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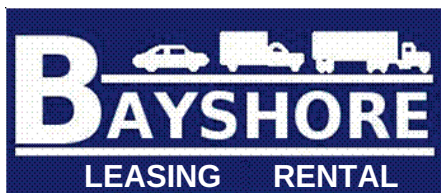


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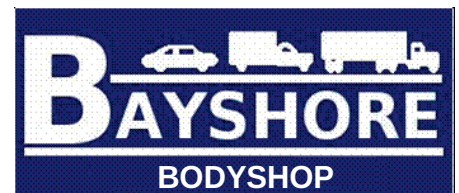
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# We Grow Stronger TOGETHER

We couldn't think of a more appropriate time to write about Comm.Unity than after a memorable Federation Shabbat at Temple Beth El on January 25th.

Members of our community throughout Delaware and the Brandywine Valley showed their support of Federation and our vibrant community. From an interactive PJ Library program to the festive Shabbat dinner to an engaging service, this year's Federation Shabbat was an evening to remember. Having the support and participation of our rabbis and cantors, synagogue presidents, beneficiary agency executives and presidents is rarely seen in other communities. Federation Shabbat was a vivid example of how We Grow Stronger TOGETHER.

Coupled with a successful Federation Shabbat, Super Sunday was held on January 27th. Our community was invited to make and answer the call to support Federation's 2019 Annual Campaign. Thanks to our cadre of volunteers throughout the day, Federation was successful in raising critical dollars to meet the increasing needs of our community. Our aggressive fundraising goal of \$2 million (the highest campaign in our 85-year history), is tangible thanks to a Challenge Match that will provide donors with a 1:1 match incentive on all new and increased gifts of 10%+ and a 2:1 match incentive on all increased gifts of 20%+.

This month's issue is our special Philanthropy issue and serves as a reminder how Jewish Federation of Delaware raises the funds to meet the ongoing needs of our Jewish community. We continue to be the single largest annual fundraising arm for our Jewish community with thousands of people providing support to a community-wide network of

organizations that care for people in need and nurture and sustain the Jewish community today and for future generations.

Federation truly supports the fabric of Jewish life in our community. By working with community leadership, we ensure that the programs, institutions, and values that enrich our Jewish community remain vibrant and strong. From feeding the hungry to helping the unemployed...from supporting families with needs to funding Jewish education and Israel experiences...the Jewish Federation is focused on addressing the most pressing issues facing our community every day.

Federation provides an effective and meaningful way for you to give Jewishly. With one gift, we address causes and issues of importance to our community. If you or someone you know receives financial or scholarship assistance, enjoys PJ Library books, or has been a participant on Birthright Israel, then you know how important the Jewish Federation is to our community. And this is just a small sampling of services we help fund.

During times of crisis and natural disasters, Federation responds. The Jewish Federation system has a long track record of carrying out big bold initiatives and mobilizing great resources during times of crisis. We helped airlift thousands of Ethiopian Jews to safety in Israel, rescued and resettled more than one million Soviet Jews, and we provided lifesaving humanitarian relief in the Ukraine as well as during the natural disasters in Houston, New Jersey, New Orleans, Haiti, Japan, the Philippines and New Jersey.

The extraordinary impact of the Jewish Federation can be felt around the community and around the world. In Delaware and the Brandywine Valley, we provide opportunities for Jewish culture to flourish and are working toward reaching our broad, diverse, and

growing community.

In Israel, Federation provides funds for training and educational programs to break the cycle of poverty, enrichment programs for children at risk and provides support for new immigrants to integrate successfully into Israeli society.

And Federation is active in more than 70 countries around the world. Through our broad network of partners and agencies, we actively seek out and support innovative solutions in order to provide basic necessities in life, rescue people in need, and educate, inspire, and connect people to their Jewish identity.

We encourage you to read about the various ways of supporting the community and investing in Jewish life TODAY through the Annual Campaign and by Creating a Jewish Legacy to ensure TOMORROW. Your return on investment is building a strong, caring, warm and welcoming community Today, Tomorrow and TOGETHER.

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# TODAY AND TOMORROW... WE GROW STRONGER TOGETHER

By Wendy Berger  
Senior Philanthropy Director,  
Jewish Federation of Delaware

## TODAY... The Annual Campaign

As Jews, it is our responsibility to take care of one another and to care for those less fortunate than ourselves during times of need. This is a lesson that has been taught time and time again throughout our history; a lesson that has its roots in the Torah. A lesson our ancestors have passed down from generation to generation for thousands of years.

One of the most significant ways the Jewish Federation of Delaware makes a difference in Jewish lives is through our annual community-wide fundraising effort, the Federation



2018 Super Sunday volunteers Mark Wagman and Russ Silberglied

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Annual Campaign. Money raised through the Campaign benefits thousands of Jewish people in need, here in Delaware and the Brandywine Valley, across the United States, in Israel, and in nearly 70 other countries around the world-in a variety of ways:

- Feeding the hungry
- Educating the young
- Caring for the old
- Comforting the sick
- Counseling the troubled
- Rescuing the oppressed
- Calming the frightened
- Providing a voice for those unable to speak for themselves
- Offering vital assistance to those unable to meet their own basic needs

But Federation's Annual Campaign is about more than raising money. It is about helping

people across our community to fulfill the mitzvah of *tzedakah* – the commandment to act righteously.

## TOMORROW... Creating A Jewish Legacy

Creating A Jewish Legacy is an opportunity to ensure that you will be remembered and that your passion and your values will continue when you are no longer here. It also serves as an example to your loved ones that you believe it is important to support the Jewish community. The act of creating a legacy empowers you to complete the work of your heart. By leaving a legacy, you will help to ensure that the traditions and institutions important to you remain vibrant for future generations.

Passing our values from generation to generation is one of the most fundamental tenets of Judaism. Our parents and grandparents built this Jewish community. That is their legacy. Securing its future financial strength will be ours.

To learn more about the various ways of supporting the community through your philanthropy, contact Wendy Berger, Senior Philanthropy Director at 302/427-2100 or Wendy@ShalomDel.org.

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# TEEN PHILANTHROPY GROWING IN DELAWARE

By Micah Harlev  
Jewish Teen Philanthropy Initiative Participant

I began my Jewish education at the Early Childhood Center in the Siegel JCC, and from a young age, I learned the value of *tzedakah* and the act of giving back to the community. I continued my learning about my Jewish heritage and values at both Albert Einstein Academy and Congregation Beth Shalom's Hebrew school. When I started high school I missed my connection with other Jewish teens but was soon recruited to join BBYO by my close friend, Ben Ebner. Thanks to my involvement in BBYO, my connection to the Jewish community is now better than ever. This year, I am on the board of my BBYO chapter in the position of *shaliach*. In this position, I am in charge of Jewish involvement and community outreach.



Micah Harlev (left of center) with fellow BBYO participants  
PHOTO COURTESY OF MICAH HARLEV

To learn more about how I can help our chapter give back to the community, I wanted a way to learn about local philanthropic opportunities.

Once I found out about the Delaware Jewish Teen Philanthropy Initiative, a program of Jewish Federation of Delaware, I was excited because this was exactly what I was looking for. Ever since our first meeting in October, I learned what philanthropy really means and what I can do to help people in my community. At the first meeting, led by Phil Miller, we talked about the meaning of the word "philanthropy," and we created a mission statement for ourselves that reads "we are teens here to help the community by promoting programs that unite all ages to enhance the future of the Delaware Jewish Community."

At our second meeting, in December, we learned about the five beneficiary agencies of the Jewish Federation of Delaware: Siegel JCC, Jewish Family Services of Delaware, Kutz Senior Living Campus, Albert Einstein

Academy and University of Delaware Hillel. We then created a Request for Proposal (RFP) for those agencies to request grant money from our new group. Each member was tasked to visit an agency and tour it so that we could decide as a group how to distribute the money we will have raised. Our goal for the year is to raise \$1,800 to be awarded at JFD's annual meeting on June 6th.



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# FAMILY TRADITIONS AND PROVEN RESULTS

## Why PJ Library is so important to me



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By Sherrie Savett,  
Proud PJ Library Grandparent and  
new PJ Library Alliance Partner

On the beach in Longport, New Jersey, my grandkids gathered around me, transfixed, to find out how a chameleon saved Noah's Ark.

(He did it by eating the worms that were eating the other animals' food). In my bed, they all climbed on top of me to find out how Nachshon conquered his fear of swimming and led the Jews through the Red Sea as they escaped slavery in Egypt. When we read *New Year at the Pier: A Rosh Hashanah Story*, we learned about *taschlich*, throwing bread into the moving water to throw away the bad and welcome the good on Rosh Hashanah. It became my family's tradition after that.

I believe PJ Library is the most revolutionary and impactful program developed in the Jewish world in the last several decades, a program that helps to perpetuate and ensure the future of the Jewish people. I'm investing in PJ Library as an Alliance partner for this reason and more.

First, the reach of PJ Library is vast. In less than 13 years, it has touched hundreds of

thousands of families. Today, more than 200,000 children in the US and Canada and nearly 600,000 children worldwide receive its monthly deliveries of free Jewish-themed books. It impacts three generations at once—children, parents, and grandparents—and it connects them to Judaism. Parent ambassador programs create small communities of young Jewish families.

Second, the message of PJ Library is completely positive. The books teach children about beautiful Jewish and universal values; Jewish heroes; and Jewish stories, customs, and holidays all with great creativity and color, age-appropriate words, and exciting illustrations. The book flaps give the adults wonderful questions to discuss and activities to engage in with children. The act of reading a good book with a child is a bonding experience that will never be forgotten. The fact that it's a Jewish book makes it all the more special.

Third, the results are proven. The data shows that the PJ Library experience connects and positively engages Jews of every stripe, including, and especially, intermarried families, in Jewish life. Many young families connect with their Jewish identity and participate in the

joys of Judaism much more, and more deeply, than before they were exposed to PJ Library.

Fourth, the PJ Library Alliance materially supplements the enormous contribution of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the combined contributions of all Jewish federations and Jewish community organizations and enables PJ Library to expand its reach where resources are limited. The PJ Library Alliance has made it possible to eliminate waiting lists in many communities and to service families where there is no organized Jewish life. I was very impressed to learn that Alliance support enables PJ Library to provide books and resources to Jewish families in every zip code in the United States and Canada!

Finally, and maybe most importantly, PJ Library has deeply affected my family and hundreds of thousands of Jewish families. These amazing books teach us the Jewish values we cherish. They teach us to love Judaism in all its richness, tradition, and beauty. I have personally experienced its profound impacts, and that is one more reason I am making this significant investment in our Jewish future.



# CONNECT

## CONTINUING TO BRING YOUNG LEADERS TOGETHER CONNECT: Young Adult Network

By JFD Staff

Jewish Federation of Delaware’s Young Leadership Division (YLD) has undertaken a rebranding effort in order to remain relevant and appealing to those community members in their 20s, 30s, and early 40s.

A recent online survey solicited feedback from this segment and confirmed that a brand update was in order.

Based on the survey response, Federation developed three potential names and logos that would reflect the group’s core values and goals of bringing people together to socialize and improve the community. We solicited opinions and asked our young adults to vote on their favorite name and logo. Based on the responses received, we selected **CONNECT: Young Adult Network** as our new name.

We are pleased with our new brand as it coincides with our core values of establishing deep personal connections with each other, and connecting and contributing with the community. Federation will sponsor after-work networking programs as a welcome end to the daily grind as well as a great way to meet new like-minded people. We also plan to offer educational programs discussing topics that are important and relevant to young adults.

Through a variety of community service initiatives and projects, CONNECT members will make a profound difference in the local and global community. We are currently in the process of creating a CONNECT steering committee and recruiting a group of interested people who will assist us in taking an active role. If you are between the ages of 20-40 and looking to become more involved in shaping the future generation of Jewish life in Delaware, we are looking for you!



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### 1 FEDERATION IS COMMUNITY!

Without community, we are separate, isolated, and weak; ideas get confused and we feel alienated. With community we are able to host discussions; we can compromise and understand each other;

we form partnerships, achieve our mutual goals, and provide support in times of tragedy or crisis.

Federation is the face of Jewish Delaware and our mandate, made possible by strategic planning and dedication, is to build community, educate Jewishly, help the vulnerable and support Israel all while advocating for and promoting an exceptional quality of Jewish life. Our mission goes beyond a single narrow cause.

### 2 FEDERATION WORKS FOR ALL OF US!

A gift to the Federation's Annual Campaign enables our community to function, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Federation provides the basic funding that does it all, from keeping the lights on to responding to our community's highest priorities. Without community-led planning and coordination, many needs would go unmet. Federation carries the communal load, providing for the ever-present needs. There is a wide spectrum of programs and services that can only be offered when we **GIVE COLLECTIVELY** and there are many organizations who might not survive without the support they receive from Federation.

### 3 FEDERATION'S FUNDING IS BROAD AND DEEP

While keeping fundraising costs low, Federation follows an allocations process to fund our agencies and partners. From supporting people in need of comfort, families with strife and individuals in pain to providing Jewish education and nourishing Jewish souls, Federation funding is broad and deep.

Federation also provides direct service for several important initiatives such as PJ Library, Shalom Baby, and Birthright Israel. A gift to the Annual Campaign does so much for so many in our community, in Israel and around the world.

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## Why Holocaust Remembrance, Awareness, and Education Matter to Me and My Generation By Tia Scheff

It is heartwarming and encouraging to share this article written by Tia Scheff. Tia was one of a group of ten students from the University of Delaware, Jewish Studies Department, to recently visit the Garden of The Righteous Gentiles, located on the JCC campus. She will, undoubtedly, become a role model for other young people to follow and a pillar in her Jewish community to carry forth in the Jewish tradition of *Tikkun Olam*, so we “Never Forget.”

– Steve Gonzer, Chair  
Halina Wind Preston  
Holocaust Education  
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“...my upbringing instilled in me the **importance** of community among the Jewish people, and that we **take care of each other**, stranger, or best friend.”

I was raised by two Jewish parents, attended the preschool at my local synagogue, was in Hebrew school for quite a few years, and while at some point I had to take a hiatus from participation due to family matters I did resume my attendance twice a week until my Bat Mitzvah, and then until confirmation in tenth grade.

While I do not remember every lesson taught or word said, I do know that my upbringing instilled in me the importance of community among the Jewish people, and that we take care of each other, stranger, or best friend.

Over the last year, I have gone on one of the most rewarding journeys of my life. While I had gone to Hebrew school and Saturday morning services, I never realized what the Jewish community meant to me and what it can do for me and in return what I can do for it. As a student at the University of Delaware, during my freshman year in 2016, I became heavily involved with Hillel. It was during that time that I realized how special it was to be Jewish and the connections it gave me to my late mother. As this grew stronger, my involvement grew.

About a year ago through Hillel, I was given the opportunity, along with seven other students, to attend the Jewish Federations of North America’s (JFNA) General Assembly. During the few days that we were there, I attended a breakout session that focused on Holocaust Survivor Care. It was during this session that I became inspired to educate myself beyond what I learned in Hebrew school and attempt to keep the memories and first-hand accounts alive for the victims that survived the Nazi regime.

Before this panel, I had been blind to the fact that survivors are unfortunately starting to pass on, and as they pass their memories and stories go with them. Having this sad fact be brought to the forefront of my mind opened me up to a world of interest. I began to delve into the past by taking a History of the Holocaust class at UD. I also began talking to some of the staff at Hillel about some ideas I was having.

One idea came to fruition; with the help of Hillel, the Jewish Studies Department at UD, and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee we were able to host my Rabbi’s father, Mr. Eric Wisnia, in telling his story through song of surviving Auschwitz. It was powerful to not only hear his story but know I played a key role in bringing him to campus and to have students and individuals hear his story so that they may spread his account of what happened.

Most recently, I took a Jewish studies class about the history of anti-Semitism. While this class was really interesting, perhaps one of the highlights was getting to visit the Garden of the Righteous Gentiles at the Jewish Community Center in Wilmington and meet with Steve Gonzer, Chair of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee. This visit was really nice as my classmates and I were able to see and recognize that there were many non-Jews who chose to save Jews during the Nazi regime. More than that, Mr. Gonzer shared all the amazing things that are to come for the Garden over the next many months. In the car ride back to campus we were all excitedly talking about what we saw, and how nice it is to see all the different efforts that are being made by the Jewish Community in Delaware to preserve all aspects of memory and survivors when it comes to the Holocaust.

As I become more involved in the Jewish community in Delaware and take more Jewish Studies classes I become more invested in my passion for educating anyone who will listen about the Holocaust, and the importance of preserving the stories of survivors especially in a world where denial of the atrocities that occurred is still prevalent. I feel that even just by talking about this I am doing the small part that I can to help preserve these stories. And maybe just maybe, by doing this I am helping to contribute to make the world a better place.

I was taught from a young age that I am part of the Jewish community, and the Jewish community takes care of each other. They take care of me, and I take care of them. I do my part in helping keep the memories alive and that is a very rewarding feeling.





# What will your Jewish legacy be?



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*Wendy and Phil Shlossman*



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# Throwback Delaware



We are happy to share with you the *Jewish Voice* issue from **June 1, 1984**. It's a celebration of 50 years of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The following article by Leo ZefTEL, then president of JFD, gives a good overview of the accomplishments of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. We hope you will want to learn more and visit our website at [JHSDelaware.org/jewish-voice](http://JHSDelaware.org/jewish-voice) to read the entire issue of the *Jewish Voice*.

– Gail Pietrzyk  
Archivist, Jewish Historical Society of Delaware

**JUNE 1, 1984**

## From a President's Perspective

BY LEO ZEFTEL, *President*  
Jewish Federation of Delaware

1984 marks a milestone in the history of our Jewish Federation. It is a time not only to reflect on the past but also to look to the future. Significant progress has been achieved in our Jewish community over these past five decades. We have not only grown in size, but as a community have responded to and been responsible for the dynamic growth of local services.

At the same time, we have experienced some of the most traumatic times in the continuum of our Jewish people. We witnessed the destruction of one third of world Jewry in the most devastating period of our long history.

We were privileged to be a part of the rebirth of the Jewish nation and the subsequent emergence of Israel as a sovereign, democratic State that became a haven for thousands of our fellow Jews from lands of hate and oppression. 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973 -- these were the years that Israel's very physical existence was at stake and she survived as a viable, dynamic state. We were all part of this historical development in terms of our financial and moral support for Israel. Zionism became a household word. Israel's many achievements have given all of us a deep sense of pride and we must and shall continue to strengthen the ties between us so that Israel will prosper and endure.

Here in our own Jewish community of Delaware, we witnessed the growth of our social service network of services made possible by the commitment and leadership of hundreds of devoted, dedicated men and women. We have reached an era when the donor and recipient are one. All of us are directly touched by the human services provided by our agencies. It was the Federation which evolved as the moving, dynamic force in the financial support, coordination and planning for total community needs - locally, nationally and overseas.

We can all be proud of what has been done. We are a richer community for it. But, as we look ahead in the turbulent 80s, we are confronted with many difficult and challenging problems and issues.

We are witnessing a growing erosion of Jewish family life, a weakening of our Jewish roots and identity, growing concerns in the areas of community relations and Jewish education. We still face too much apathy on the part of a large segment of our Jewish community.



### ABOUT THE COVER

The cover photo, a timeless depiction of new immigrants, has been reproduced from a 1957 United Jewish Appeal Poster. 1957 represents one of the high points of the exodus of Jewish refugees from lands of oppression, and also represents the mid-point of the 50-year history of our own Jewish community.



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Some specific areas of concern are services that will be required for the increasingly growing elderly of our community. Twenty percent of our Jewish population are now 65 or older compared to a national norm of 14 percent - increased availability of camp and similar recreational programs for both youth and adults must be provided. Community services now available primarily in the Wilmington area must be extended to other areas in the state. Educational programs for all ages must be strengthened. Single parents and young adults will require programs specific to their needs.

It seems to me the challenge our community faces is to be responsive to these growing and continuing needs in a thoughtful, creative and qualitative manner. There are too many critical issues in Jewish life to engage in "business as usual." We cannot afford to respond to the evolving needs with the archaic and "comfortable" techniques of the past.

With the quality of leadership we currently have, and with the involvement of an even greater segment of our community, we can indeed impact on these issues in greater measure.

We can look with pride to the fact that in the last few years we have significantly turned our campaign around and are now moving in a positive, upward direction. We have the expertise and capacity to do even better both by direct fund raising and our newly revitalized endowment program.

Our tasks are not just for the few -- we need and look to all of you if we are to have a broadened, democratic base of participation. We are a voluntary organization and our strength is the volunteer - the volunteer can and should be you!

As we move into the next 50 years of our Federation let us do so with renewed dedication and commitment to our biblical mandate of *tzedakah* - passion and concern for our fellow Jews. This is what we are all about.



Leo Zefitel

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF DELAWARE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

May 27, 1984

Mr. Leo Zefitel, President Jewish Federation of Delaware 1010 North DuPont Highway Wilmington, DE 19804

Dear Mr. Zefitel:

I wish to express congratulations to the community of the State of Delaware on the 50th Anniversary of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The Jewish Federation is a milestone in the history of the community, since the year 1934, when the Jewish Federation of Delaware was established to respond to the social, economic and spiritual needs of the Jewish community. It is a proud honor to be a part of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

It is my personal experience with the Federation of Delaware, since the year 1967, that the Jewish Federation of Delaware is a vital force in the life of the Jewish community. It is a source of pride and inspiration to the Jewish people and the growth of all ages should be directed to our mutual goals.

May the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the people of Israel, I believe, be very best wishes.

Yours truly,  
 Stanley Hertzitz  
 President, United Jewish Appeal

Shalom,  
 Rabbi Ira J. Schiffer,  
 Chairman, Rabbinical Association of Delaware

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**ILOJC**

PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY WENDY BERGER

Eleven women representing Jewish Federation of Delaware participated in the International Lion of Judah Conference from January 13 -15 in Hollywood, Florida. The Lions are a group of women who make a commitment to make a gift of at least \$5,000 to their Federation Annual Campaign each year, representing the female leadership of our Federation system. We were among 1,400 other women from 6 countries and over 500 first time attendees at the conference. This biennial conference focuses on the core issues facing not only Jewish women of all ages, but all Jews worldwide. A highlight of the conference was honoring the 75 Kipnis-Wilson/ Friedland Award winners, including Delaware's own Lisa Dadone-Weiner. The KWF Award honors extraordinary women who have set a high standard for philanthropy and volunteerism in their home communities. Norma Kipnis-Wilson, one of the original founders of the Lion of Judah, spoke at the conference stating "Inspired women inspire other women. Jewish continuity depends on the ability to bridge the past and the present. Our shared obligation is to ensure that the programs and services we have today remain in place and available for all Jews in the future." At the conclusion of the conference, the women gathered with their communities to recommit their philanthropy for the 2019 Annual Campaign; together this group of women raised \$36 Million which will make a significant and meaningful difference to all Jews worldwide.



1 Suzanne Grant opens the Plenary at ILOJC  
2 Hedy Mintz  
3 Group at dinner



**FEDTALKS**

PHOTO BY SHARI DYM

On January 16, featured guests, Ifat Baron and Alaa Halumi, spoke about Arab women in the start-up nation at JCRC Fed Talks: *Breaking Barriers & Boosting Growth*.



From L to R, Jennifer Steinberg, Michelle Herrera, Ifat Baron, Alaa Halumi, Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, and Richard Levine

**PJOW TRIP TO FIVE BELOW**

PHOTOS BY JFD STAFF

We had an absolutely amazing Five Below PJOW field trip! We learned about Philanthropy with Federation's very own Teen Philanthropy Coordinator, Phili Miller. We took a tour of the amazing Five Below HQ with the Director of Transportation, Matt Cole. And then...we got to participate in our own philanthropic deed- shopping with \$418 at Five Below's flagship store to purchase gifts for the children at AI Children's Hospital. We raised this money through our registration fees for our field trips this year (80% of our fees went towards the donation) And also a very generous donation of \$100 from Five Below!



TOP: Arriving for our tour at Five Below HQ AKA Wowtown  
BOTTOM: All the amazing gifts we got for a donation to AI Children's Hospital





## OUT & ABOUT with Daniella

PHOTO CREDIT JULIA UDOFF

Daniella Buchshtaber, came to visit Seaside for morning services on December 15, where she was the guest speaker and shared her life and family story.

From L to R, David Udoff, Todd Hacker, Dr. Joel Simon, Reb Lisa Levine, Daniella Buchshtaber, Reba Norvich, Carole Ash, Pat Powell, and Elaine Hochman

## ISRAELI COOKING EVENT

On December 16th The Israel and Overseas committee along with our community *shlichim*, Noam Glikzman and Daniella Buchshtaber hosted an Israeli cooking event. The participants at the event made some of the most popular dishes in Israeli cuisine. The results were delicious and colorful. We hope to see you again at our programs!



- 1 The participants listening to instructions before starting to cook PHOTO CREDIT: WENDY BERGER
- 2 Cooks in the kitchen PHOTO CREDIT: TERRI O'NEAL
- 3 The colorful Israeli food that was prepared at the workshop PHOTO CREDIT: WENDY BERGER
- 4 All the cooks with the food they prepared PHOTO CREDIT: TERRI O'NEAL



**WINTER HAPPENINGS  
 AT LODGE LANE & KUTZ**



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**1** Board members and guests join Karen Friedman at her retirement party held at Lodge Lane

PHOTO COURTESY OF DONNA HARLEV



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**2** Lodge resident Ann and Chef Dan are all smiles at Lodge Lane's Holiday party

PHOTO CREDIT: DANIELLE SHAW

**3** Kutz interim Executive Director, John Oppenheimer dances with resident Ann

PHOTO CREDIT: SALLY GOODMAN

**4** The Philip Berger band kept it lively at Kutz's Winter Celebration as resident Martha enjoys a swing with Esther

PHOTO CREDIT: SALLY GOODMAN

**5** Lodge resident Margie wows members of the Concord High School Choir with her vocal talents

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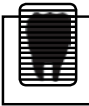


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# UD HILLEL BIRTHRIGHT BUSES IN ISRAEL

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- 1 Bus 1619 in the city of Tzfat in the Galilee
- 2 UD students who grew up in the Wilmington area: Rachel Titus, Harrison Geisenberger, Michelle Shulkov, Sydney Peterson, Joey Piha, and Samantha Finfer, in the Judean Desert
- 3 UD Hillel Bus 1605 on a graffiti tour
- 4 Bus 1619 at the Tzfat Citadel

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1 Even dinosaurs need their teeth brushed! Winter Camp at the J  
2 A game of Mahjongg at the J  
3 Assistant Facilities Director Luis Sanchez working on updating the locker rooms

# TEMPLE BETH EL

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1 Men's Club welcomes back US Senator Chris Coons  
2 Naomi Platt is honored with a special dinner and presentation for her wonderful service as House & Grounds Specialist  
3 Rabbi Jacob and Eliyashu Lieberman and Jake Fullerton light menorahs with their TBE Community  
4 Sisterhood cookie exchange and gift auction raises money for charities



Shayna A. gives tzedakah at Kabbalat Shabbat while Thomas W. and Miriam P. look on.  
PHOTO BY JEREMY WINAKER.

# TEACHING TITHING TIMELY

By Rabbi Jeremy Winaker  
Head of School, Einstein Academy

Jewish learning is about training for life through daily lessons that speak to life's moments big and small. Jewish tradition has so much to offer on the subject of philanthropy.

It's essential to spend time on a regular basis teaching the value and the practice of giving tzedakah (righteous action usually translated as charity) and of doing acts of *chesed* (loving kindness).

Giving of our time and our resources is the Jewish thing to do, the right thing to do.

This year, we decided to extend this mentality beyond Einstein. While we may teach Maimonides' eight levels of tzedakah and that giving small amounts often is better for your soul than giving a large amount on rare occasion, we still had more to teach. These lessons fit within the elementary school experience.

*Ma'aser* (tithing, or giving ten percent of one's income) does not come up in most elementary school students' experience. To teach *ma'aser* meaningfully, we needed a different context.

Our alumni put their Einstein education to work in so many ways. As they enter middle

school, they place into fast track, advanced, or honors math, sometimes skipping a grade. They prepare and present work in International Baccalaureate and honors classes with confidence and grace while their peers struggle. They make honor roll in Jewish day schools, public schools, and private schools. They also take on extra opportunities to lead at their b'nai mitzvah.

Bar/bat mitzvah turns out to be the perfect time to extend our alumni's learning with a real life opportunity. B'nai mitzvah today work hard to prepare to lead services, to "count" in *minyan* (community). They also take on the extra work of putting "mitzvah" in bar/bat mitzvah by doing a social service project demonstrating Jewish values or for a Jewish agency. They might even raise funds to support the beneficiaries of their project. *Ma'aser*, though, has become something of a relic of the past or Christian, rather than Jewish.

Einstein launched the "Have a Mitzvah. Give a Mitzvah." Campaign to teach *ma'aser* to b'nai mitzvah families. Complete with a discussion guide and a pledge card, our alumni are invited to learn about and then take on the mitzvah of *ma'aser*, donating a tenth of their monetary gifts received to charity. The idea started with a gift from one alumna and has now spread to include many more, giving to all sorts of causes.

Philanthropy looks different at different times in our lives. From coins in the tzedakah box in our early years to investing in people and organizations making a proven difference in the world and every kind of intentional giving in between, we can learn how best to do our part. This year, Einstein is teaching our alumni about tithing in a timely way.



To learn more about the **HAVE A MITZVAH. GIVE A MITZVAH. Campaign**, please contact Marla Cooper, Director of Development, [marla.cooper@einsteinaday.org](mailto:marla.cooper@einsteinaday.org).



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# STRENGTHENING OUR CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY

PHOTOS  
SUBMITTED  
BY JFS

JFS' Board Members strengthen the agency's community connections, Jewish values, and dedication to service. Meet our newest leaders:



**TAYLER BOLTON**

**JFS: Tell us a bit about yourself!**

**TB:** I was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. In 2017, I received my juris doctorate at Emory University School of Law and had the incredible opportunity to serve as a foreign law clerk

**Tayler Bolton**

for the Supreme Court of the State of Israel for three months after graduation! A post-graduate clerkship brought me to Delaware and I've been here ever since. I love attending shul, reading, pet-sitting, and visiting Longwood Gardens.

**JFS: What brought you to our board?**

**TB:** I was drawn to JFS' mission, especially the emphasis on mental health services – an often neglected need that JFS caters to effectively – and the refugee program, which has such a powerful message. As a young professional, joining the board was an opportunity to explore new leadership experiences and meet inspiring mentors; it means a lot to work on

such a diverse team and part of something bigger than myself.

**JFS: What does tzedakah mean to you?**

**TB:** Tzedakah means charity and justice, catering to the needs of others, dedicating oneself to a meaningful cause, and acting selflessly. More personally, tzedakah means connecting with organizations whose missions align with my passions and values and finding ways to support causes that strengthen the community as a whole. The JFS mission is all about supporting and enriching families and this type of community growth is really inspiring to me.



**ERIN BOOKER**

**JFS: Tell us a bit about yourself!**

**EB:** I've lived in Delaware for 10 years with my husband and three children. I grew up in an Orthodox Jewish community in New York where I learned

**Erin Booker**

a lot about the value of a strong, supportive community and how we should all care for one another.

**JFS: Why JFS?**

**EB:** I really believe in and connect with the JFS mission. I currently work at Christiana Care in Community Health & Engagement and, as a clinician myself, I have a lot of trust in the integrity and quality of JFS services.

I've always been confident referring my own patients to seek support at JFS, knowing they'd be welcome with open arms.

**JFS: What values guide and inspire your leadership?**

**EB:** I have a desire to serve those who are struggling and help them grow, discover their own strengths, and see the good in themselves. JFS does this for so many people, in so many ways, and I'm happy to bring more of that spirit to the table.



**KIM DREXLER**

**JFS: What brought you back to our board?**

**KD:** I recently rejoined the JFS board because I strongly believe in the important mission, dedication, and contributions to the community; I especially

**Kim Drexler**

admire their focus on individuals and families in crisis. I'm grateful to be back and hope to bring all the energy and knowledge I have to offer to support the JFS mission and strengthen our impact.

**JFS: What values guide and inspire your leadership?**

**KD:** I believe the best leaders are honest, wise, and ethical with a strong desire to serve. I strive to embody these values and inspire others to do the same.

**MORE ON NEXT PAGE**



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**OUR CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY**

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 22

**JFS: What does tzedakah mean to you?**

**KD:** To me, tzedakah means a vital combination of charitable giving through philanthropy, including not only time and money but heart and soul – passion is an important part of the equation. Tzedakah is right and just and makes our community and the world a better place.



**Christina Richter**

**CHRISTINA RICHTER**

**JFS: What do you want the community to know about you?**

**CR:** I can think of no greater calling than putting service over self in one’s community. I am extremely proud and grateful to have the opportunity to give of my time, energy, and resources as a board member with JFS.

**JFS: Why JFS?**

**CR:** To me, JFS is about the strength we find in each other, creating a safe space, valuing inclusion, and giving a voice to those who face adversity and stigma. I am deeply proud of their commitment to providing behavioral health services, refugee resettlement assistance, services to the elderly, and the LBGTQ+ community just to name a few. Being advocates for social justice is deeply important to me.

**JFS: What does tzedakah mean to you?**

**CR:** I’ve always believed tzedakah means the charity of not only one’s heart in all actions of kindness, but those deeds done when no one is looking and without accolades; it is the way we live by example of spiritual care for our community. I keep photos of my grandparents with me to remind me of those who have come before us and how the justice we seek for others can inspire generations to come.

# A NEW PERGOLA AT THE KUTZ HOME

By Danna Levy



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE KUTZ HOME

In 1973 upon the death of my mother, Leanora Kalchein Miller, my father Richard Miller endowed a fund to be used for the purpose of funding nursing scholarships for nursing education at the Kutz Home. My mother was very interested in improving the educational quality of nurses. My mother was the second president of the auxiliary of the Kutz Home.

The fund over the years provided numerous scholarships for continuing education.

Since there were surplus funds, it was decided to use the funds to replace the existing Pergola that needed numerous repairs with a new one. The new Pergola will not only enhance the lifestyle of the residents, but will also benefit the rest of the home. The Pergola will be dedicated in the Spring of 2019.



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Pictured from L to R: Michael Bejarano, Sydney Hirsch, and Samantha Schnall, participating in Hillel's Giving Tuesday phone bank

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# HILLEL STUDENTS GIVE BACK

By Hillel Staff

Jewish institutions are maintained from generation to generation, *l'dor v'dor*.

Now, at a time of great change in the methods and sources of philanthropy, with digital media and crowdfunding becoming increasingly central tools, and with a Jewish population that is experiencing rapid demographic change, it is more important than ever that Jewish traditions of philanthropy and giving back are transmitted to young people.

Hillel understands this, and has made a central part of its mission to inspire the next generation of Jewish students to become passionate advocates and givers. To do so, Hillel offers students numerous opportunities to get involved in supporting Jewish life.

Student interns work in development at Hillel every semester, learning the ins and outs of fundraising from an insider's perspective. These students have special projects that they run in addition to the weekly learning that they do. In the spring semester, one student will lead Hillel's Senior Class Gift campaign. In the fall, on the other hand, they help to recruit a slate of volunteers to assist in Hillel's Giving Tuesday campaign.

Giving Tuesday is the perfect opportunity to educate students about the importance of giving back, offering them a chance to participate in fundraising and put their learning into hands-on action. Students come out every year to phone bank, volunteering and doing their part to support student programming, which they benefit from. They volunteer their time to ensure that Hillel can continue to provide them with considerable opportunities during their four years on campus.

This year, more than 30 students took part in Hillel's Giving Tuesday efforts. Students guided Hillel's staff towards fundraising around our popular new wellness programs—like healthy Jewish cooking classes—because they expressed that Hillel was a place for them to decompress and engage spiritually and socially from their hectic collegiate schedules. All of these students received an inside look at philanthropy, writing about their own Jewish journeys and filling out cards that asked them why they gave to Hillel, along with securing gifts to Hillel from 150 individuals.

Hillel is proud to provide college students with the opportunity to support communal institutions, and learn about the central role philanthropy plays to ensure our community's legacy from one generation to the next.



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# IN MEMORY OF OUR FATHER

By Jennifer Simon and  
Michelle Simon Lipowski

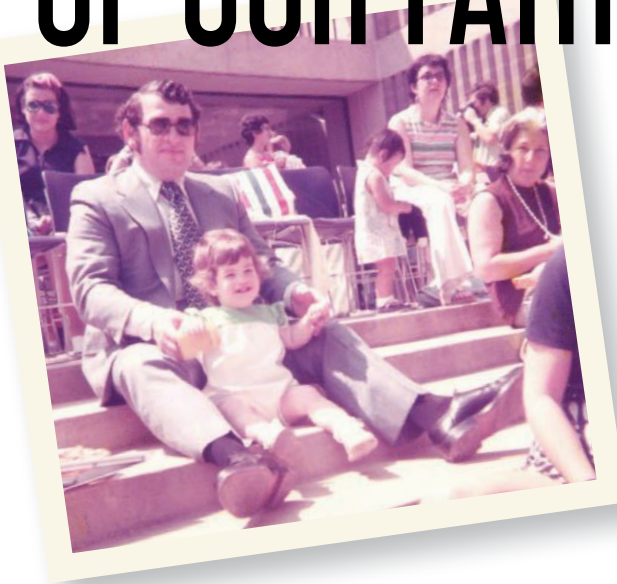
In the summer of 2018, we were fortunate to be given the opportunity to disperse funds that our father, Howard H. Simon, had put into a fund at the Delaware Community Foundation over two decades ago.

Sadly, our father passed away in 2003 at the age of 62, before he could see many of his philanthropic dreams come full circle and come to fruition.

Our father did not come from means and worked hard for all of his successes. As a young boy growing up in downtown Wilmington, on the corner of Fourth & Connell, he was given many opportunities, thanks to the YMHA (the precursor to our current Siegel JCC). In the mid-1940s and 50s, the YMHA was a lifeline for our father. It was where he enjoyed his boyhood, developed a love for sports, leadership, friendship and a love for his Jewish faith.

He was a family man and fervently took care of everyone close to him at home and in the greater community. Two of the things that were most important to him outside of family were: 1) The value of a strong education and hard work and 2) Ensuring that the Jewish Community here in Delaware would thrive for many generations.

The JCC has so many wonderful memories for my sister and me. When we walk in the doors, it is like home. We attended the preschool, the camp, and participated in many other Jewish clubs and organizations at the J. So, for us, it was an easy decision to create the Howard H. Simon Youth Scholarship Fund at the Siegel JCC in our father's memory. We knew that he would want other young boys and girls to be given the same opportunities that he was gifted so many decades ago.



Jennifer Simon with her father, Howard Simon, in the JCC courtyard in 1973  
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A community center should be the place where life's milestones are celebrated. From birthday parties to bar mitzvahs to weddings, at the J we appreciate the opportunity to bring people together to recognize important events. In addition to these kinds of celebrations, we also celebrate accomplishments through funds that were established in memory or in honor of members of our community. Each fund has its own story, and the following are just a few examples:

### 1. The Lenny Rubin Memorial Fund:

This fund was established in Lenny's memory to honor his life and legacy to the JCC Movement. Lenny loved programming and was always looking to infuse Jewish values in day-to-day life. The fund is currently being used to provide additional training for staff of the Early Childhood Center. Lenny's daughter Michelle is a former JCC President, and her three boys are all graduates of our ECC. Lenny's favorite catch phrase was "What have you done for the Jewish people today?" This fund helps the Siegel JCC achieve the goal of doing something Jewish each day.

### 2. The Martin I. Lubaroff Scholarship Fund:

This fund was established in memory of Marty, a past president of the JCC. Marty enjoyed every minute of his time at the JCC and involved his entire family in the community. The fund supports scholarships for Camp and youth programming and flourishes today because of Marty's wife, Sandra, who continues to be an active member of the J and a driving force behind the growth of the fund.

### 3. Frank & Yetta Chaiken Camp Scholarship Fund:

The Chaiken fund was established with the intent to add art to the blank walls of the JCC. In 1995, it was recognized that the fund did its job quite well, so it was re-purposed to offer scholarships for Camp JCC. Yetta was married at the JCC (in its former location) and continues to come to the JCC regularly to exercise and socialize in the Senior Center. She shared that she believes the JCC to be a wonderful part of the community.

Visit our website to learn about all of our wonderful funds.



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# SHARING TEA AND CONVERSATION

By Ellen L. Weingart  
CBS Member

When Congregation Beth Shalom member Hershey Schloss proposed a program for congregants to come together and discuss topics of general interest, it was one of several suggestions to increase member engagement.

Several months later, it has turned into an opportunity to offer opinions on current events in a respectful manner—with CBS spiritual leader Rabbi Michael Beals offering a perspective grounded in Judaism.

“It is a comfortable environment where people feel free to express themselves without causing any antagonism,” said Schloss.

She had made her suggestion for Tea and Conversation with Rabbi Michael at a July brain-storming meeting hosted by Faith Silver, Vice President for Member Engagement. A lot of ideas were suggested.

“We never got to the point of discussing the ideas, but I did have people pick their top five favorites,” she said. “Hershey’s discussion program was one of the top five.”

Rabbi Beals, who studied political science as an undergraduate at the University of



“Tea” symbolizes the “civilized” tone of Tea and Conversation with Rabbi Michael

California at Berkeley and has a master’s degree in International Relations from the School of International Service at American University in Washington, D.C., was also interested in the program.

“And because we would meet in the afternoon, we thought ‘tea’ would be a good idea,” explained Silver, who provides most of the refreshments. “Tea” was not an entirely new idea.

“When I was first hired as rabbi at CBS, Dorothy Raker, the office manager at the time, used to create get-together teas so I could meet congregants in smaller batches,” said Rabbi Beals. “That was 14 years ago and I really miss those types of encounters.”

With a British father, grandfather, and grandmother, “tea” is important to Rabbi Beals’ identity.

“I think tea symbolizes something civilized and uplifting, which is the tone I want these encounters to have, he said. “And Faith

Silver’s baking is worth coming out for!”

The conversation—and noshing—takes place around a large table.

“We thought a lot about the seating. We didn’t want to set it up as if people were sitting in a classroom,” said Schloss, who chairs the program. “We wanted it to be an opportunity for engagement and interaction.”

Rabbi Beals is the facilitator for the group and frequently suggests a topic to discuss. There are only two basic rules: Be respectful of everyone’s opinion whether you agree or disagree and don’t dominate the discussion.

“I go around the room first and ask people what they know and feel about the topic,” said Rabbi Beals. “Only when everyone has expressed themselves will I offer my own opinion, based on a unique Jewish perspective, bringing in Torah and Talmud, as well as my own secular university education and personal experiences.”

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Two recent topics have been the murder of Saudi Arabia dissident and journalist Jamal Khashshogi and U.S. immigration issues.

“Regarding the Khashshogi murder, I talked about balancing basic Jewish beliefs regarding murder along with what might be Israel’s strategic interests in this case. It’s messy to say the least,” said Rabbi Beals.

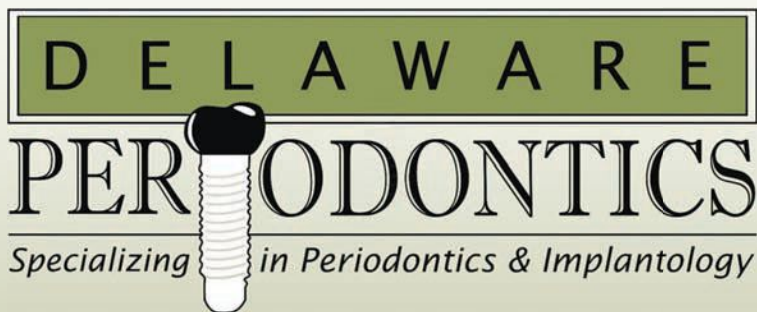
After everyone had had an opportunity to speak about immigration and a border wall, Rabbi talked of the 36 times the Torah exhorts us on the treatment of the stranger: “And you shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, since you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 23:9).

“Four hundred years in Egypt prepared us to be empathetic to the stranger,” he said, noting that empathy is different from sympathy. Sympathy is sharing the feelings of another; empathy is understanding the feelings of another, but not necessarily sharing them.

“I have views on many issues,” said Rabbi Beals. “But from the *bimah*, I try to keep my views, especially on controversial subjects, under wraps. I feel when congregants come into a sanctuary, they should feel safe. They come to pray, to be close to God and to their fellow Jews. They have not come to hear what I think about subjects which they might feel very differently about. I was hired to be the rabbi, not a political advisor. The sanctuary, I feel, should be a sanctuary, away from divisions and strife.”

In keeping with that separation, the program is held in a youth club room, far away from the synagogue’s sanctuary.

“In this setting, which congregants can choose to attend or avoid, they hear from one another and from me in a much a less guarded way,” said Rabbi Beals. “Those who attend choose to be with me in this more open format so I do not need to feel so careful about political sensitivities.”



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# Q ■ What's the most unusual thing that happened in your rabbinate?

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The quick answer: One wedding and a funeral.

While I was still a rabbinical student in New York, I got my first rabbinic job, and what a big one it was—a wedding—the daughter of my landlady. So, of course I wanted it to be perfect, and I went by the book. Performing a wedding does not entail just showing up to officiate. It involves a period beforehand of getting to know the couple and marital counseling. At one session where I was counseling the bride, she asked: “What advice can you give me about how to have a happy marriage?” A bit bemused by the question I said, “Well, Gail, I’ve been divorced twice.” To this she had a snappy comeback: “Well, then, can you tell me what not to do?” Needless to say, the question remained unanswered.

A few years ago I was called upon to perform the funeral of a congregant who was both a war veteran and a Mason. The military cemetery allotted only 15 minutes for each ceremony in its chapel, and it ran like clockwork—in, out, next group. Somehow, in those few minutes I had to do the Jewish ceremony, eulogize the man to whom I was fond of, and allow the Masons to do their prescribed funeral rites as well. I had called the

Masons in anticipation of the time crunch and requested that they be as brief as possible. The time arrived, 11:30 AM to be exact. The coffin was there, the Masons were there, and so was I. But the widow had not yet arrived. What do I do? Start without her? Wait and lose our turn and possibly have to reschedule on another day—not good for a Jewish burial. She arrived ten minutes late and, fortunately, nobody was slotted in after us, so our congregant received all the honors that he was due.

My anxiety-producing unusual rabbinic moments are few, thanks to my wonderful congregation, Beth Sholom in Dover.

## **RABBI PETER GRUMBACHER** *Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Beth Emeth*

**THE** most unusual? Over four-and-a-half decades in the rabbinate yields a number of unusual experiences, some of which I wouldn’t even put in writing and surely not the names of those involved. But it does point to what I’ve told numerous people... even in my “retirement” I’m never bored, nor was I ever.

OK, here goes... at least some of them:

I wrote what I thought was a powerful sermon for the nation’s bicentennial in 1976. As I was delivering it, I had this strange feeling that it was not what I had written. Sure enough, my beloved secretary (really!) at the time changed a sentence because she didn’t like what I had written. No problem, had she told me of her concern. I would have reviewed it and made up my mind based on her comments. But she knew I wouldn’t change it so she did me a “favor.” Well, she wasn’t sorry she did it, but it never happened again.

And then there was the time right before one of the holyday services when I had a strange feeling that I had better count the pages of my sermon. Indeed, a page was missing, and I’m pretty sure who stole it. I recovered a copy of that page before the service began.

Many interesting moments occurred during weddings. Even thirty years or so after their wedding the bride and groom know I tell this story to anyone who will listen. The wedding was held in a Philadelphia hotel which had its own *bimah*, a raised platform for the *chuppah*, the couple, the parents, and some of the attendants. It was made of cork. Three times the groom tried to break the glass; three times he couldn’t because the cork floor was too soft. He began to perspire. I told him to pick up the glass with which he gave me a look that could kill. I told him to break it on the floor when he and the bride left the *chuppah*. He hesitated so I yelled “*Mazel tov*,” the cue for the musicians to play the recessional. He brought it with him, put it down and smashed it to bits. Phew! Neither he nor the bride remember that... but I never forgot.

My first wedding was conducted in a small room in the Hotel duPont. I hadn’t been in town long so no one knew my obsession with beginning ON TIME. The ceremony was over, and as I walked down the hall on my way out of the hotel, a couple was walking towards me. “We have plenty of time, right?” they asked, not knowing who I was. “Jews never begin on the dot,” they added. My reply? “Oh, you’ve got all the time in the world!” and I left with a smile on my face.

There were more - many more - but there’s a four-hundred-word limit on what I can write for this column. Maybe at a later date we’ll ask the question again.

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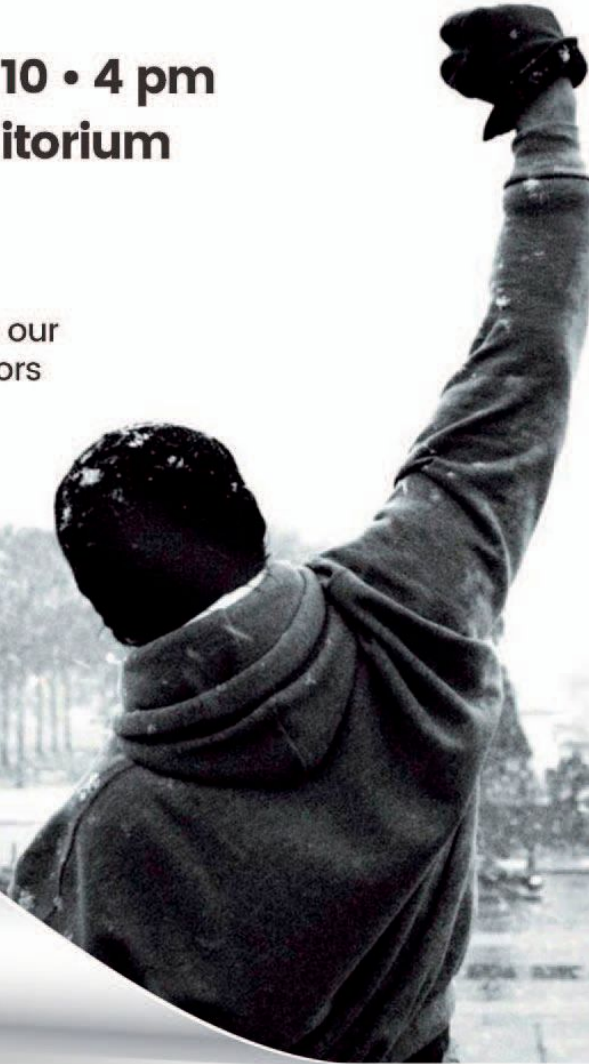
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# THE STRENGTH OF OZ

By Chloé Valdary & Noam Weissman

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One of us is a 25-year-old black Christian woman from New Orleans, and the other is a 33-year-old white Modern Orthodox Jewish man from Baltimore.

And yet, when it came to learning about Israel, we had practically the same experience growing up. When learning about Israel, we heard important talking points that reiterated the righteousness of Israel's cause. In a world that too often unfairly maligns Israel, our educators were set on ensuring we remembered and internalized these points.

- "Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East."
- "Israel is a center of hi-tech."
- "The media is biased against Israel."

Of course, that is all true, but years down the line, the way we think, learn, and talk about Israel has shifted considerably. It's

moved from "important talking points" to "thoughtful reflection." It has become less monolithic, less afraid to engage with nuance and complexity. The result has not been a *dampening* of our Israel advocacy—but a *deepening* of it. Israel is an amalgam of tensions and competing values and a beautiful cultural pluralism emerges.

One of Israel's greatest writers, Amos Oz's recent passing has served as an occasion to further reflect on how to foster a deep and mature love for Israel. Teaching facts and making sure students can defend Israel against unfair criticism has an important seat at the table. But if we want the next generation to cultivate a lasting affinity for Israel, one that makes us consider our own Jewish story and one that yields a long-lasting, deep relationship, we suggest the need for another approach altogether.

Growing up, we hadn't fully realized it, but fighting against a media culture constantly out to "get" Israel could only yield an abstract love, a love borne of frustration. When the media paints Israelis as monsters, we in the

pro-Israel world paint them as angels. But here's the problem: Israelis are human. And though we, as pro-Israel advocates, often repeat the refrain "*Am Yisrael Chai*," we can easily forget what it actually means: "The People of Israel Live." To live is to be beset by all that confronts the human condition. To live is to be forced to face challenges, to navigate deep insecurities, to lament one's shortcomings and to deal with one's mistakes. To live is to be joyous when the occasion calls for it, and to be sorrowful to the point of tears when appropriate.

The task for those who champion Israel's cause is to learn how to love Israeli *society and culture*: The people who are not abstractions, but who are flesh and blood. They have both dreams and shortcomings. The offerings of

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**THE STRENGTH OF OZ**

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Israeli culture, such as food, literature, music and Torah, all of which are invigorating.

Oz was called a lot of things - from traitor to prophet. His talent was his ability to capture the unique magic of his country, Israel, in prose in such a way that humanized each story and captured our own imagination. His work is relatable because, as readers, we can see ourselves in his stories about people thousands of miles away. Israelis are imperfect. Oz wrote them as full of hope and despair; joy and darkness; weakness and goodness. Oz taught us that by discovering the stories of Israelis, we would rediscover our own selves, and he dared us to imagine and to dream, even if it meant a dream that may never come true. He taught all of us to shamelessly feel the profound need for Israel while acknowledging its challenges.

How can the next generation of Jewish students across the globe experience this if Amos Oz’s canonical work, *A Tale of Love and Darkness* (and others), is not a core part of the curriculum in our educational community?

One solution to bridge the gap between Jews across the globe and Israeli Jews is to re-imagine what Israel education can look like. Fulfilling the prescient visions of Ahad Ha’am, Israel has become the ultimate producer of Jewish culture, a modern version of “*ki mitzion tetze Torah*,” “From Zion, Torah shall go out.” One proposal for a new approach to Israel education is for Jewish educators across the globe to “double down” and focus more on the distinctive Jewish culture, “the Israeliness” emerging out of Israel, rather than focusing on the Arab-Israeli conflict alone.

Let’s bring these three areas of Israeli culture into our classrooms and conversations:

**1. Literature** - If we want the next generation to deeply attach themselves to Israel, let’s inspire our students with the riveting Israeli literature canon and expose students to brilliant thinkers and writers like A.B. Yeshoshua, Shai Agnon, Natan Alterman and Etgar Keret.

In Oz’s *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, he poetically writes:

*I understood where I had come from: from a dreary tangle of sadness and pretense, of longing, absurdity, inferiority and provincial pomposity, sentimental education and anachronistic ideals, repressed traumas, resignation, and helplessness. Helplessness of the acerbic, domestic variety, where small-time liars pretended to be dangerous terrorists and heroic freedom fighters, where unhappy bookbinders invented formulas for universal salvation, where dentists whispered confidentially to all their neighbors about their protracted personal correspondence with Stalin, where piano teachers, kindergarten teachers, and housewives tossed and turned tearfully at night from stifled yearning for an emotion-laden artistic life, where compulsive writers wrote endless disgruntled letters to the editor of Davar, where elderly bakers saw Maimonides and the Baal Shem Tov in their dreams, where nervy, self-righteous trade-union hacks kept an apparatchik’s eye on the rest of the local residents, where cashiers at the*

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cinema or the cooperative shop composed poems and pamphlets at night.

Note that there is no exaggerated sense of self-indulgence or delusions of success here. Here, there is nothing less than the complete portrayal of a people, disappointments and all. And this is what it means to truly love someone. It requires taking in their fullness which reflects your very own. This is also why Oz was so good at disagreeing with people. He did so not out of callousness or condescension but out of an attempt to understand, to wrestle, and to confront with integrity. Of course, there is value in and of itself to study powerful prose, but it is an altogether personal experience when Jewish students can internalize the romantic language of the Israeli canon.

**2. Torah Learning** - Whether it is Nechama Leibovitz and her revolutionary approach to Bible education or Ruth Calderon, the academic and politician, who though secular, created a “Home for Hebrew culture,” and has brought observant and non-observant together to

learn Torah, leading Israeli minds have captivated and re-energized the Jewish people with ways to connect to Jewish tradition.

**3. TV and Cinema** - It is not just about the Netflix blockbuster *Fauda*, but a show like *Shtisel*, which shows a romantic, positive, empathic and insider view into ultra-Orthodox Jewish life in Israel and dispels many stereotypes.

As Daniel Gordis has noted, Israel is “bursting with Jewish energy, with Jewish creativity, with Jewish searching.”

Whether Oz was a naive optimist, an over-zealous believer in the pursuit for peace or any other epitaph, one thing remains clear: if we want the next generation to develop a strong relationship with Israel, we need to *make time* for a robust Israel education in our classrooms. Forgive the impassioned plea, but if we want our students to give a darn about Israel and fall in love with Israel, we need to re-work our Jewish educational system. As we contemplate Amos Oz’s passing, let’s remember this and do everything we can to engender a lasting and deep love for the Israeli people and an empathy for all people, and then pass this love on to the next generation.

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# HELPING OTHERS IN NEED:

## A History of the Jewish Federations of North America

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When the Jews were exiled from the Land of Israel, nearly two thousand years ago, they dispersed across many countries, fragmenting into small groups among widely divergent cultures and empires.

Whether under Christian or Islamic rule, in the German ghetto or Polish *shtetl*, somehow, the Jews remained internationally united. The glue was an allegiance to a code of laws and rituals set forth in the Torah and Talmud.

But Judaism is more than a religion; it is a way of life experienced through the *kehillah*, the community. Forced to endure harsh circumstances and anti-Semitism, Jews slowly developed a communal infrastructure that was uniquely Jewish. Mindful of an obligation in Jewish law to help the less fortunate, everyone in the community made regular contributions to the collection box, the *kuppah*. This fundraising system neither shamed nor glorified: both recipient and giver remained anonymous.

Community trustees divided the funds among a plethora of welfare providers. From the burial society to the soup kitchen to the dowry fund for poor girls, a communal organization existed to fit virtually every need. The *kuppah*, then, was the ultimate safety net for Jews who, throughout the centuries, lived through difficult times, from poverty to pogroms.

This system continued in the new country, as eastern European Jews, many destitute and illiterate, streamed into America's largest cities. They continued to be involved with human rights and now looked out for their less fortunate neighbors by creating a sophisticated philanthropic network that served the needs of the whole community.

In 1895, the Jews of Boston created a centralized, communal organization—later to become the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, which brought together under one umbrella all the different local fundraising groups. It offered the first one-stop philanthropy ever formed on this continent. Each welfare agency maintained its full independence and gained proportionate representation on the CJP board of trustees. It was the perfect marriage of heritage and innovation: the Jews adapted to their new situation by revising the old European fundraising model.

Jews in other cities quickly recognized the genius of the Boston federation, for it allowed the community to raise more funds at less expense and distribute them more wisely to meet greater needs. Today there are 153 federations across North America – one in every city with a Jewish population of more than 1,000.

In the early years, federations devoted themselves almost exclusively to local concerns—health care, child welfare, assistance for the aged. Soon, federations opened Jewish community centers to offer cultural and recreation activities, and education programs for adults and children. Cultural assimilation, another priority, prompted federations to offer vocational training, day camps, and community development programs.

The Jewish immigrant had become, in a word, Americanized.

External forces in Europe, meanwhile, put Jewish lives on the line. Federations embarked on a massive campaign to rescue and rehabilitate Jews living in conditions of discrimination and distress. In response to the 1939 Kristallnacht pogrom in Nazi Germany, the United Jewish Appeal was formed. Working with the UJA, federations provided the bulk of the funds to settle the survivors of Hitler's concentration camps and helped refugees create new lives in Israel. Federations also assisted the dislocated Jewish communities of Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Iran, Lebanon, and other countries.

Rescues have continued unabated in recent times, with the dramatic airlift of the Ethiopian Jews and the release and resettlement of Soviet Jews that resulted in the largest mass exodus of Jews since the turn of the 19th century.

### The Core of Federations' Success

Jewish communal fundraising has grown more sophisticated today than in the days of the *kuppah*, yet the principles remain the same. Individual commitment to the greater good of the community drives the federation system. Volunteers—women and men with passion for improving the conditions of Jews in their city and around the world—donate countless hours for the cause. These “lay

leaders” determine community priorities and raise funds. The Annual Campaign is the central fundraising mechanism of the federations. By writing a single check for the Annual Campaign, the donor both fulfills a religious duty and contributes to the well-being of the community at home, in Israel, and around the world.

### Revitalizing Jewish Life

In its first hundred years, federations saved persecuted Jews around the world, helped Israel grow from a vulnerable, developing country into a vital nation, and assisted people in rebuilding their lives in North America. Today, as federations enter a new phase, the commitment to *tikkun olam* remains as strong as it was in 1895. The landscape, however, looks different.

The Jewish community needs to address two key issues: Jewish affiliation and identity.

Once integrated into North American culture, generations of Jews have become enormously successful as entrepreneurs, in culture and the arts, in commerce and the professions. Individualism has become an important trait of the Jewish people, serving them well in their ability to explore bold, risk-taking ventures and thoughts.

However, this individualism has made it difficult for many Jews to maintain their heritage and continue working toward the collective good.

### Changing Demographics

The publication of the National Jewish Population Survey in 2000-2001 showed that:

- There are 5.2 million Jews in the U.S., down 5% from 1990 NJPS
- There is a clear pattern of assimilation with increasing remoteness from Judaism in each generation of American Jews.
- Jews in the Northeast and Midwest are increasingly moving to the Southeast and Southwest, geographical locations where Jewish infrastructures tend to be new.
- The percentage of Jews marrying non-Jews now stands at 47 percent.

Sobered by these findings, federation leaders realized that Jewish affiliation could no longer be taken for granted. Because of the reduction in anti-Semitism, high mobility rates

(especially among younger generations) and looser social networks, maintaining Jewish community and Jewish identity had become precarious.

And so, as previous generations have adapted to confronting the external challenges of their times, federations respond to the internal challenges of fostering Jewish continuity—for children, teens and adults, for this generation, and for generations to come.

### Securing Financial Resources to Meet Increasing Needs

The federation system has raised billions of dollars since its inception. More than just a charitable gift, the Annual Campaign fulfills the Jewish obligation of communal *tzedakah* and is the centerpiece of the federation fundraising effort; it provides unrestricted, general support monies to the community. A growing Annual Campaign is the key to long-term financial stability. Together with endowments, specifically earmarked gifts and “once in a lifetime” or extraordinary contributions, the Annual Campaign provides philanthropic opportunities for a wide range of contributors. Thus, more dollars will be available to meet the growing needs of the Jewish community as we move into the next century.





# HAROLD GRINSPOON

## Investing in Jewish and Community Life Around the World

By Shari Dym

When searching the words “Jewish philanthropist” on Google, there—appearing first with a gentle and heart-warming smile—should be a picture of Harold Grinspoon.

Although his name may not be familiar to some, many of his programs, like *LIFE & LEGACY*, *PJ Library*, *JCamp180*, and *Voices & Visions* are stock titles in most any Jewish community.

Harold Grinspoon most notably joined Bill Gates and Warren Buffet by signing a Giving Pledge. The Giving Pledge concept is simple: it is an open invitation for the wealthiest of individuals to publicly dedicate more than half of their wealth to philanthropy in an effort to help address society’s most pressing problems. It is inspired by the example set by millions of people at all income levels who give generously—and often at great personal sacrifice—to make the world better. Envisioned as a multi-generational effort, The Giving Pledge aims to help shift the social norms of philanthropy toward giving more, giving sooner, and giving smarter.

Those who take The Giving Pledge often write a letter explaining their decision to engage deeply and publicly in philanthropy, as well as describing the philanthropic causes to which they are devoted, such as poverty alleviation, refugee aid, disaster relief, global health, education, women and girls’ empowerment, medical research, arts and culture, and environmental sustainability.

Harold Grinspoon’s Giving Pledge was entered into the archives of the Smithsonian on May 5, 2015. Harold describes his childhood in his letter:

*As a young child peddling vegetables from my father’s garden or eggs from my uncle’s chickens, I knew I had a bent for entrepreneurship and a strong desire to someday achieve financial success. After a couple of unsuccessful business ventures, I bought a two-family house and then a three-family house with a goal to acquire enough real estate so that someday I would owe the banks \$50,000. I dreamed of the day I would finally pay off this debt. Sixty years later, I am still a significant partner in the same real estate business, which is now a leading national company in the multi-family industry.*

Later in life Harold was inspired by his wife, Diane Troderman, and his friends, Michael Steinhardt, Rabbi Irving Greenberg, and Jeremy Pava, to begin exploring his Jewish roots. Grinspoon reflected:

*Judaism brought joy, meaning, and purpose into my ancestors’ lives: a thirst for knowledge, a passion for justice, a commitment to care for the weak and oppressed, and a desire to make the world a better place. For me, experiencing the richness of Jewish life and absorbing Judaism’s message to engage and improve the world was a life-changing lesson. Being Jewish was an incredible gift and I was not going to squander it.*

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Grinspoon believed that newfound social acceptance in America led to a decreased connection with our Jewish heritage. The result was a significant increase in interfaith marriages; and with each passing year, fewer of these couples are raising their children with any connection to their Jewish heritage. This trend was of great concern to Harold because it posed a threat to the Jewish future.

To address this challenge, he created the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to engage Jews in the richness of Jewish tradition. The Foundation's mission is to enhance Jewish and community life around the world. The belief is that for Judaism to continue to have an impact on families and society, Jewish living and learning must be actively cultivated.

Harold Grinspoon signed his Giving Pledge stating, "That is why I am committing nearly all my assets to my Foundation to pursue this goal."

The Grinspoon Foundation creates programs to engage the Jewish community by meeting people where they are at key life

moments and then providing access to the best of Jewish culture and tradition, using philanthropy to encourage investments in the Jewish community.

When the Delaware community reached its Create A Jewish Legacy goal at the end of year three, Harold exclaimed, "Congratulations! You did it! I am so proud of you, you did an amazing job of showing how important Legacy giving is to the community. You must feel very good. I'm pleased to pay up!"

For anyone who has had the privilege to meet Harold Grinspoon, you can just hear the excitement in his voice. He is always encouraging and proud of the results that have come from his investments in our Jewish communities.

The Grinspoon Foundation also offers PJ Library and PJ Our Way, international programs working in partnership with Jewish philanthropists and communities to use the gift of free Jewish children's books to engage families across the world. PJ Library shares Jewish stories that spark family

discussions about Jewish values, traditions, and culture – all while respecting the fact that there are as many ways of celebrating Judaism as there are families who are doing so.

When you walk through the Siegel Jewish Community Center, the hallway walls hold images from Harold Grinspoon's Voices & Visions Program, given as gifts to Jewish organizations for educational and engagement purposes. Each series of prints pairs leading contemporary Jewish artists and designers with quotes from leading and inspiring Jewish thinkers across the ages. Goals of the program are to beautify Jewish spaces, spark conversations, and foster pride in Jewish ideas and values.

Sharing Jewish experiences, values, culture and traditions with people of all ages is at the heart of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Providing these gifts while inspiring us to make a difference, Harold Grinspoon's Giving Pledge will continue to help shape our Jewish Communities leading to a greater impact and a more sustainable future for our Jewish community here in Delaware and around the world.





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# Julius Rosenwald: REPAIRING THE WORLD

Book by Hasia Diner  
Yale University Press, 2017

Review by Roger Horowitz,  
*Hagley Library/University of  
Delaware*

Hasia Diner’s evocative and beautifully written new biography of Julius Rosenwald comes at a time when one of his most enduring 20th century accomplishments is fading from our landscape.

In 2018 Sears announced that it would close most of its retail stores, establishments that for a century had sold everything from car batteries to baby cribs. None of the articles decrying this development noted that the stores were the brainchild of Rosenwald when he was the company’s leader in the 1910s and 1920s. How fitting that it took a Jew from Chicago to see that walk-in urban consumers were the future for a company that had relied previously on catalogue sales.

The disappearance of Rosenwald’s Sears stores is just one more way that his enormous impact on Jewish life, and American society, has faded from view. As Diner charts, in his day Rosenwald was one of the most influential philanthropists in America – and as a result, one of the nation’s most prominent Jews. He funded the University of Chicago, underwrote much of the rescue efforts for Jews during and immediately following the First World War, and supported many African American scientists, artists, and intellectuals. Moreover, he required other philanthropists to join in with his efforts, making him influential in the small world of very wealthy men (all Christian) whose resources laid the foundation for modern philanthropy.

Diner’s objective is not just to restore awareness of Rosenwald’s accomplishments; she returns again and again to explore how his Jewishness influenced his commitment to philanthropy. In this way, the book is simultaneously a biography and an extended meditation on what it meant to be a successful Jew in secular American society, how Rosenwald’s Jewish values and ethics shaped his energies for, as she captures in her subtitle, “repairing the world.”

The historical roots of his Jewishness are easily traced. His parents, Samuel and Augusta Rosenwald, brought their son up in a Springfield, Illinois synagogue imbued with the idealism of late 19th century Reform Judaism. Once they moved to Chicago, the family worshipped in the Chicago Sinai synagogue lead by Rabbi Emil Hirsch, one of the inspiring leaders of the Reform denomination. Hirsch taught the young Rosenwald that it was the “imperative to seek justice” that constituted the core of what it meant to be Jewish. Rabbi Hirsch – and Reform adherents such as Rosenwald – believed that the ethical practices of Jews would demonstrate their virtue to the larger society and create “a fairer, more inclusive and humane place that would make it [America] a safe haven for Jews.” (54)

Diner charts how Rosenwald’s commitment to philanthropy paralleled his involvement with Hirsch – but with a distinctive commitment to Jewish unity. In Chicago Rosenwald worked diligently to unify Reform and Conservative organizations into one federation, while at the same time bringing the quarreling Orthodox synagogues into a common – if separate

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– Orthodox federation. Eventually Rosenwald effected a merger between these two federations to create the Jewish Charities of Chicago, realizing his greatest objective, unity among Jews in a manner that protected their differences while permitting a unified voice for and face to American society.

Rosenwald’s philanthropy towards the African American community indicates, to Diner, the depth of his belief in the Jewish principle of *tikun olam*. He helped to build more than 3,000 African American schools, heavily funded Howard University, and was one of the main backers of the National Urban League. Indeed, whenever there was an issue affecting African Americans as well as Jews, Rosenwald was likely to be in the mix, using his resources to generate solutions intended to make this country a better place.

Rosenwald’s modesty largely explains his fade from view. He refused to allow any structures to carry his name; otherwise “Rosenwald” might adorn a Jewish Theological seminary building, the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, and the Howard University library. He also directed his foundation to spend down its endowment, putting it out of business twenty-five years after his death. His modest gravestone, “Julius Rosenwald, 1862-1932” captured his reticence to burnishing his legacy. We are fortunate to have Hasia Diner’s fine new book to remind us of his importance –and character.

Author Hasia Diner will speak on Julius Rosenwald: From Sears Executive to Passionate Philanthropist on March 7 at 7PM at the Hagley Soda House Auditorium (Access through Hagley’s Buck Road library entrance.)

Copies of Diner’s book, Julius Rosenwald: Repairing the World will be available for sale and signing by the author.

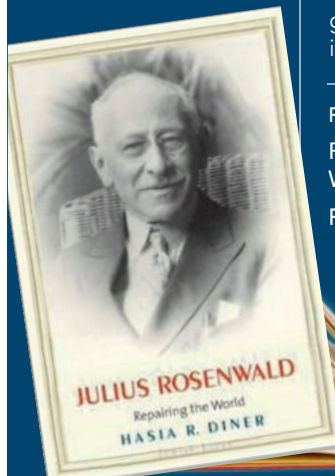
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## Tzedakah is a hallmark of Jewish tradition. You don't need money to do it.

Social welfare – the idea that society has an obligation to help the poor and the weak – has not always been as accepted as it is today. In ancient times, and in many non-Western societies even today, the family is the primary economic support system, and a person's children the only safety net.

Furthermore, a strong tradition of blaming – and punishing – the victim has also marred the development of humane governance.

In 16th century England, for example, the Poor Law “punished wanderers and vagabonds by branding them with the letter ‘V’, assigned them as slaves to those who would claim them, fed them bread and water and refuse meat...enslaved them for life if they escaped during the first year, and put them to death as felons if they escaped again.”

Even during the opening decades of the 20th century, “Social Darwinism,” the application of the Darwinian doctrine of survival of the fit in nature to human society, was intellectually fashionable. It was believed that evolutionary progress dictated that the weaker members of society would fall by the wayside, leaving the stronger ones to forge the future. Such was the climate of opinion that a prominent philosopher, A.G. Warner, could advocate the “castration and permanent isolation of the essentially unfit.”

The Jewish approach to poverty could not be more different. An active and organized compassion for those in need has been one of the hallmarks of Jewish tradition.

As the Midrash says: “Tzedakah (charity) was slumbering, and Abraham aroused it. How did he do it? He built an inn with openings in every direction, and he would receive wayfarers” (Shocheh Tov 110).

The love of giving did not cease with Abraham; he instilled in his progeny a deep altruism. In *A History of the Jews*, Paul Johnson writes: “From Temple times, the *kuppah* or collecting box was a pivot around which the Jewish welfare community revolved.”

*“We have never heard of a Jewish community that does not have a kuppah.”*

Indeed, it is part of Jewish law that community leaders are responsible for the needs of the poor. Thus, some 800 years ago, Maimonides wrote: “We have never seen or heard of a Jewish community that does not have a kuppah.”

And so it has continued to the present time; the myriad special funds for food, clothing, education, marital expenses, medical treatment, and every other need, are commonplace throughout the Jewish world. And during the last half-century, in the fundraising campaigns to support the State of Israel, Jews all over the world have established a record of magnanimity that is without precedent. The ubiquitousness of our philanthropic activity is an organic function of Jewish tradition.

### Three Kinds of Giving

You don't have to have money to be a giver. The classic ethical work, *Paths of the Righteous*, enumerates three main categories of generosity: giving of one's wealth, giving of oneself physically, and giving of one's wisdom.

Physically exerting oneself in helping others is something that almost anybody can do; usually all that is needed is the willingness to make an effort. Indeed, all of the major passages in life

- from rejoicing with the bride and groom to healing and visiting the sick and burying the dead
- are opportunities for kindness. The mundane activities of everyday life, too, are replete with such windows for concern and giving; and it

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can take almost any form, whether it be making a cup of coffee for a friend or holding a door open for someone.

The opportunities are endless, but many of them are missed. The story is told of a student who came to the classroom and saw all the seats were taken. So he went next door and returned carrying a chair for himself to sit in. The teacher, Rabbi Shraga Feivel Mendelowitz, a renowned Torah scholar of the last century, admonished him: “*Shlepper!*” he exclaimed, using the Yiddish word for one who carries things around like a beast of burden.

The boy was taken aback by the unexpected reaction. Rabbi Mendelowitz explained to him that since he was only taking care of his own need for a chair, he was just a *shlepper*. Had he bothered to think of others and brought a second chair with him, his effort would have been graced by an intention far more noble.

The third category is wisdom. Sharing one’s knowledge and understanding with others is a great kindness and an important part of Jewish tradition. The most common manifestation is teaching; but you don’t have to stand up in front of a classroom to share what you know.

Giving advice is another way. It can take the form of counsel in medical, business or legal matters, areas where a special expertise is needed. But there is a vast storehouse of useful information in our everyday experience. One friend of mine turned himself into a walking information center by meticulously recording in a small memo pad all the names, numbers and routes of buses, trains, taxis and just about everything else you would need to know to get from one place to another.

### The Fourth Dimension of Giving

Abraham excelled in all three categories of generosity. He used his wealth to accommodate travelers (Genesis 21:33). He risked his own physical safety to rescue his nephew, Lot, who had been kidnapped. With his wisdom, he brought the word of God to a world of paganism, sharing his monotheistic vision with all who would listen.

However, Abraham’s inn had four entrances. Three of the entrances may be said to represent the three dimensions of giving we have described. What is the significance of the fourth entrance?

Before suggesting an answer, let us consider another statement of the Sages that warrants scrutiny: “Anyone who goes to sleep and thinks, ‘Tomorrow I will get up and do a favor for so-and-so,’ is destined to rejoice with the righteous in *Gan Eden*” (Midrash Mishlei 12). Certainly, it’s a nice thought. But why should the reward be so great? And it’s implied that eternal life is his just for the thought, even if nothing ever comes of it!

*The ideal of Jewish giving is that one must strive to become a person whose essence is kindness.*

Perhaps we can find the answer to both questions in an intriguing aspect of the Jewish laws of charity. Let us say that you have 100 dollars that you wish to give to the needy. Would it be better to give the entire sum to an individual in need? Or would it be preferable to break it down into smaller sums, allotting say, 10 dollars for 10 donations?

Jewish tradition teaches that it is better to give many small sums rather than one

large one. The reason is that by so doing one habituates himself to giving. The ideal of Jewish giving is that it is not sufficient to perform kindnesses; one must strive to become a person whose essence is kindness.

This same ideal is the key to the enigmatic statement about having good deeds in mind when going to sleep. For what kind of person is it that has such thoughts in the privacy of his bedroom at the end of the day? Only someone who really cares deep down about others; someone whose caring is an essential part of him. Such a person merits *Gan Eden* – whether or not he succeeds in carrying out any particular plan to do a favor for someone – because that’s what his whole life is about.

And this accounts for the fourth entrance to Abraham’s inn. Abraham exemplified what it means to live a Jewish life. He gave to others in every important way. The entrances to his inn symbolize the forms that his giving took. Three of the entrances correspond to the three dimensions of giving described above. But Abraham went beyond that. He attained the fourth dimension of giving – he himself was imbued with the trait of giving. He was not just a person who gave; he was in his essence a giver.

Thus the fourth entrance represents the perfection of personality that Abraham achieved, and that we, his descendants, strive for.

**Sources:** Paul Johnson, *A History of the Jews*, P. 203; *Yad, Hilchos Matanas Aniyim* 9:3; Lawrence Kelemen, *Permission to Receive*, P. 151, quoting John J. Clarke, *Social Administration Including the Poor Laws*, P. 24; and P. 151, quoting Warner, *American Charities*, P. 31; *Orchos Tsadikim, Sha’ar HaNedivus*.



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- 1. Sound of a mosquito biting the dust
- 4. Like Aly Raisman
- 9. Frasier or Niles
- 14. It's better than a king
- 15. Place for a pin
- 16. She had "the face that launched a thousand ships"
- 17. Indiana Jones star riding a Bronco?
- 20. Notable co-star of Shatner
- 21. Martial arts school
- 22. 1990 World Series champs
- 23. Mouth
- 25. Away from port
- 27. "Moneyball" co-star atop a Bunker?
- 34. Like Haman
- 35. Knight's title
- 36. A wedding, for one
- 38. Low grade
- 39. Wow
- 42. Half of sei

- 43. Ancient Peruvians
- 45. Finish, with "up"
- 46. Early Bond villain
- 47. "The Italian Job" co-star finishing a Master's course?
- 51. Jekyll's counterpart
- 52. Famous Dr. who doesn't have a phd.
- 53. Airline since 1948
- 56. "Time \_\_\_ the essence"
- 59. They should be taken seriously
- 63. "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" star at Liberty to take a boat ride?
- 66. Perón of note
- 67. Singer Katz (brother of singer Shlomo)
- 68. "Exodus" hero
- 69. Exodus commemoration
- 70. Dahl who said "There is a trait in the Jewish character that does provoke animosity..."
- 71. Make like Nissim

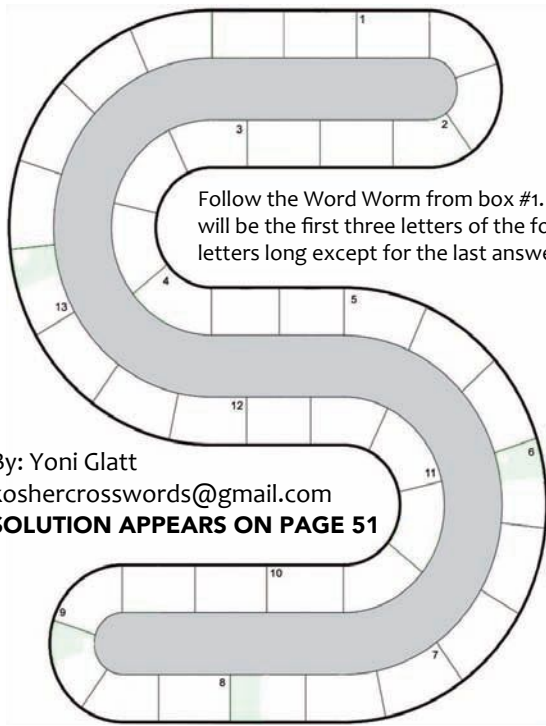
**DOWN**

- 1. Steve in "That Thing You Do!"
- 2. Juice berry, nowadays
- 3. Salon job
- 4. It's made moving to Israel
- 5. Fracking extraction
- 6. It certainly beat out the Zune
- 7. Funny Jay
- 8. Visitor to a 69-Across
- 9. When doubled, a dance
- 10. Chorus
- 11. Ahava ingredient, often enough
- 12. Screech, e.g.
- 13. Breaks off
- 18. Met defeater in 2015
- 19. Honker
- 24. Shrek's cat friend
- 26. Barak of Israel
- 27. Sith foe
- 28. Pizzeria fixtures
- 29. Dina, to Esau
- 30. Plum's center
- 31. Best player in baseball, according to many
- 32. Petrol unit
- 33. Producer Michaels
- 37. Glowing gas
- 39. Far from ruddy
- 40. Work the aisles
- 41. Water, for life
- 44. Sue Bird, e.g.
- 46. Great fear
- 48. Thor's pop
- 49. Mama bird
- 50. \_\_\_ meat
- 53. Just makes, with "out"
- 54. Cleanse
- 55. Yesh party lead by Lapid
- 57. Kasich's land
- 58. Greek salad cheese
- 60. Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
- 61. Israeli dance with few moves
- 62. Scissors sound
- 64. Crew need
- 65. Actor Linden (born Lipshitz)

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# THE WORD WORM

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THE WORD WORM



Follow the Word Worm from box #1. The last three letters of each answer will be the first three letters of the following answer. Each answer will be six letters long except for the last answer which will be seven letters long.

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2. It was split
3. "To everything there is a \_\_\_"
4. "Illness as Metaphor" author Susan
5. Birthright, in Israel
6. More like ballerina Maya Plisetskay
7. Pulitzer winner Wouk
8. Funny Howie
9. The Nile and Jordan have them
10. Prayer shawl part
11. Gomez once schooled by  
Joan Rivers
12. Foster, like King Manasseh did  
with idolatry
13. Says Grace After Meals, e.g.

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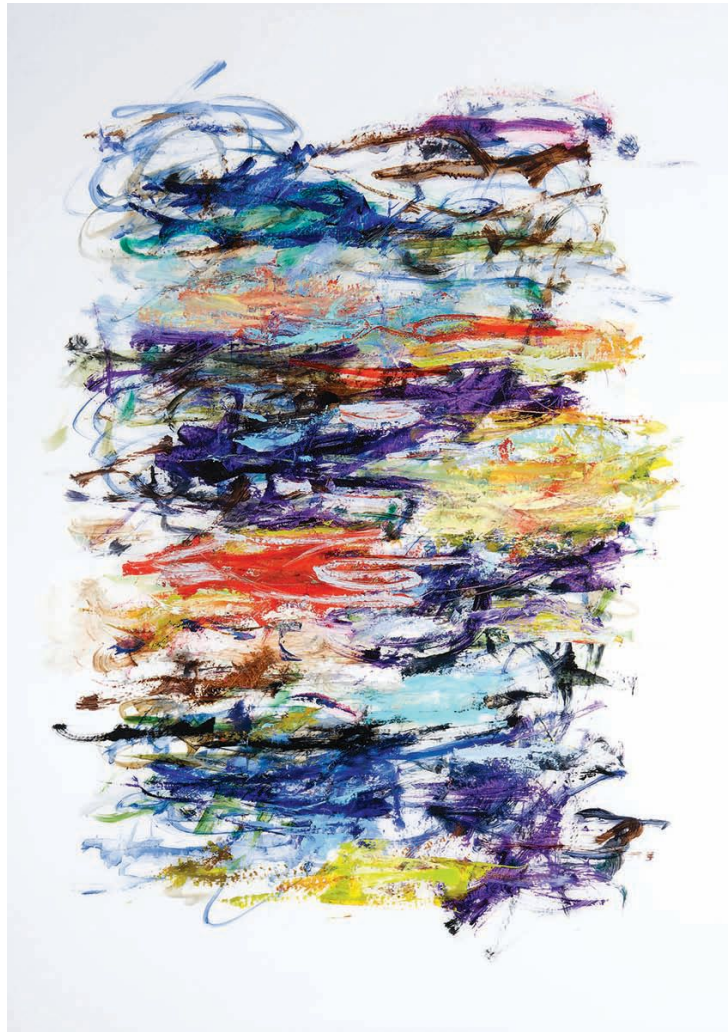
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# BRIGHT NOTES, SWIRLING LINES, AND MAH JONGG!

By Kerin Hearn  
ArtSpace Committee



Color seems to climb a ladder of line PHOTO COURTESY OF EDWINA BRENNAN

## The Art of Edwina Brennan

The plethora of completed and framed paintings in Pennsylvania artist Edwina Brennan's studio is impressive. When asked how she became so prolific, Edwina says she made a concerted effort to fill her life with painting after her husband of many years passed. A number of these linear abstract oil paintings on Mylar form the current exhibit, *Bright Notes, Swirling Lines*, at the Siegel JCC ArtSpace.

Edwina paints several days a week, but prefers to paint with other artists, appreciating the interchange that brings. She is part of ARTsisters of the West Chester area and was in their past group show in ArtSpace.

She began her career by painting and drawing a bit before deciding to attend the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. There she was told her drawing skills needed improvement. So she learned how to draw

and paint academic landscapes, though she always retained looseness to her style.

For the next 14 years she painted two to three days a week, while raising her family. She lugged easel, canvas, and other equipment in all kinds of weather to paint en plein air. While she painted her semi-academic landscapes, she began to transition into the abstract.

She became fascinated with bicycles and the loops of the wheels and movement of shapes and colors. She traced circles to ovals of the wheels with more and more intensity, with more lines and motion. Color became bright notes of orange, red, yellow, and blue.

She became known for her abstract bicycle art, painting for the Bike Races in Philly, with a one-person show at Jakes in Manayunk. She sold many bicycle paintings over a period of years.

However, as she worked, her paintings became even more abstract. She eventually

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## At the SIEGEL JCC ArtSpace

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### BRIGHT NOTES, SWIRLING LINES

Abstract Linear Oil Paintings on Mylar  
by Edwina Brennan

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### THE ART OF MAH JONGG

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Chinese tiles inside travel case PHOTO BY DAN BRODY

left the bicycle image behind in favor of a symphony of rhythmic lines and staccato movements, accented by intense patches of brilliant colors jutting out of the center of the painting.

Edwina begins a painting with “Just a mark... simple and straightforward. But then, there is another mark, then another, a splotch of color, some scraping.” She creates drawings that are not sketches or renderings of objects or experiences. Rather, the drawing itself is the experience. She feels unity is maintained through the jots and swirls from the interior and even through the borders of the paper, which are lines themselves. She plans to continue her exciting pursuit of the abstract into the future.

## The Art of Mah Jongg

While Mah Jongg is often thought of as a game played by our mothers and grandmothers, its illustrious history goes

back centuries to ancient China and moves forward to a renaissance today all over America. A beginner’s class in Mah Jongg at the Siegel JCC, starting in January, received overwhelming registration.

*The Art of Mah Jongg*, the exhibit in the Siegel JCC ArtSpace Showcase, touches upon the history of the game, while showing the beauty and decorativeness of both the playing tiles and the cases that hold them. Illustrations, wonderful old photos of players in different settings throughout the decades and vintage books and rule cards complete the display.

Historians believe Mah Jongg descended from earlier games, first “Ya Pei” played during the Sung Dynasty (960-1279 AD) with 32 oblong wood or ivory cards, and then “Ma Tiae” played during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644 AD) with 40 paper cards, with four suits numbered 1-9 and four additional flower cards. Around 1850 two brothers from Ningpo created Mah Jongg from Ma Tiae and the use

of hand-painted tiles came into favor.

The game was introduced to British clubs in Shanghai and a young Standard Oil Businessman, Joseph Babcock, translated the rules into English. He wrote the first rulebook, *Mah-Jong, The Fascinating Chinese Game*, in 1920. He imported the games to the US where the country’s largest game companies took licenses. By 1923, Mah Jongg became the biggest game rage in North American history.

Over the years the game had many different sets of rules depending upon the club, the teacher, the venue, or the area of the country. In 1937, four women founded the National Mah Jongg League and a standardized set of American Rules was adopted. To this day, the organization publishes an annual folding card with official hands and rules, used by all American players.

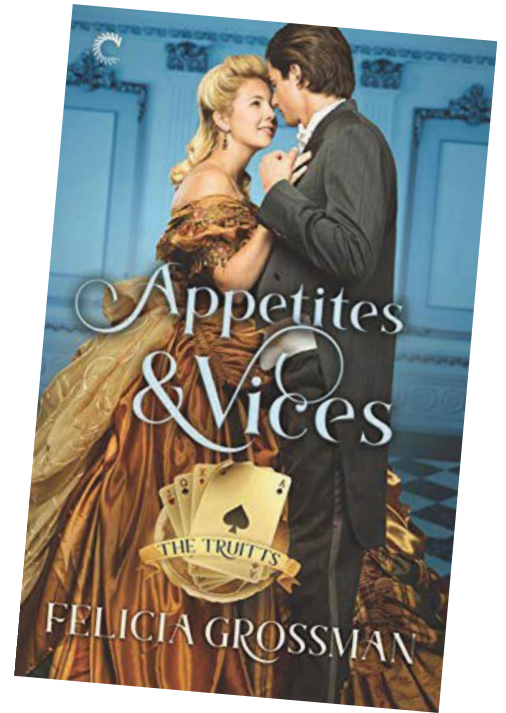




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# DELAWARE NATIVE'S DEBUT NOVEL

By JFD Staff



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## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FROM : DELAWARE GRATZ HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

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

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

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

These opportunities can include:

- Trips to Israel
  - Semesters abroad in Israel
  - Attending Jewish summer camps
  - Attending special programs in Israel or in the United States
- ... as well as many other educational opportunities.

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



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

*Appetites & Vices* is the debut historical romance novel coming from Wilmington, Delaware native, and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School graduate Felicia Grossman.

*Appetites & Vices* is set entirely in 1841 Delaware and Philadelphia and tells the story of Ursula Nunes, the least popular Jewish heiress in the region. Also featured is Jay Truitt, a recovering opium addict hiding behind his rich playboy persona. What starts as a faux engagement to help Ursula's social standing, turns into actual love. *Appetites & Vices* follows Jay's struggle to build a new life and Ursula's struggles to fit into both Jewish and gentile society, while discovering that everything is a little easier with a partner.

The book explores the difficulties of American Jewish identity, addiction and cross-cultural romance—with a great deal of humor. Grossman explains, "So many Jewish historical novels focus on the shtetl, the Holocaust, or the 1880-1924 migration. I wanted to tell a different story starring Jews with different traditions and point of views. I also really wanted to read a historical romance where someone like me got to wear a ball gown and corset."

*Appetites & Vices* recently received a "starred review" from *Library Journal Xpress* and is set for publication with Harlequin's Carina Press for February 18, 2019. *Appetites & Vices* is the first book in Grossman's *The Truitts* series, which all feature Jewish heroines and/or heroes and all are set in 19th Century Delaware and Pennsylvania.

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avelei tziyonvi'Yerushalayim.*

**EDWARD "EDDIE" BLAINE DAVIS**

Montgomery Village, MD - Age 92, of Montgomery Village, MD, formerly of Wilmington, DE, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2019, after a short illness.

Born in Clearfield, PA, on August 14, 1926, he was the oldest of six children of Byron and Wilda Davis. After graduating from Westport High School in Kansas City, MO, he joined the US Navy, serving in Chicago. Eddie earned his BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology and retired from the DuPont Company in 1986 with 38 years of service, including various assignments in Texas, Tennessee, and Delaware. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Eddie was a lifelong learner, active for many years at the University of Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning, and graduated from the art theory program at the Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia. His hobbies included photography, sailing, guitar, writing poetry, and SCUBA diving. Traveling enriched his life, especially trips to Europe, Egypt, Israel, and many trips diving in the Caribbean.

Preceded by death by his wife of 65 years, Jeanne Marie Bentley Davis, of Chicago, IL in 2012; Eddie is survived by his

two daughters, Victoria Jeanne Davis of CA and Elizabeth Davis Deahl (Gary) of MD; two grandsons, Shawn Cosgrove and Brian Cosgrove; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers; two sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

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

**SHIRLEY GOLDBERG (NEE SCHWARTZ)**

Wilmington - Age 98, passed away January 8, 2019 in Wilmington, DE.

Shirley was born December 2, 1920 in Brooklyn, NY to Jack and Molly Schwartz. She was a homemaker, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her greatest pleasures were the times spent with her family. She enjoyed traveling, going to the beach, playing the piano, singing in a choral group, and playing Mah Jongg. Shirley is a member of Keshet Israel Synagogue in Harrisburg, PA.

Preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Molly Schwartz; her husband, Harry; brother, Matthew Schwartz; and sister, Suzanne Morrison; she is survived by her

daughters, Phyllis Kazinoff, Ruth Sharon (Jim), and Marsha Goldberger; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; in addition to many nieces and nephews.

She was loved and will be greatly missed by her extended family and friends. The family would like to thank the wonderful, dedicated, caring staff at the Kutz Home for the compassion given to Shirley during her time with them for the past few years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made in Shirley's memory to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

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**ANNE MARGARET GOODMAN**

Wilmington - Age 56, passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

Born July 26, 1962 in Claymont, DE, she was the daughter of Joseph and Katherine (nee Hardick) Connolly.

Preceded in death by one brother, Anne is survived by her husband; son; brother; and three sisters.

**GAIL FRANCIS HANULIK (NEE SANDERS)**

Newark - Age 84, passed away December 14, 2018.

Born March 4, 1934 in Fairfield, PA, she was the daughter of the late Sgt. Andrew B. and Lula M. (nee Tressler) Sanders. Gail was a homemaker and Officer of American Legion Post 47 in Havre de Grace, MD.

Preceded in death by her husband, Paul H.; children, Paul A., Robert L., and Laurie

G.; she is survived by her brother, Fred A. (Connie) of Havre de Grace, MD; children, Nancy A. Stacy (Jerry) of Elkton, MD and Ronald N. (Cheryl) of Newark, DE; son-in-law, Thomas Golden; grandchildren, Jerry (Valerie), Angel, Hank, Tabitha, Hanna, and Ron, II; great-grandchildren, Ashlee, Courtney, Brian, Kasey, Marty, Grady, Nat, and Thomas; great-great-grandchildren, Eddie, Savannah, Layla, and due in March - Bellamee; and seven nieces and nephews.

**BARRY SEIDEL**

Newark - Age 86, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away after a long illness on January 14, 2019.

Barry was born in Philadelphia, PA to Albert and Esther (nee Bass) Seidel. He graduated from the University of Delaware in 1953, and then received his PhD from MIT in 1959. In the same year, he was hired by the University of Delaware to teach in the department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering - he retired from U of D as a full professor in 1991. Barry also worked

for NASA over several summers and spent sabbaticals at Cal Tech in California, and Cambridge University in Cambridge, England. He lived a rich, full life. Among his many interests, he was an expert sailor, a master bread baker, and a devoted student of Hebrew.

Barry is survived by his wife, Phyllis (nee Schulman); sister, Jackie Berger; children, Ethan (Rachel) and Faith (Misha); grandchildren, Alex, Natan, Hannah, Jordan (Sasha), and Margot; and great-grandson, Ari.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Temple Beth El or a charity of your choice.

**CLARA (PODOLSKY) SPERBER**

Passed away on December 1, 2018.

Preceded in death by her husband Herbert, she is survived by her daughters Sharon (Jordon) Rosen and Marilyn (Stanley) Halprin, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

### 80s Date Night

6:30 – 9:30 PM

Siegel JCC

It's time to go way back to the 80s with **Peabody's Wayback Machine**, the quintet that will play you the magic of your youth - join us for the ride! This event is BYOB, and we will be serving a buffet-style sit-down dinner. We will also have a limited supply of wine & beer available for purchase. Cost: \$45/person. For more information or to register, please visit [siegeljcc.org](http://siegeljcc.org), or contact Melissa Simon at [melissasimon@siegeljcc.org](mailto:melissasimon@siegeljcc.org).

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

### Farewell Ceremony

10 – 11:30 AM

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

The community is invited as Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth bids farewell to its Washington Blvd. location. It is expected that this event will be the last major program in its home of 56 years. Once the building sale is completed, the congregation will reside temporarily at Congregation Beth Shalom as it pursues a permanent home. The program will include a short history of AKSE, reminiscences from several congregants, remarks by AKSE spiritual leader, Rabbi Steven Saks, Rabbi Emeritus Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth and congregation president, Alan Bleier, as well as musical selections by Cantor Yehoshua Redfern and the High Holiday Choir. Torah Scrolls will then be ceremonially removed from the Holy Ark and carried in procession by women and men who read Torah for the congregation. The congregation looks forward to a new chapter in its 134-year history as the first synagogue in the First State. The program is free and open to the community. Please contact the AKSE office at 302-762-2705 or [office@AKSE.org](mailto:office@AKSE.org) for more information.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

### Go Wild with Einstein and PJ Library at the Delaware Museum of Natural History

12-2 PM

Delaware Museum of Natural History

Join Albert Einstein Academy and the PJ Library of Delaware for a fun and interactive Story Time and Craft. Register for FREE admission to the Museum (space is limited). For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lisa Kornblum, Admissions Director at 302-478-5026 or [events@einsteinaday.org](mailto:events@einsteinaday.org)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019

### FED TALKS: Investment Opportunities in the Start-Up Nation: Israel's Edge in Innovation and Tech for 2019 and Beyond

7 PM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

Featuring Joseph Levin, Partner and Chief Investment Strategist BlueStar Indexes and Inon Elroy, Economic Minister to North America Israeli Economic Mission in NYC. In cooperation with the Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce. Free and open to the public. Refreshments served. For information, contact: [Ellen@shalomdel.org](mailto:Ellen@shalomdel.org)

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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](mailto:bethannshort@siegeljcc.org).

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019

### Youth Social Guide: JCade Night (Grades K-5)

7 – 9 PM

Siegel JCC JCade

Calling all gamers! It's time to level up! Play your favorite video games in the JCade at night! Light snacks provided. Cost: \$10/Member, \$18/Non-Member. For more information or to register, please visit [siegeljcc.org](http://siegeljcc.org) or contact Becky Stahl at [beckystahl@siegeljcc.org](mailto:beckystahl@siegeljcc.org).

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

### FED TALKS: *The Diverse Jewish Community in Buenos Aires Through Photography*

11 AM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

Exhibit on display at the JCC Gallery Discussion facilitated by the photographer, Silvina Frydlewsky. In cooperation with the Jewish Studies Program of the University of Delaware. Free and open to the public. Refreshments served. For information, contact: [Ellen@shalomdel.org](mailto:Ellen@shalomdel.org).

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019

### Albert Einstein Academy 2018-2019 Curriculum Showcase: Einstein Goes Wild!

6 PM

Siegel JCC - Auditorium

Join Albert Einstein Academy Students, Faculty and Family in viewing the Curriculum Showcase for the 2018-2019 School Year. All are welcome to view the work from each discipline and student on display! For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lisa

Kornblum, Admissions Director at 302-478-5026 or [lisa.kornblum@einsteinaday.org](mailto:lisa.kornblum@einsteinaday.org).

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

### Community Open Showcase and Open House

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Siegel JCC - Auditorium / Albert Einstein Academy

Join Albert Einstein Academy for a morning of exploration of our 2018-2019 Curriculum Showcase. Start by viewing student work on display and stay for a tour of our school.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lisa Kornblum, Admissions Director at 302-478-5026 or [lisa.kornblum@einsteinaday.org](mailto:lisa.kornblum@einsteinaday.org).

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

### Shalom Baby and Albert Einstein Academy

#### Present: Baby Einstein - Music with Mr. Shelley

9:30-10:30 AM

Albert Einstein Academy - Music Room

Please join us for Music and Story Time with ECC's Music Teacher, Mr. Royce Shelley.

This NEW Monthly Music Class will meet the SECOND Thursday of each month. This FREE class welcomes little ones (ages 0-3) and their caregivers for stories, music, and fun!

(Strollers should enter through the Siegel JCC main entrance.) For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lisa Kornblum, Admissions Director at 302-478-5026 or [lisa.kornblum@einsteinaday.org](mailto:lisa.kornblum@einsteinaday.org).

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

### Dinosaur Shabbat

4:45 – 6 PM

Auditorium

Join friends and family for our 5th annual Dinosaur Shabbat! Enjoy a traditional Shabbat dinner of baked chicken, potatoes, and challah after the service. If you have never attended a Shabbat service before, don't worry – your child will guide you! This dinner is open to all JCC members regardless of religion. Cost: \$5/ Members, \$7/Non-members. For questions, email Beth Ann Short at [bethannshort@siegeljcc.org](mailto:bethannshort@siegeljcc.org).

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019

### Documentary & Discussion:

#### *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*

9:30 – 11:30 AM

Auditorium

In *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* Academy Award-winning filmmaker Morgan Neville looks back on the legacy of Fred Rogers, focusing on his radically kind ideas. Following the screening, stay for an initial reaction discussion. Light refreshments will be served. For questions, contact Amie Baker at [amiebaker@siegeljcc.org](mailto:amiebaker@siegeljcc.org).

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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](mailto:stephkegelman@siegeljcc.org).

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

### Youth Social Guide: YouTube Challenge Night (Grades 6-8)

7 – 9 PM

Siegel JCC

Participate and compete in popular YouTube challenges as teams. Hilarity will ensue. Participants need clothes they don't mind getting messy. Cost: \$10/Member, \$18/Non-Member. For more information or to register, please visit [siegeljcc.org](http://siegeljcc.org) or contact Becky Stahl at [beckystahl@siegeljcc.org](mailto:beckystahl@siegeljcc.org).

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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

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Future Open House Dates:

March 25th, April 29th, May 20th

For more information, to RSVP or to schedule an individual tour, please contact Lisa Kornblum, Admissions Director at 302-478-5026 or [lisa.kornblum@einsteinday.org](mailto:lisa.kornblum@einsteinday.org)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

### Distant Cousins

7 PM

Wilmington Brew Works

3129 Miller Road

Wilmington, DE

\$5 cover charge at the door. Presented by Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Siegel JCC. This program is generously supported by The Danielle Rose Paikin Foundation.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019

### Trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art

3:30 – 9 PM

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Join us for a docent tour of the exhibit Fabulous Fashion: From Dior's New Look to Now. Enjoy free time at the museum. Dining and snacks available for purchase. Cost: \$30/Member, \$40/Non-Member. For more information or to register, please visit [siegeljcc.org](http://siegeljcc.org) or contact Wendi Weingartner at [wendiweingartner@siegeljcc.org](mailto:wendiweingartner@siegeljcc.org).

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 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](mailto:pstearn@jfsdelaware.org).

## SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

### Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event

2 – 4 PM

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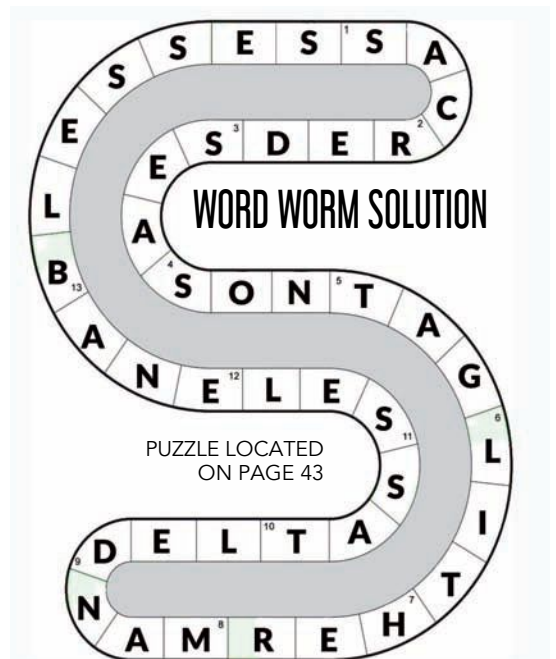
Together, we will package over **10,000** highly nutritious meals to feed the world's hungry. This event is ideal for people of all ages, from children to the elderly. Please consider donating money or donating time to this worthy cause. **Fill their bellies; fill your heart!** For more information on how to help or donate, visit [siegeljcc.org](http://siegeljcc.org) or contact Katie Glazier at [katieglazier@siegeljcc.org](mailto:katieglazier@siegeljcc.org).

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## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS





# DEVELOPING THE FUTURE GENERATION OF ISRAELI LEADERS

By Daniella Buchshtaber  
*Community Shlichah, JFD*

I grew up in a small city, located on the northern coastline of Israel called Nahariya.

Most people are of the general opinion that the opportunities for personal development are less in a small town than in a bustling metropolis. Perhaps, I felt this way too, until a very meaningful thing happened in my life.

It all started when I was a teenager.

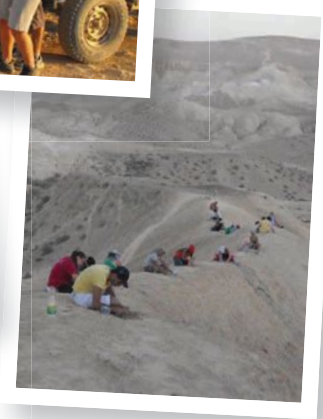
When I was in the ninth grade a representative of *Kav Hazinuk* (starting line), a program that I never heard of before, visited my classroom. Of course, I wasn't aware of the impact this would have on me then, but it was at this pinnacle moment, which I began my journey towards becoming a leader.

*Kav Hazinuk* is a program that cultivates tomorrow's leaders. The program coaches talented youth between the ages of 15-25 to become true leaders in their communities and, ultimately, Israeli society. Participants are mentored through intensive, hands-on projects that focus on social change. *Kav Hazinuk* was brought into the Upper Galilee through the Partnership2Gether program, and is now well-established in the area.

*Kav Hazinuk* intrigued me greatly. I decided to apply. Although I wasn't an adult then, I had to go through a screening process just like adults do when they apply for a job: interviews, small groups, and also a two-day training session to assess my independence.

*Kav Hazinuk* - starting line

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To my delight, a decision was made and I was accepted into the program. My journey would soon begin.

Although high school was a very busy time, I was expected to attend a weekly meeting after school quite a distance away from Nahariya. Every week for three years, I would meet my teammates from six different cities and Arab villages at the north of Israel and we would learn together about leadership. We learned about leadership models, about Israeli society, and how to work as a team. We also practiced leadership during field trips and outdoor trainings. The program taught me things that I had little experience with: independence, courage, and the ability to have constructive dialogues with my peers. This all allowed me to understand that although some of us come from completely different backgrounds and with varying political perspectives, we can trust each other, love each other, and build meaningful relationships.

A very important part of the program was during the second year, when I was in the 11th grade. During that time, we were asked to design a project that would have a positive impact on Israeli society. We weren't told what that project would be or what topic we should choose, the only instruction we received was that we were to go out into the world and make a difference. In order to achieve the best results possible, we worked with actual world business models, gaining a great deal of knowledge in entrepreneurship and creating projects. I worked on my project with two

other teammates, and we decided we wanted to work on a project to improve Israel's image abroad. Using the tools we had received from this program, we created an innovative advocacy tour, which we worked hard to plan, fundraise, and execute. It took us a year and a lot of effort, but at the end we were able to establish a connection with Nahariya's twin city in Germany, find a donor that helped us with purchasing air plane tickets, and found a German speaking advocacy expert that was willing to help us create the perfect program for our tour. At the end of this process, we travelled to Germany and had a genuine and productive dialogue with over 300 high school peers, about Israel.

Working on that project helped me discover my true passion and calling that led me to become a *shlichah* in this community.

Sometimes we don't know how one small encounter can really change our lives. Looking back, that day in the ninth grade when I heard about *Kav Hazinuk*, had a tremendous impact on my life. Not only did I realize what I'm passionate about, but I also made friends for life. For example, one of my teammates from the project became my best friend. In fact, we are so close that he will be officiating my wedding this summer.

When we talk about philanthropy and giving back, I think of *Kav Hazinuk*. I received so many tools and learned so many skills and the only thing that was expected of me in return was to implement them to make the world a better place.

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