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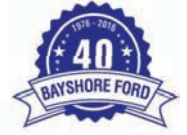


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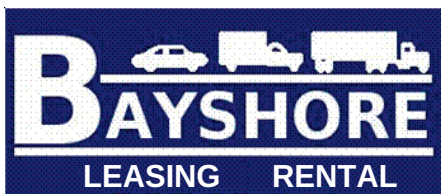


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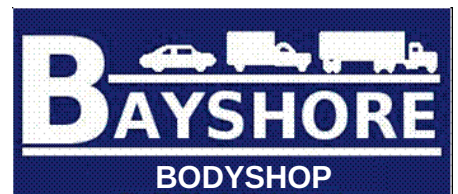


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The theme of this month's issue, "Next Gen," is an appropriate paradigm for Jewish Federation of Delaware.

As the community convener, we must position ourselves and our beneficiary agencies to effectively meet the ongoing needs of our community today but also plan for tomorrow. The world is changing at a rapid pace and we must constantly adapt and evolve to **connect, engage, and inspire** our diverse populations.

Research confirms that in order for traditional Jewish institutions to remain relevant in the 21st century, our template must change with an increasing need to "reimagine" our collective Jewish future. There is a trend toward a new paradigm of customization and personalization to effectively connect with the millennial generation.

Last year, Federation hosted and learned from Rabbi Mike Uram, executive director of Hillel at the University of Pennsylvania and author of *Next Generation Judaism: How College Students and Hillel Can Help Reinvent Jewish Organizations*. Rabbi Uram stressed a customization mentality and that millennials want to be co-creators in their experiences.

We must also confront the challenges posed by high rates of intermarriage and leverage community resources to increase opportunities for Jews to connect with other Jews. This includes the strengthening of Jewish social networks among adolescents and young adults. It is imperative we determine how to best serve these populations in a rapidly changing world.

Jewish Federation of Delaware is addressing these and other issues to ensure our collective future remains bright. Our community has access to a vibrant pre-school through the Siegel JCC's Early Childhood Center; family engagement through PJ Library; a K-5 Jewish day school education through the Albert Einstein Academy; Jewish overnight camping through One Happy Camper; active teen programming through BBYO and C-Teen; supplemental Jewish education through our seven state-wide synagogues; connecting with college students at UD Hillel and UD Chabad; and building our young adult engagement through our Young Leadership Division.

Last month, our teens led a meaningful Yom Hazikaron commemoration as well as participated in our inaugural Israel Teen Con coordinated through Community *Shlich*a, Dana Berman, and our Israel & Overseas Committee. Federation will continue meeting our mission to address issues, meet needs, and set an agenda for the future.

Federation's ongoing efforts of building community are achieved through a vibrant Annual Campaign that supports immediate needs as well as planned giving through Jewish Fund for the Future and our *Create A Jewish Legacy* program that ensure our collective future.

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UNDERSTANDING THE NARRATIVE

By Daniel Metz

This summer, 350 teenagers will arrive at Seeds of Peace Camp in Maine.

These teenagers have been part of a six-month selection process and will have travelled from all over the world to get there, from countries where ethnic and religious tensions are always simmering. Their mission is simple, but also exceedingly difficult: They will spend nearly four weeks living together, learning to see past their learned differences, and then return and spread that understanding throughout their communities.

Seeds of Peace was founded by American Journalist John Wallach in 1993. Its first cohort was 46 teenagers from Israel, Egypt, the United States, and the Palestinian Territories, with the goal of encouraging peace in the Middle East by breaking down barriers and teaching empathy. Since then, nearly 6,700 teens



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have graduated from the program, returning to over a dozen countries to bridge deep divides in their communities. By learning to put a face to the names they may only have heard, they can overcome prejudices which have built up for their whole lives.

America faces its own perceptual divide. According to a poll by the Pew Research Center, 67% of American adults get at least some of their news from social media. That's not surprising: In a 2016 Gallup poll, less than one third of Americans said that they had a "great deal of" or "fair amount of" trust in the mainstream media. Instead, they turn to niche news sources shared over social media and discussed online. Because people tend to interact with others who share their views and values, their news and views become more partisan, pushing them further to one side or another. This is often referred to as the "echo chamber effect."

The greatest harm of the echo chamber effect is that it removes the human

element from those we disagree with, leaving a caricature instead. Once someone's at that point, they have no remaining ability to empathize with their opposites, and no ability to bridge the gap and come to a solution. The internet brings the world together, but individuals are still sitting at keyboards hundreds or even thousands of miles away. You can share words, but the face and the motives of another person is always left up to the reader's interpretation.

When Jewish teenagers go off to college, they're going to encounter a lot of different opinions, a lot of loud voices. That's always been true. There's a lingering worry that they'll be caught up in the fake news, that they'll believe a lie and get sucked in, lost in an echo chamber of misinformation. To combat this, teens are sat down and explained the "myths and facts" of the conflict surrounding the Jewish homeland. If you haven't been to one of these sessions, you probably know many people who have. They're hard to avoid, and that's by design. Their goal is to teach teenagers

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everything they need to know about Israeli politics to deal with and overcome fake news.

But there’s one part of their Middle East conflict education that they’re not getting, and maybe they should: *The other side*. Strong voices of dissent are missing from Jewish education about the Middle East, and the reason seems understandable: fake news. If they have some of the facts wrong, and Jewish institutions treat them as an authority, then Jewish teens could be misled. With so few Jews, Israel needs every ounce of their support. Outside voices are risky.

But myths and facts education alone can’t defeat fake news. There will always be new myths, and the facts are never 100% to one side. The other half needs to be genuine connections with people who disagree with their conclusions. Jewish teenagers need to be empowered to ask questions of people who think differently, of people who disagree, to take knowledge and put it to use. This is the power of programs like Seeds of Peace: They bring together two sides who might otherwise spend their entire lives battling each other’s politics without ever having met.

These connections are vital for forming mutual understanding, not just vying for victory.

This solution is an inclusive one, not exclusive. There are plenty of programs out there to help teens gain new perspectives on the Middle East without distorting facts. Visit Israel, but also visit the West Bank. Watch Wayne Kopping’s documentary *Beneath the Helmet*, but also listen to testimonials from *Breaking the Silence*. By no means is anyone

required to believe everything they hear from one side or another, but they need to understand that each side is a narrative built around the facts, not the facts themselves. By understanding the narrative of the other side, teens can build bridges and open dialogues in ways that match the social media boom that has surrounded their lives. It gives them the tools to move towards a resolution instead of just a solution.

Facts may be black and white, but the narratives surrounding those facts are not. Building bridges is about listening

to those narratives and finding a way to relate through them back to the facts. This takes a firm grasp on the truth, but also empathy and understanding that myths and facts programs alone do not cover. As programs like Seeds of Peace show, the road to resolution is through recognition of mutual humanity as a basis for agreement. To quote the popular Debbie Friedman song sung at Jewish summer camps across the country, “Not by might and not by power, but by spirit alone shall we all live in peace.”

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Israel Versus Hamas: THE CASE FOR MORAL CLARITY

By David Harris
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Two centuries ago, the great German poet Goethe said: “The hardest thing to see is what is in front of your eyes.”

It's as true today as it was then.

The difference between Hamas and Israel couldn't be greater, yet you wouldn't know it when listening to some observers.

For them, whether it's Turkish President Erdogan or Swedish Foreign Minister Wallström, it's basically all about Gaza's innocence and Israel's guilt. With nothing else to do but consider how to provoke peaceful, serene, Hamas-ruled Gaza, the big, bad Israelis have decided to make life difficult for local residents.

For a fair share of the media, it's above all a story of Palestinian suffering at the hands of Israel's military machine.

This is a perfect illustration of reverse causality. Hamas threatens and harasses Israel, but it is only Israel's response that warrants close attention and scrutiny.

Indeed, Goethe was right. There are those who can't, or won't, see what's right in front of them.

Ideological blinders get in the way. Or a failure of imagination about the true nature of Hamas. Or a gullibility that allows people to believe whatever the Hamas propaganda machine churns out. Or, in some cases, downright hostility to anything that Israel, the Jewish state, does.

It's high time for moral clarity, not moral fog.

Hamas is a terrorist organization. That's its official designation by the United States, the European Union, Australia, Canada and others.

Israel is a democratic country with an independent judiciary, the rule of law, free and fair elections, and a robust civil society.

Hamas is anti-Western, anti-Semitic, anti-gay, misogynist, and anti-intellectual.

Israel is the exact opposite.

Hamas has territorial ambitions on Israel. In fact, that's putting it too mildly: it would like to replace Israel in its entirety with a Muslim Brotherhood-ruled state.

Israel has no territorial ambitions on Hamas-ruled Gaza. To the contrary, Israel left it totally 13 years ago, with the hope of never having to return.

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Hamas has a vested interest in using its Gaza base for permanent confrontation with Israel.

Israel, which, alas, can't change its geography, has a vested interest in a peaceful, moderate, and developing state on its border.

Hamas, the sole ruler of Gaza since 2007, has used the last 11 years to smuggle in weaponry and develop military punch, rather than building the foundation of a responsible state.

Knowing this arsenal has been stockpiled for the sole purpose of being used against it, Israel seeks, as any nation would, to prevent Hamas from attaining its lethal goal.

Hamas has no compunction about deploying terrorist cells and weapons in the midst of civilian population centers in Gaza, or, most recently, deploying people along the border and encouraging breaches, fully aware that Israel would have no choice but to appear to be targeting "innocent" people.

Israel goes to unprecedented lengths to avoid falling into the Hamas trap, even phoning and dropping leaflets in advance to warn civilians to leave target areas.

Hamas cynically tells the civilian population to stay put, not to react to Israeli warnings about imminent strikes. The more Palestinian casualties, the better, as far as Hamas is concerned, including women and children.

Israel makes every effort to alert its entire population, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim, to Hamas missile strikes and move people into shelters as quickly as possible.

Hamas uses mosques for storing arms.

Israel uses houses of worship, including mosques, solely for prayer.

Hamas uses schools as weapons depots.

Israel uses schools solely to educate its children, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim.

Hamas uses hospitals as terrorist redoubts.

Israel uses its hospitals solely to cure the ill and injured, including residents of Gaza

who can't find adequate care there.

Hamas aspires to kill as many Israelis as possible, firing rockets indiscriminately in all directions.

Israel seeks out only the Hamas terrorist infrastructure, and has aborted many operations when the risks of civilian casualties were too great.

Hamas, as the record amply shows, has no qualms about falsifying information, doctoring photos, staging scenes, and inflating numbers to make its case to the outside world.

Israel, by contrast, goes to great lengths, even to the point of sometimes losing the edge in the "media race," to verify information that it presents about its operations.

Hamas supporters explode in paroxysms of glee when Israeli targets are hit.

Israelis don't honk horns, shoot in the air, and pass out candy for doing what they wished they didn't have to do in

the first place, and voice regret when the inevitable mistakes in warfare occur.

Hamas wouldn't know how to spell the words "international humanitarian law," much less adhere to it.

Israel's defense forces have specialists in international humanitarian law assigned to every unit in an effort to ensure maximum compliance.

Hamas shouts from the rooftops that Israel is a brutal enemy.

Israel, unlike any other targeted nation in history, is actually providing — right now — most of Gaza's electricity and much of its fuel and foodstuffs, even as Hamas leaders call for Israel's annihilation and refer to Jews as targets to be exterminated.

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My interest in advocacy was mainly fueled by what I see on social media and in my community.

On social media (mainly snapchat) I saw personal accounts of the tragedies going on in our

country related to gun violence. Through “snapchat stories” especially, I could see what the events looked like as they were happening.

After this, I spoke with my friends and Beth Emeth’s clergy about what I believe, as I am interested in advocating for topics about which I feel strongly.

Going to L’Taken in Washington DC influenced me to be more strongly involved about many governmental and legislative issues. As is true of most of my peer group, I turned to the internet to learn more about issues about which I felt passionate. I also had discussions with my parents because I believe it is important to ask questions and get others’ opinions.

My interest in advocacy has also been inspired by my Garnet Valley High School community. Being part of a school community that takes action in response to current events inspires me to spread my message and ask for change. For example, in response to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, my school along with many others created and participated in a walkout to protest gun violence. Through this walk out, I gained more confidence to speak out against gun violence. I was motivated to join a close friend and her family at Philadelphia’s March for Our Lives.

What started with fairly simple, every day social media browsing caused a domino effect leading me to participate in advocacy events that I had not previously considered attending.

I reflected on the saying from Pirkei Avot: “If I am not for myself, then who will be for me. If I am only for myself, what am I?”

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DELAWARE REPRESENTS AT JCPA ADVOCACY DAY

By Jennifer Steinberg
JCRC, Co-Chair

As co-chair of our Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC), I went to Washington DC in March to take part in the Jewish Council for Public Affairs' (JCPA) Advocacy Day.

This particular Advocacy Day was structured specifically for those involved in the field of Jewish community relations with an agenda based on the current policy priorities of the JCPA which include Criminal Justice Reform, Immigration, and The International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, Federal Budget, and Gun Violence. Our Jewish Federation of Delaware JCRC is one of the JCPA's 125 local member agencies and I was excited to take part in this day of briefings and meetings highlighting some of the issues of concern to the Jewish community.

The Advocacy Day began with a morning program in the Capitol Visitor's Center. Every time I go to Capitol Hill, it feels like I discover new buildings, entrances, and staircases. This trip took me to the Capitol Visitors Center where myself and representatives of other JCPA member

agencies heard from a panel of religious leaders including Rabbi Jonah Pesner of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) and representatives from the National Council of Churches, Church World Service, and Friends Committee on National Legislation on the topic of the power of faith voices working together. Part of the mission of our JCRC here in Delaware is to promote positive relations with other religious groups and participate in community coalitions. This panel was an excellent example of the importance of that kind of work. In a time when so much feels divisive, it is certainly empowering to hear voices amplified on the human rights issues of concern to those in the discussion – from immigration, to health care, to gun violence. Our morning also included a briefing on the current priority issues like – healthcare, gun violence, the Federal Budget, anti-Semitism, and immigration from the point of view of the Jewish organizations present - JFNA, The RAC, National Council of Jewish Women, ADL, and AJC. At lunch, we were addressed by members of congress including Senator Menendez (NJ), Senator Klobuchar (MN), Representative Deutch (FL), Representative Zeldin (NY), and Representative Lowey (NY). It was particularly moving to hear Representative Deutch speak about

gun violence as he represents the congressional district in which Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School is located.

The afternoon was spent making visits to the offices of Senators and members of Congress. My group went to the office of Senator Sanders (VT) to speak about The International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace and Gun Violence Prevention and to the office of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (CA) on the issues of Immigration and Appropriations.

Thanks to the support of my Delaware Jewish community, I've had several opportunities to lobby on Capitol Hill and each time I'm struck by the power of the Jewish network. As a nationwide Jewish community, we have done an amazing job of building relationships and educating and advocating on issues of concern to the highest levels of government. Our JCPA Advocacy Day concluded with a meeting that highlighted the power of our collective voice when we were joined by Congressman Steny Hoyer (MD) for a frank conversation on the status of DACA and the Federal Budget.

I left Capitol Hill feeling grateful to have had the opportunity to address our government and empowered in the knowledge that we in Delaware are part of a larger network mobilizing the Jewish community on a variety of issues.

CHESED, AHAVAT YISRAEL, AND TORAH



Elimelech Danneman (Left) with Bar David, Lone Soldier from Wilmington, DE PHOTO COURTESY OF G. DANNEMAN

By Elimelech Danneman
Forward by George Danneman

The Chafetz Chayim said that one should make Chesed habit forming and that one who performs Chesed merits personal reward in addition to the benefits bestowed on the beneficiary.

My wife Lauren and I have been very active in multiple Jewish Federation Agencies over the course of our lives. Currently, I serve on the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board and Lauren serves on the Israel and Overseas Committee and we both serve on National Young Leadership Cabinet of JFNA.

Through these activities, we see first-hand JFNA programs in-action helping Jews locally and around the World who truly need our help. While the goal is to help those Jews-in-need, we have found everyone involved walks away personally rewarded. We have found our involvement deeply rewarding. Chesed, Ahavat Yisrael, and Torah are three big concepts. Lauren and I are grateful that we were able to provide Eli with experiences that brought these concepts to life while in Israel.

When I was in Israel for my Bar Mitzvah I did many things, but there were a few that made an impact. What impacted me was Leket, a Shiva call, and at the end, my Bar Mitzvah. They all brought me closer to Judaism.

Earlier on, I went to a place in Israel called Leket. Leket is an organization that works with farms to help provide food

for families and individuals in need. The farmers leave part of their land un-picked for Leket and its volunteers to come pick fruits and vegetables. The fruits and vegetables are then divided into bins to deliver to families, individuals, and organizations that will make meals for people who need meals. In about

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JEWISH FEDERATION HONORED AS TOP-RATED NON-PROFIT

By JFD Staff



The Jewish Federation of Delaware was honored as 2018 Top-Rated Non-Profit by GreatNonprofits.org. The award is based on positive online reviews.

“We are excited to be named a Top-Rated 2018 Nonprofit,” says Seth J. Katzen, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. “This is the seventh consecutive year that Federation has received this accolade reinforcing our steadfast commitment to excellence.”

Being on the Top-Rated list gives donors and volunteers more confidence that this is a credible organization.

In addition to the GreatNonprofits 2018 Top-Rated Award, Federation also received Charity Navigator’s Four-Star Rating and GuideStar’s Platinum Seal of Transparency, the other industry evaluators’ top recognition for being a trusted and transparent organization.

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one hour we collected enough food for twenty families. Leket has helped many people throughout the years.

Volunteering for Leket was also fun. When we arrived, there were groups of teenagers in all the fields picking vegetables and they were singing. It made for a festive feeling. We were put in the tomato fields. I picked tomatoes with family and friends. We collected tomatoes in boxes and when they were filled we took them back to the staging area. The woman in charge told us we collected enough for twenty families. The tomatoes would be delivered to a building for the families to pick them up with the rest of the fruits and vegetables.

Leket gave me an enjoyable experience while giving food to people who are not able to afford fresh produce. Volunteering at Leket improved my experience in Israel. Not only did I pick fruits and vegetables, but I was also doing a Mitzvah in the process. It had a wonderful impact on me and I would do it again.

Later on, while in Israel for my Bar Mitzvah I received a better understanding of Ahavat Yisrael (love for fellow Jews) first hand when I made a Shiva call for a Lone Soldier. The Lone Soldier was from Passaic, NJ and the son of a Rabbi whose siblings had all participated in the Lone Soldier program. The Lone Soldier Program is for foreigners to come to Israel and join the IDF. A Shiva call is when people come to the family home to pay respect and support for the loss of a loved one. Ahavat Yisrael comes from the phrase “you should love your fellow

like yourself,” which Rashi expands to “you should love your fellow as you love yourself.” In this case, we did not know the family, the many soldiers or anyone at the house, but making the Shiva call was the greatest physical and emotional act of support for them at a time of their greatest pain. In reality, I think we really made an impact because the soldier’s brother bumped into our tour guide a few weeks later and asked about us and said how much it meant to his family that I took time out of my Bar Mitzvah trip to make the Shiva call. Perhaps the greatest act of Ahavat Yisrael was the Lone Soldier risking his life for all of Israel. Going to the Shiva call taught me the power of Ahavat Yisrael and the impact it can make.

After spending time in Jerusalem, Golan and the Galilee I celebrated my Bar Mitzvah at Kibbutz Levi. After walking through the Old City, I had my first Aliyah at the Kotel, on my Hebrew birthday. Having my first Aliyah at the Kotel enhanced my experience because I was at the area, which the Beit Hamikdash once stood, making me feel closer to G-d. When it came time for me to layn and get my second Aliyah I felt a stronger connection between the Land of Israel and myself.

When I was at Leket I was doing Mitzvoth, by giving food to people. When I went to the Shiva call, I helped enhance the experience of the family. When it came time for my Bar Mitzvah, I became closer to G-D and the Land of Israel - Chessed, Ahavat Yisrael, and Torah enhanced my Bar Mitzvah in Israel.

Throwback Delaware



Time flies when you're having fun! Thirty-one years ago, the JCC broke ground to expand and develop the Jewish Family Campus' recreational areas. Visit the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware to learn more about the development of the Jewish Family Campus and the history of the JCC. <http://jhsdelaware.org/jewishvoice>

– Gail Pietrzyk
Archivist, Jewish Historical Society of Delaware



MAY 15, 1987 Wilmington, Delaware

JCC Annual Meeting June 7 To Feature Groundbreaking for Jewish Family Campus

The long awaited moment has arrived. On Sunday, June 7, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center will break ground on the site of the soon to be constructed Jewish Family Campus. Over the past decade, the two agencies have collaborated on this extensive plan which will replace the Sellars Estate with a modern and more usable camp and outdoor recreational facility.

The ground breaking ceremony will take place as the culmination of a series of events that day beginning with a JCC leadership breakfast at 10 a.m. The will follow at 10:45 a.m., with the ground breaking ceremony scheduled for approximately 11:30 a.m.

The ground breaking ceremony, chaired by Doris and Irv Morris, chairpersons of the Family Campus Campaign, will involve a number of dignitaries and members of the Jewish Community who have contributed to the planning and development of the Family Campus. A silver shovel used in the ground breaking for the main JCC building in 1969 and the Yetta and Harry Cohen wing in 1978, will be used to break ground for the Family Campus. The groundbreaking precedes by only a few weeks the starting date for the actual construction of the Campus. Currently, construction companies are bidding on a plan developed by Tetra-Tech Richardson, architects for the Campus.

The plan for the Campus includes a major pool facility, recreational areas with picnic grounds and ballfields, and outdoor amphitheatre and wooded sites with pavilions for groups of campers. New parking facilities, playgrounds and an area designated for seniors are all part of the overall design.



The full version of this article can be found at jhsdelaware.org/jewishvoice. You may also contact us at info@jhsdelaware.org for more information.

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Over 100 people joined Delaware Teens for Yom Hazikaron on April 10th to commemorate Israel memorial day for fallen soldiers and victims of terror.



Delaware teen participants and audience members from the Yom Hazikaron event on April 10th

From left to right, Oryah Lahijani, Meredith Haines, Julia Frank, Dana Berman, Todd Silberglied, Micah Harlev, Joshua Bernstein, Sam Bernstein



Cantor David Wisnia and Avi Wisnia
PHOTO BY JOE WHITLOCK

YOM HASHOAH



PHOTO BY JFD STAFF

On Wednesday April 11th, Federation in collaboration with University of Delaware's Jewish Studies Program, UD Hillel, the Holocaust Education Committee, and The Paiken Family Foundation, sponsored a Yom Hashoah program in Gore Recital Hall on campus. The program, *From Generation to Generation: Remembering the Holocaust through Song*, featured Holocaust survivor and Cantor, David S. Wisnia and his grandson, Avi Wisnia.



The Honorable Governor, John Carney remembers the 6 million+ victims of the Holocaust and why it is important to "Never forget." Alongside the Governor from left to right is Rabbi Jacob M. Lieberman, Temple Beth El, Newark, Rabbi Yair Robinson, Temple Beth Emeth, Wilmington, and Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, JCRC.

PHOTO BY MARK DETWILER

In a second Yom Hashoah program held on Thursday, April 12th, more than 60 people gathered at Freedom Plaza in downtown Wilmington. The ceremony was coordinated by Federation and the Holocaust Education Committee in conjunction with the Delaware Rabbinical and Cantors Association (DERECH). These programs ensure the necessity of keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive even after all living witnesses will no longer be with us.



Members of our community, from all walks of life gathered as the wind pushed the clouds aside to remind us of the ultimate consequence of hatred, discrimination, and indifference.

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OUT & ABOUT WITH DANA

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Community Shlichah Dana Berman and her mother, Francine Berman talking about Israel with children and adults at Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover.



GETTING CREATIVE AT LODGE LANE

PHOTOS BY DANIELLE SHAW

Residents at Lodge Lane took a painting class with Amy Wallace.



- 1 Resident Marge Maerov with Amy Wallace
- 2 Residents Sybil Zefitel, Gloria Sapp, and Sara Lu Schwartz with Jason Bowser
- 3 Residents showing off their creations





EINSTEIN SPRING ACTIVITIES



- 1** Einstein Students Sing Passover Songs at the Kutz Home PHOTO BY JEREMY WINAKER
- 2** Einstein Gan & 1st Graders sing the Four Questions at a Model Seder PHOTO BY SYLVIA WAGMAN
- 3** Einstein 5th Graders teach about choosing life on Yom HaShoah PHOTO BY SIMA MALKA
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CBS INTERFAITH MODEL SEDER

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Members of the Islamic Society of Delaware, the Church of Latter Day Saints, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Church joined members of Congregation Beth Shalom, for an interfaith model seder hosted by CBS congregants Hayim and Meredith Weiss, and led by Rabbi Michael Beals, on Sunday March 18

J STREET 10th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

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Rabbi Michael Beals, Rabbi Michael Kramer, Rabbi Douglas Krantz and Joan Krantz represented the more than 900 Delawareans who are members of J Street and joined the 3,000 attendees at the 10th Anniversary Conference in Washington, DC April 15-17, 2017. The Conference honored the Founder of J Street Jeremy Ben Ami.



1 Delaware Rabbinic Delegation at J Street: Rabbi Douglas Krantz, Rabbi Michael Beals, and Rabbi Michael Kramer, looking for alternatives to the current Middle East foreign policy
2 Left to right Rabbi Michael Beals, Rabbi Michael Kramer, Rep Lisa Blunt Rochester, Joan Krantz, and Rabbi Douglas Krantz

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1 Gimmel class students, led by Cailah Ogden, show personal artwork as they perform Shalom Rav for the congregation PHOTO CREDIT: SHARON FULLERTON

2 TBE Religious School students enjoy a Passover Seder led by Andrea Rashbaum PHOTO CREDIT: SHARON FULLERTON

3 Dana Berman, Community Shlichah from Israel, speaks at our Men's Club Breakfast PHOTO CREDIT: DANA OGDEN



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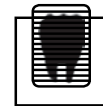
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HONORING THOSE WHO PAVE THE FUTURE

By Rabbi Jeremy Winaker
Head of School,
Albert Einstein Academy



Rick Alexander PHOTO BY ELLY ALEXANDER



Sylvia Wagman PHOTO BY SUSAN PATCH

Schools grapple with the question of how best to prepare students for the future.

Are students best served by learning what we know and, if so, how? Are students even better served by learning how to learn and if so, how? Teaching shows students what we want them to know, and there are many great teachers. Education, though, is about leading a student, and the students of great educators are prepared for the future. Students of great educators build the future.

The rabbis teach us “call them not ‘your children,’ but ‘your builders’” (Talmud *Berachot* 64a). On April 22nd, Albert Einstein Academy held a Thanks-a-Brunch Gala to honor Sylvia Wagman, a great educator who has done more than teach children, she has led builders for today and tomorrow. Einstein also honored Rick

Alexander for being an exemplar of what it means to be a community builder. Each in their own way contributed to a better, brighter future by paving it for builders other than themselves.

At the Gala, **Rick Alexander** received the Community Builder Award. Recipients of this award are leaders in their field who have also contributed to education, the Jewish community, and the community at large. In his quiet way, Rick has been a leader in all these areas. During his more than 25 years at Morris, Nichols, Arshat & Tunnell LLP, he was selected as one of the ten most highly regarded corporate governance lawyers worldwide. Rick was also named Delaware Corporate Law Lawyer of the Year and Delaware Mergers & Acquisitions Lawyer of the Year. In addition to his legal work, he served as President of Albert Einstein Academy and the Kutz Home and on the boards of Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Jewish Fund for the Future, and Congregation Beth Emeth. Einstein is particularly grateful for his leadership, financial support, and behind-the-scenes work that we are sure these other

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organizations have also experienced. Committed to community values, in 2015, he became Head of Legal Policy for B Lab, a non-profit organization dedicated to enabling people to use business as a force for good. He hopes to persuade more businesses to serve their own communities with his recently published book, *Benefit Corporation Law and Governance: Pursuing Profit with Purpose*. At his law firm, in the Jewish community, in corporate law, and in non-profits, Rick Alexander made community possible, paved the way for others to do things differently and better, and ensured the conditions for others to have children be builders.

Sylvia Wagman received the Ner Tamid Award. The Ner Tamid award is named for the eternal flame that sheds light above the Ark where the Torah is kept.

It recognizes those educators who have demonstrated a lasting contribution to Jewish education. The Thanks-a-Brunch Gala was inspired by Sylvia's upcoming retirement after 22 years of teaching Gan at Albert Einstein Academy. Before Einstein, she also taught Kindergarten at the Siegel JCC and at Solomon Schechter (now Perelman Jewish Day School). Sylvia's students, who call her Hamorah Sarah, will tell you that she makes learning fun. Her classroom is always lively with song, dance, and play. Parents tell stories of (and post to Facebook) the many times Sylvia's students come home singing what she taught or explaining how to do Jewish. To help students be builders, Sylvia mastered making learning fun with a variety of activities for every Hebrew letter and every holiday. Many students got a second-helping when they studied the Jewish Life Cycle with

her at the end of their time at Einstein where she made an adventure of finding her in pictures demonstrating the different stages of life. As Sylvia reaches retirement, Einstein is grateful to be able to celebrate the deep impact she has had on her students. The sounds, the memories, and the learning will last well into the future because she treated her students, her children, as builders of their own learning and their own Jewishness.

Einstein prepares students to build the future. We can because of people like Rick Alexander and Sylvia Wagman, those who pave the way for children to be the builders.

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I've been trying to figure out how I should communicate my hurt, and sometimes negative feelings, toward my father who consistently tells me I am "too sensitive"? Is his criticism a way to deflect his own discomfort with feelings, or is this his attempt at giving me genuine advice?

Dear Too Sensitive,

You are not alone; it is often difficult to determine if a parent is being genuine or critical. However, if you are upset in any way by your father's comments and would like to have a discussion with him, I would encourage you to do so. First, find a place that you feel comfortable and emotionally safe. If there is a mutual friend that can be present to help ensure the conversation stays within context, that may be helpful. Once you are together, explain clearly how you feel when he calls you

"too sensitive" and if possible give specific examples of why it causes you to have strong emotions. Many times, people assume they know how a situation makes another person feel until that person's true feelings are revealed to them. I think if you speak directly and honestly with your father, he might do the same and even be more specific about what "too sensitive" means to him. This conversation may not change your father's perception, but it may help clear the air and reduce the negative feelings that you have.

- Sarah

- Too Sensitive



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UD HILLEL PREPARES STUDENTS TO TAKE ON JEWISH PROFESSIONS

By Leigh Deitz,
University of Delaware
Class of 2019

Exploring Judaism is unique to every Jew around the world.

Traditions, experiences, and passions set us apart and give us the drive to pursue different things. University of Delaware Hillel has prepared many of its students to continue to pursue their love for Judaism by working in Jewish professions.

UD alumna, Julie Meyer, works for UJA-Federation of New York, a non-profit organization that provides impoverished Jewish New Yorkers with a variety of services. Meyer graduated in 2016 with a major in Interpersonal Communication and a minor in Jewish Studies. She attended a Jewish high school and continued her Jewish involvement at UD Hillel.

Meyer got involved in Hillel at the start of her college career and held various leadership positions, including a position on the executive board of Israel U, throughout her four years at UD. She continued her studies in her minor.

“I loved being a Jewish Studies minor because I got to have great academic discussions with my peers and professors and learn even more about Jewish history.”

Her college experience prepared her for a career as a Digital Marketing Associate where she creates marketing materials for events and fundraisers. Her main position



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is focused around designing emails. Meyer said, “It also keeps me motivated to keep working hard because I know our programs are really supporting the people who need it.”

She learned about the possibility of having a career involving both Judaism and philanthropy.

“Through Hillel I was able to gain communications and writing experience through Jewish perspectives and it pushed me to find a way to do that after graduation in my career.” Hillel has given Meyer the tools to pursue and flourish in a philanthropic Jewish career.

“I will always be interested in the Jewish communities around the world so I am glad I am able to combine both passions into a great career.”

Meyer, along with many of her peers, are paving the path for future UD Hillel students to incorporate their passions with their Jewish heritage to have exciting careers.



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DRIVING YOUTH

By Brent Saliman, *President, Siegel JCC*
and Ivy Harlev, *Executive Director, Siegel JCC*

As current leaders in the Jewish community, one of our key considerations is not only what the future holds, but who will be a part of that future.

We are always looking to recognize and groom those individuals who are poised to be prospective leaders. Yet, we have to remember that an incredible opportunity exists to start that process much earlier. It is no secret that involvement in Jewish programming by youth increases the likelihood of active participation and leadership as adults. Two great examples include Michelle Silberglied and Josh Schoenberg, who started their participation in the Jewish community in their teen years and continue to be engaged and thoughtful lay leaders for the JCC. Together, they will be co-chairing our largest fundraiser, the 26th Annual Siegel JCC Sports Classic.

Engaging youth in programming at the J has long been a challenge. Young people value self-expression, crave change and challenge, and want to effect change and make a lasting impact on the world. They are resilient and self-sufficient, looking for less and less help or support from their community. So, we're constantly seeking to identify innovative means to engage them in ways that make sense and work for them. We offer Saturday night youth events where the youngest can make connections while having fun, and we create leadership opportunities through work in our afterschool program and Camp to prepare them for the outside world. Simultaneously, we are helping them establish Jewish identity and connecting them to the Jewish community.

Youth are an indispensable part of our society and have the potential to do great things. As such, we can't help but feel an incredible sense of pride when we think about our own children's involvement in the Jewish community. Whether it is providing food to low-income individuals for a Mitzvah project, participating

in BBYO, or building leadership skills through a Jewish camp, our children are continuing the traditions of Jewish connectedness and service that we so value. One of each of our children will be working at Camp JCC this summer, engaging campers in exciting and meaningful activities that are threaded with Israeli culture and Judaic values.

There is no feeling more rewarding, as leaders, than seeing the development of the next generation. The future of our Jewish community depends on it.

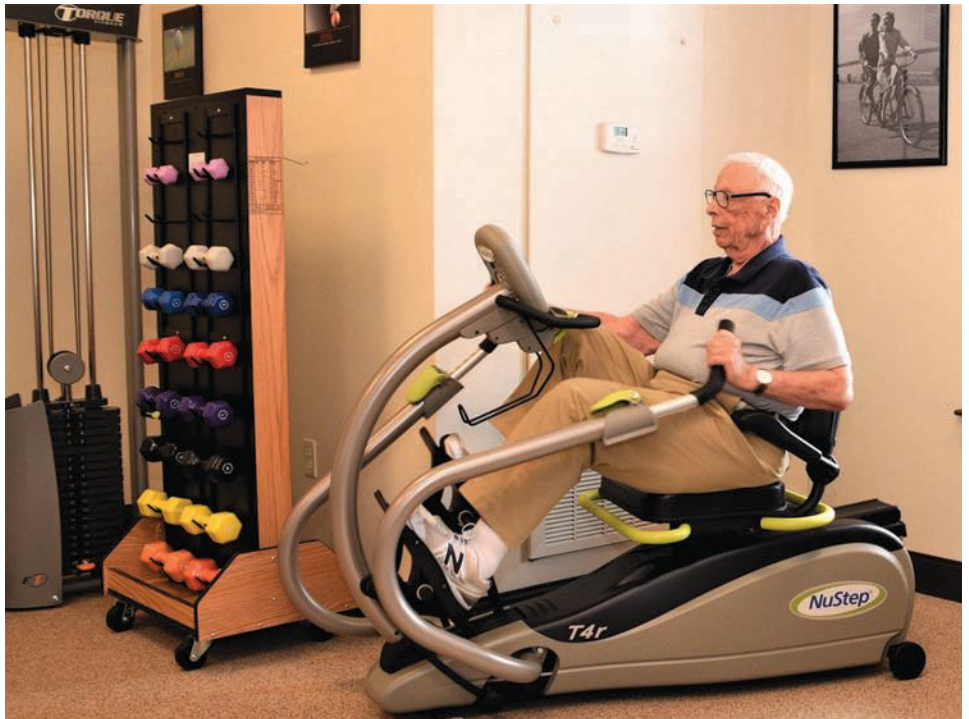
At the J, we will continue to drive youth connection and growth. If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with suggestions.



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CREATING A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR SENIORS

By Melissa L. Casperson
Director of Sales and Marketing, Lodge Lane Assisted Living & Memory Care



Resident Jack Rosenbaum PHOTO BY DONNA HARLEV

As we age, we often hear: “Make sure you eat right and exercise regularly.”

But for older adults, exercise can sometimes be difficult. Which is why many levels and forms of physical exercise should be offered to seniors. Many of our Lodge Lane seniors have mobility issues and are not able to do the extensive exercises found in health clubs and gyms. It’s important to include modifications for standard exercises, making them more suitable for residents with a wide range of physical abilities.

Residents at Lodge Lane can rely on daily, morning stretches to get their hearts pumping and blood flowing. The exercises we implement can be done sitting down so there is no need to be

concerned with falling or losing balance. We include basic weight and resistance band training to build muscle and improve muscle strength. Residents have shared that they have noticed an increase in flexibility and improvement in their daily routine.

In addition to a daily stretch, Lodge Lane is the first assisted living community in Delaware to offer Bayada’s Fitness and Wellness Program. By coordinating with the Lodge Lane nursing team, the certified Bayada fitness instructor is able to focus on meeting the mobility, skill levels, and interests specific to our residents. This sixty-minute program encompasses aspects of cardiovascular, strength, and balance activities. Residents are sharing how much they enjoy the new program. They really appreciate the instructor’s ability

to engage everyone and to provide education behind each move.

As the weather starts to get warmer, our residents will be able to enjoy more physical activity by walking outdoors as part of our Walking Club. We are fortunate to be located in a quiet, tranquil setting with plenty of walking paths. There are many parks with scenic trails nearby. We offer transportation to Rockwood and Bellevue Park through our activities department.

Participating in a balanced fitness program contributes to our residents’ wellbeing. Exercising regularly can help control blood pressure, body weight, and lower the risk of falling or other injury. It is important for our residents to start slowly and build up their endurance over time. Lodge Lane also offers additional activities with exercise benefits, such as an indoor and outdoor gardening club and yoga classes. These opportunities, in conjunction with Bayada’s Fitness & Wellness Program, is helping to emphasize exercise and improve our residents’ safety while also addressing the vital role fitness plays in maintaining quality of life as we age.



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AKSE'S CAFÉ TAMAR PAYS TRIBUTE TO A HUMBLE GIANT OF OUR COMMUNITY

By Mark Wagman
Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

Alexander (Lex) Vega, an accomplished scientist and a lifelong student and teacher of Judaism, would have frowned upon this article.

And he would have wondered why Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, just months after his passing, had chosen to dedicate its annual Café Tamar concert to his memory.

Lex was a rarity for Delaware—an Orthodox Jew of Dutch Sephardic heritage. Over the years he was able to maintain this tradition, imparting it to his family and others, while also working hard to adapt to the culture around him.

Lex was a young child living in Holland, with his parents and two siblings, as the horrors of the Holocaust began to unfold. Lex, his sister, brother and parents, were hidden in different locations throughout Holland by courageous and merciful non-Jews—righteous Gentiles. In remarks at Delaware's Yom Hashoah observance in 2012, he recalled "Jews were hidden by non-Jews, it happened a lot in Holland... they told me my parents were coming... that was something I had to work on... all of a sudden, I had a mother...I didn't

know I had a mother...I had already forgotten...I wasn't aware what it meant to be Jewish.."

The family remained in Holland after the war in their small hometown of Ouderkerk, living in the cemetery where Lex's father was the caretaker. Though there was no synagogue in the village, Lex began to learn much about his Judaism from his father. Soon after the war he mastered the chanting of Haftorah and Torah and later earned a degree in Jewish studies. He taught many children privately, never charging them because of his conviction that the community should take responsibility for Jewish education.

His son-in-law Michael Gordan noted that Lex's knowledge of Sephardic tradition was immense. "He would be interviewed by academic researchers of liturgy... and helped in editing the new Shabbat prayer book for the community in Amsterdam" that was recently published.

For 40 years living in the Delaware Valley, Lex contributed his teaching and liturgical skills generously to at least three congregations—Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, the Chabad Center, and Mikveh Israel in downtown Philadelphia. He was a much sought after *Ba'al Korei* (Torah Reader) and for many years shared High Holiday cantorial duties with the rabbi at Mikveh Israel.



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In a special issue of the journal *Solid State Nuclear Magnetic Resonance* dedicated to Lex's memory, the authors noted that "Lex was a brilliant scientist of remarkable depth, who made many lasting pioneering contributions to our field." After earning degrees in chemistry and physics at the University

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AKSE'S CAFÉ TAMAR

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of Amsterdam, he made aliyah with his wife Ankie. He earned his Ph.D. from Weizmann Institute in 1974, receiving his cum laude degree from Yitzhak Rabin. Following a postdoc at Caltech, he moved to Wilmington in 1977 to take a research position with DuPont. After his retirement from DuPont in 2004, he remained active in research at the University of Delaware.

Ankie and Lex raised three wonderful children—Shifra, Talia, and Boaz—and have been blessed with eleven grandchildren.

Ankie remarked that “Lex tried to be a perfectionist in everything.” His precision and thoroughness were consistent with both his scientific and Sephardic background. He was an expert on Hebrew grammar and pronunciation. He knew the proper trope (melody) for Torah, Haftorah, and every text chanted

during the year according to both the Ashkenazic and Sephardic traditions. When AKSE embarked on a fundraiser to write a new sefer Torah, Lex assisted donors in identifying the perfect word, verse, or portion to sponsor.

Lex’s remarkable combination of scientific and religious expertise provided some unique and humorous perspectives on the world. According to Michael, when Lex was pouring boiling water over his countertops to kasher them for Passover, he recited “I am too much of a scientist to believe that this does anything.” Shifra noticed something written on a piece of paper hanging from the lid of her parents’ compost bin. When she inquired of her father about it, he wrote “It was an inverted *beracha* (blessing) to thank Hashem for the inversion in nature. [The translation of the blessing is] blessed be he who brings forth earth from plants.”

Faith Brown related that everyone felt how appropriate it was to dedicate this year’s Café Tamar musical celebration to Lex. “He sang with our choral group for over 30 years. He graced us with his beautiful voice and his generous spirit. We looked to him to correct our Hebrew pronunciation, which he always did with utmost modesty. Lex was admired, respected and beloved by all.”

This year’s program will include a prayer for *Tzahal*, the Israel Defense Forces, a song which carries special significance since Lex had a solo when the choral group used to sing it. Other pieces planned with Lex in mind include Kol Nidrei by Max Bruch, Nigun from the Baal Shem Suite by Ernest Bloch, and an original song based on Psalm 122. The program of music, song, and dance will also celebrate the 70th anniversary of Israel’s independence.

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MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

By Ellen L. Weingart
CBS Member

The words are familiar, but the melodies filling the sanctuary are reminiscent of Broadway musicals ranging from *Fiddler on the Roof* to *Les Mis*; others carry a Latin beat.

Welcome to Shabbat Koleinu at Congregation Beth Shalom.

“Music is a powerful entry point,” said CBS Cantor Elisa Abrams Cohn, adding that she is always looking at ways to connect the congregation. Shabbat Koleinu is part of what she calls her “metaphorical tool box.”

“It’s a connection to prayer and you don’t have to know Hebrew to feel it,” she continued, “Music has the ability to reach the soul and the heart strings. It can be a reminder of your childhood, of ancestors you never met. Sometimes people even cry—they may be sad or happy, they’re moved.”

Translated as Shabbat of Our Voices, the name, Cantor Abrams Cohn said,

emphasizes that the service is not about the clergy’s voice, but about the congregation’s voice. The service, which began about three years ago, takes place a few times a year.

Cantor Abrams Cohn’s inspiration for the service came from musician Craig Taubman and clergy at her home synagogue of Adat Ari El in California, Rabbi (now emeritus) Moshe Rothblum and (former) Cantor Ira Bigeleisen.

“I took that with me. I want to bring people in and inspire people to commit to the congregation,” she said.

The CBS Shabbat Koleinu service includes a three-piece band of musicians from the Delaware School of Music — a recent service featured a piano, upright bass and a variety of smaller stringed instruments including guitar and mandolin — along with the cantor and Rabbi Michael Beals, the congregation’s spiritual leader. While the prayers were traditional, the music included South American melodies, reflective of Cantor Abrams Cohn’s Sephardic heritage; jazz beats; and tunes suggestive of Broadway shows.

“People may be more at ease with older melodies, but I try to introduce new ones,” she said.

While the cantor’s goal is to connect different groups through music, she acknowledges that the service isn’t for everyone.

“I realize not everyone is interested in it and I know that not everyone is comfortable with it,” said Cantor Abrams Cohn, referring to the use of musical instruments at a Shabbat service in a Conservative synagogue. “The rabbi feels comfortable with it as long as it’s in the context of Shabbat and getting people involved.”

To call Rabbi Beals “comfortable” with the service may be the epitome of understatement.

“Shabbat Koleinu is the most engaging Shabbat worship experience we offer our congregants,” he said. “I am so proud of the musicality and spirituality of this service and I am especially proud of Cantor Elisa for all the time, talent, and creativity she invests into each of these services.

“Shabbat Koleinu is like a door opening, welcoming everyone to walk through and partake. It is not a performance. Rather, it is a musical invitation. My favorite parts are those Sephardic-Latino rhythms,

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Cantor Elisa Abrams Cohn
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which always get me moving to the beat.”

The evening concludes with an oneg and music by the CBS klezmer band, The Chai Notes. It’s not uncommon for Israeli dancing to break out during the oneg.

“People have told me they haven’t heard or danced to such music since childhood. Sometimes they’re in tears because of their memories,” said Cantor Abrams Cohn.

When the synagogue completed its strategic plan several years ago, the leadership named five areas for improvement.

“The one which has been the most challenging is *avoda* (worship),” said Rabbi Beals. “Cantor Elisa has done more to advance our synagogue in the area of *avoda* than anything else up until now. My hope is that more of our congregants, as well as unaffiliated Jews, find their way to Shabbat Koleinu.”

Three Shabbat Koleinu services had been scheduled for this year: at Chanukah, which was canceled due to weather; in March in conjunction with the Teacher Recognition Shabbat; and this summer for what will be the first outdoor Shabbat Koleinu.

The services are expensive, about \$1,000 each. They are paid for by sponsorships, synagogue funds such as the Kraft Education Fund, and individual contributions.

“Music is very important and needs to continue,” said Cantor Abrams Cohn, mentioning a number of musical opportunities available in the congregation and community as a whole, as well as the creation of the congregation’s music committee. “I’ve been entrusted with a responsibility to pass our musical traditions to others.”

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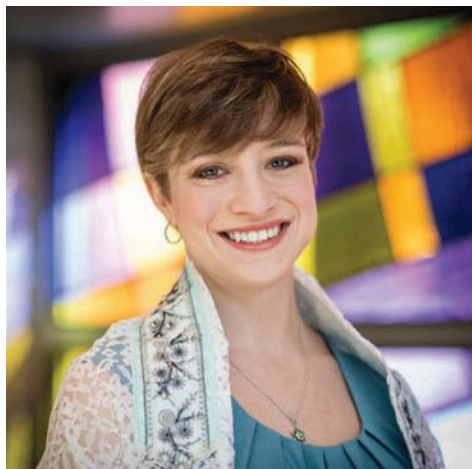
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Cantor Flynn

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Congregation Beth Emeth is excited to announce the hiring of Elizabeth Flynn as our Cantor beginning July 1, 2018.

Cantor Flynn will share our love of music, our passion for social action, and our hunger for learning and growing as a congregation.

Cantor Flynn graduated summa cum laude from The College of New Jersey with her bachelor's degree in Music Education. She holds a master's degree in Sacred Music from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, from which she will also receive her Cantorial Ordination in May 2018. Cantor Flynn's desire to lead our community in song and prayer as well as her background as a certified music educator make her an exciting addition to our clergy team.

"Congregation Beth Emeth is such an incredibly warm and inviting community and almost as soon as I entered the synagogue doors, I felt at home," said Cantor Flynn. "This congregation's love of music, passion for Jewish outreach and social action, and dedication to living life with Jewish values is deeply inspiring. I am so excited to be joining the clergy team and to add my own passion for this work to the mix."

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH WELCOMES NEW CANTOR IN JULY

By Jennifer Steinberg
Vice President, CBE Board of Trustees

"I am excited to welcome Cantor Flynn as a worship partner and member of the clergy team," adds Senior Rabbi Yair Robinson. "I'm looking forward to working with her to create a vision for worship for our congregation and for her to share her music and Torah! As the psalmist wrote: Shiru L'Adonai Shir Chadash— Sing unto God a new song! (Ps. 96:1)."

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This announcement comes as we bid farewell to Cantor Mark Stanton who after 15 years with CBE will be leaving at the end of June. We hope you will join us as we send Cantor Stanton off with a Shir Shalom Celebration.

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Q ■ How can we get Gen X Jews more involved in the community's synagogues and agencies?

A ■ RABBI YAIR ROBINSON
Congregation Beth Emeth

The question of how to engage Generation X in synagogue and Jewish communal life is an interesting one, for a host of reasons. On a personal level, I am a member of GenX, defined loosely as the generation that came of age after the Vietnam War through the early days of the Clinton presidency. But more globally, Generation X hasn't been the target audience, squeezed between the larger Baby Boomers and the Millennial generations.

We were the generation that came of age at a time when the focus was on adults rather than children. GenX has been perceived as directionless or disaffected, but also as seeking a healthy work-life balance and a tendency toward entrepreneurship. We were the last generation to be raised on the 'three pillars' of Jewish life in the 1970s and 1980s (free Soviet Jewry, support Israel, and deny Hitler a posthumous victory). GenX is more likely to be intermarried than previous generations, more likely to have gone to Jewish camp, Israel, or participate in youth group, but also more likely to have experienced communal Jewish engagement as either 'products' we'd buy, or created our own ad hoc experiences independent of the official community. In their book *This House We Build*, Rabbi Terry Bookman and Dr. William Kahn describe the cultural shift in the Jewish community from affiliation and philanthropy in the Jewish community out of a sense of obligation to one that was entirely voluntary, and

this played out as my generation came of age. While institutions have tried turning to the use of slick marketing and technology (including social media) and tried to create "cool", "hip" Jewish programming, the results have been mixed, especially due to a generational aversion to marketing and conspicuous consumption (shared with Millennials).

Instead, what emerges (and is affirmed by writers from Dr. Ron Wolfson to Rabbi Elie Kaunfer) is a desire for meaningful, personal experiences, especially ones that speak to the world around us, especially ones where we can help shape and create them. Shabbat dinners, opportunities for personal study and lay-led worship, whole-family engagement, and social justice programming that is organized from the ground up, all speak to the GenXer. Which, if we're being honest, is the same as what every other member of every other generation wants; to have a personal relationship with the leadership and membership, to know our voice and presence matters.

RABBI PETER GRUMBACHER
Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Beth Emeth

A very involved young man was the one who raised this question with me, concerned that his friends "don't need" the Jewish community and can't see why they have to support it. He referred to the *Tu b'Shevat* rabbinic story that ends, "Just as my ancestors planted for my sake, so do I plant for the sake of my children," concerned that they have detached themselves from this responsibility.

I maintain that their "ancestors" may not have planted for them. In some instances - probably too many - their near ancestors

(parents and grandparents) did not do their share to strengthen the Jewish community of their own generation with any of their resources, time, or money. Thus if Gen X'ers haven't seen nor heard nor felt anything related to *tzedakah*, the future of the State of Israel, the worthwhile activities of community agencies, from their parents, what would be there to motivate them?

It is said that today every Jew is a Jew-by-Choice, not just a convert. There are so many delicacies on the smorgasbord of religions/philosophies, that Judaism is only one among many from which to select. It seems to me that people like my young friend are the ones who must figure out how to attract and guide their contemporaries to the value of choosing Judaism and the Jewish community. They are the ones who can encourage synagogues and agencies to program not for their parents' generation but their generation so that it will be apparent to these young women and men that the Jewish world cares about the *people* and not just their money. And I do firmly believe that our focus on raising funds is a major turn-off to the young who must confront some major expenses, not the least of which is educating their children, something which requires big bucks and will surely require even bigger bucks in the near future.

Undoubtedly one impetus to become involved is a trip to Israel. The community could do worse than subvent such trips for those between 30 and 45, for example. Whatever the cost, the return would be worthwhile. Such an experience would focus on agencies that help the

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BAT MITZVAH

SOPHIE FAYE WINAKER will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Congregation Beth Shalom. Sophie is the daughter of Rabbi Jeremy Winaker and Dr. Ali Mendelson and the older sister of Max and Toby Winaker. She is the granddaughter of Barry and Sherry Mendelson of Mamaroneck, NY, and of Kenneth Winaker and the late Harriet Richman of Houston, TX.

Sophie is a proud graduate of Albert Einstein Academy and a 6th grade distinguished honors student at P.S. du Pont Middle School. She is passionate

about the arts, participating in the school play, chorus, and band, and also drawing in her free time. She enjoys spending summers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos, reading, and being with friends and family.

For her mitzvah project, Sophie is supporting the work of Operation Smile. After singing for and visiting residents at the Kutz Home, reading stories for PJ Library, brightening student experiences at Albert Einstein Academy, and donating clothing to Jewish Family Services of Delaware's RISE refugee integration program, Sophie appreciates the power of making others smile. Her support of



Sophie Faye Winaker
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Operation Smile is her way of giving those born with cleft lip or cleft palate a chance to smile the same way. You can help her efforts by donating to any of these organizations in honor of her bat mitzvah.



Jacob Ian Fullerton
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BAR MITZVAH

JACOB IAN FULLERTON, son of Sharon and Chris Fullerton, will become a bar mitzvah at Temple Beth El in Newark on Saturday, May 5th, 2018. Jake will be joined by his sister, Sadie, his grandparents, Carol and Calvin Freedman and Alan and Lois Fullerton, as well as friends and family from near and far.

For his mitzvah project, Jacob volunteered his time to Castaway Cats, a local organization that rescues abandoned cats trying to survive on the street. In addition to collecting food and donations, Jake made weekly visits to these adoptable cats at a local pet store to change their litter, provide fresh food, and give them some love.

Jacob is a seventh grade student at Newark Charter where he runs on the cross country team. He is an avid gamer, a brown belt at American Karate Studios, and an accomplished musician on piano and drums. Jake is known to be handsome, brave and strong, and is the reason the Fullerton name will live forever.

RABBIS' VOICES

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disadvantaged, a hands-on trip, not a mission whose purpose is to raise money. There are so many such programs in Israel but they aren't always as well-publicized as others.

As I mentioned, the bottom line is modeling. Those who do care about the Jewish future cannot twist the arms of their contemporaries, but they can join with other devoted Jews so that their

commitment is seen and felt by younger people, especially their own children.

It's a tricky tomorrow we're facing: our demographics are changing, our numbers are dwindling, our ties to what bound our people in the past aren't as secure as we'd like... and that's an understatement. Let those of every age group work together - together - to do what is necessary for a strong Jewish future.

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By Yoni Glatt
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ACROSS

1. Swear words
5. Like cheeks in winter, perhaps
9. Eve, in the Torah
14. Trojan Horse, for example
15. Pot put in
16. Literally, a pious Jew
17. Doubled month
18. On the Mediterranean
19. Word repeated in a seder song
20. Currency of the Holy Land, then
21. Currency of the Holy Land, now
23. Bar candidate's exam, briefly
25. Freight charge deduction
26. Country of the Western Wall, then
29. Country of the Western Wall, now
33. Santa ____, Calif.
34. Jennifer Grey became a great one in a 1987 classic
38. "No problem!"
39. "The ____ Four"
40. Org. that checks Tefillin?
41. Common clothing chain
42. Be untruthful
43. Item that might be launched at a ball game
46. "Great" English river
47. Main language in the Holy Land, then
49. Main language in the Holy Land, now
51. ____ above the rest
53. Market order
54. 29-Across and Saudi Arabia, then
57. 29-Across and Saudi Arabia, now
61. About 2.5 centimeters
62. "... ____ buck I might" ("Newsies" lyric)
63. Brutish beasts
65. Clear away, as leaves
66. "Aeneid," for one
67. Raises, as children
68. Hall-of-Famer Slaughter
69. It has 13 diamonds
70. Eppes ____

DOWN

1. Face-to-face exam
2. German auto
3. Romanov ruler
4. Boston rival of the Globe
5. City north of Tel Aviv with a large anglo population
6. First stage
7. Beefy dish, often
8. Dough leavener
9. "L'chaim!"
10. Some WikiLeaks workers
11. New York stadium name
12. Poison container, perhaps
13. Do the numbers
22. It'll grow on you
24. One word sentence for Trump
26. Ancient city now part of Tel Aviv
27. "Live"
28. Midrashic title word
30. Foretell from omens
31. Move the Magna Doodle lever
32. "For Scent-imental Reasons" toon Pepé
35. Advanced degree?
36. CBS series, 2000-2015
37. Aural appendage
43. Tac's partner
44. Marred, as shoes
45. Biblical pronoun
46. Accommodates
48. Clobbers
50. "Get Shorty" novelist Leonard
52. Cliche
53. Bit of nosh
54. It "rained" this in Sodom
55. "Take ____ empty stomach" (prescription direction)
56. Designer Marc who put an asterisk on Barry Bonds's 756th home run ball
58. Rocker Clapton
59. They're low for an ace
60. Like the Sinai
64. 123-45-6789, say: abbr.

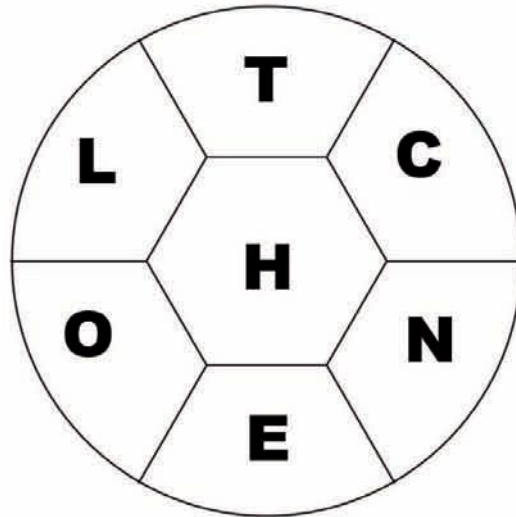
SPELLING BEE

By Yoni Glatt

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: email Yoni at koshercrosswords@gmail.com

How many common words of 5 or more letters can you spell using the letters in the hive?

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REALIZING BEN-GURION'S VISION

By Toni Young

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When I first spent time in the Negev, as opposed to rushing through it on a tour bus, I was captivated by the magic and potential of this vast area, which includes some 60% of the land mass of Israel and only about 10% of Israel's population. I immediately felt the energy of the people and the power of the geography. Two decades later, I believe that David Ben-Gurion was right when he said, "The future of Israel lies in the Negev." Today, it's important to add, the future of the Negev depends on Ben-Gurion University (BGU), the engine driving growth in the Negev.

In Arad, Beersheba, and throughout the Negev, I met people who were willing to live without some daily comforts in order to try to improve the world. They believed in their ability to make change and equally important, they believed anything was possible. They demonstrated an intriguing mixture of idealism and pragmatism. David Ben-Gurion once said, "The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes a little longer." The people I know in the Negev embody that spirit of commitment and perseverance.

The first time I stood quietly in the dry sands of the Negev with the intense sun beating down on me, the desert appeared to expand forever. The clear sky was so close that it dominated the



A statue of David Ben-Gurion at Ben-Gurion University PHOTO BY TONI YOUNG

landscape. A profound silence pervaded everything. I felt I was an insignificant human confronted by the power of the universe. No wonder Judaism and other great religions were founded in the desert, I thought. And no wonder this environment makes you understand the basics that all human beings need for a well-lived life.

Today Beersheba and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev are a dynamic hub of innovation. Here, we see and feel the outlines of our global future. Increasing numbers of leading scientists, academics, humanists, students, world-renowned hi-tech companies, and the elite divisions of the Israel Defense Forces are coming to Ben-Gurion University, its adjacent Advanced Technologies Park, and the Negev. There's a synergy between all of them that ensures rapid growth. Three years ago there were 100 hi-tech employees in Beersheba; today there are 2000, and by 2024, we anticipate there will be 7,000 hi-tech

employees, of whom a significant number will be BGU alumni. Many people now refer to BGU and Beersheba as "Silicon Wadi."

BGU, the youngest of Israel's universities, will celebrate its 50th birthday in 2020, but it has already taken its place as one of the top 50 universities in the world under 50 years of age. It's known for cutting-edge research in desert and water science, cybersecurity, robotics, bio- and nano-technology, brain research and medicine, to name just a few. BGU's 70 academic departments, including Hebrew literature, Jewish thought, Israel studies, and business and entrepreneurship, attract increasing numbers of undergraduates. The active student life on a beautiful campus as well as the ability to be part of the Beersheba community are also factors in making BGU the fastest-growing university in Israel.

A central pillar of Ben-Gurion University's original mission is to help develop the Negev, and BGU takes this part of its mission very seriously. Today, BGU employs more people than any other single employer in the Negev. Forty percent of BGU students volunteer in Beersheba and the surrounding area. The university attracts new companies to the Negev in part because of the talented BGU students, who can intern and later work with the companies. The university encourages graduates to remain in the Negev by showing them the value of building their lives in the Negev and then providing networking opportunities and job incentives. BGU works collaboratively

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Toni Young is the president of American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, which plays a vital role in raising funds and awareness for the university and fulfilling David Ben-Gurion's vision of the Negev across the United States.

IN ISRAEL

with the cities and towns of the Negev and with diverse populations.

When I first experienced the Negev, I said to myself, I missed the 1940s and the creation of Israel, but now I understand the pioneering spirit of the people who created the state as well as the power of people to change the world.

On Israel's 70th birthday, let me repeat that concept here. If you missed the 1940s and the creation of Israel and you want to be part of Zionism in its purest form of creating good for all people, come to the Negev. Connect with Ben-Gurion University or with American Associates, Ben-Gurion University (AABGU), if you live in the US. Help improve Israel's future and the future of the world by furthering innovation in the Negev.

When Israel celebrates its 100th anniversary, I believe the world will be a better place because of the innovative changes emerging from the Negev.

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Finding integrity, complexity in foundations of faith

By Beth Miller

MMeeting Israel in person changes things. If you've met her on her own turf you know this, but I had known her only by acclaim, textbook, video and flannel graph.

In February, I met her in person as part of a two-week interfaith tour led by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher and Lutheran Pastor David Mueller, who represent two-thirds of what has come to be called "The God Squad," the three-person team (along with Catholic nun Jeanne Cashman) that teaches a popular interfaith class at the University of Delaware's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Wilmington, Delaware. They are known to tease and taunt each other, but at the same time, they demonstrate how meaningful differences can be discussed with respect and - yes - affection.

Under their leadership and the expert commentary of Yaron, who is a high-school history teacher, Israeli soldier, and arguably the nation's finest tour guide, we explored Israel's domain and discovered intriguing, complex, and often surprising dimensions, much as a reunion with an old friend reveals truths no Facebook post could deny.

Israel's relationships are complicated.

Beth Miller of Wilmington, Delaware, was a reporter for The News Journal for 35 years and now is a science writer for the University of Delaware.

Even her most devoted suitors argue with her and each other. And her most contentious adversaries make it hard to sleep, despite the observers posted by the United Nations to keep watch over the border with Syria.

With 44 on board, our tour bus was packed. And it was an amazingly affable, humor-loving group that included religious leaders, educators, scientists, musicians, physicians, nurses, business leaders, engineers, speech therapists, photographers, foodies, writers, a conservator from Winterthur Museum, and a pharmacist. For most of us, including Regina Brothers, a Christiana Care retiree, it was our first encounter with Israel.

Visiting Israel was on Brothers' "bucket list" and she delighted to see places she had learned of while developing her Christian faith. She also found great value in evening sessions planned by Grumbacher and Mueller, with unique insights from invited guests including:

–**The Rev. Kamal Farah**, an Israeli citizen, Arab Christian and retired Episcopal priest. As a boy in 1948, he was forced to leave his village in upper Galilee and still considers himself a refugee. He challenged Jews and Christians alike to understand the difference between religion and religiosity, to show respect to all faiths, to create trust and live in peace with integrity. "I dream that we dare say

what we think - but we do it with respect and dignity," he said.

–**Ellis Kaplan**, who left the United States 50 years ago to work in Kibbutz Lavi, continues his work in its furniture factory that has equipped synagogues around the world - including Beth Emeth in Wilmington.

–**Micha Chacour**, director of Peace Drums Israel - a music initiative that brings Israeli Jewish, Christian and Muslim youth together - and Briele Scott, a percussionist who earned her master's degree at the University of Delaware.

During the tour's one free afternoon in Jerusalem, Lynn Herson Grad and Marty Novil visited the headquarters of United Hatzalah of Israel, an emergency response effort the Herson family has supported since 2004. Hatzalah is fueled by volunteers who respond to calls for help throughout the country using ambucycles, ambucars, ambubicycles, ambuboats and all-terrain vehicles. There, they met founder Eli Beer and Shai Jaskoll, director of development, and saw orthodox and secular Jews and Arabs working together in the dispatch room.

"Hatzalah is bringing people of different backgrounds together in the workplace, bridging that same divide when people are in need to save lives," Grad said.

And then there was the moment Jaskoll

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The group heard from many knowledgeable speakers and guides throughout the two-week trip. This guide spoke to us near the Garden Tomb, where some believe Jesus was laid after his crucifixion.

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The family of Lynn Herson Grad (center) supports the emergency response work of United Hatzalah of Israel and she and Marty Novil (right) had a chance to visit its HQ during our trip. Shai Jaskoll (left), director of development and a volunteer medic for Hatzalah, made sure Lynn saw the car dedicated to the memory of her father, Joe Herson.

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drove up in the ambucar he uses during off hours as a volunteer medic - the car bearing the name of her father, Joe Herson.

“Nothing prepared me for the passion, gratitude, technology and remarkable organization I witnessed during my visit,” she said. “And my heart is warmed to see firsthand that an ambucar adorned with a dedication from my family to my beloved father is being used in such a vital, loving way.”

The highlight for Barney Kantar came on the last day of the tour, when he stood on Mt. Nebo, where the Scriptures say

the prophet Moses saw the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.

“This was an arduous trip - but it was only two weeks,” Kantar said. “On Mt. Nebo, I thought of the exodus and following in the footsteps of Moses, a man like no other - who spoke to God face to face. Here, he saw the Promised Land, but he was not able to enter.”

We savored our time in this land - dancing together on a boat on the Sea of Galilee, sharing a toast at our first glimpse of Jerusalem, tucking prayers into the Western Wall, dipping our hands into

the Jordan River, scooping up chunks of salt at the Dead Sea and marveling at Chagall’s Windows in the Hadassah-backed hospital in Jerusalem.

We heard *sabbath* lessons and prayers in Hebrew, worshiped in Lutheran churches and listened as Palestinian Christians described fraught conditions behind a graffiti-covered wall. That wall is a complicated problem; one we see a bit more clearly now that we have seen it in person.

Meeting Israel in person changes things - perspectives especially. She is powerful that way.

THE REAL CONTINUING ED

By Abby Schreiber



I'm 15 years old, sitting in a cafeteria of my peers, and someone is throwing pennies at me.

I try not to spin around; reaction is fuel to their fire. The best solution is just to ride it out. I feel them pelt the back of my chair. Most miss, landing on the table in front of me, rolling in semi-circles before falling on their sides.

"Hey, Jew!" It's two years later, and my friend is picking me up to get breakfast. I roll my eyes in a non-threatening fashion and squish myself into the backseat, an extra passenger. I say hi back.

What do we do with the microaggressions of the next generation? We are living in limbo: on the one hand, anti-Semitism is largely frowned upon. We aren't expelled from stores, left jobless, homeless, based on our beliefs. On the other, that cushion of acceptance has paved the way for the "harmless joking" of society. How long do we wait post-tragedy for humor to settle in? It's been less than 100 years since the Holocaust, and the stereotypes have been resurrected.

"You know it's just a joke, right?"

Our religion is still seen as an anomaly. What felt like an adoptance into the norm has been met with phrases like, "Don't Jew me down," and penny throwing, all under the guise of humor. Millennials have been raised in this strange era of ruthless extremism and political correctness; it seems nowadays, one must fall on either end of the spectrum. The level playing field has all but been eroded, and what we're left with is two great precipices, neither an appealing leap.

I was never religious growing up. I knew next to nothing about Judaism, other than that I was a part of it. And still, I was relentlessly referred to as this fraction of my identity. Which proves that the microaggressions faced by the next generation

have nothing to do with religion at all. It's about "otherness," and what is still considered the norm in American society. You are, essentially, the sum of your minority.

What is our job, as young Jews, to inform? Is it fair to place the burden of education on the marginalized? And, when that marginalization doesn't quite match the boundaries of oppression, can it even be taken seriously in society? Is it even a battle worth fighting?

I don't know all of the answers. But I believe, what we do know, we need to share. No, it's not "the job" of Jewish people or any other marginalized group to educate the masses. But I strongly disagree with the notion that we shouldn't try anyway. No great change has ever come from sitting back and expecting other people to grow on their own. Yes, many groups in society are actively persecuted; we are "lucky," in a sense, not to be the current targets of national oppression. But the comparison of tragedies isn't a useful tool for bettering ourselves or the people; in the battle of "who suffered worse," no one wins. Use that sense of empathy to fight for the rights of others as well as your own. Until we shatter the idea of "normal," there will always be a chance for prejudice to prevail.

It's the last day of school, and I'm leaving for summer camp. I know one out of every three goodbyes will be harder than the rest "Just don't use the showers, okay? You know what they say about Jews and camps..." The joke's not original. They all act like George Carlin, though.

"Ha, ha," I'm able to choke out. "Hilarious. Truly." Sarcasm is a wall to hide behind, a barrier for the tears of disparity, the "me" and the "them."

When you joke about a stereotype for long enough, you end up holding convictions you didn't even know to be true. Do I love to shop in the sale section? Absolutely, but it's because I'm a normal human being (and an excellent bargain

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Abby Schreiber is Communications Coordinator at the Siegel JCC. She was an English and Journalism/Media Studies double major at Rutgers University, now living in South Jersey.

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hunter), not because I’m Jewish. And while some of these stereotypes may seem harmless, like the trope of the overbearing, overfeeding Jewish mother, they all play into the vicious cycle of recycling character traits to describe an entire people. The grouping of humans, whether it be by religion, race, gender, or other, hinders our ability to see individuals as exactly that: individuals, each with their own traits and sense of agency. Culture is important. It shapes people, but it’s only a part of their story. Every joke is made with intent. For every cause there is an effect. You can’t throw the penny without knowing it’ll land.

We have made great strides since 1942. The world is leagues ahead of where it used to be, and thanks to the internet, information is always at our fingertips. **Do not let progress make you complacent.** Platforms for understanding also lead to platforms for hate. If we are still able to “other” people just for being who they are, we have the power to alienate them from society, no matter our intentions. If we ignore these subtle and indirect forms of oppression, we reopen the vault to hundreds of years of active persecution.

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Robin joined the ADL after serving alternatively in the nonprofit and for-profit arenas her entire career; including directing senior centers, marketing training programs, management, and fundraising.

Over the years, she has served on many boards and committees including the North Penn Collaborative for Health and Human Services, Women’s League, Hadassah and more.

She is married, has two practically perfect daughters, and 3 absolutely perfect grandchildren.



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PROVERBS 28:18

By Rabbi Michael Beals
Congregation Beth Shalom

How long will our community criticize our Millennials for not behaving like their Bubbas and Zaydas?

The first thing their Bubbas and Zaydas would have done when they came into a new city was join the local synagogue. They would have gone to Men's Club and Sisterhood events. They would have been involved in the organized Jewish life of their local community.

Born somewhere between 1980 – 2000, this demographic is NOTHING like their Bubbas and Zaydas when it comes to Jewish life, and the sooner we stop wishing they were something they are not, the sooner we can begin to create a new vision for this demographic who will soon be the leaders of our community – or not.

It says in *Mishlei* (Proverbs):

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“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Rather than trying to make the Millennials something they are not, it is time to envision a future for them with

our synagogues, our Jewish institutions, our religion, something that is relevant and meaningful to them. Since we cannot change THEM, we might as well try to change ourselves.

There are interesting local Jewish experiments designed particularly to meet the needs of Millennials. One intriguing experiment is called Moische House. They describe themselves as: “What being Jewish in your 20s is all about. We provide a space for over 60,000 Jewish young adults around the world to create meaningful, welcoming Jewish communities for themselves and their peers.” I recently met a graduate from the University of Maryland at College Park who is relocating to Wilmington for her first job. She is seriously exploring the idea of creating a “Moische House Without Walls” for Wilmington. Moische House will provide funds to Millennials to create their own home-spun Jewish programming out of their own apartments. The point of each program is to provide safe places for young Jews to find other young Jews, doing what they enjoy. It turns out that Millennials, and Generation Xers may not want to join synagogues, but the DO

want community. Synagogues, JCC's, and Jewish Federations can help provide staff and expertise for this growing cohort, without insisting on membership or commitment. Trust and relationships come long before membership.

Another local initiative worth note is called The Chevra. It is run out of Center City Philadelphia by Wilmington native, Leon Vinocur. The Chevra describes itself as “a group for Jewish professionals and graduate students in their 20's & 30's that create connections through social and educational experiences.” It is housed in an eclectic building at 2002 Ludlow St, Philadelphia 19103. They have an evolving art gallery, bar, lounge, and great programming.

The challenge for me, as a community-minded rabbi housed at Congregation Beth Shalom, is how to provide support and expertise for this section of our Jewish community, without them feeling that I want something from them in return. The moment a Millennial feels there is some expectation of membership or financial commitment, or that they have to change halachically to meet some

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pre-established expectation, they are going to bolt. The Chabad model is the most conducive to this demographic: don't talk membership, and meet these Jews where they are ... not where you would like them to be. In fact, I have self-designated myself as an "Egalitarian Chabadnic."

I am very excited about my Congregation Beth Shalom Board of Director's recent initiative to look to the future of Judaism, vis-à-vis our Millennials. It turns out that when a congregant's child reaches the ripe old age of 18, they drop from our Membership Book listings of congregant families. They do not reappear again unless they join the synagogue as Adult Members in their own right. Which means that the majority of these children of congregants never appear again in the Membership Book! Yet we know that many of them are still in our midst! They might be living at home, attending UD. Perhaps they went out of town to university, and have boomeranged home to their parents' basement, or their old bedroom. Or perhaps they have found gainful employment in the greater Brandywine Valley.

Our Board recently voted to extend free membership to all our 19-31 year-old children of congregants. We will do the research (that's the hard part), and get all their data, giving them their own space in the Membership Book – and we won't ask a thing of them! But we will try to deliver. We have identified three subgroups in this Millennial-plus block: singletons, couples of different flavors, and young couples with kids. These three subgroups mix like milk and meat (that's a kosher way of saying they don't mix). Our thought is to find champions in each subgroup who can plan and program, with assists from me, our cool Cantor Elisa who is in this demographic herself, and members of the board.

One thought is to welcome these

subgroups to our most successful programs. These groups can begin or end their evening by attending these programs, and then go off with their peers and make an evening of it. In this way, Congregation Beth Shalom is still peripherally involved in the lives of our Millennials but more as a resource – not the sole reason for coming together. It's a balancing act.

The point of all this dreaming and experimentation is not to give up on the future of Judaism. Our young adults have needs that are very different than the needs of their parents or their grandparents. They are getting married later, starting families even later still. Rather than wringing our hand and citing depressive studies regarding future Jewish trends, it's time to start experimenting, dreaming and creating vision. After all, King Solomon got it right 3,000 years ago, when he wrote, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

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DR. ALLEN AUERBACH

Pennsville, NJ - Age 69, passed away
Thursday, April 12, 2018.

Allen lived his life to the fullest. He loved and was so proud of his wife, children, their spouses, and his grandchildren. Allen adored his mother, Esther; sisters, brother, nieces and nephews. He had a passion for medicine. Allen was a physician in Pennsville, NJ for 44 years. He loved to read and learn and was always up to the newest trends in medicine and world events. Allen enjoyed spending time with his wife, Terry and they were frequently seen riding their bicycles on the Ventnor Boardwalk. His greatest joy was to be surrounded by his family. Allen was a great man in so many ways and he will always be in our hearts.

Preceded in death by his father, Usher; Allen is survived by his wife, Terry (nee Masel), mother, Ester; children, Joshua (Whitney), Matthew (Sara), Melissa (Justin), Rachel (Philip), and Rebecca; grandchildren, Ayla, Noah, and Maclane.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Allen's memory to the

Abramson Center for Jewish Life, 1425
Horsham Road, North Wales, PA 19454.

SALLY GREEN

Monroe Township, NJ - Sally Green of
Monroe Township, NJ, passed away
March 30, 2018.

Sally was the daughter of the late Anna and Louis Greenfeld. She grew up in New York City, and later lived in upstate New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Florida, and New Jersey. Sally was a graduate of City College of New York and the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Social Work. She worked as a social worker in Delaware and New York.

Sally was an advocate for civil rights and voting rights, and was active in the League of Women Voters. While in Delaware, Sally worked with the Division for the Visually Impaired.

Preceded in death by her parents; first and second husbands, Herman J. Bennett, and Saul Green; and son, Matthew Bennett; she is survived by sons, Lewis Bennett (Diane Wolf) and Steven Bennett (Aiko); three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Sally is also survived by her stepchildren and their families.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom, 1801 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802 or to the League of Women Voters Education Fund (www.lwv.org).

HENRY KAHN

Wilmington - Age 94, of Wilmington, DE
passed away April 10, 2018.

Henry was born in Bendzin, Poland, in 1923. At the age of 16, Henry's life, along with his family changed for the worst as his hometown was occupied by the Nazis. He and his brother Joseph are the only ones left from their family. They survived six concentration and labor camps, along with a 120 mile death march.

Henry came to the US in 1950 and built a wonderful life for his wife, Edith and two children, Leonard and Rochelle. He is also blessed and survived by his six grandchildren, Olivia, Arielle, Jared, Evan, Alexandra, and Sophie. His grandchildren which are the new generation gave him his purpose in life.

JOSEPH LIONEL KAUFMAN

Wilmington - Age 84, passed away
Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Born in Wilmington, DE to the late James and Lillian (nee Eisman) Kaufman, Joe graduated from P.S. DuPont High School, Wilmington College, and Goldey-Beacom College. He served in the US Army from 1956 to 1958. At 14, Joe was chosen by then Rabbi Jacob Kraft to serve as Congregation Beth Shalom's Shofar blower, a duty he faithfully performed into his 70s. Joe worked as an accountant for the Wilmington Public Schools and the Red Clay School District where he retired in 1989. He went on to work for Gilpin Mortgage and the New Castle County Recorder of Deeds, where he retired again in 2001. Joe was Past Master of Masonic Lodges Lafayette

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Preceded in death his parents, James and Lillian; brother, Ronald; brother-in-law, Joel Citron; he is survived by long-time love, Theresa Austin; his son, Stephen Kaufman (Lisa Pappas); daughter, Miriam Shapiro (Michael); sister, Barbara Citron; grandchildren, Lindsay, Heather, and Eli; and 3 great-grandchildren.

The family will be forever grateful to the caring professionals and friends at Forwood Manor and Hospice. You truly made a difference in Dad's life!

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Grand Lodge of Delaware - Masonic Charities, 818 N. Market Street, 3rd Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801-3077.

DANIEL ADASKIN LINDBERGH

1928 - 2018
 Wilmington - Age 89, of Wilmington, DE passed away suddenly April 15, 2018.

Born October 24, 1928 to Adelaide and Samuel Quint in Springfield, MA, he was a precocious child. Dan later served his country in the US Navy during WWII, he then joined the Adaskin Furniture Company. Dan was well known and loved during and after 35 years as Vice President of Delmar Photo Service. An avid photographer, he produced photographs of higher quality than many professionals. Then, Dan became a national top producer of health insurance coverage through the National Association of the Self-Employed. His awards from both his careers allowed him and Marian to travel the world. His wit and humor served him well, and is surely remembered by all who knew him.

In his spare time, Dan was also a major proponent of the 2nd Amendment. He passed on the traditions of the shooting sports with many hundreds of people, including his sons, friends, and members of various shooting clubs he belonged to

throughout his life. He taught firearms safety and the mandatory Delaware concealed carry requirements to many beginners and experienced shooters alike. He was a past President of the Delaware State Pistol Club, and won many State Championships in Bullseye Pistol shooting, as well as setting a National Record in the sport of Silhouette Pistol shooting. For many years, he participated in the National Pistol Matches at Camp Perry, OH. He was also a Vice President of the Delaware State Sportsman's Association, the state chapter of the National Rifle Association, of which he was a Life Member. Dan was an integral part of the opening of New Castle County's public shooting range, Ommelanden. He was a true American patriot, a relentless defender of our freedoms, and loved to share his knowledge and experience with all.

Dan is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Marian Berkover Lindbergh; his sons, Howard (Eileen), Edward (Donna), and Peter (Mimi); his grandchildren, Joseph Lindbergh and Danielle Virgilio (Brian); and great-grandchildren, Savannah Marie Virgilio and Jameson Beau Virgilio; his sister, Deborah Schwartz (Andrew) of St. Louis, MO; brother, Paul (Bernice) of Boston, MA; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Shriners Hospitals for Children (shrinershospitalsforchildren.org).

SELMA R. LEVIN

Glen Mills - Age 95, passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, she lived most of her life in Wilmington, DE with her family, and most recently lived in Maris Grove, in Glen Mills, PA.

Preceded in death by her husband, Henry; she is survived by three children; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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IRWIN HAROLD "IRV" SEIDENSTAT

1930 - 2018

Wilmington - Age 87, a resident of Foulk Manor North passed away Sunday, March 18, 2018.

Born April 16, 1930 in Wilmington, DE, Irv graduated from P. S. DuPont High School in 1948. He was one of the first employees at the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art where he worked for over 25 years. Irv led his work softball team to a championship, was an avid instigator, created amazing restaurant take-home box name art, was always quizzing his grandchildren with math problems, and kept the books for the Jewish War Veterans.

Preceded in death by his wife, Florence; his parents, Ida and Julius; his brother,

Paul; and his daughter, Robin Haack; Irwin is survived by his son, Barry (Deanne) of Colorado and their sons, Sam and Andrew; his son-in-law David Haack of Hockessin and his children, Steven and Hilary (Geoff).

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Jewish War Veterans (www.jwv.org) or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (www.michaeljfox.org).

JOEL TEDER

Wilmington - Age 71, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 31, 2018 in the presence of his family.

Born in Wilmington, DE, he was the son of the late Isadore and Eva Teder. Joel was a professional dry cleaner for over 50

years. He enjoyed all Philly sports teams, played and loved boxing and football. Joel also loved going to the University of Delaware football games with his son and grandson.

Preceded in death by his parents, Isadore and Eva Teder; son, Todd Teder; and step-daughter, Andrea; he is survived by his wife, Ruthann Goldstein-Teder; brother, Eric Teder (Donna); step-daughter, Naomi Cebenka; grandson, John; granddaughters, Danielle (Meir) and Casey (Nati); great-grandson, Uri; beloved adopted mother-in-law, Ruth Goldstein; sister-in-law, Wilma Estreicher (Rabbi Daniel); and numerous nieces nephews and cousins.

The family would like to especially thank his cousin, Lillian Sugarman for her care of Joel during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Joel's name to Season's Hospice (www.seasons.org), Chabad Lubavitch of Delaware, 1811 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810, or the Delaware Humane Association (www.delawarehumane.org).

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View the film; voice your thoughts. We will be showing the documentary *Miss Representation* followed by an initial reaction discussion. The discussion will be led by Rabbi Yair Robinson (Congregation Beth Emeth) and Melanie Ross Levin (ECC parent & Director, Office of Women's Advancement and Advocacy, State of Delaware). Light refreshments will be served during the film; afterwards, discuss topics analyzed in the film:

Miss Representation exposes the dangers and distortions that our current media has created for our viewing pleasure. The dangers are in the limiting and distorting views of women and their bodies and the nature of sex and relationship. This affects both our young boys and girls and their need for healthy self-esteem as they themselves voice in this film. For more information, please visit siegeljcc.org or contact Mona Duwell at MonaDuwell@siegeljcc.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018

Lag B'Omer Survivor-themed Party and Field Day for Teens

6:30 — 8:30 PM

Siegel JCC

Survivor is a game that tests logic, skill, and strength. In this version, teens will be tested in all three, as well as how well they communicate and respect their teammates.

Lag B'Omer is a holiday that celebrates Ahavat Yisroel, loving your fellow Jew as you love yourself. Each puzzle, game, or challenge will help teens practice Ahavat Yisroel in one form or another. For more info find the Facebook group CTeen Delaware or go to www.CTeen.com/Delaware. You can also contact Rochel, CTeen Director at Rochel@ChabadDE.com for more info or to RSVP.

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

Einstein's Howard Barton Memorial Egg Drop

2:30 — 3 PM

Siegel JCC Courtyard

Fun STEM activity for all ages! Come watch as Einstein 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders test devices for protecting a raw egg dropped from the balcony. Will the egg survive? For more information contact Rabbi Jeremy Winaker, Head of School at 302-478-5026 or jeremy.winaker@einsteinday.org.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

Community Lag B'Omer BBQ & Bonfire

5 — 7 PM

Chabad Center for Jewish Life

Join us for our annual Lag B'Omer BBQ, which will feature delicious food, a moonbounce for the kids, a bonfire, festive Jewish music, a basketball game and more! Free Admission:
Food will be sold. Please register at ChabadDE.com/register.

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018

Shir Shalom Celebration

7 PM

Congregation Beth Emeth
Wilmington, DE

Celebrate with our adult and youth choirs to honor Cantor Mark Stanton and our Music Director Dennis Stewart at a Song of Shalom Shabbat. We are located at 300 Lea Boulevard in Wilmington. Visit bethemethde.org for more information.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

ASK – Alphabet Soup Kids

11:15 AM — 1:30 PM

JFS Delaware – Wilmington

A JFS-sponsored support group for kids ages 12-18 that identify as LGBTQ+. Please contact Sharon at cztwins@hotmail.com to register.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

JFS Comedy Show Fundraising Event

7 PM

Java Jukebox

371369 Rehoboth Ave., Rehoboth Beach, DE
Fay Jacobs – Still Aging Gracelessly: 50 Shades of Fay. Proceeds of this event benefit JFS Delaware. For more information contact jsaltzberg@jfsdelaware.org or purchase tickets: javajukebox.net/events.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

Shir Shalom Celebration of Cantor Stanton

7:30 PM

Congregation Beth Emeth
Wilmington, DE

It will be an evening of hellos, goodbyes, and peace, with Havdallah, wine, cheese, desserts and some very special guests. Admission is \$15. Please join us as we celebrate Cantor Stanton! Visit bethemethde.org for more details.

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

Theresienstadt: I Never Saw Another Butterfly

2 PM

Congregation Beth Shalom
340 N. Queen Street, Dover

A thoughtful presentation about Theresienstadt and the Holocaust. Presented by Cantor George and Mrs. Carole Mason. For more information, call 302-734-5578.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018

Einstein Informational Parlor Meeting

6:30 PM — 8 PM

The Home of Jeremy Winaker & Ali Mendelson

Parents of 3, 4, and 5 year-olds are invited to attend this casual conversation about Albert Einstein Academy's K-5 program. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Julia Forester, Admissions Director at 302-478-5026 or julia.forester@einsteiniday.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

Healing Hearts for Divorcing Parents

9 AM — 3:30 PM

JFS Newark
288 East Main Street, Newark DE

This six-hour certified program, taught by certified instructors and required by Delaware's Family Court, educates parents about the psychosocial and emotional issues of separating and divorcing parents and children. For more information and/or to register, please call 302-428-9411.

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

Delaware ChoralArts presents Handel's oratorio, Samson, with orchestra

7 PM

Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew,
719 N Shipley St.
Wilmington, DE

Regional and local professional soloists. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and students, and \$20 for children under 14. Tickets may be purchased securely online at <https://DelawareChoralArts.org/>, by calling Joan Nipe at (856) 275-9859, or at the door. Parking is free. The venue is handicapped accessible. Questions? Contact Donna Pelletier at threebear@verizon.net or Irene Plotzker at ireneplotzker@comcast.net.

TUESDAY, MAY 15TH

JCRC Fed Talks : Anti Semitism update

8:30 - 10 AM

Speaker: Robin Burstein ADL
Refreshments provided

Free and open to the public
For information, contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt ellen@shalomdel.org

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018

CTeen Session - Social and Community Service Program for Teens

7 — 8:30 PM

Siegel JCC

Find out what the CTeen hype is all about while enjoying a delicious pizza dinner! Come have a great time meeting and hanging out with other Jewish teens, get into great discussion based on the theme of the month, and get community service hours - all in one session! For more information about CTeen and a calendar of events go to www.CTeen.com/Delaware or find the Facebook group CTeen Delaware. Please contact Rochel Flikshtein for more information at Rochel@ChabadDE.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018

Jewish Great Books Meeting

2 — 3:15 PM

Siegel JCC Board Room

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of every month for book club! This month's book is Love, Dishonor, Marry, Die, Cherish, Perish by David Rakoff. For more information, contact Anna Saul at annasaul@siegeljcc.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018

CTeen Jr Session for 6-8th Grade: Let's Chalk Kindness

7 — 8:30 PM

Spread kindness through street art! Experiment with cool forms of chalk to paint a neighborhood mural with messages of inspiration and friendship. Then continue the fun by creating "pay it forward" baskets to place good deeds and keep them growing! For more info or to RSVP, please contact Rochel, CTeen Director at Rochel@ChabadDE.com or visit to www.CTeen.com/Delaware.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

ASK - Alphabet Soup Kids

11:15 AM — 1:30 PM

JFS Delaware – Wilmington

A JFS-sponsored support group for kids ages 12-18 that identify as LGBTQ+. Please contact Sharon at cztwins@hotmail.com to register.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

Shavuot Reading of the 10 Commandments, Ice Cream Party and Kids Program

10:45 AM — 12:15 PM

Chabad Center for Jewish Life

Come celebrate the most underrated holiday on the Jewish calendar, which commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai with a public reading of the 10 Commandments, an ice cream buffet Kiddush and a wonderful kids program! This program is FREE. Please visit ChabadDE.com/register to RSVP.

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018

Outrun the Sun Community 5K and Kiddie K

6 — 9 PM

Siegel JCC

Join us for the inaugural Siegel JCC Community Outrun the Sun 5K and Kiddie K! Kiddie K begins at 6:50 PM, and the 5K will begin promptly at 7 PM. Start on the JLoop and run through the local neighborhoods. Awards and refreshments will follow! Cost: \$25/pre-registration, \$30/registration after 12 PM on May 20. Kiddie K is free. For more information, contact Carrie Kee at carriek@siegeljcc.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

Men's Night Out with Adam Greenberg

6:15 PM — 9:00 PM

Frawley Stadium – Wilmington, DE

Meet us at the ballpark for a BBQ style dinner and drinks. Optional activities include stadium tour, batting cages and outfield catch. MNO 2018 features a presentation from former MLB and author Adam Greenberg. All guests will receive a copy of his book, Get Up | The Art of Perseverance and a souvenir gift. \$36 if you register by May 2nd. \$50 for all registrations after May 2nd. Open to all men making a minimum household gift of \$250 to the 2018 Annual Campaign. Must be 21 or older to attend.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

Einstein Annual Meeting and Evening of the Arts

6:30 — 9 PM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

Join Einstein for a celebration of the arts and a year of productive board service. One work of art will be chosen as the purchase prize; class artwork will be auctioned off to raise money for scholarships; and a new slate of board officers will be voted upon. For more information, please contact Rabbi Jeremy Winaker, Head of School at 302-478-5026 or jeremy.winaker@eisteinday.org.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

Jewish History Class with Burt Brenman

10 AM

Congregation Beth Shalom

340 N. Queen Street, Dover

Topic: Literacy and Education. This class will cover the period of just before the destruction of the First temple, the exile to Babylonia, and some aspects of the return. For more information, call 302-734-5578.

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018

Musical Celebration of Israel

6:30 PM

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

This year's Café Tamar, entitled Israel at 70 – A Dream Realized, celebrates the 70th anniversary of Israel's independence, as well as being dedicated to the memory of respected scientist, scholar and singer Alexander Vega. An exciting program of music and dance will be performed by the AKSE and AEA dancers, Klezmer band, and outstanding soloists from throughout the community. Adult admission is \$10 paid in advance by May 24, \$12 at the door, and children under 12, \$5. For reservations and information call 302-762-2705 or email office@akse.org.

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018

CTeen Session - Social and Community Service Program for Teens

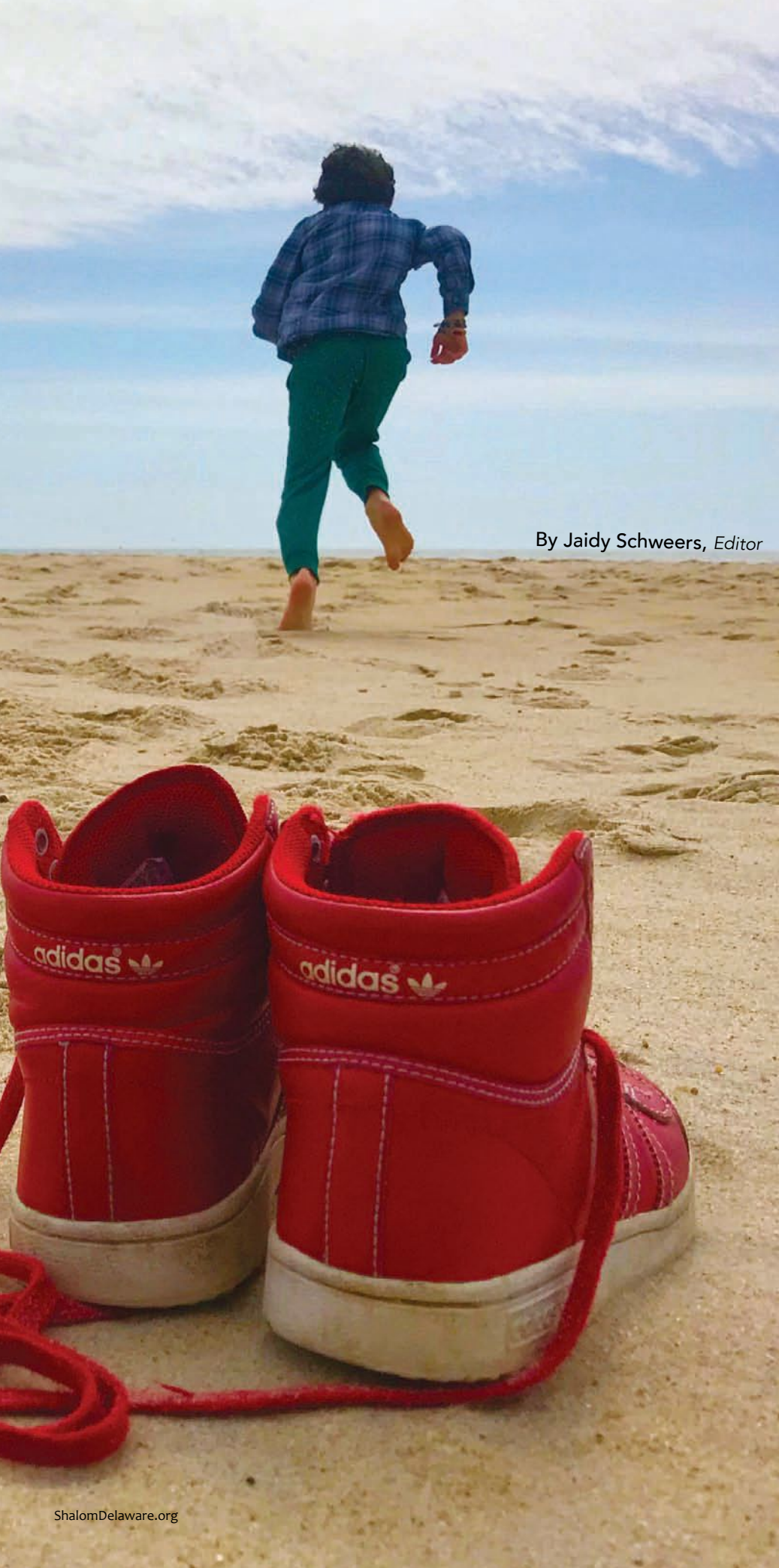
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RUNNING TOWARDS CHANGE



By Jaidy Schweers, *Editor*

Hands down one of the greatest challenges for parents throughout the last several decades has been the implications of the Internet. And that's not just *my* hunch.

Ask any parents of previous generations and they will tell you that anthropological trends and events like rock music, hippies, smoking, and drinking and driving, were child's play compared to the grisly Internet. And no, innovative ideas such as Ergo carries, baby monitors, DVD players, and Smart Apps have done little to alleviate the intensity and stress of raising 21st century kids; they are simple gadgets which may ease the hectic nature of parenting for a moment, but they do not radically alter the way we *behave*. Because of this extreme societal shift in how we engage and disengage with others due to the influence of the Internet, most would acknowledge that parenting has never been more difficult than it is right now.

I become very gloom and doom when I think about the destruction the Internet has wrought upon us and our kids.

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From benign beginnings of innocent email exchanges, to simple searches like, What's the Capital of France; from the creation of Social Media, to the advancement of telecommunication technology, to hiding behind shields and rarely making human connections, the Internet has (d)evolved into a *mélange* of information and influence, forcing us to find the latest and greatest ways of utilizing its mass. And with every 'advancement' we may become more productive, but also more isolated and lonely.

Even though the Internet is seemingly capable of telling us who we presently are (just do any Google search on How the Internet is Crippling our Society), is it adept at predicting who we'll *become*? I don't know. One day we're Jekyll. One day we're Hyde. Human nature seems to reside comfortably, and often disconcertingly, between the two.

When a new trend presents itself, we take some time to make the necessary modifications to shift back to center. And eventually we do. Look at the tobacco industry. We took cigarette smoking to the limit before the turn of the century. Smoking was a glorious luxury. When I was a child I remember seeing a photo of Jackie Kennedy from the 60s, very pregnant and smoking. I remember thinking how nifty the Camel mascot was, and how pretty the women were in the magazines who smoked those long white Kool's. But eventually the pendulum began inching back to center when people started dying and attributing these deaths to cigarettes. People with cancer began suing tobacco companies. Government finally began to intervene, and then, like a thief in the night, no more smoking. Banned from restaurants. Judged at every play group. Shunned from society like a wart on the nose of

troll, smoking went from Kool to unKool in just a matter of years.

And this is what I believe will happen with Internet use.

In 1995 the World Wide Web was fully commercialized here in the U.S. I can remember opening my first Hotmail account around that time, and my difficulty comprehending what that actually meant, never once thinking about what it would morph into. I just went with the flow, waiting on slow dial-up Internet service providers like Earthlink and AOL. I'd email short love notes to boyfriends, and long-winded letters to my family about my adventures abroad. Sure beat the price of a telephone call. I still did school research on Microfiche, and put my bills in envelopes and mailed them from the post office. About a decade or so went by feeling comfortable with this and then, boom. Facebook. My Space, oops gone. Hello, Twitter. The world of Social Media drops by for a drink. Or two. Or three. And then he's passed out, immovable on the couch.

I had kids right around this time, and still nothing is incredibly offensive until, wow, it sure would be nice to experience the Internet *anywhere*. Like, hey, on my *phone*. Here comes Smart Phones and the 1G, 2G, 3G networks lining up at the party. And we are all high on change.

Now. How do you start raising your kids now? As parents we respond initially with ease and excitement, and then we begin to pull back because we're taking in too much at once. We try and set limits and experiment with what works, how much is too much, and jeez, technology is just so darn *convenient*. Schools begin to buy the hype, and initiate new curriculums utilizing the Internet and electronics. Not quite sure where this is going, people begin reading and discussing, and fearing

and catastrophizing, until. . .what? What happens next?

This is where we are as parents.

In between the cusp of one extreme and center. The moment where we're learning enough about the Internet and what it has that plagues us and what it has that aids us.

As a parent, that future of balance seems far for me right now. I have faith it's there. But how do we get back a little of the human spirit we seem to have lost due to our initial relationship with technology? Can it be recovered? Or was it really lost to begin with? Who will my children *be*, as exclusive products of technology?

I do believe that they will continue to be creative even if it's not with a box of crayons. I believe that they will continue to love one another, even if it's not through physical and emotional presence, but through common ground. I believe they will elicit positive change through large movements, even if it takes Facebook or another, as yet undreamt of, platform to get them there. I believe they will really look at one another, even if it's through a computer application. My hope? That they will still *need* one another.

Holding on to some beliefs and letting go of others is what makes our job hard. But there's always this: An ambitious and truly remarkable 13-year-old shared in his D'var Torah recently that he believes in the good that comes from the bad. He spoke from his heart and was eloquent and beautiful in his delivery. This child, in his rise to adulthood and a product of the Internet, in a defining moment, woke up the adults in the room. He reminded us that humanity--not the Internet--is our greatest connection.

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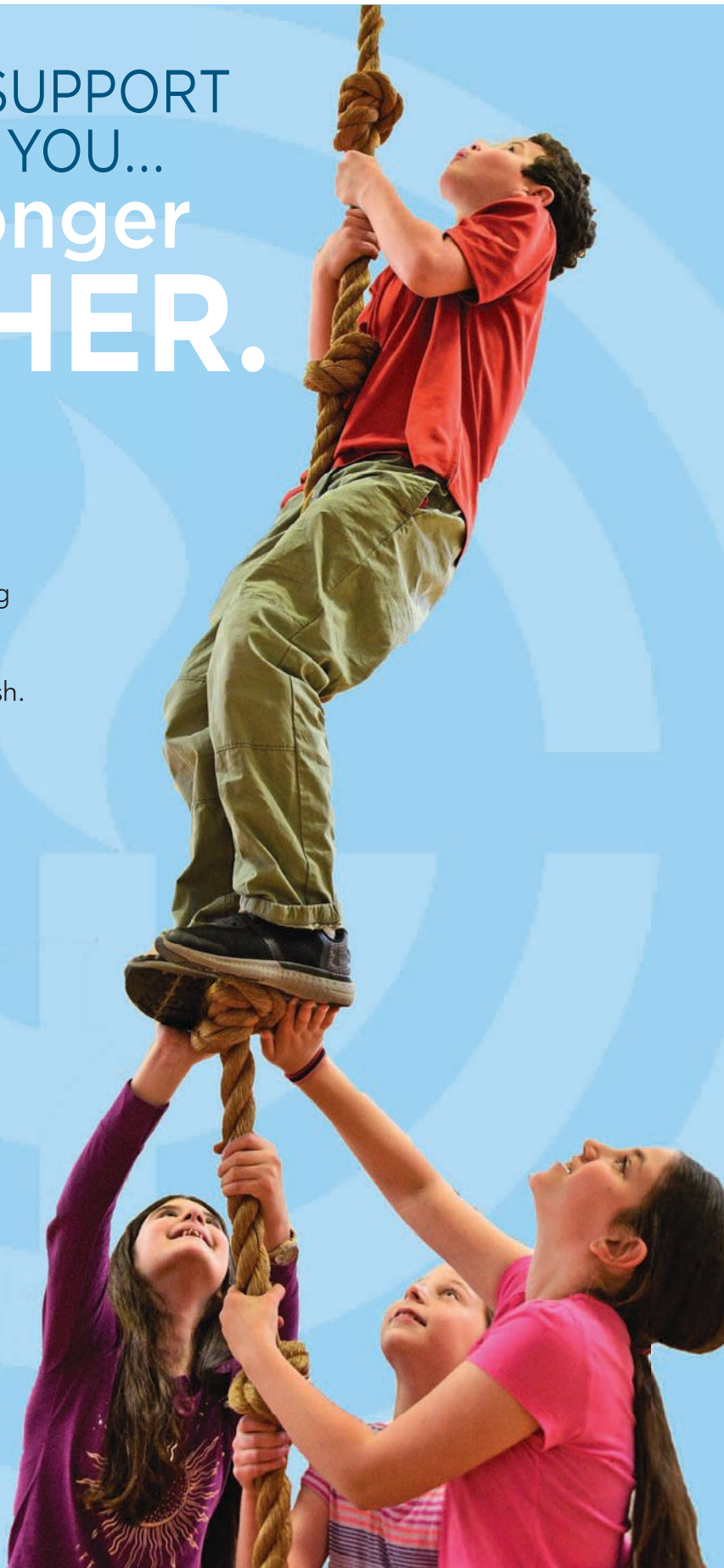
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