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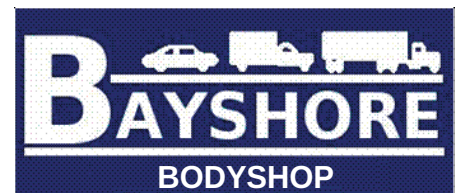
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Together, we each make a bigger difference than when we act alone. Please make a generous gift to the Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign a central part of your holiday ritual.

With your gift this New Year, we can change lives.

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Riva Brown has been an Artist/Calligrapher with a specialty in Judaica here in her native Wilmington throughout her long and continuing career. Working for the community at large, Riva has created many hundreds of original major documents and heirloom keepsakes. Her art has been commissioned by local synagogues and Jewish Federation. Riva is a recipient of the Delaware Division of the Arts Fellowship Established Professional Grant for her work with Ketubot. She recently had a successful one-woman show at the JCC ArtSpace. She is a founding Mother and past President of the Delaware Calligraphy Guild, a member of the Delaware Foundation for the Visual Arts where she served on the Board for many years, an award-winning Watercolor painter showing in the Delaware Watercolor Society and the Philadelphia Watercolor Society. You can reach Riva at [riva@livingletters.biz](mailto:riva@livingletters.biz) or at Living Letters Studio by calling 302-656-2777. Together with her husband Bill, their studio is in their home; hours are by appointment.

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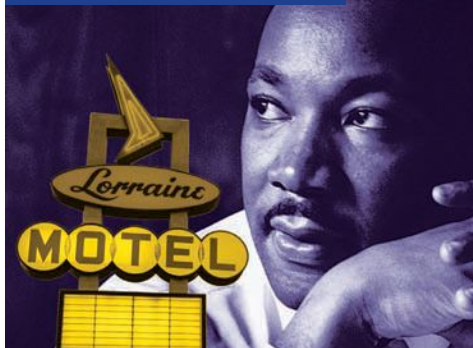
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## YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart

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## FROM THE AUTHOR OF...



## DIAL "M" FOR MURDER



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## FROM THE AUTHOR OF...

by Chisa Hutchinson

A famous NYC author tries to salvage her career by attempting to rehabilitate an irascible homeless woman. A blunt, insightful, and amusing play with plenty of strong language and stronger opinions.

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## DIAL "M" FOR MURDER

by Frederick Knott

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Through our community-wide network of partners and agencies, we actively seek out and address the most pressing issues facing our community every day in order to feed, clothe, comfort and rescue people in need. We also inspire, educate and connect people to their Jewish identity.

**For the past 83 years, the Jewish Federation of Delaware has been raising funds to meet the ongoing needs of our Jewish community.** Federation continues to be the single largest annual fundraising arm for our Jewish community with thousands of people providing support to a community-wide network of organizations that care for people in need and nurture and sustain the Jewish community today and for future generations.

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

focused on addressing the most pressing issues facing our community every day.

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

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

**The extraordinary impact of Jewish Federation can be felt around the community and around the world.**

In Delaware and the Brandywine Valley, we provide opportunities for Jewish culture to flourish and are working toward reaching our broad, diverse, and growing community.

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

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

Federation's success is dependent on building and strengthening a vibrant and caring community that is committed to improving the world.

Thanks to your continued support,  
**We Are Stronger TOGETHER.**

# LIKE WHAT YOU SEE?

Redesign Delivers a More Engaging *Jewish VOICE*

By Jaidy Schweers  
Editor, *Jewish VOICE*  
and Seth J. Katzen  
CEO, Jewish Federation of Delaware

## What's new with the *Jewish VOICE*?

As a magazine that's been in production for over 50 years, the *Jewish VOICE*, a publication of Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), has undergone various makeovers to continually improve how we engage with the Jewish community. The *Jewish VOICE* is the only monthly Jewish resource for the state of Delaware



and the Brandywine Valley, operating as a circulation channel for JFD and its beneficiary agencies and synagogues. Through a showcase of locally authentic stories, a community calendar of events, and carefully-selected articles and topics involving the world and Israel, the *Jewish VOICE* is your one-stop shop for all things Jewish.

So, it means a lot to us that you like what you see.

In JFD's most recent study, Best Jewish Delaware, you spoke and we listened. Many people in Delaware want to know more about JFD's rich programming and services, and expressed that there is not enough presence throughout the State. Therefore, as part of an initiative to increase our reach throughout the area we have adjusted our *Jewish VOICE* circulation from 2300 printed copies to 5000. We are now mailing close to 4,500 copies to households throughout Delaware and the Brandywine Valley.

In conjunction to doing this we also knew that the product delivered to your doorstep needed to exemplify the award-winning recognition that the *Jewish VOICE* has already achieved. It not only needed to maintain the consistency of quality news coverage, it also needed to be pleasing to look at, pleasing to read, and pleasing to pick up and retain.

This latest upgrade has been essential. Here are some of the new updates to look for in greater detail:

- **Improved paper stock.** There is a huge difference between Eh, and Wow! Anyone outside of the communications industry doesn't put much thought into paper selection until they actually conduct a side by side comparison. The *Jewish VOICE*, up until two years ago, was a newspaper format. We wanted to transition to a magazine in order to parallel emerging trends, have images pop from the page, and increase overall quality. However, we knew, due to cost, it would be an evolving project. We began by reducing the dimensions, adjusting layout, changing our logo and masthead, adding bolder colors, and converting to a silk-gloss cover. Yes, it was an impressive facelift, but because we were still printing interior pages on news print, there was still a dilemma as to what to call ourselves: a magazine or a newspaper.

In this latest upgrade, you will see that we have upgraded the interior pages to silk-gloss throughout, included a perfect

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bind spine, and adjusted the dimensions slightly (which would bring down the cost to print). Just taking your copy out of the mailbox will be an altogether different experience. You'll notice the sleek weight and shine of the paper as well as professional feel. When you open the pages, you will see the beautiful images of your community in bold, bright colors, jumping from the spread; a more effective way of telling our story in an emotionally compelling manner.

• **Changes to layout.** Good design is everything. You may not realize its importance, but a British research company found that 94% of first impressions are design related. We have become an increasingly visual culture, and ensuring that the *Jewish VOICE* continues to captivate its audience is crucial in articulating our message.

Included in our upgrade is a new Table of Contents page, which highlights specific content through images, leading the reader through the issue with ease. Also included are progressive fonts, colors, and call-out quotes, bold and enlarged images, spacious spreads, and conscious use of white space. All of these enhancements deliver a thought-provoking experience combined with visually alluring imagery.

• **Continuation of rich content.** Finally, we're making every effort to maintain and enhance the content you receive through the *Jewish VOICE*. There is something incredibly deflating when opening up a beautifully wrapped package only to find little substance inside. We are consistently trying to manage content in ways which continue to engage, enlighten, and inform. We make every attempt to steer clear of advertorial type writing and yet understand the need for local agencies to announce and promote upcoming events. Therefore, we now provide information side bars to accommodate event details so that accompanying articles can sustain a genuinely engaging story.

### Who is entitled to receive the *Jewish VOICE* for free?

The *Jewish VOICE* is available to contributors of JFD's Annual Campaign or to those who subscribe to the *Jewish VOICE* for \$36 or more per year.

### I am not a subscriber nor have I contributed to JFD's Annual Campaign – why did I receive an issue?


Because we have increased our distribution to 5000 copies per issue, we now include a random selection of zip codes every month in our mailing list. It is by chance that non-donors/subscribers may receive an issue, but there will often be times that they will not. It is our hope that these members of the community will find value in the *Jewish VOICE* and wish to be continually informed and inspired about the happenings of our Jewish community. In turn, they will consider a subscription or make a donation in order to continue receiving the *Jewish VOICE* every month.

### I am already a subscriber – what about my existing subscription?

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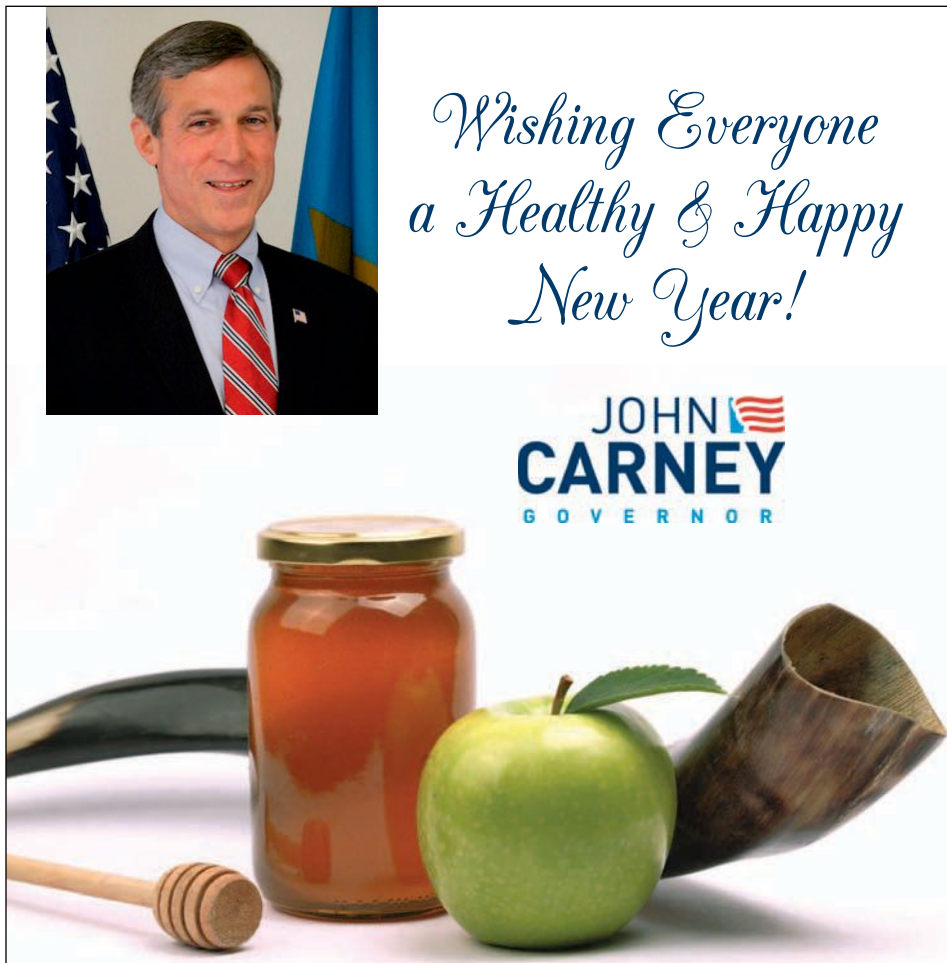
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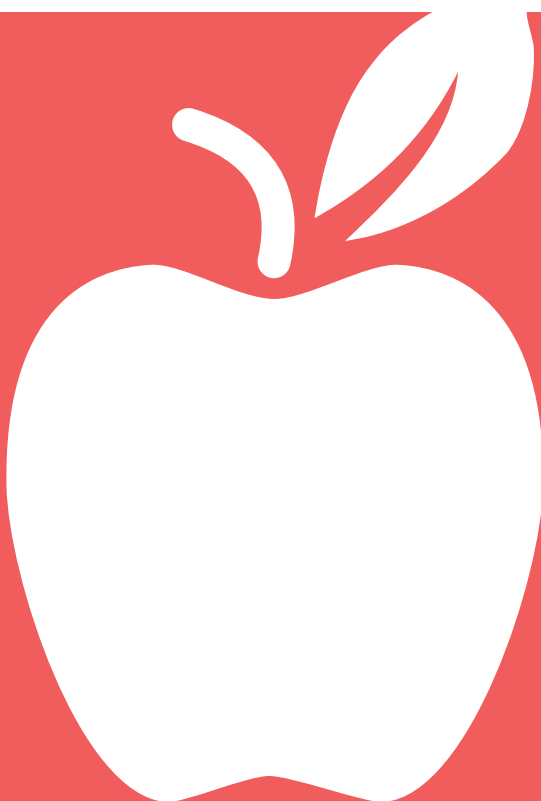
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# KEEPING OUR CAMPUS SAFE & SECURE

By Seth J. Katzen  
CEO, Jewish Federation of Delaware

In January 2017, the Siegel JCC received a bomb threat from an anonymous caller.

We would soon learn that this threat was not isolated to Delaware and that similar threats were made to Jewish institutions throughout the country extending over a period of nearly three months. Our community was the unfortunate recipient of five bomb threats received during this time, requiring campus evacuations and the assistance of our local, state and federal law enforcement who scoured the campus each occurrence to ensure our continued safety. While the suspect was apprehended in March 2017, the Jewish world faced a new reality – requiring institutions to continually evaluate, monitor, and often enhance its security and operations for improved preparedness.

I am proud of how our community faced adversity and responded to these acts of hate. Our community leadership, both lay and professionals, quickly and seamlessly responded to these threats with a sense of calmness and efficiency. With each bomb threat received, our campus was



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quickly evacuated in a structured manner thanks to having an Emergency Campus Manual, and systems already in place. The safety and security of our campus will continue to be of utmost importance.

Thanks to our Facilities Management Board, chaired by Arnie Caine and Robin Kauffman Saran, we continue to monitor, evaluate, and improve campus security efforts on an ongoing basis. Just a few of the more recent improvements and enhancements include the addition of security cameras around the campus, outdoor lighting and signage improvements, and parking lot restrictions.

We continually build relationships with local law enforcement and collaborate with campus agencies for improved communications and protocols. Federation also leverages our connection to the Secure Community Network (SCN) who came to Delaware in March for a full-campus walk through and to provide training. SCN will return this fall for additional preparedness training for campus professionals and community leadership.

A reminder to please use your access cards at all times when on campus and if you “See Something, Say Something.” We Are Stronger by working TOGETHER!

# leaving a jewish legacy

## 10 REASONS TO CONSIDER LIFE INSURANCE AS A CHARITABLE GIFT

Donors can transfer ownership of an existing policy to a charity. Or name a charity as beneficiary of an existing policy. But the most cost-effective way to make a gift of life insurance is to purchase a new policy, naming the charity as the owner and beneficiary. Here are the reasons why:



By Ginger Weiss  
Creative Financial Group,  
Past Co-Chair of the 2017  
WOW Event

**1**

Life Insurance is one of the most cost effective ways to make a charitable gift.

**2**

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**3**

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**8**

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**9**

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**10**

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# Women Philanthropists: INFLUENCING CHARITABLE GIVING

By Jennifer Steinberg  
Women's Philanthropy Co-Chair

*“One day there is going to be a general campaign and a men’s campaign,” Mann told the Post. “Women are the fastest growing part of the annual campaign and the Federation system. It’s a very, very strong constituency.”*

– Beth Mann, the Jewish Federations of North America Director of Advancement

Look around Jewish Delaware and you’ll get the distinct impression that the future is female. A recent article in the *Jerusalem Post* observed that while many American Jewish women have been engaged in Jewish philanthropy over the years, either on their own, or as part of a family, making significant financial gifts and other contributions to the Jewish world, they do not get much visibility. Nationally, JFNA has established specific giving channels for women. They include a National Women’s Philanthropy segment, representing about a quarter of the funds raised each year as part of the National annual campaign.

For the past year, I’ve had the privilege of co-chairing Delaware’s own Women’s Philanthropy Division, which makes up nearly half of the total raised annually by our Federation’s Annual Campaign. While nearly half is great, there is certainly room to grow. The recent community assessment determined that approximately 61% of members of the Jewish community touched by the Jewish Federation of Delaware are women.

As Jewish women, we are taking our historic roles as matriarchs and prophetesses to new, modern levels. We have more money than ever before to donate as we work to build the social and civic connections for our families and offer time, commitment, and support for charitable institutions. In doing so, we have an equal say, but more importantly we influence the direction of our family’s charitable giving. The recent *Jerusalem Post* article called out that women’s philanthropy in the US in general has changed a lot of over the past 40 years, as much progress was made in reaching financial and social equality with men. According to a research published by Indiana University’s School of Philanthropy, with increasing incomes, educational attainment, and control over wealth, women have never before had so much control over philanthropic resources and yet, when it comes to married couples, the majority decide on charitable giving jointly, the study showed. As women’s earning potential continues to rise, the opportunity for larger donations increases as well, and

Delaware’s Jewish women have the numbers and power to set the example for others, both male and female in our community, to follow and truly be what we wish others to become.

Part of what I love about co-chairing Women’s Philanthropy for Jewish Federation of Delaware is the opportunity to see into my future. Any time I attend an event, I’m surrounded by women lay leaders. From presidents and past presidents both of Federation and beneficiary agencies, to Annual Campaign Chairs, to staff, to Lions of Judah, there are strong women of all ages for me to look up to and those same women have welcomed me warmly into their sisterhood. I remember attending my first Women’s Philanthropy event as I was just starting to get involved in the local Jewish community. It was a film screening, something about gefilte fish, but it wasn’t the movie that stuck with me. What stuck with me were the pins I saw others wearing. I went home without

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## WOMEN PHILANTHROPISTS

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asking because I didn’t want to seem uneducated but couldn’t get the image out of my mind. I entered as many details as I could into a search engine until I discovered those pins and the women who wore them, had a name – Lions of Judah; a high level women’s giving society within the Jewish Federation for women making a gift of \$5,000 or

more to the Annual Campaign each year. Delaware Women’s Philanthropy is home to 49 of those Lions, contributing to \$600 million in pledges nationally and from that first event, I knew I wanted to be one of those women. By focusing our gifts and making Federation our philanthropic mission, our giving power gives us decision making power.

In 2017, Jewish Federation of Delaware’s Annual Campaign goal is \$1,650,000. By the time you read this issue, we will still

need to raise approximately 25% of this to achieve our 2017 goal, and so my question for each of you is – what will motivate you to be part of our philanthropic mission? Is it being there for the Jewish vulnerable, Jewish education, support for Israel, building our Jewish community? We do all of these things and more here in Delaware and your contribution to the campaign is a contribution to Jewish life and a Jewish future of our own design.

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## DELAWAREANS LEAD JFNA SUMMER MISSIONS TO UKRAINE AND ISRAEL

By JFD Staff

This past July, Suzanne B. Grant and Senior Director of Philanthropy, Wendy Berger departed for the Ukraine and Israel as part of the Jewish Federations of North America FRD Leadership Mission.

Grant chaired this important leadership mission as she was recently named JFNA National Campaign Chair, the first Delawarean to receive this prestigious honor. The following week, Federation Past-President, Robin Kauffman Saran, chaired the JFNA Campaigners' Mission to Israel.

Both missions included professionals and volunteer leaders who learned first-hand about the needs facing Ukraine's Jews, as well as Israel, and how the various Federation-funded programs are helping global Jewry.

"It was truly an honor and privilege to be able to participate in the FRD Mission in Ukraine and Israel. I returned home to JFD with new ideas and tools to help our community, new friends from around the country, and a renewed spirit and passion for the life-saving and life-changing work that we do. When we say that 'Every donor and every dollar makes a difference' – I can confirm that this is absolutely the case," said Berger.

Samantha Dubrinsky, the Director of Community Impact for the Birmingham Jewish Federation, and mission participant reflected on the following during her experience in the Ukraine:

*Today, our group of Jewish professionals and volunteer leaders from around the US heard from IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons) who fled the conflict zone in 2014 and 2015 and are still rebuilding their lives as they have resettled in Kiev. Some of them were lawyers, professors and doctors with successful careers who lost everything when the conflict began. Now, they are trying to pick up the pieces left behind by this conflict that doesn't seem to be ending anytime soon.*

*One woman who spoke about fleeing her home said that she quickly packed two bags full of her most valued possessions, only to realize that she could take just one if she wanted to hold her child's hand as they searched for safety. Everything she had accumulated in her life — degrees from schools, furniture, family photos — was gone in an instant. And she, with her bag and her son, were left without a home.*

*In 2015, I heard stories of IDPs and the unsettling circumstances they were starting their new lives in so I thought I would be prepared for what I was going to hear on this current trip. But the stories today made me realize how much this community is still struggling. I'm not sure what I expected, but I thought that this trip would reveal a Ukraine that is healing and rebuilding itself. That is happening*

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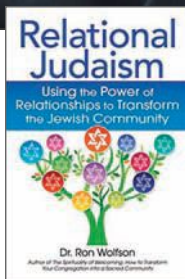


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## JFNA SUMMER MISSIONS

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to a degree, thanks to the Federation-funded Israel-based Jewish Agency and the Federation-funded Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), but there is still so much work to do.

Thanks to the Jewish Agency and the JDC, Ukrainian Jews who have been displaced are making lives for themselves, either in Ukraine if they choose to stay or in Israel if they choose to leave. There are few social services in Ukraine so the assistance that Ukrainian Jews receive comes largely from Federations such as ours through the JDC and Jewish Agency. If not for these two organizations, or our donor dollars, many of these people would be without the basic necessities – a home, food and water.

In Israel, the Campaigners' Mission included formal training sessions, and conversations with individuals such as Oshra Friedman, an Ethiopian Israeli who now gives back to the community, and Lucy Motovilov, a Taglit-Birthright and Masa Israel alumna born in Siberia, who pays it forward at the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). Also included in the Mission was a tasting tour, a Top Chef Cook Off, a discussion with Dr. Raviv Schwartz, and a visit with program participants



Wendy Berger with Ethiopian students and Grace Rodnitzki, ENP's Director of International Relations

PHOTO CREDIT: WENDY BERGER

“If not for the JDC and the Jewish Agency, or our donor dollars, many **Ukrainian Jews** would be without the basic necessities – a home, food, and water.”

to the Ethiopian National Project, School Performance and Community Empowerment (SPACE) program. Another Mission highlight was a visit to Taglit-Birthright's new Innovation Center in Tel Aviv where participants simulated a visit that Birthright attendees experience, complete with meeting a start-up entrepreneur.

“Every single recipient of our assistance

we met in Ukraine and in Israel thanked our community profusely for caring about fellow Jewish family members across the globe,” explained Berger.

Dubinsky's final thought of the experience: “From Ukraine to Israel with a touch of Ethiopia thrown in. Challenges, triumphs and miracles. I've never been more convinced that Federation work is truly holy.”



For more information, please contact Wendy Berger, Senior Director of Philanthropy, at (302)427-2100





## A HILLEL SUMMER

**1** Monica Weitz ('18) interned with Hillel International in Washington, D.C this summer as the Hillel Institute Summer Conference Intern.

PHOTO COURTESY OF M. WEITZ

**2** Freshmen Fest Intern Emily Simon ('19) studied abroad in Athens, Greece, and Budapest this summer as she is studying International Medicine.

PHOTO COURTESY OF E. SIMON

**3** Senior Mel Lieberman spent five weeks in Israel this summer and traveled to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Eilat and more as the counselor of a five-week Jewish Leadership program for over 130+ high schoolers.

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**4** Freshmen Fest executive team member Kyle Basarab ('19) traveled to Israel with 50 other Blue Hens in June. He shared, "I had the time of my life – 10 days was definitely not enough time in Israel. I am already planning my next trip to the Holy land."

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**5** In early August, UD Hillel sent five Campus Engagement Interns to St. Louis, MO to dig deeper into the importance of peer to peer engagement.

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## DISTANT COUSINS CONCERT

National recording artist, DISTANT COUSINS, made their premiere Delaware appearance on August 9th at the Siegel JCC Outdoor Amphitheater. The special concert was sponsored by Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Siegel JCC.

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## JCRC LEADERSHIP MEETS WITH THE NEWS JOURNAL

Left to right, Jennifer Steinberg, Seth J. Katzen, John Elzufon, Matthew Albright, new Engagement Editor, Mark Wagman, Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, JCRC Director, Jason Levine, Engagement and Sports Editor

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## EINSTEIN SUMMER

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Einstein Graduate Ben Applebaum reads a book at PJ Poolside



## PJ POOLSIDE

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**1** Thank you to Alaina Cole for reading our story about Israel at our August PJ Poolside event **2** Everyone had fun making sand art bottles representing Israel's desert

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## JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT

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Jewish Heritage Night was held on August 2nd at the Wilmington Blue Rocks game. While the rain prevented the game to be played it did not stop our community from coming together!



1 Jenn, Dylan, and Tessa Steinberg with Janice and David Grackin 2 Slomowitz Family with Cindy Goldstein and Jonathan Jaffe  
3 Rabbi Jeremy Winaker 4 Jewish Heritage Night at the Blue Rocks



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## PRODUCTS OF SUMMER GARDENING

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## CHABAD OF DELAWARE CTEEN GALA

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**1** CTeen Alumni Award winner, Benjamin Russell **2** Debbie Nachlis, Ashley Abramson, Stacey Reiner, Jill Flombaum, Stacy Horowitz, Jodi Cohen and Michelle Silberglied **3** CTeen leaders, Abby Kalish and Haley Flombaum with Rochel Flikshtein **4** CTeen International Male Leader of the Year award winner, Zack Horowitz with his brother, Clay, his father, Alan and grandfather, Norman **5** Ben, Susan, Steven and Seth Ebner **6** Ayelet Gutman and Amy Batogower **7** CTeen leader, Todd Silberglied and New Castle County Executive, Mr. Matt Meyer **8** A view of the packed auditorium







## SUMMER AT THE J

PHOTO CREDIT: DONNA HARLEV



1 Staff and Board Officers after a fun-filled evening! 2 Campers enjoying homemade pita on Israel Day at Camp JCC 3 Shlichah Dana Berman helps run Israel Day at Camp JCC 4 Group photo from the J's first ever Waterpark WorkOUT! 5 Beth DiMio and her children enjoying Member Appreciation, Grill 'N Chill 6 Young members enjoy the outdoor facilities during Member Appreciation 7 North Brandywine Swim League's 2017 Invitational Championships at the Siegel J 8 Ivy Harlev and Stephanie Kegelman enjoy the slip n' slide at the WaterPark Workout



# LEARNING AS AN INSTITUTION

By Rabbi Jeremy Winaker  
*Head of School, Albert Einstein Academy*



Board President Jared Gellert holds Einstein's Annual Report  
PHOTO BY JEREMY WINAKER

## Summer break is over.

As an institution dedicated to learning, though, we did not take a break. In fact, we went to school. A learning institution is an improving institution.

In mid-July, our Head of School, Board President, and Development Director headed to St. Louis, MO, for Prizmah: The Center for Jewish Day School's, Governance & Fundraising Academy (GFA) conference. Prizmah's GFA is an 18-month long program of coaching, benchmarking, and institutional advancement. Over the course of the past school year, we could see our progress in board governance: increased involvement of members, new members joining, committees forming and functioning, and more. We could see our progress in fundraising: achieving far greater than the goal of a 10% increase over the average of the prior two years, adding alumni,

and successfully soliciting major gifts. We went into the July conference excited to report having achieved the goals of the GFA. What we learned was that Albert Einstein Academy is the first to do so and that GFA has more to teach us over the next number of months ahead.

One session, in particular, was full of great ideas for any institution. Kay Sprinkel Grace's *The AAA Way to Fundraising Success* used clear, accessible language to make fundraising less scary, more inclusive, and also a team effort. Instead of assuming or, worse, demanding lay leaders ask for money, the AAA Way relies on Ambassadors, Advocates, and Askers. Only those comfortable asking do the ask. Ambassadors and Advocates still play crucial roles. Sprinkel Grace suggests that Ambassadors make friends and build relationships with people who share values with them or with the institution; and Advocates make the case for the institution, sometimes casually and sometimes formally, and recruit people to the board. The professional staff ensure that everyone can speak about the institution's impact and its message. Together, from networking to building a case to making an ask, the AAA Team

generates confidence and success. The best part is the way that everyone is valued.

The Albert Einstein Academy Board of Trustees will be implementing the AAA Way this fall. We look forward to applying the learning to strengthen our board and our institution. As an institution of learning, we fully expect to graduate board members into other institutions with added skills and confidence to benefit the larger community.

In the remaining months of Prizmah's GFA, we look forward to learning more with our coach, sharing with peer schools, and leveraging national resources. We also look forward to celebrating our success in being the first GFA school to qualify for a matching grant. As we implement this summer's learning to achieve new successes, we will also be on the lookout for more opportunities to learn from national experts.

We did not take a summer break, and we will not stop until we have (to paraphrase our annual curriculum theme) "reached new heights."



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# MY VOICE OF PRIDE

By Ash Tolson

*A member of JFS' Alphabet Soup Kids (ASK) support and social group for local LGBTQ+ teens, Ash Tolson, writes about the experience of marching at NYC Pride for the first time.*



Delaware teens bear Transgender Pride Flags at NYC Pride

PHOTO BY KARLA FLESCHEMAN

My name is Ash Tolson. I am a Transgender man and I am proud of that.

When I first came out as Transgender, I felt very alone. I didn't know any other Trans kids, or even very many other LGBT+ individuals. Through the help of a friend and my therapist, I found Alphabet Soup Kids (ASK), the support group at Jewish Family Services.

I joined ASK during the last meeting before summer break in 2016, but that didn't matter to them. They all accepted me as one of their own and I immediately felt at home.

We are a quite diverse group of individuals in the group, which is super awesome and proves to be helpful when someone needs advice. During meetings we discuss topics important to us and all have the opportunity to voice our opinions. Everyone in the group trusts each other and leans on the other members for support. ASK is an absolutely amazing group that has provided me with so many friends and an amazing support system.

## MARCHING AT PRIDE

Since I came out, I have dreamed of marching at Pride. The idea of being around so many like-minded people made me smile. I have been out and proud as Trans for over a year and a half. When I found out that ASK was bringing a group to march at NYC Pride in June, I jumped at the opportunity!

This year, 2 million people, including 45,000 marchers, met in New York City to celebrate their pride and support of the LGBT+ community.

This year I had the great honor of being one of the marchers in the parade.

I never imagined that I would ever be part of a Pride parade, let alone the one in New York.

The march was a big deal for my family. It was the first LGBT+ event that we would be attending together as a family. It seemed to be all we could talk about for two months. And with no surprise it exceeded all our expectations.

The struggles I've gone through up until this point in my life are nothing compared to the overwhelming amount of joy and pride I felt as I marched.

With every step I took, I felt like I was shedding my fear and shame and getting farther from the disapproving glares of the people who don't support me. Most importantly, each step I

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JFS' Alphabet Soup Kids declare 'We are Proud' as they march at NYC Pride

PHOTO BY KARLA FLESCHEMAN

took down that path took me one step farther in my transition. One step closer to the man I want to be.

I feel that it is very important for me to be loud and proud about who I am simply because I can be. I am very privileged in the sense that I have a family that accepts me while many others don't. I want to be a role model for all of the LGBT+ members who don't have someone to look up to, or can't come out or be proud of who they are for whatever reason. It is vitally important that as a community we stand together in pride.

As for me, standing in pride means admitting that I am a Transgender Man and I am proud of that.

I am proud that more than 2 million people can come together to celebrate themselves and one another.

I am proud that I have come so far in my life.

I am proud to be a part of the LGBT+ community.



Alphabet Soup Kids (ASK) is Delaware's open support and social group for youth who identify as LGBTQ+. The group meets twice monthly on Saturdays at JFS. Contact Sharon Zimmer at (302) 438-1545 or email [cztwins@hotmail.com](mailto:cztwins@hotmail.com) to join us at the next meeting.



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## ROSH HASHANAH

### Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

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Epworth United Methodist Church (EUMC)  
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### Rosh Hashanah Service and Activities & Services for young people

Thursday, September 21 at 10 a.m.

### Tashlich

Thursday, September 21 at 5 p.m.  
North Shores Marina

### Shabbat Shuva Service

### Pot Luck Dairy /Pareve Lunch follows

Saturday, September 23 at 10 a.m.  
Seaside Jewish Community Building  
Rehoboth Beach, DE

## YOM KIPPUR

### Kol Nidre

Friday, September 29 at 7 p.m.  
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Saturday, September 30

10 a.m. - Yom Kippur Service with  
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# NEW YEAR, NEW TEAM

By Ivy Harlev  
Executive Director, Siegel JCC

I am so very excited to share our new staff structure at the J. On your next visit, you'll see some new faces, as well as some familiar faces taking on new roles and responsibilities.

I believe deeply in the team we have assembled at the J; each person is talented, passionate, and brings a unique perspective. Our new structure will afford us increased interdepartmental collaboration so that we can best serve our entire membership and community. Our new structure has 4 work streams:

**1.** Wendi Weingartner has been promoted to Assistant Executive Director, overseeing Member Services, Fitness, Marketing, Development, and Senior/Adult Services. Get ready for a slew of new programs coming from JFit, targeted to meet each member's individual fitness and wellness goals. We are also hard at work building the next season's curriculum for the Delaware Valley Learning Institute, with a variety of topics to spark thoughtful discussion. Additionally, we have two promotions within Marketing and Member Services: Katie Glazier to Membership Director and Anna Saul to Marketing & Communications Director.

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**Wendi Weingartner**  
Assistant Executive Director  
17 years at the J

**POSITIONS HELD:**  
Senior Director, Membership Director, Director of Member Services

*"After 17 marvelous years at the J, I am thrilled to move into the shoes of Assistant Executive Director. My co-workers have become my family and my friends. I am grateful for our J members who add to our wonderful community every day."*



**Mona Duwell**  
Assistant Executive Director  
15 years at the J

**POSITIONS HELD:**  
ECC Teacher, ECC Director, Director of Youth Services

*"As Bill Belichick said, 'on a team, it's not the strength of the individual players, but it is the strength of the unit and how they all function together.' This could not be truer for us at the J. Every single person plays a vital role in our success and growth, and I am privileged to take on the Assistant Executive Director role."*



**Katie Glazier**  
Membership Director  
10 years at the J

**POSITIONS HELD:**  
Assistant Director of Youth, Family, Teens, & Camp, Assistant Director of Special Projects, Special Projects Director

*"The J has always felt like home to me. Our membership is so diverse, and that's one of the most special things about this place. The staff here are like family to me; we support each other and work together to make the J the best it can be for our members, and we do it with smiles and laughter. I'm grateful every day that I get to be here."*



**Anna Saul**  
Marketing & Communications Director  
1.5 years at the J

**POSITIONS HELD:**  
Executive Assistant

*"I feel so incredibly honored to be tasked with sharing all of the wonderful things about the J with our community. I am proud to work here every single day. I have found the community to be so welcoming and my fellow staff members like extensions of my family."*





## AGENCY UPDATE

**2.** Mona Duwell has been promoted to Assistant Executive Director, overseeing all Youth programming, Recreation, and Aquatics. This school year, our Pre-K program will be revamped to better ensure Kindergarten readiness. We will be offering Youth Social Club membership to our friends in grades K-5 and 6-8, providing access to monthly kids' night in, parents' night out activities. We will also be expanding the hours of operation of babysitting and adding supervised options for school-age children. In our ECC, Pam Kreuer has been hired as the Director, focusing on admissions and curriculum, and Amie Baker will continue developing our teaching staff in her role as Assistant Director. Additionally, Carrie Kee will be returning to the J following several successful years with UD Hillel and taking on the new role of Recreational Services Coordinator.

**3.** We have hired a new Facilities Director, Aris Kufasimes, who will carry on our tradition of maintaining an impeccable campus.

**4.** Elena Kupchik continues to oversee Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology for both the J and Jewish Federation of Delaware.

I also want to express my gratitude to Brent Saliman for taking on the role of President of our Board of Directors. Brent has shown strong leadership on the Board and the Finance committee (among others), and I know that he will bring great vision to drive our J forward.

I am grateful to our members for their support of our community-building efforts at the J. I am confident that our team will continue to deliver programs and services to connect and inspire.



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#### Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Thursday, September 21 - 9:30 AM

Youth Services 11 AM-12:30 PM

Grades K-2 / Grades 3-7

Teen Discussion 10 AM-11:15 AM

Family Service 4 PM-4:45 PM

Tashlich Service 5 PM

#### Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Friday, September 22 - 9:30 AM

### YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre / Erev Yom Kippur  
Friday, September 29 - 7 PM

#### Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 30 - 9:30 AM

Youth Services 11 AM-12:30 PM

Grades K-2 / Grades 3-7

Teen Discussion 10 AM-11:15 AM

Yizkor - 12 PM

Family Service & Afternoon

Ne'ilah Service - 5:30 PM

Final Shofar blast/Havdallah/Break Fast - 7:30 PM

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Rosh Hashanah Day 2 and all family/afternoon services are open to the community. NO tickets required.

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# B'NEI MITZVAH IS A TEAM EFFORT

By Ellen L. Weingart  
CBS Member



Benjamin Bank receives his tallit from his parents, Michael and Louise Bank  
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Becoming a bat or bar mitzvah is essentially automatic: Turn 12 or 13, and you take on the adult responsibilities of Judaism.

Marking the occasion in a public way, however, is anything but simple. There are years of schooling to learn what those responsibilities (and privileges) are, as well as learning the language in which prayers, the Torah and Haftorah are expressed. And often, there's a celebration of the day itself.

Helping families through the process is the goal of Congregation Beth Shalom's B'nei Mitzvah B'yachad (B'nei Mitzvah Together) program.

Part of that support comes from the congregation's recent hire of Tamara Matos as B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator.

"Making sure things go well for b'nei mitzvah families has been shared by CBS staff for many years," said Michael Sigman, who, with his wife, Linda, is the congregation's co-vice president for education. "Now families have one point of contact to make the experience even more seamless. Tamara is serving as a vital communications link between the families and all the resources of CBS."

Matos is a somewhat out-of-the-box choice for a b'nei mitzvah coordinator: Her father is Catholic, her mother is Hindu, and her sister is an Orthodox Jew who converted to Judaism about eight or nine years ago. A practicing Catholic, Matos has participated in Jewish rituals and celebrations with her sister and her family and plans to take an introduction to Judaism class.

"She knows what is necessary for the students and their families, but she also brings a unique perspective of someone close to, but not actually a member of the Jewish faith," said Michael Sigman. "This is a situation shared by interfaith families. Her inclusive approach and empathy for families with more complex relationships make for a more comfortable experience for everyone."

"Faith is important to her and her background enriches the experience," added Cantor Elisa Abrams.

Planning a bar or bat mitzvah starts three or four years out with setting a date. A winter orientation meeting is held for families celebrating b'nei mitzvah in the upcoming 12 or 18 months, with the rabbi, cantor, executive director, education co-vice presidents and Matos in attendance.

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At the meeting, the families receive a manual with a checklist and timeline for planning the bar or bat mitzvah as well as other information about holding a b'nei mitzvah celebration. Matos follows up with individual family meetings. "And when I need the cantor's or rabbi's input, I meet with them. And the Sigmans are always available to me," she said.

"Our b'nei mitzvah program has been a great program, but now there's a person devoted to working one-on-one with the families," said Cantor Abrams. And with Matos keeping everyone on schedule and checking on details such as who receives various honors at the bar or bat mitzvah, Cantor Abrams now has "an administrative partner," while she and Rabbi Michael Beals concentrate on the religious aspects and serve as a resource for Matos.

Planning was well under way for Benjamin Bank's May bar mitzvah celebration when Matos started at CBS in February, said his mother, Louise Bank.

"But she certainly offered to help with whatever we needed," she added.

The same is true for Hannah Friedland's March bat mitzvah.

"I think it will be beneficial for most families," said her mother, Stacey Friedland, who also had the experience of celebrating her older daughter Meredith's bat mitzvah. "Having a coordinator will improve the communication between the families and the shul. Tamara can make sure each family is clear on the requirements and expectations and help keep the family on schedule."

Sigman said he hopes b'nei mitzvah families bond and come together for social programs, such as a retreat "to further focus on the most meaningful aspects of b'nei mitzvah."

Friedland endorsed the goal of "building community" around b'nei mitzvah. "Many of these kids have grown up together in Hebrew school. It should be a shared

experience among the students," she said. "It's helpful for families to share resources, support each other in the process and for the kids to support each other. Social opportunities or a shared project would be nice."

Children who have celebrated b'nei mitzvah are expected to continue their education with Shalom Corps, which mixes learning, helping the community, and socializing.

"It's all part of *yachad*, by which we mean all parts together," said Cantor Abrams. "The b'nei mitzvah cohort, Shalom Corps, and the congregation's professionals. It's on many levels."

"Bar and bat mitzvah involve the child, the family and the community," said Matos. "I'm delighted to be part of something so significant in helping young people realize their identity, which increases growth within the community."

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# AKSE ANNOUNCES HONOREES FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS 5778

By Mark Wagman  
*Jewish VOICE Committee and AKSE Member*



Rabbi Steven Saks and Cantor Yehoshua Redfern flanked by members of the AKSE High Holiday choir PHOTO PROVIDED BY MARK WAGMAN

**Every year, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth bestows a special honor on two pillars of the congregation at High Holiday services.**

This year, instead of honoring two individuals, the congregation is honoring the individuals who serve in two important groups—the High Holiday Choir and the High Holiday Committee. The work of these groups is central to making the High Holiday services at AKSE beautiful, meaningful, welcoming and, yes, efficient. The High Holiday Choir will be the honoree on the first day of Rosh Hashanah; the High Holiday Committee, on the second day.

The AKSE High Holiday Choir assists the cantor in bringing the beauty of the High Holiday liturgy to the ears and hearts of congregants. The unique tradition of the choir spans nearly 70 years; the group has worked with at least six full-time cantors and several High Holiday cantors. Of course, both the membership in the choir and its repertoire have evolved over the years. But the longtime “choirmaster,” Lou Brown, has sung with the choir nearly from its beginning. AKSE’s current cantor, Yehoshua Redfern, has “raised the game” of the choir by introducing several intricate, crowd-pleasing choral pieces.

It is not an overstatement to note that the High Holidays at AKSE would simply not happen without its High Holiday Committee. Under the direction of Mike Cabelli, the committee assigns the

many available honors to congregants. Committee members also administer the endowed honoree program, coordinate ushers, and assist the rabbi, cantor, and gabbaim in facilitating the smooth running of services. The committee also oversees communications for the holidays, including all service details and the chock-full-of-information Kol Nidre Supplement.

The High Holiday Choir and Committee members work hard to make Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at AKSE such a pleasing and meaningful experience year after year. Those who wish to make a contribution to recognize the honorees should contact the AKSE office at 302-762-2705.





Rabbi Jacob Lieberman

PHOTO BY JORDON CASSWAY

# TEMPLE BETH EL WELCOMES NEW RABBI

By TBE Staff

Rabbi Jacob Lieberman has just joined Temple Beth El, and we are thrilled to welcome him, his family, and his warm, thoughtful approach to building our congregation and leading Jewish lives and community.

He came to us in Delaware after living in California, New York City, and Philadelphia. He is a graduate of Barnard College and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and he has spent his career working towards social justice for labor and LGBTQ organizations. Most recently, Rabbi Jacob shared his love of Jewish learning and culture at Reconstructionist Congregation Beth Israel in Ridgewood New Jersey and at several Hillels. He writes blog posts and publishes sermons that have intellectual depth and great warmth.

Rabbi Jacob says, “There comes a point in all of our lives where we ask, “Where do we find inspiration? What are the guide posts of a life well lived?” He believes that inspired [+ Jewish] living starts with wonder, gratitude, and curiosity.

Coming back to Delaware (where he was a rabbinic intern for two years at Temple Beth El), he said, “My hope is that TBE speaks to why be Jewish and why be a part of the Jewish community.” He

described Reconstructionist Judaism, Temple Beth El’s foundation, “as being Jewish in the kitchen, on the dance floor, in the classroom, in the sanctuary, and on the sidewalk.” He mixes wit, openness, vision, community building, and social justice with spiritual growth, then follows up with hard work, one day at a time.

When asked about his thoughts as a religious leader, his first comment is usually “to create warmth and

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# Q ■ What is your prayer for the New Year?

“Can we all just **get along?**”

**A: RABBI MICHAEL KRAMER**

“Can we all just get along?”

This was Rodney King’s appeal to the people of Los Angeles after his beating by police started riots in 1992. Though his remark may not be poetic, it was a sincere plea for more harmony and less strife among disparate groups.

King’s words may be equally as relevant today as they were then. We are a nation divided. There is a chasm that separates us politically, economically, and socially. This is evident not only at the voting booth and in polls, but in how little cooperation there is among our political leaders. To our leaders we implore “Can we all just get along?”



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Two thousand years ago Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Shammai were in separate camps. They disagreed on many issues. Among other things they disagreed about how to light a menorah and how to greet a bride. There were over three hundred disputes that the Talmud records, and Hillel won in the majority of the cases. However, Hillel and Shammai saw eye-to-eye on the basics of Jewish law. According to one source, though they differed on many issues, they were friendly. What can we learn from them?

I am equally concerned about divisions within the Jewish community. Beyond the fact that we are branches off one tree, there are too many matters that divide us. The Israeli government took back its agreement to provide an egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall, creating a schism between Israel and the Diaspora. Additionally, American rabbis were blacklisted by the Israeli Chief rabbinate for their conversions. In this community as well there is discord among diverse viewpoints. Acrimony over U.S. policy in Iran set one group of Jews against another, not to mention strong feelings about settlements.

“Can we all just get along?”

So my prayer as we enter the High Holy Days and the New Year 5778, is a prayer for greater unity in our nation and also within our community. Avinu, Malkanu, we pray to you in all our diversity to bring a greater unity to our people and create harmony and peace in a troubled world. May we find more solidarity and less discord. More thoughtfulness and less self-indulgence. *Kawl Yisrael aravim zeh bazeh* – May we realize that we are all responsible for one another. Amen

## RABBI PETER GRUMBACHER

*Ribono shel Olam*, as we welcome the new year of 5778 we look to You as the Source of blessings to touch us with Your nearness and compassion. Let the anxiety so many of us feel because of world and national circumstances be lifted through our realization that “*not by might, nor by power, but by Your spirit*” will we do our share to make this world a better place.

Bless our leaders with the spirit of unity and cooperation, that they may have the welfare of all Americans in their focus and not merely their own desires, for, alas, at times those desires are petty. May they appreciate that the greatness of this country has always been diversity; our immigrants have added so much to what we are all about. Yes, our nation has problems. We have always had challenges before us, but let us not be narrow-minded in our approach to their solution.

Bless the Jewish community of Delaware, and those around the country. Let not this year be filled with the concerns we had in the year soon ending. Our children should live with hope and optimism. May they love who and what they are and what our tradition has to offer not only to us but humanity in general.

Bless our loved ones - our family members and friends, our neighbors and associates - with good health and *shalom*, wholeness, and peace. You know how much we need those blessings; and may it be Your will that we are gifted with them... and may we deserve that gift.





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# CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

Light candles at 7:15 PM

Shabbat, September 2, 2017

Shabbat ends at 8:12 PM

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

Light candles at 7:04 PM

Shabbat, September 9, 2017

Shabbat ends at 8:01 PM

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Light candles at 6:52 PM

Shabbat, September 16, 2017

Shabbat ends at 7:49 PM

## EREV ROSH HASHANAH

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Light candles at 6:44 PM

## FIRST NIGHT

### ROSH HASHANAH

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

Light candles after 7:40 PM

## SECOND NIGHT

### ROSH HASHANAH

### SHABBAT, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

Light candles at 6:41 PM

Shabbat, September 23, 2017

Shabbat ends at 7:37 PM

## EREV YOM KIPPUR

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

Light candles at 6:29 PM

## YOM KIPPUR

### SHABBAT, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Yom Kippur ends at 7:26 PM

# HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULES

## ADAS KODESCH SHEL EMETH

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- Steven Saks, Rabbi
- Yehoshua Redfern, Cantor

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## SELICHOT SERVICES

Saturday, September 16

- Dialogue and Refreshments – 9:30 PM
- Services – 10:30 PM
- Memorial Services, Sunday, September 17 – 1 PM
- Alan Schoenberg Building, Jewish Community Cemetery

## EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 20 – 6 PM

## ROSH HASHANAH – Day 1

Thursday, September 21 – 8 AM

Sounding of the Shofar – 10:45 AM

- Sermon “You, Too, Can Practice Medicine” – 11:10 AM
- Mincha – 6 PM
- Tashlich – 6:30 PM
- Ma’ariv – 7 PM

## ROSH HASHANAH – Day 2

Friday, September 22 – 8 AM

- Sounding of the Shofar – 10:45 AM
- Sermon “Shame Is Bad. Guilt Is Good.” – 11:10 AM
- Mincha/Ma’ariv – 6 PM

## EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 29 – 6:30 PM

- Kol Nidre – promptly at 6:30 PM
- Sermon “The Western Wall Controversy”

## YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, September 30 – 8 AM

- Sermon “Enough about the Law” – 11 AM
- Yizkor Memorial Service – 11:45 AM
- Mincha and Ne’ilah – 4:40 PM
- Sounding of the Shofar – 7:27 PM
- Break the Fast – 7:40 PM

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• Chuni Vogel, Rabbi/Director

## ROSH HASHANAH EVE

Wednesday, September 20

- Evening Services – 6:45 PM

## ROSH HASHANAH – Day 1

Thursday, September 21

- Preliminary Service – 9:30 AM
- Main Morning Service – 10 AM
- Family Holiday & Shofar Program with Tashlich – 10:30 AM - Noon
- Shofar Blowing Approx – 12 PM
- Kiddush and Tashlich – 2:15 PM with Mincha following
- Sounding of Shofar – 5:30, 6, and 6:30 PM
- Maariv Service – 7:45 PM

## ROSH HASHANAH – Day 2

Friday, September 22

- Preliminary Service – 9:30 AM
- Main Morning Service – 10 AM
- Shofar Blowing – Approx 12 PM
- Kiddush following services
- Sounding of Shofar – 5:30, 6, and 6:30 PM
- Evening Service – 7:30 PM

## EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 29

- Kol Nidrei Services – 6:30 PM

## YOM KIPPUR/SHABBAT

Saturday, September 30

- Preliminary Service – 9:30 AM
- Main Morning Service – 10 AM
- Family Program – 12:15-1:30 PM
- Yizkor Memorial Service – approx 12:30 PM
- Afternoon Service – 4:50 PM
- Neilah Closing Service – 6:05 PM
- Fast Ends – 7:26 PM
- Refreshments after Maariv

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- Elisa Koppel, Rabbi
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## EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 20 – 8 PM \*

## ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, September 21

- 8:30 AM – Tot Service \*\*
- 9:30 AM – Beth Emeth Traditional Service \*
- 1:30 PM – Contemporary Service \*
- 3 PM – Tashlich

## EREV YOM KIPPUR (KOL NIDRE)

Friday, September 29

- 7 PM \*
- 9:15 PM \*\*

## YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, September 30

- 8:30 AM – Tot Service \*\*
- 9:30 AM – Beth Emeth Traditional Service \*
- 1:30 PM – Contemporary Service \*
- 3:30 PM – Afternoon Service \*
- 4:30 PM – Yizkor Service \*
- 5:30 PM – Neilah Service \*

## TICKETS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL SERVICES

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## CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

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### SELICHOT MUSICAL PROGRAM & SERVICE

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 7 PM

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 20

- Main Service 8 PM

### ROSH HASHANAH – Day 1

Thursday, September 21, 2017

- Main Service – 8:30 AM
- Torah Service – 9:30 AM
- Family Service – 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM (Ages 5-12 & Family)
- Children's Service – 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM (Ages 5 & Under)
- Shofar Service – 11 AM
- Tashlich Service – 1:20 PM (Brandywine Park near Wilmington Hospital)

### ROSH HASHANAH – Day 2

Friday, September 22, 2017

- Main Service – 8:30 AM
- Torah Service – 9:30 AM
- Family Service – 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM (Ages 5-12 & Family)
- Children's Service – 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM (Ages 5 & Under)
- Shofar Service – 10:40 AM

### SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 22, 2017

- Main Service – 6:30 PM
- Saturday, September 23, 2017
- Main Service – 9:30 AM

### KOL NIDREI / EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 29, 2017

- Main Service / Candle Lighting: 6:30 PM

### YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, September 30, 2017

- Main Service – 9 AM
- Torah Service – 10:15 AM
- Family Service – 10:30 - 11:30 AM
- Yizkor Service – 12:15 PM
- Afternoon Break – Around 2:30 - 5:15 PM
- Min'lah Service – 5:20 PM
- Ne'ilah Service – 6:15 PM
- Ma'ariv Service – 7:15 PM
- Final Shofar / Havdalah – 7:30 PM

### Break-the-Fast – 7:30 PM

(Reservations required to attend Break-the-Fast. Visit, BethShalomWilmington.org/breakthefast.)

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Be sure to also visit us online for information about our High Holy Days offerings and to view live streaming of all High Holy Day services, if you are unable to make it to our services this year.

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### of Dover, Delaware

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- Peggy Berman deProphetis, Rabbi

### ROSH HASHANAH – Day 1

Wednesday night, September 20 – 7:30 PM

Thursday morning, September 21 – 9:30 AM

- Thursday afternoon: Tashlich, at Silver Lake, Dover, immediately following Musaf service

### ROSH HASHANAH – Day 2

Friday morning, October 4 – 9:30 AM

### YOM KIPPUR:

Friday, September 29, Kol Nidrei, Ma'ariv – 6:15 PM

Saturday, September 30 – 9:30 AM

- Recess discussion begins at 4 PM
- Saturday afternoon, Minchah, Neilah, and Havdalah, beginning 5 PM

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- Jacob Lieberman, Rabbi

### ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 20

- Erev Rosh Hashanah – 7:30 PM

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

Thursday, September 21 - 9:30AM

- Youth Services – 11 AM - 12:30 PM Grades K-2 / Grades 3-7
- Teen Discussion 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM
- Family Service – 4 PM - 4:45 PM
- Tashlich Service – 5 PM

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

Friday, September 22 - 9:30AM

### EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 29- 7:00 PM

- Kol Nidre / Erev Yom Kippur

### YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, September 30 – 9:30 AM

- Youth Services 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Grades K-2 / Grades 3-7
- Teen Discussion – 10 AM - 11:15 AM
- 12 PM – Yizkor
- 5:30 PM – Family Service & Afternoon Ne'ilah Service
- 7:30 PM – Final Shofar blast / Havdallah

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 and all family/afternoon services are open to the community, NO tickets required. Child-care is available, please RSVP no later than September 12 at (302)366-8330. All are welcome to attend these beautiful and inspirational services

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- Beth Cohen, Rabbi

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### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 20 – 7:30 PM

- Service at Epworth United Methodist Church (EUMC)

### ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, September 21 – 10 AM

- Service and Activities & Services for young people at EUMC

Thursday, September 21 – 5 PM

- Tashlich Service at the North Shores Marina, Rehoboth Beach

### SHABBAT SHUVA

Saturday, September 23 – 10 AM

- Service and Pot Luck Dairy/Parve Lunch at SJC

### EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 29 – 7:30 PM

- Kol Nidre Service at EUMC

### YOM KIPPUR (at EUMC)

Saturday, September 30 – 10 AM

- Yom Kippur Service and Activities & Services for young people at EUMC
- Yom Kippur Study Session at EUMC – 5 PM
- Mincha, N'ila & Havdalah Services – 5:45 PM
- Break-the-Fast meal – approximately 7 PM (advance purchase required, see below)

Break-the-Fast (Advance reservations required) Held at EUMC following Yom Kippur services. Meal tickets must be purchased by Sat Sep 23. Buy tickets online at sjc.yapsody.com under "2017 Break-the-Fast." For cost and other information, go to About Us > Newsletters on SJC's website (www.seasidejewishcommunity) or see the flyer in SJC's August and September newsletters.



# THE POWER OF COMPASSION

By Rabbi Yair Robinson  
*Congregation Beth Emeth*

Shortly before my ordination some 14 years ago, a longtime close friend of mine simply stopped talking to me.

Not only did he cut off contact with me, but our circle of friends, many of whom had been close since elementary school. I tried calling, sending emails, and even resorted to sending cards to his place of work, asking what, if anything, I had done wrong, looking for any way to connect. In the meantime, he missed my son's bris, I missed his wedding and the birth of his children, and it seemed that the relationship was torn. To my surprise, he reemerged ten years later as if nothing had happened, and tried to reconnect. He was ready to renew the friendship, but still unwilling to explain what had happened, or ask forgiveness for his actions. Only this past summer were we able to have the conversation.

14 years of anger, of sadness, of doubt, pent up and unresolved—*why did it need to take so long?*

As Jews we are entering our time of forgiveness, and we know how profoundly meaningful and also how profoundly difficult this whole exercise can be. When we are the one offended, first comes the (loving, hopefully) rebuke. Then, when the apology is given, we must accept it with grace, and without holding a grudge. And if we are the one who committed the offense, we must receive the rebuke with self-honesty and love, offer an apology that is heartfelt, and do what is necessary to change our behavior, to correct ourselves.



“ We are reminded again and again of the need to be willing to both **give and receive criticism with an open heart**, to turn—make **teshuvah**—with our full selves. ”

It seems to me that, all too often, the very thought of being on either end of this dynamic is nerve-racking and exhausting. Perhaps this seems like a series of impossible tasks, and not worth the emotional labor to confront it all. We anticipate the defensiveness, the justifications; the very thought of it leaves us feeling raw and vulnerable before we've even said a word. And what if we feel the offense was so great, so painful, that there can be no forgiveness?

So what do we do instead? We let the issue go unresolved; we let it fester like an open wound. We agonize over our choices and actions, finding ways to justify them in our heads, or we talk around the issue, speaking to everyone but the person we need to about it, trying to reassure ourselves. We gossip, we second-guess. We wonder why that friend won't return our phone call, or we give that relative the cold shoulder without explanation. We allow ourselves to fall into the trap of our own comforting narrative, where we are always right and the other is always wrong.

Our tradition teaches us that this is not healthy. We are reminded again and again of the need to be willing to both give and receive criticism with an open heart, to turn—make *teshuvah*—with our full selves. And we know from experience that, no matter how painful or stressful the encounter might be in the short term, when done correctly, with love and compassion, *teshuvah* and forgiveness can lead to the healing we need to move forward with our lives, a renewed commitment to our fellow, and an opportunity to improve ourselves, to become our best selves, the self that God sees in us.

So, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are coming. The easy thing to do would be to write a catchall statement on Facebook, a

generic request for forgiveness followed by a bland statement forgiving others. And that's not a bad thing! But it's not enough. We know it's not enough. So, in addition to sending out your Facebook post to the world, and your New Year's cards, think about one relationship, one friendship, that you feel needs mending. Maybe you've been offended and you've been letting the hurt curdle within your heart. Maybe you know you offended someone else, and you've been too afraid to say something, and have let the relationship turn brittle. Pick one, and reach out to that person.

Begin from love and from compassion, speak with kindness and with honesty.

Ask for the apology, and apologize.

Accept the apology freely, and receive the forgiveness with grace.

Treat both as the gifts they are.

Spend some time in discernment, in self-reflection.

No, it doesn't mean you get to reset the clock, to pretend it never happened, to erase days or months or years of hurt. Instead it means something so much more, something better. It means growth. It means the repair of what is broken between yourself and the other person, and what's broken within each of you. It means giving and receiving a gift, the gift of healing. At services this year we will hear and recite the words of Scripture: *And God said, I have pardoned, in accordance with your plea.* As we do so, may we sing them joyfully, knowing that those words, for us, are true, as we have offered and received forgiveness.

# THE NINE TYPES OF PEOPLE YOU'LL SEE AT TASHLICH

By Dan Metz

Each year during the High Holy Days, Jews break free from Rosh Hashanah services and flock to nearby streams and rivers for Tashlich, a ritual casting-off of sins involving tossing bread into a moving body of water.

Some people treat it as a personal endeavor, while others go with a huge crowd, a borderline official social function. No one can truly see into the heart of their fellow man or woman, but this quirky ritual with a history of at least 600 years could be your best chance.

The following is a guide to the nine types of people you'll see at the river this Rosh Hashanah:

## 1. THE HEALTH-CONSCIOUS:

It looks like bread. Or maybe a pita. Once they try to tear a piece, however, you can see the difference: gluten-free bread crumbles in their fingers like dry sand, making a pile on the ground almost as sad and regretful as if they'd tried to eat it. They insist it is gluten-free whole wheat, whatever that means. It's what Sharon Osbourn from *The View* throws into the water for her Tashlich. Probably Madonna, too. Honestly, you just feel bad for the ducks.

## 2. THE PENITENT:

Some people bring a whole loaf with them to the river, but it takes a special kind of year for them to throw in the entire thing. They had a terrible year, and they're taking it out on this loaf of bread, for everyone to see. The Penitent is identifiable by the thousand-yard stare that looks like the horizon just knocked over their last good wine glass. Whether they stay long after everyone has left, tossing in piece after piece, or toss the entire loaf in at once and drive home, there's a look in their eye that wonders how many loaves they'll need next year.

## 3. THE BORROWER:

"Ugh! I was in such a hurry this morning, with the cats and the dogs and the kids and car and the traffic! I forgot to bring my bread! Maybe I could just borrow some of yours..." With a list of excuses longer than their list of sins, The Borrower just never made it around to buying their own bread. You probably already know them: They're the ones in the loaner prayer shawl and kippah every Saturday morning, even though you know for sure that they own a nice set of each. Maybe you were the one who gave him a ride to the river, since they walked to schul. "I'll bring bread for both of us next year!" First lie of the new year.

Dan Metz is a part-time writer and full time Teen Coordinator at the Siegel JCC.





#### 4. THE SELF-CONSCIOUS:

They know the game, and don't want to tip their hand. They bring as much as the Penitent, but aim to throw in the perfectly average amount. "Let's see: There's Josh Weiner with three pieces of bread, but he has his kids there. They were little jerks. Jenna Golden only has a few crumbs, but she was stingy with the bread last year. Don't want anyone to see that. I gave three slices last year, two and a half the year before that..." The calculus goes on forever. As sly as they try to be, you'll notice them first, side-eyeing their neighbors and staring at the river like they've seen a ghost.

#### 5. THE CAT HERDER:

You can hear them coming before you can see them. A cram-packed minivan blasting a Kidz Bop cover of Selena Gomez's new single on loop. They unload like a clown car, exploding into the air with the noise of opposition. A hurried parent shoves crackers into hands, as the entire reluctant parade makes their way to the river. Most of the crackers end up on the ground, a few are eaten, one or two might even make it into the river before the entire band crunches back into the minivan, disappearing in a haze of creatively-edited pop tunes.

#### 6. THE ONE WHO SKIPPED SERVICES:

They're in jeans and a hoodie, and look a little too well-rested. They didn't even have the decency to dress up and pretend they went to schul. "Oh, hey, yeah, I went to services down the road instead, then did a quick change in my car" but you can still smell their shampoo. You try not to judge, but those gym shoes look super comfortable, and your accompanying thoughts compel you to throw a little more bread in the river than you'd originally planned.

#### 7. THE MILLENNIAL:

They spent the entire summer hunting for work, only to find that there's no jobs for their liberal arts degree, or that their computer science degree can't get them a job in the field without 5-10 years' prior experience. Luckily, they've landed a job behind the counter at CVS by lying about having a Master's. They can't afford to waste the bread, but you can see them quietly ripping apart their diploma and sprinkling it into the water.

#### 8. THE SHOWOFF:

They're the ones who talent-poached for their children's' bnai mitzvot at Madison Square Gardens. They were the best-dressed at shul and they knew it. They bought their bread at that place you know where you buy bread when the in-laws come to town. "Oh, this? I'm glad you asked. It's artisanal bread from the markets of Jerusalem, handmade with bits of dates, a recipe passed down for 20 generations. We get it shipped in. You know, life's little pleasures. How funny that I should grab this loaf!" Look for the pair of heels sunk two inches into the dirt.

#### 9. THE TOURIST:

"What's a *tachleek*? Why the bread?"

They clutch their loaf in anticipation. "Do I eat it? Do I share it? Isn't the Rabbi supposed to put the bread on my tongue?" You can hear them whisper to their friend, spouse, or other tour guide on this exotic adventure. It's their first time here, and they just can't wait for the action to begin. If they're this riveted about Tashlich, you can't wait to tell them about Purim.





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## SHOFAR BLOWING: CALLS FOR PEACE

By Rabbi Michael Beals  
Congregation Beth Shalom

In the aftermath of the violence in Charlottesville, VA, I joined our African American community for a Shofar blowing at a noon time unity rally on August 16th at AME Bethel Church in downtown Wilmington.

I began my presentation, representing both as Spiritual Leader of Congregation Beth Shalom, and as Director of Governor Carney's Delaware Council on Faith Based Partnerships, by blowing the shofar.

I explained : When the original Racial Supremacist and Xenophobe Pharaoh, chose to hunt down and murder the fleeing Israelites at the Red Sea, the shofar was blown to warn the People of the impending danger. Instead of the dog whistles Rev. Dr. Livingston recalled in his speech on Civil Rights this afternoon, the shofar is a Biblical sound ordained by God to warn, to announce, to celebrate. The great medieval rabbi, Maimonides said in the month leading up to Rosh Hashana, that when we hear the shofar blast, it says to us: "awake, awake you slumberers from your moral sleep, awake and repent!" We need to be morally awaken, and now we use the shofar today to call us to turn to one another, and embrace each other in peace, in shalom, in salaam.

After people had a good opportunity to embrace one another, I blew the shofar far more strongly to announce the next speaker and to bring the congregation back to order.

I also shared the following two poems, back to back, divided by 80 years:

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out— Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out— Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

– Rev. Martin Niemoller (z"l)  
1930s response to Nazism

First they came for Transpeople and I spoke up-- Because God does NOT make mistakes!

They came for the African Americans and I spoke up—Because I am my sisters' and my brothers' keeper.

And then they came for the women and I spoke up—Because women hold up half the sky.

And then they came for the immigrants and I spoke up—Because I remember the ideals of our democracy.

And then they came for the Muslims and I spoke up—Because they are my cousins and we are one human family.

And then they came for the Native Americans and Mother Earth and I spoke up— Because the blood-soaked land cries and the mountains weep.

They keep coming.  
We keep rising up.  
Because we Jews know the cost of silence.  
We remember where we come from.

And we will link arms, because when you come for our neighbors, you come for us— and THAT just won't stand.

– Rabbi Michael Adam Latz of Shir Tikvah Congregation in Minneapolis, 2017 Response to Neo-Nazi's, KKK, White Supremacists, and the so-called "Alt-Right", and in response to Martin Niemoller (z"l)



# INTERFAITH IN ISRAEL AND JORDAN

By Peter H. Grumbacher  
Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Beth Emeth

On one of my two interfaith trips to Israel with Pastor David Mueller, formerly of Concordia Lutheran Church in Wilmington, he and I entered Yad VaShem's Memorial to the children who perished in the Holocaust. The first name we heard was the same name as David's grandmother who had been Jewish. For this and other reasons my friend is very sensitive to the feelings of our People. This is evident in our ability to work together, to tour together, and to be personal friends as we have been since Concordia was the neighbor of Beth Emeth until the congregation moved to Silverside Road.

We will be visiting Israel's sites important to both Christians and Jews, and as an added bonus, as it were, we will be visiting Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, and other important places in Jordan. All in all, our days together will be special for adults of all denominations, and we hope you will be able to join us.



For information please contact me at peterabbi@aol.com, and if you supply your snail-mail address I will send you a brochure. You can also receive a brochure from Lori at Congregation Beth Emeth.

There will also be an informational meeting on Sunday, September 24, at 4:00 at Congregation Beth Emeth. Both Pastor Mueller and I will be present.



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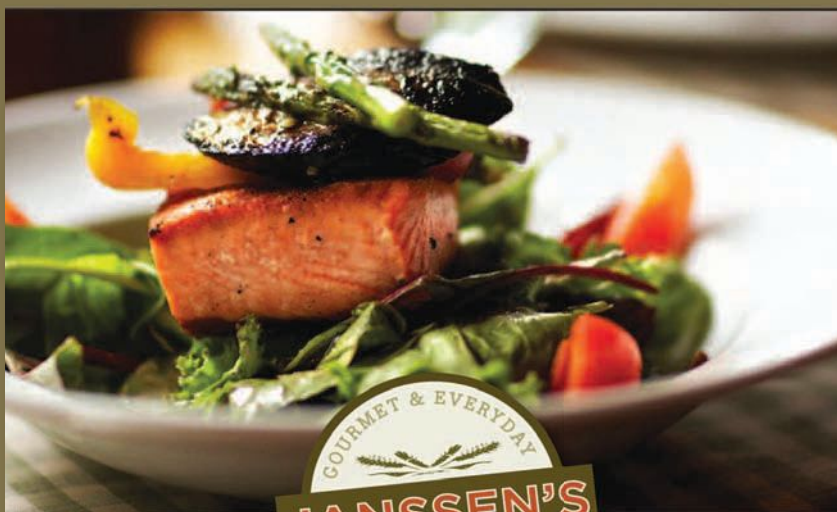
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# ETHIOPIAN ROSH HASHANAH BLENDS UNIQUE CUSTOMS WITH A YEARNING FOR JERUSALEM

By Adam Abrams/JNS.org



Ethiopian Jews are greeted by family members as they arrive at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport, as part of an aliyah flight arranged by The Jewish Agency for Israel and sponsored by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, in June 2017. CREDIT: MIRIAM ALSTER/FLASH90.

Despite relative isolation from their Jewish brethren around the world for millennia, Ethiopian Jews have coveted the same dream of celebrating Rosh Hashanah “next year in Jerusalem.”

Though unique, the Jewish New Year festivities in Ethiopia bear many similarities to the holiday's observance in the broader diaspora.

Limor Malessa and five of her siblings were born and raised in a small Ethiopian village near the Jewish community of Gondar. She left the village at age 13 and traveled to Ethiopia's capital of Addis Ababa, along with her parents and five siblings, in anticipation of emigrating to Israel—the “promised land” that Ethiopian Jews longed to return to for thousands of years, unaware that the holy temple in Jerusalem had long since been destroyed. (Gaps in access to modern technology and their distance

from other Jewish communities meant many Ethiopian Jews, up until about 20 years ago, lacked some basic knowledge about major episodes in Jewish history.)

In 1991, at age 15, the aliyah for Malessa and her family officially began when Israel's Mossad intelligence agency privately smuggled the family out of Ethiopia's capital city to the Jewish homeland by way of Italy.

The family arrived in Israel just a month before the Mossad conducted a massive clandestine airlift operation, dubbed “Operation Solomon,” which saw some 14,000 Ethiopian Jews secretly airlifted out of Ethiopia aboard 35 non-stop flights to Israel in 36 hours. Malessa has now lived in Israel for more than 30 years, building a family of eight children in the city of Ashdod and becoming thoroughly integrated into Israeli society.

Due to the small size of Malessa's village in comparison to other Jewish Ethiopian townships, not many “kessim”—elder religious leaders with knowledge of oral Jewish law and the equivalent of rabbis—resided in her home village. This “would make my childhood memories of Rosh Hashanah less vivid than of those who grew up with many kessim in their villages,” Malessa told JNS.org in Ethiopian-accented Hebrew.

The Ethiopian villagers were entirely dependent on the verbally disseminated wisdom of the elders, who were the only people in the village capable of reading Jewish texts written in the ancient Ge'ez dialect.

“The kessim would instruct everyone in the villages on how to prepare for the holiday... Villages that had more of the religious leaders would have a much deeper understanding of the holiday and its laws,” Malessa said.

In Amharic, which is rooted in the Ge'ez dialect and is the official language of Ethiopia, Rosh Hashanah is called “Brenha Serkan,” which essentially means “the rising of the dawn,” said Malessa. In

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keeping with the meaning of holiday's name, the kessim "would rise before dawn on the holy day, to begin the first prayer service of the day before sunrise," she said.

In Ethiopia, Rosh Hashanah was—and still is—observed during the course of one day, in contrast to the two days observed in the rest of the Jewish diaspora and in Israel. The Ethiopian Rosh Hashanah is comprised of three prayer services: before dawn, in the afternoon and in the evening. There are four prayer services in the broader Jewish world for Rosh Hashanah, and none begin before sunrise.

"The holiday also has another name, 'Zikir,' which is similar to the Hebrew word for remember, 'zachor,'" Malessa said.

Similar to the custom in other diaspora Jewish communities, "everyone in the village wears new clean white clothes" for Zikir, she said, while it is "also customary for affluent people in the village to have very large feasts and invite others in the village to join in the festivities." The festivities are meant to remind people of the day's holiness, and to "make sure that during the holiday not a single Jew is left without food and enjoyment," according to Malessa.

"People serve lamb—the most expensive meat available—and have special meals to observe the mitzvah of feeding their Jewish brothers and sisters," she said.

Malessa's mother, Esther Lakau, who lives in the Israeli coastal city of Ashkelon, said she "remembers hearing the kessim sound the shofar on the holiday."

"Everyone in the village prepared the food for the holiday a day in advance," Lakau told JNS.org.

"The kessim would read from the holy scripts in Ge'ez and tell the history of the Jewish people," she said. "They would speak of Abraham, Yitzhak and Yaakov, our great patriarchs and matriarchs, and the lessons we could learn from them in the present... Most importantly, the kessim would emphasize our long-held aspiration to celebrate Rosh Hashanah 'next year in Jerusalem.'"

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New immigrants from Ethiopia arrive at the Ibim Absorption Center in Jerusalem in October 2012, as part of aliyah and absorption efforts facilitated and funded by the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. CREDIT: MOSHE SHAI.



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# JEWISH TEEN PHILANTHROPY INITIATIVE COMING TO DELAWARE

By Philippa Miller  
Jewish Teen Philanthropy Initiative Coordinator

**A community is only as strong as the power and passion of its constituent individuals.**

We try to bolster involvement and interest among the members of our communities. But if the seeds are planted earlier, among our teenagers, there is the potential to grow communities that will flower ever stronger. Plant the seeds and cultivate them throughout their high school and college years, so that adults in our communities resolve that being involved are a priority. There seems to be a general diminishment of involvement from our youth, a decline in Jewish communal involvement, especially

after Bar/Bat Mitzvah age. While there exists wonderful social and religious programs such as BBYO or CTEEN that engage our teens, there is room for a Jewish teen experience that offers the opportunity and the experience of becoming an integral part of creating the Jewish community as creators and givers. Our children and young adults should be imbued with the spirit that our communities are important places, in which becoming leaders is essential.

One way to bolster these elements is by creating an experience through the offering of a teen philanthropy program. Jewish teen philanthropy programs are popping up across the country. These programs give teens the opportunity to take hold of the reigns when it comes to

giving, prioritizing, learning and engaging. Learning Jewish values related to charity, reading grant proposals, conducting site visits, and allocating funds provides these Jewish teens a chance to feel that they are an important asset to the local Jewish community.

Rabbi Elijah Dessler said, "A man loves the fruit of his deeds, for he feels a part of his self in them." It is no surprise then that alumni from teen philanthropy programs feel that their Jewish identity is immeasurably enhanced by participating in these programs and that they feel a greater responsibility towards their local Jewish community as a result of these programs.

Now is a great time to include our local Jewish teens and let them know that their voices count, and that we need them. In January we will be inaugurating the Delaware Jewish Teen Philanthropy Initiative. Our teens will be asked to donate a quantity of money which will be matched by local philanthropists. The collective funds will be used to grant money to local Jewish organizations. The teens themselves, guided by experienced counselors, will decide where to allocate the funds. They will conduct site visits to various charities and community organizations. They will see the inner workings of these beneficiaries, their needs, and the needs of the broader community which they serve. The teens will meet among themselves, guided by counselors in round table discussions, to discuss their site visit experiences. They will debate, engage, and discuss priorities and values. Finally, they will dedicate the funds to various organizations. The hands-on experiences and glimpses into the world of philanthropy will help build our community by having teens be involved and helping us to be stronger together.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Delaware Jewish Teen Philanthropy Initiative will offer our teens an opportunity to take the reigns when it comes to giving. Learning Jewish values related to charity, reading grant proposals, conducting site visits and allocating funds will engage our teens and demonstrate that they are an important asset to the local Jewish community. The hands-on experiences and the glimpses into the world of philanthropy will help build our community, ultimately helping create a lasting Jewish Legacy.*

- Ten 8th/ 9th graders selected by their Rabbis and/or education directors as well as open to the community at large for those unaffiliated with a synagogue
- Teens will be asked to give \$250; \$180 will be towards the grant and \$70 will go to program costs
- Teens will meet 6 Sundays between January and June which will include a site visit and check ceremony
- Grant proposals will be received from local Jewish agencies
- Teens will learn key philanthropy terms as well as ways to give through a Jewish lense (i.e. Maimonides ladder)
- Teens will gain valuable skills such as interviewing, researching, leadership, working with a team

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Ann Jaffe and Faith Brown, National Hadassah Convention, Jerusalem, 1991

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On Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement, in the fall of 1942, German soldiers and local militiamen surrounded Ann Jaffe's village, forcing all of the Jews from their homes into the village square.

They put the crowd of Jews into the local community building for the night to await execution in the morning. During the first 15 months of the Nazi occupation in her village, Ann witnessed the systematic killing of about 300 Jews.

Every night, Ann Jaffe is grateful that she has a bed to sleep in. The bed is a reminder of World War II and the two years that she, her parents and three of her siblings spent sleeping on the earth in the middle of a dense forest in Poland, hiding from soldiers in the occupied area. Living in the woods, they survived on potatoes and slivers of cabbage until Russian tanks liberated the area on July 4, 1944. Ann was only thirteen.

She remembers vividly the cold and the hunger of those days hiding in the forest. Sleeping on an empty stomach, she was sometimes able to save a tiny potato for the evening hours. But often her small sister would beg her for a portion, and she felt obligated to share her meager ration with her. It was a bitter winter, and the ground remained covered with snow until April.

Despite all these hardships, Ann ends her lectures saying: "We were lucky; even though one brother was murdered and another taken away for labor and later returned, other family members miraculously survived."

During those months of suffering, Ann's father told his children that, if they survived, they must tell the world what the Nazis did to them. For over 40 years, Ann has kept her promise to her father and has maintained a regular schedule of talks to schools, churches and community groups about her story with a plea to fight hatred and prejudice wherever it rears its ugly head so that Holocaust deniers cannot claim a victory.

Fast forward to 2013 at a synagogue in Florida on a typical Shabbat. While enjoying a lovely Kiddush after the service, my husband and I happened to

be seated next to a couple we had never met before.

After a brief exchange of "Shabbat Shalom" and "Gut Shabbos," we detected a European accent and asked, "Where are you from?"

The woman reluctantly answered "We live in Ohio."

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### ANN JAFFE

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Assuming that she must know Yiddish, I asked “*Un far dem?*” (and before that?)

She replied in a sarcastic tone, “*Far dem, ich hob gevoint in vald far drei yor*” (before that, I lived in the forest for three years).

I continued, “*Ich hob a freint, zi hot oich geven in a vald k’mat drei yor*” (I have a friend who also lived in the forest for almost three years).

She looked at me intently and said “*Ich hob geven in Belarus.*”

I responded that my friend was also in a forest in Belarus. Now she seemed shaken at my words and asked, “*Vos iz ir nomen?*” (what is her name?)

I told her that my friend’s name had been Chana Swirski before her marriage.

Grabbing her face in both hands, she called out “Chana Swirski? We were together in the same forest with her sister Minna and brother Yehoshua, as well as many others.”

Needless to say, we were shocked! What an amazing coincidence that my husband and I from Wilmington, Delaware would be sitting with a couple from Ohio in a Florida synagogue on that Shabbat discovering that they and our dear friend, Ann Jaffe, had spent those years in the same forest of which Ann speaks in her many lectures. Was it fate or a mere coincidence? We will never know.

Ann Jaffe has shared her story during the Holocaust hundreds of times to students and adults in Delaware and surrounding communities. She will be honored for her work in Holocaust education by Hadassah on November 12 with a luncheon to be held at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue at 12 noon. Reserve the date for this special event when we celebrate a true woman of valor, Ann Jaffe.

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# SERVICE-MINDED MORALS, GUIDED BY HERITAGE

By Connie Montana  
SVP Community Relations Manager,  
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“Judaism gave me a **foothold**  
in the **strong moral guidebook**  
that dictates every decision I make.”

## Conversation with Hannah Biener is effortless.

She speaks humbly, but fluidly – a trait that comes naturally to the former student-body vice president who spends her free time as a student mentor and science ambassador. But, her accomplished reputation precedes her. Biener, now a college freshman, is the founder of *Reading for Progress*, a program that supplies underprivileged students with books. Her hard work for the program recently paid off, earning her a prestigious position as a 2017 Bank of America Student Leader, a program that teaches students about government, how the private and public sectors intersect to address community issues, and helps them connect with peers and find additional inspiration and tools to strengthen our local communities. Chosen students attended a week-long leadership summit in July in Washington D.C., focused on building a more civically engaged society. Awardees also earned paid internships at non-profit organizations. This summer, Biener interned with the Summer Learning Collaborative.

Biener, an Albert Einstein Academy and Charter School of Wilmington graduate, credits her Jewish heritage with providing the foundation for her success.

“Judaism gave me a foothold in the strong moral guidebook that dictates every decision I make, whether that’s helping in the community or being a loving daughter and friend,” says Biener.

“Judaism drives me to be the best person I can be.”

Over the years, Biener has served as an Ozeret at her synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom, and helped with food distributions as a Jewish Relief Agency Jr. Yellow Capper. As an Ozeret, she also volunteered at Hebrew School on Sundays.

Recently, Hannah participated in a volunteer trip to Nicaragua.

“Seeing blankets as walls and kids peek out from curtains, it didn’t feel real,” she said. “I felt so aware of my privilege, of simple things like my sneakers and water bottle. It was humbling and eye-opening.”

Though she spends much of her time giving to others, Biener’s own road has not always been easy.

“Being a Jewish woman is a statement,” she said. “It’s a label.”

That is something that can be challenging to deal with in today’s political climate.


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“When you know you’re right, never stop fighting,” Senator Carper told Delaware Student Leaders during Bank of America’s Student Leader Summit. Hannah Biener is pictured third from left.


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### SERVICE-MINDED MORALS

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Luckily, Biener has a strong support system and role models to help her power through adversity.

“My dad has really been a role model when it comes to seeing the goal and achieving the goal,” she says. “One of my earliest memories is when I was four and he ran for Congress. It made me realize I can do anything I want to do.”

This fall, Hannah is attending Cornell University, where she will look to refine her leadership role in an increasingly diverse world. She credits experiences like Bank of America’s Student Leaders summit and the trip to Nicaragua with helping to shape her burgeoning passion for service.



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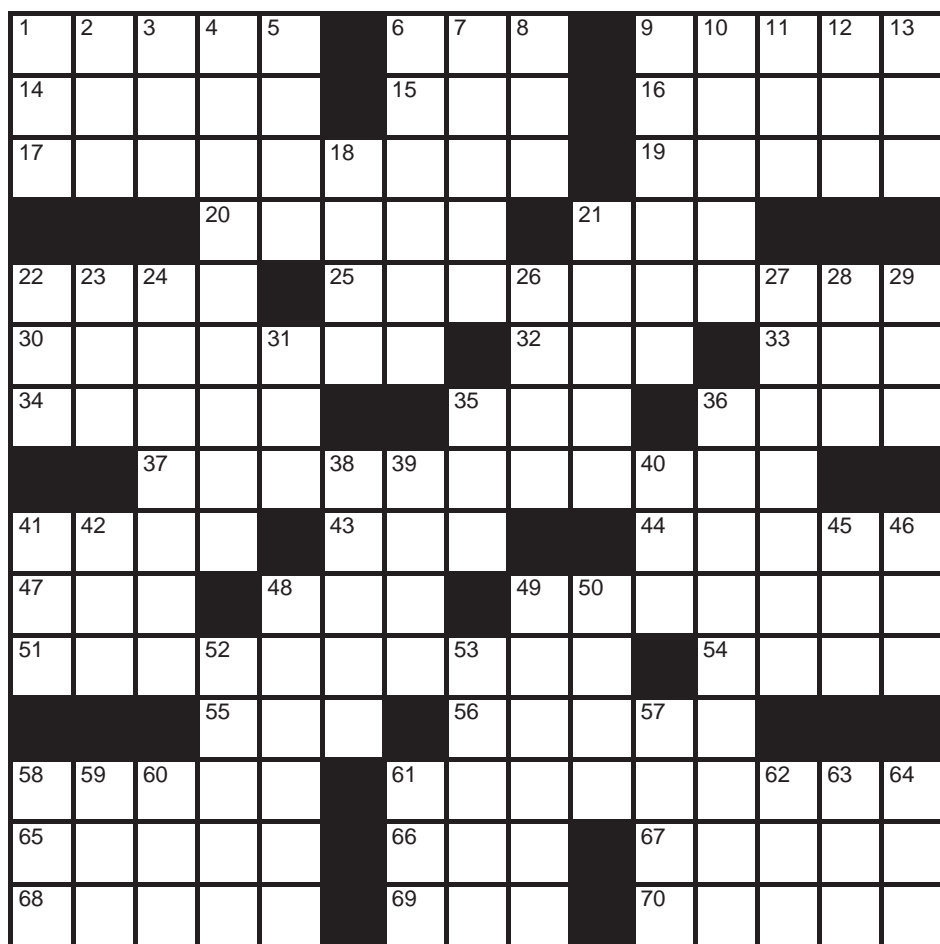
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1. Mercedes car in Israel, often
2. He'Brew brew
3. Wissotzky product
4. Great Lake whose area is over seven times larger than the Kineret's
5. Lashon \_\_\_\_
6. It's a flower in both Hebrew and English
7. Genre for Benny Goodman or B.B. King
8. Isr\_\_ Airlines
9. Los Angeles has a notable one Of Tolerance
10. Like one being noodged
11. South Korean car one could buy in Netanya
12. What a Jew often does after saying a blessing
13. Abigail or Esther, e.g.
18. Like Saul or Goliath
21. Went down Hermon, perhaps
22. A.C.L.U. concerns: Abbr.
23. Gold on "Entourage"
24. Spanish wine beverage one might enjoy in Eilat
26. A Stark on Weiss' "Game of Thrones"
27. Ned played by Stephen Tobolowsky in "Groundhog Day"
28. Sukkot mo., often
29. Lbs. and amot
31. Need a refuah
35. \_\_\_\_'at HaOlam (creation of the world)
36. Job title for an angel in the Bible
38. Fish in Israel?
39. Tel \_\_\_\_
40. Jerusalem Mayor Barakat
41. Famous Uris novel (with "The")
42. Kiryat or Yoko
45. Echad, to Juan
46. End of Proverbs?
48. Job for Joel Siegel
49. Runs this publication
50. The A in IFA or NBA: Abbr.
52. Ruth's mother-in-law
53. Blow, like Etna
57. Blue \_\_\_\_ (like Paul Newman)
58. Koufax had a great one (stat.)
59. Buchanan accused of anti-Semitism
60. Young worker at Camp Ramah, for short
61. Syria, to Israel in 1973
62. A Gershwin
63. Rabbi Isaac al-Fasi (with "The")
64. "\_\_\_\_ my people go!"

## CLASSIC ROLES

By Yoni Glatt

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### ACROSS

1. Top notch shiduch option
6. AKA (corporate alias)
9. Wallace and Ditka
14. "\_\_\_\_ ha-shalom" ("Peace be upon him")
15. Michael Mann boxing film
16. King David sent him to the front lines
17. Dorothy Zbornak
19. What Sarah Hughes does quite well
20. \_\_\_\_ Adumim
21. What Isaac could not do late in life
22. Talk like Harvey Fierstein
25. Phoebe Buffay
30. Triumphant cry in the Nicholas Stoller penned "Captain Underpants" movie
32. Sipped part of a kiddush cup
33. Rabbinical alternative to YU's RIETS program
34. Mount where the Torah was given
35. "Shalom"
36. Flushing team owned by the Wilpons
37. Roseanne Roseannadanna
41. Shofar, e.g.
43. Shortened name for Yitzchak's father
44. Knesset topic
47. \_\_\_\_ Ledodi...
48. It was used to create dinosaurs for Spielberg: Abbr.

49. Simon Helberg's "The Big Bang Theory" co-star Jim
51. Dot Matrix
54. Grandson of Adam
55. Point (an uzi)
56. Unlike matzah
58. Disney Center with a Little Israel
61. Streisand classic...or a description of 17, 25, 37 & 51-Across
65. Sam who directed "Spider-Man"
66. \_\_\_\_ out clause (what could make Ian Kinsler a free agent)
67. Like works by Stein or King
68. Where Passover dishes might be stored
69. Some J.J. Abrams creatures, for short
70. Preliminary version by Kellerman

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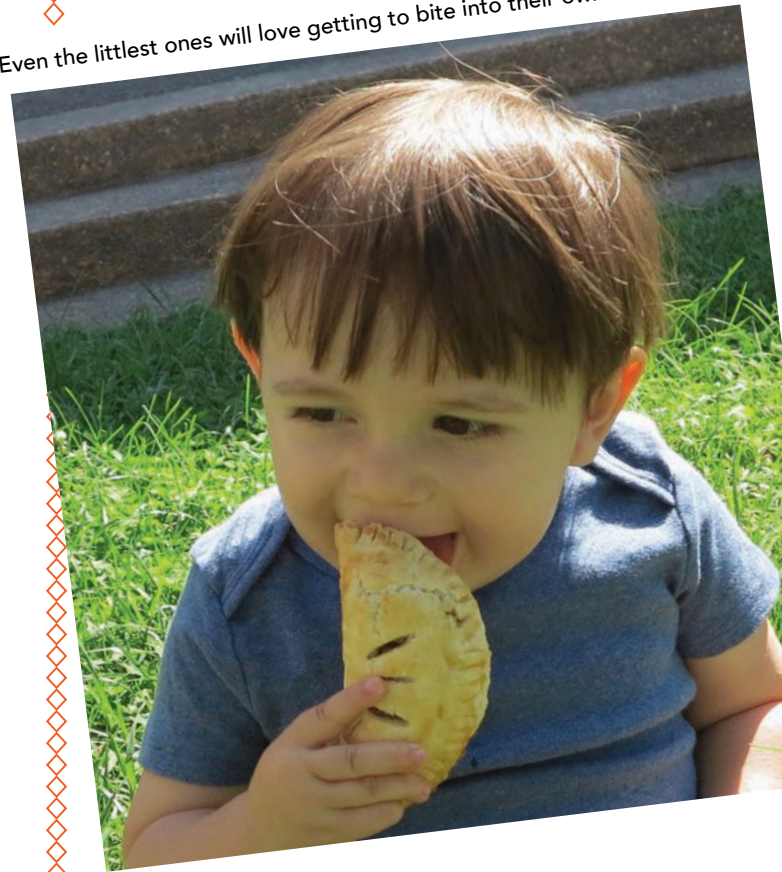
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Tart, sweet, green, red, yellow, crunchy, juicy...Yes, It's apple season!

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When you're dipping your apples in honey this year at Rosh Hashanah try a variety you've never tasted before and discover a new favorite. While you're at it, pick up a few extra apples and create these beautiful keepsake apple themed napkins with your kids for your holiday table. You'll want to pull them out year after year! Or bake up a batch of our apple and honey hand pies. Individual sized hand pies are what bakers are raving about these days. Your kids will love them. They are like the old-fashioned grocery store favorite – a perfect size for those little hands!

HAVE A SWEET NEW YEAR!



## INSTRUCTIONS

- **TO MAKE THE PASTRY:** Whisk together flour, salt, and baking powder. Add butter, work it in to make a coarse/crumby mixture. Leave most of the butter in large, pea-sized pieces.
- Add sour cream. Stir until the mixture starts to come together in chunks. Turn it out onto a floured work surface and bring it together with a few quick kneads.
- Pat dough into rough log. Roll it into 8" x 10" rectangle. Dust both sides with flour. Starting with a shorter end, fold it back into itself. Flip and work the other side. Work the dough several times.
- Wrap dough and chill for at least 30 minutes before using.
- **APPLE FILLING:** In a pan, combine apples, sugar, honey, cinnamon and salt. Cook over low heat for approx. 10-12 minutes; stir frequently, until apples are tender. Set aside. Prior to preparing the pies, drain accumulated liquid from apples.
- Line baking sheet with parchment paper. On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough to 1/8-inch thickness. Using a 4 1/2-inch round cutter, cut circles out of the rolled dough. Transfer to baking sheet.



- Remove chilled dough from the refrigerator. Spoon 1-2 TBS apple filling onto one half of each dough circle.

## APPLE—HONEY HAND PIES: FOR A SWEET NEW YEAR

BY JENNIFER SIMON  
PHOTO CREDIT: J. SIMON

**NOTE:** This dough has dairy. If you prefer a pareve recipe, you can use any basic pie dough recipe. Need to save time? Use pre-made pie crust sheets. They will be just as delicious!

### PASTRY INGREDIENTS

2 cups Unbleached All-Purpose Flour  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 cup cold unsalted butter  
1/2 cup cold sour cream

### FOR THE FILLING

5-6 large apples, peeled, cored and diced in 1/2 inch cubes - any variety will do!  
1/3 cup granulated sugar  
1/3 cup honey – Try using a flavored honey for something different!  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
Pinch of salt

### TO FINISH YOU WILL NEED

1 egg yolk  
2 tablespoons water  
Coarse sugar

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## SUPPLIES

- Apples (choose the old wrinkly ones so as not to waste any delicious apples!)
- A set of fabric table napkins
- Fabric paint (we chose traditional red and green, but get creative and use your favorite colors!)
- Paint brushes
- Newspaper
- Smocks or old clothes for the little ones (yes, this gets messy!)

# THE ART OF APPLES: KEEPSAKE ROSH HASHANAH NAPKINS

BY JULIA FORESTER

PHOTOS BY J. FORESTER

## STEP 1

Set up your work area by covering your table with several layers of newspaper. Having a thick layer of paper underneath your project will help to improve the print quality and make for a quick clean-up.

## STEP 2

Have an adult cut several apples in half. (Cut some crosswise, others lengthwise)

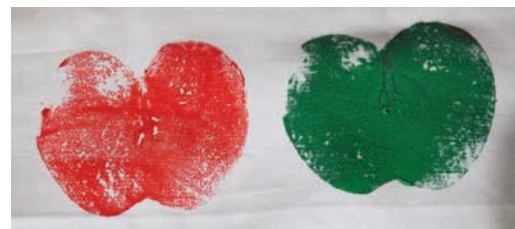
## STEP 3

Paint the apple with a thick layer of paint.



## STEP 4

To make your first print, place the painted apple onto the cloth and press firmly for several seconds. Pull the apple away from the cloth and reveal your print! If it looks globby then you used too much paint, if you can barely see it, then add a thicker coat next time. You may want to wash the apple in between prints to keep the paints from mixing, although, you might like the look of the mixed colors too. Use test paper to try out different combinations!



## STEP 5

Continue printing your apples until your design is complete. Allow the paint to dry completely, then wash the napkins before using.

YOU NOW HAVE A FAMILY KEEPSAKE THAT YOU CAN USE  
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## HAND PIES (CONTINUED)

- Brush a little water around the circumference of the dough. Fold in half so the other side covers filling, creating a semicircle. Seal the hand pie and make a decorative edge by pressing the edges together with the tines of a fork. Refrigerate the assembled hand pies for 30 minutes.



- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Whisk egg yolk and water together. Lightly brush chilled pies with egg yolk wash. Cut 3 small slits on the top of each hand pie, then sprinkle with coarse sugar. Bake 30 to 40 minutes until golden brown, depending on how thick you rolled the dough. Serve warm with ice cream or just nosh on them at room temperature!



# SUMMER CORN AND ZUCCHINI LATKES RECIPE

Because Latkes Aren't  
Just for Hanukkah

By Shannon Sarna  
The Nosh | MyJewishLearning.com



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Who says latkes are just for Hanukkah? Well, it's not me. And summer is a great time to try using seasonal produce to make some crispy, delicious latkes.

I recently fried up some fresh corn and zucchini latkes, served with herb sour cream (or yogurt) and thinly sliced radishes. The texture of the fresh corn with zucchini and potato was so delicious. If you're looking for other ideas

for non-potato latkes try broccoli stem latkes or even these healthy spaghetti squash and quinoa fritters from Julia's Album, which after all, is just another name for latke.

These corn and zucchini latkes are great for a light dinner, or paired perfectly with some poached eggs for brunch. Ready to cook?

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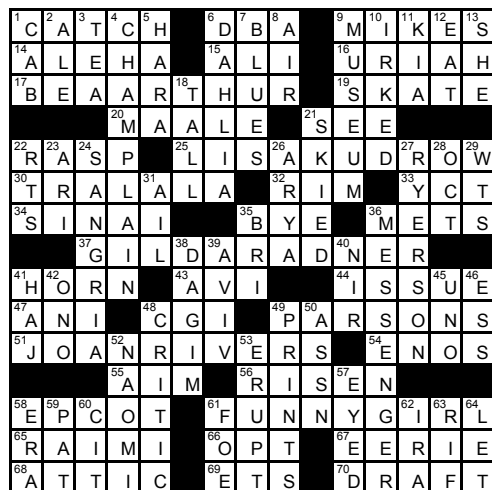
### INGREDIENTS

- 1 russet potato
- 1 medium-large zucchini
- 2 ears of corn, kernels removed (corn will be raw)
- 2 large eggs
- 3-4 Tbsp whole wheat flour (can also use unbleached AP flour or matzah meal)
- 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 cup Greek yogurt or sour cream
- 1-2 Tbsp chopped fresh herbs, such as cilantro, dill, mint, basil and/or parsley
- 1 tsp fresh lemon zest
- 1/8 tsp salt

### DIRECTIONS

- Cut ends of zucchini and coarsely grate. Place in a large bowl with 1/4 tsp salt. Allow to sit for 20 minutes. After 20 minutes, place shredded zucchini in a kitchen towel and wring out excess water.
- Place shredded potato, zucchini, corn kernels, eggs, flour and 1/4 tsp salt in a large bowl. Mix until combined.
- Heat 2-3 Tbsp vegetable oil in a large saute pan over medium high heat.
- Form mixture into patties, size should be approximately 1/3 cup.
- Cook latkes until golden and crispy on first side, around 3-4 minutes. Flip and cook for another 2-3 minutes.
- Place onto a wire baking rack and add a pinch of salt immediately.
- To make the herb sour cream (or yogurt): combine sour cream, chopped herbs, lemon zest and 1/8 tsp salt. Combine and serve with hot latkes.
- Garnish with thinly sliced radishes if desired.

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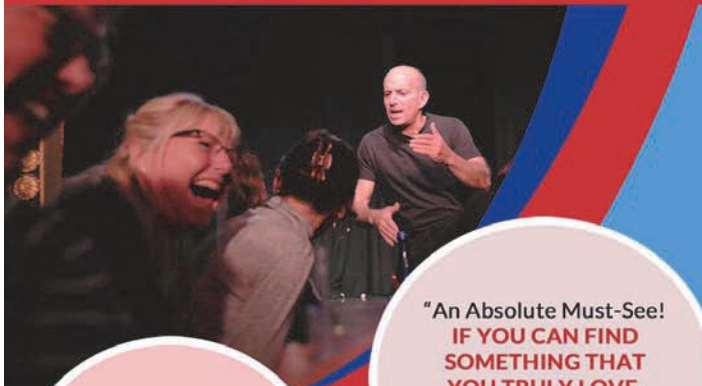
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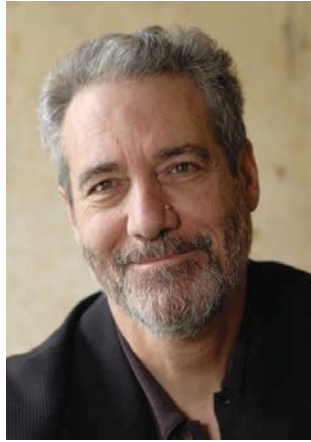
For the past fourteen years, Rodger Kamenetz has been leading people through the mysterious landscape of their dreams.

Kamenetz, Professor Emeritus of English and Religious Studies at Louisiana State University, has a unique and profound vision of how images found in dreams and poetry can bring us to powerful places of emotional depth.

Oprah was fascinated by Kamenetz's approach to dreams after reading his book, *The History of Last Night's Dream*. In their "Soul Series" interview she said, "What's so exciting about this book is that it talks about how there's a whole other life that we are living when we sleep and that our dreams are there as offerings and gifts to us if we only recognize what the dreams are there to teach us." Rodger not only believes that dreams are gifts, he helps his clients bring their dreams to life.

In more than ten thousand hours of client sessions, Kamenetz has developed what he calls Natural Dreamwork. Kamenetz says, "Dreams make you whole, change how you relate to others and revive your spirits."

A Baltimore native and New Orleans transplant, Kamenetz is a poet, writer and dream practitioner. In addition to authoring numerous books on poetry, he is well known for his international bestseller, *The Jew in the Lotus* where he chronicles the story of rabbis making a holy pilgrimage through India to meet with the Dalai Lama.



Roger Kamenetz Author of International Bestseller, *The Jew in the Lotus*

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# THE SPIRIT OF PLACE: ABSTRACT PAINTINGS AT ARTSPACE

## GLASS CALDERA BOWLS AND JUDAICA IN THE SHOWCASE

By Kerin Hearn  
ArtSpace Committee



### At the Siegel JCC ArtSpace

September through  
mid-November:

*The Spirit of Place:  
Finding the Landscape*  
Abstract Oil Paintings  
by Doreen Jones

### In the Showcase:

Glass Caldera Bowls  
and Judaica  
by Marcie Tauber

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The artwork of both artists on exhibition in the Siegel JCC ArtSpace has blossomed since they retired from other fields.

Once Doreen Jones had time to spend in her studio, she perfected her bright color washes, forming abstract landscape paintings. Her work, *The Spirit of Place: Finding the Landscape*, is on the walls. Once Marcie Tauber had more time to devote to her art glass, she honed her Caldera Bowls into beautifully colored signature pieces. Her glass objects are featured in the Showcase.



Abstract shapes suggest a Field PHOTO COURTESY OF D. JONES

### DOREEN JONES

While New York State Artist Doreen Jones does not consider herself as coming from an artistic family, she remembers her mother drawing elegant “doodles” of shoes and flowers and other whimsy. Her father turned scraps of wood into beautiful decorative boxes, which she treasures to this day. And she was always the artist in her class; other kids admired her work and even copied her drawings and paintings.

In high school she learned oil painting and spent every spare moment in the art room. So, it seemed natural, at the time, that she would study Art Education. While it may sound mundane to others, it was in college that she developed her magnificent sense of color by constructing a huge

color wheel that still informs her painting today. Her first teaching job, pushing an art cart out of her cubbyhole and going from room to room was not her cup of tea. Her sojourn in elementary schools did inspire her interest in children’s literature. So, she went on to graduate school where she met her husband, also an artist, and became a reading teacher. Her two sons were born, leaving little time for painting. Her husband taught at the college level and she, too, eventually taught in the humanities at Sage College. They both retired in 2004, and converted an old large metal building on their property into a studio.

Now she had time to paint and to contemplate the nature surrounding their rural home. Doreen was never interested in realism, which she found too tight and confining. Instead she enjoys the freedom of experimenting with brightly colored washes, sometimes layer upon layer that shoot and swirl across her canvas in brilliant lime greens, fuchsia pinks, azure blues, and lemon yellows. Next she

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Washes turn into a Woodscape  
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searches for shapes that “suggest” a place in nature, perhaps trees and woods, sky, mountains, etc. She then adds a line or two emphasizing the forms. The painting becomes a “sense of place,” not a copy of nature.

This artist finds everything she needs to inspire her by peering out her windows, from her home, on a hill in the country, outside of Mechanicville, in Southern Saratoga County, upstate New York.

## MARCIE TAUBER

Delaware artist Marcie Tauber spent a whole career in Information Technology and never thought of herself as an artist. About 15 years ago, she and her husband bought a new house with a kitchen greatly in need of remodeling. When they replaced the cabinets, she wanted stained glass windows. The frames remained empty for several years until her husband suggested she take a stained glass class and make her own windows. In the process, she found that she greatly enjoyed working with glass. Her husband bought her a kiln, and eventually she became interested in fused glass.

She first made her pieces for relaxation and enjoyment, but when she retired three years ago, it became a second career. Now, she had time to further develop and perfect her signature caldera bowls, based on the depression, or “caldera,” that a volcano makes in the earth. With pieces of multi-colored glass, she designs and fires a flat sheet of fused glass that is different on each side. She then refires it over deeper and deeper molds, allowing the glass to collapse or “slump” into the caldera form.

For her fligree bowls, she uses another technique to pull hot threads of different colored glass through a small hole. She collects them until there are enough to fuse into the sheet.

Marcie is making several new calderas in shades of blues, greens, and greys for the exhibition. She is also including glass Judaica such as Seder plates and menorahs, as well as other bowls and platters. She can customize her art glass with individual names, parts of a child’s Torah Portion, and personalized writing.



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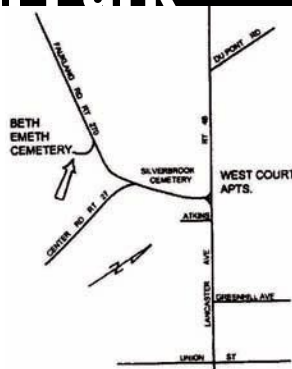
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### JOEL DAVID CITRON

Age 76, passed away of a stroke on August 8, 2017.

Joel was born April 19, 1941, in Brooklyn, NY to Leah and Aaron Citron. He attended Brooklyn Tech High School and graduated college from Brooklyn Polytech Institute, majoring in chemistry. He went to Penn State for graduate school, and ultimately earned his PhD in chemistry at the University of California-Davis in 1965. Joel came to Delaware in 1969 and started work at DuPont, in the Elastomers Division. After many years as a research chemist and receiving over 50 patents, he later became a successful Patent Agent, drawing on his understanding of science, law, and the patent process. After retiring from DuPont, he continued as an independent Patent Agent specializing in scientific inventions.

A special joy of retirement was doting on granddaughter Leah. An avid birdwatcher, Joel was active in the Delmarva Ornithological Society and was a longtime volunteer at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. He had a great interest in history and was a frequent museum-goer and supporter. Joel did first-person interpretation for many years at Fort Delaware. He also volunteered at the New Castle Historical Society, among other places. Joel did extensive archival research for his forthcoming book, *Confederate Prisoners at Ft. Delaware: The Legend of Mistreatment Reexamined*, which will appear in late fall from McFarland publishers. He also was a board member of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware.

Joel is survived by Barbara, his wife of 39 years; his son Daniel (Heather Hansen); and granddaughter, Leah; and his sister, Marcia Citron (Mark Kulstad).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Congregation Beth Emeth; the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum ([www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org)); or WHYY ([www.whyy.org](http://www.whyy.org)).

admission to the Bar, he became Delaware's first Family Court Master and subsequently, served for six years as attorney for the State Senate.



## ABRAHAM "ABE" ROSENBLATT

Age 90, formally from Great Neck, NY and Boca Raton, FL passed away with his family by his side in Wilmington, DE.

Abe graduated high school in Brooklyn, NY and served in the US Army, arriving to Germany just as WWII ended. He became a successful businessman at Gotham Building Maintenance, responsible for the window cleaning and maintenance of such landmarks as the Chrysler Building in New York City and US government buildings in Washington, DC. Abe spent many hours in his workshop creating intricate wood inlay furniture and was an avid golfer. He loved to travel, especially to the Western US and Israel, and built an esteemed collection of Native American art and artifacts.

Abe leaves behind his daughter, Lynn Rosenblatt-Shapira (Nadiv Shapira); and grandchildren, Maya and Ben Shapira. He was predeceased by his wife, Doris Rosenblatt (nee Epstein); and his two sons, Ira and Stuart Rosenblatt.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Haiti Family Initiative, PO Box 7194, Wilmington, DE 19803.

## SUSAN P. STRASSNER

Age 74, of Wilmington, DE passed away on August 7, 2017 from complications related to a recent surgery.

Born in Richmond, VA to the late Etta and Sam Plotnick, she enjoyed over 50 years with her beloved husband Stephen who preceded her in death in 2015. She enjoyed her network of friends. Her passions included cruising, international travel, fine dining, boutique shopping, craft shows and casinos. She found joy in spending weekends in Bethany Beach with family.

Susan is survived by her beloved daughters, Dorothy of Redmond, WA and Robin (Howard) Zwick of Wynnwood, PA; her son, Jason (Heidi) of Greenville, DE; and her grandsons, Adam and Zachary Zwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Susan's memory may be made to Congregation Beth Emeth or the American Heart Association ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)).

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Visit the Jewish Federation of Delaware website at [ShalomDelaware.org](http://ShalomDelaware.org) for a full, up-to-date listing of community events.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

### Labor Day BBQ Dinner

5 – 7 PM

Siegel JCC Outdoor Pool Deck

Celebrate Labor Day on the pool deck with an a la carte barbecue dinner and live blues/rock music. Beer, wine, and food available for purchase, as well as an open pool. For more information, please visit [siegeljcc.org](http://siegeljcc.org) or contact Katie Glazier at [katieglazier@siegeljcc.org](mailto:katieglazier@siegeljcc.org).

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

### Healing Hearts Co-Parenting Seminar for Divorcing Parents

9 AM – 3:30 PM (1/2-hour break for lunch)  
JFS Newark

This six-hour certified program, taught by certified instructors and required by Delaware's Family Court, educates parents about the psychosocial and emotional issues of separating and divorcing parents and children. For more information and/or to register, please contact Jody at 302-478-9411 ext. 134 or [jgrinberg@jfsdelaware.org](mailto:jgrinberg@jfsdelaware.org).

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8-9

### Camping Shabbaton

5:30 PM – 10 AM

Siegel JCC Outdoor Amphitheater

Sleep under the stars with your family at the J's next Camping Shabbaton! Cost: \$45/family, including dinner and breakfast. For more information, please visit [siegeljcc.org](http://siegeljcc.org) or contact Katie Glazier at [katieglazier@siegeljcc.org](mailto:katieglazier@siegeljcc.org).

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

### Kids Sweet Shoppe and Shofar-Making Factory

10:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Chabad Center for Jewish Life

Join us for this CKids Sweet Shoppe & Shofar Factory. Start this year off on a sweet note! Aspiring confectioners and candy connoisseurs get buzzy as they melt, mix and knead holiday sweets and treats. Featuring magnificent edible honey challah dishes, flavorful honey sticks, honey taffy, and make-your-own honey flavored lip balm, this event is sure to get the kids excited for a sweet New Year! After the Sweet Shoppe, we will have the hands-on Shofar-making factory where kids will have the option to make and keep

their very own Shofar. This event is fun for the whole family.

ADMISSION:

\$10 - Sweet Shoppe and Shofar

Factory Presentation

\$12 - Buy your own Shofar to make and bring home.

To register, please visit [www.ChabadDE.com/register](http://www.ChabadDE.com/register).

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

### GAN Children's Program

10:30 – 11:30 AM

Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El of Newark, DE offers a free monthly program for children aged 2 to 4 years old complete with Jewish tradition and culture, music, crafts and lots of laughs! GAN is a parent and me program and is held once each month on Sundays from 10:30-11:30. Please contact the TBE office for additional information and to RSVP 302-366-8330.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

### "New Beginnings" BBQ

11:45 AM – 1:30 PM

Temple Beth El

This event is open to the community. Please contact the TBE office for additional information and to RSVP 302-366-8330.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

### Party on a Yacht for Jewish Pre-Teens in Grades 6-8!

4:15 – 8:30 PM

Departure and Arrival at the Siegel JCC

Come join other Jewish 6-8 graders for this epic party on a private yacht. Space is limited to the first 40 teens to register - first come, first served! Dinner, refreshments and transportation will be provided in addition to an awesome program. This event is open to teens in 6-8 grade from the entire community, regardless of background or affiliation. SPACE IS LIMITED. Register now at [ChabadDE.com/register](http://ChabadDE.com/register) to reserve your spot.

CTeen Jr. members: \$40

Non- members: \$50

For more information about CTeen Jr. and a calendar of events go to [www.CTeen.com/Delaware](http://www.CTeen.com/Delaware). Please contact Rochel Flikshtein for more information at [Rochel@ChabadDE.com](mailto:Rochel@ChabadDE.com).

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## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

### Community Event & 2018 Campaign Kickoff

7 PM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

Join us for our 2018 Annual Campaign Opener with Keynote Speaker Dr. Ron Wolfson, author of Relational Judaism. \$25/Ticket (includes book and dessert reception). Register by September 5th. For more information, contact [Nicole@ShalomDel.org](mailto:Nicole@ShalomDel.org).

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

### Candlelight Dinner

5:45 – 8 PM

Siegel JCC Auditorium

Come join us for a Candlelight Dinner, featuring the Starliters Dance Group! Doors open at 5:45 PM. Dinner served at 6 PM. Entertainment begins at 6:30 PM. For more information, please visit [siegeljcc.org](http://siegeljcc.org) or contact the front desk at (302) 478-5660.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

### Back to School Night – Open to All

7 – 9 PM

Albert Einstein Academy

Current and prospective families join our “Character Day” and learn what happens in our classrooms and our school. For more information, please contact Rabbi Jeremy Winaker, Head of School at 302-478-5026 or [jeremy.winaker@einsteinaday.org](mailto:jeremy.winaker@einsteinaday.org).

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

### Kids Building Character

10:30 – 11:30 AM

Brandywine Hundred Library

Join us for storytime at the library as Einstein demonstrates our approach to learning values and literature. For more information, please contact Julia Forester, Director of Admissions at 302-478-5026 or [julia.forester@einsteinaday.org](mailto:julia.forester@einsteinaday.org).

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

### Men’s Club Breakfast

9:15 AM

Temple Beth El

Cost \$8.00. Our guest speaker will be Matt Meyer.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

### Indoor Skydiving Kickoff Event for Teens

2:45 PM – 8 PM

Departure and Arrival at the Siegel JCC

This kickoff event will give you the skydiving experience that you always wanted in a 100% safe environment! The iFly Party Package includes a training session with the instructor, full skydiving gear, at least two flights (the equivalent of four plane jumps), an air show by the instructor, a video of your flights and an official flight diploma, which certifies your participation in this program. Transportation and pizza dinner will be provided. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 24 TEENS. Register now at [ChabadDE.com/register](http://ChabadDE.com/register) to reserve your spot.

CTeen members: \$40

Non-members: \$75

For more information about CTeen and a calendar of events go to [www.CTeen.com/Delaware](http://www.CTeen.com/Delaware). Please contact Rochel Flikshtein for more information at [Rochel@ChabadDE.com](mailto:Rochel@ChabadDE.com).

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

### Einstein Tashlikh Walk

12:45 – 2:45 PM

Brandywine Creek State Park

Join us for a hike from school to the creek or meet us at the creek for our annual trek, student presentations, weighing of our deeds, and tashlikh ceremony. For more information, please contact Rabbi Jeremy Winaker, Head of School at 302-478-5026 or [jeremy.winaker@einsteinaday.org](mailto:jeremy.winaker@einsteinaday.org).

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

### AND FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22

#### Public Shofar Blowing

5:30, 6, and 6:30 PM

Chabad Center for Jewish Life

If you were not able to hear the Shofar earlier in the day, it’s not too late. Stop by the Chabad Center at 5:00, 5:30 or 6:00, where somebody will be waiting to blow the Shofar for you!

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

### FREE Family Friendly Rosh Hashanah Program!

10:30 AM – 12 PM

Chabad Center for Jewish Life

Come celebrate Rosh Hashanah with our FREE Family Friendly program, which is

fun and educational for kids, parents and grandparents too. Hear the Shofar...enjoy an edible Rosh Hashanah craft...listen to a captivating sermon...participate in a rockin’ Kids Program, and much more! No membership or tickets necessary, but kindly register at: [www.ChabadDE.com/register](http://www.ChabadDE.com/register).

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

### Rosh Hashanah Program and Shabbat Dinner for Teens

5:30 PM – 10:30 PM

The Flikshtein Residence

Come and enjoy a Rosh Hashanah program exclusively for teens, which will include a private Shofar-blowing and the Tashlich walk followed by a relaxing and fun gourmet Shabbat dinner! Start the year on a high note by celebrating the gift of Shabbat with friends and peers, see Rabbi Motti rap, ask any question to stump the Rabbi and just have a great time. For more info find the Facebook group CTeen Delaware or go to [CTeen.com/Delaware](http://CTeen.com/Delaware). You can also contact Rochel, CTeen Director at [Rochel@ChabadDE.com](mailto:Rochel@ChabadDE.com). Although this event is free, kindly register at [ChabadDE.com/register](http://ChabadDE.com/register) so that we can prepare accordingly.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

### Inside Einstein: Science Enrichment

Time in the morning TBD

Albert Einstein Academy

Let your 2 to 5-year-old be a scientist and explore! Veteran teacher Diane Fretwell guides this engaging hour of activity that will be fun for the whole family. For more information, please contact Julia Forester, Director of Admissions at 302-478-5026 or [julia.forester@einsteinaday.org](mailto:julia.forester@einsteinaday.org).

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

### Jewish History Course: Assyrian incursion into Israel and Judah

10 AM

Congregation Beth Sholom

340 N. Queen St.

Dover, De. 19904

We will discuss the Assyrian and Babylonian Empires that dominated the ancient Near East from the 9th through the 6th centuries BCE. We will cover the siege of Jerusalem and the economic impact of heavy tribute required of



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Assyria and Babylonian.

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](mailto:burtrehab@gmail.com), in order for him to prepare sufficient handouts for new class members.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

### PJ Library Train Ride with Engineer Ari!

1:45 - 3:30 PM

Wilmington & Western Railroad  
2201 Newport Gap Pike,  
Wilmington, Delaware 19808

PJ and PJ Our Way subscribers: Come celebrate the New Year with us on a train ride through Wilmington (also includes a story time and snack). \$14 per person (age 2 and under ride free). Register at [shalomdelaware.org/PJTrain](http://shalomdelaware.org/PJTrain). RSVP by SEPTEMBER 10th! For more info contact [Jamye@shalomdel.org](mailto:Jamye@shalomdel.org).

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

### Yom Kippur Program for Kids

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Chabad Center for Jewish Life  
Free and Open to the Public

Join us for a fun-filled and educational children's program for Yom Kippur. Although the program is free, kindly register at [ChabadDE.com/register](http://ChabadDE.com/register).

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

### Religious Pluralism:

#### Steven Bayme with AJC Staff

12 PM

Place TBD

JCRC program with noted expert on video with AJC facilitation. For further information, contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, JCRC Director at 302-427-2100 or [ellen@shalomdel.org](mailto:ellen@shalomdel.org).

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

### AARP Driver Safety Course

10:30 AM-2:30 PM

JFS Wilmington

A 4-hour Refresher Course for individuals that have previously taken the full 6-hour course

within the past five years. For more information and/or to register, please contact Rose at 302-827-6040 or [rdavis@jfsdelaware.org](mailto:rdavis@jfsdelaware.org)

## OCTOBER 6

### Sukkot Potluck Dinner and Service

6 PM

Temple Beth El

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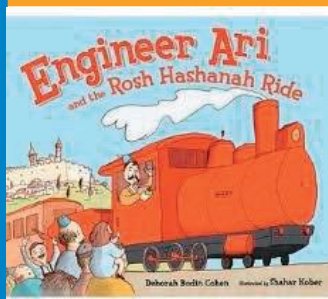
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**Date & Time:** Sept 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:45PM

**Place:** Wilmington & Western RR  
2201 Newport Gap Pike(Route 41 North)  
Gather by the PJ sign outside the RR station

**Cost:** \$14 per person (age 2 and under ride free)

Register now at  
[ShalomDelaware.org/PJTrain](http://ShalomDelaware.org/PJTrain)  
RSVP by Sept 10th





# SCENT OF THE HOLIDAYS

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By Kimberly Felzer  
Jewish VOICE Committee

When I asked my seven-year-old what he thinks about during the time leading up to Rosh Hashanah, the first thing he said was, “The house smells really good.”



Kimberly Felzer with her family

And the funny thing is, that’s exactly how I want him to think . . .

I get such joy in the preparation leading up to the holiday. Like a hoarder, I save my shopping lists and handwritten recipes from previous years. I love seeing the old stains on the aging paper . . . Is that Jewish apple cake?

I gather my shopping lists with ingredients I do or don’t need that year for my Shop Rite run, making mental notes of my guest lists (always hoping to add another chair to the table, and always praying to not have to remove any). I make sure to bring those loved ones that are no longer physically with us spiritually to my dinner table. I take my great-grandma Bubby’s handmade table cloth to the cleaners to be pressed, and even though I have it dry cleaned every year, the wear gets more significant with each year—and I just love that. I take a little more time re-arranging the table to cover up some spilled red wine or Brisket gravy.

My five-year-old daughter Eden always helps me set the table. We bring my Grandma Mae (who was like my second mother but lost her battle with Cancer in 2012) to the table by using her silver,

china and colored goblets. Each year I think to myself how much easier it would be to succumb to paper and plastic, but I just can’t do it. This is now a tradition for me and my E.

My husband Jeff and I spend most of the day (after Synagogue) cooking together while the kids are running around the house. It’s one of my most favorite days of the year with my family. The smells are incredible and every year it’s the same . . . the chicken soup, the brisket, the apple cake . . . but then again each year is different.

I relish in every minute of the day. On Rosh Hashanah, my heart is filled with so much happiness, and I thank G-d for all of the love in my life. Lighting the candles, reciting the blessings and sharing a meal together, as we all go around and say what we are thankful for.

I thank G-d in my heart as I ask him to please bless us all with another Happy, Healthy, and Sweet New Year. My hope is that my children will always love the Holiday as much as I do. And of course, the smells that come with it.

*L’Shanah Tova U’Metukah* to all.



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