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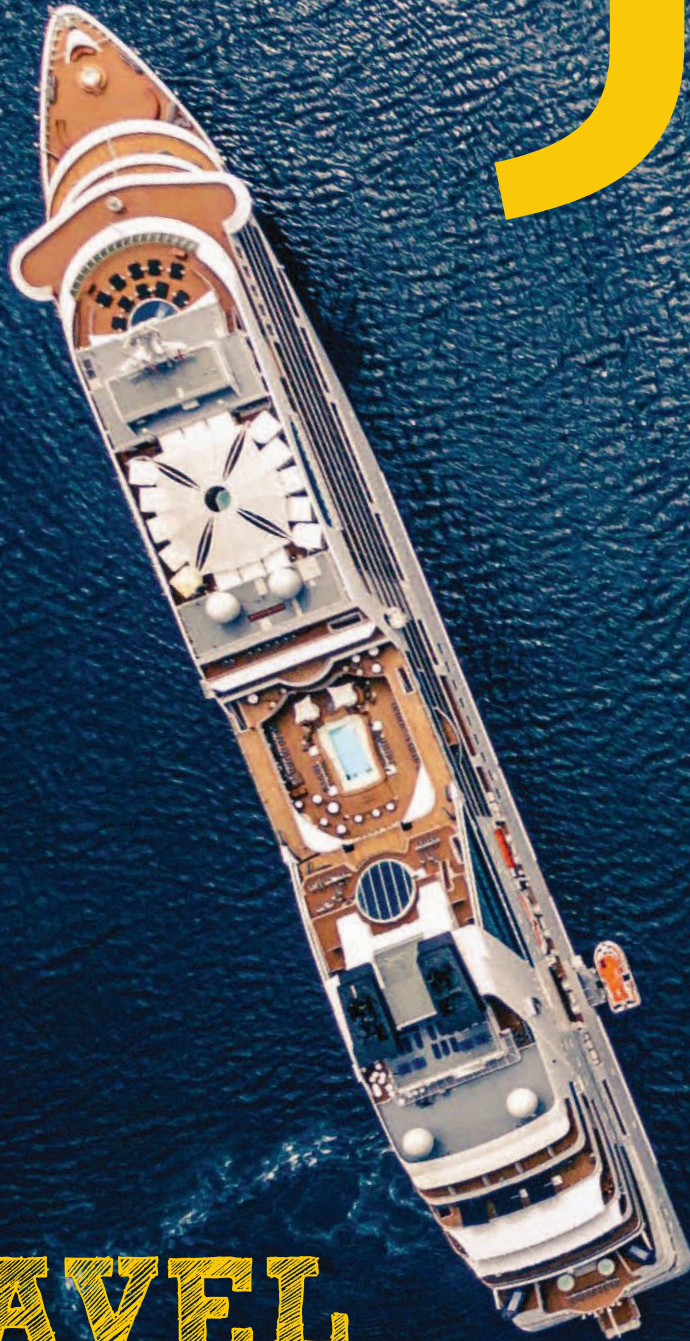
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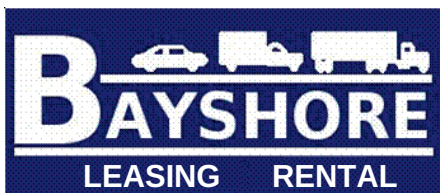


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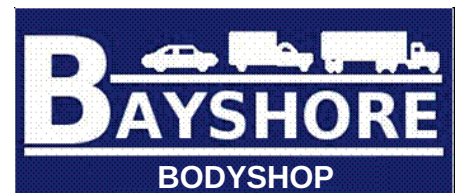
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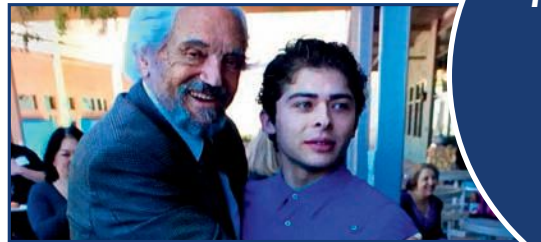
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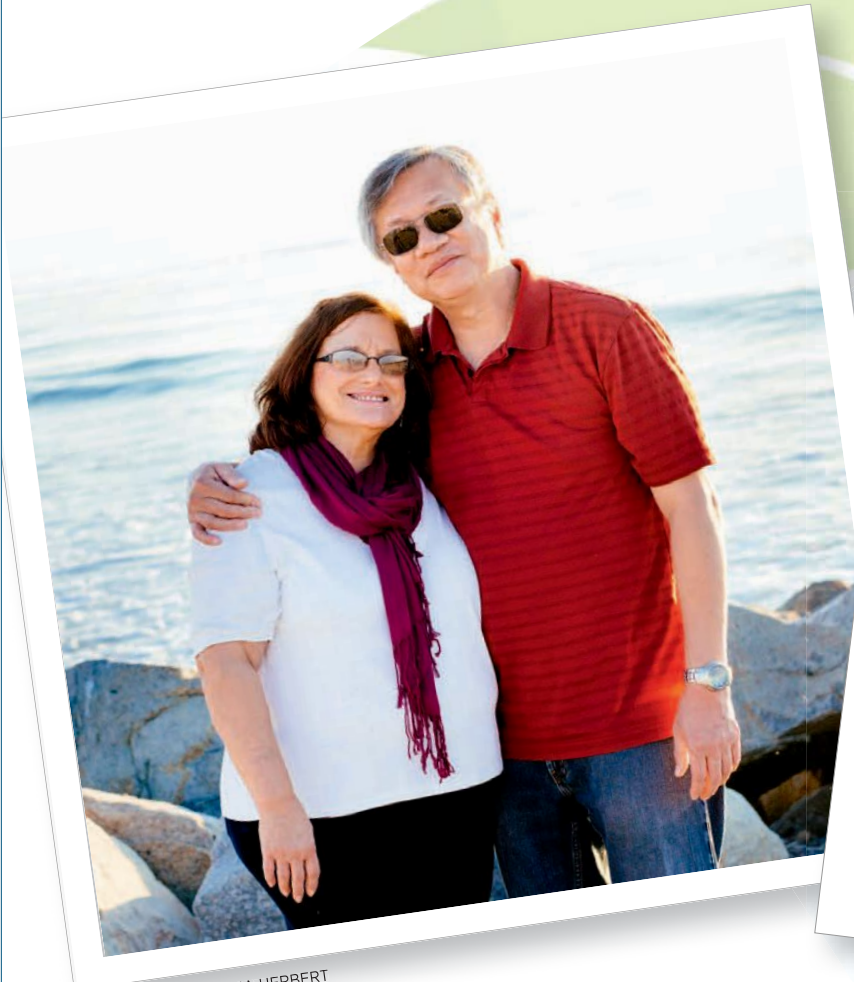


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As the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, it is very important to me that the history, traditions, and values of the Jewish people live on. When our children go to college they are challenged with many things, including finding their own identity as an adult. Hillel provides a place for them to explore their Jewish identity in many ways. The Hillel at the University of Delaware, Kristol Center for Jewish Life provides programs and experiences for students in an inclusive and pluralistic Jewish context. Two of our children attended UD and participated at Hillel. Our third child went to SUNY at Stony Brook and was president of her Hillel. Jerry and I want to ensure that Hillel is supported, so that it can continue this valuable work. This is why we Created Our Jewish Legacy to support University of Delaware Hillel.

Dr. Robin Karol Eng



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ONE HAPPY CAMPER:

Making the Overnight Camp Experience More Accessible

Adapted by JFD Staff



“How can we talk about Jewish identity and ignore Jewish summer camps?” asked Elisa Spungen Bildner a number of years ago.

As Wexner Heritage Foundation fellows, Elisa and her husband Robert Bildner nurtured their passion for philanthropy to better serve the Jewish community.

Through Wexner’s leadership program for Jewish volunteers, the two studied the bigger picture of Jewish life in North America. What they found was a great need for more and better informal education opportunities for Jewish children, specifically overnight camp. Camps were not high on the agenda of the Jewish community, and as a result, suffered from lack of attention and funding. Elisa and Robert determined that a generation of children was missing out on experiences that could profoundly shape their identity.

Inspired by this opportunity, in 1998 the couple created the Foundation for Jewish Camping. They provided seed money to launch a public foundation dedicated solely to the Jewish overnight camp movement: now, the Foundation for Jewish Camp.

One Happy Camper (OHC) is offered through a partnership with Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Foundation for Jewish Camp. The program gives funding to children in our community who wish to attend a Jewish overnight camp for the first time. It is not a scholarship fund and is not needs-based. Our goal is to engage families who are considering sending their children to overnight camp to try a Jewish one. Children may be eligible for a grant of up to \$1,000 this summer.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware OHC grants are awarded to first-time campers who attend a nonprofit Jewish overnight summer camp for at least 12 consecutive days or longer. Eligible campers must be entering grades 1-12 (after camp) and be attending

one of the 150+ non-profit, Jewish, overnight summer camps listed on the Foundation for Jewish Camp’s website. Children are eligible just one time for this grant.

The incentive grant funds are made possible through donors here in Delaware who believe that Jewish overnight camping is an important part of a child’s Jewish education.

OHC is creating Jewish summers for kids; 6 out of 10 who would have stayed home or attended a non-Jewish summer experience.

There are a variety of traditional and specialty overnight camps that span different denominations of Judaism, accommodate special needs and interests, and offer unique programming, catering to each family’s needs.

OHC is an outreach initiative for children who are not currently receiving an immersive, daily Jewish experience. Children who attend Jewish day school are not eligible for the program. However, if your child is not eligible and/or is interested in learning about financial-needs based grants or other camper funding opportunities please visit www.jewishcamp.org/scholarships, or contact your camp or rabbi to assist you.

For questions about the OHC program, camps, or to apply for a grant, visit www.onehappycamper.org or contact us at 302-427-2100.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF DELAWARE RECOGNIZED FOR PR CAMPAIGN

By Peter Osborne,
Delaware Business Times
Originally ran in Delaware Business
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Drivers around the First State couldn't miss the billboards and banners over the past 18 months celebrating the Jewish Federation of Delaware's **We Are Stronger TOGETHER** campaign.

That campaign has now received some major recognition from the PR Daily industry publication. The Federation was one of four finalists for PR Daily's 2018 Nonprofit Awards in the Branding Campaign category. Its Honorable Mention recognition, which went to the three runners-up to winner (Children's Home Society of Florida), is a source of pride for CEO Seth J. Katzen.

"Nonprofits work really hard and recognition like this is a morale booster and a sign that others are seeing the work we're doing," said Katzen, adding that the Federation has launched the next stage of the campaign with the tagline, **We Grow Stronger TOGETHER** with new images and colors.

The Federation's award submission to PR Daily summarized the scope of the campaign, including negotiation of a PSA campaign with ClearChannel Outdoor for free billboard space and separately winning a free rotating digital billboard from Lamar Advertising.

The billboards, which included one on I-95, generated hundreds of thousands of impressions for the campaign, which also included interior and exterior banners; a recurring full-page ad in its *j-VOICE Monthly* publication; coverage in its Annual Report to the Community; and weekly emails and direct mail.

The campaign was developed internally with Katzen, a longtime Baltimore ad-agency executive, leading development with support from Allentown-based freelance graphic designer Carolyn Katwan.

"We wanted to create a memorable message that resonated among our various constituents," Katzen said. "We emphasized the power of community and the spirit of partnership with our local beneficiary agencies, partners and valued supporters."

The organization has received a lot of recognition in recent months. It won an

international Silver Award in the 14th Annual Davey Awards from the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts for its 2017-2018 Gratitude Report to the Community and being one of only five nonprofits in Delaware to receive a four-star rating from Charity Navigator. Other local four-star recipients are Delaware Nature Society, Special Olympics Delaware, Food Bank of Delaware and Ronald McDonald House of Delaware.

Katzen said the Jewish Federation's role is to be "the central address for Jewish Delaware and raise the funds to support our local and global community based on Jewish values," adding that the organization's 2018 Annual Campaign exceeded its goal of \$1.8 million and surpassed the 2017 campaign by 10 percent.

"We measure success not only in the growth of our Annual Campaign and dollars raised but also by the lives [we] touch," Katzen said.

Jewish Federation of Delaware consistently receives the nonprofit industry's highest ratings from key evaluators, including the Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar and a Top-Rated Award from GreatNonprofits.



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Throwback Delaware



For the armchair traveler—visit the past with this travelogue of “Palestine Awakening” directed by legendary early film maker, Ya’akov Ben-Dov with a screen play by Delaware’s William Topkis in 1923. Portions of the film may be seen on the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware’s website, JHSDelaware.org/jewish-voice. Rabbi David Geffen, founder of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware wrote this article about William Topkis’ efforts to promote tourism in the 1920s for the January 5, 1990 issue of the *Jewish Voice*.

You may also be inspired to take in some of the films at the Jewish Film Festival in Rehoboth Beach, March 13 – 17, 2019. www.rehobothfilm.com

– Gail Pietrzyk

Archivist, Jewish Historical Society of Delaware

JANUARY 5, 1990

An Israeli Perspective: William Topkis Cited In Jerusalem

BY DR. DAVID GEFFEN

The first William Topkis (1878-1925) was alive and well in Jerusalem one night last week. On December 12, 1989 at the Israel Museum, the Steven Spielberg Film Archives of the Hebrew University presented a retrospective program on the work of Ya’akov Ben-Dov, considered to be the first Jewish filmmaker in the country. During the program of lectures, slides and films, William Topkis was cited for writing the film script and directing a film made by Ben-Dov in 1923.

The film, which Topkis entitled “Palestine Awakening,” told the story of a rich American Jewish tourist who landed in Haifa intending to spend only one day in “this dirty, filthy country.” Instead, he stayed on for a month seeing everything there was to see in the cities and in the kibbutzim and moshavim. At the end of the film the tourist announces that he is returning to the United States to close out his affairs and then will come to live in Palestine.

The significance of William Topkis’ participation in the making of this film in 1923 is greatly enhanced by the diary which he kept of his daily activities during his five-month stay in the Holy Land. His diary entries of the period in May 1923 when the actual filming was being done read like a film log. It is the only written record of the film and supplements the 19 minute portion of the actual film which has survived.

During the program at the Israel Museum Topkis was hailed for his Zionist career, for his film partnership with the DuPonts and Samuel Goldwyn and for his encouragement of American tourism through this film and through the American Information Bureau which he opened in Jerusalem in April 1923. As the work of William Topkis was described, I was proud to be a Delawarean. William Topkis was one of the first American Jewish leaders who realized the potential of film as an informational device in giving wide audiences the picture of what was transpiring in the rebuilding of Eretz Yisrael. Because of his premature death in 1925, he did not have an opportunity to write or produce any more films. However, the film he left us did break new ground while setting the tone for future productions.

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THROWBACK DELAWARE

The public career of William Topkis began in the early part of the century when he was elected the secretary of Congregation Adas Kodesch in 1901. His English written minutes are among the first in that language of a Delaware Jewish organization. On Rosh Hashanah in 1901 he helped to write the sermon which calmed the Wilmington Jewish community in the wake of the assassination of President William McKinley.

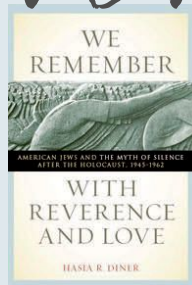
He served as president of the Wilmington YMHA in 1913, and in 1917 Topkis was elected as Delaware's only delegate to the first American Jewish Congress. After attending several national ZOA conventions, he was elected to the national executive committee in 1921, serving for several years with distinction. In 1923 he took his wife and daughter, and he went to Palestine to see the country; "a visit to the land of his fathers" and to do what he could to help promote its development.

Altogether, he and his family spent five months in Eretz Yisrael and several months in Europe, where he attended the World Zionist Congress as an American delegate. His two lasting contributions from that trip are the film and the assistance he provided for Jewish tourism in the country through his American Information Bureau. On returning to the U.S., he gave an interview printed in the national ZOA magazine, *The New Palestine*, and in various Anglo-Jewish newspapers. In the course of the survey of his trip, he urged that 200 American Jewish businessmen should go and live in Palestine for that will "change the face of the country."

I was pleased to hear about and see the work of the first William Topkis here in Jerusalem. I also told my friend Yaakov Gross, the historian of the film career of Ben-Dov, that the second William Topkis is currently the President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. From Delaware to Jerusalem and back, William Topkis has left his mark.

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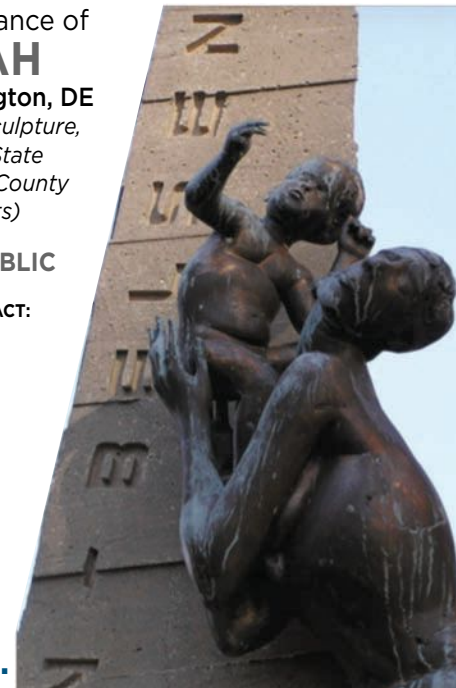
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The Impact of #WeRemember

Adapted by Steve Gonzer, Chair
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Sunday, January 27 was International Holocaust Remembrance Day, which marked the 74th Anniversary of the 1945 liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The United Nations designated January 27 as a day for member states to honor the Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of other victims of Nazism.

More than **1.5 million people** around the world joined this year to accomplish something that the World Jewish Congress (WJC) only hoped could be possible: to expose to the world the horrors of the Holocaust and to share the message together, which we must remember, and that never again must mean never again. Over **half a billion people in 155 countries** around the globe heard our message. That means that approximately **1 out of every 11 people** in the world experienced a tribute to Holocaust victims through the World Jewish Congress' 2018 #WeRemember campaign.

Education and a Future Void of Genocide By Nancy Marvel, MA, MEd

Nancy Marvel is one of many dozens of Delaware teachers whose passion and determination to teach the lessons learned from the Holocaust is unwavering, though they are not required to do so. I visited Nancy and her students on several occasions and am filled with hope that the First State will not be the last state to require some form of Holocaust education in our public schools. Nancy is currently working on her Doctorate in Holocaust and Genocide studies.

– Steve Gonzer, Chair
Halina Wind Preston
Holocaust Education Committee

Nancy O'Donnell Marvel is a teacher at Design Thinking Academy in Newark, Delaware. She has been teaching for 15 years. Ms. Marvel earned her Masters in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at West Chester University and is currently completing the PhD program in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Gratz College.

As World War II ended, and the international community came to terms with the horrors of the Holocaust, the phrase “Never Again” became the battle-cry to ensure that people never experience such hate and loss of life. In the 74 years since the Holocaust, genocides have continued to occur throughout the decades and across continents. Thus, it is imperative that we teach this current generation and future generations about the Holocaust and genocide.

On International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2018, a study was released by the *Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany* that found two-thirds of American millennials could not identify what Auschwitz was or that 6 million Jews were killed during the Holocaust. More shocking was the fact that 22% of the millennials had not heard of the Holocaust.

Those same millennials (93%) believed that there should be Holocaust education in schools. This was supported by my students in an end of course survey; 100% of the students stated that courses in the Holocaust and genocide should continue to be offered each year. Seventy percent of my students want a course focusing solely on the Holocaust.

In 2017, 20 state legislators made a promise and commitments through an Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect communique, to introduce new legislation mandating Holocaust/genocide education. Of these 20 states, two passed laws, two to three are “working on it” and the others have yet to move forward in introducing bills to mandate Holocaust and genocide education.

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– from findings in a study released by the *Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany* on Holocaust Remembrance Day 2018

Nancy Marvel with students PHOTO BY STEVE GONZER



A FUTURE VOID OF GENOCIDE

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In 2018, only eight states required or mandated some form of Holocaust and genocide education and one state strongly encouraged it but did not legally mandate it. After a 13-year lobbying effort, the Kentucky Legislature unanimously passed a law that mandated Holocaust education in public schools.

Not only is there a need for Holocaust education, my personal experience has shown that there is interest and desire for such education. This past semester I offered a course on Holocaust and Genocide in Literature and Film as a senior elective. Students were engaged in the class from day one. Although some had heard of the Holocaust, they had very limited knowledge. They knew even less about other genocides

that have occurred—some had seen the movie *Hotel Rwanda* and that was the extent of their knowledge of genocides. Yet, they were eager to learn. The students devoured the books assigned that shared stories of teens similar in age to them, who endured the atrocities and managed to survive to share their testimony. They watched movies that told the tales of those who survived and those who didn't, and they responded emotionally—with anger, with frustration, with sadness, and with tears. Most inspiring of all was having Delaware Holocaust survivor, Ann Jaffe visit our class and share her experience during the Holocaust, as an eyewitness.

According to my students, learning about the tragedies of the Holocaust and other genocides is the best way to prevent them from happening again. Students were motivated to act—they are aware of the discrimination and hate in our society today and believe that their generation can effect

change. We live in a divisive time when anti-Semitism and other forms of hate are on the rise. The lack of knowledge is a real threat. This should be the goal—to educate and empower our young people so they can create meaningful and lasting change.

My students had many questions, most of which I was able to answer. All except one:

How can people hate so much that they would kill others just because they are different?

Despite my years of studying the Holocaust and genocide, that is still the one question I fail to answer. What I do know is that genocide destroys people, cultural groups, and genocide destroys humanity. Current and future generations must be taught the lessons to be learned from the Holocaust, then perhaps they will recognize the signs, and act to stop the annihilation of innocent people.

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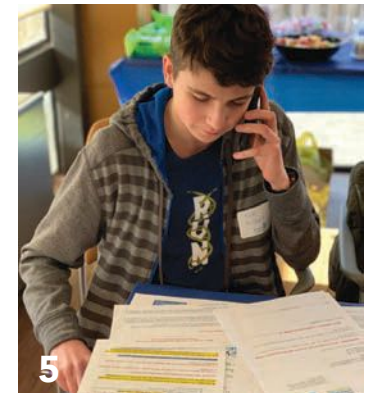
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Super Sunday, Federation’s largest fundraising event of the year, was held on January 27th. Community members gathered together to make and answer the call to support Federation’s 2019 Annual Campaign. Thanks to our cadre of volunteers throughout the day representing our beneficiary agencies and synagogues, we raised over \$240,000 to meet the increasing needs of our community and for Jews around the world. Our aggressive fundraising goal of raising \$2 million in 2019 is tangible thanks to a Challenge Match which offers donors a tiered matching incentive for all new or increased gifts. In addition to reaching out to our valued donors, Federation’s PJ Library Program and the Siegel JCC co-sponsored a concert featuring Silly Joe in conjunction with Sunday Fun Day - a great time was had by all!



1 Wendy Berger, Lisa Dadone-Weiner, and Seth J. Katzen **2** Robin Karol-Eng, left, and her cousin, Marti **3** Samantha Grundy Writing Thank You Notes **4** Mona Duwell **5** Kyle Nisbet **6** Mark Wagman **7** Basha Silverman **8** Daniella Buchshtaber **9** PJ Library Participants **10** Silly Joe with Back Up Singers **11** PJ crowd enjoying a Silly Joe Concert **12** Showing off their artwork



DELAWARE IN DELRAY

PHOTO CREDIT: ADDISON RESERVE STAFF

On Thursday, January 31, Federation held a special Delaware in Delray luncheon generously hosted by Suzanne and Stuart Grant. More than 20 Delawareans who live in south Florida full-time or seasonally joined us for an afternoon of community-building and learning about our community achievements.



FEDTALKS

Federation’s Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) partnered with the Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce (PICC) to discuss investment opportunities in Start-up Nation with the topic, *Israel’s Edge in Innovation & Tech for 2019 and Beyond*.

And on February 10, photographer, Silvina Frydlewsky presented on the Jewish community of Argentina.



1 Rafi Carmeli, Vered Nochi, Ellen Bernhardt, Jenn Steinberg, and Joseph Levin **2** Left to right, Dr. Polly Zavadviker, Director, Jewish Studies Program, University of Delaware, Katie Glazier, Program Director Siegel JCC, Silvina, the photographer and speaker, Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt JCRC Director **3** Photographer, Silvina Frydlewsky in front of her photo of the Jewish gaucho

SHLICHA CONFERENCE

JFD CEO, Seth J. Katzan, along with community Shlichah Daniella Buchshtaber took part in a meaningful conference for Shlichim and Supervisors in Washington DC. The conference included nearly 100 participants from different communities in Northern America, all coming together to learn and exchange ideas and share best practices.



1 ABOVE: Seth J. Katzen and Daniella Buchshtaber in Washington
PHOTO BY MOR ROFFE



2 RIGHT: Group picture of Shlichim and Supervisors
PHOTO BY ROTEM GABAY

FEDERATION SHABBAT AT TBE

PHOTOS BY SHARON FULLERTON PHOTOGRAPHY



TOP LEFT: Temple Beth El's social hall is bursting at the seams during the Annual Federation Shabbat Dinner; all of Jewish Delaware intermingling and having a lovely Shabbas together. TOP RIGHT: Rabbi Jacob Lieberman of Temple Beth El and Rabbi Michael Beals of Congregation Beth Shalom lead Birkat Hamazon following a delicious Shabbas dinner catered by Steve Bonner with Boscov's Catering

AABGU

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CLAIRE WINICK

Having strong connections to the Negev and Ben-Gurion University (BGU), community leaders Lelaine and Dr. Stuart Nemser, of Wilmington, recently toured the BGU Beer-Sheva and Sde Boqer campuses, meeting with Goldinger Trust recipients conducting research at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research. Stuart heads the Goldinger Trust of the Delaware Jewish Federation, and both he and Lelaine are officers of the Delaware Chapter of American Associates, Ben-Gurion University.

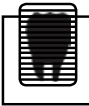


On the main campus in Beer-Sheva, the Nemsters, accompanied by Lelaine's brother and sister-in law, Chester and Gudrun Neumann, met with Prof. Lital Alfonte and students of the BGU iGEM (International Genetically Modified Machine) team researching ALS ("Lou Gehrig Disease")

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IT TAKES A JFS VILLAGE



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1 Village Volunteers like Bethany Kutz continue providing transportation and other needed support through the winter!
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2 JFS Village Staff, Karen Commeret, and Joyce Griffith, celebrate member, Lillian Balick's 100th Birthday PHOTO CREDIT: JFS STAFF

3 Micah Harlev, Jayson Alonzo, Brian Dym, Benjamin Kutz, and Josh Berstein of Wilmington AZA make soup for JFS Village members PHOTO CREDIT: REGINA ALONZO

4 Jayson Alonzo, Eli Gentler, Benjamin Kutz, and Micah Harlev of Wilmington AZA deliver homemade soup to JFS Village members on a chilly MLK Day PHOTO CREDIT: REGINA ALONZO



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UD HILLEL BIRTHRIGHT



Birthright participants enjoying a Druze feast
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Students making Za'atar at Sindyyanna of the Galilee
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1 Michelle Silberglied, Sharon Saliman, Stacy Horowitz, Regina Alonzo, Donna Harlev, and Bethany Kutz enjoying the 80s Date Night at the J!
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2 Brian and Heather Gibbons, Christopher and Beth Osbourn, and Jennifer and Fritz Lowrey at 80s Date Night
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3 ECC Pre-Schooler trying fruit at Tu B'Shevat
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4 Jennifer and Adam Marmon at '80s Date Night
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Congregation Beth Emeth: FROM MITZVAHS...

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On January 20th, Congregation Beth Emeth's religious school held its annual Mitzvah Day. Students, with help from teachers and *madrichim*, made grass houses out of sponges, to focus on the environment and to bring some freshness to the rooms of residences of the Kutz Home and Lodge Lane and wrote letters to our nation's leaders.

...TO CANTORS

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On January 12th, Congregation Beth Emeth formally installed our cantor, Elizabeth Flynn with a service and cantorial concert.



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AKSE BIDS FAREWELL TO ITS WASHINGTON BLVD. LOCATION

In a bittersweet farewell ceremony on Sunday, February 3rd, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth closed out 56 years in its current synagogue building. Speakers spoke about the 134-year history of the First Synagogue in the First State and the many sweet memories of life cycle events and engaging activities in its beautiful Washington Blvd. building. The many attendees from the congregation, community and region also enjoyed both traditional music and parodies written for the occasion, performed by Cantor Yehoshua Redfern and members of the High Holiday Choir. Emotional remarks praised the spirit of the congregation and expressed confidence in moving forward together as a congregational family. The congregation will reside temporarily at Congregation Beth Shalom as it pursues a smaller permanent home.



- 1** AKSE display sign with a very Jewish message embracing change
PHOTO CREDIT: MARK WAGMAN
- 2** Women Torah readers hand scrolls to men Torah readers as part of the Farewell Ceremony PHOTO CREDIT: WENDY SHLOSSMAN
- 3** Rabbi Peter Grumbacher delivers heartfelt remarks at the Farewell Ceremony PHOTO CREDIT: SYLVIA WAGMAN
- 4** Rabbi Steven Saks delivers remarks looking to AKSE's past and future at the Farewell Ceremony PHOTO CREDIT: SYLVIA WAGMAN
- 5** Cantor Yehoshua Redfern and members of the AKSE High Holiday Choir sing at the Farewell Ceremony PHOTO CREDIT: SYLVIA WAGMAN
- 6** Longtime member Faith Brown recalls over 60 years of song and dance in remarks at the Farewell Ceremony PHOTO CREDIT: JESSICA BERLIN
- 7** Former Hebrew School principal Helen Gordon reminisces at the Farewell Ceremony PHOTO CREDIT: JESSICA BERLIN



Einstein Gan students welcome 2019 applicants from Miss Erin's PreK Class

PHOTO BY JEREMY WINAKER

LEARNING AS TRAVEL

By Rabbi Jeremy Winaker
Head of School, Einstein Academy

My daughter got stuck in Israel for a year.

At least that is how she and her teachers talk about how she missed the virtual flight home from Israel when she was in Kindergarten because she was sick the day they “came home.” Luckily, she knew when the next Kindergarten “flew” El Al and would return because her younger brother was in it; she joined his class for the “flight home.” Schools “travel” the world all the time, especially now that technology can bring us anywhere, anytime.

Einstein takes plenty of these journeys: We went with Colin O’Brady on his solo, self-powered trek across Antarctica, thanks to the CNN app and Google Chromecast. We watched dung beetles battle on a South African animal preserve, thanks to National Geographic’s *Animals Weird & Wild* online feature. We traveled to Israel to see the snow in Jerusalem. (We did not leave anyone behind on that trip, we just stopped projecting images on the classroom whiteboard.)

Learning, though, is its own journey. The learning process is akin to traveling. Sometimes we climb the steps of skill-building to do more and go farther. Other times, we travel through space and time to different places and moments in history. To be a global citizen, it is important not only to see the world around us but also to see how it got that way and what we can learn from all that has come before. A successful trip is both memorable and inspires us to want to learn more.

Einstein recently had a Step Up Day for students to take a trip in the classrooms of the grade above them. PreK applicants for next year’s Gan visited the Gan. Gan students went to 1st grade; 1st to 2nd; 2nd to

3rd; and so on. Even our 5th graders got a taste of next year as recent alumni (whose schools were closed for the day) met with 5th graders to talk about the transition to Middle School. Whether putting a wild animal in a snow globe or writing with a quill Colonial-style or facing a STEM challenge or meeting new students in the virtual Hebrew classes, students had fun stepping out of their familiar setting into something bigger.

Everyone gained needed perspective. We all need a chance to see ourselves differently by seeing something different and looking back. After Step Up Day, students see how what they are learning now sets them up with the skills to take on the learning ahead. They traveled through the world of knowledge and found a whole world opening up to them.

Learning invites the imagination, ignites it, and empowers it to lead to new learning. What greater journey can there be than the endless travel of the soaring mind.

Step up yourself, try a new class or step out into a part of the world you have not seen, you, too, may find yourself like our students imagining exciting paths for the future.



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ON HUMAN RIGHTS : INSIGHT AND EXPERIENCES

By Bonnie Chirlin
The Auxiliary of the Kutz Senior Living Campus

National Press Secretary for the Human Rights Campaign and Wilmington native, Sarah McBride, to speak at Kutz Auxiliary program on May 8.



Sarah McBride PHOTO BY B. PROUD

Although she has not yet celebrated her thirtieth birthday, Wilmington native Sarah McBride can lay claim to a significant number of “firsts.”

Sarah has the distinction of being the first trans woman to intern at the White House as well as the first openly transgender person to address a major party political convention when she spoke at the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. In 2012, Sarah made national headlines when she came out as transgender while serving as student body president at American University.

Sarah, who is currently the National Press Secretary for the Human Rights Campaign, believes that the gender assigned to us at birth should not dictate who we are; in fact, that is the title of the TED Talk that Sarah gave in April 2016. In that talk, Sarah describes lying in her bed at night as a child praying that she would wake up the next day and be a girl.

She opened that talk by saying, “Good evening everyone. I’m Sarah McBride. I’m a movie buff, a policy nerd, a sister and a daughter. It took me twenty-one years to muster up the courage to say those last words... a sister and a daughter.”

Courage is the seminal word here, but a sense of humor never hurts. During that same talk,

Sarah described coming out to her family on Christmas Day 2011 with an aside to the effect that “there’s really nothing to do once you open the presents!”

As she came out to family, friends, and colleagues, Sarah would hear the words, “I hope you’re happy now” from many of them. However, as she emphasized in her TED Talk, “I did not transition to be happy but to be me!” It would be nice to be able to say that Sarah found her happy ending when she transitioned to womanhood, but as a woman she was shocked to discover and experience misogyny and sexism. In her own words, “I had finally come out of the closet only to be stuck in the kitchen.”

Sarah is indeed a daughter and a sister, but she is also an activist, an author, and a terrific motivational speaker. She authored the book *Tomorrow Will Be Different: Love, Loss and the Fight for Trans Equality* with a foreword from none other than former Vice-President Joe Biden, and served on the Board of Directors of Equality Delaware, where she helped lead the successful effort to add gender identity and expression to her state’s nondiscrimination laws. In 2008, Sarah worked for Governor Jack Markell (D-DE) and, in 2010, for former Attorney General Beau Biden (D-DE).

The Auxiliary of the Kutz Senior Living Campus is excited that this dynamic young woman will be sharing her insights and experiences with our guests at our annual Donor luncheon this May.



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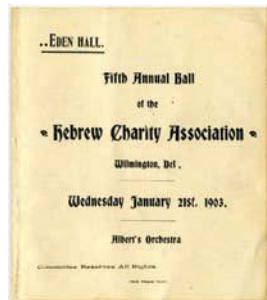
TRAVELING THROUGH TIME: Exploring the History of JFS

By Maddie Driban
Development & Communications Associate, JFS

1899:
Founded as the Hebrew Charity Association

MISSION: To alleviate the suffering and unfortunate members of our Jewish community; to assist them to become self-supporting; to act as a peace committee to adjust the differences between members of the Jewish community; in general, to perform all such duties as may come before us in the name of charity

1902:
Incorporated & Chartered
MOTTO: "From each according to his ability – to each according to his needs"



1919:
Funding came from a variety of sources including membership dues, repaid loans, donations and legacies, and proceeds from the Annual Ball

1930:
Changed name to Jewish Welfare Association of Wilmington
Board Bylaws required at least three members of the board to be female

1933:
Changed name to Jewish Welfare Society of Wilmington



Group photo at JCC, 1950s

1940:
Programs were established to assist refugees, provide marital counseling, and care for the aged and children

1959:
Became one of the original members of the United Community Fund

1960:
Changed name to Jewish Family Services of Delaware

Services expanded to support people beyond the Jewish Community

1970:
Joined the National Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies

MISSION: To promote the physical, spiritual, economic, and social welfare



2019 marks the 120th anniversary year of Jewish Family Services of Delaware serving the most vulnerable populations in our community. While our name, mission, staff, and services have evolved to address the changing needs of the community, the fundamental values and purpose of JFS are timeless.

Please enjoy this journey to explore the milestones and history of JFS.



Older adult class

of those individuals and families in Delaware whose well-being might be endangered by environmental causes, and to assist them in the development of their capabilities to live satisfying and useful lives

1988:
Became accredited by the Council of Accreditation of Services for Families & Children

1990:
JFS' Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center begins Pastoral & Healing Services

1998:
First satellite office opens in Claymont for Émigré Services

2000:
Established Jewish Volunteer Network

New programs provided for youth and workforce development

JFS Relationship Center opens in Newark as second satellite office



Hats off to volunteers, 2004

2016:
Opened an office in Sussex County to expand the footprint and reach of critical services throughout the state

Established the Dory Zatuschni Village Garden to welcome and nurture all

generations at JFS

2019:
Services are offered statewide to over 2,500 individuals and families
MISSION: To strengthen individuals, families, and the community by providing counseling and support services, guided by Jewish values



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THE CLIMBERS' HIGH

By Carrie Kee
Recreational Services Director, Siegel J



Carrie Kee and son Aidan scale the wall

PHOTO BY DANIELLE VENNARD



The Siegel J rock wall is open on
Sunday afternoons, 2 to 4 PM
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 PM

December 5th, 2017. It was a Tuesday.

Any other Tuesday, you might have seen me in leggings and a tee shirt anyway. This day was no different, except that, ultimately, it was.

This day, I was going to rock climb.

The rock wall was this Everest, looming over the gymnasium at all times: beautiful to look at, but daunting. From the moment I found myself back at the J, I knew I was ready to conquer it. But climbing isn't a lonely sport - you need a partner. There was no better home for community than the J, and thus, the brainchild of Open Climb was born.

You could overhear me through the halls of the J asking people if they were ready to "harness up." I walked through the fitness center with my gear on to let our members know that Open Climb was starting, to which I got more than one confused look. Before I could explain it to others, though, I had to learn myself!

Ryan, one of our rock wall supervisors, was laid back in his approach to teaching me how to belay. Once I was certified, I wanted to challenge myself. I quickly learned, however, that I was a bit overconfident in the routes I approached to say the least. I tried a 5.7 and swiftly realized that I needed to start with a beginner route, even though I was in decent physical shape! That's why I became a regular at Tuesday night Open Climb; the full body workout was the ultimate challenge.

When you climb, you work every muscle, from your fingertips to toes. Abs, obliques, biceps, you name it! Every part of your body is engaged, whether you're climbing or belaying.

The benefits extend beyond the physical, too: the mental barriers you break down while climbing are almost immeasurable. People refer to it as a "climbers high," a combination of problem solving, active engagement, and confidence. When you rock climb, you're only in competition with yourself.

When I finally did reach the top of that 5.7, I felt so proud. I stuck with it. My perseverance and persistence paid off. But I have to recognize the help that I had along the way, and I found that at Open Climb.

Challenge yourself in a new way, and you'll be amazed at the results. As with any new program it will take some practice and patience to learn the lingo, the moves, and the etiquette, but the payoff will be oh so satisfying. Whether you are looking to conquer a 5.12 or just getting used to completing 5.6's or have no clue why I am referring to numbers, we will welcome you at Open Climb.



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UD Hillel's Study Abroad Birthright Israel trip on top of Masada PHOTO BY HILARY JAMPEL

REINFORCING MY ROOTS: A TRIP TO ISRAEL

By Gillian Zucker
UD Hillel Birthright Participant

The beautiful ancestral songs and laughter in the Arabic and Hebrew languages spoken on every corner harmonize with the sounds of music and sizzling of frying falafel.

Vibrant and poignant street art transforms city walls into a gallery of masterpieces. The sun shines as if smiling upon the Holy Land. It radiates warmth on every green mountain, grain of desert sand, and wave of ocean water lapping at the shores of endless beaches.

It feels right to be here in Israel with the inspiring people on my bus and all in this spiritual air.

When I first received the email that the University of Delaware's Hillel was planning the first ever Birthright Israel study abroad trip, I thought that the opportunity was too good to be true. There had to be some sort of catch for me to be able to see some of the most beautiful and spiritually significant sites in the world while earning three college credits in a Food, Wine, and Culture course. Feeling

the travel bug and knowing this could be a life-changing adventure, I signed up and didn't look back. From the second we stepped off the plane I knew this trip would be different from your "typical" Birthright Israel trip.

Our first stop in Israel was at a spice farm, Derech Hatavlinim, in the North where we got to take in the beauty and vibrancy of Israeli flavors. We had a chance to try a variety of spices, like Za'atar, which makes pita and olive

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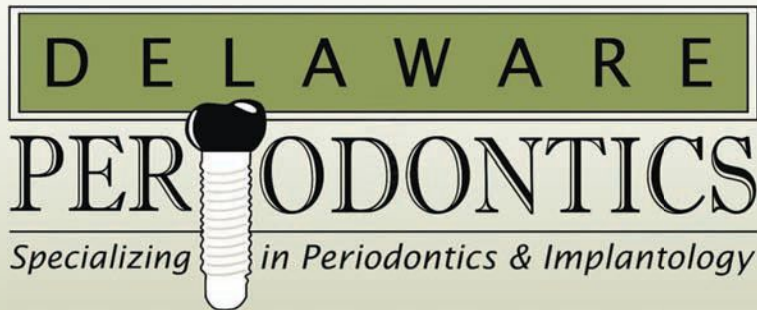
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oil come alive. We later got the chance to make our own blends of Za'atar, at a women-owned company. It all came together for a true "taste of Israel."

Every adventure still feels surreal, from Yad Vashem, to placing a note in the Western Wall, to hiking Masada, camel rides, and floating in the Dead Sea. In keeping with the study abroad focus of the trip, we learned about Druze culture by visiting a Druze village, cooking, and then eating a traditional Druze feast. For the wine focus of the trip we visited wineries, learned about what makes wine kosher, and of course, tasted ten different types of Israeli wine. I still can't believe I got to earn three credits for this experience.

Being raised in a multi-faith household brought so much light and learning about the universal values of being a good person and kind to all people. Yet, for the past 21 years, I struggled with feeling like I wasn't "Jewish enough." But for the first time, from our first orientation session, I felt a great sense of belonging and was inspired towards personal and spiritual growth. From conversations with staff and new friends, I started to realize that there is no one way to be Jewish and that I could form my own Jewish identity from this day forward. The culmination of this journey was becoming a Bat Mitzvah in Israel, tying my experience and the spiritual connection I continue to feel to Israel. Being Jewish is so important to me, and I will explore my identity within Judaism for the rest of my life.

Overall, being in Israel felt like a spiritual homecoming for me, and I will bring the lessons I have learned about religion and advocacy back to the work I do in the future to make a difference. To borrow from my Bat Mitzvah speech: I am so proud and thankful that I went on this trip for me, to meet such inspiring people, for my parents who gave me the foundation to take this journey, and my ancestors before me - who'd be really proud if they were here.



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A WANDER IN WUST

By Elisha Caplan
j-VOICE Committee Co-Chair

A bag of just-baked *challahs* on my shoulder, I rode over the bumpy cobblestone road to our apartment, half a mile away.

My husband Nigel and I were each busy in our own way as we worked to prepare Shabbat dinner for 29 in a field behind our host-family's barn. This was our second summer as a family in Wust, a tiny village in the former East Germany where we now spend the month of July each year. I teach English and run workshops and Nigel is Director of Studies for the *Sommerschule Wust*, a summer school for English language, literature, theater, and music, founded the year of *die Wende* (German reunification). Over the course of the month, American and British counselors teach English to some 320 German children and adults ranging in age from 9 to 80. Counselors teach English classes in the morning and give workshops ranging from politics to poetry, baking to *basteln* (arts and crafts), and everything in between, all in the name of speaking English and sharing cultures.

When we first started discussing the idea of going to Wust in 2016, I'd been excited, and a little bit nervous to spend such a long time in a place where I did not speak the language,



A 2018 Shabbat dinner, with our host, father Jorg Hellmuth (L), and Shabbat guests
PHOTO BY NIGEL CAPLAN

and where, my husband admitted, he'd been a little bit nervous to tell anyone he was Jewish when he first spent his summer teaching English there 20 years before. The opportunity to experience something so new and different as a family, and the many, many joyful stories

I'd heard over the years far outweighed any fears of anti-Semitism I might have had, and so after a final "yes" vote from our kids, who were just as thrilled about spending the

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The Caplan family at Harry Potter Night, another favorite Wust tradition
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summer in a new place, we booked our tickets, and started dreaming about what it would be like once we arrived.

Nigel tells the counselors that you get what you give in Wust. As a Jewish family, that means sharing Shabbat with our Wust family and friends.

It didn't escape us that creating a Shabbat dinner in Germany, let alone the former East Germany, is layered with significance. Religion was suppressed for nearly fifty years under the Communist regime, and while places of worship still stand in Wust and the surrounding Sachsen-Anhalt region, many local residents are still ambivalent towards any religion. The beautiful thirteenth-century church at

the center of Wust does not see regular attendance, and now shares a traveling pastor with over a dozen other churches. A very small Jewish community exists in Magdeburg, about 30 minutes away, and there are two other small Jewish communities with synagogues further away from where we spend our

time. Jewish life in Berlin, about an hour away, is strong, but in Wust, our family and occasionally one or two other counselors on staff are the only representation of Jewish life. Like other countries, Germany is experiencing a worrying rise of the extreme right, but in

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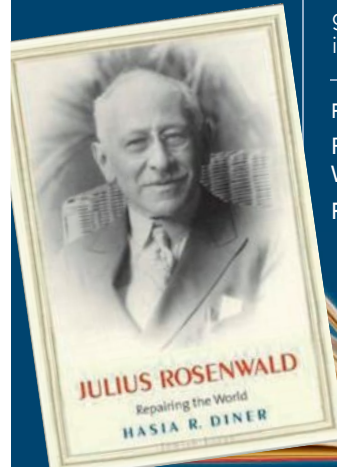
Wust we have never found anything but acceptance, curiosity, and friendship.

So how do you make Shabbat dinner for 29 in a village without any of the conveniences we have here in Wilmington, Delaware? First, I decided to teach a challah-baking workshop. About 15 participants attended, mostly children and a few adults. With improvised measuring implements and a temperamental oven, we baked eight loaves, sharing half with the bakers and their friends.

Next, we marinated I don't even know how many pounds of chicken that we then grilled because we didn't have a big enough oven, and our boys helped me prepare a salad and potatoes for roasting.

Our host family, ever supportive, set up a large table at the back of their beautiful property, and filled buckets of cold water to chill beverages (I've never seen ice in Wust). We bought lots of wine, lit votive candles we found in the bathroom, and as the sun set and our new friends began streaming in through the front gates, Shabbat in Wust began. For many of the people sharing dinner with us, this was their first experience of Shabbat.

As we chanted the prayers as a family and blessed our children, my heart was full.



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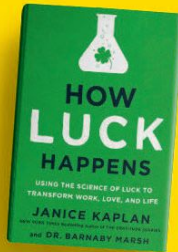

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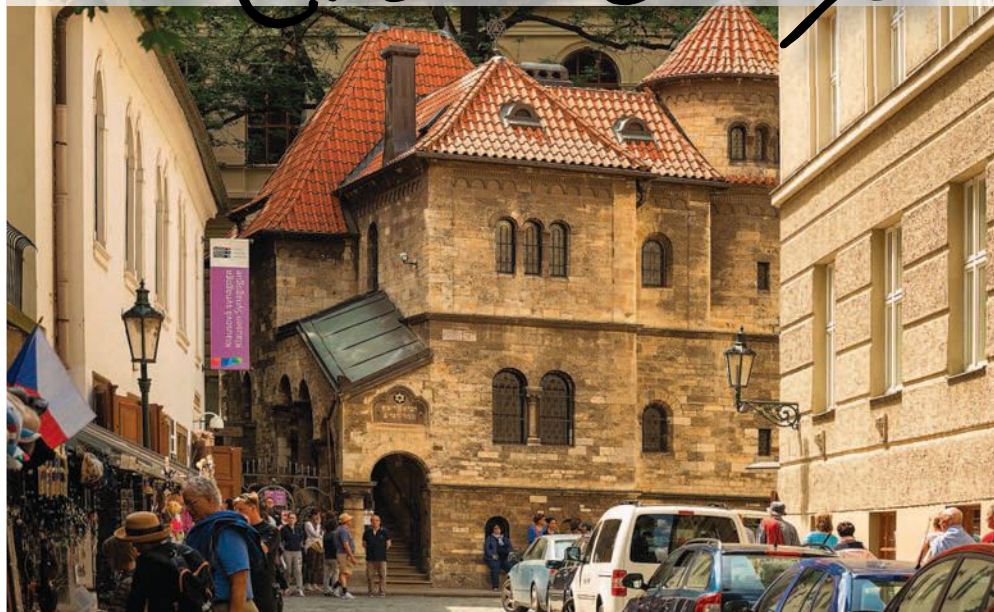
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By Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt



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BAT MITZVAH

DYLAN JAYLA STEINBERG

Dylan will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Congregation Beth Emeth. She is currently a seventh grader in the International Baccalaureate Program at Talley Middle School, an honors student, and a member of her school's National Junior Honors Society. She is involved in her school's drama club, jazz ensemble, and women's choir. Dylan is a song leader at Congregation Beth Emeth on Sunday mornings and every first Friday of the month. She is a passionate musician, playing multiple instruments, including guitar, which she has been learning for six years. She is an avid writer, writing music and various other forms of literature. She enjoys listening to music, spanning from classic rock-n-roll to musical theatre to current pop. For her Mitzvah project, Dylan will be raising money for *Innovation: Africa*, an Israeli nonprofit whose mission is to bring innovative Israeli solar and water technologies to remote African villages. Dylan is the daughter of Jennifer and Mitchell Steinberg and big sister to Tessa Steinberg.



Benjamin Weile

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BAR MITZVAH

BENJAMIN WEILE

Benjamin Weile will become a Bar Mitzvah on March 30, 2019. He is a distinguished honor roll student at Newark Charter School where he is a proud member of the Math League. Ben recently received his black belt in Kenpo Karate, and is currently working on his second degree stripe. He also enjoys art, and playing the piano.

For his Mitzvah project, Ben is volunteering at Faithful Friends Animal Society in Wilmington, DE (<https://faithfulfriends.us>) as a cat caregiver. He is also collecting donations of food and pet supplies for the many dogs and cats at the shelter. Donations can be dropped off in front of the main office at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Ben is the son of Stacy and Daniel Weile, and the brother of Hannah. His grandparents are Sharon and Stanley (deceased) Rubin of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Ruth (deceased) and Peter Weile of Boynton Beach, Florida.



Lilian Balick

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100TH BIRTHDAY

LILIAN BALICK

On Friday, January 25, Wilmington native Lilian Balick turned 100!! The event was marked with celebrations that day, with lunch, at the Siegel Jewish Community Center, the next day at Lodge Lane, and during the following Friday night Shabbat services at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Lil was one of five children born to David and Fannie Waxman on January 25, 1919, in Wilmington. She distinguished herself as the very first WOMAN hired as a sales associate at Airbase Carpet Market, and helped put this Delaware business on the map! She went on to serve as a sales associate at Hyman Reiver and Co., specializing in carpeting and flooring. Lil opened the door for other women who followed in her wake. She still possesses the same sparking conversation and gift for gab that made her a success in her professional life.

She is blessed with three doting children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She is a beloved member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

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Q ■ It is said that Yom Kippur is comparable to Purim (Yom Ha-K'Purim...A Day like Purim) because on both we "masquerade." What is your take on this?

A ■ RABBI ELISA F. KOPPEL
Congregation Beth Emeth

It is easy to think of Purim and Yom Kippur as opposites—Purim, a holiday that is focused on fun and Yom Kippur, one of the most somber holidays. But they are also more like a Mobius strip, where what appear to be two different sides are actually one and the same. While celebration and indulgence may seem to be the opposite of abstaining and affliction, they bring us to the same result.

On Purim, we remember the time when Queen Esther used her power and position to save the Jewish people. On Yom Kippur, we focus on our own power and position, and consider how we might act in the year to come, perhaps in order to not only help ourselves, but to save others, as well.

But I think there's more to it. While on Purim, we dress up in all kinds of costumes, we also masquerade on Yom Kippur. I'm not talking about who can wear the nicest outfit to synagogue (although we should note that this happens—even as thinking about what others

are wearing goes against the meaning of the day). But about what we do wear. There is a tradition of wearing white on Yom Kippur—not only the rabbis and cantors in robes. In some Jewish traditions, it is even traditional to wear a *kittel*—a white, tied robe, also traditional for men at their wedding, and often what a person is buried in. It is also a day where the tradition is to not wear leather soled shoes, so that all are equal on the day that we enter judgement. And it's a day on which we wear a *tallit* (prayer shawl) the entire day, as we are in services virtually the entire day. *Kol Nidrei* (the evening service) is, in fact, the only evening service at which a *tallit* is worn. This is the unique garb of Yom Kippur.

But we also masquerade in a different way. How many of us go through the words of formal apology, without really meaning it? How many pretend to be more righteous than we truly are? How many do not look at ourselves fully enough to truly engage in *teshuvah*, but instead remain on the surface?

Perhaps each holiday can take something from the other—allowing us to learn from each holiday, get through the costumes, towards the depth of their meaning.

RABBI PETER GRUMBACHER
Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Beth Emeth

I remember the Purim many years ago when this introduction was made at our *megillah* reading: "Rabbi Grumbacher was called away for an emergency, but Rabbi Esther was able to be here." With that I walked on the *bimah* with lipstick, rouge, a long wig and a *schatte* on my head, and wearing my clergy robe.

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Now, as one who is 6'5" I was surprised how long it took for the kids and adults to realize it was me after all. What a successful costume! What a masquerade!

Sometimes on Yom Kippur (biblically called *Yom Ha-Kippurim* which may read *Yom k'Purim*, "a day like Purim"; the word "k" meaning "like" or "as") we masquerade as pious Jews, but as some ministers and priests say about their flock on special days, "They're 'revolving' Christians, in on Christmas and out on Easter." So is the case with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Of course there are those who are "regulars" in the synagogues. They are present every Shabbat, sometimes during the week as well. But is this real or a masquerade? Fortunately, most have an authentic sense of the Eternal in their lives, but in some cases Jewish identity is only within the four walls of the synagogue; we're not so pious in our personal and professional lives.

There are those who wear the mask of Captain Justice: Guardian of the Poor and Oppressed, the Orphan and the Widow. They pay verbal homage to the causes of social justice yet do better with the *idea* of justice than the hard work of justice. I know such a leader who loved humanity but didn't particularly love humans.

Purim is the time when we're permitted - even encouraged - to wear masks; on Yom Kippur we are asked to leave those masks behind and seriously look at ourselves for what we are, what we've done and how we plan to change.



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Shabbat on the Sea

By Rabbi Peggy Berman de Prophetis
Congregation Beth Shalom

Have you ever been on a cruise?

If your answer is “yes” you are one of more than 27 million cruise passengers who sailed in 2018.

Assuming your cruise was at least a week, you probably went to at least one Shabbat service—I say this advisedly since my part-time status at Congregation Beth Sholom in Dover allows me to serve as a cruise rabbi, as I have done from time to time on Holland America, Cunard, and Royal Caribbean lines.

I know that Jews who may never go to services at home will nevertheless still attend at least one Shabbat service, usually the first, on board a ship. Why? They are curious that there would be services on board, and they come to see what’s involved and who is the rabbi. They also want to see who the other Jews are.

And I’ve seen that most people don’t attend just once. They come back for a number of reasons. The length of the service is limited to 45 minutes, so it’s not a big time commitment. They can easily go to services and still make their dinner reservation. Some like the *oneg* (refreshments) at the end of the service and the time to talk to fellow Jews. Moreover, Shabbat services are another form of the ship’s entertainment, right up there with bridge and ballroom dancing. But most notably is that, being away from home, and for the most part among strangers, the service provides an opportunity to enjoy Jewish community, both socially and religiously. And in fact, because of the layout of the ship, Shabbat participants’ paths are likely to cross at least a few times a day on deck, in the dining room, at the shows, and elsewhere.

Clergy are hired by the Entertainment Department and we are expected to be both appropriately rabbinic and, well, as I said, entertaining. For example, on Chanukah, another rabbi and I perform a humorous debate about which is better—the Passover *latke* or the Purim *hamantasch*. Passengers love it, and at the end we ask them to vote on a winner. Usually, they generously claim it’s a tie. And speaking of food, the *oneg* which the cruise line normally provides, may have *challah*, wine, *gefilte* fish, and sponge cake on Shabbat, adding potato *latkes*, and applesauce for Chanukah and *matzah* for Pesach.

Another rabbi I know who served as a cruise rabbi was asked by the shipboard staff if they should provide *hamantaschen* for the Shabbat *oneg*. He said “No, thank you. It’s not the holiday when we eat them.” To his dismay, he learned from passengers who had sailed on this particular cruise line that the pastry chef made divine *hamantaschen*, so they always asked for them. And so you guessed it: next Shabbat, the rabbi told the ship’s dining staff that, yes, now was the time for the *hamantaschen*. And his shipboard congregation was appeased.

From the ship’s point of view, Shabbat means only Friday night services. There is no Saturday morning service with Torah reading. Passengers may come from many Jewish backgrounds, several different countries, and English may not be everyone’s first language, thus compromises must be made. The ship usually provides Reform prayer books. Since the time allotted for the service and *oneg* is usually limited to no more than an hour you must keep to schedule because other activities may be scheduled in the room used for the service or the passengers may have dinner reservations.

As the rabbi I am also expected to visit the sick if they request it. I am expected to offer counseling if asked. If a couple wants to get married or renew marriage vows, I have to be prepared to do that too. Contrary to what you may have heard, ship’s captains may not perform weddings unless they are also ordained clergy or otherwise licensed to do it.

Today’s cruise ships are not like those you may have seen on the old TV series *The Love Boat*. If someone dies on the ship, you cannot bury that person at sea. There are many reporting procedures required before one can bury a loved one’s body at sea—whether whole body or even releasing cremains. For instance, there is a miles-from-shore limit requirement and the specific urn must be made of a substance that will allow the ashes to spread slowly enough to mix in with the ocean water at a level that is virtually undetectable and not a danger to sea life.

In addition to Shabbat, cruise guests also have the opportunity to celebrate other Jewish holidays. On Chanukah, an electric *Chanukiyah* is supplied as well as potato *latkes*, *sufganiyot*, and wine. I bring chocolate *gelt*, dreidels, and song sheets, and provide an entertaining, informative activity each night. I cannot speak to the High Holy Day services on board, as I am committed to leading them at Congregation Beth Sholom, but on Passover, Holland America Line provides a beautiful *seder* in a private room with chicken from Empire Kosher, however there are no separate dishes or pots and pans. (On some ships there is an inventory of kosher meals you can order at no charge.) The rabbi provides the *haggadot* and runs the *seder*. There was a sign-up sheet required and the one time I agreed to run the *seder*, more than half the people signing up were not Jewish. It was on their bucket list. But it was beautiful and many Jews who attended had never experienced the entire *seder*, especially the after-the-meal parts. Although *seder* night is a night of questions, for me it became a week of questions, as I invited all guests to ask whatever they wanted during the trip.

So if you like cruising, don’t neglect the opportunity for Jewish community on board the ship. Maybe I’ll see you next Chanukah on the Royal Caribbean’s *Serenade of the Seas*!



Nashuva's Rabbi Naomi Levy Tashlich on the Beach PHOTO CREDIT: LUCY NICHOLSON/REUTERS

CALIFORNIA HERE I COME:

Traveling Jewish in The Golden State

By Rabbi Michael Beals
Congregation Beth Shalom

To many people a trip to California might include a visit to Disneyland, Universal Studios, Grauman's Chinese Theatre with the footprints of the stars, and a day at the beach. Done.

With a little more time to spare, perhaps you will take an adventurous drive up the infamous Coast Route 1 to San Francisco, via Carmel and Monterey.

Missing, however, from the common itinerary is the breadth of Jewish culture, with museums and synagogues, and great kosher eateries that puts Manhattan to shame!

Today California has one of the largest Jewish American populations in the country, topping out at about one million (of a total U.S. Jewish population of just under six million). The Golden State's main Jewish communities are found in Los Angeles (most notably in Westwood and Beverly Hills), and the San Francisco Bay Area (near Berkeley and Oakland). There are smaller Jewish communities in the state's interior capital, Sacramento, Orange County, San Diego, and in the southern California desert community of Palm Springs.

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LOS ANGELES

In 1841, Jacob Frankfort arrived in the Mexican Pueblo of Los Angeles in what was then Alta California. He was the city's first Jew. When California was admitted to the Union in 1850, the U.S. census recorded that there were eight Jews living in Los Angeles. Morris L. Goodman was the first Jewish Councilman in 1850 and Joseph Newmark, a lay rabbi, began conducting the first informal Sabbath services in Los Angeles in 1854. Newmark helped found the Hebrew Benevolent Society for the evolving Jewish community. The first Jewish cemetery was acquired in 1855, in Chavez Ravine, the present day home of Dodger Stadium.

The oldest congregation in Los Angeles, started in 1862, and was the Reform Movement's Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

And this is where we begin our tour:

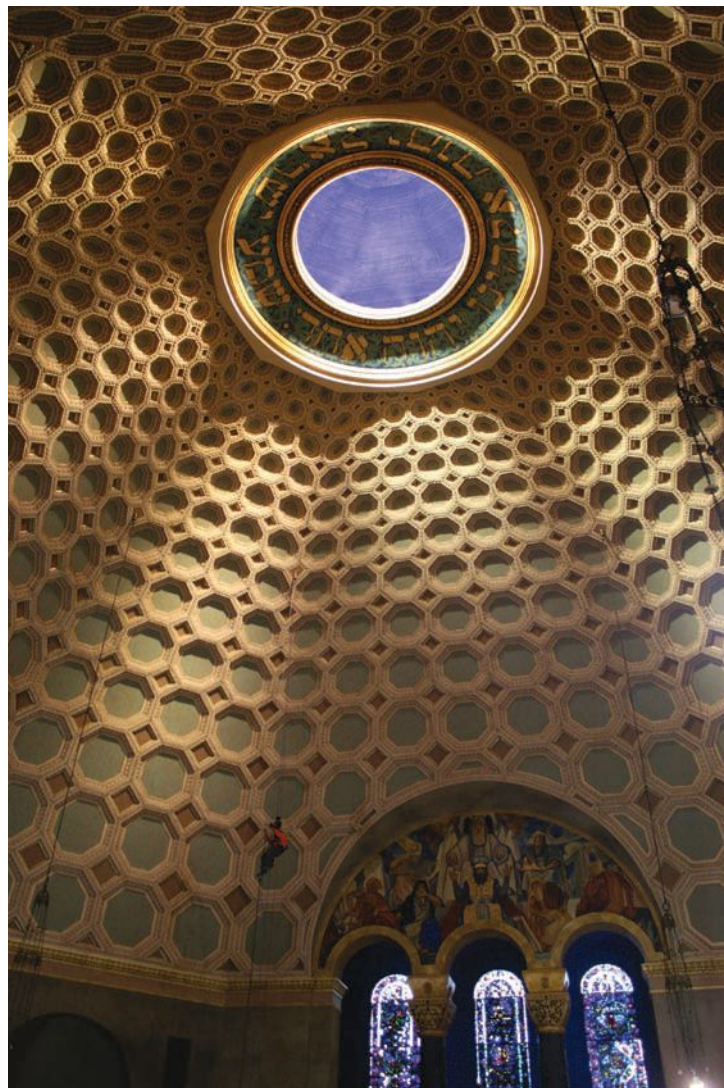
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The current Wilshire Boulevard Temple, located in what is today Korea Town, midway between the Jewish Fairfax District and Downtown, opened in 1929. It was the dream of famed Rabbi Edgar Magnin, "the Rabbi to the stars." Hollywood producers, with marginal religious interest, were attracted to Magnin's image of popular modern Judaism. This image comes through in both the grand, external Byzantine revival dome, at 100 feet in diameter with its top 135 feet from the street, and an interior modeled after Rome's Pantheon. Not to be missed are the interior Biblically-themed Warner Memorial Murals, painted by Hugo Balin, and commissioned by the Warner Brothers: Jack, Harry, and Albert. The mural completely flouts the Jewish prohibition of figurative synagogue art, portraying great moments in Jewish history.

But Jewish communal life did not begin in the neighborhoods surrounding the Wilshire Blvd. Temple. Rather, Jewish life began in what is today Mexican American-populated East LA., on what was then Brooklyn Avenue (later renamed Cesar Chavez Ave as the demographics changed), in the old Boyle Heights neighborhood, near the intersection of Interstates 5, 10, and US 101. And the last physical expression of this original Jewish neighborhood is the Breed Street Shul.



Wilshire Boulevard Temple

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Opened in 1923, the synagogue's grand façade includes alternating bands of dichromatic brick work, dense, prickly foliage carvings, organic motifs, Stars of David in bas relief, with cast-stone detail. The Boyle Heights section of LA was home to the city's most populous Jewish community from 1910 to 1950. The neighborhood boasted many kosher butchers, bakeries, delis, bookstores, and other shops catering to the Jewish community.

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After World War II, the Jewish community moved west, first to Fairfax Avenue, home of the still-popular, open 24/4, NOT kosher Canter's Deli, and still further south to the vibrant Pico-Robertson neighborhood (near the intersection of Pico and Robertson Blvds).

You can simply eat your way through many kosher restaurants of Pico-Robertson, reflecting the cultural diversity of the neighborhood. Here are my top picks:

1. Harissa Restaurant (formerly Got Kosher)

8914 W. Pico Blvd., 90035
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The restaurant reflects the heritage of chef-owner Alan Cohen, in his authentic centuries of Tunisian dishes, created with techniques he learned working in his family's Paris restaurant. Be sure to stop by their bakery, and bring me back their famous Belgian Chocolate Chunk or Kalamata Olive & Rosemary challah.

2. Pico Kosher Deli

8826 W. Pico Blvd., 90035
TEL (310) 273-9381

Hailed as the "Best Kosher Deli outside of New York," Pico Kosher Deli is LA's first kosher deli. Try the Chicken Matzo Ball or Mushroom Barley soups. Some of the favorites are the Beef shish Kabob, a Turkey Club "to die for," stacked high with turkey and crispy pastrami.

Nashuva Tashlich on Venice Beach ADAPTED FROM PHOTO BY JAY LAWRENCE GOLDMAN



3. Shushiko

9340 W. Pico Blvd., LA 90035
TEL (310) 272-3474

This restaurant knows how to do sushi, including some great innovations, like the Yellowtail Jalapeno or the Seared Cajun Tuna Carpaccio. If you have a group, just order the Sushi Boat, so you don't have to decide. And if you really have room for dessert, try their Banana Foster – caramelized bananas and raisins atop vanilla ice cream.

4. Kolah Farangi

9180 W. Pico Blvd., LA 19803
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This is actually one of my favorite kosher restaurants in LA due to its fusion menu – Chinese on one side, to appeal to the Ashkenazi Jews, and Persian on the other side, to appeal to the largest expatriate Iranian-Jewish population outside of Teheran. I've tried their Chicken Soltani and Chelo Kabob Barg beef dishes, and loved them both. Be sure to order any dish over their famed Zereshk Polo, a very flavorful barberry rice.

5. Shiloh's

8939 W. Pico Blvd., LA 90035
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If you're celebrating a special birthday or anniversary, or if your corporate account or wealthy mother-in-law is paying, this steak house cannot be missed. You

might splurge with the Cote de Boeuf for Two, 38-40 oz. of steak, bone-in, at a modest \$119, or the Lamb Lollypops at \$69. Frankly, I was perfectly happy with their mouth-watering Rib Eye Steak at \$39, served with a potato of your choice, and veggies.

If you keep traveling west on Pico Blvd., you come to one of the Jewish museum treasures of LA, and perhaps the world, the Museum of Tolerance, the educational wing of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, at the corner of Pico and Roxbury Drive.

MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE

9786 W. Pico Blvd., LA 90035
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This museum is the only museum in the world dedicated to challenging visitors to understand the Holocaust in both historic and contemporary contexts, and confront all forms of prejudice

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and discrimination in the world today. I love this museum and believe its experiential approach to education can be transformative to the visitor as it explores the dynamics of bigotry and discrimination that are STILL embedded in society today. Be sure to make time for the permanent Anne Frank exhibition too.

Since we're talking about museums, once you leave the Jewishly-rich Pico-Robertson neighborhood, head west on Pico to the 405-San Diego Freeway, then head north into the Mulholland Pass, and get off at Mulholland Drive, crossing above the freeway into the next Jewish museum treasure in LA.

SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER

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The Skirball is a place of meeting guided by the Jewish tradition of welcoming the stranger and inspired by the American democratic ideals of freedom and equality. Inspired by the American Reform Movement's ideals of merging Jewish and American values into a common theme, this museum's message is not only to explore Jewish physical culture, but also calls upon visitors to help build a more just society. There is a special permanent Noah's Ark section which makes this museum especially kid-friendly. The J Paul Getty Museum is right down the hill – worth several hours – the outdoor gardens are stunning as are the views, further down the road is the Leo Baeck Temple and up the hill are both The American University (where I began my rabbinic education) and the Stephen Wise Temple.

Since we are speaking about synagogues to pray in, as opposed to visiting as tourist attractions, I have two I recommend you to try:

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SAN FRANCISCO

The Jewish community of San Francisco dates its inception to the California Gold Rush of 1848, when Jews from Germany were fleeing persecution, while also pursuing economic opportunities along with the “forty-niners” – those seeking gold in the hills to the east of San Francisco. The most famous of these German Jews was Levi Straus, whose elaborate resting place in the Hills of Eternity in Colma, CA is also the eternal home to my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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How could you leave the San Francisco Bay Area without a visit to my alma mater, the University of California at Berkeley! The Magnes is a stunning Jewish museum featuring art, objects, texts, and historical documents about the Jews in the Global Diaspora and the American West. It is well worth a visit – but make sure you also check out Sproul Plaza on the university campus to watch free speech and Berkeley crazy in action.

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By Jaidy Schweers, Editor



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Draped alongside the Mediterranean coastline, Tel Aviv has an ever-eclectic vibe and is thriving.

Buildings stand tall, contemporary and proper, juxtaposed by the demure, charming and culturally stated structures dotted in-between. Crystalline sapphire waters are fringed with ivory soft sand, just steps from a bustling metropolis. Coined as the Miami of the Middle East by travel aficionados, Tel Aviv has effectively garnered bucket-list status.

Israel's second largest city—on the heels of Jerusalem—Tel Aviv is comprised of nearly 400,000 diverse, and largely progressive inhabitants, boasting one of the most gay-friendly culture's in the world. In addition to its eclecticism, Tel Aviv is also a global leader in technology and innovation. Driving north along the coast, the long strip of technology clusters known as Silicon Wadi is attention-getting. The city and its surrounding areas are home to hundreds of venture capital firms and global tech giant operations like Google, IBM, Microsoft, and Facebook.

With pockets of old and new architecture, culturally-rich neighborhoods, popular beaches, phenomenal shopping, impressive eats, and unique surrounding cities, there are plenty of reasons to think of Tel Aviv as a vacation hotspot.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Tel Aviv is officially named Tel Aviv-Yafo, reflecting the fact that the city has grown beside (and absorbed) the ancient port city of Yafo—commonly referred to as Jaffa, one of the world's oldest ports—and spans the coast approximately ten miles from south to north in rectangular fashion. The city developed in this northerly direction from Jaffa and was only founded in 1909 when the walls of Jaffa could no longer contain its residents. Today travelers can experience unique finds in virtually any part of the city.

The north is filled with some of Tel Aviv's wealthier, suburban neighborhoods. You will also find Tel Aviv University with its beautiful sprawling campus, and Joshua Gardens, similar to New York's Central Park. A beautiful place to watch the sunset before dinner is Tel Aviv Port, which is a ritzy scene of restaurants, clubs, and nightlife. Hungry for fish? Try Benny the Fisherman, an upscale seafood restaurant with a signature-prepared fried whole fish.



HaCarmel Market PHOTO BY J.SCHWEERS

In Central Tel Aviv, travelers can enjoy the bustling beach life at the Shore Promenade. Most of the beaches here are busy (head up to the beaches north or go to Jaffa if you want a bit of solitude) with lots to do. There are plenty of chairs and umbrellas for rent, large lifeguard posts, bathrooms, outdoor showers, beach-gear shops, and playgrounds. Don't miss a nice little bar and restaurant called Bistro Masada overlooking the promenade on HaYarkon Street. You can don your flip flops and sarongs and enjoy some fresh cocktails, salads, and tasty lamb kabobs in its open-air atmosphere. And if you're looking for a local hotspot for falafel, head to Falafel Gabai on Bograshov Street. It's packed with locals (a good sign of authenticity), and is cheap (a rarity in Israel). Central Tel Aviv is also home to small, beautiful streets with charming cafés and shopping. Dizengoff Street boasts some of the hottest shops in Tel Aviv for fashion lovers.

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Shakshouka PHOTO BY J.SCHWEERS

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Foodies will be delighted with a visit to the HaCarmel Market where visitors take in the taste and smells of a proper Israeli *shuk* (market; usually open air). Be sure to head to Bar Ochel for a Goldstar (Israel's popular dark lager beer) and some of Tel Aviv's best *shakshouka*.

The southern part of Tel Aviv includes some of its first developed areas and offers those who enjoy trendy scenes like SoHo and the Village in New York City an equally captivating experience. Here is where one can find the chic and artsy neighborhood Neve Tzedek, with its unique boutiques, bistros, and intimate music venues in and around Shabazi Street, the main thoroughfare in Neve Tzedek. Don't miss the Suzanne Dellal Center for Dance and Theater, which has an incredible reputation for beautiful work.

Moving even more southward is Jaffa, an immersive cultural experience steeped in history—where you'll find a range of restaurants and shops that intertwine throughout the *melekeh* limestone (ancient Jerusalem stone) structured neighborhoods and narrow cobblestoned streets. This historic, walled section of Tel Aviv presents elements of allure and curiosity, with beautifully-ornate doors and draping bougainvillea, to scenic and eye-catching graffiti painted throughout its neighborhoods. During the day, make your way through the hilly, alleyways filled with small art galleries, antique dealers and jewelry shops. Head down the winding pathways to get a view of the coast and the Tel Aviv skyline from the old port, and then back over to *shuk* Ha Pishpishim (Old Jaffa Flea Market) to rummage through vendor stalls overflowing with antiques, art and knickknacks. And when the sun sets, this area is also a great place to enjoy drinks and indulge in an assortment of some of Israel's signature dishes.

FOOD

If food impresses you, you will love Israel. You will be spoiled over the choices. The melting pot of cultures is not only visible on every street corner of Tel Aviv, but equally presents itself through its culinary offerings. Hummus, for example, can be prepared in a myriad of ways. Despite starting from a base of four ingredients (chickpeas, sesame, lemon and garlic), Jordanians, Israelis, Lebanese, Palestinians, and Druze, all have different methods of preparing their hummus and all influence the restaurants throughout Israel.

Salads, kebab, falafel, and pita are some of the most familiar of staples you will find. But it would behoove you to explore other signature dishes you may not be familiar with, as by day three of your trip, your taste buds might be calling out for more than just falafel. Try dishes such as *shakshouka*: eggs poached in a simmered stew of tomatoes,

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peppers, onions, cayenne, cumin, and paprika, served with bread or pita; *labneh*: a lush thick yogurt garnished with rich oil, and the fragrant spice of *za'atar*, also served with bread or vegetables; *cholent*: a traditional Jewish stew of meat, potatoes, barley, and beans, simmered overnight.

The word 'bland' does not exist here; the full body of flavors will send you straight to the nearest *shuk* to stock up on the heaps of spices you won't likely find in your neighborhood Acme.

GETTING AROUND

Getting around the city on your own is very easy. Taxis are everywhere and you can either hail them off the street or download the app, Gett Taxi, which is Israel's car service and rideshare version of Uber and Lyft. If you have an idea of price to where you're headed, you can agree on a rate with the driver before the drive. If you don't, the driver will use the meter (which is accurate). Most everything in Israel is expensive, taxis, however, are not unreasonable. And once you become comfortable with the rates, you can haggle on price especially on busy nights. Taxi drivers are also generally very mindful and safe. They do not normally accept more passengers than seatbelts. If you are traveling as a couple or solo, bike rentals are also an option and are available in many shops or up and down the beach. But if you're a family, the cost of bikes for the day can add up to be much costlier than taxis.

The optimal ways to see the city are by walking, taxis, and bikes, but to explore the sites outside of the city, try the Israel Railway system, buses, car rentals, and/or hire a tour guide. There is a train that goes directly to and from Ben Gurion Airport.

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Jaffa PHOTO BY J.SCHWEERS

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DAY TRIPS

Once you've settled in for a few days in Tel Aviv, expand your experience and grab a guide and head outside of the city. Israel is an easy place to explore.

For some travelers, the idea of a private tour guide can be burdensome or unnecessary, but in Israel the amount of education and preparation that guides must undertake to be certified is different than most anywhere in the world, and therefore they truly are one-of-a-kind. Their jobs are not only to point you in the right direction or make sure you have a smooth and safe ride, but to infuse stories, perspective, and history into your experience.

Set your sails on heading up to the Golan Heights. Spend some time near Tiberias, breathing in the Sea of Galilee, peering just over the Jordanian border. Then head to the artists' colony in Tzefat, and wind your way through the narrow, cobblestoned streets. Enjoy the most mouth-watering Yemenite street food at Lahuhe on Alkabets Street.

Take a jaunt up to Rosh Hanikra located between the Israel and Lebanese border and ride a cable car down to a spectacular view of the grottos, which open from the high, white cliffs alongside the Mediterranean.

And most definitely, take the hour and a half drive to Jerusalem. Visit the Western Wall and touch the layers of limestone, rich with history (over 4,000 years). Stroll through the Armenian Market near the Jaffa Gate and shop for leather sandals, Bedouin jewelry, and Arabic textiles. Travel down to the buzz at the Old Train Station and listen to trendy music, drink craft beer, or sit down for a delicious Thai meal at Station 9. And do not miss a purchase of *rugalach* (the best you'll ever have) at the Mahane Yehuda Market on Ha-Rav Shmuel Barukh Street.

And if you want to travel a little farther, head for Masada and the Dead Sea where you will experience a mix of history, science, relaxation, and adventure.

Wherever you drift, it is inevitable that your Israeli journey will be a scenic and history-rich, mind-altering experience.



TOP: Tzefat PHOTO BY J.SCHWEERS
BOTTOM: Grottos at Rosh Hanikra PHOTO BY J.SCHWEERS

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TOP: Lilith in the Torah

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BOTTOM: Hagar and Sarah

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JEWISH STORIES THAT WOULD MAKE GREAT THEATER

By Jenna Glazier, *Strip it Down*

With shows like *Once On This Island* and *Torch Song* recently giving their final performances on Broadway, it's only natural to wonder what's coming up next. To brainstorm a little, I came up with a list of Jewish stories, figures, and characters that would fit perfectly on a stage.

Disclaimer: My picks are unabashedly influenced by a mix of the new RBC movie and the new *Mary Queen of Scots* movie—I know, it seems weird, but I promise it will work. Grab a drink and let's talk theater. *L'chaim!*

THE MYTH OF LILITH

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MIRIAM

Honestly, her song *When You Believe* in *The Prince of Egypt* earned Miriam her own production years ago. This tambourine-shaking pioneer would be spell-bounding in a script. She is one of the most action-driven



women in the entire Torah—looking over her brother (Moses), leading women out of Egypt, and speaking her mind. Miriam's character and life story would create a beautiful piece of theater.

THE MATRIARCHS or IMAHOT (אמאיות)

We know enough about the founding fathers; it's time we get to see the core-four take over Broadway. Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, the *imahot*, are some of the most important female figures mentioned in the Torah. Each one carries their own long, complex tail of stories that could be spun into a dozen different plots to be put on stage. There are themes of female alliance, taking down the patriarchy, and male privilege in each of these women's stories—there's no way they weren't eventually supposed to be turned into theater.

THE RED TENT

The best-selling book, originally published in 1997, could be brilliantly refreshed and redesigned for the stage. Plus, it passes the Bechdel test . . . so what's not to love? The *Red Tent* emphasizing the very importance of storytelling, especially stories of women. Through the eyes of young Dinah, we learn the stories of her childhood, her mother's, and those of the matriarchs in the Torah. This beautiful story was also adapted for film back in 2014, so it's next stop could easily be Broadway.

HAGAR AND SARAH

Think *Mary Queen of Scots* with Saoirse Ronan and Margot Robbie, but Jewish. The relationship between Hagar and Sarah is compelling, complicated, and hard to fathom. However, it gives us a look into early female friendships and relationships, how women were groomed to turn against one another, and how the underlying heartbeat of

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Jenna Glazier is a Delaware native, now studying theatre at Emerson College in the hopes to professionally pursue directing. Strip It Down is her way of combining her passion for feminism, theatre, and Jewish identity. Read more from Strip It Down at stripit-down.squarespace.com/ and find more by Jenna at heyalma.com.

sisterhood can sometimes override that. Hagar and Sarah have many different stories together in the Torah, providing an ample amount of material for any ambitious playwright.

WOMEN OF THE WALL

The ultimate *mechitzah* story. *Women of the Wall* is a diverse, multi-denominational feminist group that fights for equal rights and space for women to pray at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. In the context of theater, the story of these women could go in any direction—documentary, abstract, or realism. We rarely hear the voices of modern Jewish women, especially those that live in Israel. Creating a piece of art for the revolutionary work of the *Women of the Wall* could open the eyes of Jewish, and non-Jewish people globally.

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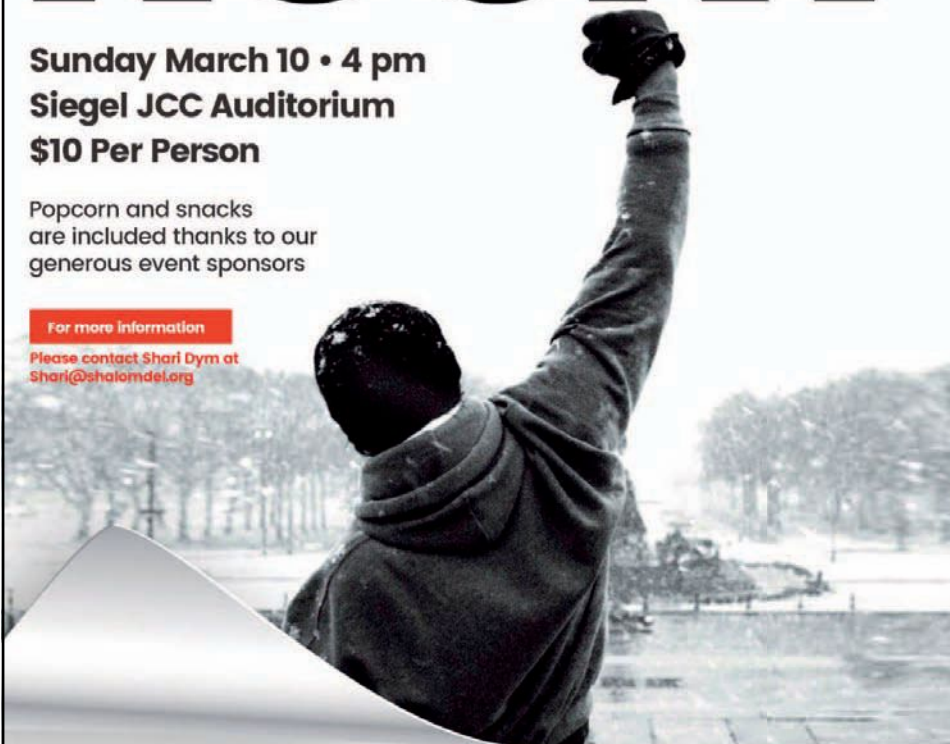
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TO SOME DEGREE

By Yoni Glatt
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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
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ACROSS

- 1. Some Israelis
- 6. Words before end or angle
- 10. Altar's alcove
- 14. Anti-Semitic character played by a Jew
- 15. 2018 NFC champions
- 16. Collinsworth who called games with the 15-Across
- 17. Events most yeshiva boys skip before their weddings
- 20. 1,760 make a mi.
- 21. Air balls miss them
- 22. Squeaky door part
- 23. "Go ___ Watchman" (Lee book)
- 24. Harry and George, e.g.
- 26. Marvel character who might know kabbalah
- 30. Bring about, as suspicion
- 31. Kermit's greeting
- 32. FICA fundee
- 35. Animal needed for the passing over
- 36. Office manager on "The Office"
- 37. On-the-go Sony devices, for short
- 38. "Gift" to be skeptical of
- 39. Give off
- 41. Shea and Arthur Ashe
- 43. Hang with a chevra
- 46. Pop-up costs
- 48. It can be more
- 49. 19th-century German poet Heinrich
- 50. Not fizzing
- 51. One on a beat
- 54. Arnold Rothstein and Meyer Lansky, e.g.
- 58. Crosswords ox
- 59. Historical Robert
- 60. They've become cool, nowadays
- 61. Rather and Fogler
- 62. Property paper
- 63. Say "Shalom"

DOWN

- 1. "Dear" writer
- 2. Driving range?
- 3. Homer paths
- 4. "Harrumph!"
- 5. Music setups
- 6. Scents
- 7. ___ and feathers
- 8. Kiss equipment
- 9. "Snowden" org.
- 10. Playing a part
- 11. 24-Across are her descendants, for short
- 12. The Assyrians laid one on Jerusalem
- 13. More than a third of Mississippi?
- 18. A little more than a quart, to a Brit
- 19. Protected animal, for short
- 23. Concert keepsake
- 24. Formally proper
- 25. "Go team!"
- 26. Notable chipmunk
- 27. "___ my uncle used to call it..." (start of a punchline)
- 28. Analogy
- 29. "Not ___ know of"
- 33. Fast card game
- 34. "... ___ Hashem nagilah v'nishmichah bo"
- 36. Photos, briefly
- 37. Doggie digits
- 39. First name in cosmetics
- 40. Animated man with a Tavern
- 41. Vapor
- 42. Mic check word
- 44. Ana and Barbara
- 45. Like the U.S. and Israel
- 46. Sportscaster Rashad
- 47. Country music star Carter
- 50. Available
- 51. Give a hoot
- 52. Shoppe sign word
- 53. "Hey, over here"
- 55. Notable cow color
- 56. 2016 W.S. losers to the Cubs
- 57. ___ Tamid

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DORIS S. KANE (NEE SAPP)

Kennett Square - Age 90, passed away Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Born March 4, 1928 in Wilmington, DE, she was the daughter of the late David and Rosalie (nee Topkis) Sapp. Doris attended #30 School in Wilmington, P. S. duPont High School, and graduated from Wilmington Friends School. She was a very good bridge player and recently loved playing bridge on the computer. Doris loved her hand-held solitaire game and vacationing in Mexico where she made many friends. She will be remembered for her generosity to family, friends, and charities, and missed by her friends, neighbors, nieces, and nephews.

Doris is survived by her husband of 70 years, Eugene Kane; children, Candace Tesler (Burt) and Randall Kane (Diane); grandchildren, Scott and Will Tesler and Mia and Abby Kane.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802.

MICHAEL SALTZMAN, BEACH LOVER

February 11, 2019

Michael Robert Saltzman, 71, of Lewes passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019, at Beebe Healthcare, Lewes. He was born July 19, 1947, in Glen Ridge, N.J., to Sheppard and Etta Saltzman.

He was raised in Caldwell, N.J., graduating from James Caldwell High School in 1965. Michael attended Syracuse University where he earned a bachelor's degree in business, and met his future wife and loving partner, Fran Saltzman. After earning his MBA at Northeastern University, he went on to a career in government and public service.

Settling in Northern Virginia, first in Alexandria and then Vienna, where he lived for 40 years, he worked as a budget analyst for the United States Department of Energy. He was a loving and involved father to daughter Erica, and son Dave, cheering at soccer games, attending band concerts, driving to color guard practices, and helping with homework and science fair projects. Always seeking to share his blessings with

others, he volunteered his time teaching swimming to special needs children and was a consistent and dedicated blood donor.

Called by a love of the beach and the ocean, Michael and his family had many happy vacations at the beach, most notably in Bethany Beach, where he purchased and fastidiously maintained a condominium at Sea Colony. When he retired, the Delaware shore was an obvious choice.

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Settling in Lewes, he began making immediate and important contributions to the community. He served two terms as co-president and one term as treasurer of the Seaside Jewish Community, instituting First Aid/CPR classes and building security measures and working on the initial committee from Seaside to establish the Jewish Film Festival in 2016 in conjunction with the Rehoboth Beach Film Society. He has remained on this committee since that time.

He'll be remembered for his warmth, humor, wisdom and deep care and concern for friends and family.

Michael is survived by his wife of 47 years, Fran; daughter Erica Saltzman and her husband Carlos Mochon of Manhattan, N.Y.; son David Saltzman and his wife Stephanie Stanley of Brooklyn, N.Y.' and his grandchildren, Andrew Mochon and Zoe Saltzman-Stanley.

Michael was a participant and active

fundraiser for the ALS Walk for A Cure. Donations can be made in his memory to Seaside Jewish Community or the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia.

Please visit Michael's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his online guestbook at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.

HOLLY ANNA TARBUTTON (nee SOWERS)

Newark - Age 67, passed away Friday, January 4, 2019.

Born December 23, 1951 in Wilmington, DE, she was the daughter of the late Geater and Ruth Sowers (nee Gooch). Holly graduated from DeLaWarr High School.

Preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Jack and Geater; and sister, Susan; Holly is survived by her son, James B. Virden, III (Karen); two grandsons, James B., IV and Ryan J.; brother, Fred Sowers (Jeanette); sister, Judy Manuel (Bill); and many nieces and nephews.

BARBARA ZALLEA

Barbara Zallea passed away on January 6, 2019 after a 5-year battle with colon cancer. She was just four weeks shy of her 75th birthday. Born February 3, 1944 and raised in Wilmington, she was the youngest daughter of Sol and Tanya Zallea, well known Delaware philanthropists for over 50 years. While in Wilmington, Barbara was a member of Temple Beth Shalom and an active member of Womens American ORT.

In 1975 she relocated to Miami, Florida with her two young daughters and later moved to Boca Raton. She was very artistic and in 1977 created a line of note cards and paper napkins with her own graphic designs called "Barbara Z", which sold in many well-known high line stores.

Barbara was loved by all who knew her for her sweet, positive and even-tempered personality. She will be greatly missed by her loving husband, Daniel Twer, her adoring daughters, Lisa (Paul) Oken and Nicole (Jason) Neimark, her loving sister and brother-in-law Marilyn (Sandy) and Jay Wilde—Jay has known Barbara since she was 11 years old and always considered her his "sister." She was the cherished grandmother of Aaron, Steven, Jordan and Brandon Oken, Hunter and Houston Hoersch, Brandon, Josh and Zachary Neimark and loving aunt to nephew, David (Jodi) Wilde and niece, Debra (Michael) Kahn and six great nieces and nephews. She will also be missed by her extended family, Kevin Twer, Ethan Twer, Junedale Nishiuama and Ranae.

An avid football fan, Barbara was so looking forward to spending her 75th birthday in front of the TV, with her family, watching Super Bowl LIV on February 3, even though her beloved Eagles and Dolphins are not playing. Instead, maybe her family will gather in front of the TV, watch the game, and celebrate her life.

Services were held at Temple Beth El & Mausoleum in Boca on Wednesday, January 9. Contributions may be made in her memory to: Lynn Cancer Institute, 701 NW 13th Street, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

Mind. Body. Wine.

7—9 PM
Siegel JCC

Breathe in. Breathe out. Drink up. Get a taste of the J at our ladies' night where we'll combine fun & fitness. If you're looking for something to do on a Saturday night, come enjoy wine, yoga, zumba, and more. COST: \$20. This event is open to the 21+ community. For more information or to register, please visit siegeljcc.org, or contact Katie Glazier at katieglazier@siegeljcc.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

2—4 PM
Auditorium

Join us at the J for a meal packing event to support Rise Against Hunger! Together, we will package over 10,000 highly nutritious meals to feed the world's hungry. For more information or to register, please visit siegeljcc.org, or contact Katie Glazier at katieglazier@siegeljcc.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

Trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show

8:45 AM—5 PM
Philadelphia Flower Show

Join us for a self-guided tour through the Philadelphia Flower Show, the "largest indoor flower show in the world." Dining and snacks available for purchase. COST: \$48/member, \$58/public. For more information or to register, please visit siegeljcc.org or contact Katie Glazier at katieglazier@siegeljcc.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

Brunch & Bubbly

10:30 AM—12:30 PM
Auditorium

You are cordially invited to treat yourself. Enjoy a morning of brunch, bubbly, and games galore at the J! There will be a silent auction and raffles throughout the event. All proceeds go to the Early Childhood Center. COST: \$36. For questions, email Beth Ann Short at bethannshort@siegeljcc.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah Brunch

11 AM—1 PM
Home of Renee Slaff
16 Woodbrook Circle, Wilmington

The cost is \$12 or a dish that serves 10 to 12 people. Our speaker will be Sue Paul, who will be presenting about Jewish gangsters. Reservations can be made to Eva Weissman at (302) 478-4514 or Weissman.eva@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

Hamentashen Bakeoff: Pre-Purim Program for Kids!

12:15 PM - Pizza sale
12:45—2 PM - Hamentashen & Crafts
Chabad Center for Jewish Life

Join other kids and parents as we get into the Purim spirit! Come make, bake, and EAT many flavors of delicious Hamantashen! Make your very own Purim craft, which you can take home with you! \$10/child. To register, go to ChabadDE.com/register or call (302) 529-9900 Ext. 2.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

Special showing of Rocky

Hosted by Delaware Jewish Teen Philanthropy Initiative

4—6:30 PM
Siegel JCC Auditorium

Enjoy a Sunday afternoon at the movies with popcorn and snacks included for the \$10 admission. Movie sponsorships are available. Proceeds raised will be awarded as grants to Jewish Federation of Delaware beneficiary agencies at the JFD Annual Meeting on June 6, 2019. For more information contact more information contact Shari Dym at Shari@ShalomDelaware.org. To register or sponsor this event go to: ShalomDelaware.org/Rocky.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

One Book: One Community - Lauren Belfer's After the Fire

7 PM - Dessert reception following presentation
Congregation Beth Shalom
1801 Baynard Blvd, Wilmington

Discussion by the author of this historical fiction that interweaves Jewish history with the choral masterpieces of Johann Sebastian Bach, Germany 1783 through the present. Sponsored by the Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation of Congregation Beth Shalom. For information, contact: Ellen@shalomdel.org.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

CTeen Session preparing for Shmurah Matzah Delivery Community Service Project!

7—8:30 PM
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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

JTots Pajama Party

6:30—9 PM
Siegel JCC ECC

Want a night out? Have your little one/ones spend the night with us at our ECC Pajama Party! There will be games, arts and crafts and a short movie for our youngest members. Ages 1-PreK. COST: \$5. For questions, email Beth Ann Short at bethannshort@siegeljcc.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

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

7—9 PM
Siegel JCC JCade

Rock on at the Mini Masquerade! Ice Cream Bar, Dance Contest, and entertainment! There will be a Costume Parade. COST: \$20/Members, \$30/Non-members For more information or to register, please visit siegeljcc.org or contact Becky Stahl at beckystahl@siegeljcc.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

Pour 'Em

6:45—9 PM
Siegel JCC

Join us at Wilmington Brew Works to celebrate Purim with your friends from the J! There will be food trucks for those who want to buy dinner and plenty of beer options to purchase for everyone's Pour 'Em needs. We will supply some light snacks - *hamentashen* included! Need childcare? There is also a JTots Pajama Party (Ages 1 - Pre-K) scheduled, as well as the Mini Masquerade Party (Gr K-5). So drop your kids off at the J, and head on down to Wilmington Brew Works to "pour 'em" with your friends. Costumes are not required but are definitely encouraged. For more information, please contact Katie Glazier at katieglazier@siegeljcc.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019

Purim Party Exclusively for Teens!

6:30—8:30 PM
Siegel JCC

Come hear the Megillah and celebrate Purim with other teens from around the community. Wear any costume and get ready for some Purim-themed games, entertainment and learn about why Purim is relevant to us today! This party is open to all teens! No membership necessary to come. For more information, please contact Rochel Flikhshtein at Rochel@ChabadDE.com. Please register at TinyURL.com/PurimPartyForTeens.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019**Purim Party: Purim in Outer Space!**

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

Join us as we celebrate this Purim with an Outer Space-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! Get creative with your costume and be ready to have the time of your life! Please RSVP at ChabadDE.com/register.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**Babysitters Training**

9 AM—4 PM
Auditorium

Teens will learn techniques in basic care, first aid, introductory CPR and how to be the best babysitter possible! For participants ages 11-15. COST: \$90/ Members, \$110/Non-members. For questions, email Steph Kegelman at stephkegelman@siegeljcc.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**Youth Social Guide: Mystery Night (Grades 6-8)**

7—9 PM
Siegel JCC

Unlock the mystery with us. A surprise awaits... COST: \$10/Member, \$18/Non-Member. For more

information or to register, please visit siegeljcc.org or contact Becky Stahl at beckystahl@siegeljcc.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019**Lion King Character Breakfast**

9—11 AM
Auditorium

Bring your family to the J for breakfast, schmoozing, and fun! Cast members from Albert Einstein Academy's play *The Lion King* will be sure to mingle and entertain! Dress up as your favorite 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 24, 2019**Jewish History Class**

10 AM
Beth Sholom Dover

Talmud Study based on *A Bride for One Night*, by Ruth Calderon Contact Burtrehab@gmail.com for more information.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019**Caring Group (Widow Support Group)**

5:30—7 PM
JFS Wilmington Office

If you have lost a spouse and are looking for support from people who share the experience,

please consider joining JFS' new Caring Group. FREE to join, contact Pamela Stearn at 302-478-9411 or pstearn@jfsdelaware.org.

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019**Elementary School Open House**

9—10 AM
Albert Einstein Academy

We are excited to welcome you to an Open House to learn about all that Albert Einstein Academy has to offer. Meet our Admissions Director and Head of School. Learn about our individualized approach to teaching. Take a peek inside our classrooms! For more information, to RSVP or to schedule an individual tour, please contact Lisa Kornblum, Admissions Director at 302-478-5026 or lisa.kornblum@einsteinaday.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019 – 10 AM**THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019 – 7 PM****SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019 – 2 PM****Disney - The Lion King Kids**

Siegel JCC - Auditorium

Albert Einstein Academy presents the 2019 Drama Club Production of Disney: The Lion King Kids. Join the animals of the Pride Lands to see what it takes to be King. For more information about this FREE event, please contact Albert Einstein Academy at 302-478-5026 or info@einsteinaday.org

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By Jaidy Schweers, Editor

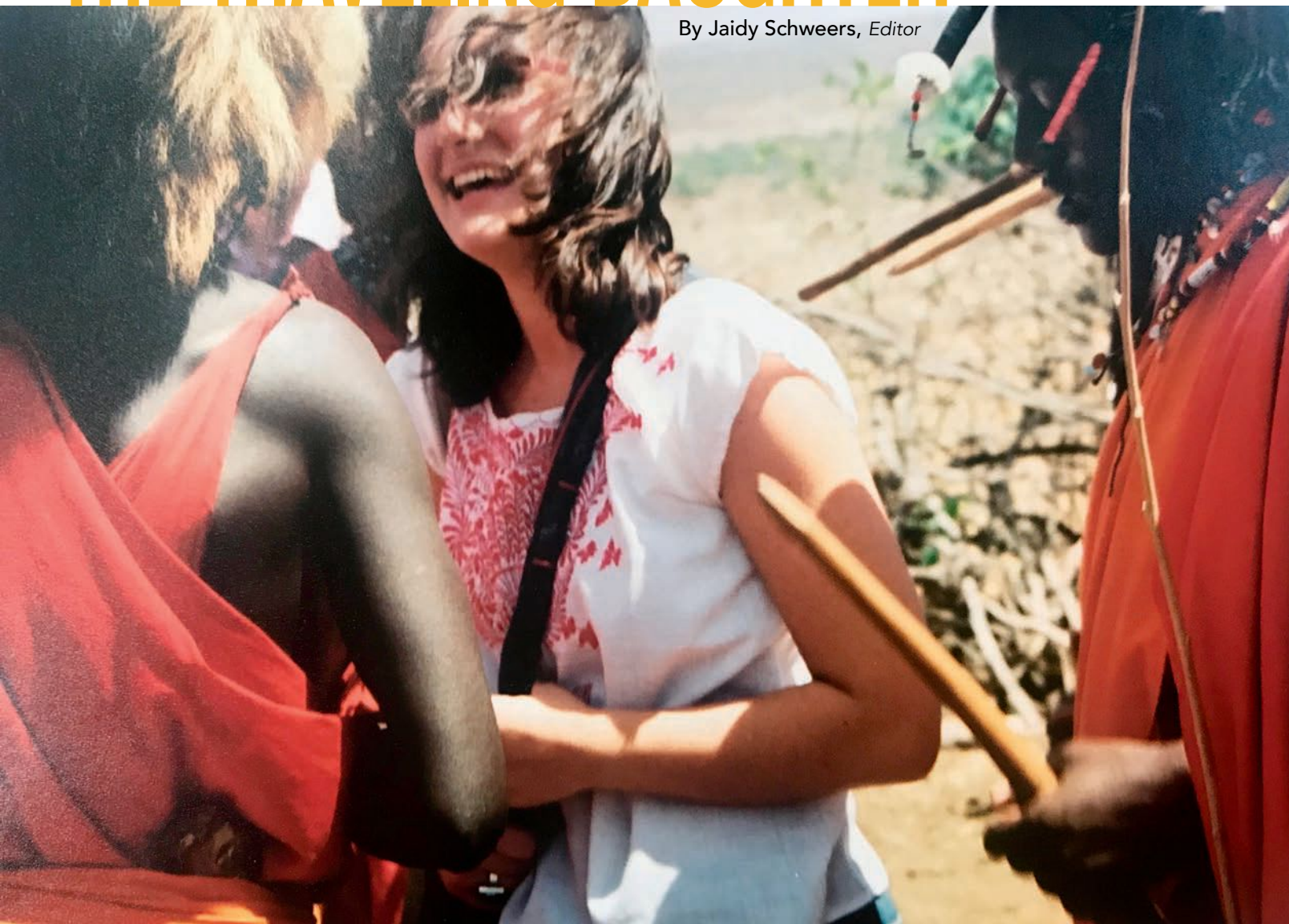


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“Travel to two different continents before you ever get married.”

Not the usual advice a father gives his daughter when she graduates from college. But my father was rarely usual.

The words impacted me from the moment they were released from sender to receiver; I can see the words now, spelled out in stretched-out typeface moving effortlessly in slow motion from his mouth, through my ears, and settling naturally into the auditory cortex of my brain. The message propelled me into a race with myself to make global exploration my top priority. I left the comfort of a dysfunctional and childish relationship with a boyfriend behind, and instead found security in the world where I lived, and a peace at being alone with who I was to become.

It was the soundest advice I've ever been given.

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“ We **laughed** with **Masai villagers** as we **traded** our *Oprah* and *Life* magazines for their hand-beaded bracelets. ”

I was raised in a very snug yet limited town just on the plains near the Rocky Mountains, called Greeley. Greeley, Colorado was a lush, tree-filled university town, and when school was in session the population seemed to double in size. It was the town of agriculture, 190 churches, and where young teenagers could be found cruising up and down West 10th Street in their Pintos on Friday nights, smoking Capris and loitering in the K-Mart parking lot in the late 1980s. There wasn't much said for getting out of your backyard, and despite any boredom which would ensue, the idea of travel didn't seem to be the anecdote.

My mother and father were not originally from Greeley. I grew up with stories of my mom's experiences as a child on the East Coast, spending summers at Jewish overnight camps, and later, as a teenager enjoying the beaches of Barnegat Light, or strolling into Manhattan for dances in white gloves and Taffeta dresses. My father's stories were equally intriguing as he spoke of his youthful days in Alabama catching fish, tying Boy Scout knots and running away for a camp-out with his buddies down near the backyard creek. He would proudly boast "Roll Tide!" despite being kicked out of the university for radical behavior and joining the peace movement of the sixties. He was drafted into the army, traveled to Europe, had one too many obscure nights living in Amsterdam, and eventually settled in Colorado.

I always knew there was more than my hometown.

So, it was reaffirming when my father suggested I see the world.

Because I had a degree in education, I pursued an international teaching job. I went to my first international school job fair in Waterloo, Iowa and spent two full days in and out of interviews with schools from around the world. I initially interviewed with Egypt, Kuwait, and Mexico. I called my parents one night to loop them in on my offers, and despite my father being primarily the one to encourage my exploration, he was also the first one to stymie it: "Darlin' you're not goin' to KUWAIT," he said calmly in his soothing Alabama drawl. It was 1997, and the stench of the Gulf War lingered unpleasantly for my father. I was still young and happy to adventure anywhere, and I accepted my first position in Mexico City. I lived there for two years and traveled most of Mexico; I fell in love with her. I foraged through jungles, slept in hammocks, and rode horses through forested trails during a Monarch Butterfly migration. I danced with passion in Acapulco night clubs, learned the heated past of Frieda Kahlo and Diego Rivera, and hiked to the top of pyramids built by the Mayans. I experienced acceptance and learned that even strangers

could be greeted with a soft touch to the shoulder and a warm kiss on the cheek.

I later traveled and taught in Kobe, Japan where I negotiated transportation using directions in Kanji, watched live Sumo matches in Osaka, and flagged down taxi-cabs with doors that opened and shut on their own. I learned how to perform the sacred tea ceremony, and I purchased beautiful, vintage kimonos at some of Kyoto's oldest shrines. During breaks I traveled some more—to Bali, Seoul, New Delhi and Agra; to Langkawi, and Bangkok, and Hanoi. I cherished the cultures, the food, the people, and the solitude of at times being surrounded by a sea of people, the chatter of voices, unintelligible only to me.

After two years I moved to Brussels, Belgium, my last teaching position overseas. I lived in a small apartment on St. Gilles street, which was about a ten-minute walk to the Grand Place, a square full of history and architectural beauty that I had never experienced in my life. I bought myself a car and negotiated the sprawling roadways without alarm. I traveled to Spain, France, Italy, and Tunisia. I was a high school teacher and theatre director and chaperoned 12 theatre students to the International Thespian Convention in Nairobi, Kenya. My students, world travelers themselves, taught me even more about the ease of travel and how to navigate the world with little stress and an abundance of joy. Traveling to them was as normal to their lives as eating eggs for breakfast. We walked the streets of Nairobi with locals. We laughed with Masai villagers as we traded our *Oprah* and *Life* magazines for their hand-beaded bracelets. We watched, from the safety of our jeeps, a male lion sitting proudly with his kill, and a herd of elephants practicing communal living as they so peacefully do.

During the short six years I spent traveling and living abroad, I secured deep friendships, had poignant conversations, met a cadre of intelligent and productive teenagers, as well as some of the most talented and gifted educators. I learned to cook, became less afraid, understood varying politics and religions, bought myself flowers every week, learned the beauty of silence, and saw some of the most awe-inspiring sites in the world.

Thank you, Dad.

In 2003, I returned to the States, was married and started a family. Then when our first son turned 13 . . . we all traveled to Israel.

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