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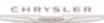






































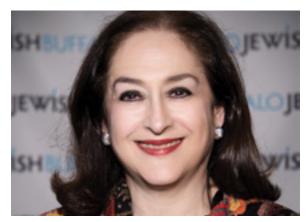






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Editor's Note



Ellen Goldstein, Editor

Much has been happening in Buffalo the past few months. From my perch at the JCC, I have seen Camp Centerland campers come and go, I've watched my colleagues band together to create an incredible Jewish cultural festival debut, and worked as part of the Federation's team gearing up for the 2019 Campaign for Jewish Buffalo. But right now I sense a different kind of activity taking place.

The air is more electric. The flowers smell sweeter. The peaches are more delicious. The stars are shining brighter. We are all so busy, but somehow, communications from friends and family seem more poignant, more meaningful. For me, it's as if I have a kaleidoscope lens in front of my eyes, and everything is more intense, beautiful, delicious, brighter, more fun, more meaningful, more important. All because the High Holy Days are just around the corner

I write this during the Hebrew month of Elul, and our Community has just concluded The Great Buffalo Jewbilee! You'll see a few photos in this Jewish Journal issue, but more will follow in the October issue. And as we welcome the year 5779, we also have other news. The Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning is opening with the beginning of the school year. The new Temple Beth Tzedek building on North Forest Rd. is nearing completion, and the shul's new rabbi- Rabbi Sami Barth— is now in residence. There are new team members at the Buffalo Jewish Federation-Jill Komm and Mindy Ponivas. Of course, there are new problems facing us in our country and in the world today. And there are new miracles, as well. Scientific developments, babies being born, Buffalo's renaissance.

The New Year is a gift we are given every year as an opportunity to make the world new again...our world. Again, I am so grateful for the opportunity to work on The Jewish Journal of WNY. Please join me in helping to make our world, our Buffalo, our Jewish Community new,

again. Mitch and I wish you all a very sweet, healthy, creative and blessed New Year.

Ellen Goldstein - Editor

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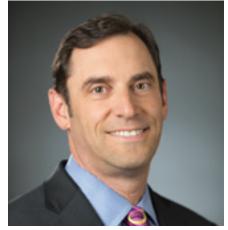
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Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year of 5779, arrives the evening of Sunday September 9th, at which time the shofar is sounded in order to awaken us from our daily routines and focus our attention on our individual renewal. In the High Holy Day prayer book we repeatedly read the Unatana Tokef prayer: "On Rosh Hashanah it is inscribed and on Yom Kippur it is sealed ... who shall live and who shall die ... who will be made rich, who made poor, who will be raised up and who brought low..." as our fate is contemplated and determined. The stakes are high. which is why these upcoming holy days are considered to be such significant religious occasions for Jews.

The notion of "who shall live and who shall die" seems more real the older I get. As time goes by I am more aware of how fragile our existence is. Our daughters notice when their grandparents speak about death. Perhaps it's even more on their minds, being particularly aware of the passing of friends and loved ones over the course of the prior year.

Serving as the president of the Buffalo Jewish Federation gives me a unique vantage point with respect to our agencies and the overall health of our Jewish community. While the phrase in the liturgy "who shall live and who shall die" is intended to refer to individuals, as I see it, it applies to our communal fate as well. Our Jewish community has experienced so many wonderful moments of growth and positive change this year, but we have also faced serious challenges as well, which have left us wondering what a new way forward will be. And yet, we know that being awakened and reflecting inward to our own lives, and outward, to the people who stand in our midst, is part of this season as well.



Steve Weiss

It is taught in ancient Jewish law, that although a person is allowed to repent up until the time of death, one should not wait to repent, because no one knows when death will come. Instead, the rabbis advise to repent now, and to engage in this self-reflection every day, so that one moves through life in a regular state of self-improvement.

This concept could be applied to our organizations as well, and perhaps times of disruption will result in not just taking responsibility for and suffering the consequences of the action and inaction, but also committing to govern with greater focus, accountability and stewardship and to being the best governors we can be, just as we commit to being our best selves.

During this season of awe, we pray for our own health and for the health of our loved ones. We pray for peace and prosperity, livelihood and security for Israel. And for those like me who are given the blessing and responsibility of leading, we pray for our collective ability to lead in the coming year with resolve, reflection and a passion to make a difference.

Happy New Year! Steve Weiss

The entire board and staff of the Buffalo Jewish Federation wish you and your loved ones a sweet New Year.



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Campaign Kickoff Event

Journalist David Gregory to Keynote Kick-Off Event

Well-known CNN journalist David Gregory will join the Buffalo Jewish Community at its Campaign for Jewish Buffalo Kick-Off Event Thursday, October 11, beginning at 5:30 pm at the Buffalo Hyatt Regency.

David Gregory's career in journalism began when he was 18. Over the last 25 years, his work has taken him across the country and around the world. He is now a political analyst on **CNN** and the host of his self-titled podcast, which features interviews with newsmakers and thought leaders. David is also a sought-after speaker on politics and world affairs, as well as faith since the release of his book *How's Your Faith?*, a critically acclaimed memoir about his attempts to deepen his own faith amid the rough-and-tumble of broadcast news.

Best known for his nearly 20 years at **NBC News**, David served for six years as the moderator of **Meet the Press** and chief White House correspondent during the entire presidency of George W. Bush.



David Gregory

As a correspondent, David covered the trials of O.J. Simpson and Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh as well as other breaking news around the country.

He contributed anchoring duties to all of the network's major programs, including **TODAY** and **NBC Nightly News**, and served as a political analyst.

David traveled with President Bush on 9/11 and during his first visit to Ground Zero after the attacks. From the White House, David covered the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and earned a reputation as the toughest questioner in the press corps.

At **Meet the Press**, David scored a string of exclusive interviews generating headlines across the world, including the interview with Vice President Joe Biden which represented a major shift by the Administration on gay marriage. David also broadcast from Afghanistan after conducting the first interview with General David Petraeus once he took up his position leading U.S. forces there. During the

2012 campaign, he moderated a debate among the Republican candidates as part of a special broadcast, and conducted interviews with numerous foreign heads of state.

David was a staple of **NBC**'s special coverage, anchoring the breaking news of Osama bin Laden's capture and death, and acting as a key player in election night coverage spanning four presidential cycles.

David serves as a member of the Dean's Advisory Board for American University's School of International Service and serves on the board of Martha's Table, a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families and feeding the poor in Washington, D.C.

He lives in Washington, D.C., with his three children and his wife, litigator Beth Wilkinson

The event is \$80 per person before September 28 and \$95 beginning September 29. Call 716-204-2245 to make your reservation or go to www.buffalojewishfederation.org.

Emerging Leaders Nina Lukin, Alan Rosenhoch Honored at Kick-Off

Nina Lukin and Alan Rosenhoch will be honored as the 2018 Emerging Leadership Award Winners Thursday, October 11 at the Buffalo Jewish Federation's Campaign for Jewish Buffalo Kick-Off Event. This year marks the first time the Emerging Leaders will be honored at this community program.

Nina Lukin is the 2018 Ruth and Milton Kahn Emerging Leadership Award Winner. She is Director of Strategic Planning & Institutional Assessment at Bryant & Stratton College. Originally from New York, Nina's professional expertise in strategic planning and management has been a wonderful asset in efforts to build new initiatives with the Buffalo Iewish Federation such as Nickel City Jews, where she serves on the Executive Committee and PJ/ Our Way where she serves as co-chair. She is a member of the board of Buffalo Jewish Federation, co-chairs its new Iewish Community Relations Council, and was



Nina Lukin

a national Community Relations Frank Fellow through the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, which trains emerging leaders in the area of public policy, public affairs and intergroup/ interfaith relations. Nina has also volunteered for the Amherst Town Council's Arts



Alan Rosenhoch

& Culture in Public Places committee, Explore & More Children's Museum and Windermere School, which her children attend. Nina is a graduate of Brandeis University and holds an MBA from Cornell's Johnson School of Business.

Alan Rosenhoch is the Dr. Meyer and

Ann S. Riwchun Emerging Leadership Award Winner. He is Director of Business Development at Invest Buffalo Niagara, the region's private sector nonprofit economic development agency. Alan, a native of Buffalo, has been attracting job-creating companies to the Buffalo region for over nine years. A Kadimah Academy graduate, Alan is the current president of the school, and has served on its board since 2012. He serves on the Federation board, was a founding member of Derek Jewlander, the predecessor to Nickel City Jews, takes hands-on action as a board member since 2009 for SABAH- Skating for the Blind and Handicapped and a volunteer/ instructor since 1993. Alan also served on the Federation's 2018 Education Task Force. A graduate of City Honors High School and the University of Toronto, he holds an MBA from the University at Buffalo.

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Yonatys to Chair 2019 Campaign for Jewish Buffalo

Steven J. Weiss, President of the Buffalo Jewish Federation, has announced that Stephen Yonaty and M. Kim Yonaty will continue their positions as chairs of the upcoming 2019 Campaign for Jewish Buffalo.

M. Kim Yonaty is an attorney, and is Confidential Law Clerk to Hon. Deanne M. Tripi, Erie County Family Court Judge. She is Secretary of the Federation's Board of Governors, served on the Women's Philanthropy Board and was a member of Temple Beth Zion's most recent Rabbinical Search Committee. She served on the boards of the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation



Kim and Stephen Yonaty

Apartments. She is a graduate of the Melton program, and was on the faculty at the BJE from 1999-2004. In the general community Mrs. Yonaty served as the Law Guardian Liaison to the 4th Department Law Guardian Program. She was the 2005 Ruth & Milton Kahn Young Women's Leadership Award Winner. She is a graduate of the University of Rochester and SUNY Buffalo School of Law.

Stephen L. Yonaty, a partner with the law firm Cannon Heyman & Weiss, concentrates his practice in the areas of affordable, senior and multifamily housing, real estate, commercial and public finance, business restructuring and bankruptcy, and commercial litigation. Mr. Yonaty graduated from Cornell University, the SUNY at Buffalo School of Law and its Management School. He is the 2003 Dr. Meyer and Ann S. Riwchun Young Leadership Award Winner. He serves on the Federation Board of Governors.

was its Community Relations Committee Chair, and has been a member of its annual campaign cabinet. He currently is serving on the boards of Every Person Influences Children (EPIC) and the Erie County Bar Foundation. He is also a board member and officer at Temple Beth Zion, has served as Vice President of Chabad, and on the boards of Hebrew Benevolent Loan Assn. and Jewish Federation Apartments.

The Yonatys are parents of four children and both participated in the Iewish Federation's New Leadership program and Mission to Israel in 2012.

"We're honored to serve in this position and look forward to a successful campaign which reflects the positive momentum our community is enjoying," said the couple.

Altmans, Weinbergs to Co-Chair kick-Off Event

The Buffalo Jewish Community's annual Campaign for Jewish Buffalo's kick-off event will again be co-chaired by Jessica & Frank Altman and Julie & Michael Weinberg. They urge the community to attend the event, which takes place Thursday, October 11 at the Buffalo Hyatt Regency.

Jessica Meyers Altman is a science teacher by trade, a food blogger, food educator and Marketing Director for Altman Dental. She writes and photographs images for her food blog, which is devoted to healthy, in-season foods with a primarily plant based focus. As a volunteer, she has been a board member of Temple Beth Zion (TBZ), TBZ Mitzvah Day Coordinator and project captain. She served on the Buffalo Jewish Federation's Women's Philanthropy board, and was Women's Special Projects chair, on the JCC's Israel Independence Day Celebration committee, the Clarence School District Going Green Building Representative, and is a Clarence Healthy Schools committee member.

Dr. Frank Altman, a busy dentist and owner of Altman Dental, has also been a TBZ Mitzvah Day Project Captain. He served on the Federation's Campaign Cabinet, and on the Board of the Bureau for Jewish Education. The Altmans also participated in the 2012 Young Leadership Mission to Israel.

Julie Dressler Weinberg is a clinical social worker in private practice. She is currently President of Temple Beth Zion and past chair of the Buffalo Jewish Federation's Women's Philanthropy. She is VP of finance for Behavioral Healthcare Network. She was a participant in the Federation's



Jessica and Frank Altman

Community Leaders program, is a Federation board member, and has co-chaired the Temple Beth Zion Kol Nidre Campaign with her husband, Dr. Michael Weinberg. She has also served on the boards of the Jewish Community Center, the Bureau of Jewish Education, and JFS.

Dr. Michael Weinberg is an anesthesiologist and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including



Julie and Michael Weinberg

Women & Children's Hospital, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and Roswell Park Cancer Institute. He and his wife Julie, participated in the 2012 Young Leadership Mission to Israel. He also serves on the board of the Holocaust Resource Center, and has been a longtime Super Sunday volunteer.

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Federation Welcomes **New Team Members**

As a new year begins, so too, does Federation welcome two new staff members to the team -Jill Komm and Mindy Ponivas.



Jill Komm, former Executive Director at the Bureau of Jewish Education, is the new Director of Social Media and Communications. In this position, she manages the Federation's social media platforms, manages Federation's website, the community calendar and designs graphics and other material for print and publication. You can reach Jill at jill@buffalojewishfederation.org.



Mindy Ponivas, former Administrative Assistant at the Bureau of Jewish Education for 31 years, is now Federation's new Campaign Assistant. In her new position, she will be working with the staff and volunteer leaders in the Campaign for Jewish Buffalo, as well as assisting the team of the newly created Center for Engagement & Learning. You can reach Mindy at mindy@buffalojewishfederation.org.



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The Center for Jewish **ENGAGEMENT** & LEARNING powered by the

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By Miriam Abramovich, Division Director

What is The Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning?

The Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning is both the next iteration of Buffalo's Bureau for Jewish Education (which officially closed its doors this summer) and an outgrowth of the Buffalo Jewish Federation's engagement strategy. Built upon a foundation of engagement principles, the mission of The Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning is threefold: 1) to engage and nurture relationships with individuals and families; 2) to create opportunities for meaningful, purposeful and relevant Jewish exploration, and, 3) to amplify the good work of partner agencies and synagogues. The first phase of the new Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning launches this fall and will grow and evolve organically over time. Keep your eye out for new projects and initiatives that will emerge in phases over the coming two years.

Why did we make this change?

So much in American Jewish life has changed in the last three decades. As we learned this past spring at the Buffalo Jewish Federation's 2018 Jewish Engagement Conference, many American Jews seek depth and meaning in their Jewishness, but this search regularly happens outside the walls of organizations. Engagement is about reaching Jews (and their life partners of other faiths) where they are physically, emotionally, religiously and culturally. Engaging individuals in Jewish life and celebration is always enhanced by learning about Jewish values, Jewish time, Jewish wisdom and our story as a people. This is why engagement and learning are linked as two sides of a coin.

What does this mean for my favorite program?

Many of our communities' learning and engagement projects will make their new home in The Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning including Nickel City Jews, Hebrew High, PJ Library & PJ Our Way, Yad B'Yad, Mussar groups, and Adult Learning opportunities. The professional team for The Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning includes a mix of talented professionals from the Buffalo Jewish Federation and the former Bureau of Jewish Education including: Miriam Abramovich, Nicole Bard, Cindi Mikulik, Susan Goldberg Schwartz, Rob Taylor, and Evie Weinstein. They will be working together to advance engagement and learning in Buffalo.

Where is the new Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning?

Powered by the Buffalo Jewish Federation, and guided by a passionate Board led by President Stacey Block, the new Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning is a virtual entity. The Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning doesn't have a physical building like the JCC or a school or a synagogue. Our team of professionals will work out of the Buffalo Jewish Federation office suite at the JCC's Benderson building, though our programs and our team will be found working all across and throughout Buffalo.

MEET OUR TEAM



Miriam Abramovich Division Director, Jewish **Engagement and Learning**

Miriam and her family called New York City, Boston, Baltimore, and Pittsburgh home before landing in Buffalo five years ago. Miriam values raising her two children in this warm and tight-knit community. Her professional passion is engaging with individuals and finding ways to help them access Jewish tradition, Jewish values, and Jewish time - in powerful and transformative ways. Miriam@buffalojewishfederation.org



Susan Schwartz Director, Adult Engagement

Susan's Buffalo roots run deep. She has strong connections to individuals and families across multiple generations in Jewish Buffalo, and also a strong and personal connection to Israel. Susan is a master Jewish educator who finds great joy in learning about people's personal Jewish stories, and facilitating connections with others who share similar interests.

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Nicole Bard Director, Young Adult and Young Family Engagement

Nicole Bard ventured to Buffalo from Rockland County, New York to attend the University at Buffalo, and now calls the Nickel City home. She is deeply committed to building meaningful relationships that pivot around Judaism with both young adults and families with young children. nicole@buffalojewishfederation.org



Cindi Mikulik Director, Yad B'Yad

Cindi Mikulik grew up in Buffalo, returning back after completing her education. She has enjoyed teaching in many diverse Jewish settings over the years. In her role with The Center, she has taken on the responsibility of removing barriers to Jewish gatherings, traditions, learning, and life cycle events for everyone.

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Evie Weinstein Administrator

Evie, retired Executive Director of the Bureau for Jewish Education, is passionate about Jewish learning. Even through her retirement, she has continually worked on designing curriculum for The Mussar Institute and spends time mentoring new Jewish professionals.

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Rob Taylor Hebrew High Manager

Rob is a proud father and educator and the newest member of our team. As a runner, his drive to compete and complete endurance events carries over to his everyday life to provide the best that he can for his students, family and friends. As an educator and Jewish leadership professional, Rob finds deep meaning in helping guide teens to access Judaism in relevant ways. rtaylor@buffalojewishfederation.org



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Adult Learning

The Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning offers a multitude of learning opportunities and classes for adult learners of all ages and levels. Contact Susan Schwartz directly for information about upcoming Hebrew classes, Intro to Judaism, Mussar cohorts, and Wise Aging groups. Or, reach out to explore creating a new learning opportunity through The Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning.

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Nickel City Jews

Nickel City Jews is a platform for engaging with individuals and weaving networks of young adults (21 through early 40s). Through Nickel City Jews, you can attend large events to celebrate Jewish moments, host

or attend mini-events which bring small groups together for intimate gatherings, or connect one-on-one to build a personal network. For information about upcoming events and gatherings find Nickel City Jews on Instagram and Facebook!

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Hebrew High

This year Hebrew High will operate on a trimester schedule; 3 six-week sessions will be offered beginning in November. Classes will be held on

Wednesday evenings at the JCC's Benderson Building from 6:30-8:30pm. The mission of Hebrew High is to engage teens through peer-to-peer relationships and meaningful, relevant Jewish learning experiences. Class dates, course offerings, registration, and information on pre-November gatherings will be available soon.

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Yad B'Yad

Yad B'Yad works to enrich the spiritual and communal lives of individuals with and without disabilities by expanding friendships, sharing mutual

talents, and fostering an appreciation of individual differences. Contact Cindi for information about fall inclusion programs, such as the monthly Buffalo Aspies Meetup Group and Miriam's Well events.

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NEW PROJECTS!

Mussar for Moms

Mussar, a Jewish spiritual practice, provides tools for living a more balanced life. If you are a working mom in your 30s or 40s, you probably have more on your 'to-do' list than time! But, many have found that taking time to reflect, be more mindful and grateful, has helped provide more balance. If you are intrigued, consider joining us for a 5-month long Jewish learning journey with other women.

Mussar for Moms will meet on Sunday evenings twice a month from November -March.

TO REGISTER/FOR MORE INFORMATION: email Susan Schwartz

Mussar for Couples

Mussar, a Jewish spiritual practice, provides tools for living a more balanced life. This Jewish learning experience is designed for couples where one partner identifies as Jewish and the other partner identifies within a different faith. Mussar for Couples will be open to partners at any stage of committed relationship regardless of age. Participants will be exposed to Jewish thought and ideas and the flow of the Jewish calendar.

Mussar for Couples will meet one Sunday a month from November – June.

TO REGISTER/FOR MORE INFORMATION: email Susan Schwartz

My Grown Up and Me

Join us for this fall for a monthly Sunday morning gathering of infants and toddlers (ages newborn - 3 years old) and their loving grown-ups (parent, grandparent, nanny or friend). My Grown Up and Me gatherings will feature PJ Library books, songs, rhymes, puppets and of course, time to chat and get to know one another. This monthly gathering will alternate between a suburban and city locale.

DATES: Sundays @ 10AM 9/16, 10/7, 11/11, 12/2, locations to be announced!

TO REGISTER/FOR MORE INFORMATION: email Nicole Bard

Buffalo Lions of Judah...the Story Continues



The Jewish Journal has been sharing interviews with women who make gifts to the Campaign for Jewish Buffalo at the Lion of Judah (LOJ) level for several months. These gifts made locally enable donors to become part of the Jewish Federations of North America's national LOJ group. In sharing these stories, we have found that our Buffalo Lions have helped to foster the backbone of our communal life as well as enhance the spirit of generosity found in our Buffalo Jewish Community. This month, Terri Katz Kasimov, Sandra Rifkin and Julie Dressler Weinberg share their journeys with us.



Terri Katz Kasimov

Terri Katz Kasimov is an artist. She is married to Dr. Jerald Kasimov, whom she met at The Ohio State University. She and her husband have been involved with Federation since the 1980s, first traveling to Israel on a Mission in 1982, then leading a Mission in 1987. "This community has been so great to us," she explained, talking about what connects her to Buffalo. "I have done a series of collages entitled 'Roots & Routes.' I am so rooted in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, and then it's the journeys you take that create your life."

She grew up as part of a close knit family in Niagara Falls, New York, learning from her father, Alvin Katz, that "Your only possession is your name." She explains that her tzedakah and her involvement in the community all come down to one thing—family. "Basically, for me it all can be summed up by the Hebrew phrase 'L'Dor **V'Dor** — from generation to generation.' I had this blessed childhood with passionate people around me. Ever since I was a child, I could remember gathering around the Shabbos table every Friday night in the home of my maternal grandparents, William and Esther Nimelman, in Niagara Falls. I always remember my grandfather sitting at the head of the table. He was a gun runner for Pre-1948 Palestine and raised funds throughout Western New York to create a State of Israel and support the Jews in then-Palestine. He would go to Rochester, Canada, other places and purchase scrap metal or guns, hire pilots and planes to take the guns to Palestine. He was known for raising money forcefully and would not take 'no' for an answer when asking friends and acquaintances to help Israel." William Nimelman was

honored in Jerusalem in 1956 by the World Zionist Congress, and by B'nai B'rith.

"All my grandparents come from the shtetl called Proskurov, now known as Khmelnitskiy, in the Ukraine. Many other Niagara Falls Jews are from there, too and they founded Temple Beth Israel, first as a shul on Cedar Avenue, then as a larger temple. For my grandfather, Israel and the Jewish Community were of the utmost importance. He was also president of his Temple, and died in 1958. He changed the rules for girls studying Hebrew at our Temple so I could become a Bat Mitzvah. Previous to that, females were not called to the Torah." But sadly, William Nimelman didn't live to see his granddaughter take the bimah to become a Bat Mitzvah. Terri relayed that William Nimelman also ran for New York State Senator. "I was always so proud of him," she said.

The Nimelmans owned a "Mom & Pop" grocery store, and then started Nimelman's Babyland in Niagara Falls. There were always working women in her family. Her paternal grandmother was divorced, single, and raised two men with strong, moral character. She worked full time, and became a milliner "to the stars" in NYC. "In my family, women never took a backseat. They were always 'directing traffic' or 'conducting the orchestra'," she joked.

"Becoming a Lion was a stretch for me when I first made the commitment, but I did it anyway. I have five young grandchildren and they always want to know stories about our family. It is important to tell the stories for perpetuity. It is also important that my children and grandchildren see us make charitable gifts to the places we are passionate about, including the Buffalo Jewish Federation. I do this, so they will do the same...so they see that 'Bubbe is a Lion.' I want to encourage their behavior."

Finally, Terri is very clear about the reason for her donations to The Campaign for Jewish Buffalo. "I am a Lion of Judah for the strong women in my life. I'm a Lion for them, for myself because I can, and for the future generations to set an example of passion for sharing and giving back. I learned early that the greatest form of wisdom is kindness. And I try to practice that."



Sandy Rifkin

Sandra Rifkin, former CEO & President as well as co-Founder of EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) began her career as a very committed volunteer. "In order to go from volunteer to a paid professional, I learned to write a grant and put my salary into the budget. I would've remained a volunteer forever, but my husband reminded me that we had children to put through college.... By the time I retired 18 years later, EPIC had become an award -winning parenting education program which was in 18 States with 46 employees!" Sandy also served on the Boards of Temple Beth Zion, American Jewish Committee and the Buffalo Federation where she served as Chair of the Community Relations Committee (CRC).

"When I believe in something, I'm a very strong advocate for it, and I feel very strongly about giving to the Federation. It is at the top of the list for me. By being on the board, I saw the importance of the work of Federation. Serving on the old Planning and Allocations committee, and hearing each agency's volunteer advocate for funding for their respective agency. There I learned why it is so important for everyone to continue to support what we now call the Campaign for Jewish Buffalo. That's why I am a

"I feel so much pride when putting on my LOJ necklace," she said, talking about the gold LOJ pin she wears on a chain around her neck. "Pride that I have gotten to the point where I can give. My father didn't have much money, but he taught me the importance of giving. He wasn't able to give very much, but he

gave!"

Sandy, the name she is known by, talked about her road to Federation. "I moved from Harrisburg when I was 30 years old," she said. "I immediately got involved with National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), which had a very strong presence at the time. I call it "My college education in Jewish community and legislative work." I had young children then, but got very involved. My late husband, Steven, supported me in doing this work, and from then on, I "flew" as an NCJW volunteer, lobbying in Albany and Washington. Out of that came my interest in women's and children's rights, and then came EPIC," she said. "Leadership comes naturally to me, as I always held leadership roles in school and organizations. My mother always worked side by side with my father in their Harrisburg grocery store. They were a team. When I was a young married person, I saw women wearing the LOJ pin, and I needed to find out what it was. I loved it and all it represented. The whole idea that women could...that I could... support the Jewish community is so important to me. It is something I aspired to a long time ago," she said.

And of course, she believes that women should donate their own charitable gifts in the same way she believes women should vote. "Why would women be any different from men giving? I think women are equal in every respect. I believe you give as much as you can give. We vote...we donate!"

Sandy and her husband, Michael Mesirov, live in Florida for part of the year. But like many Buffalo Snowbirds, she feels very strongly about supporting Buffalo and the Jewish Federation here. "In Sarasota, I am on the Community Relations Committee, and I co-chaired the "Anti-Semitism on Campus" committee, but always remember that Buffalo is home. Why do I support Buffalo?" she asked, then answered, "Buffalo is my love. And I support it as much as I can." Sandy has three successful children all of whom came back to Buffalo after graduate school-Lynne Rifkin Shine, Dr. Daniel I.Rifkin and Hillary Rifkin, and is blessed with 10 grandchildren.



Julie Dressler Weinberg

Dressler Weinberg's commitment to community service began when she started work at JFS as a Clinical Social Worker in the Mental Health clinic. Now nurturing a private psychotherapy practice in East Amherst, Julie is also president of Temple Beth Zion, currently on the Federation's Campaign Cabinet, its Executive Committee, and co-chair with her husband, Michael and Jessica & Frank Altman of the upcoming Campaign Kick-Off event. A Ruth & Milton Kahn Young Leadership Award Winner, Julie chaired Women's Philanthropy at Federation in 2016 and 2017, and served on the boards of JFS, the JCC and the Bureau of Jewish Education, and Yad B'Yad.

"I always liked being in the middle of things in high school and in college, like student government and clubs. I like being part of something bigger than myself and my small world. I became a Lion when I became Women's Philanthropy Chair in 2016. This is an extension for me of being more involved with Federation-it's the next step. Becoming a Lion was a family decision, and it made sense for Mike and me that I take this next step in my communal involvement. This appealed to my feminist sensibility. Leadership development, empowerment. This just makes sense to me. The local Lions are all women I have tremendous respect for. Women I have met at national events also inspire me the same way. I am very proud to be in their company," she said.

Julie cited her late father as a role model for her community involvement. "My father - Alan Dressler (obm) - was my role model as a community leader. He was on a variety of community boards – and had a tremendous patience for working through complex issues for the greater good," she said. Then she explained why Federation means so much to her. "Federation has been such a part of my leadership education. I love the cooperation and collaboration

between lay leaders and professionals. My greatly stepped-up involvement with Federation really began with walks with my former neighbor, Ellen Weiss. I had to pass her house as I walked our dog, Max, a Golden Doodle, around our neighborhood, and Ellen would often join me with her Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Shavna and Kukla,"

"On those walks, Ellen would often share what she was doing with Women's Philanthropy, and what Steve was doing with the Campaign. My husband, Mike, and I began to get more and more interested in Federation, and we wanted to join them. Every Federation event I attended, I became more impressed with the wonderful work they do here in Buffalo and all over the world. Working with Jewish community professionals Judy Kantor, Randi Morkisz, Ellen Goldstein, Rob Goldberg and volunteer leaders Steve Weiss, Ellen Weiss, Ellen Reis, Kim Yonaty and Leslie Kramer has absolutely helped me develop my own leadership style," she said.

"To me, everything is about relationships," said Julie, and relationships are what engagement is all about. "Meeting people and becoming volunteers with Federation changed the trajectory of our lives," she explained. "Because of Federation, Mike and I took our first trip to Israel as members of the New Leadership Mission in 2012. That was a life-changing experience, which also spurred us to take our kids to Israel eight month later. Zack has taken part in the AJC Global Forum as a college student, and Haley participated in a five month MASA program," she said. "Every single time I do something with Federation, I'm impressed in a new way. The more you know about what Federation does locally, nationally and around the world, -- Israel, Former Soviet Union, - you become more and more proud of the organization," Julie added.

"I grew up at Temple Beth Zion and have always felt very connected to my Jewish identity. I became a Bat Mitzvah and was confirmed at Temple Beth Zion. I became more involved in the Jewish community when my children started PALS nursey school at TBZ. Some of the ways I experience Judaism as an adult are through my Federation trips, relationships and responsibilities," she said. "I am so proud to be a Lion, and be part of the Buffalo Jewish Federation's pride!"





Rabbi Sami Barth

Shalom. I'm so grateful to the members of Temple Beth Tzedek who have invited me to serve them as rabbi, and so, brought me to encounter this extraordinary community created by many generations of Jews in Buffalo. The depth and breadth of welcomes from so many have been heartwarming. I am looking forward to the connections that will emerge from prayer and song, from learning and living, as this and future years unfold.

As I write, we have already entered the month of Elul, the shofar sounding 30 days that lead us to Rosh Hashanah, and then into the paradoxical time dilation of Yom Kippur. These days are filled with words, so many words, that it is fitting that the wordless shriek and wail of the shofar nudges at our hearts and souls. At times the shofar sound can be more tender and nurturing, yet for many of us the echoes and resonances are of challenge and warning. I suggest that these are two sides of the same coin. I am reminded of the words of my dear teacher, Rabbi Hugo Gryn z"l: "...the Torah is to comfort the troubled and to trouble the comfortable." And at this time of the year we all carry troubles for

which we seek comfort, and also we embrace a false sense of comfort and the sound of the shofar, and the coming Days of Awe trouble us a little ... as they should.

We will find comfort in the familiar melodies of our communities, each synagogue preserving its customs and practices; and we will be comforted by the gatherings of family and friends, and even by the memories of those who have departed this life yet abide in our deepest memories. We will be comforted as we recall the good we did in the past year, the people we helped, the generous gifts we made, the new things we

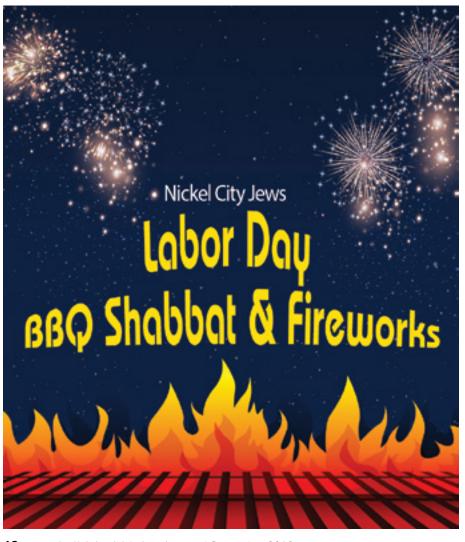


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learned, and lessons we have taught to others. This is the comfort of "Zichronot", one of three core aspects of Rosh Hashanah.

But ... this world has become a more harsh and cruel place; have we responded always as we might have wished? Have there been moments when our hearts and souls were absent from those we love, even when we were physically present. Have we taken care of ourselves as whole human beings? Have we cared for our physical wellbeing, stimulated our minds and nurtured our souls? The shofar asks us these questions.

The classic words of the prayer assert that on Rosh Hashanah it is penciled in "Mi Yamut umi yich'yeh - Who will live and Who will die?" Leonard Cohen of blessed memory, the Yeshivah educated poet of this generation, created his own Midrash on the medieval poem: "Who by fire, and who



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by water...." from the traditional text is follow by "Who by avalanche and who by powder / Who for his greed, who for his hunger" compelling us to turn a little more to the inner realm, and Cohen ends each stanza with the abiding question of our own age: "...and who (Who) shall I say is calling?"

We will all chart our own course through this season, for some through immersion in the experiences of all the synagogue communities, for some in quiet reflections, and for some through encounter with the transcendent aspects of the natural world in parks and forests, by lakes and rivers. That "soft murmuring Voice" encountered in his despair by Elijah the Prophet, can be heard by each of us, if we can be quiet enough to hear. Our challenge is that there are so many words in our prayer books that traversing all the pages is no small challenge. But Abraham Joshua Heschel reminds us that the real question is not if we have gone through the pages of the prayers - but if the prayers have gone through us.

I believe that the many, many pages and repetitions have some intrinsic value, and that they are also designed to challenge and overcome our carefully constructed defenses. In college, my karate teacher made clear that the first hour of vigorous training had value but was mainly intended to make us so exhausted that we might then be able to learn something new.

Neilah is the best kept secret of this season. It invites us to stand again, tired and hungry, no longer filled with our cleverness and adroitness, to approach once more the presence of One Who is all Mercy, and admit in that Presence to ourselves who we really are.

May we all be blessed with journeys of comfort and challenge, to be written and inscribed for a good and a sweet year. I invite all who might have questions in response to these thoughts to continue the discussion with me - by email, or in person. Especially, I invite all interested in the realms of silence to consider joining me for an hour of contemplative meditation - following the end of the Kol Nidrei service.

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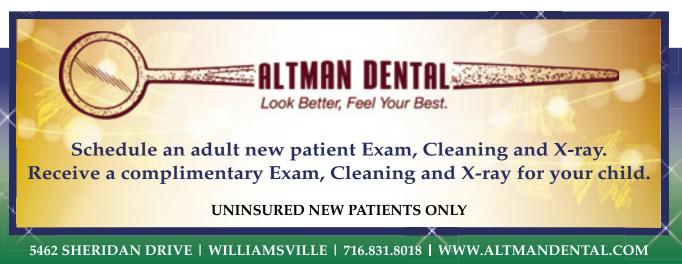
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Apple Strudel for the New Year!

By Robin Kurss

There are many different kinds of strudel...the apple strudels of Vienna, the poppy strudels of Germany and then there's the strudel of my childhood, made by Grandma Esther Grossman. It had raisins and walnuts and apricot jam. More of a cookie, she would make it for the holidays because it was a "pochky" to make for just everyday treats. How I wish that I had HER recipe. After trying a lot of recipes, this one comes the closest to hers. Wishing everyone a sweet New Year!



Dried Fruit Strudel

makes about 60 pieces

Dough:

1 c butter, softened 8 oz. cream cheese, softened 2 c flour

In bowl of mixer, beat butter and cream cheese. Add flour until combined. Flatten into a disc, wrap in plastic wrap and place in fridge for 1 hour.

Fillina:

2 jars apricot jam 1 1/4 c chopped walnuts 1 1/4 c currants or raisins 1/4 c sugar 1 Tbsp. cinnamon

Heat oven to 350.

Combine cinnamon and sugar in a bowl.

Dust counter with flour lightly.

Divide dough into 10 equal pieces. Roll each into a 9" circle.

Spread each with a thin layer of jam, sprinkle with cinnamon sugar, 2 Tbsp. walnuts and 2 Tbsp. currants.

Roll each into a log, tuck in ends and place on greased cookie sheet, a couple inches apart.

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- It's a mitzvah to remember your loved ones-your parents and grandparents who are no longer living before Rosh Hashanah. Make a donation in their memory to the Jewish Federation Cemetery Corporation. Go to www.buffalojewishfederation.org and click on "Ways to Give."

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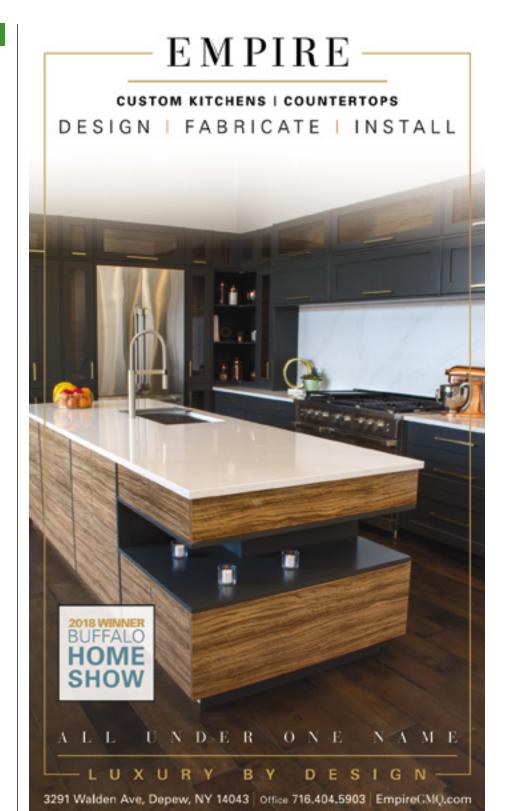
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Success Led By Succession

By Peter Simon

Ever since he attended Religious School there more than 50 years ago, Bruce Corris has considered Congregation Shir Shalom -- then Temple Beth Am -- as home to both his spiritual and community lives. Now, as the new President of Shir Shalom, Corris is encouraging others to forge those same connections. "I grew up in this building," he said. "It's important that we make the Temple a place that people want to be part of, a place to come to."

With Buffalo's Jewish population aging and dwindling, Corris said it is unrealistic to expect local temples to register dramatic growth in membership. Instead, he said, the focus should be on providing quality programming to serve current members and to get the attention of those who have had little or no connection to organized Jewish life. "If we have a program at Temple with 30 people attending, and 10 of them don't usually come, that's good," Corris said.

Corris succeeds Todd Sugarman, who was Shir Shalom President for the last four years. Although he wanted to stay on, Sugarman was prohibited by Temple policy from seeking a fifth consecutive year as President. "There's a need here," Corris said of his decision to accept the position. "Todd did a great job, but he's term-limited. He can't continue." Sugarman said he will remain very active as Vice President of Administration, 'He's a nice guy," Sugarman said of Corris. "He'll do a good job."



Bruce Corris

In his professional career, Bruce has won two Emmys while he was producer or manager of television news departments in Buffalo, Philadelphia, Providence, Miami, St. Louis, Cincinnati and New Orleans. He is now the Chief Operating Officer of MarketDominator, a marketing firm. Rella Corris, Bruce's mother, is a Shir Shalom Board Member, and Stanley, his late father, was also active there.

Corris, 61, is a leader of the annual Walk Off Hunger, a major fund-raiser for the Food Bank of Western New York, and was a founder of Shir Shalom's "Shabbat Cook-Offs," in which participants engage in friendly competition over homemade food dishes. He was Field Director of the unsuccessful 2006 Congressional run of industrialist Jack Davis, is on the Sweet Home High School Alumni Wall of Fame, and teaches defensive driving classes.

Celebrate the New Year with **Congregation Shir Shalom**

Rosh Hashanah Creative Service Monday, September 10 12:00pm

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Monday, September 24 10:30 am

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Kehillat Ohr Tzion

Kehillat Ohr Tzion members enjoy having catered Shabbat dinners together every so often, but a very special Shabbat dinner took place August 17 when the Y-Studs A Capella group led a Kabbalat Shabbat service and then joined the community for dinner. The Y-Studs are an elite all-male Jewish a cappella group from Yeshiva University in New York City. The group was formed in 2010 and has sung in many communities in the United States and Europe.

KOT has regular Shabbat services every Friday night at 7:00 PM and Shabbat morning at 9:00 AM. Community members are always welcome to come to services and stay for kiddush where there is time to socialize with Rabbi Ori Bergman and members of the shul.

For information about weekly classes held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays contact oribergman@gmail.com.



Temple Beth Tzedek Building Progress

By Harvey Sanders

Temple Beth Tzedek's new home on North Forest Road is really starting to look like a synagogue to house its full measure of services and programs. The combined space will be approximately 18,000 square feet. The new 10,000 square foot addition will include a sanctuary, administrative wing, meeting space, a youth lounge, rest rooms and a community court that will serve as a gathering place, a library, museum and gift shop.

As of mid-August, the exterior was completely enclosed and the windows were almost all installed. On the inside, the rough wiring and plumbing and insulation were essentially complete, to be hidden by drywall. The HVAC systems were in place, with work to begin on the finishes as soon as the humidity is under control. The finishes include the flooring, painting, and the architectural woodwork such as bookcases, yahrzeit (memorial) plagues and the display cases (for the museum and gift shop) in the community court.





New pews are being fabricated for the sanctuary. Stained glass from Getzville Road will soon be installed in the sanctuary and in the link between the new building and the existing building. Work on the exterior building, including the wooden rain screen, is well underway. The parking lot and much of the sidewalks are in place, with plantings to follow as conditions permit.

In the meantime, High Holy Day services for 2018 will continue to be held on Getzville Road, with services also taking place in the existing building at North Forest. The existing building will continue to serve as a gathering place for daily minyan, a parallel Shabbat and holiday minyan and social and other program activities. The plan is to continue holding services at both locations through Simchat Torah. A formal ribbon cutting ceremony and formal installation of Rabbi Samuel Barth will be scheduled to take place soon thereafter.

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Rosh HaShanah Morning Monday 9/10 and Tuesday 9/11 at 9:00 am Rosh HaShanah One-Hour Express Service Tuesday 9/11 at 12:00 pm

> Kol Nidre Tuesday, 9/18 at 7:00 pm Yom Kippur Wednesday 9/19 at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm



Please visit www.hillelofbuffalo.org or contact rabbisara@hillelofbuffalo.org

Rob Goldberg is Featured Achim Speaker 9/9

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion is pleased to announce that Rob Goldberg, CEO of the Buffalo Jewish Federation, is the featured speaker at the opening Achim program for this year, September 9 at 10:00 am at the Weinberg Campus's Meadows Lounge on the second floor, located at, 2700 North Forest Road, in Getzville. Goldberg is a past participant in the Achim series. He will be presenting a discussion entitled "Seder Every Day". He will be discussing the concept of Jewish engagement and the idea behind the Passover Seder. This is expected to be an especially interesting, thought-provoking program. Questions and discussion will be welcome.

Achim is a monthly program sponsored by the Temple Beth Zion Brotherhood for the benefit of the residents, their quests, and the



Rob Goldberg

community, at the Weinberg Campus. It is open to the public at no cost. For further information, please contact Ken Graber at 681-9885.



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Erev Rosh Hashanah Rosh Hashanah, 1st day Rosh Hashanah, 2nd day Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Tues. Sept 18 @ 6:30 PM Yom Kippur

Sun. Sept 9 @ 6:30 PM Mon. Sept 10 @ 9:30 AM Tues. Sept 11 at 9:30 AM Wed. Sept 19 @ 9:30 AM

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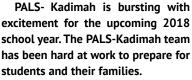


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The toddlers and preschoolers will experience the building blocks of education and kindergarten readiness through secular and Judaic studies. The program's philosophy of learning through play via music, art, dramatic play and physical movement will continue to be the foundation for all curricular planning. Hebrew will continue to be integrated throughout the classroom every day and will be enhanced through guidance of the primary classroom teachers.





An Exciting Year is planned at TBZ's **Religious School!**

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The teachers have been busy over the summer updating the curriculum for the upcoming school year. There is Hebrew Enrichment for those in grades 1-2, and the day has been extended on Sunday to include Hebrew Intensive classes.

Each child's grade level knowledge

of Hebrew will be assessed during the first two Sundays to place them in the appropriate level of learning for weekly classes focusing on Hebrew taking place Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The staff is excited to share all the methods being implemented to help the children of the Congregation succeed at Temple Beth Zion's Religious School.

On September 30 there will be a Consecration service for students in Kindergarten and newly registered students in grades 1-3.

If you are interested in learning more about the opportunities for your child at TBZ's Religious School, contact Kara Kane at 716-836-6565, ext. 112.

Breast Cancer Walk



TBZ Sisterhood members Clareanne and Marilyn attended the Kickoff Luncheon for the Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk that will take place October 13. The Temple Beth Zion Sisterhood welcomes the community to join their team for the Walk. The Team hopes to raise money that will help end breast cancer! If interested or you have questions, please call Marilyn 832-4757.

Congregation Hesed Abraham @ Chautauqua

Congregation Hesed Abraham of Greater Jamestown is pleased to announce that High Holy Day Services will be held at Hurlbut Church on the campus of the Chautaugua Institution.

All members of the public are cordially invited to join us for services, which will be conducted by Rabbi Allen Podet and members of the Congregation. Kol Nidre

> chant will be done by Bruce Battler.

> For further information, please contact President Joseph Gerstel at (716) 487-0950 or 665-2118.



Rosh Hashanah

September 9-11

Mincha	7:25 PM	Sept. 9, 11
Maariv	8:05 PM	Sept. 9 - 1
Shachris	9:00 AM	Sept. 10, 1
Blowing of the Shofar	11:15 AM	Sept. 10, 1
Festive Meal, Mincha	1:15 PM	Sept. 10

Yom Kippur

Mincha Erev Yom Kipp	3:15 PM	Sept. 18
Kol Nidrei	7:15 PM	Sept. 18
Shachris	9:00 AM	Sept. 19
Yizkor	11:30 AM	Sept. 19
Mincha	5:40 PM	Sept. 19
Neilah Befreshments wi	7:00 PM	Sept. 19

Sukkot

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September 23-25

Mincha	7:00 PM	Sept. 23-24
Maariv and Refeeshments	7:40 PM	Sept. 23-24
Shachris and Kiddooh	10:00 AM	Sept. 24-25

Simchat Torah

September 30 - October 2

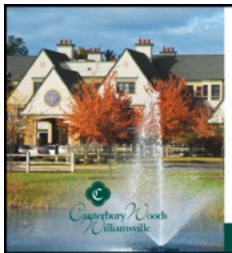
Mineha	6:50 PM	Sept. 30 - Oct. 1
Maariv Kiddush and Hakafet	7:25 PM	Sept. 30 - Oct. 1
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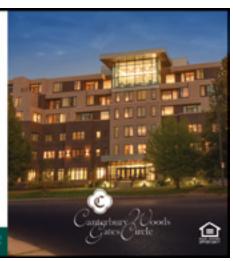
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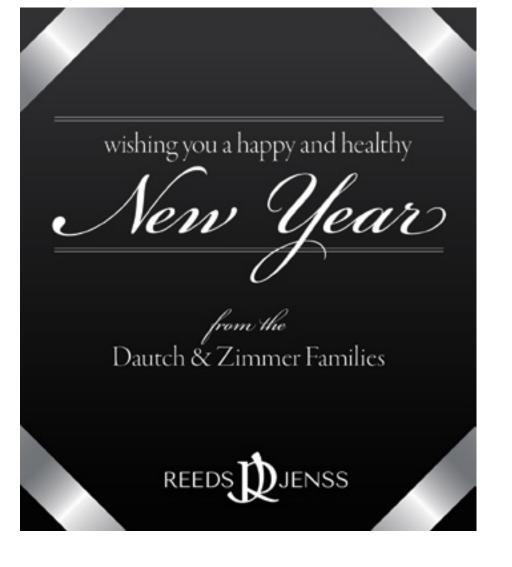
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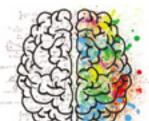








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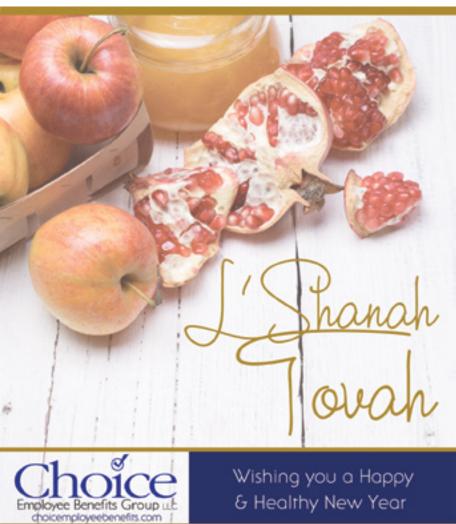


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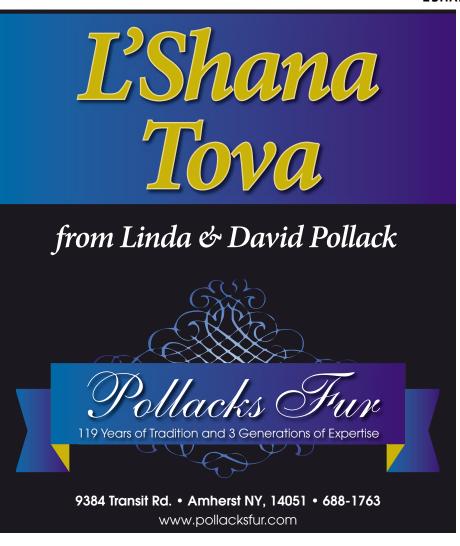
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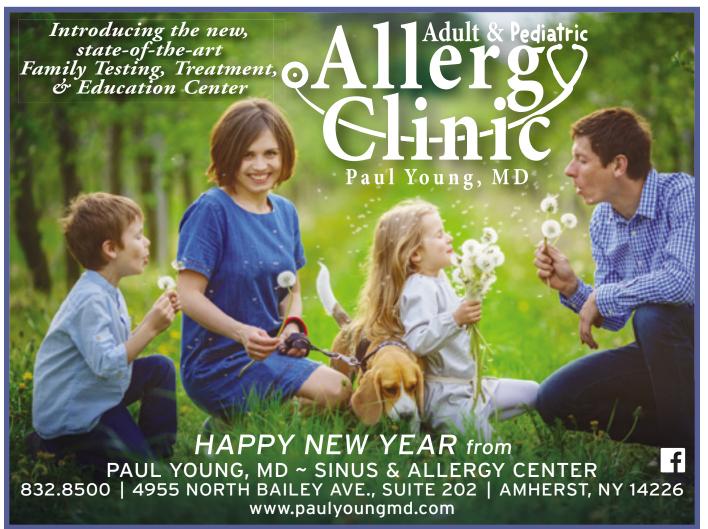
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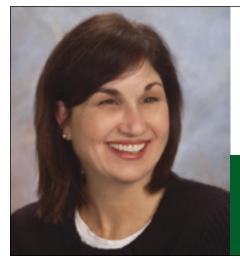
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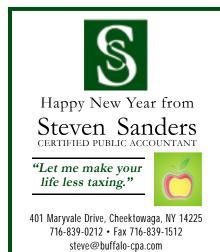


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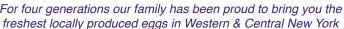
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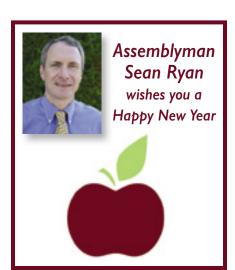




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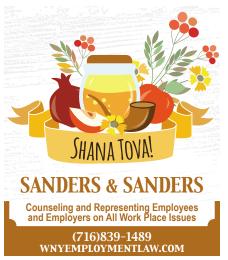
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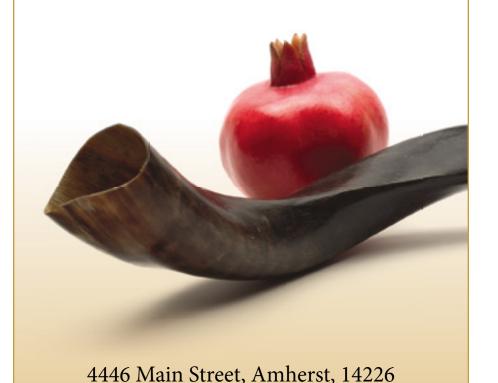




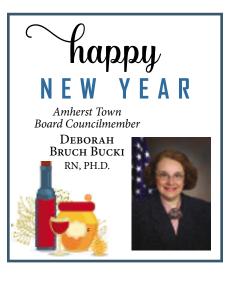
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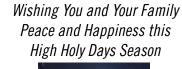














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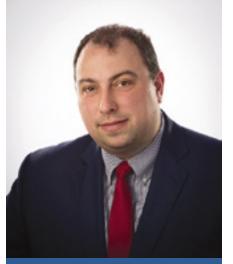




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September 10-11

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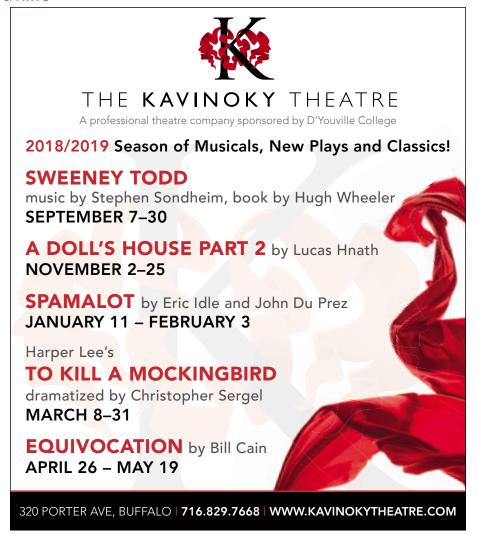
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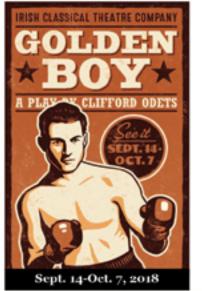
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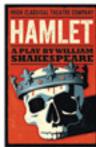
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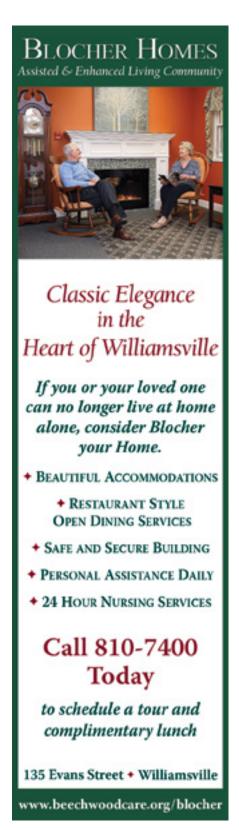








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Buffalo Students @ AJC Global Forum in Israel

By Logan Woodard

This past June, I had the incredible experience of traveling to Jerusalem with six UB students to attend the 2018 AJC Global Forum, thanks to the generosity of the Benderson family. The American Jewish Committee (AJC) is a Jewish advocacy organization that tackles issues facing Jewish communities across the globe. Most years, AJC hosts its Global Forum in Washington D.C. This year, however, the Global Forum was held in Jerusalem to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the State of Israel. Close to 2,500 people from all corners of the world attended the Global Forum, including 400 college students.

This year's Global Forum was truly spectacular. Members from across the Israeli political spectrum, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Reuven Rivlin, and members of the Knesset such as Rachel Azaria, Naftali Bennet, Avi Gabbay, and Tzipi Livni, addressed the crowd. We were joined by various ranking officials from countries such as Bulgaria and Austria. We witnessed Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz make history as he stated that Austria has a responsibility to both the Jewish People and Israel.

Because the Global Forum was held in Jerusalem, unique opportunities were offered for attendees to go on various excursions across Israel. These included tours of the Jordan Valley, religious sites in Jerusalem, and IDF bases. When I asked David Tallents, a Junior Political Science, Mathematics, and Economics student at UB, who is Christian, about his experience, he said "Staying in Jerusalem, I was awestruck by Jewish sites such as the Western Wall, as well as by sites holy to my faith, including the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. At the Forum itself, I spent a good deal of time learning about the



State of Israel and the issues facing it today. I hope to use what I learned in Israel as a foundation for continued work with the Jewish community in Israel, the United States, and around the

Marie Meltzer, a Sophomore Political Science major, enjoyed meeting with "other like-minded people who were eager to learn and engage with speakers at the conference." I am looking forward to working with these students back in Buffalo to bring back AJC's messages of unity, hope, and peace to Hillel of Buffalo, the UB campus, and the larger community.

Logan Woodward is an Ezra Fellow at Hillel of Buffalo.

TENDING GRIEF THROUGH SONG, MEDITATION, AND SHARING 2 workshops offered 9/4 and 10/2

Dr. Yonina Andrea Foster, therapeutic musician and pastoral educator, will offer a program on dealing with grief Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm and again Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm at Congregation Shir Shalom.

"Through simple songs and chants we will sing or listen as we feel is right for each of us," she explains. "We will share brief stories of our loved ones and our grief, if, and as we choose to, and our healing. We will sit in silence and reflect on tending ourselves, our lives, our not knowing, through a chaos we never fathomed, to love and compassion for ourselves and this process. We may express ourselves through words. We might even write, play an instrument, draw, or dance, our feelings as we see fit in the group. We will do this in a place of confidentiality, safety."

Dr. Foster returned to Williamsville, in July 2017, after almost four decades' absence. Twenty seven of those years



were with her husband in Germantown. Maryland. Yonina's husband, Steve B. Katz, died in September 2016, from brain cancer.

In Maryland, Dr. Foster created Musical Memories, engaging music programs for Elder Wisdomkeepers in Memory Care, Assisted and Independent living facilities. Foster also brings her listening and reflective skills from years in Seminary and pastoral studies. A Reiki Master, energy healer, Foster also holds a PH.D. in American Studies from George Washington University. Foster, a 1975 grad from Amherst Central High School was then known as Andrea Kim Foster.

Foster's journey through her own grief horror-with constant support and guidance from loving, supportive friends, and mental health professionals-has led to this workshop and her desire to help others tend their souls toward wholeness, peace, growth.

Yad B'Yad **ONE MOMENT AT A TIME**



By Cindi Mikulik

The beginning of the New Year is the perfect time to take stock of the vear behind us and to look ahead to the future. The past 12 months was very active for Yad B'Yad. Some of the highlights included: building a Sukkah and dedicating a library at the Women's Jewish Group Home, working with the Town of Amherst to issue a proclamation for Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month, and displaying a lovely art exhibit with a reception featuring the work of Yad B'Yad artists. We hosted monthly Aspies meetings, several Yad B'Yad programs, and gatherings at the Women's Group Home with the ladies and their families.

In June, Yad B'Yad became part of the new Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning, which is powered by the Buffalo Jewish Federation. Together with other education-based agencies, we are evaluating our programs and determining the best way for us to enhance our work through engagement. For now, we are in the learning stages, and very excited about this new approach. Our goal is to engage with many more people in a more personal way. Over the next few months, as we continue learning and evaluating, more information about this transition will be forthcoming. Yad B'Yad will continue meeting with the residents of the Women's Jewish Group home, and the Buffalo Aspies Group throughout.

As we embark on this very exciting, positive change, I leave you with a quote from author, Libba Bray: "And that is how change happens. One gesture. One person. One moment at a time".

Best wishes to all of you for a sweet New Year!

Cindi Mikulik is director of Yad B'Yad.

HRC'S JOE DIAMOND SPEAKERS BUREAU TRAINING PROGRAM JULY 2018 GRADUATES FIVE NEW SPEAKERS

By Dr. William Lin

The Joe Diamond Speakers Bureau Training Program is a historic new initiative by the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo. Over a number of sessions in the past two weeks, the first participants read, discussed, and worked on presentations aimed at educating and preserving the lessons of the Holocaust.

The participants are committed to honoring their family members, those who lived through as well as those who perished during this tragic period, by continuing the vital outreach efforts to middle and high school students and to other community organizations. The participants-- Wendy Weisbrot, Nurit Fischer Shemer, Ellen and Tom Dubie, and Bill Lin-- were guided in their efforts by facilitator/ educator Amanda Friedeman from the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, and Eileen Angelini, HRC's education outreach coordinator. Each participant created a focused, researched and rehearsed presentation of their family members' story of survival.

Participant and donor Wendy Weisbrot, daughter of Joe Diamond, said to the group after intense sessions. "There are no words that will suffice to thank all of you for our shared experiences over the past several days. It was my honor and privilege to work with all of you. Thank you for



Bill Lin, Tom Dubie, Eileen Angelini, Amanda Friedeman, Nurit Fischer Shemer, and Wendy Weisbrot at the Joe Diamond Speakers Bureau training program.

being part of my family's effort to perpetuate my dad's name in a meaningful way. He would also be incredibly proud of all of you."

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Tuesday, September 18

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Wednesday, September 19

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Monday, September 24

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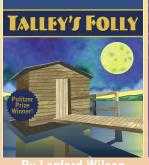
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Free Opening Reception Sunday, August 19 at 3:30pm, Holland Family Building, Buffalo.



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The Strudel Lady is Cookin' at JRT this Fall

The Jewish Repertory Theatre of Western New York opens its 16th season with THE STRUDEL LADY Thursday, October 4. "We are looking forward to bringing audiences JRT's first musical in many years," says Saul Elkin, JRT Founding Artistic Director. "This is an entertaining and thought-provoking musical story about marriage and Jewish traditions and we're sure that audiences are going to 'eat it up!" (Of note: strudel will be offered to audience members during intermission.)

JRT's production of THE STRUDEL LADY is also a World Premiere for playwright and composer Shirl Solomon. Born in Philadelphia, Shirl attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and later studied at the Instituto de Allende, Mexico, before travels took her to the Canary Islands, Spain, Italy, Greece, Israel and Papeete, Tahiti where she studied painting with Paul Gaugain's son. Later in Florida, she became a courtroom artist and was assigned by NBC to render what became the last documented image of Howard Hughes, as described by the two pilots who were the last to see him alive while flying him from Mexico to Texas. "My tools range



STUDEL WORKSHOPS OFFERED THIS MONTH

To sweeten the season, JRT is offering two strudel baking workshops with Barbara Keating of Sweet Temptations du Jour. Using Eastern European recipes that have been handed down from generation to generation, Barbara will teach participants how to make strudel from scratch.

Two workshops are being offered, September 20 and 27, 6-9:30 at the Polish Cadets Hall, 927 Grant St, Buffalo, NY 14207. Cost per person is \$45 and includes a strudel making demonstration, along with a presentation of the cultural history and traditions surrounding strudel. Each participant will make his/her own strudel to take home, along with a traditional babushka



and recipes. People may bring their own wine and will enjoy a homemade meal of pizza, salad and antipasti salad, accompanied by live music while strudels are

Space is limited to 10 per workshop - so book early! To reserve your space, call Jordana Halpern, Managing Director of the Jewish Repertory Theater, at 716-204-2255 or contact jhalpern@jccbuffalo.org

from pen and ink, water color, pastel and oils," says Solomon. "My religious works reflect my Jewish background, but mostly, I attempt to capture the romance, humor and floundering of humans."

In THE STRUDEL LADY, Solomon draws from her own family history to create the characters of Velvel, based on her own father who was an Orthodox Jewish Cantor and Faiga, based on her own Orthodox Jewish mother who was "given" to Velvel in marriage. "My mother accepted the marriage arrangement as she was anxious to leave her Jerusalem ghetto and come with Velvel to America," says Solomon. "Their real life personalities truly reflect their stage roles."

THE STRUDEL LADY is directed by Saul Elkin and stars Lisa Ludwig, Tom Makar, David Marciniak, and Mary Kate O'Connell. Audiences who attend opening night will have the chance to meet Shirl Solomon, who now lives in West Palm Beach, FL, at the pre-show reception as well as onstage, when Solomon joins the cast and director for a postperformance theatre talk back.

The Jewish Repertory Theatre of Western New York is a program of the JCC of Greater Buffalo. This season's original artwork is created by artist Eta Rottenberg. For more information on JRT productions, dates and tickets, visit www. jewishrepertorytheatre.com. Tickets are available at 716-650-7626, through Showclix at 1-888-718-4253 (Monday-Friday, 9am-9pm EST) at either JCC member services desk and at www. jewishrepertorytheatre.com

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Time:

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Buffalo Hadassah: Full Steam Ahead for Fall

Hadassah, along with many other organizations, had an informational table set up during The Great Buffalo Jewbilee. Several other Hadassah events took place in August including a card party held at Amberleigh, planned by Mickey Savit. An informative presentation by Dr. Benjamin Bensadon on recent research on aging was presented at the home of Maxine Seller on August 27. The following evening Hadassah and Beth Tzedek Women's Network sponsored a talk by Dr. Sharon Hart-Green, author of Come Back for Me. In October, a new slate of officers will be installed at a luncheon meeting.

An important panel discussion, titled "American Jews and Israel: An Uncertain Relationship" is planned for November 18 at 2:00 PM in the Lippman Lounge at the Benderson JCC. The panel will be chaired by Rob Goldberg, CEO of the Buffalo Jewish Federation. Participating panelists will be Rabbi Sara Rich-Buffalo Hillel Director, Leslie Shuman Kramer-Vice President of the Buffalo Jewish Federation and a member of IFNA's National Women's Philanthropy Board, and Rabbi Jonathan Freirich-Rabbi at Temple Beth Zion. This free event is cosponsored by the Federation and is

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The last event scheduled for 2018 is a Chanukah party December 7 at the home of Judi Stern where lunch will be served and each guest is asked to bring

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By Beth Steinberg



Students and faculty at Kadimah Academy in 2018.

Following several weeks of concern this spring regarding the future of Kadimah Academy - Buffalo's only community Jewish Day School, - the school's Board of Directors voted to approve a budget that will allow the school to remain in operation for the coming academic year.

What was quite remarkable was how a team of trustees, teachers, parents, and even our young students, faced with the threat of losing the school they so cherish, rallied together in an unprecedented "Save Our School" campaign.

Our appeal on Facebook and elsewhere raised \$40,000 in less than six weeks, including 26 donations of \$1,000 or more. We received impassioned messages of support from near and far in support of our commitment to provide a quality community Jewish day school education in Buffalo. Kadimah's students, eager to do whatever they could to ensure the school stay open, convinced us to host our first Annual Garage Sale, complete with face painting, Jewish joke-telling, and more.

At the same time, faculty and others committed to the cause collaborated in a review of every expense and income line in the budget, making bold cuts and changes to our budget and our structure. Everything we could address in the time available was explored in an effort to keep the doors and classrooms of Kadimah Academy open for its 60th year!

Now, more than ever, we are working to share the story of Kadimah with the Jewish community of Western New York, to convince our community partners and prospective families not only of

the value of a pluralistic Jewish day school education, but of how Kadimah specifically provides educational excellence through Jewish values.

Our students, former and current, have the most wonderful stories to share! Over the next several months on these pages, you will see the profiles of Kadimah graduates... some from several decades ago and some more recent. They are eager to share with you how significantly their Kadimah education has impacted their lives and careers.

They know that without the breadth and depth of their Kadimah experience, they would not have such strong connections to Jewish observance and institutions, to leadership in the Jewish community (no matter where they find themselves in the world) and most definitely, to the land and people of Israel. They have stories to share of the inspiration they found at Kadimah to pursue careers in the sciences, law, business, education, and in the arts. And they will readily tell you of the deep and life-long friendships they made at Kadimah which continue to enrich their lives today.

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Caregivers: Be Kind to Yourself for a Sweet New Year

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"The traditional Rosh Hashanah greeting of 'L'Shanah Tovah' translates to 'May you have a good year.' It's what we try to help our community and clients accomplish year 'round," JFS President and CEO Marlene Schillinger says. "We focus on helping all in need define and embark on positive new beginnings that will lead to long-term results." Schillinger admits, however, that as daily living has become more complex,



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 $www.jfsbuffalo.org \ 716.883.1914$ 70 Barker Street Buffalo NY 14209 navigating and sustaining a "sweet" path through the year has become more challenging. "This may be especially true for people who are caring for an aging parent or other elder, or a disabled family member, often while managing their own family responsibilities," she

There are many rewards to caregiving, but caregivers can often feel overwhelmed and frustrated. They may also be coping with financial burdens, loss of personal time and privacy, isolation from their own friends and families, non-cooperation from the person they are caring for, and stress from juggling job, family and caregiving.

Among the "7 Tips for Rosh Hashanah" for 2018 offered by Alyssa Rachel Gross at www.aish.com is the directive to "Be

Kind to Yourself." Observance of Jewish High Holy Days, with its Torah-based directive to find wisdom to translate G-d's will into a personal strategy for living, is a good time for caregivers to begin treating themselves better, Schillinger says.

"Caregivers often put their loved one first, neglecting themselves physically, mentally and emotionally. They may feel overwhelmed and experience difficult emotions such as anxiety, guilt, depression, anger and resentment," she advises. "This is a normal part of caregiving, but one that needs to be paid attention to. It is not selfish for caregivers to take care of themselves."

JFS offers counseling to help people deal with the stress of caregiving through the auspices of the Erie County Department of Senior Services. A



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professional caregiver support counselor -a JFS licensed clinical social workerwill meet with caregivers at a time and place of their preference. The six talk therapy sessions are designed to help people clarify the challenges they are facing, figure out the best ways of dealing with those challenges, and provide support.

This counseling is confidential and appointments must be scheduled through the Caregiver Resource Center of the Erie County Department of Senior Services at 716-858-8526 or caregiver@ erie.gov. There is no cost, but voluntary contribution of \$25 is appreciated.

In addition to her advice for

caregivers, Schillinger advises everyone to set practical guidelines for achieving a "sweet New Year." Practicing mental wellness strategies such as mindfulness -moment-by-moment awareness of thoughts, feelings and surroundingscan be helpful.

"The board and leadership of Jewish Family Service wish you and your families a sweet New Year filled with happiness and peace. If at any point change in your life becomes a challenge, call us. We can help," she says.

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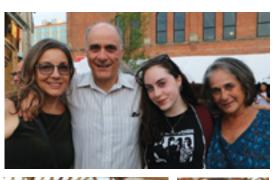


















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"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself..."

By Dr. Theodore Steinberg and Pastor Craig D. Pridgen

In 1939, the great African-American novelist Zora Neale Hurston published one of her most important novels, Moses, Man of the Mountain. In 1951, the popular Yiddish novelist Sholem Asch published his novel Moyshe (which is Yiddish for Moses). Although the chances that these two novelists from such different backgrounds knew each other's works is close to zero, the appearance of these two novels focusing on the biblical Moses is far from a coincidence.

In the African-American community that was fighting for the very basics of Civil Rights, and for the Jewish community that was recovering from and trying to deal with the consequences of the Holocaust, the figure of Moses had a special resonance. Nor should we forget that one of the most famous of all spirituals is "Go Down, Moses," or that Moses is considered by Jews as the greatest of the prophets.

And that remembrance brings us to one more, to the fact that the most famous "conductor" on the Underground Railroad that took people from the horrors and injustices of slavery to freedom was Harriet Tubman, who was known, for obvious reasons, as Moses.

We in Western New York are particularly fortunate to have in our midst The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Area, a recently opened museum that documents and celebrates the heroic efforts of countless individuals who took concrete action against the evils of slavery. On July 19, the two of us were privileged to attend

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a tour of the museum. But we were not alone. Rather we were part of a group of about forty people who came together for the tour. Half of this group were members of The Niagara Falls Experience of True Bethel Baptist Church and half were members of the Buffalo Jewish Community Relations Council, in other words Christians and Jews, blacks and whites. We were there for several







Buffalo Community members at the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage area.

reasons: to learn the history, to become more aware of the kinds of resilience and determination that difficult times require, and above all, to share.

It is that sharing that we most want to emphasize. We live in a time that seems to be dominated by forces that want to drive us apart—ethnically, racially, religiously, and nationally. In the Qu'ran we read, "woe to those who give short measure, who demand of other people full measure for themselves, but when they give by measurement or weight to others, they give them less" (83:1-3), which is a very specific way of saying, "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12), which is another way of saying "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18).

Notice that none of those statements contain qualifications. None of them say that we should only treat people who share our race, our religion, our ethnicity, or our nationality with respect. They are

universal.

That was the spirit that prevailed at the Underground Railroad Museum. We were not there to engage in comparative suffering—"my people suffered more than yours." In both our tour and in the ensuing discussion, it was clear that people had come together, truly together, to try to understand persecution, to appreciate and praise those who had fought against persecution, and to commit themselves to continuing that fight. It was the kind of evening that needs to be repeated over and over again, because, apparently, we need to be constantly reminded that these are not only religious ideals but also American

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