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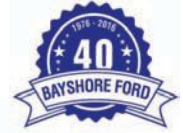


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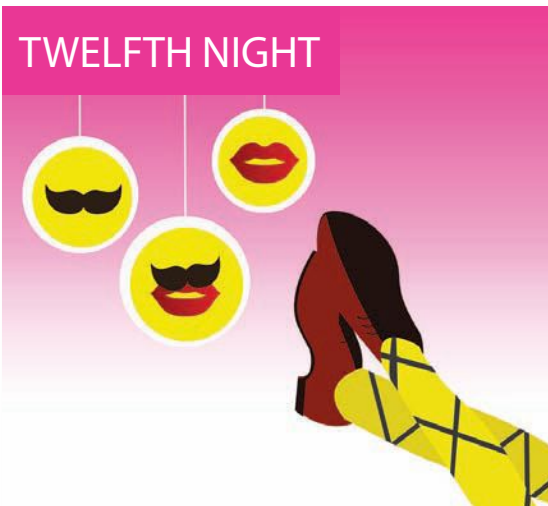
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CHAG PESACH SAMEACH



During Passover we are reminded that, as Jews, it is our responsibility — and at the very heart of our values — to deliver the gift of hope to other Jews locally, in Israel and around the world.

If G-d did not take us out of Egypt, then we, our children, and our children's children would still be slaves to Pharaoh. We remember that generation after generation has survived threats to destroy the Jewish people.

The responsibility now rests on us. We must act. Federation acts. We do so every year.

In our own community, we provide financial, emotional, physical, and educational assistance to many in need. A teenager receives a scholarship to attend a Jewish Camp. A senior citizen gets help with daily tasks or in finding long-term care. An unemployed adult gets confidential counseling and assistance until they get back on their feet again. A young adult participates in leadership programs that benefit each of our beneficiary agencies. A child receives PJ Library books every month to share with the entire family.

Jewish Federation of Delaware is there to help when needed, promoting lasting connections and ensuring a strong and vibrant Jewish future.

During Passover, let us remember that we are all responsible for our fellow Jews. All of us desire for Israel to dwell securely in her borders. All of us want Judaism to continue to thrive and flourish. All of

us hope and pray for the welfare of our parents, spouse, family, and friends.

We have the power and the responsibility to make the lives of our fellow Jews better and let them know they are not alone. Our collective devotion makes our people strong.

In difficult times, people turn to the Federation. Now we are turning to you to make your gift to the 2018 Annual Campaign. The good your gift provides is immediate and has a lasting impact on the lives of so many.

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Chag Sameach,

Bill Wagner
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FINDING YOUR PLACE WITHIN THE JCRC

By Jennifer Steinberg
Co-Chair, JCRC

The setting: a Tel Aviv cafe that feels like the local equivalent of the Greenville Brew Haha. Latte art, avocado on everything, mismatched chairs - I'm feeling very much in my element here. Israel: just like Delaware but warmer.

A few months ago, I wrote/asked in this very space what you, my local Jewish community, would like to see the JCRC tackle and . . . no one wrote back. I was hoping to hear calls for engaging with issues like international human rights, criminal justice reform, health care, voting rights, immigration - but there was silence. While yes, our JCRC focuses on advocating for Israel, the other part of our mission is to advocate for issues of importance to the Jewish community. You can't really expect me to believe that the Delaware Jewish community I love so much isn't interested in the "issues."

Maybe it's because we're spoiled by easy access to our elected officials - when we do go to call or lobby our government, more often than not, our officials are already on the same page as we are. Or maybe, it's because Delaware is fine with the JCRC focusing solely on traditional "Jewish" issues and feels we can leave the other issues to our synagogues and agencies?

Our JCRC does a great job being an advocate for Israel. My co-chair John Elzufon recently participated in the International Symposium on the Future of Jerusalem, organized by the Delaware Council on Global and Muslim Affairs, with co-sponsorship by the Council on American Islamic Relations, held at Masjid Isa Ibn Maryam in Newark. I'm in the middle of a 10 day trip to Israel, part of which I will spend with the Jewish Federations of North America focused on bringing insights about Israel back to the community. We have a wonderful partner in our community shlichah, Dana Berman,

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who has spent the past three years educating us and sharing Israel with our community. So, if it is true that this community wants our JCRC to focus most of their energy on Jewish issues, then I have a new challenge for you, my beloved Jewish community: become a JCRC partner. This past fall, the Bagels & Briefings/Wine & Wisdom series was rebranded as FED Talks. While the turnout is always reliable and the JCRC loves its “regulars,” the reason Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, our JCRC director works so hard to find ways to bring speakers like those of the recent Faces of Israel series is because the JCRC wants to find topics to engage more people Jewishly.

If you're reading this and would like to see our JCRC get involved in an issue of importance to you, ask us - we want to listen; we love being the voice of the Jewish community on issues and if we can, we want to raise our voices with you.

Later this month, I'm heading to Washington, DC for JCPA's Spring Advocacy Day to have conversations with our members of congress on issues of importance to the Jewish community. Then, in April, I'll be back with JCPA, this time in New York City to spend a few days networking and learning with Jewish professionals doing exciting advocacy work on behalf of our greater Jewish community. The JCRC doesn't work in a vacuum though - come out to our programs, share your thoughts and hopes for the direction our advocacy work will take. The C in JCRC doesn't stand for Community for nothing.



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DONOR ADVISED FUND: A Family Planning Tool

By Andrew Rosen, CFP®, CEP®

Charitable giving is at the core of many of us, especially this time of year.

The other day I was having an interesting chat with a friend of mine on just this topic. Next thing you know the conversation shifted to a growing charitable resource called donor advised funds.

Since he is also a professional colleague, the conversation got a bit nerdy after a while. Truly, there was a flash of insight when I asked him how he uses Donor Advised Funds (DAF). I took it as a moment of brilliance on his part. He described a phenomenal way to involve the whole family in the giving spirit (something very important in my household).

Before I give the secret sauce away, let's review the characteristics of a DAF.

What is a Donor Advised Fund?

At its core, a DAF is a way to gift money to a charitable vehicle today and still receive all the normal tax benefits. These gifts grow tax free in an investment account. If you want, you can even gift highly appreciated stock. You can request the DAF, at any point in the future, to make a gift to any 501c3 charitable organization. That's right, you choose. However, keep in mind that once an individual gifts to a DAF the gift is considered irrevocable.

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make an immense impact to one charity, or more, at a later time. Not being rushed into a year-end decision is nice. A DAF allows for a more thoughtful process with one's charitable intent.

How can the family be involved?

My friend whom I referred to earlier involves his family with the DAF giving process. (It's something I'll follow his lead on, for sure.) Once a year, he sits down with his children and discusses how much they want to give. He bases the conversation on the account values in the DAF. Together, they go over how the DAF performed in the previous year. This step begins his children's education about money and investing in an engaging way.

After, they discuss which charities they want to support and why. It becomes a family-wide conversation, while teaching philanthropy. Then, they land on a group decision and settle on an amount (or

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amounts, if multiple charities). He enjoys seeing the genuine response of his children when they hand over a sizeable check to those in need. (I cannot wait to see this in my children, too.)

Imagine the power in that for a moment. What a valuable life lesson to all our children and grandchildren. What if you even matched dollar-for-dollar the amount they wanted to give to the family DAF? Think of that impact and project it 20, 30, 40 years from now. What kind of difference do you think these children will make on the world, having grown up in an environment like that? Sufficient to say, that is exactly the type of child I want to raise.

I'd like to thank my good friend JA (but don't let it go to your head!) for introducing this unique way of family charitable giving.

With any holiday season, it truly is better to give than to receive. I hope this idea gives you a fun and engaging way to energize the entire family into the true spirit of giving!

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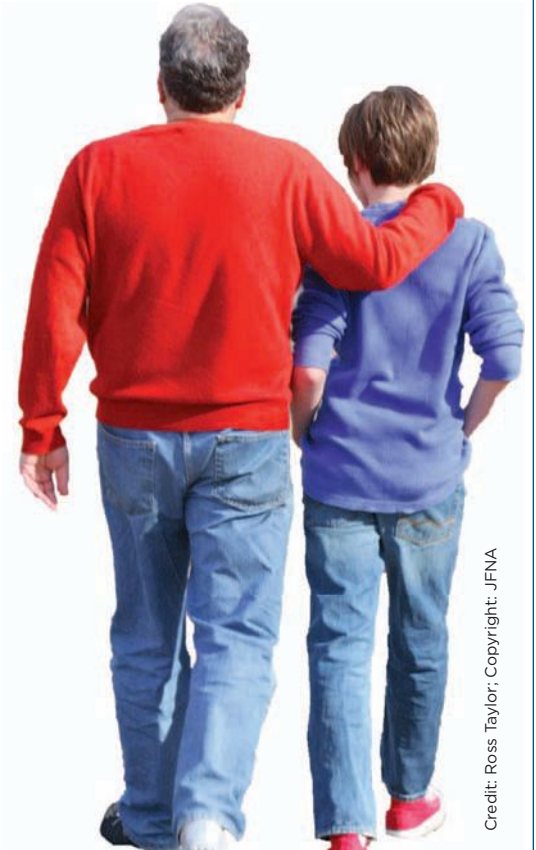
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Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON A LONG HISTORY

By Polly Zavadviker

Professor of History and Director of the Frank and Yetta Chaiken
Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware

As a professor of History and Director of the Frank and Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware, I am delighted to share news about the University's Jewish Studies Program with readers of the *Jewish VOICE*. Jewish Studies at UD is moving in a number of exciting new directions—and not only with regard to the immensely important work of educating our university's students about the fascinating world of Jewish history and culture, but also, in aspiring to become an integral part of Delaware's Jewish community life.

I am most excited about the partnership between UD's Jewish Studies Program and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center. On the evening of April 11, in commemoration of Yom HaShoah, we will co-sponsor the program *From Generation to Generation: Remembering the Holocaust through Story and Song*, featuring Cantor David S. Wisnia and his grandson Avi Wisnia. This program will take place at the University's beautiful Gore Recital Hall and is free and open to the public.

Cantor Wisnia shares his extraordinary life story in word and song in a unique and moving performance. Born in Poland in 1926, he survived internment in Auschwitz for nearly three years, saving his life by singing to entertain the Nazi SS and cellblock leaders. After surviving a

Death March and escaping from Dachau concentration camp, he was found and rescued by the American 101 Airborne Division. He joined the 506th Parachute Infantry and engaged in active combat with Germany in spring 1945, becoming both a survivor and a liberator. After his emigration to the United States, David served as a cantor for more than forty years for synagogues in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He now travels the world performing and leading services. He sings in multiple languages, all of which reflect his life's journey, including Yiddish, Hebrew, Polish, and English. David's grandson Avi—an award-winning composer and performer of jazz, pop, and bossa nova—accompanies him on the piano.

Our April 11 program is a sign of the Jewish Studies Program's recent and promising growth. Over the past two years, the number of our students enrolled in the Jewish Studies Program Minor has more than doubled. I believe that our innovative courses and first-rate faculty have great potential to continue attracting students to our classes and programs.

One of the features that makes UD's Jewish Studies Program so intellectually compelling is the broad range of courses offered in Jewish culture, especially its history, languages and literatures, as well as its ethics, politics, and philosophy.

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To receive news of our programs and courses, please write to our Program Administrator Kathleen Capallo at ktw@udel.edu.

Our curriculum has expanded over the past several years to include courses on women in Judaism, the history of anti-Semitism, and Holocaust literature. This semester I am teaching an introductory survey of Jewish history from ancient times to present—the first such course to be offered in the University's history. The history of the Jewish people, with its span of three millennia, is an endless source of fascinating topics. The task of teachers and scholars of Jewish Studies, I believe, is to help students access this treasure trove of history and to locate themselves within it.

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It is also crucial that UD's Jewish Studies Program bring its innovative curriculum and public programs to Delaware's Jewish community. We welcome auditors to all of our courses, and our programs are always free and open to the public. The Program's Spring Lecture series takes place on Wednesdays from 12:20-1:10 PM. This semester's theme is *Jewish Studies, Jewish Stories*. It will feature weekly presentations by faculty in the Departments of History, Literature and Culture, Theater, Engineering and others, who will describe their intellectual and personal paths as scholars of Jewish Studies.

The Jewish Studies Program also regularly hosts award-winning authors and scholars on campus. This month, on Wednesday March 14, my Holocaust history course (95 students strong!) will feature a guest lecture by Jane Klinger, Chief Conservator at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. And on Thursday April 26, we will host a lecture by Dr. Natalie Zemon Davis—one of the most revered and prolific historians of our time. Dr. Davis, the author of many path-breaking works of European and Jewish history and a recipient of the National Medal of the Humanities, will speak about her latest project, a study of the early twentieth century Romanian-Jewish philologist Lazar Saneinu.

The goal to build a strong bond between academic Jewish Studies and Delaware's Jewish community can only serve to benefit and enrich our mutual missions to foster a community that is knowledgeable and inspired to know more about the Jewish past and present. I hope for the chance to welcome you to the University in the near future.



HISTORIC CIVIL RIGHTS MISSION

By Suzanne Barton Grant
and JFNA Staff

Suzanne Barton Grant inspires at the Civil Rights Mission PHOTO BY JFNA

Suzanne Barton Grant was joined by 18 Prime Minister Council Donors from seven different Federations who took the time to take a historic journey to the Deep South and the heart of the civil rights movement on January 30th–February 1st.

They visited the sites of events that changed the course of American history and experienced what it was like to walk in the footsteps of the venerable Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It was a time when

heroes and ordinary citizens alike took great risks to follow what was in their heart and act against oppression.

For Jews oppression is not a foreign concept. Dr. King knew this and attracted many Jews to his side. Among them Rabbi Abraham Heschel, z”l, whose close friendship with Dr. King is widely known. Like King, he believed people could rise up, be their best selves, and behave with righteousness and even with holiness. Following the historic march from Selma to Montgomery Rabbi Heschel said:

“For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying.”

On this mission participants locked arms

with Rabbi Heschel’s daughter Susannah and Congressman John Lewis, who was present as we marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Some found tears streaming down their cheeks, as the emotional moment was the final stop of a powerful journey, which had been guided by Susannah and Lewis themselves.

Dr. King once said “An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”

In a letter from a Birmingham Jail, Dr. King wrote:

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fighters did in Hungary was 'illegal.' It was 'illegal' to aid and comfort a Jew in Hitler's Germany. But I am sure that if I had lived in Germany during that time, I would have aided and comforted my Jewish brothers even though it was illegal."

This trip was a potent reminder that great change can be accomplished when we work together for a common cause. For our Federation Movement that means working to sustain and build our Jewish community. It means providing aid to those among us who are unable to aid themselves. And something more. It means speaking out, against tyranny and injustice wherever it raises its head. Whether we're calling for civil rights in Alabama. Or to free Soviet Jewry in the former Soviet Union. Or to reach out to Jews in need wherever they may be. As Dr. King also said: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

In his book, *Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America*, Congressman John Lewis wrote:

"Every generation leaves behind a legacy. What that legacy will be is determined by the people of that generation. What legacy do you want to leave behind?"

This certainly rings true for all of us as we contemplate the future of our Jewish community. Thankfully, we know that our support of the Jewish Federation and our constituent agencies helps to ensure that legacy for generations to follow.

Indeed this era was a moment in time, yet it serves as a reminder that while prejudice and hatred still exist, one person can make a difference. Silence is not the answer; each one of us has a voice and we are well served to speak for those who are unable, care for those in need and work to make the world a better place. Those are our Jewish values. Those values cross generations. They cross the globe. And they cross racial lines.

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UNDERSTANDING THE YOMS

By Dana Berman
Community Shlichah

Israel, unlike many other countries, does not hold its Memorial Day (Yom Hazikaron) and Independence Day (Yom Ha'atzmaut) in distance from each other. In fact, the moment Yom Hazikaron ends, Yom Ha'atzmaut begins.

If you've ever been to Israel at "that" time of the year, you would understand what I'm talking about. If you've ever been able to take part in Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut events, you have probably sensed in your bones how different it is to experience them in Israel.

Yom Hazikaron is one of two days where the entire country stops and grieves (the other one, you guessed right, is Yom Hashoah). The TV and radio stations stop broadcasting their usual programs, and screen or broadcast only relevant content for this day. Some choose to show a black screen, as a sign of honor.

School curriculums change as well, and incorporate programs that explain and teach us about people, history and values. Each school organizes a service in memory of the fallen soldiers and victims of terror. The service is usually conducted by the 11th or 12th graders of the school—kids who will soon be joining the IDF themselves. Some schools hold an

evening service as well, allowing former students (who are now soldiers) and other people to attend.

I will never forget how powerful the first year of going to the service was after we graduated. Seeing my classmates in uniform attending their old high school service was a remarkable and equally shocking sight. They were the soldiers now. A speaker would read out loud the soldiers that used to go to my school and who are no longer with us, and we could only pray to never hear a familiar name.

Two sirens are played out on this day—one in the evening (when Yom Hazikaron begins, according to the Jewish calendar) and one the next day. One lasts for a minute, and one lasts for two minutes. Each siren asks us to dedicate our thoughts, for a few seconds, to those who are no longer with us.

When the day of Yom Hazikaron turns into night, the entire country takes a deep breath and dives into Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations.

The blue, white and black turn into blue, white, pink, purple, red, and any other festive color you can think of. Stages, markets and performances pop up everywhere, the crowds goes out to the streets to sing, dance, party and spray each other with white foam (don't ask me why, it's a Yom Ha'atzmaut tradition). The country becomes one big party zone, with fireworks and music. The TV channels are screening the special ceremonies for this day and everyone is walking and dancing around until the next morning. The day of



Please join us this year at our community-wide commemoration for Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration.

If you want to fully capture the essence of Israel, no Independence Day is complete without also remembering Yom Hazikaron.

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For more details email
Dana@ShalomDel.org.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is usually dedicated to family and friends, BBQ'ing or travelling together and enjoying our day off.

I must admit, I can't help but wonder what it sounds like for someone of another perspective, who didn't grow up in this reality. How can a country and its citizen's move from the deepest state of mourning to an extreme high of happiness?

There has been an ongoing debate in our country on this subject. Some families who have lost their dear ones say it is impossible for them to go between extreme emotions in a matter of seconds, and ask the government to put a day of "break" between Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut, so they can honor the family and friends who are no longer with us, and yet be able to come out and celebrate Israel on its independence day.

Whether those two days remain the way they are now, or if we will have some days in between – mentally, those days will always come together for us Israelis.

Throwback Delaware



PASSOVER 5733 — Warsaw Ghetto Uprising 30th Anniversary

APRIL 9, 1973
Wilmington, Delaware

BY RABBI DAVID B. GEFFEN, *President, Rabbinical Assembly of Delaware*

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“On this night of the Seder we remember with reverence and love the six millions of our people of the European exile who perished at the hands of a tyrant more wicked than the Pharaoh who enslaved our fathers in Egypt.

Come, said he to his minions, let us cut them off from being a people that the name of Israel may be remembered no more. And they slew the blameless and pure, men and women and little ones, with vapors of poison and with fire. But we abstain from dwelling on the deeds of the evil ones lest we defame the image of God in which man was created.

Now the remnants of our people who were left in the ghettos and camps of annihilation rose up against the wicked ones for the sanctification of the Name. On the first day of Passover the remnants in the Ghetto of Warsaw rose up against the adversary, even as in the days of Judah the Maccabee. They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided, and they brought redemption to the name of Israel through all the world.

And from the depths of their affliction the martyrs lifted their voices in a song of faith in the coming of

the Messiah, when justice and brotherhood will reign among men.”

WARSAW WAS HOME for 330,000 Jews in 1939. They studied, worked and lived peacefully until October of the following year when the great madness, Hitler’s “New

Order,” began in Poland. Jews were herded into a ghetto separated from the Christians with walls and barbed wire. This was a harbinger of the human holocaust which followed.

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2018 is the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. In the Passover issue of April 9, 1973, Rabbi David Geffen wrote this tribute to the heroic courage of the ghetto resistance fighters.

Rabbi Geffen was instrumental in forming the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware which continues to preserve the history of Delaware’s Jewish community.

– Gail Pietrzyk
Jewish Historical Society of Delaware

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is pleased to share these glimpses of life seen through the past issues of the Jewish VOICE.

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In January, 1943 when the Germans again began to deport and exterminate, they were met with organized armed resistance under the leadership of Mordechai Anielewicz.

Mordechai Anielewicz, born in Warsaw of a poor family of workers was then only 24 years old. By 1943 he had already undertaken various missions in behalf of Jewish youth and the Jewish Underground Movement.

During this January revolt the Jews suffered very heavy losses, but they were now determined that if they were to die they would die in dignity, fighting, believing that the great madness let loose in the world could not triumph.

Another period of foreboding quiet followed. It was broken in the middle of the first Seder night, April 19, 1943. SS Troops, Ukrainians, Polish Blue Police, Lithuanian uniformed auxiliaries invaded the ghetto in order to perform complete murder, a ritual of extermination.

UNDER MORDECHAI'S



LAWYERS DIVISION LEADERS. Sheldon A. Weinstein, left, and Gerald Berkowitz have been appointed chairman and vice-chairman of the Lawyers division for the 1973 Jewish Federation regular campaign and Israel Emergency Fund. Mr. Weinstein, a partner in the firm of Young, Conaway, Stargatt and Taylor, is a board member and chairman of the legal committee of the Kutz Home; vice-president of Cong. Beth Shalom; chairman of the lawyer referral committee of the Delaware Bar Association; co-author of a textbook on Delaware real estate law and practice, and a teacher of real estate law and practice at Brandywine College. Mr. Berkowitz is a partner in the firm of Knecht, Greenstein, and Berkowitz and was a worker in the Lawyers division last year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
"LET THEIR WORDS BE BRIEF"
(The Jewish Voice reserves the right to edit letters over 300 words in length.)

To The Editor:
Since November 1972 I
Time and time again I hear remarks from others that the

of atrocities committed and gas chambers began to fly through the ghetto. The news became a clarion call to the young Jews to organize for survival. Young Jewish leaders arose and formed the Organization of Jewish Fighters. Young leaders they were, indeed, for the Germans had already slaughtered the top leadership of the Jewish Communal Council, thinking by doing this, that the Jews would easily be crushed.

The pharaoh in our time destroyed six million lives, but the spirit with which they clung to life cannot die. Indeed, in our own community there should be a public memorial to them which would testify eternally to what they did against the greatest tyrant in history. Let their actions and the song they sang be an inspiration to us on Passover 5733.

“Tell me not the light of hope has passed you by
Tell me not the sun has vanished from the sky
I can hear the footsteps beating like a drum.
And the day we all are striving for will come.
When the enemy has been destroyed at last,
Then tomorrow’s sun will light our bitter past;
Though this day of blood may seem to us so long;
Future years will hear the echo of our song.”

Chag sameach vepesach Kasher - May each of you be blessed with a meaningful Passover.

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.

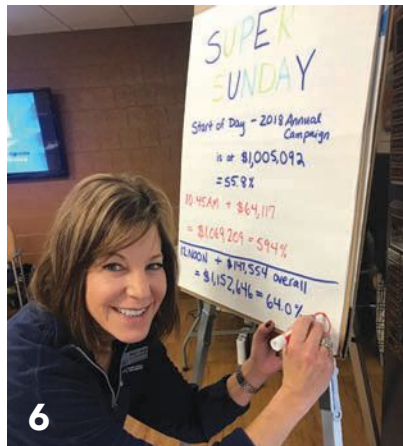




SUPER SUNDAY

PHOTOS BY JAIDY SCHWEERS AND JAMIE COLE

Thank you to those who made the call and answered the call on Super Sunday, January 29. Thanks to YOU, we raised more than \$185,000 for the 2018 Annual Campaign.



- 1 Mark Wagman and Russ Silberglied
- 2 Super Sunday PJ Library Craft
- 3 Shari and Seth Walter
- 4 Super Sunday story time with PJ Library
- 5 Bill Brown "making the call" on Super Sunday
- 6 Wendy Berger delivering the noon update

35th ANNUAL NATIONAL GUARD PRAYER BREAKFAST

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JCRC Director, Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Chaplain Susanna Tulloch, and Rabbi Michael Beals

NEW KOSHER RESTAURANT

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A recent Delaware Association of Rabbi and Cantors (DERECH) meeting was held at the new kosher restaurant, Drop Squad Kitchen



JANUARY 17, 2018 – BEDOUIN WOMEN IN THE NEGEV TODAY featured Amal Elsanah Al'hjooj, a life-long expert on social change. Pictured is Amal with JFS President, Regina Kerr Alonzo.



JANUARY 22, 2018 – THE ART OF STORYTELLING featured Chloe Valdary, a leading voice in the pro-Israel movement who is changing the conversation about Israel. Pictured with Chloe is Community Shlichah Dana Berman, JerusalemU's Andrea Gottlieb, JCRC Chair John Elzufon and JCRC Director Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt



JANUARY 31, 2018 – DEPUTY MAYOR OF TEL AVIV-YAFO, MEHERETA BARUCH-RON, is in charge of Social Services and Welfare. Pictured with Mehereta is Federation Vice President, Russ Silberglied.



CIVIL RIGHTS MISSION

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Suzanne Barton Grant joins the historic Civil Rights Mission on January 30th –February 1st.

PJ SCAVENGER HUNT

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Finding the Delaware state bird, the Blue Hen



The kids in front of the limo



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JFS MENSCH AWARD

PHOTO BY JFD STAFF

JFS is proud to recognize the 2018 JFS Mensch Award winner, Maggie Sharpe



- 1 The Ziv family at Einstein's Tu B'Shevav Seder
PHOTO BY SIMA MALKA
- 2 Einstein blended primary students singing about trees
PHOTO BY JEREMY WINAKER
- 3 Einstein parents decorate Siddur covers for students to receive February 23rd
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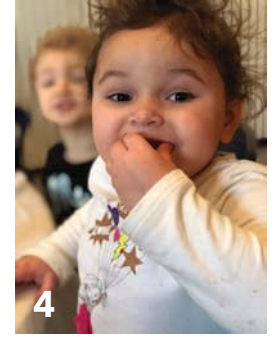
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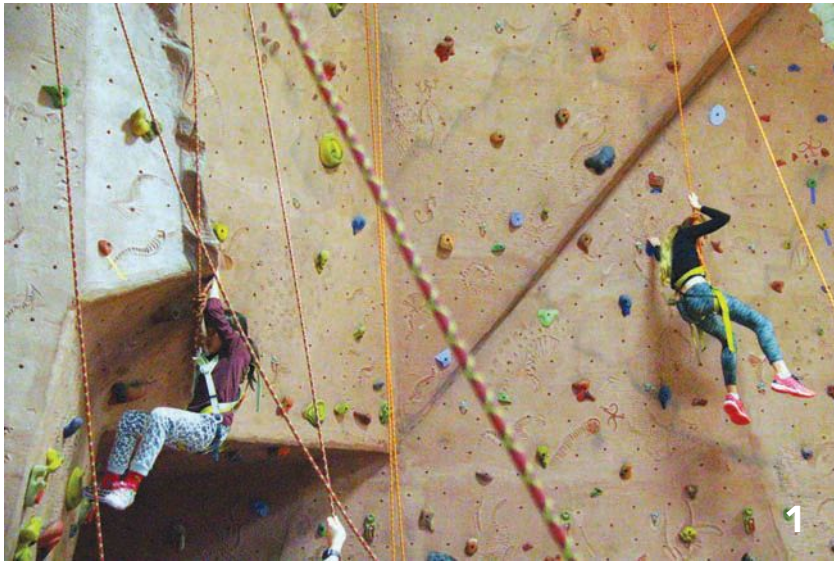
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- 1 Climbing the Rock Wall at Open Climb, Tuesday nights
- 2 The Siegel JCC Sharks gear up for the end of their season
- 3 Drinking grape juice at ECC's Tu B'Shevat seder
- 4 An ECC Preschooler eats a strawberry at their Tu B'Shevat seder
- 5 ECC Olympics

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LECTURES, MUSIC, AND GAMES AT TBE

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- 1 UD professor and congregant, Mike Shay, speaks about Space Weather at Men's Club Breakfast
- 2 TBE's Klezmer band, Thread of Blue, performs at Community Game Night
- 3 Fun game at Community Game Night with Hayim Weiss, and Laurie and Pete Hazen
- 4 Thank you to Elaine Kipp, Ann Osman, Rosalie Dior, Lynda Bell and Trayce Bahar (not pictured) for teaching several Mah Jongg classes
- 5 A game of bridge between friends at Community Game Night with Ann and Steve Osman, and Susan and Steve Ogintz

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ROOTEDNESS

By Rabbi Jeremy Winaker
Head of School, Albert Einstein Academy



Einstein 5th graders leading Shabbat before the Eagles NFC Championship Game PHOTO BY EINSTEIN STAFF

“Fly, Eagles, Fly” is not a fight song, it is a love song. It is a song of belonging, of devotion, and of aspiration. This year, it became the victory song of Superbowl champions.

At Einstein, we had a spirit day and taught the Eagles’ fight song in Hebrew, as posted on Vimeo by Rabbi Galfand of Perelman Jewish Day School. Longtime and recent fans of the team were thrilled to don jerseys and t-shirts as a way of

cheering on the team. While no one was required to participate, we did teach the Hebrew version to the entire school.

Why go out of our way to make the Eagles’ trip to the Superbowl an educational moment? Why not leave it to the option to dress in spiritwear? For that matter, why get into a sporting event that comes with controversy over injuries, race, and money?

When I started teaching the Hebrew fight song, I admit that I was thinking about the importance of cultural literacy. So little unites Americans these days that it seems important to call attention to moments when most of the country is paying attention to the same thing. Once the Eagles won, though, I realized

that we taught the Hebrew fight song for a deeper, Jewish reason that has everything to do with Passover.

We wanted our students to engage in a special kind of memory-making. We wanted our students—even those who do not care about the Eagles or perhaps football or perhaps the NFL or whose families do not care—to feel like they were a part of the broader community phenomenon that binds them to a time and a place. We wanted our students to be rooted by rooting for the Eagles.

Passover plays that role every year with its own songs in helping us retell how God brought us out of Egypt “on eagles’ wings.” To be clear, just as you do not have to know the Eagles’ fight song to root for them, you do not have to sing *Mah Nishtana* (The Four Questions), not even if you are the youngest. The rabbis wrote the text for a father to ask as he

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prompts for *seder* participants. Yet, we teach that song to children too young to know what they are saying. We teach them to belong, to be a part of the story, and to learn what to stand for.

We sing of *chametz* and *matzah* to remind ourselves that we were once poor, harried slaves. We sing of *maror* to remind ourselves that our slavery was embittered by a despotic pharaoh. We sing of dipping twice and reclining to remind ourselves that as free people we are rich and honorable, not crying, not building bricks, nor unable to relax while eating.

Embedded in this Passover song are the values that tell us who we are. We are rooted in the journey from slavery to freedom. We are rooted in overcoming odds as the perennial underdog. We are rooted in the notion of the dignity of human beings as created in God's image. Oh, and we are rooted in celebrating our freedom with food!

At Einstein, we help students and families set their roots deeply in Jewish tradition and in our community today. We teach values and belonging so that those values will go to work for our community's future. If we taught the Eagles' fight song in Hebrew, *dayenu* (it would have been enough). With the Eagles' underdog victory, the fight song became a memory-maker, *dayenu*. This Passover, let our collective memory root us in our values and help us to be eagles, bearing ourselves and others to freedom.

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FROM : DELAWARE GRATZ HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

The mission of Delaware Gratz has always been and will continue to be the education of Jewish teens. Although we are no longer offering traditional classes, we are continuing to offer Jewish teens the opportunity to continue their Jewish education.

Research has shown that the best way to not only give teens a Jewish education but also encourage them to become active and engaged Jewish adults is through experiential learning. These studies have shown that experiences in Jewish camps, youth groups, spending a semester in a school in Israel and trips to Israel have a much greater impact on these teens than actually attending traditional classrooms.

Delaware Gratz high school will now be offering grants and scholarships to Delaware teens (12-19) to attend educational opportunities.

These opportunities can include:

- Trips to Israel
- Semesters abroad in Israel
- Attending Jewish summer camps
- Attending special programs in Israel or in the United States

... as well as many other educational opportunities.

The Delaware Gratz Board is committed to continuing to enrich the lives of our Jewish teens by supporting their continued Jewish education.



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If your teen is interested in applying for a scholarship, download Gratz application at ShalomDelaware.org/scholarship. Questions may be directed to Scholarships@ShalomDel.org or the Federation office at 302/427-2100.



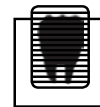

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DEAR SARAH

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Dear Sarah,

My daughter is a tenth grader this year and is yearning for more independence. I just can't figure out how to stay connected to her and communicate about things like personal safety, drugs, and dating without making her withdraw and not open with us. I want her to have opportunities to be more independent, while making sure she has the tools to be safe. What can we, as her parents, do to keep her safe while letting her experience new things?

– *Connected Mom*

Dear Connected,

It makes sense that you want to stay connected to your daughter as she gets older and needs to experience new things on her own. This is a very important time in her life when she is starting to figure out how to have more independence while also continuing to rely on you, as her parent, for security, comfort, and safety. The most important thing you can do right now is to be patient and open while she learns how to navigate her new independence. Remind her that you are always available if, and when she has questions regarding drugs, alcohol, dating, or personal safety. Explain to her that no matter what happens, you will not judge her decisions, that you will always love her and support her, and that she can always come to you when she needs to. Instead of talking with her directly about things that may make her withdrawn, find new things that she wants to talk about – friends, school, hobbies, etc. By opening up new lines of communication, you will develop a stronger and more intimate connection with her. This deeper connection will allow her to feel more safe and comfortable opening up to you about other things like sex, drugs, and dating.

Sarah

Dear Sarah,

I've always had a great relationship with my daughter, who's now 13, but I'm finding her teenage self very hard to deal with. It's not that she's a bad kid, she's just much less pleasant to be around and is increasingly withdrawn. I'm having trouble connecting with her. I mean, there are still moments where we enjoy each other's company, but more and more often, our interactions are terse or full of conflict. I need advice on how to keep our relationship strong.

– *Teen Troubles*

Dear Teen Troubles,

You are not alone. You are describing what many parents experience with their teenagers. Adolescence involves hormonal, physical, and emotional changes that can be challenging for both teens and their families. One approach is to put time aside alone with her, allowing her to choose how that time is spent. During that time, share with her the changes you have noticed. For example, you could say, "I've noticed that you've been keeping to yourself lately. I've also noticed that you sound different when we talk. I like when we get along, and I miss that. So I want to check in with you to see how you've been doing. If anything has been bothering you, I'm here if you want to talk." This will remind her that you care, want to understand her, and welcome her to be open with you.

Sarah



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FOSTERING A LOVE OF JUDAISM

By Meri Weiss

When the snow finally melts, and the days get longer and gradually warmer, there comes a certain anticipation.

As we round the corner on celebrating Purim, our thoughts turn to preparations for Passover. We know it's coming every year, but it always seems to sneak up on us a bit, and we're suddenly swept up in the busy-ness of making arrangements for family visits, cleaning house, and preparing food.

Just as preparing for Passover feels like it has a to do list that will never be completed, the number of things you can teach about the holiday is just as large. There are so many things you could talk about – the story of Passover,

what is Matzoh and how do you make it, the steps of the Seder, the ritual foods, the many appearances of the number four. Overall though, beyond making sure our students are familiar with all the rituals and trappings of the holiday, I think the most important Passover lesson is kindness. Sure, you don't hear about the word kindness directly, but we are reminded to welcome the stranger, because we were strangers in Egypt. We are told to take care of the poor in our midst; those who are hungry, come and partake in the Passover Seder. We have a choice in our behavior, and Judaism asks us to choose kind.

Teaching Jewish values to very young children is a distinct learning curve. I'm not new to teaching, but I am new to teaching this age group at the ECC. I started teaching adult education at

Congregation Beth Shalom, moved to teaching teens, then 3rd grade, and now I'm the Judaics Specialist at the ECC. The topics may not change much, but the methods are very different. The younger the child, the more hands on and experiential the learning experience needs to be.

I like to bring different activities to the students. We will cover holidays and Jewish values by having a conversation, creating a craft, telling stories, playing with Jewish objects, tasting ritual foods, singing songs, dancing, learning new words in both Hebrew and English. My

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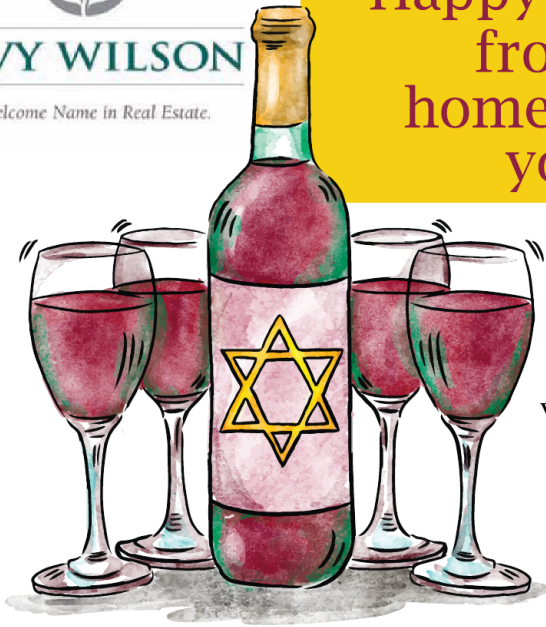
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goals are to foster a love of Judaism, a feeling of inclusion in Jewish life, and a love of learning.

I also feel strongly that I am not just teaching my young charges, but that I am also teaching their families. I know that many of my students here at the ECC aren't Jewish. For them, learning what a culture celebrates teaches what is important to that culture, and learning about other cultures teaches that we are all human. For my students that are Jewish, experience has shown me that parental knowledge can range anywhere from, "I'm a Rabbi" to "I just know I'm Jewish." It's important to me that families know about what their children are being taught, and that our Jewish families have an easy opportunity to expand their Jewish knowledge and observance. To that end, each week I include a family education supplement in the ECC parent newsletter.

I hope you all enjoy a delicious, educational, and kindness-filled holiday!

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MEET THE JCC'S NEW FITNESS DIRECTOR

By JCC Staff

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Dave comes to us with nearly 17 years of experience in the fitness and retail industries. Most recently, he served as the Fitness Manager for Philadelphia Sports Club, driving growth in membership, personal training, and retention.

Dave holds a degree in Exercise Physiology from Temple University, as well as certifications in personal training. His passion for health and fitness has given him the opportunity to develop programs and train an extensive range of clientele of all ages: post-rehab, post-heart attack, hip replacement, rotator cuff tears, post-stroke, marathon runners, Mt. Everest hikers, sports performance, collegiate, and semi pro and pro athletes.



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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MATZAH BREI

By Chaplain Mollie Epstein
The Kutz Home

Passover is clearly one of the best recognized and most observed of the Jewish holidays.

Even with all of its arduous, labor intensive preparations, Passover remains a holiday celebrated by the majority of Jewish families. What makes Passover so popular? It can't be the *matzah* or horseradish! So what is it?

Karen Friedman, Executive Director, and Esther Stieska, Activities Assistant, sat down with a group of Kutz Home residents to get their take on that question.

In polling the residents they found that there wasn't any single answer. But there was a general consensus that the Seder figured prominently in the scenario. The Seder provides an opportunity for family

from their Passovers of yesteryear.

Reminiscing from our residents:

Bunny recalled her family's grocery store. The customers placed their Passover orders. The orders were kept in her family's home behind the store and Bunny delivered them.

Sis's father was a butcher and was very busy at Passover time.

Ellie explained that she had an extended family, all in the same house. She remembers her mother schlepping all the Passover dishes, pots and pans. Her grandmother made everything. Ellie made *gefilte* fish twice and said that it came out wonderful; but she was so itchy!

Miriam remembers the sponge cake, macaroons and the *haggadahs* from Maxwell House. Miriam lived with her Orthodox grandfather who was 105 years old. She said that he always read the *Haggadah* in Hebrew and that they did not know what it said.

Vera shared that during one *seder*, when it came time for the four questions, her son asked "Can I go to Jimmy's house?" She told him it was not supposed to be that kind of question.

The *Afikomen* was always a fun time. Everyone involved in finding the elusive *Afikomen* would get money. Bunny said that they wouldn't let her grandfather go to sleep until he had paid them. Debra remembered noticing her grandfather taking off his jacket and putting it in the closet. She then went to the closet and found the *Afikomen*.

Everyone said that they began hosting their own *seder* shortly after they were married. Ellie said that the preparation and meal was a lot of work, but, her favorite time, and gave her a lot of satisfaction.

The conversation then shifted to sights, sounds, and smells. Again, the group was all too willing to share moments from their Passovers of the past.

Debra recalled baking a Passover *kugel* with her mixing spoon still in it!

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Karen Friedman, Executive Director, and Esther Stieska, Activities Assistant, listen as residents Ellie, Elaine, Vera, and Bunnie reminisce about Passovers past PHOTO BY SALLY GOODMAN

and friends to sit together and discuss our history. With today's global families, sometimes the Seder is the only time everyone comes together each year. The Haggadah serves as the script, or facilitator, for the multi-generational interaction. There are things to talk about, things to eat, songs to sing and memories to be made. There are also many memories to recall from Passovers gone by.

Our lively group of Kutz Home residents were eager to share many of the stories



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The staples of Passover – *gefilte* fish and horseradish. Both Ellie and Bunny made it themselves; but not often, as it was a lot of work. The fish was kept in the bathtub until it was time to cook. Bunny bought her fish from the fish market. Then after she served it, she found out that the fish was tainted. She prayed that no one got sick. The horseradish was also homemade. The aroma was so potent, that your eyes would water.

The smell of the chicken soup was better than Channel (!) according to Sis. Then there's always the great *matzah* ball debate. Floaters or sinkers? The group voted for floaters!

It was a lively and sentimental conversation about Passovers of the past. The group is now looking forward to this year's Seders at the Kutz Home. New memories are made each year as the attentive staff meticulously readies the Home for the holiday. As per the ladies' memories, the dishes and pots and pans are schlepped from their hibernation, into the kitchen for their eight day annual exposure to the sunlight. The scrubbing, cleaning, arranging that are all part of the Passover process are welcome reminders of our link in the unbroken chain of our people.

The staff at the Kutz Home takes our tradition very seriously. Passover orders have been placed and we're pretty sure that they are not being held behind Bunny's family store!

The cleaning and dishes swap date is scheduled and the Seders are being organized.

The only thing left is to master the *matzah brei*! Everyone thinks her family recipe is the best. This year we're going to have a cook-off and see who's *matzah brei* reigns supreme! I wonder how many *matzah brei* contests are held around the country this time of year.


All best wishes for a happy, healthy, and kosher Passover.




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THE ART OF PRESENT THINKING: A Birthright Story

By Sam Piotrowski



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Sam Piotrowski is a junior at the University of Delaware. He is the Executive Director of Operations for Reviresco, Inc., which exists to bridge the civilian-military gap by educating society on their role in helping our veterans.

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In college, one of most important pieces of advice is to always be thinking and acting for the future.

“Get involved on campus so you can get a job after school” and “These classes are going to prepare you for the ‘real’ world” they say.

While this advice has plenty of merit, there is a skill that is needed to be able to live in the present at times. I’d like to call it “present thinking.” Our fast paced society easily looks towards what is going to happen next *instead* of taking a moment to look around and take everything in.

Being a college student, we are in one of the most unique parts of our lives. We will rarely be surrounded by like-minded and aged people with so much freedom to pursue interests and passions. We will never be presented with so many opportunities to travel and explore as we are at this moment. Therefore, present thinking is vital to a fulfilling experience in college and in all of life’s adventures.

My present thinking ability was something that proved impertinent to my incredible Birthright Israel experience with UD Hillel. When atop Israel’s national cemetery and burial site, Mount Herzl, the group of 40 students stood in a circle on a fresh patch of grass separate from the graves of fallen soldiers. As we observed, the harsh reality was revealed – the grass we stood on would soon be home to more fallen soldiers, the majority of which would be no older than us. The tour educator took this time to note that the safety and smoothness of our journey in Israel would not have been possible without the efforts of the

Israel Defense Forces.

The day prior, everyone shared one word that they felt described Israel. I heard words like *brave*, *proud*, and *resilient*. Those words echoed in my head standing on the luscious green grass. As we stood on this predetermined burial ground for future fallen soldiers, it was through their sacrifice that we were able to have the trip of a lifetime. *A trip that made me truly proud of my Jewish heritage.*

I learned a lot from this experience. I encourage you to take a moment and appreciate the times you have had, will have, and are having right now, and the people who have made it possible. If you believe there is more out there for you, make a vow to take that first step – trust me it is worth it.

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By CBE Staff

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houses of worship included Brandywine Community Methodist Church, Congregation Beth Shalom, Hanover Presbyterian Church, The Muslim Center Masjid Al-Kauthar, Penninsula McCabe United Methodist Church, Praying Ground Community Church, Shiloh Baptist Church, and Spirit of Life Lutheran Church. Interspersed with the traditional Shabbat liturgy, clergy and youth

leaders from the various houses of worship shared excerpted writings by Dr. King, speeches and artwork inspired by his words, accompanied by music from the various church and synagogue choirs. Activist and community leader Lavaida Owens-White spoke about creating a faith-based community healthcare initiative based in the 9th ward area.

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Why Was This Night Different from All Other Nights?



Catching up with friends and making new ones PHOTO BY CAILAH OGDEN

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By TBE Staff

Aside from Federation Shabbat, the New Castle area synagogues “do their own thing.” But once a year, a committee from Congregation Beth Shalom, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Beth Emeth, and Temple Beth El come together to create a special evening when all of the synagogues’ members are invited for a well-planned night out – dancing one year, and a night of games another year. This year, on Saturday night, January 20th, Community Game Night was hosted by Temple Beth El, with the addition of Yiddishkeit via Congregation Beth Shalom’s klezmer band, Chai Notes, and Temple Beth El’s klezmer orchestra, Threads of Blue. While the bands took turns playing for the crowd, numerous members talked, played board games and cards, traded jokes, and ate pasta and salad. The party started at 7 PM but was going strong past 10 PM. We think there was more chatting than playing games, but it was a great way to bring together the various congregations and make Jewish unity a little bit stronger, aided by a bit of music and, of course, food.

We hope for more togetherness and good times at next year’s event.



Rabbi Jacob Lieberman with event organizers Sharon Giannotti, Laurie Hazen, Sylvia Wagman

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Congregation Beth Shalom’s Chai Notes klezmer band PHOTO BY SHARON FULLERTON

Q ■ Should the celebration ■ of Purim be minimized?

**A ■ RABBI JACOB M.
LIEBERMAN**
Temple Beth El

The celebration of Purim should be maximized! Purim engages Jews of all ages with costumes, fun, and practices like *Mattanot L'evyonim*, gifts to the poor, and *Mishloach Manot*, food gifts to family and friends, that elevate Jewish values like *tzedakah* and community.

The Purim story, told in *Megillat* (Scroll) Esther, celebrates the Jewish people's survival through a reluctant and unlikely Jewish hero. Before becoming a hero, Queen Esther participates in an objectifying beauty contest, intermarries with the King of Persia, and hides her Jewish identity from the king and his court. These behaviors have troubled some in the organized Jewish community, then and now. In the end, however, and ironically, it's Esther who must save the Jewish people and does. This strange twist of fate begs the question whether we really have as much to fear from Jews who blend and marry in well with those in our host cultures. Jewish identity is stronger and more complex than we predict, and complexity has its upside. Mordechai tells Esther: "Perhaps you have attained to royal position for just such a crisis."

A tale of Jewish survival in Diaspora, the Scroll of Esther doesn't just turn Jewish societal norms upside down. It's also the one time of year when some Jewish communities permit costumes and cross-dressing. (The *Shulhan Arukh* permits cross-dressing on Purim because its purpose is *simcha*, joy.) For some LGBTQI Jews, especially non-binary, trans, and genderqueer, Purim can be a time when it feels safest to bring our whole selves to *shul*. For straight friends and allies, it can

be a time to grow more comfortable with boundary crossings and practice being playful and easy with transitions. For all, it's a time to explore Jewish and other identities individually and in community.

One part of Purim, however, should be minimized: celebration while others perish. Chapter 9 can be recited in a whisper. We shouldn't rejoice while G-d's creation is destroyed. Like Noah and sons, circumspect on the Ark while the world perished (see Rashi), and, like the angels, rebuked for singing while Egyptians drowned in the Sea (see BT *Megillah*), Judaism's highest aspiration is regard for all life, even mortal enemies.

So let's drink and be merry until we can't distinguish between heroes and villains. At a time of deep social divide, we'd do well to remember that we are all a little more (and a little less) than we seem.

RABBI PETER GRUMBACHER
Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Beth Emeth

Purim is our "Carnival," as it were, and occurs just when it should... right in the midst of a potential blizzard! I mean this seriously. We take a terrible moment in our history which, when combined with the weather can be very depressing, and turn it around for our psychological

“ The celebration of Purim
should be **maximized!** ”

health! We dress funny and act goofy and eat delicious *hamantaschen* (though blueberry *hamantaschen* don't feel "Jewish" to me).

Through the loud groggier we drown out the name of the tyrant Haman (booooo!) and read in the *Megillah* about the courage of Esther. It's too bad adults don't take advantage of the Purim opportunities to "let it all hang out," leaving it to the kids (although nowadays even kids aren't brought to the synagogue for the *megillah* reading, but perhaps that's an issue for another question in this column).

Purim teaches us that we have to make our presence known and felt. Esther might have been coaxed by her cousin/uncle

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Mordecai to reveal her religion to the king, but she did indeed inform Ahaseurus of her People's plight and stood right there identifying as one of the potential victims of the evil prime minister.

As long as the message of Purim - *any* holiday, in fact - is brought to the attention of our People, we don't have to be embarrassed at our celebration. I believe that there are times when we should emphasize our victories; we had enough tzoris (trouble) across the ages, so why dwell on the negative all the time?

Years ago one of my Reform colleagues (a giant in his age) was asked by student rabbis during his time as alumnus-in-residence at the seminary, "What do you do to celebrate Purim?" His response? "I preach!" While there's nothing wrong with delivering a sermon (heck not at all), we are told in Ecclesiastes/Kohelet that there is a time for everything, and Purim, in my humble opinion, is NOT the time to preach. Indeed, it's the time for joy and exuberance. So there!

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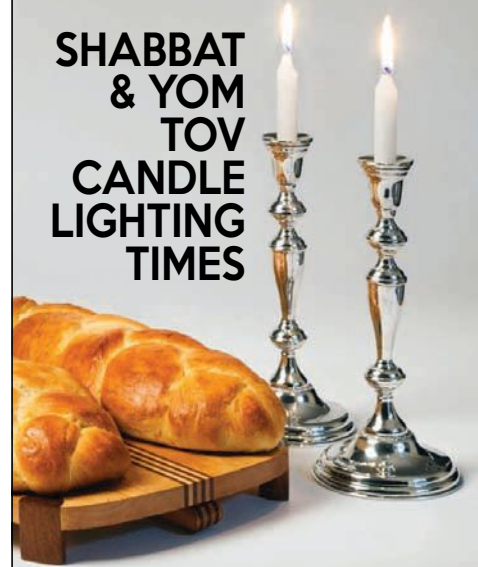


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PESACH RESOLUTION: TALK UNTIL DAWN

By Daniel Metz

Every spring, Jews gather around wide tables and celebrate Passover, retelling the story of our ancient journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom.

As we tell the story we go through the *seder*, a ritualized order, with songs, food, and wine. Every year, we repeat the *seder* with our friends and our family, culminating in a festive meal, some fun songs, and infamously long Jewish goodbyes. Different houses, different friends, different kugel, same ritual.

It's time to give Passover a good shake-up. It's time to remember what Passover's all about.

The Passover Seder as we know it today was inspired by the swankiest soiree of its day, the Greek dinner party. Guests reclined in their chairs, ate, drank wine, and held discussions late into the night. One of the most famous of these parties is immortalized in the philosophical dialogue *The Symposium*, a cornerstone text in Western philosophy. In the same tradition, the Passover *seder* involves lavish comfort, cups of wine, and a mix of ask-answer rituals and storytelling. It's fun and it's engaging, and we do it the same way every year.

There is something to be said for repetition, for tradition. Many Jewish holidays, after all, are reliving of biblical or historical events. Aren't we supposed to spend Passover remembering our journey from bondage to freedom? So we recline, we double-dip our food, and we sing songs of freedom. What else do we need to do?

There are two passages in the *haggadah*, the book which contains the order of the *seder*, that describe our obligations for Passover. The first says that, even if we were all wise and studied, it is a good deed to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt in depth. The second, right afterwards, recounts an occasion on which several prominent 2nd century rabbis were up all night discussing the exodus until a student came to them and said it was time for morning prayers.

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If you look at the list of Rabbis, including the famous rebel Rabbi Akiva, you might realize that this was no regular meeting. Akiva himself was one of the leaders of a massive and bloody rebellion against the Roman empire. Several other rabbis on the list were captured, killed, or put on trial for heresy or rebellion during their lifetimes. Were men such as these really only retelling an ancient story all night from dusk until dawn? You know that rambling Uncle Harry can retell the story

of the exodus in half an hour, and even Dreamworks covered the exodus in 98 minutes. It doesn't seem likely. Instead, some scholars believe they were up all night discussing rebellion against the Roman Empire.

This story of the “Bnei Brak Wise Men” is in line with the slogan of Passover, the phrase we repeat which encapsulates the spirit of the holiday: “Once we were slaves, and now we are free.” The choice to question, and to follow up

those questions with action, is part of the burden of freedom which the Jewish people accepted when they escaped from Egypt. The Bnei Brak Wise Men knew that freedom did not only mean freedom from oppression, but also the responsibility to act and react to that oppression. The Passover Seder, constructed in the tradition of the Greek dinner party, is meant to facilitate discussion of what is right and what is wrong, and not just in ancient Egypt.

Once we were slaves, and now we are free to make a difference. Use this time together with your friends and family to share what freedom means to you, and how you can help others who are still victims of injustice. This isn't about starting a foundation right there at the table, or pledging to personally end human trafficking. This is a time to bring your voices together and acknowledge that the slavery, the exploitation, the xenophobia, the starvation, of the Exodus story, are still alive and well, and to ask what we are doing about them. What better time to start than at the seder table?

This Passover, make the time to have the discussions. Pick meaningful parts of the seder and add a discussion section. If you need help, look up “*haggadah* inserts” on google. There's dozens of them to help draw attention to issues of today.

Add new voices. One famous story in the *haggadah* describes the four

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children, who all have different levels of understanding and perspectives. This year, bring someone new to the seder, even someone who has no idea what a seder is. Get the kids involved: kids are notorious for asking the questions that adults might not think of or don't want to ask. Finding the answers for them might give you new ways to think about your Passover experience.

Encourage questions and opinions. Pick a small reward (my dad used Bazooka bubblegum), and give it to anyone who asks a question or shares a perspective. Let your guests know that there are no dumb questions at the seder table, and you may be surprised by what comes up. If you're worried that some attendees might be too intimidated to ask their own questions, make a list. Try to get everyone involved.

The Passover retelling of the biblical exodus ends with the Jewish people free but alone in the desert. The next 40 years is a long discussion of who the Jewish people are, outside of a shared bloodline. Who are we? What do we stand for? We can't enter the promised land before we decide. Even after we do enter, there are still hundreds of years of prophets and judges who try to help us along.

This Passover, take some time to continue that tradition: Ask questions, foster debate, and challenge yourselves to stay up till dawn...or at least 10:30.

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BY THE BOOK: A PASSOVER TALE

(or The Chelm Origin of the Maxwell House Haggadah)



By Mark Binder

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

Not long ago, I was going through the Archives of Chelm when I learned that far from unknown, the true writer of the Maxwell House Haggadah was from the village of Chelm. This is the story behind the book.

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“Have they arrived yet?” Reb Cantor the merchant shouted as soon as he walked in the front door.

Shoshana Cantor stuck her head out of the kitchen. Her hair was frayed in disarray, sweat was dripping from her brow. “You know, when some husbands come home they say, ‘Hello. How are you? Is everything all right? Have you once again managed to prepare a Passover dinner for fifty people without the aid of additional servants? And how can I help you?’”

“You can help me by telling me whether the package has arrived,” Reb Cantor retorted.

Shoshana threw a dishtowel at her husband. “One thing you had to do!” she shouted, and then went back to work.

Reb Cantor was frantic. Over the winter, mice had gotten into the attic, where they had gnawed holes and nested in his leather-bound Haggadahs. He had only discovered the destruction two months ago, when he’d gone up to put his winter coat in the cedar chest.

“I picked up the book box,” Reb Cantor explained to Rabbi Yohon Abrams the schoolteacher while they were on one of their morning walks. “It was good, until I dropped it. Haggadahs were in pieces. Mice ran everywhere.”

“How tragic to lose such a treasured part of your family history,” Rabbi Abrahms commiserated. “Are you going to have it reprinted?”

“Not a chance!” Reb Cantor tried to catch his breath. Keeping up with the younger rabbi was always a challenge. “I hated that book. The service was too long. Excruciating, repetitive and

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boring! And because it was written by my great great grandfather Izzy Cantor, every single word had to be read out loud.

Whenever I tried to skim, my wife and children said, ‘No-no-no, you have to do it by the book.’ Dinner was always cold and then after dinner it went on and on and on! Those mice did me a favor.”

“So, are you cancelling your Seder?” Rabbi Abrahms asked nervously.

The Cantor family’s Seders were famous. Everyone in the village of Chelm was invited, and most of the single men and women and any visitors enjoyed one of the finest—if tardiest—meals of their lives.

“No! My wife says I have only one job this year—to replace the books.” Reb Cantor stopped at the top of East Hill to rest. “I wanted to know if you would write a new Haggadah for me?”

Rabbi Abrahms smiled. “I’m flattered. I’ve always thought that the story of Passover could be told better...”

“I’ll pay you, of course.” Reb Cantor interrupted before the young rabbi could get into protracted discussion of biblical minutia. “But I do have one request. My cousin Richard and his family will be visiting from America for the holiday. His children don’t speak Yiddish and don’t read much Hebrew. Can you do part of it in English?”

Rabbi Abrahms stroked his beard. “It will be a challenge. And I accept!”

For the rest of the walk back to Chelm, Rabbi Abrahms extolled at length about what was necessary—and what was unnecessary in a Haggadah.

Four weeks later, when Reb Cantor visited Rabbi Abrahms’ small house, the manuscript wasn’t ready. Two weeks after that, the young rabbi finally delivered it, and Reb Cantor had immediately rushed to the printer in Smyrna with instructions that it absolutely must be delivered before sunset on Passover. He’d even paid extra! But the books had never arrived.

As he dressed for dinner, Reb Cantor gnawed his fingernails, wondering if he

should send word for the other villagers to bring their own Haggadahs. That, of course would be a chaotic mess, because no two family Haggadahs were ever alike. The best thing about Izzy’s was that there had been fifty of them, so no one needed to share.

The sun was beginning to fall. Shoshana was still in the kitchen, so Reb Cantor began welcoming guests. Nearly despaired, he stepped outside for a last look.

Galloping closer and closer down the Smyrna Road was a wagon!

A smile grew across the merchant’s wide face, but then it fell as he recognized Cousin Richard and his family coming back from mushroom picking.

Before the horse even stopped moving, Richard’s two children and his wife jumped off and ran into the house.

“My family hates me,” Richard said. “It turns out that New York City mushrooms have a profoundly different effect on the digestion than those from the Black Forest.”

“At least they’ll recover quickly.” Reb Cantor shrugged. “I only had one job this year—to get the Haggadahs for the Seder. Shoshana is going to kill me, bury me, dig me up and then kill me again.”

“Oh!” Richard said. “We stopped in Smyrna for lunch, and the printer asked me to deliver you something.”

Reb Cantor was already at the back of the wagon.

The wooden box was tiny. He lifted the lid.

The books inside looked small and sad and very thin.

“Did he leave out some pages?” Richard said, picking up a volume. “Great Great Grandfather Izzy’s Haggadah was six times that thick.”

“Isaac, the sun is down!” Shoshana Cantor shouted from inside. “If we don’t start now, our guests will die of starvation!”

Reb Cantor sighed, picked up the box,

and hoped for the best.

The teasing began immediately.

“This is Rabbi Abraham’s famous Haggadah?”

“Where’s the rest?”

“Who knew the schoolteacher could be so brief!”

Even Rabbi Abrahms was confused when he opened the book and saw that the English and Hebrew were written side by side. “I thought that we’d have the Hebrew pages going right to left and the English going left to right...”

But Cousin Richard’s daughter Zoe and his son Jesse were feeling better and loved being able to read the four questions. The service was over so quickly that the matzah balls hadn’t hardened and the brisket and parsnips and turnips were still hot!

By the end of the evening, Reb Cantor and Rabbi Abrahms were filled to the brim with delicious food and many compliments on their latest success. Shoshana Cantor even gave her husband a kiss on the cheek and her exhausted thanks for finishing the service before midnight.

“Listen,” asked Cousin Richard, “do you think I could take a few copies back to New York? My advertising firm is working on a promotion for a coffee company. Maybe they’d like to use it.”

Rabbi Abrahms shrugged. “If the coffee is good, send me a pound.”

“You’ll never be a businessman,” said Reb Cantor. “One pound of coffee wholesale for every 100 books printed. Your company pays the shipping.”

And now you know the story behind the world famous Maxwell House Haggadah. While Rabbi Abrahms of Chelm was never formally credited as the writer, the Abrahms-Cantor Coffee Company became wealthy in Germany, Russia, and parts of Poland, despite their curious slogan, “Good to the last drop.”

PARSLEY SEASON

By Wendy Mannis Scher

Say parsley, say potted
flat leaf/curly fluorescent
garnish spilling out open windows.
Flowerlets quiver like wing-clipped
birds that test the warm currents
ascending sunward between buildings.

Say parsley, say karpas,
green vegetable on a Seder plate,
dipped in porcelain bowls of salted
tap water. We chew and swallow
but never really taste the tongue's
sharp clutch of a slave's knowing.

Say parsley, say companion
rose, asparagus, carrots, corn,
tomatoes, peas, onions, chives
with roots entwined in the same garden
soil, a chorus of stalks and stems.
Taste their breath, a fragrant prayer.



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DROP SQUAD KITCHEN BECOMES KOSHER

By Emma Driban
JFD Intern



Rabbi Saks and Abundance Child PHOTO BY MARK WAGMAN

Overlooking the Christiana River is one of Riverfront Wilmington's best kept secrets, vegan eatery Drop Squad Kitchen. The almost six-year-old restaurant was presented with a certificate of *kashruth* from the Vaad HaKashruth of Delaware, making it the first kosher restaurant in Wilmington in over 20 years. The certificate was presented by the Rav Hamachshir (rabbinical head) of the Vaad HaKashruth of Delaware, Rabbi Steven Saks of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth on January 9th.

The process of kosher certification involved a review of all ingredients and a thorough cleaning of all the equipment. In a few cases, new sources of ingredients were identified that are kosher certified, while still being of the highest quality required by the restaurant. Drop Squad Kitchen is co-located with Molly's Ice Cream Café, which is also now certified as kosher. Periodic visits by a representative of the Vaad HaKashruth will maintain the kosher certificate.

Said Abundance Child, owner of Drop Squad Kitchen, "One of the things we appreciate about the move to being officially kosher certified is the attention to detail. Attention to detail is what we call the soul in our food."

Located where Molly's Ice Cream Café used to operate, Drop Squad Kitchen

puts plenty of soul in their food. The restaurant, which gets its name from the 1994 Spike Lee movie of the same name, is all about providing classic comfort food without compromising their vegan values. With items like All-American Cheezeburgers, tacos and V-Steak Cheezesteaks, Drop Squad Kitchen works hard to serve up vegan twists on American staples. In addition to these classics, on Saturdays Child makes soul food with a changing menu that includes different kinds of faux meats like fried "chicken" along with collard greens and gluten-free Mac & Cheeze.

Drop Squad Kitchen has been open since 2012, when founder and culinary wizard Abundance Child started teaching vegan cooking classes out of her parents' eatery. It's a mother-daughter-brother-sister owned company that incorporates the family and community values of fresh, vegan and soul in everything it does. The kitchen is a fresh healthy eating option in a country dominated by fast food and chain restaurants. It is open seven days a week, located at 928 Justison Street at the Wilmington Riverfront. Drop Squad Kitchen also offers catering and cooking demonstrations, which is an asset to local area synagogues and Jewish organizations needing a kosher option.



JAM-FILLED PASSOVER BARS

By Sharon Lehman

PHOTOS BY SHARON LEHMAN

No holiday meal is complete without a little something sweet and Passover is no exception - but baking a decent kosher-for-Passover dessert can be challenging.

Without the use of leavening, Passover desserts often rely on sugar, oil, and/or eggs – sometimes LOTS of sugar, oil, and eggs – to provide texture and flavor. If you can't stomach the thought of another canned macaroon or have tried one too many unremarkable Passover dessert recipes, these Jam-Filled Passover Bars may be just the answer for your Seder.

These bars are a chewy, nutty, and fruity cookie square that adds a bit of rustic flair to your Passover spread. The “dough” is made from just a handful of ingredients – matzo meal, eggs, coconut oil, sugar, salt, and vanilla. If

you don't have coconut oil handy, feel free to substitute an equal amount of vegetable oil. Chopped walnuts and shredded coconut are folded in, providing extra texture, flavor, and good-for-you fats.

The dough is split in half and sandwiched with a layer of fruit jam in the middle. The best way to prep these bars is using your hands to press the dough evenly into the pan – a great job for little kitchen helpers!

Raspberry or blackberry jam works well in this recipe, but use your favorite flavor. If you're watching your sugar intake, I recommend making your own low sugar jam, as pictured. I've included steps to prepare a homemade berry-chia seed jam. It's easy to make, much lower in sugar than store-bought jam, and chia seeds provide heart-healthy omega-3 fats.

JAM-FILLED PASSOVER BARS

PREP TIME: 15 MINS
COOK TIME: 30 MINS
TOTAL TIME: 45 MINS
SERVINGS: 16

Ingredients:

- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 cup matzo meal
- 1/8 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 cup coconut oil, melted and cooled to room temp
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- ½ cup raw walnuts, chopped
- 1 cup your favorite jam OR 1 cup homemade berry-chia jam (recipe follows)

For Berry-Chia Jam:

Combine in a medium saucepan:
2 cups berries (blackberries, raspberries, blueberries, or strawberries)
juice of 1 lemon
2 tbsp sweetener of choice (sugar, honey, or maple syrup)
Place over medium-high heat until berries begin to give off liquid, about 5 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low and let berries simmer another 5 minutes, stirring often. Stir in 2 tbsp chia seeds. Let simmer 5 more minutes until jam is thickened. Set aside to cool while you prepare dough.

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line 8x8 baking dish with parchment paper.
2. In a medium bowl, stir together sugar, matzo meal, coconut oil, and eggs. Mix in shredded coconut and walnuts.
3. Spread about half the “dough” mixture into the bottom of the pan. Top with even layer of jam. Evenly crumble remaining “dough” mixture on top of the jam, pressing it down lightly.
4. Bake 25-30 minutes or until lightly golden brown. Let cool completely, then slice into bars. Store in airtight container.



CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

By Yoni Glatt
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ACROSS

- 1. Not tzniut, perhaps
- 5. "See My ___" ("The Simpsons" parody of "Be My Guest")
- 9. Illegal job
- 14. City in Israel that's a piece of land?
- 15. Home to Honolulu
- 16. First name in cosmetics
- 17. Book about Eden's whereabouts?
- 20. Green of "Casino Royale"
- 21. Rooftop rooster, e.g.
- 22. Benet's "___ to Walt Whitman"
- 23. One "in distress"
- 25. Book about a macher?
- 30. Birthright, e.g.
- 32. Hebron to Ein Gedi dir.
- 33. Phrase at a less-traditional Jewish wedding
- 34. Modern day award Koufax would probably win
- 37. One often seen swimming around San Francisco
- 39. Sacha Baron Cohen does it very well live
- 41. Book about young Solomon?
- 44. Detractor
- 45. "There ___ there there" (Gertrude Stein)
- 46. Gangsters' guns
- 47. Possible cry at an IFA match
- 48. Granola bit
- 50. Fanning in Abrams' "Super 8"
- 52. Book about one the Torah says to be especially nice to (with "The")
- 55. AKA yontif
- 59. No-win situation
- 60. Disney bird voiced by Gilbert Gottfried
- 62. Org. for Dershowitz
- 63. Book about breakfast for one of Noah's sons?
- 68. Gaunt guy
- 69. Alternative to "Slichu b'vakasha"
- 70. Ceremonial splendor
- 71. Microwaves, perhaps
- 72. "...and ye shall ___ no longer" (Exodus 9:28)
- 73. Dead and Red

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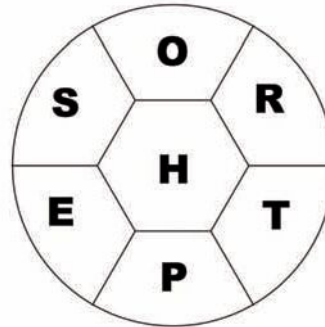
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- 2. Big name in Halva
- 3. Clapton band with the album "Disraeli Gears"
- 4. "Amen!"
- 5. Adam Levine or David Lee Roth, e.g.
- 6. Bring home (inedible) bacon
- 7. Kind of music or lightning
- 8. Young relative of Israelite enslavers
- 9. Certain orthodontic device
- 10. Shemoneh ___
- 11. "___ be an honor"
- 12. What Stan Lee's Daredevil can't do
- 13. Minyan men
- 18. Perpetually
- 19. "Here ___ nothing!"
- 24. Isaac Mizrahi is known for it
- 26. Moon of Saturn with a Troy-like name
- 27. City of a famous Gaon
- 28. ___ of Expulsion (when the Jews were thrown out of England)
- 29. Some priestly garb
- 31. Opposite of plus, at Bloomingdale's
- 34. Cultural values
- 35. Will, Biblically
- 36. Book in the Bible (but not the Torah)
- 38. Capone and Michaels
- 40. Mascot of Kellogg's Honey Smacks
- 42. Pressings
- 43. Practice that often led to family problems in the Bible
- 49. Tommie of the Miracle Mets
- 51. Meshuganeh
- 53. First-stringers
- 54. Israel has one to exist
- 56. California/Nevada lake
- 57. Iran deal participant
- 58. Anne Rice creatures, for short
- 61. On the Mediterranean
- 63. NBA team owned by Joe Lacob, on the scoreboard
- 64. Chabad org.
- 65. Eat the forbidden fruit, e.g.
- 66. Petrol
- 67. MLB rally killers

SPELLING BEE By Yoni Glatt

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

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(Yes, we know there are more words in the dictionary that can work, but these words are the most common):

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OTHER ANSWERS: HORSESHOES, SHORTSTOPS, HOOPSTERS, HORSESHOE, SHORTSTOP, THRESHERS, HOOPSTER, HOTSHOTS, RESHOOTS, SHEERERS, SHOPPERS, SHORTEST, SHOOTERS, SOOTHERS, HOOPERS, HOPPERS, HORRORS, HOTTEST, PROPHET, SEETHES, SHEERER, SHOOTER, SHOPPER, SHORTER, SOOTHES, SOOTHER, SPHERES, TEETHES, TETHERS, HERETO, HEROES, HORROR, HORSES, OTHERS, PHOTOS, POSHER, SEETHE, SOOTHE, SHOOTS, SHORES, SHORTS, SOOTHE, TETHER, TEETHE

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LORETTA AUGENBRAUN

Wilmington - Age 83, passed away
February 7, 2018.

Loretta was born in the Bronx and moved to Wilmington, DE in her early years. She graduated from P.S. DuPont High School and Goldey-Beacom College. Loretta met her husband on a cruise ship and they were married four months after they met.

She returned to Wilmington with her husband in 1961 and raised their three children. Loretta was a devoted wife, loving mother, an exceptional human being, innovative cook, and creative clothing creator. Before retirement, she did whatever needed to be done in the family businesses. Loretta was an intrepid traveler, visiting about 100 countries.

She and her husband kept cruising till just 10 months before she passed away. Her passion for traveling - visiting exotic places was second to her love and devotion to her family.

Loretta is survived by her husband, Ahron; children, Eliene, Joseph, and Jeanne; and grandson, Alex, the apple of her eye.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, 4412 Washington Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802; Chabad Lubavitch of Delaware, 1811 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810, or the IDF Lone Soldiers Program (www.lsp.nbn.org.il).

RICHARD JAY CHERRIN

Wilmington - Age 77, of Wilmington, DE, passed away Monday, February 5, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Born September 20, 1940 to the late Harry and Sylvia Cherrin, Richard attended P. S. DuPont High School and then joined the US Navy. He later graduated from the University of Delaware ultimately obtaining his MBA. In 1964, Richard married Suzanne Benson and lived in Arden where they raised their two daughters. He became very active in the Ardentown Government as a Trustee, of which he was very proud. On March 14, 1999, Richard married his "beautiful" Jerilyn with whom he spent 23 years (19 married).

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He had a passion for working with underserved youth and held several social service and volunteer positions. These experiences led him to service as President/CEO of the Visiting Nurse Association of Delaware for 18 years where he grew the company to the outstanding establishment it is today. Ultimately, Richard retired as System Senior Vice President of Christiana Care Health System. After retiring, he became President/CEO of his family, a role he cherished and allowed him to work from his office on the golf course. In retirement, Richard also taught Economics at Delaware Technical and Community College. He enjoyed reading, golfing, beach vacations, and spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Sylvia; brother, Gary; and sisters, Loretta and Joan; Richard is survived by his wife, Jeri; four children, Michelle (Scott), Val, Sheri (Derek), Scott (Jutta); eight grandchildren, Camille (Sean), Renata, Toby, Tori, Kyra, Riley, Lili, and Maya; 2 great-grandchildren, Jackson and Alexander; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Friends of CASA, 900 N. King Street, Suite 350, Wilmington, DE 19801.

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Luberta transitioned on January 24, 2018. Leaves to mourn husband of 22 years Larry Edwards; 3 daughters Lenette (Miguel) Bivens, Stephanie (DaShawn, Sr.) McManus, Desiree (Darius) Boyd; 4 sons Larry, Jr., Terry, Brandon, and Barry Edwards; mother Edna (Charles) Williams; 4 siblings and a host of other family and friends.

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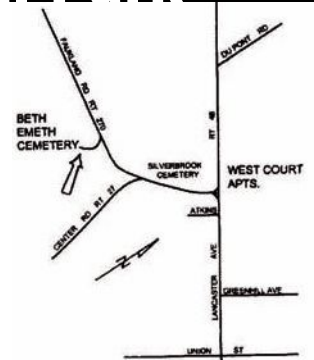
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit the Jewish Federation of Delaware website at ShalomDelaware.org for a full, up-to-date listing of community events.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Purim in the Wild West!

5 PM – Last Call Megillah Reading followed by Purim Dinner & Party
Chabad Center for Jewish Life

Join us as we celebrate this Purim with a Wild West-themed Party! This exciting event includes a delicious gourmet dinner, live festive music, a Masquerade with prizes and live entertainment for adults and kids! Come and experience the party that Delawareans have been raving about for over 30 years! Come as a cowboy, cowgirl, cow, cactus, bandit or get creative with any other type of costume and get ready to have the time of your life!

Prepaid by Monday, February 26: \$20/adult, \$12/child, \$70/Family of 2 Adults and 3+ children.

Paid after Monday, February 26: \$25/adult, \$15/child and \$85/Family of 2 Adults and 3+ children. Sponsorships starting at \$120.

For more information and registration, please visit: ChabadDE.com/register.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

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, MARCH 3

Youth Social Guide: Amazing Race

(Grades 6–8)

6–9 PM

Siegel JCC

Test your skills in hilarious and fun ways with your team in this race across North Wilmington. If you loved our Scavenger Hunt, try this one out too! Cost: \$25/member, \$30/non-member. For more information or to register, please visit siegeljcc.org or contact Becky Stahl at beckystahl@siegeljcc.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Storybook Breakfast

9:30–11:30 AM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

Bring your family to the J for breakfast, schmoozing, and fun! Dress up as your favorite storybook character, and enjoy the morning with a smile. This event is FREE for members (\$5 for non-members), but reservations are required. For more information or to register, please visit siegeljcc.org or contact Becky Stahl at beckystahl@siegeljcc.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

ArtSpace Opening Reception

2–4 PM

Siegel JCC

Join us for a reception to meet the artists who will be featured in the next opening of the ArtSpace. In the ArtSpace:

Walking on Realms of Possibility, Painted Floorcloths by Faith Wilson. In the

Showcase:

Bronze and Stone Sculptures by Olga Nielsen. Wine and refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit siegeljcc.org or contact Katie Glazier at katieglazier@siegeljcc.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Healing Hearts Co-Parenting Seminar for Divorcing Parents

9 AM–3:30 PM

JFS Delaware – Newark Office

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 contact Jody at 302-478-9411 ext. 134 or jgrinberg@jfsdelaware.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Youth Social Guide: Mini Masquerade (Grades K–5)

6:30–9 PM

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SUNDAY, MARCH 11 PJ Library "Sport" Tacular

3-5 PM
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Cost: \$18 (includes 1 adult and 1 child)
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SUNDAY, MARCH 11 A Discussion of Israel's Future and its Security Needs

7 PM
Congregation Beth Shalom
Guest Speaker: Marc Provisor, Directory of Security Projects for One Israel Fund
One of the foremost security experts focusing in the strategically and Biblically

significant Judea and Samaria regions, Marc Provisor joins CBS to discuss his first hand experiences and gives a behind-the-scenes assessment of the security challenges facing Israel today. A former RavShatz (Civilian Security Chief), Marc Provisor is currently the Director of Security Projects for One Israel Fund. This program is presented by the Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation at Congregation Beth Shalom.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

CTeen Session preparing for Shmurah Matzah Delivery Community Service Project!

7–8:30PM

Siegel JCC

Join us for this memorable CTeen session, where we will be packaging handmade Shmurah Matzahs, which will later be delivered to elderly people in the community. Last year, this event made a huge impression on the teens and on the people we visited. Community service hours will be awarded. You will even get to bring home your very own Shmurah Matzah to use at the Seder! If you would like to send your teen to this very meaningful and memorable program, please contact Rochel@ChabadDE.com.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Einstein's Drama Club Presents

Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum

10–11:15 AM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

Join us for this matinee performance of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Fun for all ages! Free and open to the community. For more information, please contact Rabbi Jeremy Winaker, Head of School at 302-478-5026 or jeremy.winaker@einsteinday.org

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

JFS RISE Volunteer Training

2 PM

JFS Delaware – Wilmington

If you are interested in volunteering with the JFS Refugee Integration Support Effort Program (RISE), please join us for one of our upcoming volunteer

orientation and training sessions. Please contact Lourena Gboeah by email at lgboeah@jfsdelaware.org, or by phone at 302-478-9411 x132 to sign up.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

CTeen Jr Session: Junior Matzah Chef!

7–8:30

Siegel JCC

CTeen Jr. is exclusive to kids in grades 6-8. Come have a blast in a cool environment with other kids your age. Enjoy this Passover-themed session with a Matzah chef segment, a fascinating discussion, community service and more! Contact Rochel@ChabadDE.com for more info!

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

JFS RISE Volunteer Training

6 PM

JFS Delaware – Wilmington

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THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Einstein's Drama Club Presents

Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum

7–8:30 PM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

Join us for this evening performance of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Fun for all ages! Free and open to the community. For more information, please contact Rabbi Jeremy Winaker, Head of School at 302-478-5026 or jeremy.winaker@einsteinday.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Einstein's Drama Club Presents

Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum

2 – 3:15 PM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

Join us for this afternoon performance of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Fun for all ages! Free and open to the community. For more information, please contact Rabbi Jeremy Winaker, Head of School at 302-478-5026 or jeremy.winaker@einsteinday.org

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

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 is *And After the Fire* by Lauren Belfer. For more information, contact Anna Saul at annasaul@siegeljcc.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

David Ben-Gurion – His Views and Vision for Jerusalem

9:30 AM

Congregation Beth Shalom

Presented by Professor Paula Kabalo, Director, Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism,

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will speak at approximately 11:15 and
again after the luncheon. Reservations
are not necessary. For more information,
please visit AABGU.ORG – events.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Jewish History Class with Burt Brenman
10 AM

Congregation Beth Shalom, Dover
Topic: Religious developments of the
Exile-Monotheism and its development
within the biblical writings with emphasis
on the exile prophet Second Isaiah

TUESDAY, MARCH 27
CTeen Shmurah Matzah Delivery
Community Service Project!
7–8:30PM
Siegel JCC

Join us for this memorable CTeen session,
where we will be personally delivering
handmade Shmurah Matzahs to elderly
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Einstein's Model Passover Seder

10 AM–12:15 PM

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A seder filled with fun, food, song, and symbols. Students lead a full version.

To join us, please contact Rabbi Jeremy Winaker, Head of School at 302-478-5026 or jeremy.winaker@einsteinday.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Community Passover Seder

7:30 PM

Chabad Center for Jewish Life

This year, we want to make your Passover Seder experience as easy as possible by inviting you to our Community Seder for the first night of Pesach! Just make reservations and let us do all of the work for you. Wouldn't

it be nice to have one less thing to worry about going into Pesach? \$30/Adult \$16/Child (Under 11) \$120/sponsor. To make reservations, visit www.ChabadDE.com/register no later than Thursday, March 22, without exception.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Community Seder

7:45 PM

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

The community is invited to join Rabbi Saks and the AKSE family for a Seder on the second night of Passover. Enjoy an inspiring Seder and complete catered meal, including wine. Meal price – \$44 for adults, \$20 for children ages 6 to 12, free for children 5 and under. Registration and payment should be made by March 15 online at www.akse.org or by contacting the AKSE office at 302-762-2705 or

office@akse.org. Please note that this year the AKSE Community Seder is taking place at Congregation Beth Shalom, 1801 Baynard Blvd. in Wilmington.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

2nd Night Community Seder

5:30 PM

Congregation Beth Emeth

All are welcome! We'll be hosting a traditional Seder. Dinner is \$10.00 per person, children under 5 are free. Please RSVP by March 20th. Call the CBE office, 302-764-2393 or visit www.bethemethde.org. Have a Seder specialty? Ask about signing up for our potluck.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Community Seder

7:45 PM

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

The community is invited to join Rabbi Saks and the AKSE family for a Seder on the second night of Passover. Enjoy an inspiring Seder and complete catered meal, including wine. Meal price – \$44 for adults, \$20 for children ages 6 to 12, free for children 5 and under. Registration and payment should be made by March 15 online at www.akse.org or by contacting the AKSE office at 302-762-2705 or office@akse.org. Please note that this year the AKSE Community Seder is taking place at Congregation Beth Shalom, 1801 Baynard Blvd. in Wilmington.

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AUTHOR'S NOTE:

This article originally ran in the April issue of 2016. Although recently the pendulum has seemed to shift slightly as nature awareness continues, I still find the message to be highly relevant.

Spring into Nature: LET THEM EAT DIRT

By Jaidy Schweers, *Editor*

In a matter of weeks, Daffodils will be popping into bright yellow teacups. Azaleas will be revealing slivers of magenta through tight-budding branches. Cardinals are soon to be singing harmonic duets with their companions. The sun will shine softly, and the sky will span blue indigo as it kisses the horizon.

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Spring is coming.

And yet many of our children might not know it.

Our kids no longer go outside as much as children did a few decades ago. With plenty of schools shortening or cancelling recess and eliminating more and more nature-oriented field trips, and as society places a substantial focus on technology, nature is becoming less and less tangible to our youth. Time outside and roaming free in natural spaces seem like forgotten pastimes.

I recently listened to a very illuminating interview with journalist and commentator Richard Louv. Louv authored *Last Child in the Woods*, and *The Nature Principle*, among many other books. He was a 2008 Audubon award recipient, and is the Co-Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Children and the Nature Network, an organization helping to build an international movement connecting families and children to the natural world.

Louv imagines the future will “belong to the nature-smart—those individuals, families, businesses, and political leaders who develop a deeper understanding of the transformative power of the natural world and who balance the virtual with the real. The more high-tech we become, the more nature we need.”

Nature Deficit Disorder is a term coined by Louv. It’s not an official medical term—even though many believe it should be—but suggests that there are unavoidable physical and mental consequences to living a life that is indoors and devoid of nature.

REFERENCE:

Ballentine, K. (Host, *Nature Kids Radio*). #201: Exploring Nature Deficit Disorder with Richard Louv (Audio Podcast). *Nature Kids Radio*, a production of the Nature Kids Institute.

Louv points to studies, which show that an absence of nature can have a negating effect on a child’s world vision, confidence and their overall physical fitness. Most eye-opening to me was the fact that one of the greatest consequences to our children by missing out on independent, outdoor play is the potential loss of executive function—that rational voice inside them that protects them from making unwise choices. Executive function is developed through free, independent play, and yet we’re replacing this important self-grounding with too much adult-supervised play.

“We’re taking away that ability for our kids to control themselves and to learn to be independent,” says Louv. “We’re not doing them any favors by supervising them every moment of their growing up.”

And yet, many of us believe that we are bad parents if we let them out of our sight!

Parental fear is one of the greatest reasons why kids aren’t outside.

Louv attributes this fear to the repetition of messages we see and hear in our media-frenzied lives. When we hear repetitive messages of disaster or caution, as we often do, we tend to draw extreme conclusions and withdraw into our family’s interior worlds. This growing fear often translates into a fear of both community and nature itself.

Parents worry about their child being exposed to bad germs, or getting sick from a mud pie they’ve ingested, or from handling frogs. But these small risks shouldn’t outweigh the abundant life benefits that fill a child when they are one with nature and experiencing the lifetime feelings of accomplishment and learning that building a fort or a tree house or designing a pond in the backyard can bring.

So how do we loosen the reins and become comfortable with encouraging independent, outdoor play?

“The long-term solution to this human disconnect with nature lies in our vision of the future.” Says Louv.

Currently our vision of the future resides within post-apocalyptic films such as *Bladerunner*, *District 9*, or *Wall-E*, where everything is unrecognizable.

“Environmentalism has done a poor job of painting a picture of a world where people want to go,” reflects Louv.

Our future is almost always described in decline. This inability to describe a nature-rich future is numbing us.

What if we started imagining a different future where we play outside as much as we engage in technology? We have to be hopeful.

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