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STANDING AGAIN AS ONE

COMMUNITY

By Richard Sandler
and Jerry Silverman

THERE IS A MIDRASH THAT, WHEN STANDING AT SINAI TO RECEIVE THE TORAH, EACH PERSON RECEIVED THEIR OWN PERSONAL REVELATION BUT RESPONDED IN ONE VOICE, SAYING, “NA’ASEH V’NISHMA” — “WE WILL DO AND WE WILL HEAR.”

It is in that exquisite moment that we became one People. Each of us is an individual, but we — and our fate — are inextricably linked, and we are each responsible for one another.

The Jewish community today is under attack, with more than 148 terrorist threats to our institutions in more than 30 different communities. Hate-filled vandalism and desecration of our sacred places are being perpetrated to wreak havoc and instill fear. Whenever the Jewish community is threatened in such a vile and insidious way, na’aseh v’nishma — we must stand together to face the challenges of the day in a decisive and powerful way. We may come from different vantage points, denominations, walks of life — we may differ from each other in a thousand ways — but nothing compares to that which unites us. This has been true throughout our history as a Jewish People.

Now we are putting that shared bond to work on behalf of the entire community. As Jewish organizations of all stripes, we will not stand idly by where there is need, and we will certainly not stand idly by while our people and institutions are terrorized. We are all stronger when we work together.

In the past few weeks since these threats have magnified in number and scope, Jewish Federations have been active on several fronts:

1. Local Federations are serving as conveners to bring institutions and leadership together to respond to specific threats and attacks, develop plans to expand security resources and mobilize gatherings where appropriate to demonstrate solidarity. Our JCCs have faced significant challenges with calm and determination, and we salute all of their efforts as well.
2. Through our Secure Community Network (SCN), we are working with federal officials in law enforcement and homeland security to aid investigations of bomb threats and cemetery desecrations. We are grateful to the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and local law enforcement, all of whom have been our partners in facing this challenge.
3. Working with a bipartisan group of congressional leaders and other coalition partners, JFNA is working toward a dramatic expansion of funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which helps nonprofit groups in religious and ethnic communities targeted by hate crimes.
4. Within the next few weeks we will be enabling every Federation to implement a new, powerful and cost-efficient emergency notification system

to link them with the leadership of local Jewish institutions and organizations to enable immediate response to crisis situations.

5. We are working in lock-step collaboration with the Anti-Defamation League and other organizations, communicating daily and leveraging our shared resources and vast reach.
6. A will be convening with the JCC Association of North America, Hillel International, Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools and the Foundation for Jewish Camp to ensure coordination of efforts and best practices among these critical national organizations, which serve the widest spectrum of communal agencies affected by these threats and attacks.

We will not be deterred or distracted by infighting or petty grievances. We will stay the course and guarantee that when our family, friends and neighbors participate in the wonderful mosaic that is Jewish life, they will find the meaning, community and security they seek.

Na’aseh v’nishma — standing together as one.

RICHARD SANDLER is chair of the Board of Trustees and JERRY SILVERMAN is president and CEO of The Jewish Federations of North America. This message originally appeared in the Jewish Journal.

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Why I teach about the Holocaust

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NANCY WESSELS ROBINSON, retired high school English Department Chairperson in Downingtown (PA) School District, is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and the State University of New York at New Paltz. In 2001, in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Holocaust Education Task Force and the Jewish Community Relations Council, Downingtown High School English Department created an annual Holocaust Symposium for all 10th grade students. This program has just successfully completed its 17th year.

COLBE KLEIN

An Ounce of Prevention: Holocaust Education

Since 2009, Colbe has taught a variety of courses within the Social Studies department at Salesianum School, but Holocaust education represents a major focal point in the modern world history curriculum (for sophomores). As such, students analyze the historical foundations of genocide and offer real-world preventative solutions from a Salesian perspective. As a James Madison Fellow, Colbe also encourages students to connect genocide prevention with foundational Constitutional rights and principles. To make Holocaust history "real," he took various students on immersive trips to the USHMM, which utilized educational grant awards from the Arnold D. Kerr Holocaust Education Endowment Grants. In the end, students recognize history as a valuable teacher in genocide prevention.

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SPEAKING OUT AGAINST HATE

Dear Editor,

Recent shocking acts of vandalism at Jewish cemeteries and the spate of bomb threats made against Jewish community centers across the nation, including the Siegel Jewish Community Center in Wilmington, reveal an ugly anti-Semitism that I condemn with all people of the Diocese of Wilmington and religious leaders of all faiths in our community.

I express my sympathy to members of the Jewish community in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland for the hate crimes being committed. The Catholic Church rejects this wave of anti-Semitism and, in the words of Pope Francis, sees these kinds of unconscionable acts as "completely contrary to Christian principles and every vision worthy of the human person."

As Christians begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 1, I call on parishioners of the diocese to share God's love with all their neighbors and speak out clearly against all forms of prejudice and hate directed toward any of God's people.

– The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly
Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington

UNITED IN HEART, MIND, & DEEDS

Dear Editor,

Surely God is weeping. Anti-Semitic violent threats and vicious vandalism have no place in our community. Malice toward others based on religion, ethnic group, or race has no place in the land of the free and home of the brave.

Only cowardly people phone in a bomb threat to a community center where young children

play and elderly people exercise. Only severely troubled people destroy sacred burial grounds. There is no justification for these evil actions.

Every race, religion and culture has ethical people driven by honesty, compassion, fairness, and respect. Each also has disturbed people driven by prejudice, fear and malice. Many Jews, Christians and Muslims in Delaware are united in heart, mind, and deeds in support of one another. An attack against one of us is an assault on all of us. I hope and we pray that law enforcement authorities apprehend the perpetrators of these crimes and bring them to justice. I also hope and pray that the hearts of the guilty will be purged of fear and hatred.

While these mean-spirited actions sought to divide us, they have only served to more strongly unite us. They have strengthened our resolve to resist any person or group that seeks to scapegoat any segment of our citizenry.

Blessings,

– Gregory Knox Jones, Senior Pastor
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Zane Buzby is Founder, *The Survivor Mitzvah Project*, an urgent humanitarian effort bringing emergency aid to the last survivors of the Holocaust in Eastern Europe

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WHAT IT'S LIKE TO EXPERIENCE A BOMB THREAT EVACUATION

By John Elzufon, JCRC Chair

ONE OF THE BOMB THREAT CALL'S TO DELAWARE'S JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER CAME IN A LITTLE AFTER 9:30 ON A COOL MONDAY MORNING AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

Senior citizens were gathered in their lounge for companionship and activities. The building bustled with the activity of children from pre-school age to older children attending Albert Einstein Academy. Coincidentally, a number of us were having a meeting with Sen. Thomas Carper, where the main topic of discussion was how the JCC dealt with bomb threats.

During the discussion, one of the JCC staff members opens the door and announces, "We think we're getting a call." Within minutes we were told the building must be evacuated.

As an "outsider," I knew the best way that I could help was to let the professionals do their job and for me to leave the building.

As I left the meeting room, I saw the face of Sen. Carper who came to the JCC for information because of his concern of what has happened. He was part of it now and the expression on his face said, "I get it."

As I headed for the exit, I saw the staff of the JCC and the other agencies spring into immediate action. Their actions were

honed, sadly, by the experience of two prior bomb threats. They were focused on their tasks. They knew what to do, and I was comforted by their efficiency and dedication. Their concern for everybody, but especially the children, was tangible. I knew law enforcement agencies had been alerted, and that comforted me.

As I walked past the senior lounge, I saw our senior citizens, some briskly and some slowly, making their way to the outside. The serenity of the day was shattered.

I saw visiting adults leave the building, but checked to see that the children were safe.

I saw cars blocking Garden of Eden Road so that children would have a safe passage away from the JCC. I saw lines of little children, dressed in their winter coats headed for safety. Just minutes before they were laughing and playing, and then all of a sudden they were outside on a quickly organized "outdoor field trip."

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I saw the protective huddle of the children's caregivers around them.

I saw the faces of the children without any care in the world and was comforted at how well the staff at the JCC did their job. Everything happened like a well-honed drill.

But this wasn't a drill, it was as real as it gets. Our children were threatened by those who target Jewish institutions. Tomorrow it could be a church, a mosque, or even a school.

This isn't happening in some other country, it's happening here, and it's happening now. I'm not in a position to judge whether the level of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, racial hatred or any other bigotry is greater now than it has been in the past, but for whatever reason, the forces of this hatred feel empowered and emboldened.

It's now the task of all duly elected officials to bring to bear every resource available to them to stamp out the germ centers of hatred. Those who would make these threats must be vigilantly prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. A clear message must go out that such behavior will not be tolerated, and will be severely and swiftly punished.

It's the task to the rest of us, who do not hold a position of elected authority, to speak out against hatred and let those who have fanned the flames of bigotry know that they have no place in this country.

The true greatness of America lay not in her natural resources, her military strength, or her institutions. It's found in the inherent goodness of the American character. When we lose that goodness, we will lose our greatness.

It's not somebody else's job to fight this hatred, it's ours.

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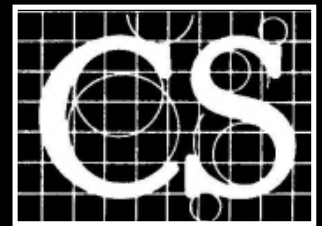
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AWARD-WINNING HUMANITARIAN WILL SCREEN AND DISCUSS HER FILM, *The Last Survivors – Echoes From the Holocaust*

By JFD Staff



Zane Buzby

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR ZANE BUZBY, FOUNDER OF THE SURVIVOR MITZVAH PROJECT, AN URGENT HUMANITARIAN EFFORT BRINGING EMERGENCY AID TO THE LAST SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST IN EASTERN EUROPE, WILL COME TO WILMINGTON IN APRIL TO DELIVER THE 11TH HALINA WIND PRESTON MEMORIAL LECTURE ON THE HOLOCAUST.



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Buzby, a CNN HERO and the recipient of the Anti-Defamation League's 2017 Deborah Award, will screen and discuss The Survivor Mitzvah Project's film, *The Last Survivors - Echoes from The Holocaust* on April 9th.

The film is the compelling story of the remaining Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe and the heroic efforts to bring lifesaving aid to these forgotten heroes. Filmed at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, it features survivors filmed on location in Eastern Europe and an all-star cast including Edward Asner, Elliott Gould, Frances Fisher, Valerie Harper, Lainie Kazan, and Alan Rosenberg in moving and powerful performances.

The movie illuminates the work of the Survivor Mitzvah Project, which brings emergency aid to 2,000 survivors in eight countries, and is dedicated to creating a

more hopeful final chapter to the Holocaust, one of friendship, kindness and compassion. Since 1990, the Halina Wind Preston Memorial Lecture series has brought noted Holocaust survivors, scholars and activists to speak in Delaware to help carry on the educational mission of Halina Wind Preston. A survivor of 14 months in the sewers of Nazi-occupied Lwow, Poland (now Lviv, Ukraine) in 1943-44, she became a Jewish educator in Wilmington and an eloquent spokeswoman for the victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

A graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America teachers institute, Halina Wind Preston was one of the first survivors to speak publicly. In 1950 alone, she had more than 25 speaking engagements throughout the U.S. In 1979,

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she gave the keynote address dedicating Wilmington's downtown monument to the 6 million murdered Jews. And in 1981, a year before her death, she dedicated the Garden of the Righteous Gentiles in front of Wilmington's Jewish Community Center -- the first monument in the U.S. to Christians who saved the lives of Jews -- thereby honoring the memory of the Catholic sewer workers who had risked their lives to save her. Her survival story was dramatized by Polish director Agnieszka Holland in the Oscar-nominated 2011 movie *In Darkness*.

In 2004, Halina Wind Preston was honored posthumously by the Historical Society of Delaware in an exhibit of the significant Jewish leaders in the state's history.

The lecture series was endowed by George E. Preston in memory of his wife. A French-educated engineer, he survived Auschwitz and Buchenwald and testified at the Auschwitz war crimes trials in 1965 in Frankfurt am Main. He spent 44 years with the Du Pont Co. in Wilmington. He died in 2006.



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Caryl Marcus-Stape, Pamela Meissler,
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By Caryl Marcus-Stape

MY INVOLVEMENT IN WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY AT THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF DELAWARE CAME NATURALLY.

In the 1980s, I was a single Jewish mother, raising a precious and impressionable six-year-old daughter in a not-so-Jewish Dover, Delaware. We lived a life full of family, friends, work, school and volunteerism. We kept a Kosher home (not so easy in Dover), observed Shabbat, and gave Tzedakah. We were immersed in the community and in our synagogue.

I'm sure most Jewish women would agree; the life we were leading was paramount to the foundation of my daughter's Jewish identity.

Yet, something was missing.

Of course, Pamela was growing and learning to embrace her Jewish identity. However, I knew she needed more, and unfortunately, summer camp wasn't an option on this single mom's salary.

Enter: the ever-amazing Ella Zukoff. As both the Director of Membership at the JCC and a Woman Philanthropist,

Ella suggested I pursue the services of one of the Jewish Federation's local agencies, the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington. Through her efforts, and the generosity of the JCC, Pamela and four of her friends had the privilege of attending Camp that summer and traveling from Dover to Wilmington and back, in a private van subsidized by Jewish Federation of Delaware. It was a magical summer of independence, ruach, friendships, and love! In the summer of '92 we met Jeff (the love of my life) and continued our incredible Wilmington Jewish Journey as a family.

With Jeff at work, Pamela at Albert Einstein Academy, and me four months pregnant with Mark, I needed something productive to do with my days. Of course! I'll work at the JCC and get to know the community! And once again, I found Ella influencing my life, now as both a friend and my new boss. Ella, who with a smile always

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WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

BY THE NUMBERS

- 50% of all gifts received for Jewish Federation of Delaware come from women which is the fastest growing phenomenon in fundraising today.
- Delaware has 48 Lions of Judah, which are defined as a woman making a gift of \$5,000 or more to the JFD Annual Campaign in her own name.
- 14 women have endowed their Lion Gift with a Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) which enables their Lion gift to continue in perpetuity.
- 3 Delaware women sit on the National Women's Philanthropy Board, which has members from more than 60 communities.
- Inspired and guided by our tradition of tzedakah (righteousness/charity) and tikkun olam (repairing the world), the Women's Philanthropy Division is dedicated to the continuity, connectivity and thriving future of our community, Israel and the Jewish people.
- Our Women of Wisdom (WOW) Event on April 27, 2017 is expected to attract over 120 women and is one of the most highly anticipated events of the year.

gave 200%: 100% to her career and 100% to our community. She understood, when we embrace the richness of our heritage, culture and traditions through Jewish programming and services, we ensure our Jewish Legacy from generation to generation! Ella was a mentor and continues to be a friend who embodies Women's Philanthropy and inspires me to lead and hopefully inspire other women along the way.

I shall be forever grateful to the many Jewish women philanthropists who have touched my life. To my mother, Roberta Marcus z"l, who taught me to love and honor the privilege of being a Jewish woman and to always give with an open heart; to Ella for her willingness to share the Wilmington Jewish community with me; and to the many other Women Philanthropists who have lifted me up through their sisterhood . . . you make me so very proud to call myself a Jewish Woman Philanthropist and a Delaware Lion of Judah!

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BAGELS & BRIEFINGS: ARYEH GREEN

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1. David Margules, Connie Sugarman and Aryeh Green, author of, *Five Paths to Arab-Israeli Peace*
2. David Blumberg, Errol and Ruth Ann Ger

RABBI URAM

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Thank you to those community members who attended the February 23rd program with Rabbi Mike Uram, Executive Director at University of Pennsylvania Hillel and author of, *Next Generation Judaism*. Rabbi Uram helped us understand and think about the current reality of the Jewish community as well as how to engage and build Jewish identity in an age of disruptive change and constant choice.



1. Ellen Wagner and Connie Sugarman
2. Bruce Saran and Robin Kauffman Saran
3. Ali Mendelson Winaker and Rabbi Jeremy Winaker
4. David and Barbara Blumberg and Gael and James Szymanski
5. Connie Sugarman, Suzanne Grant, Rabbi Mike Uram, Seth J. Katzen

REFLECTIONS ON SCIENCE AND JEWISH TRADITION

PHOTOS BY BRAD GLAZIER

An audience of nearly 200 from throughout the Jewish and scientific communities listened to Nobel Laureate Roald Hoffmann speak about science and Jewish tradition at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth on February 26th. Hoffmann spoke both philosophically about the connection between science and Judaism as well as telling the fascinating story of the search for the ancient blue dye used to color the tekhelet thread of the tzitzit. It was a great kickoff for a project at AKSE that seeks to engage science and Judaism in exploring the theme of Natural and Man-made. Future project events are scheduled for April 2, April 23, and May 7 at 7 PM at AKSE.



1. Rabbi Geoff Mitelman, founding director of Sinai and Synapses, Roald Hoffmann, Mark Wagman, project chair
2. Holocaust survivors Roald Hoffmann and Ann Jaffe share stories about their times in the same displaced persons camp.
3. Roald Hoffmann points out that, although they are more different than alike, science and Judaism have a lot in common.

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1. Einstein 5th Graders Lead Services at Beth Shalom before reading Torah
2. Einstein 1st Graders receive a Siddur from their buddies
3. Einstein 4th Graders at their vibrant Tu B'Shvat seder



AKSE YIDDISH CLASS

PHOTO BY RABBI STEVEN SAKS



Ann Jaffe engages students in her Yiddish class at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

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Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt and Jennifer Steinberg, who led a session, attended the JCPA conference.

AT THE J



1. Brielle Aceto tastes some delicious fruits from the trees while celebrating Tu B'Shevat with the pre-school. PHOTO CREDIT: DONNA HARLEV
2. Nura Katirai watches the "wine" turn from season to season as Miss Gina pours. PHOTO CREDIT: DONNA HARLEV
3. Maya Sawdon, Oliver Majarian, Evangeline Brown and Miss Doris enjoy reciting the Shabbat blessings with the dinosaur. PHOTO CREDIT: DONNA HARLEV
4. Miss Erin, Miss Jillion, Miss Pam and Miss Dana's Pre-K Classes enjoy some time with the dinosaur from the Dinosaur Shabbat program. PHOTO CREDIT: DONNA HARLEV
5. Selma Barshay, Ann Jaffe and Dorothy Finger look on as Riva Brown demonstrates her artistic technique. PHOTO CREDIT: JAIDY SCHWEERS
6. Friends from the Islamic Society of Delaware visit the J and share their children's cards of support. Visit our entrances to see the cards firsthand. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY THE J



FAMILY FUN WORKSHOP WITH ISRAELI ARTIST HANOCH PIVEN

1. Jeremy Winaker, Hanoch Piven, and Dana Berman with Piven's "Einstein" art

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2. Shai Levin stands by with his brothers and their portrait

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FOUR FUTURES

By Rabbi Jeremy Winaker

Head of School,
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Einstein Mensch Award Winners
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Einstein Love of Learning Award Winners
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LEMONY SNICKET OFFERS A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE FOUR CHILDREN OF THE PASSOVER SEDER.

Needless to say, it is a bit comic. He looks at *Four Parents*: the wise, utterly boring parent; the wicked, narrow-minded parent; the simple, overbearing parent; and the one who drank too much wine and fell asleep and cannot ask questions. The commentary appears in Jonathan Safran Foer's *The New American Haggadah*. Lemony Snicket's commentary is effective in its precise portrayal of parents we all know.

This year, I would like to offer my own forward-looking commentary based on the kind of students Albert Einstein Academy is preparing to be those parents of the future. Here are Einstein's Four Futures: academic successes, critical thinkers, lifelong learners, and *menschen*. Let us break down these four futures, then we can put them back together.

Wisdom and knowledge are not synonymous. What is mocked in the wise parent is using knowledge to pontificate. Traditionally, the wise child of the *haggadah* knows all the laws and customs of the Seder. Academic success, though, is no longer the ability to regurgitate information given by a teacher. Academic success requires the ability to know what to do with knowledge. The Future Wise One knows when to speak, when to ask, and how to collaborate to advance everyone's experience.

One of Judaism's great gifts to the world is the importance of disagreement. The Talmud enshrines arguing for the sake of Heaven as a great good, as literally manifesting God's will even if, and often especially if, no agreement is reached. Both the wicked child and the wicked parent reject the "other" side. The child excludes him/herself; the parent excludes anyone not like him (Snicket's parent is male). Critical thinking produces argument, that is its purpose; and it does so to expand thought. The Future Wicked One is wicked smart

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in probing ways to be clearer, to test learning by applying it more widely, and in including others' voices.

The Seder, for all its focus on children, is designed for all ages in order to remind us that learning cannot be confined to one's youth. The Seder leader and all the participants are required to engage in the learning stages of the Seder, regardless of the presence of children. The simple child is present to spur conversation; the simple parent forgets the story of liberation in favor of requiring everyone to sit up at the table. The Hebrew for "simple" also means "pure." The Future Pure One wants to learn and know more and wants others to do the same. Learning is a lifelong process.

The Seder has even those not yet able to ask, be contributors; presence matters. While drinking to the point of sleeping has the parent opt out; the child who does not know how to ask serves a purpose to the leader. By implication from the high level response in the *haggadah*, this child is not a baby but rather is the beautiful soul one cannot help but reach

out to teach. The Future One Who is Present is a mensch whose embodiment of values and character inspire others.

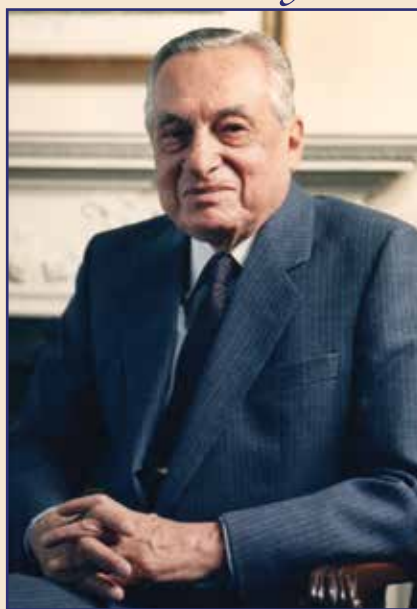
At Albert Einstein Academy, our mission brings these Four Futures together. It is not enough for a graduate to be just one. Academic success is wise because it is born of a love of learning and fostered in an environment of values, values that critical thinking pushes further. Critical thinking is given purpose when rooted in values. Lifelong learning comes from experiencing success, wanting to share with others, and revisiting old ideas with a critical eye. Lastly, the complexity and challenges of today's world demand that the mensch be prepared not only with values but also with effective teamwork, critical thinking, and regular reexamination.

As we sit at the Seder to recall the past, let us also look to the future. Just as Einstein has shifted the way we teach to better prepare students for the 21st Century, how might we shift the way we conduct the Seder to better prepare ourselves for today's world and better prepare our future for tomorrow's world?



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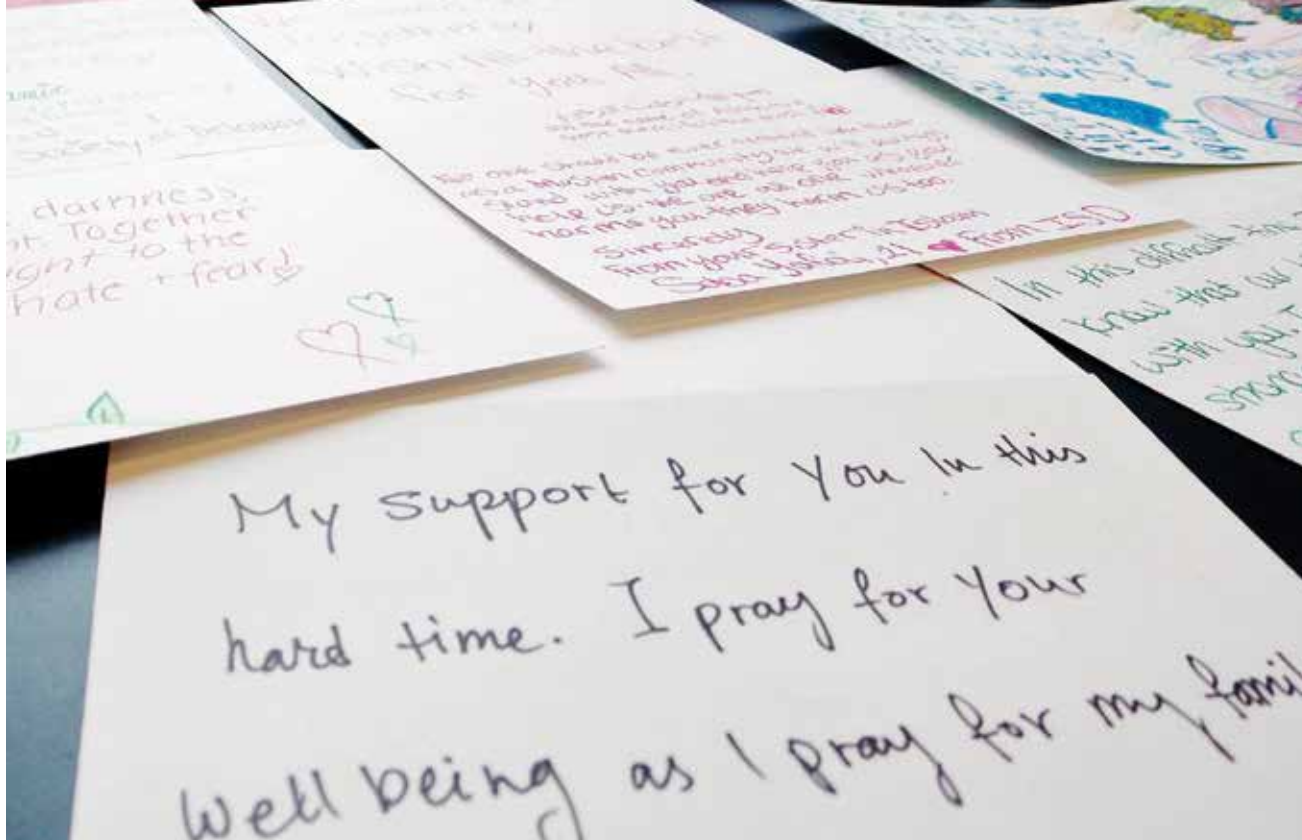


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Messages of love, support, and solidarity for Delaware's Jewish community were sent to JFS and other Jewish agencies
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REMEMBER YOU ARE LOVED

Responding to Acts of Hate in the Community

By Chantel Bratcher, LPCMH
Interim Clinical Director

Joanne Kassees, LPCMH
Child Therapist

AS COUNSELORS AT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF DELAWARE (JFS), IT IS OUR ROLE TO CARE FOR MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY DURING VULNERABLE TIMES IN THEIR LIVES.

In light of all that is happening in the Jewish Community in Delaware and around the country, we are sharing communication tips for parents about how to discuss these events with children and strategies for community members to practice self-care.

ADVICE FOR TALKING TO CHILDREN

Starting a conversation with your children about acts of hate in the community lets them know that they can talk to you about these topics. Small children in particular might not understand how these events

are affecting them. Remind them that they are loved and emphasize the importance of being kind to others. Sticking to a normal, structured routine with safety precautions always in mind will help children feel safer.

1. Be direct and open. Start the conversation by saying "I want to talk to you about something going on in our community." Watching the news together with older children can be a good starting point as well.

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2. Allow children the space to feel whatever they are feeling. Let them express their emotions and be there to listen and support them. Try to validate a child's emotions rather than tell them how to feel. Instead of saying not to worry, say something like "I can understand why you might be feeling this way."

3. Be your child's source of information. Children learn things from the media and hear things from others, but it is best if they hear it from you. Keep information simple, accurate, and age appropriate.

4. Provide children with reassurance. Let them know that it is okay to feel anxious or scared, and that the community is doing everything in its power to keep them safe. Talk about the strategies that you both use to feel safe.

5. Remember that children are resilient. Keep things as normal as possible and model how to look at the world as a good place. When children have a good day, treat it as such, even if you are worried.

Situations like these are opportunities to foster empathy in children and teenagers. Talk to children about the importance of being kind and supportive of others. Hate

is what happens when people are not kind to each other. Our community has received many messages of love, support, and solidarity from our neighbors. Take time to share those messages with your children. Remind them that they are loved, that they can talk about what is happening as a family and as a community.

ADVICE FOR PRACTICING SELF-CARE

Remember to address your own feelings first. As adults and as parents, it is normal to feel fearful, anxious, or uncertain in the wake of acts of hate in our communities. Give yourself time to process your emotions.

Next, take the time to identify strategies that help you feel safe. You might find that you want to get active and do something to help, or that attending community meetings helps you feel connected. Ask questions of leadership to avoid the spread of misinformation and to get a clear understanding of what has happened and what is being done. Connect with community groups and resources and notice if events are impacting your habits or day to day life.

Lastly, be mindful of yourself and your family. It is normal for adults and children to continue to feel anxious after these kinds of events. If you find that day to day functioning is being

affected, or if you notice prolonged changes in habits (such as sleeping to much or too little or having trouble eating), you might want to reach out for someone to talk to or professional support.



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IT CERTAINLY HAS BEEN AN UNPRECEDENTED START TO 2017. WE ENDED THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY WITH OUR 3RD BOMB THREAT PHONE CALL TO THE J. WE ALSO ENDED THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY WITH A GREATER WAVE OF SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITY THAN WE COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED.



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By Ivy Harlev

Executive Director, Siegel JCC

On Tuesday, February 28th, just one day after we received our 3rd call, three women and four children from the Islamic Society of Delaware (ISD) visited us at the J.

The children played in the gymnasium with some of our youngest friends from the Early Childhood Center, while several staff members sat down to have a conversation with the women from ISD. What we discovered was that not only was it easy to find common ground, but that we really are so similar. The women shared how children who attend their Islamic day or Sunday schools learn Arabic for the purpose of reading the Koran, though they rarely understand what they are reading, and we couldn't help but laugh because of how closely that resembles how Jewish children often relate to Hebrew. As another woman from ISD shared words of comfort in response to the troubling incidents of the past few months, she said, "we know why people dislike Muslims, but I don't understand why they dislike Jews." And, amazingly, we said the same thing back to them in reverse.

The women and children presented us with cards of love that they had made for the Jewish community. The words on the cards are nothing short of miraculous:

- We are all brothers and sisters
- Together we are one great big family
- Muslims and Jews are friends

We have proudly displayed these cards, as well as countless others we have received from around the country, throughout the Center for all to see.

Support has come to us in many forms: letters, flowers, food, donations, and advocacy, to name a few. Our staff members have been lifted up by the community. We are truly touched by the outpouring of love and support. It's clear that the work we do at the J is important and that we're making a positive impact on our community.

As such, we will continue to be the place where people of all faiths and backgrounds come together to learn, share, and celebrate.



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PASSOVER AT THE ECC

By Amie Baker
Early Childhood Center,
Assistant Director

SPRINGTIME IS UPON US (OK—IT ACTUALLY WAS UPON US IN FEBRUARY). SPRING BRINGS TO MIND LOTS OF WONDERFUL IMAGES... SUNSHINE, KIDS PLAYING, SPRING CLEANING AND, OF COURSE, PASSOVER.

Passover is as much a rite of spring as it is a ritual of remembrance. Like most rituals it is familiar, comforting and filled with tradition. At the Siegel JCC's Early Childhood Center, we have the opportunity to be the first to introduce Passover to our many families—Jewish and non-Jewish. And what a privilege it is!

Passover celebrates the exodus of Jewish slaves from Egypt. We retell their story each year to remember those who came before us, their struggle for freedom, and the many freedoms which we enjoy today. Passover is a holiday that gives us so much to talk about and express through our preschool curriculum which always combines music, art, literature, science, math and social emotional well-being. Why was Pharaoh so angry with the Jewish people? Why is matzo so flat? What kind of work did the Jewish slaves have to do? Who saved the Jewish people? What does the food on the Seder plate represent? Making *charoset* (sweet, dark-colored paste made of fruits and nuts representing the mortar the Israelites used while enslaved) is a great vehicle to measure, mix, and chop as each class makes a portion of this important Seder dish. Some classes will even use the parsley they grew from seeds they planted on *Tu B'Shevat* (the February Festival celebrating the new year of the Trees). Through our Jewish lens we are exploring all of the most basic educational principles.

Among the paper Seder plates and matzo tracings around the ECC during the Passover holiday, you will find the music and the magic that is also Passover. Pre-K classes are having a matzo "tasting" as they discover the delicious ways you can prepare matzo—matzo pizza is always a hit! The three year olds are counting the 10 plagues and relishing the plastic bugs in their sensory table, while the two year olds are learning the "Let My People Go" song before we get together for the Shabbat before Passover. Rabbis Robinson, Beals, and Saks will add to our typical Shabbat a host of "classic" Passover songs, and frogs will be "here, there and everywhere." All of the children will take their turn making matzo in the Chabad Matzo Factory set up in the JCC auditorium.

Here at the ECC, our parents honor kosher dairy rules regarding the meals they send in for their children and, during Passover, we ask all of our families to uphold the traditions of Passover for these meals as well. You heard it right—no pasta, bread, cookies, cakes or other *chametz* (leaven, or food mixed with leaven, prohibited during Passover). As each class prepares for Passover—they will imitate the ritual of getting rid of all the leavened foods (and crumbs) out of the kitchen and the house. Toy challahs will be removed and

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Amie Baker with her son Ethan enjoy the ECC's Passover Seder PHOTO BY DONNA HARLEV

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replaced with toy matzos. Play food of cakes, pizza and pasta will be put away during Passover. In addition we will serve only snacks that reflect the appropriate Passover traditions. We will clean the ECC kitchen and make it Passover-ready as well. Doing these additional rituals make it easier for the children to understand why their own lunches are different too! It is also a great way to introduce new foods to the kids—chocolate covered matzo, macaroons and potato chips are special snacks for the week. After trying matzo balls at the ECC when my son was two, he now craves them in his thermos all year round!

And our parents are engaged as well; helping with our Passover Seders each year is always a parent favorite for enjoying the holiday with their children

as well as completing their required co-op hours. We chop, peel, slice and scoop all the necessary items for each child's Seder plate, and then gather together to hear Miss Mona tell the story of Passover using our Haggadah (a Jewish text that sets forth the order of the Passover Seder). The children sip their grape juice, taste the bitter herbs, dip their parsley and munch on their *charoset* as they sing and clap, laugh and learn about Passover.

This year the ECC and Einstein Academy have teamed up for an end of Passover "Challah Shabbat" on April 21st. Head of School, Rabbi Jeremy Winaker and Director of Youth Services, Mona Duwell have collaborated to bring another community Shabbat dinner to the JCC to celebrate the end of Passover with a *chametz*-filled dinner.

Happy Passover!

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THE FOUR QUESTIONS as told by UD Hillel

By Alex Eichenstein, Student, UD Hillel

IT IS EASY TO OVERLOOK IMPORTANT QUESTIONS DURING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION SEASON. VISITING, TOURING, TRAVELING TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY IS AN EASY WAY TO OVERWHELM YOURSELF WITH HYPOTHETICALS.

Will I like this school? Do I see myself here? Are the people at this school like me? Maintaining your Jewish faith as you lose the familiarity of your hometown community is something that Jewish students everywhere have to deal with. Keeping in mind certain questions during the hectic process can help you find a place in which you can celebrate your Judaism and be proud.

With Passover approaching, Hillel is happy to answer four of your biggest college questions:

1. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE STUDENT POPULATION IS JEWISH?

UD sophomore Liv Rogal has a strong Jewish background thanks to B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, but she didn't really consider Jewish life on campus when looking at colleges. She shared, "It's funny because now that I'm here, I'm still not sure I know what the Jewish population size even is. I've been able to meet so many Jewish students through my involvement at Hillel though." Liv now participates as a Campus Engagement Intern, a year long internship where she is charged with engaging and building relationships with Jewish students based upon their interests. At first, she felt intimidated by the size of the UD student body during her start at

Freshmen Fest last year, but she noticed that the more people you know, the smaller and more personal campus becomes.

2. HOW DO I CELEBRATE THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS ON CAMPUS?

"My mom is sad I won't be home for Passover this year" explained senior Abby Osbourne. She recalls her freshman year when her mom drove to Newark just so they could celebrate Shabbat together. Her mom has always taught her to value her Judaism during college. Continuously, her mom is thrilled to see pictures snapped of her daughter attending Hillel events with her close group of friends. As for Abby, she loves that Hillel offers holiday meals that she can pay for with her meal plan during the High Holidays.

3. HOW CAN/HAS BECOMING AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN HILLEL SHAPE A COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

Looking back on his past four years, Eric Cutler feels confident in who he has become. He reflects on being a nervous freshman who was struggling to find what he was looking for in college. After feeling confused about finding extracurriculars and a major, he found Hillel, which changed everything. The people there were nice and friendly



Eric (far right) enjoying the cityscape of Jerusalem on Hillel's winter Birthright Israel trip this past January. PHOTO BY: RACHEL GORDON

and he felt eager to go back again soon. Fast forward to today, he now serves as the president of Keshet; the reform Jewish group at Hillel. Between his Birthright Israel experience this past winter and being an active Hillel leader, Eric has realized how important being Jewish is to him.

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Freshmen Fest attendees spend an afternoon in the shade with their group leaders.

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THE FOUR QUESTIONS

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4. WHAT IS A TYPICAL JEWISH STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE LIKE?

For some students, discovering Hillel on their campus helps them to explore their Jewish roots. Alex Eichenstein grew up with a Jewish father and Catholic mother, which left her feeling like she didn't know which tradition to identify with. This year, she decided to go on Birthright Israel with Hillel. She shared, "...it was a way to discover my faith in ways I did not think going to college would ever allow." Now on campus Alex comes to Hillel to meet students like her and has taken on a communications internship with Hillel too.

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The most recent innovation is the Partnership Minyan, a service involving both men and women where women can chant Torah and Haftarah, be called for Aliyot, and lead certain other parts of the service.

By instituting the Partnership Minyan, AKSE, a traditional congregation, joins a growing movement within the progressive wing of Orthodox Judaism. The concept originated in Israel and New York City about 15 years ago and has now been adopted in 40 or so communities in the United States, as well as in the UK, Canada, and Australia.

The Partnership Minyan is a prayer group that is committed both to maintaining Halachic standards and to including women in ritual leadership roles to the fullest extent possible. Rabbi Steven Saks, spiritual leader of AKSE, explains that maintaining Halacha as understood by Orthodoxy means requiring 10 men for a minyan, incorporating a Mechitza (separation between men and women) at the service, and using the traditional liturgy. However, he says that women may lead those parts of the service for which men alone are not obligated, including Pesukei D'Zimrah (preliminary service) and the Torah service, and women may participate fully in K'riat Hatorah (reading of the Torah).

Talmud (Megillah 23b) states that women can be called up for an Aliyah (Torah honor). The reason given for not implementing

this practice in the Orthodox world is the concept of Kevod Ha'Tzibbur (the honor of the congregation), the fear of embarrassing less educated men. For Saks, the bigger issue today is the affront to women's dignity and the larger principle of human dignity (Kevod Ha'Briyot).

The Partnership Minyan has now met several times at AKSE over the last year, with great success. Both male and female participants have become comfortable with the prayer format and wish for it to continue. The service also attracts some congregants who do not regularly attend other services.

Scott Slomowitz notes that, since many AKSE women are well educated, they "should not be forced to watch while others play the game." Richard Plotzker agrees, noting that the congregation has an obligation to promote and expand the talent of its ritual participants. His wife, Irene Plotzker, is skilled at laining (reading from Torah, Haftarah, and Megillot). Though she participates regularly elsewhere, she says that she enjoys "being able to share my skills at my own synagogue."

For Lisa Elliott, the Partnership Minyan gives women the opportunity to participate and feel more connected to the service, and it has encouraged her to learn and expand her Torah reading capability. Lisa also likes

how welcoming the men have been toward women readers and that they are happy to see women read well.

Karen Moss welcomes this very exciting innovation within the Modern Orthodox and Traditional community because it affords women with a higher form of ritual participation than that of a Women's Tefillah service. AKSE previously offered a Women's Tefillah service, an abbreviated service conducted entirely by and for women. By contrast, the Partnership Minyan is a regular service, with men and women participating and including all the prayers that require a minyan. This new service is also an attractive option for young girls celebrating becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

The congregational leadership is committed to continuing and building on the success of the Partnership Minyan. Synagogue president Jonathan Jaffe applauds this innovation, pointing out that it shows "AKSE is an institution that takes women seriously." Elliott adds that "it demonstrates how much even a small congregation can accomplish with committed congregants and forward-thinking leadership."

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THE SYNAGOGUE'S SECULAR SIDE

By Ellen L. Weingart
CBS Member



Sam Nussbaum in front of the CBS Tree of Life
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The sign on the corner of
Baynard Blvd. and W. 18th St.
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THINK OF SYNAGOGUE LEADERSHIP, AND THE RABBI AND CANTOR IMMEDIATELY COME TO MIND. BUT THAT'S THE RELIGIOUS SIDE OF SYNAGOGUE LIFE.

Overseeing the secular side is the responsibility of the executive director.

"I deal with the day-to-day items that come up," said Sam Nussbaum, Congregation Beth Shalom's executive director for just over two years. "My overall responsibility as executive director is directing and overseeing the business and administrative operations of the synagogue, including seeking out and providing the resources needed for the synagogue, clergy, staff, Hebrew school, and congregants to operate at maximum efficiency and effectiveness."

It's a simple description, but the actuality is far more complex.

With about 400 members—some 700 congregants—and a building to maintain, lots of things can come up.

"I'm a coordinator and a trouble shooter," said Nussbaum. "I handle the stress, whether it involves people or machinery."

That may be how Nussbaum sees himself, but to the synagogue and its spiritual leader, Rabbi Michael Beals, he's the guy who gets things done.

"I am simply amazed at all the things that I so wanted done at Congregation Beth Shalom over the years that I have been here and how quickly Sam got these things accomplished. He has a positive, can-do attitude which inspires everyone on the staff," said Rabbi Beals.

Beginning the search for an executive director in September, 2014, the congregation wanted someone who could "demonstrate a track record of successful organizational management, fundraising and staff supervision in a collaborative organization." With over 40 years in executive positions with both Jewish and secular nonprofit

organizations, including 15 years as an executive director, most recently at the Hampton Synagogue on New York's Long Island, which has counted Steven Spielberg among its congregants, Nussbaum easily fit the bill.

"My biggest strength is coming up with creative ideas and implementing them," he said. "I work closely with the rabbi and cantor and am frequently the eyes and ears of the Board of Directors, bringing them things I see as executive director that they may not know about." He goes to all the Board and Executive Board meetings and most committee meetings. And he maintains a close relationship with the congregation.

A big part of the job is bringing in more funding and cutting expenses. Working with the congregation's Finance Committee, in his first six months on the job, Nussbaum assessed the synagogue's expenses and found less expensive vendors for many congregational needs. And with Building and Grounds Committee member and energy expert Zach Platsis, he has increased the synagogue's energy efficiency.

In conjunction with reducing expenses, Nussbaum works with the Fundraising Committee to increase financial support, seeking to raise funds without impacting the annual fund drive. Examples include raffles, a talent show and leaves for the Tree of Life. In addition, he arranged for donations to support the synagogue's expanded teen programming.

He also works with the Membership Committee to increase the CBS membership. With recent hire Andrea Bock, Nussbaum has been "marketing" the synagogue with a greater social media presence and increased the publication of Kol Shalom, the CBS newsletter, from an

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every-other-month publication to 10 times a year — and reduced costs by moving production in-house. He keeps congregants informed with a weekly “e-blast” and with vice president for programming Jodie Pezzner, maintains the CBS calendar of events. He also accomplished a long-time goal of live-streaming synagogue services.

“This means our congregants in nursing or convalescent homes or in the hospital can see and hear High Holy Day, Shabbat and morning minyan services from their home computer or smart phone,” said Rabbi Beals.

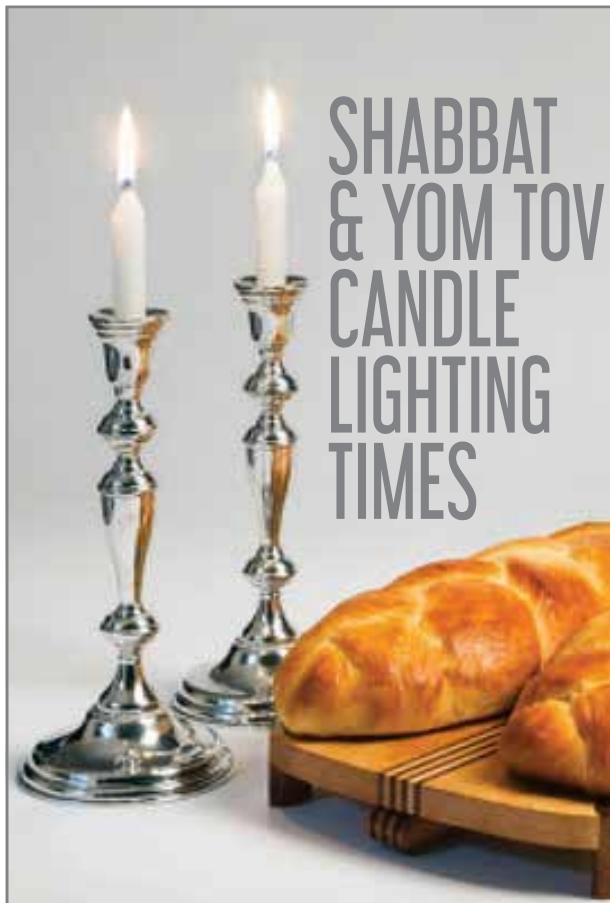
And in lower tech fashion, within months of arriving, Nussbaum had a sign with CBS’s name on it installed over the courtyard entrance, which had been unmarked, and with help from congregant Linda Sigman, created and installed a new sign on the corner of Baynard Boulevard and W. 18th Street.

“It frustrated me to no end that all we had identifying our synagogue was a flimsy blue plastic sign. Now we have a respectable, eye-catching sign on the corner and another really nice sign above our parking lot entrance,” said Rabbi Beals.

With CBS President Ed Sobel, and congregant Robert Cohen, Nussbaum is working to assure synagogue safety, including having installed four cameras with monitors in the offices.

Nussbaum has also brought all state and local inspections up to date and with Platsis is creating an operations and maintenance manual. With the Board, Nussbaum is also working on a synagogue policy manual. He’s also developing a 10-year plan on capital needs.

“I’m very fortunate to be working with very talented people,” said Nussbaum. “I enjoy working with the Board. They are fantastic people who work very hard. And I feel blessed to be working with Rabbi Beals and Cantor (Elisa) Abrams.”



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CTEEN DELAWARE WINS TWO INTERNATIONAL CTEEN CHOICE AWARDS

CTeen Trophy Winners
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By Rochel Flikshtein

Youth and Family Program Coordinator,
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CTEEN DELAWARE HAS ATTENDED THE NYC INTERNATIONAL CTEEN SHABBATON FIVE TIMES BEFORE, BUT THIS TIME WAS DIFFERENT.

The jam packed weekend included an authentic Shabbat experience in the heart of Crown Heights, Havdalah and a live concert in Times Square, and the CTeen Choice Awards which took place at Brooklyn's illustrious Pier 12. Additionally, teens were treated to a concert by Israeli superstar singer Gad Elbaz.

What made this trip especially stand out is that CTeen Delaware was honored to win two out of the three International CTeen Choice Awards! The first award went to them for Best Chapter of the Year. This internationally acclaimed honor is given based on popular vote. The CTeen DE chapter submitted their nomination video, a

song written and edited by members of the group, at the end of January. Voting was open for about four weeks to the public and Delaware made it to the final three chapters in the running, along with Israel and Ukraine. The top three nominations were in the final voting at the International CTeen Shabbaton. All of the participants at the Shabbaton voted and the winner was announced at the banquet at the end of the weekend.

"There was a mixture of shock, excitement, and pride at hearing that CTeen Delaware had won this award!" said Rabbi Motti Flikshtein, Co-Director of CTeen Delaware with his wife Rochel. "The teens in our

Delaware chapter were so deserving of the award. They are exemplary in their unity as a group, in their Jewish pride and connection, and in their active initiative in caring for the community."

The group was uncertain that they would be victorious up against the largely Jewish populated countries of Israel and Ukraine. It was a huge learning experience that the comparatively little state of Delaware could be victorious. To be the chapter selected from hundreds of chapters in over 30 countries is truly exceptional. The chapter

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CTeen DELAWARE

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is excited to expand its connection to Judaism upon returning back to Delaware.

The second CTeen Choice Award was for Male Leader of the Year and it went to Zack Horowitz, a senior at Wilmington Friends School and a leader of CTeen Delaware. This honor is given to an individual who has shown exemplary leadership in his local Jewish teen community and also in the international Jewish teen community. He has helped to grow his local chapter in quantity and in quality, has been involved in international committees and event planning, and by sharing his own experience and skills, he has helped his peers around the globe to become the best leaders they can be. Zack is dedicated and passionate about his connection and love of Judaism and Israel and he shares this with everyone. Zack won against contestants from England and NY in the final running. In his acceptance speech Zack shared, "CTeen has seriously changed me for the better—not just in the 'now I have a lot of awesome friends' kind of change. I have learned what it means to be a Jew. There is so much more to learn, which is why I plan on taking a gap year to explore my Jewish roots."

CTeen Delaware would especially like to thank the Delaware Gratz Committee for helping to enable so many teens to go have this experience.

It was truly transformational for the teens, as Aimee Schwartz, a junior in CTeen Delaware shared, "I personally thought the Shabbaton was an amazing experience. I was first hesitant about it since I have never been on a trip with so many people before. The Shabbaton made me realize the uniqueness of being Jewish and how special I am as a Jew."



For more information about how you can get involved in the CTeen excitement, please contact Rochel@ChabadDE.com.

A NEW FACE AT TBE

By TBE Staff

Temple Beth El is thrilled to welcome Beth Giffin as our new Administrative Assistant. Beth is happily married to her husband Chris and together they have seven children. Beth worked within the Brandywine School District as an Administrative Assistant for the past nine years. She is an active volunteer for the Mount Pleasant High School Band/Choir boosters as well as devoting her Sunday mornings to teaching Hebrew at Chabad of Delaware.


Beth had to get off to a fast start after being hired in late August, but she seems undaunted and has been transitioning very nicely into her new position. Beth is a wonderful addition to the TBE office family and we are lucky to have her!



Beth Giffin


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Best wishes for a Happy Passover



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HOW DO YOU SEDER?

By Rae Cook

Jewish VOICE Committee Member



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FOR A TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY, PASSOVER TURNS OUT TO HAVE LOT OF CREATIVE INNOVATIONS TO MAKE THE SEDER FUN AND MEMORABLE YEAR AFTER YEAR. I SET OUT TO INVESTIGATE WITHIN OUR VERY OWN JEWISH VOICE READERSHIP. PLEASE ENJOY THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES.

SEDERs THAT GO MULTICULTURAL

For an international flair, try saying the Four Questions in multiple languages. One local family has recited the Four Questions in not just English and Hebrew but also in Yiddish, Ladino, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and even in Arabic!

Some families in our community make charoset Sephardic style, with dates, figs, and prunes. Google a Sephardic recipe or two for the Seder.

In one lovely family, their great aunt and uncle hosted the Passover Seder, and their housekeeper, Sarah, joined in the Seder by singing a beautiful rendition of Let My People Go. With Sarah gone many years now, they play a recording of her voice singing the perfect song for Passover.

MAKING PASSOVER MORE INTERACTIVE

One family with a gift for theatrics says that they act out the ten plagues, complete with props. We want to see that!

A local temple member, now living in Chicago, wrote, "The search for the afikomen is a treasure hunt with many clues. When we've had 6+ kids, we have created teams, and given them clues that help them find letters which they then use to spell the place where the afikomen is located."

A local family sings Chad Gadya in English in the round, with each person at the Seder table assigned their own line of the recitation. The song gets more hilarious as the verses get longer, and faster, and each person adds their own comic delivery of their line.

One family sings about the Four Sons to the tune of "Clementine." Another family acts out the Four Sons and teases the one who is stuck with being the "simple" son.

Another reader wrote, "My aunt and uncle have hosted Passover for decades. The last couple years, there have been oranges on the Seder plates to start a dialogue about marginalized groups in today's societies."

Very thoughtful and thought provoking to create this special discussion at their Seder.

SEDERs THAT BEND TRADITIONS

An active synagogue lay leader says that since her traditional four hour Seders are often a thing of the past, "the best part is being together and taking bits and pieces of the traditional service, conversation, and remembering our ancestors."

Where Seders were once traditionally mainly family members, many Seders now mainly include friends.

An elderly father led a Seder at his house for years, and out of love, his son made his father a haggadah "Cliff Notes" version that only had the sections their family always used.

Add a little humor courtesy of a creative bunch: They cut out two large letter Cs from red construction paper before the Seder and they place them both into the leader's haggadah. When the leader talks about the miracle of the Red Sea parting, he "magically" pulls the red "C"s from the book and "parts them." Very cute.

Does your family have haggadahs that should be antiques? At one family's Seder, their senior citizen children still use their original, cherished, personal childhood haggadahs, "complete with charoset stains that can be traced like a fossil record to various Seders thru the 1950s and '60s."

FOOD HACKS

An experienced baker has a clever way to make sure her sponge cake turns over successfully. She has used the same two Kedem grape juice bottles for years and years to balance her sponge cake when she flips it over, with perfect results. Several Passover bakers comment about making sponge cake and its high failure rate. Other bakers wrote about what most of us suffer the first time we make sponge cake: the flip and FLOP of sponge cake falling out of the pan and crushing when you turn it upside down.

Of course, what is the Seder without gefilte fish? Whereas my grandmother started her gefilte fish with a live carp swimming in the bathtub, a modern hack is to start with Manischewitz's best canned gefilte fish and "doctor" it with your own spices and onions, cooking it an hour more. Delicious results, less time, and no carp in your bathtub.

Thank you, everyone, for your lovely and clever ideas for making Seders more fun and memorable! Ask yourself, "How can our Seder be different than all other Seders?"

HAPPY PASSOVER!

“LET ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY COME AND EAT”

– PASSOVER HAGGADAH

By Rabbi Michael Beals
Congregation Beth Shalom
and DERECH President



IT IS DIFFICULT NOT TO HEAR THE STRONG SENSE OF INCLUSION IN THIS OFT-REPEATED INVITATION FROM THE LITURGY OF THE PASSOVER SEDER. BASED ON EARLY CHURCH COUNCILS, IT SEEMS THAT THIS INVITATION WAS NOT EXCLUSIVELY MEANT FOR JEWS.

The Council of Nicaea, formed by leaders of the early Church in 325 CE, did everything it could to keep Jews and early Christians apart. “It appears as an unworthy thing that in the celebration of this most holy feast we should follow the practice of the Jews,” proclaimed Emperor Constantine. By 364 CE, the Council of Laodicea absolutely forbade Christian observance of both Passover and the Sabbath, with the severing of Easter from its early 14th of Nisan moorings. If the early Church had to forbid such practices, it clearly meant that early Christians were indeed celebrating Passover with their Jewish neighbors.

Although it is told that long-serving Rabbi Jacob Kraft, z”l, held several path-breaking

interfaith Passover Seders at Congregation Beth Shalom back in the 1950s, an unbroken chain of Interfaith Passover Seders at Beth Shalom began in 2001, shortly before the first wedding anniversary of long-time congregants Hayim and Meredith Weiss. Their interfaith partner was then-minister of Hanover Presbyterian Church, Rev. Tom Davis, known to this day as a passionate proponent of interfaith cooperation in Wilmington.

“It is said that you should break bread with your friends,” shared Hayim Weiss, who along with wife, Meri, have donated their own funds and time over the past 16 years to ensure the continuation of interfaith Seders at Beth Shalom.

“It is very enriching to share our Passover traditions with the community. We all come from this same story, the Exodus from Egypt. Sharing the Seder allows us to see some of the commonalities between the Passover and Easter stories, as well as the important differences,” Hayim added.

It is important to note, in order to serve the traditional Passover foods, from *haroset* to vegetarian matzah ball soup, Beth Shalom holds a model Seder normally two weeks before Passover. This year, Congregation Beth Shalom’s Interfaith Model Seder will take place on Sunday, April 2, from 4-6:30 PM. In order to maintain the *kashrut* of the

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synagogue kitchen, we actually close the kitchen during the actual Passover holiday, serving pre-prepared kosher for Passover light-fare from ShopRite during the Kiddush following services. There is also a strong feeling that the Passover Seder is rightly celebrated in people's homes, NOT in the synagogue. But for non-Jews who may have never been to a Seder, or for Jews who have nowhere to go for one of the two traditional Seders, Beth Shalom's Interfaith Model Seder is a nice alternative.

Throughout the years we have evolved from the "traditional" Maxwell House Haggadah to a more contemporary, *From Slavery to Freedom Haggadah*. This modern haggadah includes transliterations for all the traditional Seder liturgy, from *The Four Questions* to *Dayenu*. Also included are some light-hearted parodies of popular songs set to Passover-inspired words, and some serious additions, like Dr. Martin Luther King's *I Have a Dream* speech, and the African-American spiritual, *Go Down Moses*. These additions help emphasize the enduring nature of the Exodus narrative for other oppressed people, be it during the fight to end slavery during the Civil War, or the ongoing fight for civil rights, most clearly articulated in the words and deeds of Dr. King.

I have added my contemporary touches by introducing the playing of guitar into the Interfaith Model Seder we perform at Beth Shalom, with the hope of breaking down barriers and inviting guests to sing along. Hayim and Meredith take special joy in including children of all faiths by having all participate in the hunt for the *afikomen* with many participating in the much anticipated reward for finding the missing piece of hidden matzah. Of course there are a large share of plastic frogs, beetles, and the like adorning the tables to represent the Ten Plagues, in a child-friendly manner.

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"LET ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY..."

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"With the current threat of a Muslim ban on future refugee resettlement, desecration of Jewish cemeteries, the burning down of mosques, multiple bomb threats against our Siegel Jewish Community Center and Albert Einstein Academy Jewish Day School, plus ongoing mass incarceration of African American males along with

intolerable gun violence in African American Wilmington neighborhoods, the eternal messages of the Passover Seder are so relevant today."

Removing wine/grape juice from our cups of joy can represent not just the ancient plagues which rained down on Egypt, but modern plagues as well, from xenophobia and intolerance, to inner-city homicides and hopelessness. The celebration of moving from the narrow straights of Egypt to freedom on the path to the Holy Land, invites all of us to identify our own nation's narrow places of irrational fear, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism, as well as invitation to imagine what our version of the Holy Land might look like. Most of all, the Passover Seder remains an interfaith, intercultural call to action that we must help in the ongoing freeing of everyone from intolerable oppression. Our ancient Israelite slavery forces us to those who are suffering today. That's the ultimate message of Pesach.

From cards and letters of support from the children of the Islamic Society of Delaware delivered to almost every synagogue in New Castle County and our JCC, to the African American clergy leadership's IMAC and Bethel AME's Hour of Power public support for the Jewish community, our Delaware community's silos are quickly coming down. In adversity, we of different races and religions, have found one another. It seems, now more than ever before, multiple Interfaith Seders are needed to help build bridges between the Jewish community and our neighbors.

"Let all who are hungry come and eat," has now become both the most ancient and the most modern of invitations, because now, more than ever, we are stronger together.

**You shall not wrong
nor oppress a stranger,
for you were strangers
in the land of Egypt.**

Exodus 22:20

On this Passover, in these unique times,
let us remember our own plight and the
true meaning of the holiday.

Attorney General Matt Denn

MORE THAN JUST MATZAH:

A History of Matzah Making in the United States

By Rabbi David Geffen

Professor Jonathan Sarna, the eminent American Jewish historian, is in Israel on sabbatical. I was fortunate enough to get an explanation from him, personally, about the baking of matzah in the United States. One point Sarna made, which came from a lecture on American matzah he gave about 15 years ago, relates to the famous painting by the artist Larry Rivers where on a large piece of matzah you can see the entire history of the Jewish people.

Sarna's comment was, "Matzah, to Rivers, was not an object of Jewish history but rather a metaphor for it."

As many American Jews, I just assumed that you buy ready-made matzah in a box labeled Manischewitz, Streit's, or Goodman, but that has not always been the case. First off, the machine-baked matzah only entered the U.S. in 1857 and the Manischewitz boxed matzah only started in the 1880s.

What happened before that?

Professor Sarna explained to me that, "up until the 1880s, and in some places into the 20th century, many communities had their own matzah bakers, sometimes a family maintained the tradition until there was no longer need for their personalized version of the Passover *bread of affliction*."

In recent years I have been learning more about matzah baked in Georgian cities in the 19th century. The first Georgia city with such a baker was Savannah, later Macon, and Columbus.

"Through the mid-nineteenth century," Sarna explained, "most matzah had been baked by synagogues which either owned special ovens for this purpose or, as it happened in New York, contracted with commercial bakers whom they supervised." In 1858, a New York publication called *Frank Leslie's Weekly*, showed a large drawing with all the steps for baking matzah. I had seen that drawing, used it in my American Heritage Haggadah, and I learned the following from the professor.

"How was matzah baked by hand? One individual usually an apprentice measured out the flour. Another worker poured cold water into the batter. Then the mixture underwent a multi-stage process of kneading and rolling (sometimes performed by a woman). Next the dough was scored or perforated, placed on a rolling pin or long pole, baked (usually by a man) in a very hot oven and sent off to be packed." The finished matzah was then displayed in large wicker baskets so that people could purchase.

Clean-up was an equally intense process. "Any dough, not mixed, baked or out of the oven in 18 minutes (time it took to bake) was discarded. All the rolling pins and poles were then carefully sanded and wiped.

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Rabbi David Geffen was a former Rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom, and made Aliyah in the late 1970s.



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The paper on the tables was changed. The workers washed their hands to get rid of any remaining dough and the process started all over again."

Since most of us eat ready-made matzah from boxes, we might be interested in the two sides of the matzah machine controversy in the 19th century. After the matzah machine was invented in 1838, a great controversy aroused in 1859. Sarna's conclusions about the intense debate will help us all be more aware of our current matzah practices.

"Supporters of machine made matzah promoted the idea that modern technology could strengthen traditional Judaism. Indeed, some rabbis optimistically argued that technology could produce better and more kosher matzahs than Jews had ever enjoyed before, at least since the days of the Temple." The opposition, Sarna noted, "feared that machine-made matzah, like so many other innovations in matters of religious tradition, would become a dangerous instrument of modernity, leading inevitability to assimilation, Reform, or apostasy."

Arguments about matzah machines never arose in Georgia because once matzah-making by hand concluded in Savannah, Macon, and Columbus, everyone just bought matzah in boxes. Manischewitz became the matzah factory for American Jews in 1888. The following year the Atlanta Constitution had a comment "about the purchase of Cincinnati matzahs" which was where Manischewitz was located.

The most significant story about hand-baked matzah in Georgia occurred when the Jews in Savannah could no longer bake

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matzah during the Civil War. The resident of Savannah who had been baking matzah for the local Jews, since 1852 was A. Borchet. He advertised annually in the *Savannah Morning News* so people could come before the holiday for their matzah. By the fall of 1864, Borchet had closed his bakery due to lack of flour and because his sons' were serving in the war.

One can only imagine how traumatic it was for the general Savannah community under Sherman, the General who burned Atlanta to the ground as 1865 dawned. For the Jews of Savannah, it was even more difficult. A leader of the community, N. J. Brady, dealt directly with suffering of his fellow Confederate Jews. He was well aware that Passover was fast approaching in April 1865 and he and his fellow Jewish citizens would be "matzah-less." What to do?

When Jews are suffering, they turn to other Jews for assistance. In this case it had to be Yankee Jews. Isaac Leeser of Philadelphia and Myer Isaacs of New York, two of the

leading rabbis of American Jewry, received letters in February 1865 requesting aid.

Rev. J.J. Lyons of Shearith Israel synagogue in New York was drafted into the campaign. As the *Jewish Messenger* of New York reported, Lyons had received a request from Brady for 500 pounds of matzah. Shearith Israel donated \$100, and many others participated.

Once the funds were collected, Lyons placed an order with Mark Isaacs who had baked matzah at his store on Division street in New York since 1858. 35 synagogues, companies and individuals contributed \$502.90 so 3000 pounds of matzah could be baked.

Once the New York order was completed, matzah was packed in cases along with 2000 pounds more which had been donated. The matzah order was placed on the steamer U.S. Grant in New York harbor. The sailing southward was not difficult because the Union forces controlled the navy lanes through the Atlantic Ocean. On March 30,

1865, the *Savannah Daily Herald*, headline read: *Matzah Passover Bread Arrives*.

The story read. "This morning 13 cases of Matzah Passover Bread were received by the steamer U. S. Grant. The bread, was a contribution from the Israelites of the north to their brethren in Savannah."

The article concluded in this fashion. "All who are able to pay for it will do so and to those unable, it is a free will offering."

The shutdown of A. Borchet's matzah bakery in Savannah, Georgia created a beautiful moment for Jews in the Civil War. It stimulated the gift of Yankee Jewry; Jews always care for their fellow Jews.

The Matzah had a much higher priority than the hatred generated by war.

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2 CUPS OF FUN FOR PASSOVER

PASSOVER IS HERE!

It is such a wonderful time to gather with our families near and far. One of the great things about Passover is that our kids get to play a big role in this Jewish holiday. From participating in the seder, to helping to decorate the table, or cooking in the kitchen with their parents and grandparents, Passover is truly a time for making memories! While the internet is inundated with Passover crafts and recipes, we offer you two of our favorite (and easy) ideas to do with your kids this year!

We hope you enjoy this inaugural edition of CRAFTS+CREATIONS. Please let us know if you have an idea you would like us to consider in a future *Jewish VOICE*.

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PASSOVER CRAFT FOR KIDS: MAKE YOUR OWN ELIJAH'S CUP! BY JULIA FORESTER

CRAFTS + CREATIONS

SUPPLIES: a plastic cup, colorful tissue paper, scissors, glue
OPTIONAL: sequins, gems, ribbons, etc



STEP 1

Start with a clear plastic cup.



STEP 2

Using scissors, cut a variety of fun shapes from colorful paper.



STEP 3

Apply glue to the outer surface of your cup. Spread the glue evenly with your finger. (Don't be afraid to get a little messy!)



STEP 4

Decorate your cup! (Use tissue paper, wrapping paper, sequins, ribbons, gems, anything you can think of!)



A CUP FOR ELIJAH!



Yields
12-18
cupcakes

INGREDIENTS:

3 full cups Matzoh Farfel
4 large eggs
2/3 cup sugar, divided
1 - 6 oz container of
banana yogurt
1 cup sour cream
3/4 cup crushed pineapple
in juice
1 tsp. vanilla
2 tsp. cinnamon, divided
Apricot preserves to glaze
(melted in saucepan)
Colorful cupcake liners
Festive candies for
toppings (optional!)

PASSOVER RECIPE FOR KIDS: KUGEL KUPCAKES! BY JENNIFER SIMON

Our Pineapple Yogurt Kugel has been a family favorite for as long as I can remember. While a little on the heavy side, it's sweet, moist and flavorful, making it a perfect side dish to your seder. We've adapted the recipe to make it a kid friendly recipe. What kid can resist anything shaped like a cupcake!?!

DIRECTIONS:

In large colander soak Matzoh Farfel with warm water. Drain ALL excess water.

In large bowl, combine Matzoh Farfel, Eggs, Sugar (reserve 1 TBS for later use), yogurt, sour cream, pineapple (include juice), vanilla and 1 tsp Cinnamon.

Line cupcake pans with your liners/baking cups. Fill each cup to top with batter.

Combine reserved TBS of sugar and tsp of cinnamon and sprinkle over each Kugel Cupcake.

Bake at 350° for 35 minutes until centers are firm. After 30 minutes, quickly brush the melted apricot preserves on the top of Kugel Cupcakes. Put back in oven for remaining 5 minutes.

Serve hot or at room temperature. Ok to bake ahead and freeze.



OPTIONAL:

To make our recipe even more kid friendly, we collected some fun candies that kids can decorate the tops with like: chocolate chips, green/red candied cherries, mini fruit slices, gummy cows or gummy frogs (THINK TEN PLAGUES!). Add after finished baking. Have fun!

CHILDREN'S EXPLORATION OF ART

By Julia Forester



Children enjoying their Art Show PHOTO SUBMITTED BY J. FORESTER

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Today, members of our community came together to enjoy something beautiful: our youngest community members spent the afternoon celebrating themselves and each other.

These children are members of Albert Einstein Academy's enrichment program that is offered to three, four, and five year olds from the JCC's Early Childhood Center. The students and I have spent the last few months learning about great Jewish artists, and exploring all sorts of art making methods. From Chagall to Modigliani to modern day landscape painter, Sara Novenson, our students have taken inspiration from these artists and created their own masterpieces.

Today, mothers, fathers, grandparents and friends marveled at student work. Children grinned with pride as their photos were taken standing alongside their favorite paintings. Sticky, frosting-covered fingers, mixed vanilla icing in a rainbow of colors onto tasty cookies as a celebratory treat for a job well done.

It is days like today, that I feel blessed to be an art teacher.

I have always believed in the power and beauty of the artmaking process, but my recent experiences have given me a new appreciation for the simple joy that paint on paper can bring and the Jewish learning that can go with it.

Children bring a limitless desire to create, to make, to be, to do. As a teacher, I hope that I can create more days like today, bringing proud families together to gather around a simple display of children's drawings and paintings, watching their smiles spread ear to ear.

LIFECYCLES BAR MITZVAH

MICHAEL JACOB MARTIN

On Saturday, April 29, 2017, Michael Jacob Martin will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

Jacob is the son of Lauren and Thomas Martin and the older brother of Benjamin. He is the grandson of Rochelle Lambden of Mullica Hill, New Jersey.

Jacob is a 7th grade student at Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy in Bryn Mawr, PA. He is a proud graduate of Albert Einstein Academy.

Jacob is involved in many activities. He obtained his Junior Black Belt in Karate in June, 2016 and remains involved in Karate at the Adult level. Jacob also enjoys baseball and soccer and plays on the Jack Barrack team for both sports. Some of Jacob's other hobbies include playing piano, skiing, building computers, playing computer games, biking, hiking and spending time with friends and his dog, Dobby.

Jacob's mitzvah project was helping out at the Ronald McDonald House for several game nights and breakfasts.



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A FIDDLER PUZZLE

By: Yoni Glatt

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Difficulty Level: Medium

SOLUTION: page 55

ACROSS

1. Many homes near YU
5. She follows 45-Down to 48-Down
10. LA sight that can make it hard to see the stars?
14. Take a (Shabbat) nap
15. Place for Napoleon or Moses
16. One helping Chuck Schumer
17. Rabbi Akiva from the 18th century
18. Get an engine (or a simcha) going
19. Street ____ (Mickey Cohen had it)
20. Fix (like Rothstein supposedly did with the World Series)
21. Setting for this puzzle
23. On a scale of one ____
25. Like the Negev
26. Ear piece?
29. "____ Mine" (Beatles song produced by Spector)
30. Make like Portman
33. Mrs. Tevye
35. Alien subj.?
36. Aleichem who wrote "Tevye the Milkman"
40. Michael Crichton's "____ world"
41. The theme of this puzzle's theme
43. Deal (with running a stressful Seder)
46. Actor who first played Tevye
47. Kind of announcement; Abbr.
50. Matzah is made in them
52. "____ G-d said to Moses...."
53. Financial assistance for many Yeshiva tuition paying families
54. Yom Kippur, e.g.
55. Tref sushi options
59. Souvenirs from "Phantom" or "Fiddler"
61. There was no "on the other hand" for her
65. "...when I ____ thine lips..." ("Merchant of Venice")
66. Woe for those at the Carmel Forest Spa
68. Hirsch or Zola
69. Actress Gilpin or former Shin Bet head Yaakov
71. Head cover
72. Comaneci who won Olympic Gold long before Aly Raisman
73. "Are you out ____?"
74. Noah and Indiana had them
75. Paskesz item
76. Test for those planning to go to Cardozo

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DOWN

1. Citrus drink
2. Anti-Semitic attacks in 21-Across
3. Tevye's eldest
4. Gainsbourg or Ibaka
5. (False) god queen
6. Goring animals, in the Bible
7. Midler and Carey
8. Extract (like chemist Fritz Haber)
9. One with a skin disease dating back to Biblical times
10. What the tired look forward to hitting on Shabbat
11. Word repeatedly sung by Motel
12. Work by Keats or Lazarus
13. Deg. received by Fran Leibowitz and Paris Hilton
22. Chill on the couch
23. Black ____ (simcha)
24. CNN journalist Octavia fired for supporting Hezbollah
27. Some camp counselors at night (abbrv.)
28. Gimmel preceder
31. Son of Noah
32. Well-____ (one with kesef)
34. Possess
37. Fleur de ____ (flower in Le Marais)
38. Jazzy James who worked with Jerry Wexler
39. Manner (of a mentsch)
41. Minyan men
42. Auto pioneer that was not an anti-Semite
43. Holy barn yard animal?
44. Eggs
45. See 5-Across and 48-Down
47. Reb Nachum the begger and others
48. Where 5-Across and 45-Down take a train to
49. They can help a business
51. Red ____
56. Bar Mitzvah party, e.g.
57. Odom who played with Jordan Farmar
58. Reach home head-first, like Ian Kinsler
60. Tevye on film
62. Not his
63. Kazan who directed "On the Waterfront"
64. Micky Arison's Florida team
66. One hit wonder band
67. Paul Newman voiced one in 2006
70. Bad pass from Rodgers or Fiedler; Abbr.



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EACH MONTH, RABBI PETER GRUMBACHER, ALONG WITH RABBIS FROM AROUND THE STATE, ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT JUDAISM.

Q: WOULD YOU EXPLAIN TORAH STANDING ON ONE FOOT, AS DID HILLEL?

A: **RABBI**
MICHAEL L. KRAMER

When I was a youngster, my father, the rabbi, used to take me to 838 5th Avenue in Manhattan. On this corner not far from Temple Emanu-el were the offices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now the Union for Reform Judaism). The inside of this building was not very imposing. There was insufficient space to conduct business and offices were filled with papers and books and were somewhat disorganized. It was the outside of the building, however, that caught my attention. Wrapped around the exterior were the words of the prophet Micah: "What does the Lord require of you: To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God. (Mi: 6:8)" The same words are found on a lithograph on my office wall today. (The building has been subsequently sold and used as expensive condo units).

In that short statement Micah summarized the essence of the Torah. "To do justice" implies that we should right wrongs and seek righteousness throughout the world. It captures the later dictum of the rabbis of "tikkun olam"—to repair the world. "To love mercy" is a reminder that we should be compassionate to others and not self-centered. "To walk humbly with your God" teaches us that we must be guided by godly behavior. I cannot think of any other prophetic or rabbinic statement that captures the teachings of the Torah and the Jewish religion.

Not that I have any issue with Hillel's dictum: "That which is hateful to you, do not unto another." I rather like it. When telling the story of Rabbi Hillel, I try to embellish it a little. I recount how a stranger set out to annoy the legendary rabbis of his time and came to the door of Rabbi Shammai at two o'clock in the morning, woke him up and asked him, "Can you tell me all you know about Judaism standing on one foot?" Shammai was incensed

and immediately shut the door on the stranger for waking him at such a sensitive hour. An hour later, the same bothersome gentleman knocked on Hillel's door and asked him the same question. With more patience and without hesitation, Hillel answered him with his famous words.

Perhaps more importantly, Hillel added: "All the rest is commentary. Go and learn it." Hillel instructs us that it is not enough to learn the words. We have to continually reinforce them through repetition and study. It is not enough to know the words; we have to live by them.

RABBI PETER GRUMBACHER

Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Beth Emeth

While standing on one foot, Hillel responded to the potential convert who asked for the essence of Torah. Hillel said, "Do not do unto others that which you don't want done to you." (He followed this with perhaps a more significant statement, "The rest is commentary, go study!") This is the Golden Rule in reverse, and some say it is far more significant than "Do unto others...", the one with which most people are familiar.

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If someone asked me to explain Torah while standing on one foot I might respond, "You've got potential. Don't screw it up!" inasmuch as I believe one of Torah's most significant verses is, "You shall be holy, for I, the Eternal your God, am holy," as we read in Leviticus 19. "Holy," as I've written before, best translates as "unique," "one of a kind," but for the purposes of this Torah verse it means "God-like" (which, I suppose, is "unique" and "one of a kind").

Few, if any, religious traditions other than Judaism, insist that mere mortals can be God-like. Yes, some elevated their leaders because in most cases only they and the priests/shamans of their community were able to read and write, while the *hoi polloi* were kept in the dark. We, however, are truly blessed to get a chance to prove ourselves . . . all of us . . . regardless of our station in life. In fact, it's not even a "chance," as it were. We're told, no, we're *commanded* to become better.

It is the components of what we call the "Holiness Code" that reflect what God expects of us, what makes us holy.

We are told, "When you reap the harvest of your land, you are not to reap to the very corners of your field . . . You are to leave them for the poor . . ." It also says, "You are not to steal. You are not to lie. You are not to deceive one another." And, "You are not to go up and down as a talebearer among your people . . ." "You are not to be partial toward the poor nor show favoritism toward the great, but you are to judge your neighbor with fairness."

There are others elements but it is the refrain that in a sense is like the cherry on the cake. The refrain we read at the end of every four or five verses is, "I am Adonai," reminding us, "This is what I do, what makes Me holy. If you want to be holy in fact and not just in potential, then imitate me."

Tell me, what better sacred text is there to answer the question posed by the potential convert? I'd love to know if you can suggest a better one.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

While Marsha's tragic passing occurred in December 2011, as with people we lose, their memories might rattle, fulfill, or inspire us every moment they are gone. One community member, who developed a unique tie to Marsha and her family, continues to share a very deep and special connection.

SHE FOREVER IS

By Lt. Dan Selekman

Her smile is radiant, not was . . . is.

Her compassion and warmth for the world's forgotten and misfortuned is contagious and inspiring, not was . . . is.

Was indicates what once was and is no longer. Was implies a change from what used to be and now is not.

Her name is Marsha Ablove Lee, not was . . . is.

Marsha was, only for an instant, the victim of unimaginable evil. Killed by a stranger for no reason, no purpose, no explanation.

Marsha's death is tragic and sad, not was . . . is.

I never heard Marsha's voice or saw her walking the dog. We never traded a friendly wave or exchanged hellos. I was working that horrible day, absorbing the scene for hours. Each detail carved and cut into my memory. My official roll was minor, a forgotten footnote lost in time.

Yet I was there, silently standing vigil, waiting, watching, protecting. I was the last

to leave the scene, still wanting, wishing, praying this was not what it seemed.

Logic should have guided me away at that moment. How many more families could I watch be dismantled and gutted by crime. If I turn off my emotions, as I had done countless times before, then this moment no longer exists in my world. I can go home, kiss my beautiful kids, tell my beautiful wife that work was fine. This should have been another exercise in self-preservation, another stoic, sterile response to the inhumane and unimaginable.

Something was different this time, something special, compelling. I don't remember driving to her home that night, but there I was, turning onto her street. Time slowed, the air heavy, pungent, uncomfortable. I pulled up to her home, the sadness radiating out and engulfing the world around it. Gravity seemed to weigh me down, making every movement hard and heavy.

Her family and neighbors all there, waiting, wishing, praying.

The universe was screaming, pleading with me, not to go in. My body challenging every step. At the very moment in which everything in the world seemed to conspire against me, silence. The planet slowed, my balance restored. Gravity seemed to reverse, making my walk to her door effortless and easy.

The door opened and I went in. Marsha's family is beautiful and kind, not was . . . is.

For six years, Marsha has welcomed me into her home with warmth and love. Her picture, neatly taped on the fridge always finds me, eternally smiling, forever happy. Her husband Scotti and I have shared a lot

of time together since that day. I often think about why we're drawn to one another.

We should be magnetic opposites, making all efforts to avoid each other. Our relationship, born from pain, conceived in a nightmare. Yet for the days and weeks after her death, we continued to find each other. I would pull up to his home and he would invite me in. Two sad, proud men, each searching for something, anything. There were times we talked and times of silence. Either way the time seemed important and significant. Scotti and I are bound by a force that I can neither qualify nor explain, yet it's undeniably powerful and present.

In death, Marsha was able to teach me how to love better, love stronger. Not the love you see on a post card or the words etched in a locket. This love was older, richer, impervious to simple and shallow definitions. It's where our story, humanities story, begins and ends. It's our most abundant and renewable resource, yet least consumed. It's this element that separates us, defines our space from all other matter in the universe. This precious lesson was given to me by a woman I had never met, and who's path I had never crossed.

Marsha's life is beautiful, boundless and eternal, not was . . . is.

Her light can never be dimmed, never be dulled. The strength of her love will always exist in the present, the now, the moment. Marsha is a living, loving, and enduring part of the world. She will never be what was or what used to be. Her love simply is, what soon will come, and what will always be, now and always. May her family find the peace they deserve, the joy they have lost, and rediscover that beautiful smile that lives within them.

Forever.

Daniel Selekman is a 19-year veteran of the Wilmington Police Department and currently holds the rank of Lieutenant. He's a member of Congregation Beth Emeth with his wife Jennifer and three children, Emma, Daniel, and Heather. He hopes his stories show the human side of Policing by offering an intensely personal view of what lies behind the badge.



FLORENCE "FLO" NEWSTADT GOLDSTEIN

Age 97, of Wilmington, DE, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2017 at The Kutz Home surrounded by her loving family.

Flo was born in Wilmington on May 29, 1919 to Miriam and Louis Newstadt. She attended Wilmington High School and worked for the old "Giant Tiger" on King Street. In March 1943, she joined the Women's Army Corps. Flo was extremely proud of her service to her country as a WAC in the 3rd Air Force, United States Army. While stationed at Hunter Field, Savannah, GA, she met Bill Goldstein, a handsome corporal from Pittsburgh. They were married on the base on August 2, 1944. After the war, they moved with their daughter, Iris, to Bill's hometown, but soon returned to Wilmington so Flo could be near her parents. She worked for Sears, Roebuck & Co. in their catalogue department, for Mt. Pleasant School District and Wilmington University.

Flo will be remembered as a feisty, vivacious, strong-willed woman who stood her ground when it came to what she believed was right. She was loved for her spirit and her famous sweet and sour meatballs. She loved her family very much, and was especially proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Flo and Bill enjoyed almost 65 years of married life before Bill's passing in 2009, also at age 97. They were lifelong members of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue.

Flo was predeceased by her parents, Miriam and Louis Newstadt; her husband, William "Bill" Goldstein; her sister, Marian Rosenblatt; and her brothers, Leon and Benjamin. Flo is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Iris and Jack Vinokur; her grandson, Leon (Nisa) and their children, Noa and Zev; her grandson, Andrew; and her granddaughter, Meredith Rosenthal (Daniel) and their children, Maxwell and Annie. Flo is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Florence's family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful and caring staff at The Kutz Home and Compassionate Care Hospice. "Goldie" loved you all dearly.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Florence's memory to The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809 or Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue, 4412 Washington Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802.

BERTRAM SAMUELS

Age 88, of Mt. Laurel, NJ, (formerly of Bridgeton, NJ and Philadelphia, PA) passed away on February 19, 2017.

Bert was born and raised in West Philadelphia, the youngest of four children of Victor and Rose Samuels. He graduated from West Philadel-

phia High School in 1946, served in the US Army from 1950-53, and was self-employed for most of his working life.

Bert was a rabid fan of all Philadelphia sports with a long memory for the greatest games and best players. He had fond memories of the single wing and two-handed set shots of yore, and he had an uncanny ability to recall lineups and results of games from decades ago.

Bert was an original humorist who had a gift for seeing the slight absurdities of everyday life and the eccentricities of his family and friends and spinning them into folklore and legends. His early years in the city were especially rich in yielding up some of his most enduring tales and gentle satires.

Bert was deeply devoted to his immediate and extended families. His marriage of 62 years to Sylvia was the highlight of his life; she predeceased him by only a few months. He was also predeceased by his parents and his siblings Albert, Evelyn and Bob. Bert is survived by his two sons, Ron (Jean) of Wilmington, Delaware and Barry (Kim) of Plano, Texas. He is also sur-

vived by his seven grandchildren: Jacob, Abigail, Zachary, Catherine, Joshua, Jamie, and Grace as well as nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 1801 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802.

STEVEN ALCUS THREEFOOT

Steven Alcus Threefoot, 60, of Arden, DE passed away on February 18, 2017.

Born January 25, 1957 in New Orleans, LA, he was the son of Dr. Henry Kutcher Threefoot and the late Barbara Alcus Threefoot.

Steven was a graduate of St. Martin's Episcopal School in Metairie, LA. He continued his scholarship by obtaining degrees from Northwestern University (BS Biomedical Engineering), Tulane University (MS Chemical Engineering), and University of Delaware (PhD Chemical Engineering). Between his MS and PhD, he worked as a Biomedical Researcher at MIT and started his own consulting business in Wilmington, DE.

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After completing his PhD, Steven joined DuPont where he continued his passion for learning and leadership for over 25 years. He shared his knowledge of project leadership and quality as an instructor, mentor, and leader of students and projects globally across DuPont and as an adjunct professor in Chemical Engineering at University of Delaware.

Steven's personal value for quality and teamwork was evident in his extensive involvement with the Village of Arden. After moving to Arden in 1985, he served on several committees, was elected annually to the position of Town Chair for 10 years and continued to serve in other major leadership roles.

One of Steven's most cherished projects was the DuPont Clear Into The Future program which, along with the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, supported a variety of environmental improvement projects and resulted in the construction of the Delaware Environmental Education Center on the Christina Riverfront. Steven's love for nature was also evident in his recreational activities which included gardening, weekday walks with the Arden Misty Morning Walkers, and Ultimate Frisbee on the Arden Green. He and his wife were long time members of Congregation Beth Emeth.

Steven is survived by his wife, Kathrine Abbat Threefoot of Arden, DE; children, Alan Henry Threefoot of Arden DE and Barbara Marina Threefoot of Media, PA; father, Dr. Henry K. Threefoot (Audrey Hamill Threefoot) of River Ridge, LA; sisters, Bettie Threefoot Kaston (Jeff Kaston) of River Ridge, LA; Amy Threefoot Valeiras (Horacio Valeiras) of La Jolla, CA. He is also survived by his niece, nephews, and great-nieces, all of whom adored him.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Steven's name can be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 (www.pancan.org) or the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, 110 South Poplar Street, Suite 202 Wilmington, DE 19801 (www.delawareestuary.org).

MARY WEINSTEIN

Age 102 of Wilmington, DE passed away Friday, March 10, 2017.

Mary was an avid shopper and friend to all she met. She lived in the B'nai B'rith House where she was an original tenant and was active in the tenant's association for many years. Mary was also a reliable fundraiser for the Deborah Heart and Lung Center.

Preceded in death by her husband, Harry (Sec); granddaughter, Joyce Cawby; and son-in-

law, David Warner, Mary is survived by her two daughters, Elaine Warner of Wilmington, DE and Binnie (Jim) Luciano of Port St. Lucie, FL; her grandson, John (Laura) Warner of Ashburn, VA; great-grandchildren, Jacob, Kira, and Hana; and beloved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to her granddaughter Joyce's favorite charity, Furry Friends Adoption, Clinic and Ranch, at 401 Maplewood Drive, Jupiter, FL 33458.

JAMES S. YODER

Age 55, passed away at home with his family by his side, on February 25, 2017, after a long and courageous battle with appendiceal cancer.

Jim was born in Ridgewood, NJ on September 30, 1961, son of the late William L. Yoder, Jr. and Margy (Crane) Yoder. Jim grew up in Little Falls, NJ and graduated from Passaic Valley High School in 1979 and the University of Delaware in 1983. He attended law school at night, and despite working full time, he graduated early from Widener University School of Law School in December 1986.

Jim met his beloved wife, Lisa Flickstein Yoder, on Valentine's Day 1987. They married in 1990, and raised their two children, Daniel and Rachel in Wilmington, and enjoyed summers in Longport, NJ.

Jim was a partner at White and Williams and worked out of its Wilmington, DE office. He was a member of the Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland Bars. He was a Mediator, trained under the auspices of the Superior Court of Delaware, and on the panel of approved Mediators/Arbitrators for the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

Prior to joining White and Williams, Jim was the Managing Director of the law firm Tighe, Cottrell & Logan in Wilmington. He was a former member of the Board of Trustees for Congregation Beth Emeth, was a committee member for its Capital Campaign, and for a time taught children in their Sunday School.

Jim loved nature and animals and was an avid student of history. He enjoyed camping, hiking in the woods, and his cats and dog. As a child there were occasions when stray cats would follow him home from school, they would take up residence and he would care for them.

In addition to his wife and children, Jim is survived by his brother William L. Yoder, III (Trish); Kimberly Franciosi (Frank) and Elizabeth Chismark (Kurt), and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to honor Jim's life is welcome to make a contribution to the Abramson Cancer Center at Penn Medicine, 3400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, Congregation Beth Emeth, or Faithful Friends, 12 Gerny Drive, Wilmington DE 19804.

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APRIL 2017

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MARCH 8 – APRIL 16

Passover Market

Siegel JCC Lobby
Stop by the Siegel JCC Front Desk to choose from over 30 types of delicious, kosher for Passover wines. The J receives a donation for every bottle sold, compliments of Fairfax Liquors!

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

YOUTH SOCIAL GUIDE: Game On! (Grades K-5)

6:30 – 9 PM
Siegel JCC – Auditorium, Jcade and Senior Lounge
Elementary children – Grades K-5th
\$10 members/\$18 non-members
Ever wonder what it would be like to play video games on the J's projector? We bring the Jcade to the big screen: video games, board games, snacks. It's Game On! Register at siegeljcc.org or, for more information, contact Becky Stahl at BeckyStahl@siegeljcc.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

FreedoMan Seder for Families with Kids!

10:40 AM
Chabad Center for Jewish Life
We welcome you to join us for a lively morning of exciting games and family bonding, as together we embark on a multi-sensory journey, exploring the profound themes of Passover. Prepare your kids for Passover with a Model Seder experience that you've never seen before! Game shows, an interactive video and even a FreedoMan Mascot bring the story of Passover and the Seder to life so that the kids will feel like they are truly experiencing the Passover story! At our Model Seder, let the children take the lead, and the child inside lead you. This event is FREE and is open to the community! Please make sure to email RabbiMotti@ChabadDE.com so that we can make sure to have enough seats prepared for you and your family!

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

YOUTH SOCIAL GUIDE: Chess Tournament (Grades K-12)

Day-of Registration Begins: 11 AM
Tournament Directions Begin: 12 PM
Awards Ceremony Begins: 5:45 PM
Featuring both rated and unrated sections. Unrated sections: grades 3 and under, grades 5 and under, grades 8 and under, and grades 12 and under. Rated sections: grades K - 4 U600, grades K-8 U1000, and Open K-12. Trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each section as well as for the 1st and 2nd place schools in each section. Pre-Register - \$20; After March 26th - \$25 Register at siegeljcc.org or, for more information, contact Katie Glazier at KatieGlazier@siegeljcc.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Interfaith Seder

4-7 PM
Congregation Beth Shalom
Join members of our community as we sample our Passover Seder with our friends of all faiths. For more information, call 302-654-4462.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Humans—A Part of Nature, or Apart from Nature?

7 PM
Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth
Join us for the first of three events exploring the perspectives of science and Judaism on the theme of Natural and Man-made, led by a task force of scientists and other professionals, including a rabbi. Subsequent events are on April 23 and May 7. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Mark Wagman at mewag1@comcast.net.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

CTeen Shmurah Matzah Delivery Community Service Project!

7 - 8:30 PM
Siegel JCC
Join us for this memorable CTeen session, where we will be packaging and personally delivering handmade Shmurah Matzahs to elderly people in the community. Last year, this event made a huge impression on the teens and on the people we visited. Community service hours will be awarded. You will even get to bring home your very own Shmurah Matzah to use at the Seder! If you would like to send your teen to this very meaningful and memorable program, please contact Rochel@ChabadDE.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Einstein's Model Seder

10:30 AM-1 PM
Siegel JCC Auditorium
See our students bring the seder alive as we prepare for Passover. For more information and to register, please contact Rabbi Jeremy Winaker at jeremy.winaker@einsteinaday.org or 302-478-5026.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Pot Luck Dinner and Tot Shabbat

5:30 PM
Congregation Beth Shalom
Join members of CBS for a veggie/parve pot luck dinner at 5:30 PM. Bring a dish to share with six others. A family friendly service at 6:30 PM for our young worshippers and those young at heart! A traditional service to follow at 7 PM. For more information, 302-654-4462.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Babysitter Training

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Teens will learn techniques in basic care, first aid, introductory CPR, and how to be the best babysitter possible! For participants ages 11-15. Register at siegeljcc.org or, for more information, contact Stephkegelman@siegeljcc.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

Film - The Last Survivors – Echoes from the Holocaust

2 PM
Siegel JCC Auditorium
Producer/Director Zane Buzby, founder of The Survivor Mitzvah Project, an urgent humanitarian effort bringing emergency aid to the last survivors of the Holocaust in Eastern Europe. She will screen and discuss the Survivor Mitzvah Project's film, The Last Survivors – Echoes from the Holocaust.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Community Passover Seder

7:45 PM
Chabad Center for Jewish Life
This year, we want to make your Passover Seder experience as easy as possible by inviting you to our Community Seder for the first night of Pesach! Just make reservations and let us do all of the work for you. Wouldn't it be nice to have one less thing to worry about going into Pesach? \$30/Adult \$16/Child (Under 11) \$120/sponsor. To make reservations, visit www.ChabadDE.com/register no later than Sunday, April 2, without exception.

MONDAY, APRIL 10
Community Seder

7:50 PM

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

The community is invited to join Rabbi Saks and the AKSE family for a Seder on the first night of Passover. Enjoy an inspiring Seder and complete catered meal, including wine. Meal price – \$39 for adults, \$25 for children ages 6 to 12, free for children 5 and under. Registration and payment should be made by April 3 online at www.akse.org or by contacting the AKSE office at 302-762-2705 or office@akse.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11
Community Seder

7:50 PM

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

The community is invited to join Rabbi Saks and the AKSE family for a Seder on the second night of Passover. Enjoy an inspiring Seder and complete catered meal, including wine. Meal price – \$39 for adults, \$25 for children ages 6 to 12, free for children 5 and under. Registration and payment should be made by April 3 online at www.akse.org or by contacting the AKSE office at 302-762-2705 or office@akse.org.

APRIL 14, 2017 AND APRIL 18-21
Spring Camp

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SUNDAY, APRIL 16
Congregation Beth Sholom

340 N. Queen St., Dover, De. 19904

10 AM

Jewish History Course: Worshiping locally—We will discuss the tremendous diversity in ancient Israelite practice.

These classes are open to all members, their friends and neighbors, and whoever has an interest in Jewish history! You do not have to be Jewish to learn from, and enjoy these classes. These classes are in Jewish History, not religion, so everyone will be comfortable in attending and participating. Please contact Burt Brenman, the moderator of the class, at burtrehab@gmail.com, in order for him to prepare sufficient handouts for new class members.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
Jewish Great Books Meeting

April's book: *Widow Wise*, by Alyce Gross

2 – 3:30 PM

JCC Boardroom

For more information, contact Anna Saul at annasaul@siegeljcc.org.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
Einstein at Wilmington's Earth & Arbor Day Celebration

11 AM-2 PM

Rodney Square

Join us downtown as we bring our "Einstein Goes Outdoors" theme to the larger community. Songs, crafts, and flyers are just a small part of our celebration of nature. For more information, contact Rabbi Jeremy Winaker at 302-478-5026 or jeremy.winaker@einsteinaday.org.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
Challah Shabbat

4:45 – 6 PM

Join us as we break Passover at the J with a community challah Shabbat dinner. We will have challah of all kinds! Register at siegeljcc.org or, for more information, contact Melissa Simon at Melissasimon@siegeljcc.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
Partnership Minyan

9 AM

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

The Partnership Minyan is a prayer group that is committed both to maintaining traditional standards of Halacha (Jewish law) and to including women in ritual leadership roles to the fullest extent possible. See the article in this issue for details. All are welcome. For more information, contact Rabbi Saks at 302-762-2705 or office@akse.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware Annual Meeting

2 PM

Hagley Museum and Library, Soda House, 298 Buck Road, Wilmington, Delaware

The program, Hagley, Business History and the Jewish Community, will highlight notable Jewish business leaders. Marty Mand will provide a brief overview of notable individuals from the DuPont Company who held leadership positions in the Delaware Jewish Community.

Roger Horowitz, director of The Center for the History of Business, Technology and Society will introduce selections from Hagley Museum and Library research collections documenting the history of American business, technology, and industrial design. The review will include material from David Sarnoff and the RCA Corporation, the Bronfman family and Seagram's Distillery and Irving S. Shapiro, CEO of the Du Pont Company. Light refreshments will follow the

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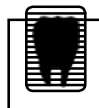
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SUNDAY, APRIL 23

YOUTH SOCIAL GUIDE: Trivia Night (grades 6-8)

4:30 – 6 PM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

Cost: \$10

A Battle of the Brains. Bring your smart phone and your A-game. We'll bring the snacks and prizes. Register at siegeljcc.org or for more information, contact DanMetz@siegeljcc.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Adult Education

7 PM

Congregation Beth Shalom

Our Rabbi Jacob Kraft Education Series continues with Ritasue Charlestein speaking on Am Echad, Lev Echad, One people with one heart. The community is invited to this free event. For more information, call 302-654-4462.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Distinguishing the Natural from the Man-made—How and Why?

7 PM

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

Join us for the second of three events exploring the perspectives of science and Judaism on the theme of Natural and Man-made, led by a task force of scientists and other professionals, including a rabbi. The final event is on May 7. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Mark Wagman at mewag1@comcast.net.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

Yom Ha'Shoah Program

Holocaust Day of Remembrance ceremony

Noon

Freedom Plaza, Wilmington, at the Holocaust Memorial sculpture located between the Carvel State Office Building and the City/County Building.

The event is sponsored by DERECH: Delaware Rabbinical and Cantor's Association and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For more information, please contact Gina Kozicki at (302) 427-2100 x820 or Gina.Kozicki@ShalomDel.org.

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

Yom Ha'Shoah Program

Holocaust Day of Remembrance event

7 PM

Siegel Jewish Community Center

101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE.

Sponsored by DERECH: Delaware Rabbinical and Cantor's Association and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For more information, please contact Gina Kozicki at (302) 427-2100 x820 or Gina.Kozicki@ShalomDel.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

CTeen Session - Social and Community Service Program for Teens

7–8:30 PM

Siegel JCC

Find out what all the hype on CTeen is about while enjoying a delicious pizza dinner! Come have a great time meeting and hanging out with other Jewish teens, get into great discussion based on the theme of the month, and get community service hours - all in one session! For more information about CTeen and a calendar of events go to www.CTeen.com/Delaware or find the Facebook group CTeen Delaware. Please contact Rochel Flikshtein for more information at: Rochel@ChabadDE.com or Zack Horowitz, CTeen President at: horowitzz17@ucfsd.net.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Yom Hazikaron – Israel Memorial Day

Observance

7PM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

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For more info contact Dana@ShalomDel.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Women of Wisdom –WOW Event

11:30 AM - Registration

12 PM - Lunch and Presentation

Join our Women's Philanthropy Division members for the annual Women of Wisdom Event featuring guest speaker Linda Kaplan Thaler. This event is open to all women making a minimum household gift of \$180 to the 2017 JFD Annual Campaign.

Linda will sign all copies of her books purchased at the event. Book Signing after the luncheon.

Registration and \$36 Event Fee must be received no later than April 20, 2017.

RSVP at ShalomDelaware.org or (302)427-2100.

For more information, please contact Nicole or Wendy at (302)427-2100

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THURSDAY, APRIL 27

CTeen Junior for Grades 6-8!

6-7:30 PM

Siegel JCC

Join us for this amazing incredible social, educational, community-service program for every kid from any Jewish background. Give it a shot and you won't regret it!

For more information about this monthly program for Grades 6-8, please contact Rochel@ChabadDE.com. Each monthly session includes a fun interactive discussion, a social component and a community service project to keep the Jewish youth engaged after their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs!

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Shabbat Koleinu

6:30 PM

Congregation Beth Shalom

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MONDAY, MAY 1

Yom Ha'atzmaut – Israel Independence Day Celebration

7 PM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

Celebrating Israel's 69th Independence Day! Join us for an evening that is all things Israel, including the exclusive music performance of the Israeli band Halehaka and catered Israeli buffet dinner. Registration fee: \$25. Register at: ShalomDelaware.org/atzmaut. For more info contact Dana@ShalomDel.org

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Pot Luck Dinner and Tot Shabbat

5:30 PM

Congregation Beth Shalom

Join members of CBS for a veggie/parve pot luck dinner at 5:30 pm. Bring a dish to share with 6 others. A family friendly service at 6:30 pm for our young worshippers and those young at heart! A traditional service to follow at 7 PM. For more information, 302-654-4462.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

Mid-Atlantic Junior Maccabi Games

8:30 AM – 5 PM

The Siegel JCC is hosting the Mid-Atlantic Junior Maccabi Games, a one-day Olympic-style competition for participants ages 10-12. Visit our website at siegeljcc.org to volunteer, register an athlete, make a donation or learn more.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Is Natural "Better"? — Perception and Reality

7 PM

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

Join us for the last of three events exploring the perspectives of science and Judaism on the theme of Natural and Man-made, led by a task force of scientists and other professionals, including a rabbi. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Mark Wagman at mewag1@comcast.net.

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By Jaidy Schweers
Editor



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TOGETHER IS MAKING A COMEBACK, AND SHE'S NOT MESSING AROUND.

She especially enjoyed her heyday being bold, proud, and effective in powerful quotes by Martin Luther King Jr., Helen Keller, Henry Ford, or Babe Ruth to name a few. She would come and go like an old ex-lover; there when you need her, gone when you don't. Her carefully constructed letters and how they roll off the tongue, pass through time, emotionally compelling, with only one very clear and powerful purpose:

To unite people.

Since 2014 as anti-Semitic hate crimes have risen in the U.S., and most predominantly in our own community since January of 2017, the word Together has never felt more empowering to see and say. After the handful of threats against our Jewish Community Campus, the word has forced its way into action. The moment one community feels isolated and vulnerable to hateful acts of aggression, is the very moment another community is gradually awakened to the commonalities they share with the other, therefore inspiring them to reach out and connect hands, sharing a hope for a safer and greater good.

Those who at one time felt detached from our community—going about their business, never knowing what hid behind the Wawa off Route 202 until the day they saw Action News or scrolled through Facebook—began to feel as one. This was not another people, another race, another non-descript building near the woods. This was Wilmington. The Brandywine Valley. Delaware. These were threats to them as much as they were threats to us. Our fears became their fears. Our struggles

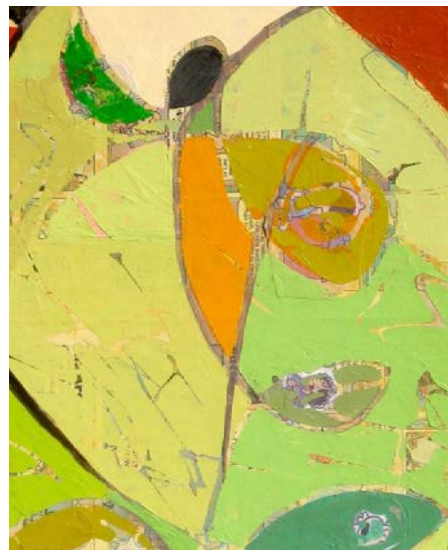
became their struggles. Our tears became their tears . . . until the words *Us vs. Them* became uncomfortable to say, and "We Are Stronger TOGETHER" became more prevalent than ever.

Now, we of various religions and backgrounds stand vehemently alongside one another denouncing hate and embracing community. Through the bountiful contributions of countless cards and statements of solidarity—not to mention baked goods, lunches, flowers, and donations—given as a gesture to help temper the emotions of a rattled community, the people of greater Wilmington recognize that in order to diminish hate, they must unite in love.

Yes, as Jews, Together is a kind acquaintance of ours; we were introduced to the word long ago, and our connection to her is evident. As is the natural response of people wanting to find a place for themselves in all walks of life, with all people, including those of us on Garden of Eden Road.

I'm convinced we've all gotten to know Together even better in the past few months, for at one point she was just a well-crafted word, albeit with very important meaning, enticing us to question our role in the world we live. And now, she extends beyond the surface, into today. Her influence inspiring us to take action and tap into various circles and say:

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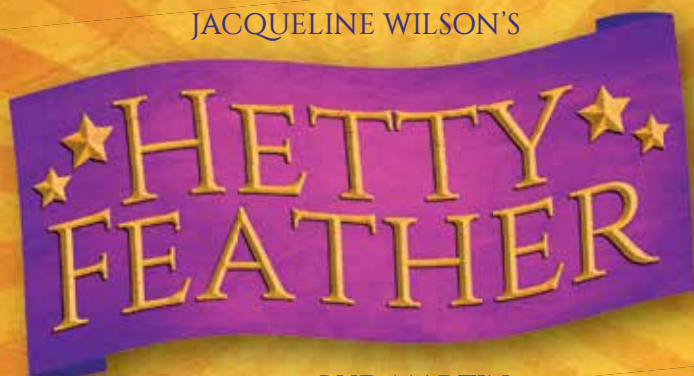
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