust Library & Resource Center will be hosting a special screening of "Nicky's Family" and discussing its relevance to our Interfaith Mitzvah Day taking place Oct. 25.

The screening will be held Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. in the Klein Lecture Hall at Albright College.

Seating is limited so please come early and watch this astonishing film about a fascinating rescuer and humanitarian. This event is FREE and open to the public.



# Be happier with your reflection.

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# Congregational News

## It's time to start dreaming, and doing, to improve the world

By Rabbi Brian Michelson

Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom

Anyone who has ever visited one of the Disney theme parks more than once knows that things are continually changing. A ride is replaced or revamped; a pavilion is given a new name or theme. It is never the same place twice. I remember one of the early pavilions at Epcot was called "Horizons." It was devoted to the celebration and dramatization of human creativity. Horizons greeted its daily visitors with the inscription "If we can dream it, we can do it."



The capacity to dream, to envision,

to imagine is one of the most powerful of God's endowments to humanity. Our ability to picture our world, our families, and our own lives as we would want them provides the opportunity to work towards that ideal image. Jewish tradition reminds us during the High Holy Days that we were created as God's partners to sustain and improve the world. This partnership is based on our shared ability to envision and dream; we share this ability with God and we share it with each other.

Dr. Theodore Herzl had the courage to tell a World Zionist Congress more than 100 years ago, "If you will it, it is no dream." When the late Dr. Martin Luther King delivered a message entitled "I have a dream," he inspired black Americans and other minorities

to advance the fight for equality in this country.

There are, also, the dreams that never seem to come true. These are sometimes more difficult to face. Nearly 2,800 years after the prophets Isaiah and Micah proclaimed their visions of universal peace in the words "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not take up arms against nation, neither shall they experience war any longer," our planet is still savaged by terrorism and warfare. However, even if the dream has yet to come true, we should not lose hope. Each New Year, each new day provides humanity the opportunity to take one step closer to the fulfillment of these dreams.

One of the greatest and most inspiring challenges of the High Holy Days is the opportunity they present to renew our dreaming. Just when life appears all out of focus, just when dreams seem their remotest from coming true, just when we have difficulty seeing both inward and outward is precisely the time that we need to take the risk and dream again.

Over the exit door at the Disney's old Horizons pavilion was written, "Today's horizons are tomorrow's reality." What visions can we create this New Year? What old visions can we bring to fulfillment? What accomplishments await us if we will but accept them into our dreams!

I wish every one of you a most wonderful New Year.

## 'You're not angry enough with God'

By Rabbi Matthew Abelson

Keshar Zion Synagogue

According to our teacher, Maimonides, a Jew should cultivate love and reverence toward God. The attitudes of love and reverence are the hardest to achieve. If we are in a position to cultivate these attitudes, by all means, we should.



Still, the attitude that often predominates is indifference. We are indifferent about whether God cares about how we live our lives. Indifference is worse than anger. Anger is not a virtue, but it is powerful and because it is powerful, it may be possible to harness it and channel it into another, different powerful emotion. Therefore,

for the Yamim Noraim (High Holidays) of 5776, some Jews may be advised to take the following prescription as a means to transforming themselves and strengthening their relationship to God: Be angry with God.

The first reason I suggest this approach is because God can handle your anger. You can be assured of that. Press your case against God. Whether you are displeased with some element of your life or some difficulty in the world, call God out for the imperfection of the Creation that He created. Challenge Him. Demand that He enable us to see why He called His creation not just "good" (Genesis 1:12) but "very good" (Genesis 1:31). While none of us is blameless, if we regard our lot as disproportionately troubled given our generally proper conduct, we should insist that it be balanced appropriately.

As may be inferred from what I have written so far, anger's corollary is argument. Arguing with God is a longstanding Jewish tradition. The two greatest arguers were Abraham and Job. Abraham argued with God about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Job argued with God about the tragedy that his life became even though he was "blameless and upright" in God's own estimation. In fact, I can suggest no better preparation for the Yamim Noraim than reading the book of Job. While Job's "friends" insist that Job's unhappy lot is an outcome of his sinfulness, Job maintains — to the end — that his broken life is not an outcome of his wrongdoing. The book vindicates Job over and above his more pious "friends."

God is, unsurprisingly, the One Who is ultimately vindicated above even Job. Before God restores Job's health and surrounds

him with a new family, God is quite clear with Job that His ways are inscrutable. This is an important lesson. By all means, we should argue with God about the aspects of our lives that ought to be better in light of our record of good behavior over the last year. Yet we should recognize that while we may argue with God, we can never win an argument with Him. For those who only enjoy arguing in order to win, this is disappointing. I would suggest, however, that being able to make one's case before the Holy One Blessed Be He is a privilege in and of itself. Such arguing — often infused with anger — is one of the best ways to cleanse our hearts and convert them — eventually — to the proper attitudes of love and reverence for God. Thus, while we may start by arguing with anger, at the conclusion, we are filled not with anger but with love and reverence.

## The importance of giving and getting feedback

By Rabbi Yosef Lipsker

Chabad Center of Berks County

We all need feedback. Whether it is in our workplace or in our home life. Whether we are just doing our job or we are going above and beyond our duty. Whether what we do is motivated by a sense of obligation or just an inner fire of love.



We all need to be told that someone notices what we are doing and appreciates it. That we are valued and that what we do is important.

The more often we are given feedback and the better the compliment, the more inclined we will be to try even harder and do even better; Whereas the fewer kind words we hear, the more prone we will be to slack off.

Hopefully, throughout the year we acknowledge the meaningful people in our lives and thank them for all they do and

for who they are. But special occasions, like birthdays, anniversaries, or after a particularly difficult ordeal or an especially happy celebration, are times especially conducive to reflecting and expressing how important the other individual is to you.

So how about G-d? does He need to hear our feedback?

On many occasions — hopefully daily — we acknowledge and thank G-d for the abundance of good He showers on us. Though G-d is above any "need" and certainly doesn't need our "feedback", He does have a want — the desire to have a relationship with us. A relationship, even with the most exalted one, is by definition reciprocal and goes in both directions.

Rosh Hashana is the time of year when we reaccept G-d's rulership. It is our chance to stop, reflect and take notice. The Rosh Hashanah prayers are replete with us telling G-d how much we seek His presence in our lives.

Because feedback is something we all appreciate and need. And G-d's feedback

to each and every one of us should be in the Blessings of health, success and

nachas from us and all of our loved ones. Shana Tova from Chana & myself.

### LOCAL CONGREGATIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

CHABAD CENTER OF BERKS COUNTY (610) 921-0881  
Saturday mornings: 9:30 a.m.; Friday evenings: 6:30 p.m.

KESHER ZION SYNAGOGUE (610) 374-1763  
Weekly services Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday Evening Service – Please call for service information  
Babysitting available upon request with one week's notice

REFORM CONGREGATION OHEB SHOLOM (610) 375-6034  
Friday, Sept. 4: 6 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25: 7:45 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 19: Tot Shabbat, 10 a.m.

CONGREGATION SHOMREI HABRITH

### INTRODUCE YOUR CHILD TO THE JOY OF SHABBAT!

# Tot Shabbat

JOIN US FOR TOT SHABBAT, A MUSICAL, STORY-FILLED SHABBAT MORNING EXPERIENCE GEARED TOWARDS FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN THROUGH GRADE 2. BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE WITH RABBI MICHELSON, AND STAY FOR A PINT-SIZE ONEG OF JUICE, CHALLAH, AND CHILD FRIENDLY TREATS.

Saturday, 9/19/15 at 10:00 am  
Saturday, 10/24/15 at 4:00 pm\*  
Saturday, 11/21/15 at 10:00 am  
Saturday, 12/12/15 at 10:00 am  
Saturday, 1/16/16 at 10:00 am  
Saturday, 2/20/16 at 10:00 am  
Saturday, 3/19/16 at 10:00 am  
Saturday, 4/9/16 at 10:00 am  
Saturday, 5/14/16 at 10:00 am

Tot Shabbat services are held Saturday mornings at 10:00 am at Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom, 555 Warwick Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610 ohebsholom.org

Members & non-members are invited! No registration is required. Please call the Temple office, 610.375.6034, with any questions.

\* Tot Shabbat on Saturday, 10/24/15 will be at Oley Turnpike Dairy, Oley, PA, at 4pm and will include a Havdalah service and fall celebration. RSVP will be requested but not required. More details to follow.

**Jewish Family Service and Manor at Market Square**  
invite you to a  
**Rosh Hashanah Service and holiday lunch**  
at Manor at Market Square, 803 Penn St.

Friday, Sept. 11, at 10:45 a.m.  
RSVP by Sept. 2 to 610-921-0624.



**HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES**  
5776 - 2015

*Chabad Lubavitch of Berks County invites the entire community to join us for High Holiday Services. No membership required.*

**ROSH HASHANAH:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
Mincha Service ..... 7:00 PM  
Light candles at ..... 6:59 PM  
Ma'ariv Service ..... 7:30 PM

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**  
Shacharit Service ..... 9:00 AM  
Shofar Service ..... 11:00 AM  
*Light Kiddush following Services at approximately 1 PM*  
Mincha Service ..... 2:00 PM  
Tashlich Service ..... 2:15 PM  
Ma'ariv Service ..... 7:45 PM  
Light candles after ..... 7:54 PM

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
Shacharit Service ..... 9:00 AM  
Shofar Service ..... 11:00 AM  
*Light Kiddush following Services at approximately 1 PM*  
Mincha Service ..... 7:15 PM  
Ma'ariv Service ..... 7:45 PM

**YOM KIPPUR:**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
Mincha Service ..... 3:00 PM  
Light candles at\* ..... 6:44 PM  
Kol Nidrei ..... 6:45 PM  
*\*Candles may be lit at the synagogue for your convenience.*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
Shacharit Service ..... 9:00 AM  
Yizkor ..... 11:30 AM  
Mincha Service ..... 5:30 PM  
Neilah ..... 6:30 PM  
Yom Kippur Ends ..... 7:41 PM  
*Break Fast at Synagogue*

Services will be held at the  
**CHABAD CENTER**  
2320 Hampden Boulevard  
Reading, PA 19604

Suggested contribution for a seat is \$100.  
Please call 610-334-3218, email ChabadofBerks@gmail.com,  
or visit www.chabadofberks.org/highholiday to reserve a seat  
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**KESHER ZION**  
**HIGH HOLY DAY**  
**SCHEDULE**  
**TISHRI 5776**



**Selichot**  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015  
Selichot Service 8:00 p.m.  
*At Keshet Zion Synagogue*

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**  
Sunday, September 13, 2015  
Evening Service 6:15 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah**  
Monday, September 14, 2015  
Morning Service 9:00 a.m.  
Kiddush Luncheon following services in Sisterhood Hall  
Tashlich 5:30 p.m. at Reading Public Museum  
Mincha to follow

Tuesday, September 15, 2015  
Morning Service 9:00 a.m.  
Israeli Kiddush Luncheon to follow services

**Shabbat Shuvah**  
Saturday, September 19, 2015  
Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

**Kever Avot**  
Sunday, September 20, 2015  
(At the Keshet Zion Cemetery)  
Kever Avot/Memorial Service 10:30 a.m.

**Erev Yom Kippur**  
Tuesday, September 22, 2015  
Mincha 6:15 p.m.  
Kol Nidre 6:30 p.m.

**Yom Kippur**  
Wednesday, September 23, 2015  
Morning Service 9:00 a.m.  
Yizkor 10:30 a.m.  
Congregation Study with Rabbi Matthew Abelson 4:30 p.m.  
Mincha 5:30 p.m.  
Neilah 6:30 p.m.  
Maariv & Havdalah to follow  
Shofar 7:30 p.m.  
Communal Break the Fast to follow

**Sukkot**  
Monday, September 28, 2015  
Morning Service 9:30 a.m.  
Lunch and Learn in the Sukkah 12:00 noon

Tuesday, September 29, 2015  
Morning Service 9:30 a.m.  
Lunch and Learn in the Sukkah 12:00 noon

Friday, October 2, 2015  
Evening Service 6:15 p.m.  
Dinner in the Sukkah 7:00 p.m.

**Shemini Atzeret**  
Monday, October 5, 2015  
Morning Service 9:30 a.m.  
Yizkor Recited

**Simchat Torah**  
Monday, October 5, 2015  
Maariv and Hakafof 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015  
Morning Service 9:30 a.m.  
Kiddush following services



**HIGH HOLIDAY PARKING**

Through the cooperation of the Reading Police Department, street parking during services on Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 14, 2015 (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) Tuesday, September 15, 2015 (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and on Yom Kippur, Tuesday, September 22, 2015 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) & Wednesday, September 23, 2015 (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) will be permitted on the north side of the 1200 block of Hill Road (in addition to the south side), and on Constitution Blvd. (if necessary), locations where parking is normally prohibited. An officer will be provided to assist with parking. Tickets, however, will be issued if cars are parked in areas obstructing traffic flow and when complaints from public are received.



**REFORM CONGREGATION OHEB SHOLOM**

**Schedule of High Holiday & Festival Services, 2015 (5776)**

**Rosh Hashanah**  
Erev Rosh Hashanah  
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2015  
Time: 8:00 pm, Oneg to follow

**Daytime Services**  
Date: Monday, September 14, 2015  
♦ Morning Service at 10:00 am  
♦ Family Service\* at 4:00 pm  
♦ Tashlich Service at 5:30 pm  
at Reading Public Museum

**Annual Cemetery Service**  
Date: Sunday, September 20, 2015  
Time: 1:00 pm at Mt. Sinai Cemetery

**Sukkot**  
♦ Sukkah Decorating  
Date: Sunday, September, 27, 2015  
Time: 6:00 pm

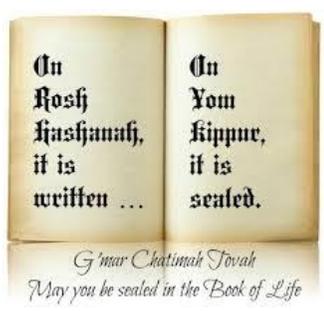
♦ Erev Sukkot Service  
Date: Sunday, September, 27, 2015  
Time: 7:00 pm

**Yom Kippur**  
Kol Nidre Service  
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2015  
Time: 8:00 pm

**Daytime Services**  
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015  
♦ Morning Service at 9:30 am  
♦ Family Service\* at 1:30 pm  
♦ Afternoon Service at 3:00 pm  
♦ Yizkor/Memorial Service at 4:30 pm  
♦ Closing Service at 5:00 pm

**Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah & Consecration**  
♦ Service and Consecration  
Date: Sunday, October 4, 2015  
Time: 7:00 pm

\*Family service for children up to grade 2.  
Babysitting available for other services.



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555 Warwick Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610  
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**Rosh Hashanah Dinner**  
At Keshet Zion Synagogue

**Shanah Tovah** Sunday, September 13, 2015  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Evening Service 6:15 p.m. **Happy New Year**  
**TO THE WORLD** Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**BRING YOUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN**

**MENU**  
ROUND HOLIDAY CHALLAH  
APPLES AND HONEY  
MATZAH BALL SOUP  
ROAST TURKEY  
MASHED POTATOES  
"PENNY SLICED CARROTS"  
JEWISH APPLE CAKE  
BIRTHDAY CAKE



Children (6-12 YRS) - \$11.00 Children Under 5- Free  
Adults (Ages 13+) - \$22.00

**Reservations and Payment**  
(check payable to Keshet Zion Synagogue) should be mailed to:  
KESHER ZION SYNAGOGUE, 1245 PERKIOMEN AVE. READING, PA 19602  
**RESERVATIONS ACCOMPANIED BY CHECK (MADE OUT TO KESHER ZION)**  
**MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015**

If financial assistance is necessary, please contact Sari Inclendon at Jewish Family Service (610) 921-2766

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Keshet Zion Synagogue  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
#ADULTS (ages 13+) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$22.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
#CHILDREN (6-12) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$11.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
#CHILDREN (under 5) \_\_\_\_\_ FREE = \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **ROSH HASHANAH DINNER**  
**SEPTEMBER 13TH**

## Sen. Judy Schwank meets with Friendship Circle



State Sen. Judy Schwank met with the Friendship Circle July 23 at the JCC to discuss what's new with state government and to answer questions. See the Centerpiece in this issue for the latest Friendship Circle activities.



## Interfaith Mitzvah Day

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1. "a good deed;" the Hebrew word for "commandment"

People of all faiths are welcome - children, high school students, college students, adults - to gather together and participate in the holy task of *tikkun olam*,

**REPAIRING THE WORLD!**



**What will we do?** Prepare gifts for the homeless to be given at the People First event at Queen City Diner, November 10, 2015.



Participation will strengthen all of our commitment to social action and our community as one that cares for each other.

**Sunday, October 25, 2015**

**1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Alvernia University** (Campus Commons Building)

**400 Saint Bernardine Street**

**Reading, PA 19607**

Register online, call or email:

<http://ow.ly/RcDYH>

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# Teen News

## New era in teen education begins Sept. 20 at JCC

Our Reading Jewish Community High School is back, and better in many ways.

We responded to the challenge of Gratz closing its branches by deciding to open our own program. We kept our strengths and we have listened to student and parent input in the new Reading JCHS for this New Year 5776 / 2015-2016.

Rabbi Barry Dov Lerner will return to direct our program and has been working throughout the summer with Jewish Federation of Reading President Bill Franklin and Program Director Amanda Hornberger.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 5:30 p.m., there will be orientation for teens and parents with an introduction to the faculty, the courses being offered and the new elements of our Reading JCHS program. We will also describe our exciting "Better Together" program of inter-generational

education and invite those who are interested to apply.

### Reading Jewish Community High School

This year the classes will be divided into trimesters, rather than yearlong courses, which provides for more choice and more variation. We will have three periods of 45 minutes each and a 15 minute break and snack. At the suggestion of parents and students, we will begin a half-hour earlier, with classes running 5:30 to 8 p.m.

In a major statement of support and dedication, our community's rabbis have jointly volunteered to each teach a first period class for a trimester in a subject of their choosing to be announced. Our thanks to Rabbi Michelson, Rabbi Lipsker and Rabbi Abelson. This will enable students to have three options for the first period and then two choices for the

second two classes.

Our current trimester dates are Oct. 11, 18 and 25; Nov. 8, 15 and 22, Dec. 6, 13 and 20. Some dates may yet change as we take into consideration holidays and specific events on the community calendar. We have affiliated with The North American Association of Community & Congregational Hebrew High Schools (NAACCHHS) and students will receive transcripts with "Credit" or "No Credit" that will be beneficial for college applications. We are also exploring a Modern Hebrew Language course, and more information will be available on Sept. 20.

### "Better Together"

In addition to the classes of JCHS, we are very proud to announce that we are the recipients of a national philanthropy — which has asked to remain anonymous — for a grant project titled "Better

Together," a proposed program of inter-generational activities.

The yearlong program will have approximately 10 meetings during the year. The curriculum is titled "Early Bird Taste of Torah" which met the standards of the granting philanthropy and will consist of select number of teens and senior citizens from our Jewish community, to study in "hevrutah," learning pairs.

Led by Rabbi Dov for each monthly study session, a portion of the Biblical text will be read on a monthly Jewish celebration, supplemented with legends and comments from thousands of years, challenging the students to find modern meaning in our tradition. Our goal is that the younger partners will gain a wealth of information and experiences from our seniors, and the seniors will learn the perspective of our future leaders.

## Liberty Region BBYO: Join in the fun!



**\*\*Please watch for the announcement of the date, time and location of [Back to BBYO Night](#) in your chapter/community!**

### **Regional Kick-Off**

**September 12**  
**Brunswick Zone XL, Feasterville-Treose, PA**  
Open to ALL Jewish teens in grades 9-12  
Come celebrate the official start to an incredible year of BBYO with bowling, laser tag, arcade games, friends and fun!

### **Regional Leadership Training Institute (RLTI)**

**September 18-20**  
**Camp Kweebec, Schwenksville, PA**  
Open to ALL members  
This convention focuses on the development of participants' leadership skills through interactive programming, skills workshops and teen-led training sessions. This year's RLTI will be extra awesome as we will be joined by our friends from BBYO Keystone Mountain Region (KMR)!

### **Tournies Convention**

**November 13-15**  
**Harrisburg JCC, Harrisburg, PA**  
**Home Housed**  
Open to ALL members  
During this convention weekend, teens compete to show chapter spirit in many different activities ranging from water polo to debate – there is an event for everyone!

### **Marathon Madness**

**January 17**  
**Location TBD**  
Open to ALL Jewish teens in grades 8-12  
BBYO's new Movement-wide Stand UP initiative brings Jewish teens together from around the world to support causes they care about and make a difference through the power of community, while having a lot of fun! It has never been easier, or more fun, to make a difference. Join us for a dance party bigger than our region has ever seen!

BBYO is the largest pluralistic youth movement and most effective provider of identity-building and leadership development programs for Jewish teens. Our region, Liberty Region #13, was created after Central Region East and Philadelphia Region merged together into a mega-region in 2013. Liberty is comprised of chapters along Eastern Pennsylvania (including Philadelphia), Delaware, and two areas of southern New York: Binghamton and Elmira.

Throughout the school year, many meaningful and fun events take place locally, regionally, and even internationally. Liberty hosts five main conventions during the year: Regional Leadership Training Institute (RLTI), Tournies, IT Convention (In Training - new members convention), WOW Convention, and Spring Convention. BBYO is a youth-lead organization with chapter and regional boards that help make the region run smoothly.

### ***See below for calendar of events***

### **International Convention (IC)**

**February 11-15**  
**Baltimore, MD**  
Open to ALL members  
IC is an opportunity for members to become more familiar with BBYO on the international level, experience innovative Shabbat services, take part in community impact projects and connect with Jewish teens from all around the world.

### **In Training (IT) New Member Convention**

**March 4-6**  
**JCC of Wyoming Valley, Wilkes-Barre, PA**  
**Home Housed**  
Open to ALL NEW members  
New members are invited to spend the weekend getting to know one another and learning more about BBYO.

### **WOW Weekend Convention**

**April 15-17**  
**Hotel TBD**  
Open to ALL members  
During WOW Weekend, teens experience "wow programming" in a variety of topics, such as community service, social action and brotherhood/sisterhood.

### **March of the Living (MOTL)**

**May 2-16**  
**Poland and Israel**  
Open to ALL members  
MOTL is a two weeks-long program focused on Holocaust education and remembrance. Teens spend one week in Poland and end their trip with a week-long celebration of the Jewish peoplehood in Israel.

### **Spring Fling Convention**

**May 20-22**  
**Camp Kweebec, Schwenksville, PA**  
Open to ALL members  
As the culmination of the program year, this convention allows to teens to listen to State of the Region addresses from their regional presidents, hear and take part in Life Ceremonies given by outgoing seniors, and elect the Regional Board for the following calendar year.

***Want to learn more about Jewish youth groups?***

**For BBYO, contact Janine Ure via the Jewish Federation, 610-921-0624.**

**For National Federation of Temple Youth, contact Scott Stein via Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom, 610-375-6034**

# The Iran Nuclear Deal

## American Jewish groups all over the map on controversial issue

A recent article by Ron Kampeas, the Washington bureau chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA), summarized how Jewish communities across the nation are uncertain of their position on the Iran nuclear deal.

Of 53 regional Jewish groups from all corners of the U.S., there are 19 opposed to the deal and 34 that are not opposed but skeptical and urge closer examination.

Those opposed expressed concern that the agreement fails to provide for full and immediate inspections of undeclared nuclear facilities, adequate disclosure of prior military dimensions of Iran's nuclear program and prompt dismantlement of the nuclear infrastructure. They also believe it is not the best deal possible at this time.

The opposed include:

Baltimore Jewish Council; Birmingham Jewish Federation, Ala.; Boston Combined Jewish Philanthropies; Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago; Jewish Federation of Cleveland; Jewish Community Relations Committee of Jewish Federation of

Columbus, Ohio; Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas; Jewish Federation of Delaware; Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, Iowa; Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit; Jewish Federation of Greater Houston; Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles; Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest, N.J.; Greater Miami Jewish Federation; Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey; Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia; Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix; Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Fla.; Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington

Those expressing caution and urging closer scrutiny share the administration's desire and appreciate their efforts to reach a diplomatic solution that will prevent Iran from developing nuclear capability. However, they have grave concerns that the present deal may not accomplish this objective and could threaten the peace and security of numerous countries, including the United States and, more immediately, Israel.

They therefore urge Congress and North American Jewish communities to carefully scrutinize the deal and its risks and implications.

They include:

Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston; Jewish Federation of Broward County, Fla.; Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts; Charleston Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Relations Council, S.C.; Jewish United Fund of Greater Chicago; Jewish Community Relations Council and Jewish Federation of Cincinnati; JEWISHColorado; Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, Texas; Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley, Pa.; Jewish Community Relations Council of Louisville, Ky.; Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, N.J.; Jewish Community Relations Council of Milwaukee Jewish Federation; Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas; Jewish Federation of Nashville; Jewish Federation of New Orleans; Jewish Community Relations Council of New

York; Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey; UJA-Federation of New York; Jewish Federation of Omaha, Neb.; Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, N.Y.; Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando, Fla.; Council of Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, Fla.; Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh; Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, Ore.; Jewish Federation of Reading; Jewish Community Federation of Richmond and its Jewish Community Relations Committee; Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis; Jewish Federation of San Diego County; Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco; Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, Fla. Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle; Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley; United Jewish Federation of Tidewater and its Community Relations Council, Va.; Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts. For further understanding of the risks involved on both sides of this critical issue, please see the additional articles supporting and opposing the Iran nuclear deal.

## Supporting the Iran nuclear deal

*A look at some defenders of the nuclear deal with Iran.*

### U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz

Several weeks ago, U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz told Jewish groups that the nuclear deal with Iran will give America, Israel and other countries the "freedom" to confront Tehran's support for terrorism and violations of human rights, and allow the U.S. to increase its attention on "other aspects of Iranian behavior that give us serious problems."

"We are trying to increase security cooperation" with Israel and Arab allies, Moniz said in a webcast session (<http://jewishfederations.org/jfed-talks>) coordinated by Jewish Federations of North America. "Doing so with the comfort that Iran does not have and will not have a nuclear weapon, will give us more freedom of action, if you like, in addressing all these other problems."

"The bottom line is Iran today is what we call a threshold state — it may not have a weapon today, but it has the capabilities and is very close to getting there if they choose to do so," he said. "This agreement pulls them way back from that threshold for a substantial period."

### Former Israeli security heads

While Israel's prime minister continues to fight the Iran nuclear deal, a collection of former Israeli security figures have come forward to say things could be much worse.

Major-General (res.) Israel Ziv is the former head of the Israeli Army's Operations Directorate branch and takes a realist's approach to the deal. "There is no one in Israel who thinks the nuclear agreement is a good agreement, but the discussion should not focus on that," he wrote in an op-

ed for the Israeli news site Ynetnews.com. "Because this agreement is the best among all other alternatives, and any military strike — as successful as it may be — would not have delayed even 20 percent of what the agreement will delay, not to mention the risk of another flare-up with Hezbollah, which an operation against Iran would have generated. The agreement is an established fact, and it's not particularly bad as far as Israel is concerned."

Shlomo Brom a Visiting Fellow at the Center for American Progress and former Brigadier General in the Israeli Army told ThinkProgress that while there were flaws in the deal, it was "solved in a good way."

Ami Ayalon, former head of Israel's internal security outfit called Shin Bet and former chief of the Israeli Navy, told *The Daily Beast* that the issue "is not black and white."

"When it comes to Iran's nuclear capability, this [deal] is the best option," Ayalon said. He also named a number of other former ministers, security officers in Shin Bet, and Mossad (Israel's equivalent to the CIA) who agreed with this view.

"No agreement is ironclad, but the inspections provisions provide a high degree of confidence that Iran will not be able to renew the nuclear program without its being detected," Chuck Freilich, a former deputy National Security Adviser in Israel, wrote in a *New York Times* op-ed "A regime that has staked so much on this agreement will be reluctant to incur the costs."

### Retired U.S. generals and admirals

Thirty-six retired generals and admirals have come out in support of the controversial nuclear agreement with Iran, calling it "the most effective means currently available to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear

weapons."

In a letter to *The Washington Post*, the retired officers said gaining international support for any possible military action against Iran "would only be possible if we have first given the diplomatic path a chance." The former generals and admirals say in their letter that the nuclear deal was not based on trust in Iran but imposed tough standards and verification and sanctions for failure to comply. "There is no better option to prevent an Iranian nuclear weapon," the letter says, adding: "Military action would be less effective than the deal, assuming it is fully implemented. If the Iranians cheat, our advanced technology, intelligence and the inspections will reveal it, and U.S. military options remain on the table."

The signers included Gen. James Cartwright, a former vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Joseph P. Hoar, a former commander-in-chief of the Central Command; and General Merrill McPeak, a former chief of staff of the Air Force.

Retired Navy Rear Adm. Harold L. Robinson, a rabbi and former naval chaplain, told the *Post* that he had decided to sign to show that "those of us who love Israel in the United States are not of one mind and one voice on this matter. I thought it was important to represent some of the diversity within the American Jewish community."

### American rabbis

"We are deeply concerned with the impression that the leadership of the American Jewish community is united in opposition to the agreement," 340 rabbis from the major streams of U.S. Judaism wrote in a letter to Congress expressing support for the Iran nuclear deal. The letter urged the House of Representatives

and Senate to endorse the agreement, in which sanctions are lifted in exchange for restrictions on Iran's nuclear program, and states, "We, along with many other Jewish leaders, fully support this historic nuclear accord."

In a news release issued by Ameinu, a liberal Zionist organization, one of the letter's signatories, Rabbi Steven Bob of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, said, "We commend the U.S. and the other negotiating teams for their dedication to reaching an agreement to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. This deal is good for the United States and our allies in the region, and is the best arrangement possible given current international realities."

Rabbi Samuel Gordon of Wilmette, Ill., said in the news release that if Congress rejects the deal, "the consequences for the United States, Israel, the Jewish community and the world will be significant."

"We fear that the outcome will be the collapse of the international sanctions regime, an Iranian race for nuclear weapons and an associated arms race in the Middle East and isolation of Israel and the United States from international partners," Gordon said.

Among the rabbis signing the letter are Burton Visotzky, a professor at the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary; Sharon Brous of Ikar, a large congregation in Los Angeles; Lawrence Kushner, the author of more than 18 books on Judaism; Sharon Kleinbaum, the longtime rabbi of the largest LGBT synagogue in North America; Nina Beth Cardin, an author and Jewish environmental activist; and Amy Eilberg, the first woman rabbi ordained by the Conservative movement.

## Excerpts from 'The high price of rejecting the Iran deal'

By Jacob J. Lew

*Secretary of the Treasury*

The Iran nuclear deal offers a long-term solution to one of the most urgent threats of our time. Without this deal, Iran, the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, would be less than 90 days away from having enough fissile material to make a nuclear bomb. This deal greatly reduces the threat of Iran's nuclear program, making Iran's breakout time four times as long, securing unprecedented access to ensure that we will know if Iran cheats and giving us the leverage to hold it to its commitments.

Opponents' assumptions that we could have gotten a better deal, or if we unilaterally

ramped up existing sanctions to force Iran to dismantle its entire nuclear program and alter the character of its regime wholesale are dangerous fantasies, flying in the face of economic and diplomatic reality.

Although the United States still does have tremendous economic influence throughout the world, countries across Europe and Asia joined the current sanction policy because we made the case that Iran's nuclear program was an uncontained threat to global stability and, most important, because we offered a concrete path to address it diplomatically.

The rest of the world sees the nuclear agreement, endorsed by the U.N. Security Council and more than 90 other countries,

as effectively addressing the threat of Iran's nuclear program by constraining it for the long term and ensuring that it will be exclusively peaceful. If Congress now rejects this deal, the elements that were fundamental in establishing that international consensus will be gone.

The international community does not believe ramping up sanctions will persuade Iran to eradicate all traces of its hard-won civil nuclear program or sever its ties to its armed proxies in the region. It will blame the U.S. for walking away from a credible solution to one of the world's greatest security threats, and will continue to re-engage with Iran.

Imposing powerful secondary sanctions against those countries that refuse to follow our lead would be a disaster. The European Union, China, Japan, India and South Korea are among the largest economies in the world. If we were to cut them off from American trade, we would set off extensive financial hemorrhaging, not just in our partner countries but in the United States as well.

The deal we reached is strong, unprecedented and good for America, with all the key elements the international community demanded to stop Iran from getting a nuclear weapon. Congress should approve this deal and ignore critics who offer no alternative.

# The Iran Nuclear Deal

## Excerpts from 'A better deal with Iran is possible'

By Robert Satloff

*Washington Institute for Near East Policy*

On one side we must recognize the substantial achievements in the Iran Nuclear Agreement, such as Iran's commitment to cut its stockpile of enriched uranium by 98 percent, gut the core of its plutonium reactor, and mothball thousands of centrifuges. Supporters of the deal accept President Barack Obama's argument that the agreement will effectively block Iran from developing a nuclear weapon for a very long time at little risk to U.S. interests.

But the other side identifies a long list of gaps, risks, and complications. These range from the three and a half weeks that Iran can delay inspections of suspect sites, to the billions of dollars that Iran will reap from sanctions relief — some of which will surely end up in the hands of terrorists.

A third side has outlined several constructive proposals that the United States could even implement without reopening negotiations with the Iranians and the P5+1 group of world powers.

## The strategic impact of the Iran deal

*Excerpts from scholar Walter Russell Mead's Aug. 5 testimony about the Iran nuclear deal and military balance in the Middle East to the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services. The article in its entirety can be read on the JFR website, [www.readingjewishcommunity.org](http://www.readingjewishcommunity.org)*

"No agreement stands alone. Ultimately, the JCPOA will be not be judged as a stand-alone agreement; it will be judged as part of a policy aimed at securing American interests in a vital region at the lowest feasible risk and cost. It would be a mistake to think of this agreement simply in the context of nuclear weapons. It also needs to be examined in the light of important non-nuclear policy issues in a region of vital importance to the United States. At a time when the Middle East is in its most volatile, unsettled state in a century, and when a sectarian conflict between Shi'a and Sunni Muslims is spreading, this agreement affects the balance of power, relations with our existing allies and perceptions of America's role in the sectarian conflict. To reach an appropriate decision about this agreement, the United States Senate needs to consider the agreement's likely impact on important American interests and relationships across the Middle East, and to a lesser extent, elsewhere.

When asked to identify America's principal interests in the Middle East, most people will agree with President Obama's summary: oil and the security of Israel. Israel is a valuable American ally and partner, an outpost of democracy, and, as the national state of the Jewish people, both a refuge from persecution and a shining example of what a free people can accomplish.

Some have argued that energy independence will relegate Middle Eastern oil to a second tier of American interests and that an energy independent America will be less concerned about the security and stability of the Middle East. Perhaps unfortunately, this is not the case. If the Middle East is no longer necessary for America's own energy needs, oil from this region remains vital to our friends, allies and economic partners around the world. If war in the Middle East, or the actions of a powerful regional hegemon seeking to blackmail the world should cut the flow of oil from the Middle East to Europe, India, China and/or Japan, the economic consequences to the United States would be enormous. American manufacturing companies operate globally and their overseas operations and supply chains

They are:

- **Consequences:** Repair a glaring gap in the agreement, which offers no clear, agreed-upon penalties for Iranian violations of the deal's terms short of the last-resort punishment of a "snapback" of U.N. sanctions against Iran. This is akin to having a legal code with only one punishment — the death penalty — for every crime, from misdemeanors to felonies; the result is that virtually all crimes will go unpunished. The solution is to reach understandings now with America's European partners, the core elements of which should be made public, on the appropriate penalties to be imposed for a broad spectrum of Iranian violations. The Iran deal gives the U.N. Security Council wide berth to define such penalties at a later date, but the penalties have no value in deterring Iran from violating the accord unless they are clarified now.

- **Deterrence:** Reach understandings now with European and other international partners about penalties to be imposed on Iran should it

would be seriously affected by a disruption in energy supplies. Stock markets globally would be severely affected, including in the United States.

The United States may not be dependent on the Middle East for our domestic energy supply, but the American economy remains profoundly and permanently entangled in the global economy.

To make wars less likely, the United States has worked to create an interdependent global system in which all countries depend so heavily on global flows of trade and investment that no country can contemplate cutting itself off from this system through starting wars. At the same time, the United States has worked to ensure the safe and secure passage of commerce across the world's oceans, taking questions like energy out of the realm of geopolitical competition. These policies have helped create the longest era of great power peace in modern time.

Considered from the humanitarian standpoint, the dangers facing us in the Middle East today are immense, and it is against this background that the value of the JCPOA is to be understood.

One danger is presented by the rise of Iran and the consequences of its efforts to increase its power in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and beyond. Iran is the one country at the moment that appears to believe that it has both the capacity and the will to establish a hegemonic position in the region. An Iranian bid for control could create such chaos and upheaval in the region that normal governance would break down and some oil exporting countries could be paralyzed by international or civil conflict.

Another danger comes from the surge in fanaticism among some Sunni groups because of the fear inspired by an Iranian-backed surge of Shi'a power across the region. The successful establishment of a 'caliphate' or some other form of radical and revolutionary governance across strategically important areas could present the United States with the choice between military intervention or accepting the establishment of a hegemonic regional power.

The effect of the JCPOA on the regional situation depends on perception and policy. How will Iran, our allies and other forces in the region view the agreement? How does the agreement weaken or strengthen Iran on the ground? What policies will the United States and Iran pursue in the region and toward each other should the agreement come into full force?

transfer any windfall funds from sanctions relief to its regional allies and terrorist proxies rather than spend it on domestic economic needs. To be effective, these new multilateral sanctions should impose disproportionate penalties on Iran for every marginal dollar sent to Hezbollah in Lebanon, Bashar al-Assad in Syria, etc. Since these sanctions are unrelated to the nuclear issue, they are not precluded by the terms of the Iran agreement.

- **Pushback:** Ramp up U.S. and allied efforts to counter Iran's negative actions in the Middle East, including interdicting weapons supplies to Hezbollah, Assad, and the Houthis in Yemen; designating as terrorists more leaders of Iranian-backed Shiite militias in Iraq that are committing atrocities; expanding the training and arming of not only the Iraqi security forces but also the Kurdish peshmerga in the north and vetted Sunni forces in western Iraq.

- **Declaratory policy:** Affirm as a matter of U.S. policy that the United States will use all means necessary

One thing seems clear: if the JCPOA fails to contain Iran's nuclear program, and Iran gets a nuclear weapon, the agreement will be a disaster in regional politics. Iran's drive toward regional hegemony will receive a powerful boost, the strength of fanatical movements in the Sunni world will be boosted by a sense of apocalyptic fear and rage, and the sectarian conflict will intensify in ways that are both unpredictable and very dangerous for American interests.

Suppose there is a period of time in which the success or failure of the JCPOA on the nuclear issue is unclear? During this uncertain interval, one that could last for some time, how will the JCPOA affect the regional balance of forces?

Here, the news is bad. Whatever the JCPOA does in terms of the nuclear program, when it comes to the conventional balance in the region the JCPOA appears to strengthen Iran. The end of sanctions does not just result in a "windfall" gain to Iran as frozen assets are released; it also adds substantial and growing amounts to Iran's national income as normal trade relations resume, as Iranian oil production expands, and as access to markets for new technology and spare parts increases the productivity of Iranian society. In the short term this means that Iran will have more money with which to support regional allies like the Assad regime in Damascus; in the medium term as conventional weapons restrictions are lifted Iran will have the opportunity to strengthen both defensive and offensive arms capabilities; in the medium to long term Iran's greater economic clout will substantially increase its political weight both in the region and in world affairs, giving it new allies and making a return to sanctions and isolation increasingly unlikely. Many of Iran's neighbors do not share the Obama Administration's view that the greatest danger from Iran flows from its nuclear program. Rather, the fear is that Iran's large population, sectarian fervor and powerful security institutions make it potentially the most powerful state in the region and a threat to the security of its neighbors.

The inevitable increase in Iranian conventional resources and capabilities that follows the JCPOA can damage American interests in three ways. First, if Iran devotes even some of its gains from the agreements to its regional allies and hegemonic goals, it could create a major crisis in the region that would require massive American intervention to avoid the danger of having one

to prevent Iran's accumulation of the fissile material (highly enriched uranium) whose sole useful purpose is for a nuclear weapon. Such a statement, to be endorsed by a congressional resolution, would go beyond the "all options are on the table" formulation that, regrettably, has lost all credibility in the Middle East.

- **Israeli deterrence:** Ensure that Israel retains its own independent deterrent capability against Iran's potential nuclear weapon by committing to providing technology to the Israelis that would secure this objective over time. A good place to start would be proposing to transfer to Israel the 30,000-pound, bunker-busting Massive Ordnance Penetrator—the only non-nuclear bomb in the U.S. arsenal that could do serious damage to Iran's underground nuclear installations—and the requisite aircraft to carry this weapon. This alone would not substitute for U.S. efforts to build deterrence against Iran. But making sure Israel has its own assets would be a powerful complement.

country dominate the oil wealth of the entire Gulf.

Second, fear of Iran can drive American allies and other actors in the region to actions that destabilize the region or run counter to American interests. Concerns about potential proliferation among other regional countries who want to balance the Iranian nuclear program are one example of the potential 'blowback' from the JCPOA.

Third, fear of a rising Iran increases the incentives for rich individuals and states to deepen their links with fanatical organizations and fighter. If Iran's regional power is seen as rising, many in the Sunni world will be tempted to support these organizations as indispensable allies in the fight against Iran.

There are two possible courses the United States can take. One would be to see the JCPOA as the first step in a policy of accommodating Iran looking to détente or an even closer relationship. Alternatively, the JCPOA could be seen as an effort to facilitate a tougher policy of regional containment by taking the dangers of nuclear proliferation off the table. Much depends on which course the Administration chooses. One of the reasons that the period leading up to the JCPOA has been so volatile in the Middle East is that many regional observers have concluded that American policy in the region is based on an American accommodation of Iranian hegemony on the ground. This goes back to the Bush administration's decision to invade Iraq in 2003 and then to turn the country over to its Shi'a majority. From an American point of view, whatever one thought of the war itself, the establishment of majority rule represented the triumph of our beliefs in democracy; many in the Middle East viewed it as a deliberate choice by the United States to promote Iran and to check Sunni power. Suspicion intensified when the United States then, despite talk about 'red lines' and statements that Assad 'must go' remained inactive in Syria as casualties and the refugee toll mounted. Where the majority is Shi'a, many said, the United States supports majority rule. Where the majority is Sunni, the United States does nothing.

That perception has become destabilizing in a region where escalating sectarian conflict between Sunni and Shi'a increasingly dominates the agenda; endorsing the JCPOA without also making major changes in American regional policy would confirm that perception and further drive the region in the direction of radical polarization, religious war, and transnational conflict.

# Synagogue ruins at issue in Ukraine

## Jewish News Service

Walking through Lviv, a Ukrainian city near the Polish border whose Jewish population is a small fraction of what it once was, it's not uncommon to spot faded Hebrew letters on shops. Scattered through town are plaques commemorating vanished sites of Jewish heritage. Graffiti swastikas here and there tell of an age-old hatred etched into cultural memory.

But perhaps the most emblematic symbol of the city's Jewish past is the Golden Rose synagogue. In 1941, during the systematic destruction of Lviv's Jewish population by the occupying Nazi army, it somehow escaped total obliteration. Now, the ruins sit in a rapidly gentrifying portion of the downtown area. A flagstone prayer hall once covered by a vaulted dome is now open to the elements and choked with weeds; only the facility's western wall stands.

Nearly 80 years after the 16th-century synagogue was left in ruins, a battle over its masonry remains is being fought in the Ukrainian courts and within the local Jewish community. In July, the city announced it would be moving forward with a project dubbed the "Space of Synagogues," aimed at "raising awareness about the tragedy of the Holocaust, visualizing the common past, and creating new memorial and educational spaces in the city."

But the fanfare has so far failed to drown out the vehement protest and legal opposition of one local Jewish activist, who has almost singlehandedly managed to block the project for years.

Standing more than 6 feet tall in Hasidic garb and sporting a long white beard, Meylakh Sheykhet appears to be a character taken straight out of the region's past. His official title is the Ukraine director for the Washington-based Union of Councils for Jews in the Former Soviet Union, which seeks to protect human rights in Eastern bloc countries.

For Sheykhet, through its destruction by the Nazis and many years of stagnancy under the totalitarian Soviet regime and an independent Ukraine, the synagogue site remained — and will always remain — a place of worship.

Sheykhet claims to safeguard a spiritual connection between world Jewry and its past in the region where Hasidism was born and a rich Ashkenazi culture took seed. But his critics contend that he operates according to his own agenda, without any attempts to build consensus.

The ongoing project, in Sheykhet's estimation, is an attempt to commercialize Lviv's Jewish heritage. According to Sheykhet, who leads a minyan in a rented hall across from the ruins, anything less than a full restoration of the Golden Rose to its former glory would be a reaffirmation of the Nazi destruction of the city's Jewish community.

"We don't want to show that we were, we want to show that we are, despite everything that happened in the bloody 20th century," he said.

This position has brought Sheykhet into conflict with members of the Lviv Jewish community who contend that the synagogue's advanced state of dilapidation belies Sheykhet's dream of a full, historically accurate restoration.

"There are those who say, 'Let's build another synagogue,'" Boris Dorfman, 92, one of the city's oldest Jewish residents, recently told Ukrainian news website Zaxid.net. "But we live in different times."

The renovation effort dates back to a conference on Jewish history in Eastern Europe eight years ago, where historians and museum directors noted that the heritage of a once-vibrant community is largely invisible to passers-by. That

spurred the Center for Urban History to partner with the city to initiate an effort in 2010 to memorialize Lviv's Jewish sites.

Despite Sheykhet's success in slowing the project, it is moving forward.

"Really, I think that this project... would be good opportunity for our community to have a very nice Jewish quarter, because at the moment we have a destroyed Jewish quarter," said Alona Adronitay, director of the local chapter of Hillel International.

## Obituaries

**Robert L. Gilbert**, 72, of Wyomissing. He was a member of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom and an associate engineer for 37 years at Western Electric. Robert is survived by his wife Margery and his two sons Bart Gilbert and his wife, Sharon, of New Jersey and Todd Gilbert and his wife, Elaine, of Sinking Spring. Others survivors include his two

granddaughters, his two sisters and four brothers.

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**Bernard Feldman**, 98, of West Reading. Bernard was an Army veteran of World War II. He worked for Dana Corp. for 30 years retiring in 1979. Bernard is survived by his wife Hilda and his children: daughters Sharon Feldman and Barbara Creal and her husband Mark of Exeter Township, and his son Joel Feldman and his wife Sandy.

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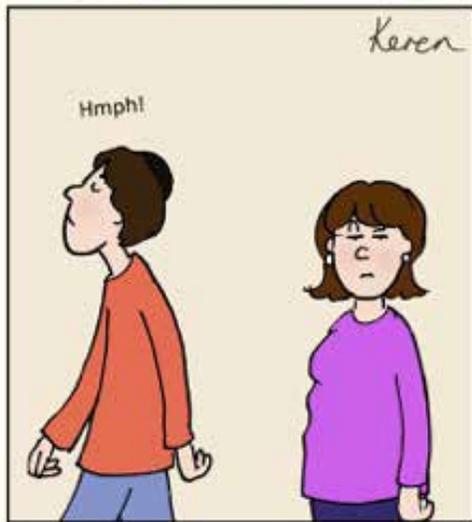
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### Gardening with Vicky

## A great year for gardens

By Vicky Sokoloff

We have had a year of unusual and sometimes extreme weather. But in spite of it all it was a great year for gardens. In spring our columbines were the biggest they've ever been. Daylilies bloomed earlier than usual and seemed to last longer. We had a lot of asparagus, a typical crop of strawberries, and three times the usual yield of garlic

The purple beans were going great until a couple of young rabbits found their way through the garden fence. But they recovered and did well. It was a banner year for tomatoes and eggplant. We've had enough zucchini, but not the usual overload. Black-eyed susans are everywhere. The lavender and Russian sage are beautiful. Greek oregano and thyme have been dried for the winter. Parsley and dill have been frozen. Tomato sauce is frozen. It's too early to know how the fall crops will do after the dry spell in late July/early August.

So what does all of this tell us about weather and the garden? I have no clue. If there is a message, it's 'you never really know, so hope for the best and work accordingly.' The main thing we did differently this year in the veggie garden was the addition lots of eggshells. We always add some fresh compost and avoid chemicals. Lavender is drying with the intention of making lavender oil. We grow bamboo and use it to stake the tomatoes, beans, and peas.

Fall is the ideal time for some important garden tasks. Clean up any dead or diseased plants. Bag them for the trash; do not compost anything that could be harboring insects or disease. Late September to early October is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. They have time to settle into their new location before the ground freezes. Be sure to water well until they become established and mulch to maintain moisture level and keep a more even ground temperature.

Fall is also the right time to divide perennials. If they become too overgrown they will produce little or no bloom. Move your divisions to other areas of the



Naked lady lily



Japanese morning glory



Coreopsis' Cruizin' Sunset Strip'



Gladiola



Log plant stand

garden or share them with friends and family.

If you are going to fertilize your lawn only once a year, the week before or after Thanksgiving is the best time. The final mowing of the season should be slightly lower than your normal height in order to inhibit winter burn and minimize hiding places for small rodents and insects.

We recently had some trees taken down that were extending out of the wood and into the yard. A few of the fallen logs were used to make rustic plant stands, which suit the natural look of our garden. Your imagination is the only limit to how you can reuse, repurpose and recycle what your property provides.

## All Around the Town

Mazel Tov to **George and Sue Viener** on their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Mazel Tov to **Tara Werner**, granddaughter of **Sylvia Wenger**, was wed in May in Jaffa, Israel to **Tal Singer** of Tel Aviv. The couple will reside in Philadelphia.



Tara Werner

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Mazel Tov on the birth of **Riley Paige** to parents **Alexandra and Brian Fischenich** and grandparents **Pamela Murphy and Mark Wagner**.

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Mazel Tov to parents **Corinne and Andy Wernick** and grandparents **Esther and Sid Bratt** on the marriage of **Brian Wernick** to **Joy Rothman**.

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Mazel Tov to **Cindy and Tim Schuchart** on the birth of their grandson **Will**. Proud parents are **Becca and Brian Schuchart**.

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# Jewish students facing hostility on college campuses

A new Brandeis study about anti-Semitism at North American universities found that most Jewish undergraduates have encountered anti-Israel and/or anti-Semitic attitudes on campus.

According to this study, a few schools, among them Canadian universities and schools in the California state system, have particularly high levels of hostility toward Jews or Israel. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported that their online survey of more than 3,000 North American college students found that one-third of respondents reported having been verbally harassed during the past year because they were Jewish. Nearly three-quarters said they had been exposed to anti-Semitic statements. Also, this year, the Louis D. Brandeis Center and Trinity College issued a report demonstrating that 54 percent of Jewish college students experienced or witnessed anti-Semitism during the 2013-14 academic year.

A coalition of Jewish organizations has asked the University of California to update its definition of anti-Semitism to

include the delegitimization of Israel, "as a first step in addressing the alarming rise in anti-Semitic activity on UC campuses. "As you know, campus debate on Israel is increasingly slipping into anti-Semitism," the coalition wrote in its letter.

More than 30 organizations, including Jewish fraternity AEPI, the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Zionist Organization of America wrote to the University of California requesting adoption of the State Department's definition of anti-Semitism. The groups asserted, "The State Department definition of anti-Semitism addresses the unique nature of contemporary Jew-hatred by recognizing that language or behavior which demonizes and delegitimizes the Jewish state or denies its right to exist may cross the line into anti-Semitism. Such a definition is essential for adequately understanding and identifying anti-Semitism as experienced by Jewish students today."

In 2010 the State Department based its definition on Jewish Agency chairman Natan Sharansky's "three Ds" benchmark

for assessing potentially anti-Semitic criticism of Israel, stating that efforts to demonize, delegitimize and apply double standards to Israel qualified as anti-Semitism. University of California president and former U.S. Homeland Security director Janet Napolitano has already come out in favor of the proposed definition.

- Demonization is using symbols and imagery of associated with classic anti-Semitism to characterize Israel or Israelis.

- Delegitimization is the refusal to accept Jewish rights to an independent state.

- An example of double standards is when criticism of Israel is applied selectively, such as when Israel is singled out by the United Nations for human rights abuses while the behavior of known and major abusers, such as China, Iran, Cuba, and Syria, is ignored; or when Israel's Magen David Adom, alone among the world's ambulance services, is denied admission to the International Red Cross.

Kenneth L. Marcus, president of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, argues: "Freedom flourishes best when rules are clearly articulated and terms are well-understood. Universities have many tools to ensure that their campuses remain safe and inclusive, while respecting everyone's civil liberties."

Tammi Rossman-Benjamin, the director of the AMCHA initiative said, "What we're trying to do is protect Jewish students and ensure they have protection from the kind of anti-Israeli and blatant anti-Semitism.

If you or your children experience or witness anti-Israel and/or anti-Semitic behavior, please contact the Jewish Federation of Reading at 610-921-0624 or [williamf@jfreeding.org](mailto:williamf@jfreeding.org).

For more information on the AMCHA initiative, a nonprofit organization dedicated to investigating, documenting, educating about, and combating anti-Semitism at institutions of higher education in America. Its website can be found at [www.amchainitiative.org](http://www.amchainitiative.org).

## Hamza bin Laden calls for targeting of Jewish-American interests

Based on information from reliable sources, the Secure Community Network (SCN) is cautioning American Jewish communities that Hamza Bin Laden, son of Osama bin Laden, recently called for the targeting of Jewish American interests globally. Hamza also reportedly called for attacks on Washington, London, Paris and Tel Aviv. According to intelligence analysts, Hamza has been positioning himself to be a future leader of al-Qaeda, particularly as al-Qaeda has been

"competing" with ISIS (also known as ISIL) on the global stage.

While there is no information at this time to suggest a credible or imminent threat as it relates to this call for attacks, terrorist leaders and organizations have stepped up their calls for lone wolf attacks across the globe.

The call for widespread lone wolf attacks follows a similar modus operandi recently employed by ISIS, urging followers and supporters to conduct small-

scale attacks in their native countries, attacks that are often conducted with little notice or warning, making them difficult to thwart or disrupt. Recent attacks such as these include Garland, Texas; and Chattanooga, Tenn.

In light of recent incidents and in advance of the High Holy Days, SCN encourages our member organizations to continue to remain vigilant, increase situational awareness and ensure close coordination and planning with local law enforcement in the weeks before and through the high holy days. At this time, SCN further recommends that Jewish institutions and communities continue to attend and plan for special events, celebrations, and High Holy Day services.

SCN is in touch with our federal law

enforcement and homeland security partners who are aware of this information and will continue to monitor and provide updates as warranted.

For additional information concerning this communication please contact SCN at [scandesk@scnus.org](mailto:scandesk@scnus.org). For additional resources concerning communal safety and security, please visit the Secure Community Network website at [www.scnus.org](http://www.scnus.org).

Remember, "If You See Something, Say Something." Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement.

Secure Community Network (SCN) is the national nonprofit homeland security initiative of The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

## Seeking peace through laughter

### Jewish News Service

"Both Jews and Muslims have a lot in common. What are we fighting over? Jews and Muslims don't eat pork, we don't celebrate Christmas, we both use 'ch' in our pronunciation, and we are both hairy creatures of God," says comedian Ahmed Ahmed. "The only real difference between Jews and Muslims is that Jews never like to spend any money and Muslims never have any money to spend."

So goes one of the dozens of jokes featured in the "Laugh in Peace" comedy routine of Ahmed and Rabbi Bob Alper. It's one Arab, one Jew, one stage. The unlikely duo's show toured Israel and the Palestinian territories this summer. Together, Ahmed and Alper have performed more than 150 times during the last 14 years — throughout the U.S., Canada, and England — at synagogues, churches, mosques, theaters, and college campuses.

Their story began as a gimmick by a savvy publicist, says Alper, a Reform rabbi who spent more than a decade at pulpits in New York and Philadelphia. Alper admits he was at first resistant to the idea of the combined show.

Ahmed was skeptical, too. "I got this call, 'My name is Bob Alper and I am a Reform rabbi.' ... He says, 'I have an idea. I thought it would be great to do a show together.' ... Well, I said, 'That sounds good, where do you perform?' He says, 'Well, I perform in synagogues.' ... I thought someone was playing a joke on me," Ahmed laughs.

But the timing was right. In 2001, at the height of the terrorism of the second Palestinian intifada (uprising) in Israel, people were primed for comic relief. Alper says when people are tense or sad, "comedy is even more important."

Over time, the two have been more than just a successful and sought-after

show. They've become good friends. The women in Alper's small Vermont town fell in love with Ahmed through his visits and regularly inquire about his wellbeing. Alper has eaten in Ahmed's parents' California home.

"Ahmed's dad asked about my family," Alper recalls. "When I told him my wife would be having shoulder surgery the following month, he looked gravely at me and ordered, 'You must stop twisting her arm.'"

They also believe they've played a role in breaking down barriers between Muslims and Jews. On college campuses, where Jewish-Muslim tension and anti-Semitism run rampant over the issue of Israel, Ahmed and Alper perform for mixed audiences. Jewish males wearing yarmulkes and females in hijabs sit side-by-side, smiling and laughing.

"When people laugh together, it is hard to hate each other," says Alper,

They keep their shows apolitical, though they do touch on their personal religious experiences in the 90-minute performances.

Alper got into comedy in 1986 when he entered the "Funniest Jew in Philadelphia" contest. He says his comedy remains "appropriate for being a rabbi. In other words, it's clean."

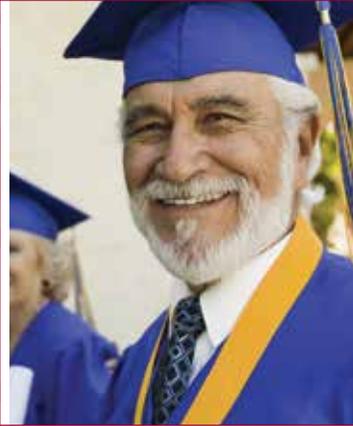
Ahmed, who was born in Egypt and raised in Riverside, Calif., became an actor before entering the world of comedy

Occasionally, Rev. Susan Sparks, senior pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church in New York City, joins Alper and Ahmed for a show to make for a Jewish-Muslim-Christian comedic triumvirate.

"I'm a true believer that laughter heals, and that comedy can bridge the gap between communities across the world," says Ahmed. "We just lead by example."

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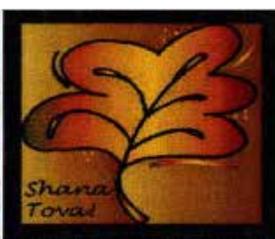


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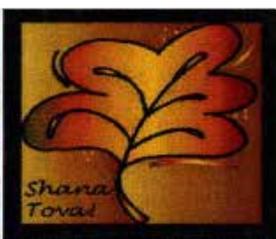
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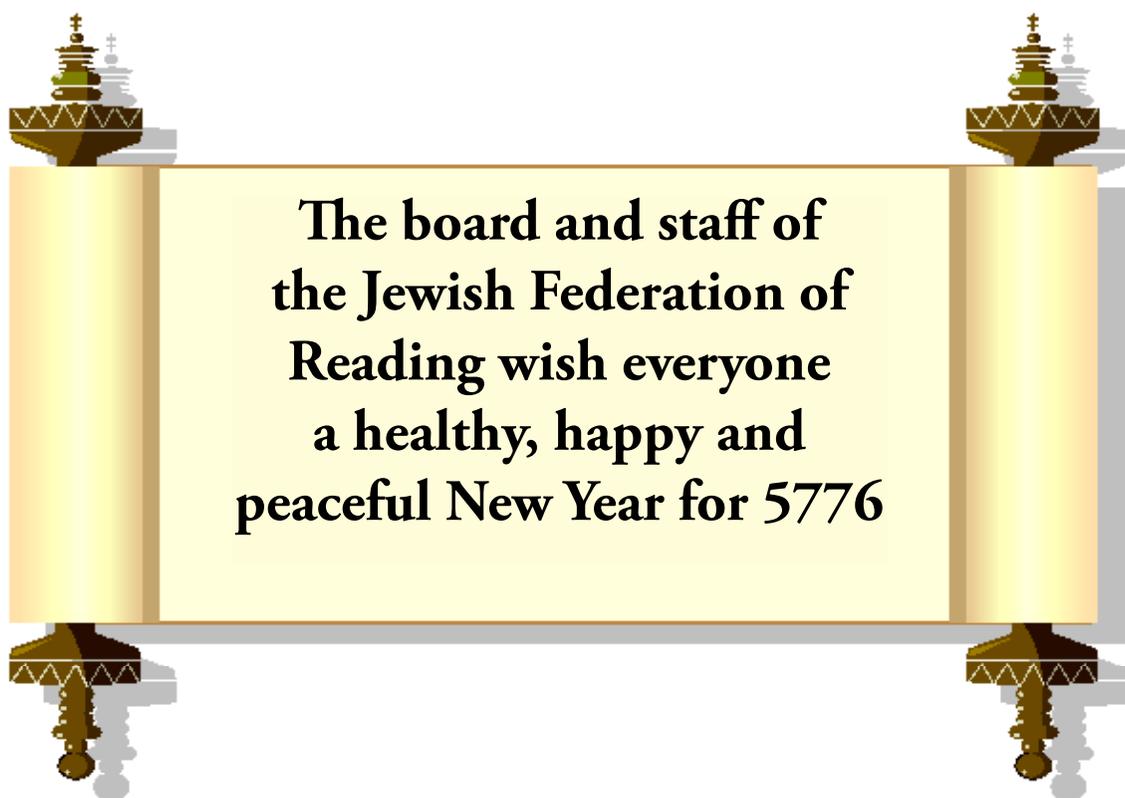
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At age 79 he is still an active education advocate, condemning inequalities in education and school segregation in almost every major city of the nation.

Kozol's latest book "The Theft of Memory – Losing My Father, One Day at a Time" is the most personal book of his career. He tells the story of his father's life and work as a nationally noted specialist in disorders of the brain and his astonishing ability, at the onset of Alzheimer's disease, to explain the causes of his sickness and then to describe what he was going through until the final stages of dementia.

Dr. Harry Kozol was a prominent Boston neurologist/psychiatrist, who later in his career was called to evaluate criminal defendants Patricia

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The first of 76 million baby boomers have already turned 65, and the number of people afflicted with Alzheimer's is expected to soar. There is no cure for this disease that erases memories and burdens loved ones. But Jonathan Kozol writes movingly of the time he spent with his father, and the bond that intensifies even as Harry's verbal skills progressively deteriorated. His book is a tender tribute to a father from his son and a portrait of a devoted doctor.

This is also a family caregiving story. With so many of the World War II generation living well into their 80s and 90s, the baby boomers could also be called the caregiving generation. Even the Kozol's family's wealth and connections to the Boston medical community, which allowed them to afford a tag team of aides and personal assistants, did not shield the family from the frustrations of dealing with sometimes callous treatment by geriatric institutions. This moving and heartbreaking book celebrates the bond between a father and a son as it shows the emotional toll families face when a loved one has Alzheimer's.

At Jewish Family Service we provide support and referrals for families seeking assistance caring for their loved ones. For more information

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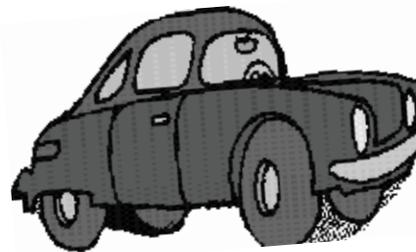
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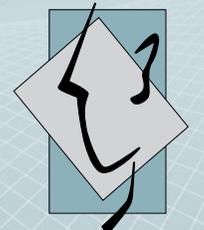
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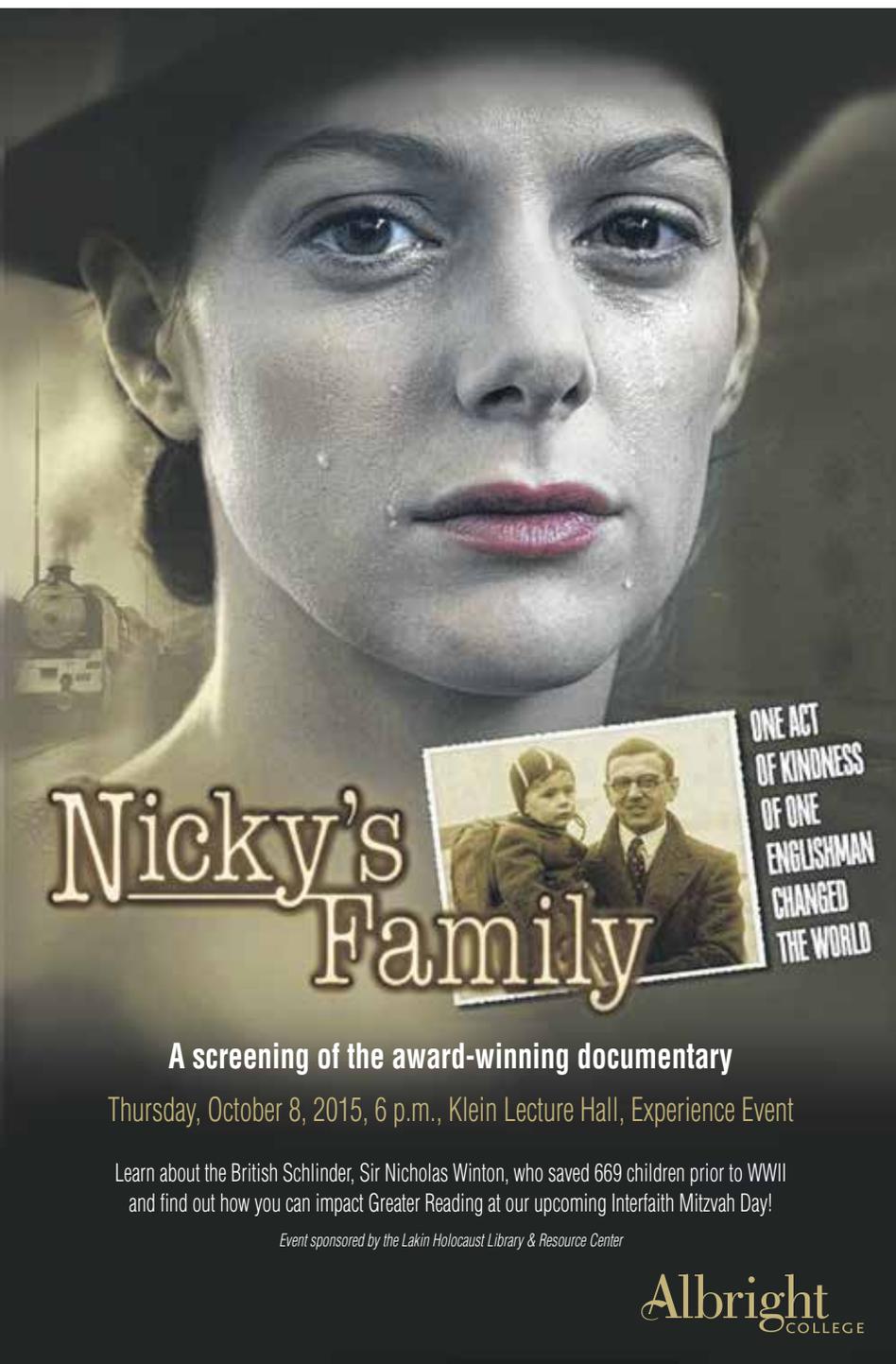
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