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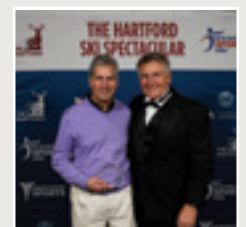
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Editor's Note



Ellen Goldstein, Editor

Happy New Year! Shana Tova! 5779 is already here, and our holy days and festivals are almost over. As you can see from the cover, the Buffalo Israel Experience is ready to "take off!" As I write this, more than 80 Buffalonians are gearing up for this highly-anticipated Buffalo journey to Israel in celebration of Israel's 70th birthday. Check out the stories and photos on page 3, read on page 8 about our P2G community in the Western Galilee that we will visit, and don't miss Cantor Arlene Frank's anticipatory musings on page 16.

We have a diverse mix of community members—younger, older, males and females, first-time visitors and experienced Israel-travelers. I'm going too, along with my husband Mitch. I've begun packing, taking care to include an extra iphone power bank and my camera battery charger. I am looking forward not only to seeing Jerusalem again and standing at the Kotel on Shabbat, but also to seeing old friends and former Buffalonians. I will also be writing a blog during the trip. Mitch and I will be sharing photos and look-backs at our days there. You'll be able to find the blog address and how to follow us on Federation's website, www.buffalojewishfederation.org.

Make sure to read the story about the October 11 Community Kick-Off event Keynote Speaker David Gregory on page 5. That night, the community will also be honoring Jeremy Jacobs with the Nathan Benderson Community Service Award, as well as Emerging Leadership awardees Nina Lukin and Alan Rosenhoch. There's still time to buy tickets for this Not-To-Be-Missed evening. You can either call 204-2245 or go to www.buffalojewishfederation.org, but do so TODAY!

Finally, turn to pages 9, 10 and 11 for photo coverage of August's Great Buffalo Jewbilee! It was a fabulous, important day for Jewish Buffalo with all sorts of Jewish Buffalonians and their friends and neighbors coming together to celebrate our Jewish culture. There was yummy food, Jewy music, programs and projects for everyone from little kids to elders, and a stupendous re-dedication of the JCC's Holland Family Building. Many kudos to Special Events Coordinator Keren Green and her committee for a magical day!

Beginning in late October, look for me on the Federation's Facebook page as well as the Israel blog address posting photos. This year in Jerusalem. May it be the best year yet for us all!

Ellen Goldstein - Editor

On The Cover



The cover features Federation's October 11th Campaign Kick-Off Event with keynote speaker journalist David Gregory. Also that night, Jeremy Jacobs will receive the Nathan Benderson Community Service Award and Alan Rosenhoch and Nina Lukin will receive the Emerging Leadership Awards. *Cover design by Kim Miers. Cover Art by Jill Komm.*

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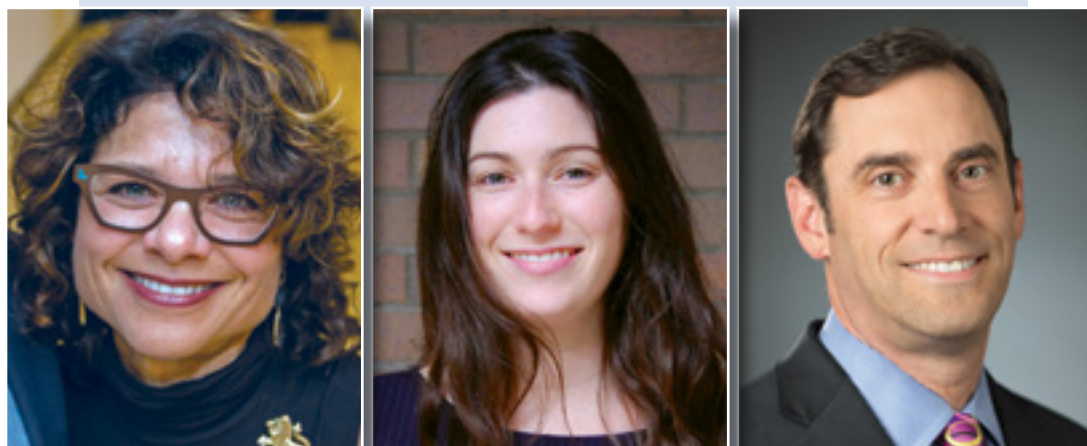
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Leslie Kramer, Sheri Rodman and **Steven Weiss** are the visionaries behind the 2018 Buffalo Israel Experience. As Co-Chairs of the experience, they have worked directly with our trip provider, Makor, to build an itinerary which is bountiful it is diverse array of options for travelers. Their positive energy and passion for sharing Israel with others has infused all of our pre-trip work.

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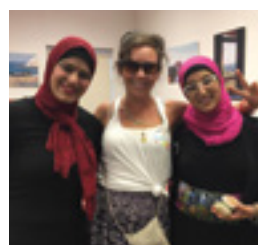
Pre-school program in the Western Galilee for Jewish and Arab Israeli children to learn and play together



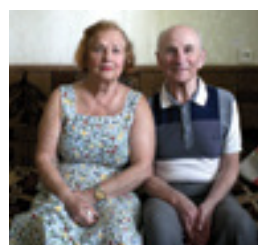
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David Gregory to Keynote Kick-Off 10/11

CNN Journalist and former host of NBC's *Meet the Press* will be the keynote speaker at this year's Campaign for Jewish Buffalo's Kick-Off Thursday, October 11 beginning at 5:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. The event, a Jewish community fall favorite, is chaired by Jessica & Frank Altman and Julie & Michael Weinberg.

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Tickets to the event are \$95 and a reservation is a must!

To attend, a primary individual minimum \$100 gift to the 2019 Annual Campaign is requested.

You can register and pay online at www.buffalojewishfederation.org or call Randi Morkisz, Assistant Executive Director at 204-2245.

In a year of important mid-term national elections and political turmoil, he will be talking about his Jewish journey and his book, *How's Your Faith?*, then answering any questions from the audience. Here is a little introduction to what he will speak about:

On August 14, 2014, while boarding a plane to pick up his children at summer camp, David Gregory learned that, after six years as moderator of *Meet the Press*, he was no longer the host of the program. He had had his final show—the “greatest job (he) ever had” was over. After an entire professional life spent as a journalist, twenty of those years at NBC, Gregory was abruptly without a job, a very public and humiliating blow.

But for more than ten years, Gregory had been on a spiritual journey. True, his work world had fallen apart, but his larger life—his sense of himself and the love of his family, his wonder at the venerable trees in the woods near his home—was solid. And he had faith and knew he could rely on it to carry him through. *How's Your Faith?* Is about Gregory on his journey—a



David Gregory

continuing journey—to find meaning and purpose in life through finding God.

The son of a Jewish father and lapsed Catholic mother, Gregory had always considered himself a Jew. On the High Holidays he went with his father to the Synagogue for Performing Arts in Los Angeles, and he had a Bar Mitzvah when he was 13 years old.

A President of the United States once asked David Gregory, “How’s your faith?” That question did not come out of the blue. George W. Bush asked Gregory this question while he was covering the White House after hearing that he had been studying the Bible for several years. Gregory’s book chronicles the story of his return to faith as an adult to find deeper meaning in his life and make sense of some painful parts of his past. Gregory charts his personal journey towards finding something greater, speaking on what he learned of President Bush’s faith and what he learned about his own faith and purpose during the humbling experience of losing his job at NBC.



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Buffalo Lions of Judah... the Story Continues



The Jewish Journal of WNY has been profiling Buffalo women since the spring who make a Lion of Judah (LOJ) level gift (\$5,000+). We have learned many interesting things about these valuable community members, but mostly, we have learned why they continue to make our community as warm, friendly, connected and innovative as it is. Our Buffalo Jewish community creates loyal fans, as many of our Lions are. This month, meet Rise' Kulick, Joni Shatkin and Hannah Weinberg. Their stories add more lustre to the "Buffalo as the City of Good Neighbors" lore.



Rise' Kulick

Rise' Kulick has been a community leader ever since she became an adult, along with her husband, Kevin. Some of her roles include being Vice President and President of the JCC, as well as chair of its personnel and nominating committees. At Federation, she chaired Women's Division, Women's Education committee, Super Sunday, and the personnel committees. She was also the Federation's 1989 Young Women's Leadership Award Winner. While her daughter, Abigail, was a student at Ithaca College, Rise' was president of the Ithaca College Hillel in order to re-invigorate the agency, and she was also president of SUNY Buffalo Hillel. She has served on the boards of the BJE, JFS, was Vice President of Kadimah and its director of student recruitment. In the late 70s, she was part of restructuring of Buffalo Hadassah and then became president of Tikvah Hadassah Group. Currently, she is a United Way investment volunteer reviewer, current Federation and JCC board member and part of the Temple Beth Tzedek Social Action project that works at Friends of the Night People each month, and has done so for the past five years. She was also a president of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery's Junior Group, part of its Member's Council, and involved with Park School activities.

When asked why she is a Lion of Judah, Rise' quickly answered "If women want to be counted and taken seriously, they have to be part of philanthropy. You can't make a statement about empowerment unless you give of your time AND resources. I believe that the future well-being of local and global Jewish community is linked to women's philanthropy." She continued, "I also think we need to teach our daughters and granddaughters the importance of giving. We need to show the next two generations how important it is to give, both our time and our resources.

Rise' believes that Jews give to Jewish causes, and if we want to live in a thriving and vibrant Jewish community, we have to help create it. "Giving to the Federation is one way to do it. There are lots of other people giving to many other causes. We as Jews have to help ourselves."

"By giving to the Federation, I feel that my gift is being used appropriately for all Buffalo's Jewish agencies as well as internationally," she said. I think because of my involvement with Women's Division, Planning & Allocations, and a former agency president, I understand what's done with the money- how it's allocated and why. The process by which money is allocated from the Federation is not at all just a rubber stamp process. I really understand why funds are given to agencies both locally and around the world," she said.

"The local community matters to me," Rise' explained. "I think of myself as a Buffalo Jew. The adjective is 'Buffalo,' and the noun is 'Jew.' Everything I do involves being Jewish, but the Buffalo community means everything to me, as well. I can't separate the two. Being part of a community is so important, as Kevin and I have seen lately. Because of medical treatment, we have been in Phoenix for an extended period, and have been very graciously welcomed and drawn into the Jewish community of Phoenix, for which we are both grateful.

Both Rise' and Kevin Kulick modeled leadership roles as well as work for their three children when they were growing up. "Kevin and I wanted our children to see our involvement so they know that community just doesn't happen on its own. You have to help make it work. We feel fortunate that all three kids have sought out and become active involved in their current communities—Abigail in Gloucester, MA, Ben in Cleveland, and David in New Orleans. Rise' wanted them to understand that actions have consequences. "Leadership means if we are a Jewish agency, we exemplify behavior in a Jewish manner- compassion, tzedakah, justice, community."



Joni Shatkin

Joni Shatkin exudes energy, enthusiasm, excitement and ideas. She's a "Let's make the community better. Here's how we can start!" kind of person, and it shows with her projects and volunteerism.

Joni is married to plastic surgeon Dr. Sam Shatkin, has three adult children—Rachel, Danielle and Michael-- and is the owner of Tres Auree' Spa on Main Street in Williamsville. She serves on the Federation board and was part of the Federation's Young Leadership group, was on the BJE board, and was involved with PALS when her children were young, as well as other committees and groups at Temple Beth Zion. The parent of a child with juvenile diabetes, she started a support group --"POD- Parents of Diabetics" 20 years ago. She is past chair of the annual gift auction for the local Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRE) and has been on the local board of JDRE for 14 years.

"I think my appreciation of Federation is profound," she said. "I am awed by those contributing money AND time to the Buffalo Jewish Community. Being an LOJ doesn't make me any better than anyone else. But it is very special to me. And I know my money goes to the best

place it can in Buffalo—Federation."

"In my family, this is extremely important," she said. "My confidence that Federation will appropriate and use funds where they are most needed is very strong. It's like Federation is doing my homework for me. I don't have to research all the different agencies, organizations or projects here, Israel, around the world, because Federation has done it locally and nationally. That gives me assurance my money is going to the right places.

"For me, the key word is 'appreciate,'" Joni explained. "Beginning with the leadership on down, from CEO Rob Goldberg, Assistant Executive Director Randi Morkisz, President Steve Weiss and incoming President Leslie Kramer down through all the professional and lay leadership, everyone is superb. We feel so lucky to be in Buffalo with this type of leadership, and we also know that every dollar counts, and needs to be directed responsibly."

Joni mentioned one thing she particularly loves about Jewish Buffalo. "Our community is so unique. It doesn't matter what part of the community you came from- Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, everyone respects each other's approach to practicing their Judaism, which makes us a stronger community."

She cares about women in philanthropy and strongly believes that women giving matters. That is one of the reasons she has agreed to chair Women's Philanthropy at Federation for the 2020 and 2021 Campaigns. "We need to be counted as equal partners in creating Jewish community," she said. This comes from my women's point-of-view. My kids have been able to be active. We need to make everyone feel welcome and be welcomed, so Buffalo can continue to grow and thrive," she added.

Joni related one project with which she took a very hands-on approach. "The forerunner of Nickel City Jews (NCJ) started in my basement," she recalled. Her daughter Danielle had just finished college. Joni and Sam and a few friends wondered if there were other young Jews in Buffalo for their kids to socialize with. With help from Federation and the Bureau of Jewish Education, they invited 65 - Danielle's friends and others— young people together in the Shatkin's basement for a party for young adult Jews. They joined with the Federation's effort and created NCJ for those 21-41 years old. "We shared our energy and helped make it happen for our Jewish Buffalo's future. That's why we need

to create community and continue to donate to our local campaign,” she said.

She is clearly passionate about building a future for the younger generation. “They are why it’s so important to give money, time, energy,” she said. Joni has the satisfaction of knowing her money will be well-spent, respects and trusts the leadership, and through Federation, she thinks Jewish Buffalo’s outlook is better than ever!



Hannah Weinberg

Hannah Weinberg’s involvement as a Lion of Judah stems from a strong conviction to support the community. “We were both born in Toronto, but Norman, my husband, and I have lived in Buffalo for almost 50 years. We feel close to the Jewish community here. We want to support it, and we always want to support Israel,” she explained. “Philanthropy is part of my feeling of identity with the Jewish people,” she said.

In Buffalo, Hannah was a member of ORT, part of a Kosher gourmet dinner group through ORT, National Council of Jewish Women and American Jewish Committee (AJC)- when they both had Buffalo Chapters, and Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies (FJP). Hannah and Norm were honored in 2002 by AJC in Buffalo with the Pursuit of Justice Award, and by FJP with the Community Leadership Award in 2012. Hannah and Norm are also involved in AIPAC and Jewish National Fund, where they donated money for firetrucks when there were serious fires in Haifa several years ago, and were honored with the JNF Guardian of Israel Award in 2014. In Buffalo, they chaired the Wisdom of Jewish Buffalo series at Temple Beth El for 13 year.

When asked how she became involved with Federation, Hannah had an unusual story. “We were members of Temple Beth El in Buffalo, and I attended a conference put on by Federation for women in 2000 or 2001 that was held at Beth El. The

late Congress Member Louise Slaughter was the keynote speaker, and I was blown away by everything I saw there. Following the conference, I decided to get involved with Federation. Then Marge Nobel asked me to be a Lion, and then Norm and I took the Melton Courses. I loved everything Federation was able to do or make possible. It just reinforced my very strong sense of my Jewish heritage,” she said.

Hannah is a Lion in Buffalo as well as Sarasota, Florida, and has been honored by the Sarasota Federation with the 2015 “Ayshet Chayil (Woman of Valor)” Award. When asked why she bothers to give this level of gift in Buffalo, where she spends the least time, she was adamant, “I couldn’t bring myself not to give here,” she said. “Buffalo is very important to us. We had our business here for many years, and Buffalo has been good to us in many ways,” she said.

Hannah and Norm Weinberg are both chemists with degrees from the University of Toronto and elsewhere. He has a Doctorate and she holds a Master’s degree. In 1970, after living in Israel, Stamford, CT., and Montreal for work and school, Norm landed a job as a chemist at Hooker Chemical Research Labs on Grand Island. Hannah became a high school chemistry teacher at Williamsville North and Clarence Senior High schools. Their son, Eric- who was born in Toronto shortly after they returned from Israel, is a radiologist who lives in Rochester with his wife, Margot, a pediatrician, and children Sam, Amelia and Julia. Their daughter, Laurie- who was born in Stamford, CT., lives in Toronto with her husband, Warren, and their daughter, Eden. They are both lawyers and Laurie is also a practicing therapist.

But before moving to the US, Norm took a post-doctoral program at the Technion in Israel, and they were able to spend a year in Haifa. Hannah explained that the year in Israel changed their lives forever. She said that while growing up as a Jew in the 50s in Toronto, she was aware of a great deal of latent anti-Semitism. Her last name was “Cohen” – an obvious Jewish name. “When we came to Israel after that kind of childhood, I was astounded to live in a country where everyone is your “sister” or “brother.” We made wonderful, life-long friends there.”

Norm left Hooker Chemical in 1977, and the Weinbergs opened a chemical research and development company in Buffalo, the Electrosynthesis Company, Inc. Their unique business conducted research for government grants and

private industry. Hannah and Norm worked together in the business for over 20 years. “We are a team and we always do things together,” she said. “We were fortunate to sell our business to a UK utility company in May, 2001, just before 9/11.”

Thus began a new chapter in their lives, the Poland Jewish Cemetery Restoration Project (PJCRP). Norm began researching their genealogy when their first grandchild was born, using the website Jewish Gen. His family came from of town of Ozarow, Poland. Hannah’s family was also from Poland. Through Jewish Gen, Norm was contacted by a rabbi from Israel who was also a descendent of Ozarow, and asked Norm to help restore the cemeteries there. So the Weinbergs first went to Poland right after 9/11 in 2001.

In short, Norm and Hannah created this incredible project, traveled to Poland 8 times, and with their leadership and strong support, the Poland Jewish Cemetery restoration project restored 35 Jewish cemeteries in Poland. “It couldn’t have been done without the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies’

support,” Hannah said. This project also brought together the Polish and Jewish communities in Buffalo. The Weinbergs received many awards including being honored in 2006 in the home of the US Ambassador in Warsaw on the Project’s 5th anniversary, receiving the Citizen of the Year Award in 2007 by the Am-Pol Eagle representing the Polish community of Western New York, and the 2008 Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland from the Polish government given to Hannah and Norm by the Secretary of State of Poland to people who are not citizens of Poland who have brought together Jews and Poles. Madeline Albright received the same award in a different year. The Weinbergs continue to advise and assist with the PJCRP, but after 17 years, are now taking a lesser role.

Rise’ Kulick, Joni Shatkin, Hannah Weinberg. Three very different women with different approaches to living their Jewish lives. Three amazing example of Buffalo Lions of Judah, saving the world in as many ways as they can. Making a difference every day in Buffalo and around the world. And we in Buffalo continue to be proud of our LOJ Pride!

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Investing in Israel's Western Galilee

Enhancing Ties with Buffalo's Sister Region

By Ezra Rich & Mandy Weiss

Jewish Buffalo is expanding its commitment to the Western Galilee, a region in Israel with several similarities to Western New York. Led by a newly formed Task Force, the Federation is seeking to invest in critical programs in the Western Galilee as part of the annual community campaign.

The effort highlights the growth of a special friendship between Buffalo and the Western Galilee region through the Partnership2Gether Consortium which unites the region with Buffalo, 13 mid-sized American communities and Budapest, Hungary, under the auspices of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Jewish Federations of North America.

Chaired by Steven Yonaty, and comprising a diverse set of Buffalo's leadership, the Task Force honed in on the opportunity to support the Western Galilee with an eye toward supporting initiatives that would impact positive change across major categories, primarily: Youth-at-Risk, Peace Building, and Social Justice.

Located along the Mediterranean Sea, the Western Galilee stretches from the city of Akko to Israel's northern border with Lebanon. Susan Goldberg Schwartz, Director of Adult Engagement and staff liaison to the Partnership was a former resident of the region in the 1980s. Reflecting on a visit there in June 2018, she notes three characteristics that make the Western Galilee unique:

Defined by Diversity: The region is home to five religious and ethnic groups who coexist with one another: Baha'is, Christians, Druze, Muslims, and Jews. Jews comprise less than 50 % of the local population.

Israel's Northern Frontier: Flanked by Lebanon in the north and proximate to Syria, the region is vulnerable to attacks. The location has also enabled the region's Galilee Medical Center to provide life-saving medical care to Syrian refugees.



Susan Schwartz at a Food Pantry in the Western Galilee



Community professional leaders in Buffalo with Dr. Janan Faraj and Eyad Faraj (far right)



Hillel students in the Western Galilee

Living on the Periphery: Located far from the densely populated central core of Israel, the region has unique challenges. According to the Bank of Israel, for every 100 kilometers away from Tel Aviv, income drops by 15 %. Far from the nation's major economic engines, the region includes disadvantaged populations with limited employment opportunities. It is a region with challenges related to socioeconomic inequality, troubled youth and communities trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty.

Bordering Canada, located across the Empire State from New York City's economic forces and home to a diverse population, Buffalo can appreciate some of the elements that make the Western Galilee unique among the Israeli landscape. It is an area where strategic investment in dynamic programming can make an important difference in

the region. The Task Force is working with our partners in the Western Galilee region to identify initiatives that would receive a portion of the allocation from the 2019 campaign. Support from each member of the Buffalo Jewish community will make an impact in the lives of those in need of our support in the Western Galilee.

Since officially joining the Partnership two years ago, members of Buffalo's Jewish community have experienced the region firsthand. The Buffalo Jewish Federation's fall 2017 Women's Mission, chaired by Leslie Shuman Kramer, traveled there, as did Hillel of Buffalo students on Birthright during the winter of 2018, where they painted the regional hospital's secure areas and danced with local school children. In a few weeks, all participants of the Buffalo Jewish Federation's October Buffalo Israel Experience will be treated to home hospitality when they visit the region. In Buffalo, we have welcomed members of the Consortium, including educators to Buffalo to meet, speak and learn with us.

Most recently, Jewish Buffalo was honored to host one of the Western Galilee's most distinguished members, Dr. Janan Faraj Falah and her husband, Eyad Faraj, in August.

A member of Israel's Druze community, a unique religious and ethnic minority in Israel, Dr. Falah made history in 2017 as the first non-Jewish recipient of the Jerusalem Unity Prize. She is the founder of the Women's House for Peace in Akko, a center for culture, research and art and seeking to promote the activities of both Jewish and Arab women in the Western Galilee region. An accomplished academic, she is a senior lecturer at the Academic College of Education in Haifa, researcher at the University of Haifa and the International Academic Center for Conservation. Dr. Falah is the country's first Druze woman to earn a Ph.D. and become a professor of literature at an Israeli university.

For more information on the region and our Partnership efforts, please contact Susan Goldberg Schwartz (susan@buffalojewishfederation.org).



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Steve Goodwin Receives Prestigious National Disabled Sports Award



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Buffalo's Steve Goodwin is the 2017 recipient of Disabled Sports USA's Jim Winthers Award. The award was presented last spring in Breckenridge, Colorado, at the 30th annual The Hartford Ski Spectacular, one of the nation's largest winter sports festivals for individuals with physical disabilities. The Jim Winthers Volunteer Award recognizes lifetime contributions and significant achievements in furthering the mission of Disabled Sports USA, a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide national leadership and opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop independence, confidence, and fitness through participation in community sports, recreation and



Steve Goodwin with DSUSA Immediate Past President Bob Meserve and Executive Director Kirk Bauer

educational programs. Nominees for this award must have contributed a minimum of 10 years of service to Disabled Sports USA or one of its local chapters.

The Jim Winthers Volunteer Award is named in honor of Jim Winthers, a World War II veteran who was a member of the U.S. 10th Mountain Division- the Skiing 10th- an elite group specifically trained

for alpine warfare. He eventually became a pioneer in teaching adaptive skiing, beginning with two friends who became amputees in the war. Winthers taught them to ski on one leg using techniques he saw in Europe. Winthers, with the support of other veterans, founded Disabled Sports USA in 1967.

Goodwin has made significant

personal contributions to Disabled Sports USA and has secured important sponsorships and grants dollars in support of the organization and the overall mission. Goodwin entered the financial services industry in 1982 when he joined John Hancock's Buffalo Agency. He founded the Goodwin Insurance Agency in 1987, which recently celebrated its 30th Anniversary. A frequent industry speaker, his industry achievements include being a 35 Year Life and Qualifying Member of the Million Dollar Round Table as well as a member of John Hancock's Hall of Fame.

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Steve Goodwin (foreground) on hill last winter with student, one of the Walter Reed Wounded Warriors Franz Walkup and Steve's friend and Paralympian 3 Tracker Ralph Green.

Building Friendship through Women's Multicultural Group

**By Mara Koven-Gelman, Director
Jewish Community Relations
Council**

The Buffalo Women's Multicultural Group has only met twice, but members of this group from diverse countries, backgrounds and faiths are becoming fast friends. It began as an idea of Deborah Greitzer, board member of Congregation Beth Abraham (where the meetings take place) and violinist in the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. Deborah, a previous immigration lawyer, enjoyed attending interfaith and multicultural events and wanted to start a monthly group. She shared the idea with Susan Schwartz, director of Adult Engagement at the Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning and me, the director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Deborah and I started searching for



women from a range of backgrounds who would be open to joining the group. Everyone contacted was excited to be invited. There was no agenda and they let the group decide what it wanted to be. "Our goal

was bringing women together to share and learn from each other," said Deborah. The group decided its current size is optimal and will not be expanding at this time.

The August meeting's theme was sharing an artifact (its meaning, story) from one's culture with the group. Women brought family photographs, jewelry, food, music and ritual objects. To be respectful of all dietary needs, only vegetarian food was served.

The group includes the following backgrounds and countries/culture: Muslim, Hindu, Catholic, Unitarian Universalist, Protestant, Jewish, Sikh, Burmese, Turkish, Indian, African-American, Rwandan, American, Canadian, and Puerto Rican. The group congratulated a woman from Burma who recently became a U.S. citizen and celebrated another newcomer pursuing a graduate degree.

Several participants shared their gratitude for this group. Despite the challenges of relocating and immigration from other countries and juggling

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executive, along with being an adaptive ski instructor led to an invitation to attend his first Ski Spectacular in 2002—attending both a PSIA member participating in clinics and as a special guest of The Hartford. It was there that Goodwin's commitment to DSUSA was cemented. He joined the DSUSA Board in June 2004 and served until 2017. Goodwin is a PSIA Level 3 Certified Adaptive Ski Instructor and specializes in teaching sit (mono) skiing. He has been a coach, mentor, and trainer with the Lounsbury Adaptive Sports Program since 1997, celebrating his 20th anniversary of volunteerism there.

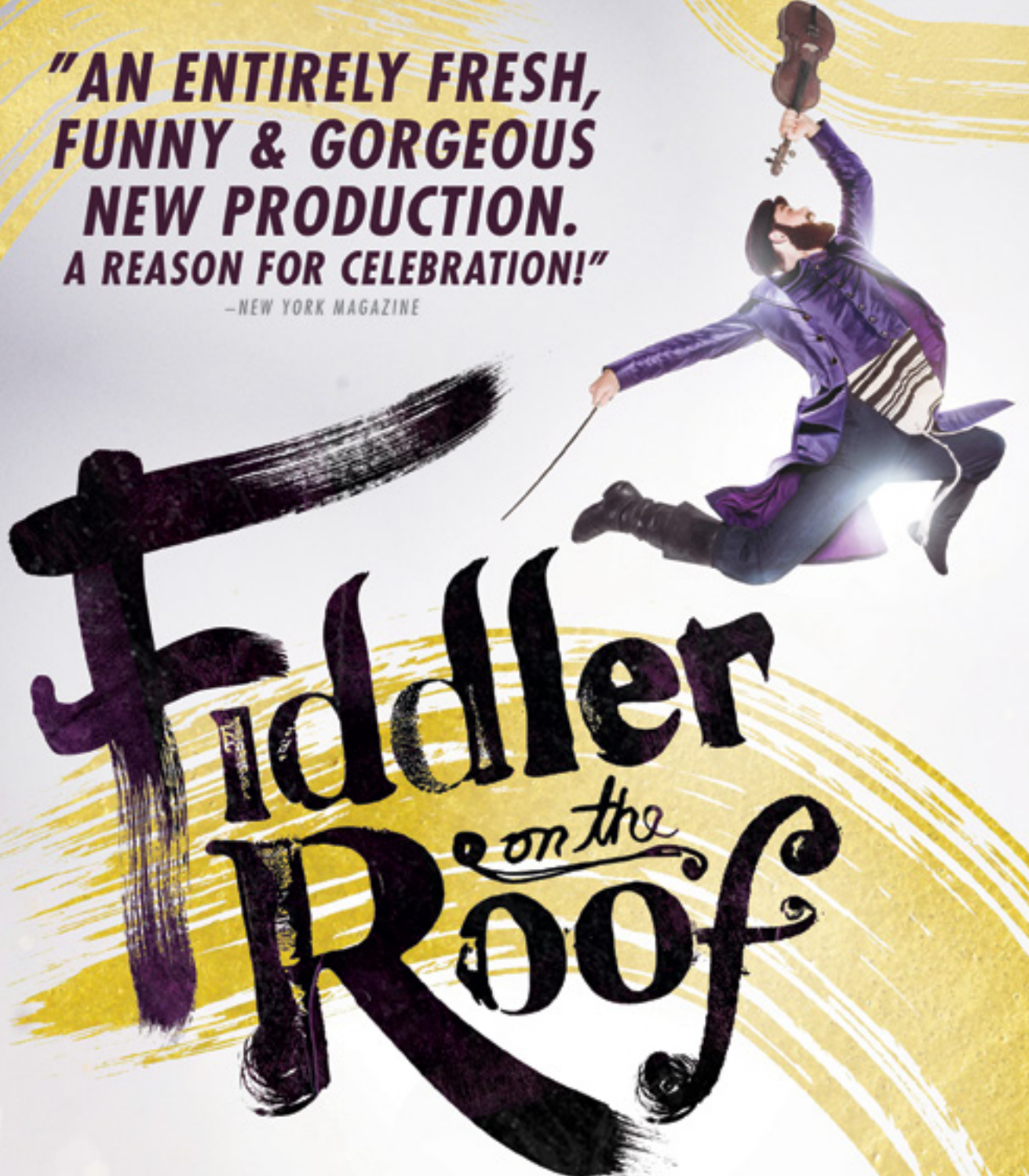
To learn more about the Disabled Sports USA and the Jim Winthers Award, visit <http://www.disabledsportsusa.org/sports/adaptive-sports-awards/>.

family and work responsibilities, one woman said, "I feel so fortunate to be with you tonight, to learn from you and share my story." After hearing the stories, memories and eating delicious food, it was clear how many cultural similarities the women shared. One example was that most cultural and religious groups organize events around the family and community. "The theme of belonging is consistent and strong," reflected a participant.

Phyllis Steinberg summed up the experience this way: "During a time when so much in our country is divisive, it is not only refreshing but enlightening to meet with such a wonderful group of women from so many different backgrounds who want to share what's important in their lives while listening and learning from each other. What's so impressive is how our values and ideals are so similar."

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

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Intolerance & Hate: Current Threats and Their Roots

Preparing for Community Event on October 18: David Feurstein, Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, Mara Koven-Gelman and Dick Lipsitz, gather at the Buffalo Jewish Federation to finalize plans for their October 18th program focusing on "Intolerance and Hate."



The program begins at 7 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Main Street in Williamsville. There is no charge to attend and a reception will follow. Program sponsors include The Western New York Labor Federation, NAACP, Temple Beth Zion and the Jewish Community Relations Council.



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Sunday afternoon and evenings (times vary)
November 18, December 9, January 20, February 10, March 17, April 7, May 19, June 2

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Apple Dumplings & Yom Tov Memories

By Robin Kurss

When my mom was a little girl, she used to love getting an apple in Temple at Simchat Torah services.

When I was little, I can remember having the same experience at Ahavas Achim-Lubavitch Shul, placing an apple on the top of a stick which held a flag and parading around the shul. Apples are a favorite this time of year, for so many reasons...hope you'll enjoy them in these easy to make dumplings!



Apple Dumplings

makes 6

1 recipe for a double crust pie dough
6 granny smith apples, peeled and cored
1/2 stick of butter
3/4 c brown sugar

For Sauce:

1/2 stick butter
1 Tbsp. cinnamon
3 cups water
2 c white sugar
1 tsp vanilla

Dumplings:

Preheat oven to 400. Grease a 9 x 13 pan. Roll dough into a rectangle and cut into 6 squares. Place a cored apple in the middle of each square. Into the core, place a dot of butter and some brown sugar. Sprinkle the rest of the brown sugar over the apples and sprinkle with cinnamon, too. Wet the edges of the pastry and, one by one, bring each of the 4 points to the center of the apple. Pinch the sides together to seal well. Place each apple in the pan.

Sauce:

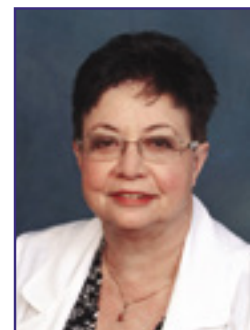
Combine all sauce ingredients in a saucepan and boil until sugar has dissolved. Pour sauce over apples and bake 50-60 minutes until golden. To serve, place each apple in a bowl and drizzle sauce over....gild the lily with ice cream and/or whipped cream!

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Cantor Arlene Frank

Agggghhh, slogans! What is it about slogans? They promise so much and usually do not deliver. For instance, when I think of famous slogans, I think of let's say, the lottery... "A Dollar and a Dream"... oh my, what winner of the lottery ever just showed up one day with just a one time, single dollar bet? Or "You Gotta Be In It To Win It!" Really, what are the chances of that? One in a zillion?

Well, there has been a creative slogan making its way around the Buffalo Jewish community lately! Perhaps you've heard it, "Seventy at Seventy!" The creative minds at Buffalo Jewish Federation thought boldly in "A Dollar and a Dream" sort of way and said, "What if we tried, just tried, to get seventy Buffalonians to go on an Israel Experience together on the commemorative 70th anniversary year of Israel's birth? We'll call it "Seventy at Seventy." There has never been that many people sign up for any previous Buffalo Israel excursions, so this was a bold step forward. Ha! But, just remember that "You Gotta Be In It To Win It!" So they launched this pipe dream; mobilized

and worked hard on itinerary, details, price point and getting the word out.

The concept of "Seventy At Seventy" is history now! The idea was embraced by the community! Except, now there are 80+ of us Buffalonians (my husband and I included) participating on this Buffalo Israel Experience together. The original visionaries were shocked by the response! Was it the timing? Was it the creative/boutique like itinerary? Or was it that our warm *hamishe* Buffalo Jewish community just really wanted to be together for this experience?

At this writing, the energy is high with planning. On the beaten path and off the beaten path itinerary options have



The Frank family - Rebecca, Michael, Arlene and Sandra

been selected, preliminary schmoozing meetings at quirky locations such as local breweries have already taken place here in Buffalo, and our suggested packing lists have been received. So, off we all go! Kol

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Buffalo Jewish Service Corps

By Steven Schwartz

Winter snow storms, house and apartment fires, tornadoes, transportation accidents, flooding, factory fires, power outages, and water contamination—these are some of the natural and man-made disasters that have hit Western New York in the recent past. The Buffalo Jewish Services Corps (BJSC) was formed in 2016 to provide humanitarian support following these acute disasters or periods of prolonged need in greater community. Over 70 members of the Jewish community have participated in education, training, preparedness, cleanup and prevention activities.



In conjunction with Nickel City Jews, the BJSC will sponsor a New York State Citizens Preparedness Corps presentation on Monday, October 22, 2018 from 7 pm-8:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center Holland Building 787 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209. The program will be held at the Leonard & Ellen Freed Conference Room and will present ways for families to prepare, respond and recover from local disasters. **To attend, please RSVP to Jake Katz at jykatz@gmail.com or Steven Schwartz at stevens@localnet.com.**

Future efforts will include assisting the Red Cross, as a Partner Agency, in sheltering during local disasters, recovery and cleanup efforts, and smoke alarm

installation. Annual trainings will be provided on disaster preparedness, sheltering, psychological first aid and CPR/AED in conjunction with the Red Cross and the Niagara Frontier Islamic Society. **Contact joan@buffalojewishfederation.com to get on the mailing list notifications. To participate in the future planning efforts contact stevens@localnet.com.**

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Nickel City Jews: Continuing Our Good Work

By Jake Katz, Nickel City Jews Co-President

It has been a fantastic 9 months at the helm of Nickel City Jews (NCJ) alongside my amazing Co-President Gabby Balderman. Gabby's energy and passion for Jewish Buffalo is a huge asset to NCJ and I'm happy to call her my friend.

When Gabby and I first sat down at the beginning of the year with the previous past presidents, Dave Lefkowitz and Sheri Rodman, we agreed that Nickel City Jews has to be forward thinking and innovative to make sure that all the work that had been done in the previous years

One of my favorite roles with NCJ is to meet new young adults; some have lived in Buffalo always, some are returning after having lived elsewhere, and some are newcomers here for work, graduate school or a professional opportunity. It is very rewarding to see a growing



Celebrating the beautiful Buffalo Summer at NCJ's End of Summer Hertel Bar Crawl, (from left) with mini Event host Danielle Shatkin, Jake Katz, Oren Sudai, Ben Schiller, Eric Niles, Morgan Smith.

continued. So, in partnership with our amazing Executive Committee, Gabby and I have continued our mission to help young adults build their personal networks in Jewish Buffalo and to help them find ways to grow Jewishly in personally relevant and meaningful ways.

We are committed to meeting and engaging with people in settings that help strengthen relationships and we do not preach our own preconceived notions or definitions about what being Jewish today should look like. Our success with ongoing larger events, new projects like Nickel City Minyan and our ongoing series of Mini-events (conceived and hosted by our constituents) allows us to reach people in our community that might not have otherwise been involved. Much of our success is due to the deep connections and relationships that have been formed within our network of communities.

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- 2» Help your friends at the Jewish Discovery Center open their new **Learning Center Sunday, October 14** from noon to 3:30 pm at 831 Maple Road. **RSVP to 400-1550 or rabbigreenberg@jewishdiscovery.org.**
- 3» Don't miss this timely panel discussion on "Hate & Intolerance: Current Threats and their Roots," sponsored by the JCRC Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church in Williamsville, 6320 Main Street. Hear from Congressman Higgins, Assemblyman Peoples-Stokes, Rabbi Freirich and Labor Leader Richard Lipsitz, moderated by Judge Lisa Rodwin. Free!
- 4» Support the **35th Annual Gay & Lesbian Youth Services GAYLA Tuesday, October 30** from 6-9:00 pm at Babeville/ Asbury Hall. **Tickets can be purchased at www.glyswny.org.**
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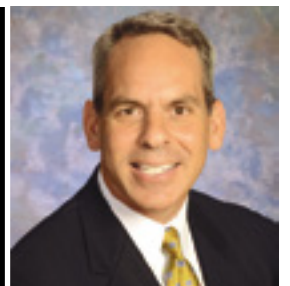
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Buffalo Vintage Jewish Movie Group Resumes in October

After a summer hiatus, the Vintage Jewish Movie Group will reconvene, starting, Sunday October 7. The movie group has been in existence for more than 4 years, having screened more than 30 films with strong Jewish content. The films are of the older variety and many are not readily available on DVD, online or at the library. All films are shown (once a month) at congregation Beth Abraham, 1073 Elmwood Ave, at 5:00 PM (unless otherwise noted). There is no admission charge and refreshments are provided. For discussion and socialization after the film, members of the group usually gather at a neighborhood restaurant in the Elmwood Village.

For information on the Vintage Jewish Movie group please visit the CBA website at www.congregationbethabraham.net

Celebrating the Life of Milton Weiser

By Carl Weiser

More than a hundred people gathered July 21 to celebrate the life of Milton M. Weiser – scientist, artist, intellectual, father, researcher, husband, gastroenterologist and philanthropist. The former chairman of the Gastroenterology Department at Buffalo General Medical Center, Weiser died Dec. 14, 2017. To celebrate his life, his family and friends and those touched by his life gathered at the Buffalo Arts Studio on Main St., where Weiser had maintained his studio for several decades.

Amid a display of dozens of his paintings, he was honored by former medical colleagues, neighbors – including former Mayor Tony Masiello – his children and grandchildren. One speaker at the event hadn't even known Weiser but was so moved by his art he felt compelled to speak and declare Weiser's work "transcendent."

Friends and co-workers remembered him as a kind and generous supervisor and doctor, as well as a pioneer for several medical procedures including the "Weiser



Self Portrait by Milton M. Weiser

method" for separating cells. His widow, Helen Weiser, read a poem about him; his granddaughter Lila and son Dan performed a flute and piano duet; and his granddaughters Sophie and Emma performed "My Funny Valentine," Milton and Helen's song.

DNA Testing for Genealogy

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Buffalo will offer a program on DNA Testing for genealogy featuring Jay Sage Monday, October 15 at the Audubon Library, 350 John James Audubon Drive. Doors open at 6:15.

With the incredible drop in the cost of DNA sequencing, DNA testing is now not only affordable but has become wildly popular. After presenting the basic biology behind DNA testing, Sage will discuss the types of tests and the role that they can play in genealogical research. Examples, including case studies from his own testing, will illustrate how conclusions can properly be drawn from test results, with an emphasis on the appropriate uses of the tests and on what can and cannot be learned from them.

Jay Sage retired as a physicist from MIT Lincoln Laboratory to pursue his interest in Jewish genealogy. He currently serves as vice president of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical



Societies (IAJGS). He is a past president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston. He was one of the chairs of the international conference on Jewish genealogy when it was held in Boston in 2013 and will be co-chair of the 2019 conference in Cleveland.

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Dr. Barnett A. Slepian: Continuing the Legacy

By Reine Hauser

Shockingly, it's been twenty years since the death of Dr. Barnett Slepian. A celebration of his life and work, open to all, will be held Thursday, November 1st at 7 pm, at Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Dr.

Dr. Slepian was a physician who cared deeply about our community. Serving at Buffalo General, Millard Fillmore and Children's Hospitals, he also had his own private obstetrical practice and worked in several area clinics. Both compassionate and brave, he provided the full range of gynecological care for women, which included surgical abortion.

Barnett Slepian's early life wouldn't necessarily have indicated his later success. Grandson of a Russian Jewish immigrant (who started out selling shoelaces from a pushcart in Boston,) his grandfather sent all five of his sons to Harvard, at a time when admittance for Jews was demonstrably more difficult. Barnett's father Philip, (one of those Harvard graduates) insisted that his own three sons would be doctors, or failing that, Ph.Ds.

Barnett's ultimate success did not come easily to him. After a stint at a community college, he transferred to the University of Denver and majored in zoology. Rejected by US medical schools (prevalent at the time, when 2 out of 3 applicants experienced a similar fate,) Barnett studied for a year in Belgium, then enrolled at the Autonomous University for Medicine in Guadalajara, Mexico.

During medical school, he took time out every few semesters to work as a cab driver, to clean barns at a ranch, and to work at the VA hospital in Reno, NV. There he lived with his sister, Serena, a widow with two young daughters who was herself working as a waitress and blackjack dealer.

Upon graduation, Slepian moved to Buffalo for his medical residency, and married Lynne Breitbart, a registered nurse. Shortly thereafter, he opened an OB-GYN practice.

Providing the usual gynecological and obstetrical services: delivering babies, providing contraceptives, treating a variety of gynecological maladies like infections and cancer, Slepian also performed abortions. Roe v. Wade had become Federal law in 1973, after all, and by now it was more than ten years later.

On October 23, 1998, Slepian was assassinated by an anti-Choice sniper hiding in the woods behind his home.



Dr. Barnett Slepian

It was a Friday evening, and he had just returned home from observing his father's yahrzeit at Temple Beth Am (now Temple Shir Shalom.) His wife, Lynne, and four sons, Andrew, Brian, Michael and Philip were all home. He was 51 years old.

Dr. Slepian performed abortions because he believed it was necessary for women to have a choice when faced with an unintended pregnancy. He remembered when women died from unsafe, illegal abortions.

In the wake of his murder, the Dr. Barnett A. Slepian Memorial Fund was created to honor his memory and continue his work. Funds are used to provide grants to physicians and medical students to defray expenses of obtaining training in abortion technique training. They are committed to include abortion in their medical practice, who view the option of abortion as an integral part of comprehensive care for women, and who refuse to allow political and religious extremists to dictate patient care. Thanks to the Slepian Fund, many women throughout the country have access to safe abortion in their time of need.

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Meet the Author of “The Larkin Company”

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion will present guest speaker, Shane E. Stephenson, author of *The Larkin Company* Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 pm at the Broder Center. Mr. Stephenson will speak about his newest book that is filled with 175 images of the Larkin Company, from the Hydraulic neighborhood to the buildings, including the Larkin Administration Building.

The Larkin Company was one of the premier mail order houses in the country behind only Sears, Roebuck and Company in profits and product diversity. Stephenson will discuss what brought about the growth of the company and also the decline of the company.

Shane Stephenson is the Director of Museum Collections at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park. This event is free and open to everyone. Dessert reception to follow. RSVPs appreciated to halliglina@gmail.com.



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Jewish Community Inclusion Mini-Series on Vision and Hearing Impairments

By Janet Gunner

Yad B'Yad, Temple Beth Tzedek Keshet Inclusion and the Jewish Community Inclusion Task Force are pleased to present a Jewish Community Inclusion Mini-Series on Vision Impairments, Thursday, October 18, and Hearing Impairments Tuesday, October 23 from 6:30-8 PM at the Weinberg Campus, Meadows, second floor lounge.

This two-part series will educate with experts on vision and hearing medical conditions and community resources with words of Torah and insights from area rabbis. Each program will conclude with a Q & A session and discussion with vital input from the audience to identify proactive steps Jewish community organizations should take to remove vision and hearing barriers to inclusion.

The vision impairments panel will feature Rabbi Samuel Barth (Temple Beth Tzedek), Dr. Philip Niles (ophthalmologist, vitreo-retinal specialist) and Dr. James Simmons (Low vision rehabilitation optometrist, Olmsted Center for Sight). The hearing impairments panel will feature Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein (Congregation

Shir Shalom), Dr. Joel Bernstein (ENT-otolaryngologist) and Pamela Kefi (executive director, Deaf Access Services).

The series will take place at the Weinberg Campus to help facilitate attendance by residents who may be experiencing diminishing vision and hearing and may have difficulty traveling. Our goal is for the Jewish community to come to Weinberg. We will try to arrange transportation and sign language services for community members requested by October 4.

Informed by the series, we will then work to develop effective approaches for individual accommodation requests and proactive Jewish community accessibility steps. Possible steps include training, continuing education, accessible transportation, materials and communications and publication of Jewish organization inclusion resources. We look forward to learning from our community members, experts, leaders and volunteers on the best approaches for a fully inclusive vibrant Jewish community.

For more information please contact Cindi Mikulik: cindi@buffalojewishfederation.org or Janet Gunner: janetgunner@gmail.com.

KOT Amiel Bakehila



Kehillat Ohr Tzion (KOT) will again welcome an educational team from Israel on October 19. The group, sponsored by Amiel Bakehila, visited Buffalo in the spring. During this trip, the visitors will again spend the weekend with the Buffalo Jewish community. On Friday evening their visit will be coordinated with the Shabbat Project at KOT, and includes a catered dinner following services.

The KOT Social Action committee completed its book drive for the Children's Center in the Erie County Family Court. More than 300 books were collected for distribution to the children who go through the court system. **For more information about social action projects at KOT email phyllismksteinberg@gmail.com**

Other events, learning opportunities and fundraisers are planned throughout the year. For more information email oribergman@gmail.com

Seeking Housemate(s) for Jewish Group Home

Planned for 2019

Three Buffalo area Jewish community families are actively planning a Jewish group home to open in 2019 for their three sons in their twenties. The families are looking for a fourth housemate or possibly three housemates to complete a single Jewish group home or a Jewish two three-bedroom apartment duplex respectively. This 2019 Jewish group home, along with the Women's Jewish group home in Amherst that opened in 2007 and other future anticipated Jewish group homes, is part of the Jewish Community Inclusion Task Force vision of a fully inclusive Jewish community. The families hope that Jews with disabilities will be embraced by the Jewish community as full participating and contributing community members with the Jewish community providing a secondary layer of support for this most vulnerable sector of our population as an enduring commitment.

For more information please contact Janet Gunner: janetgunner@gmail.com, 716-536-0454.

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TBZ Achim to hear Dr. Robert Kaprove October 14

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion will hold its October Achim program Sunday, October 14 at 10:00 am at the lounge in the Meadows Building, located on the second floor, at the Weinberg Campus. The featured speaker will be Dr. Robert Kaprove, a renowned local physician who will discuss organ transplantation and his own experience as a kidney transplant recipient.

Achim is a monthly program for the benefit of the residents, and their guests, at the Weinberg Campus and is open to the public at no cost. All are welcome and questions will be encouraged.

For further information, please contact Ken Graber, at 681-9885, Kamas5@aol.com.



TBZ Religious School October Mitzvah Project

During October, the Religious School of Temple Beth Zion will collect items for and prepare "Blessing Bags." Basic toiletries, water, food and items for warmth will be packaged in ziplock bags. These Blessing Bags are hung on clotheslines in areas where those in need can access them. The TBZ Religious School will supply the bags to the Pride Alliance of D'Youville College who will add them to their clotheslines this winter.



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October 11

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Dr. Howard Wolf reads from

"Mourning Letters"

7:30 pm

Congregation Beth Abraham

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October 18

Intolerance & Hate:

Current Threats and their Roots

Unitarian Universalist Church

6320 Main Street

7:00 pm

Jewish Community program

on Vision Impairment

6:30- 8:00 pm

Weinberg Campus, Meadows Lounge

October 22

Department of Jewish Thought

Lecture - Prof. David Patterson:

The Singularity of the Holocaust

7:30 pm

UB North Campus/120 Clemens

October 23

Department of Jewish Thought

Lecture- Prof. David Patterson

12:15 pm

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Jewish Community program

on Hearing Impairment

6:30- 8:00 pm

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LECTURES BY TWO DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS OF JEWISH THOUGHT AT UB IN OCTOBER

On October 11 at 2:00 pm the Department of Jewish Thought and the Department of Philosophy will be hosting one of the leading scholars of medieval Jewish Philosophy, Professor Tamar Rudavsky. Prof Rudavsky is Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Melton Center for Jewish Studies at The Ohio State University. Her newest book, *Jewish Philosophy in the Middle Ages: Science, Rationalism and Religion*, is forthcoming with Oxford University Press. She will be speaking on "Atomistic Conceptions of Time: Al-Ghazali, Maimonides and Husserl." The location for the lecture will be announced shortly.



Tamar Rudavsky, Jewish Studies, Ohio State University



Professor David Patterson, Holocaust Studies, University of Texas at Dallas

On October 22-23 the Department of Jewish Thought, with additional funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be hosting Professor David Paterson, a leading Holocaust scholar, who will give two talks.

David Patterson holds the Hillel A. Feinberg Chair in Holocaust Studies, Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, at the University of Texas at Dallas. A winner of the National Jewish Book Award, the Koret Jewish Book Award, and the Holocaust Scholars' Eternal Flame Award, he has published more than 35 books and more than 200 articles, essays, and book chapters on topics in literature, philosophy, the Holocaust, and Jewish studies. His most recent books include *Portraits: Elie Wiesel's Hasidic Legacy* (forthcoming), *The Holocaust and the Non-Representable* (2018), *Anti-Semitism and Its Metaphysical Origins* (2015), *Genocide in Jewish Thought* (2012), and *A Genealogy of Evil: Anti-Semitism from Nazism to Islamic Jihad* (2010).

On Monday, October 22, at 7:30 pm, in room 120 Clemens (UB North Campus), Professor Patterson

will give a public lecture on "The Singularity of the Holocaust." On Tuesday, October 23, at 12:15 pm, in room 120 Clemens (UB North Campus), Professor Patterson will give a second talk on his most recent book, *The Holocaust and the Non-representable: Literary and Photographic Transcendence* (2018).

In New York City, on October 7-8, UB's Department of Jewish Thought is co-sponsoring a two-day international, interdisciplinary workshop at the Center for Jewish History and Yeshivat Maharat entitled "Devotion and Relativity, Text and Context: New Frontiers of Jewish Literacy." This workshop will engage academic scholars as well as rabbis from US, Israel, and Europe in order to conceive new way of advancing Jewish Literacy on communal and academic levels.

The public is invited and welcomed to all these events. For inquiries and additional information please call the Department of Jewish Thought office, 716-645-8491.

HADASSAH INSTALLS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Buffalo Hadassah's 2019 Leadership team—Elaine Kellick, Annette Magid and Rhonda Wise—will be installed at a luncheon Tuesday, October 9th at Milos restaurant. Guest speakers will be local artists Evette Slaughter and Enid Edelman, who will discuss their art. As always a kosher lunch will be provided on request. *RSVP to phyllismksteinberg@gmail.com.*

November 18, the Buffalo Jewish Federation and Buffalo Hadassah are co-sponsoring a panel discussion about the relationship between American Jews and Israel at 2:00 pm at the Benderson JCC. The panelists will be Rabbi Sara Rich, Leslie Kramer and Rabbi Jonathan Frierich. The moderator will be Rob Goldberg.

For more information email mseller@buffalo.edu



**Wednesday evenings
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Hebrew High is now a part of our community's new 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 three-fold: 1) to engage and connect 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. As part of this new Center, Hebrew High will be working towards a focus on engaging with teens to design meaningful and relevant opportunities for Jewish exploration and learning.

Trimester 1: November 7, 2018 - December 19, 2018

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Rabbi Sara Rich, Executive Director for Hillel of Buffalo, recently announced the newly formed board of directors for the organization.

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Dr. Jeffrey Lackner
President of the Hillel of Buffalo Board of Directors

The president of the Board of Directors is **Dr. Jeffrey Lackner**, Professor and Director of the Behavioral Medicine Clinic at UB. Vice Presidents are **Hadar Borden**, Director of Blackstone Launchpad at UB, and **Marc Adler**, founder of Why Not Marketing, LLC. Treasurer of the Board is **Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg DDS PLLC**. The remaining board members are

Dr. Philip Glick, Professor of Surgery in the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (UB)

Dr. Iris Danziger, Board Certified Otolaryngologist

Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein, rabbi of Congregation Shir Shalom

Laura Hemlock, Planning Executive for UJA-Federation of New York, and

Dr. Alex Green, Assistant Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Jewish Thought (UB).

For more information about Hillel of Buffalo visit their website, HillelofBuffalo.org or contact them at 716.616.0083.

Dr. Falk's new Book on Religion Published

Dr. Gerhard Falk of Buffalo recently published his 27th book, *Religion and Social Change: The Influence of Religion on American Culture*. This book was written in response to a recent survey which concluded that agnosticism and atheism are gaining more adherents than ever before in American history and that attendance at religious services is declining.

By reviewing 11 American institutions Dr. Falk found that religion will undoubtedly continue to have a major influence on American life despite the current rejection of religion by numerous citizens. These aspects of American culture include the family, education, government, the economy, philanthropy (love of man), music, the media, social movements, politics, social stratification and the military. In addition, the book includes a chapter on "The American Life Cycle" and a chapter on "Religion as Justification for Immoral Conduct."

An example of the influence of religion is its influence on government. Although government is prohibited by



Dr. Gerhard Falk

the 1st Amendment to the Constitution to become involved in religion in any manner,

it turns out that our paper money is inscribed with "In God We Trust," and that, in addition, some paper money carries the slogan "Annuit Coeptis" or "He(God) favors our endeavors".

Furthermore, elected and appointed political office holders end the oath of office with the phrase "so help me God". In the armed services, clergy of all denominations serve as chaplains and U.S. military cemeteries and graves exhibit the Star of David, The Cross and the Buddhist circle.

Dr. Falk found that a good number of atheists send their children to religious instruction "to give them a moral compass," and that many non-observant Jews and Christians nevertheless get married and buried in religious ceremonies, and also give gifts to their relatives on Chanukah and Christmas.

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PHOTOGRAPHS FROM NEAR AND FAR

*A show by Lawrence Ross at JCC on exhibit
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The Bunis Family Art Gallery, located in the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo Benderson Family Building is the setting for a solo exhibit by photographer Lawrence M. Ross. The exhibit entitled, "Photographs From Near And Far", is on view through October 30.

The exhibit features more than thirty photographs, mostly taken while traveling. "These photographs are from near and far, and some may appear familiar as all photographs share certain common traits—composition, color, perspective, shadow and light," says Ross. "A good photograph should capture the viewer's attention and seize the imagination, rivet you in place, hint at a hidden story, or inspire thought."

Ross was encouraged by his family and friends to create an exhibit of his photographs. Being a member at the

Jewish Community Center, he was familiar with the Bunis Family Art Gallery on the second floor and approached the Director of Cultural Arts, Katie Wzontek to express his interest in having an exhibit. "Ross's images capture the landscape, architecture, and culture, beautifully blending travel and street photography," says Wzontek. "He has a natural eye for photography, and his photographs are carefully framed creating interesting composition and balance. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with a longtime member of the JCC and help showcase his work to the community."



Lawrence M. Ross is a Member of the law firm Hurwitz & Fine, P.C., where the focus of his business and corporate law practice are health law, taxation, and employee benefits counseling. Ross has more than 25 years of experience before state and federal healthcare and tax agencies including the Internal Revenue Service, the New York State Departments of Health, Education, Insurance and Taxation and Finance, and the Federal and New York State Department of Labor. Ross serves on the Board of Directors of the Gow School and the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc. and previously served as President of Kadimah School of Buffalo, on the Board of Directors of the Buffalo/Niagara Chapter of the American Jewish Committee and SUNY Buffalo Law Alumni Association.

Gallery admission is free and the gallery is open during JCC business hours, 7 days a week. For more information, visit jccbuffalo.org or contact Katie Wzontek at 716-204-2084 or Kwzontek@jccbuffalo.org.

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Exploring Music with Suzuki Violinists of WNY – Sunday October 7

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo Cultural Arts department and Suzuki Violinists of WNY will present an afternoon of hands-on family fun with instruments! On Sunday October 7, 2018 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm in the Lippman Lounge of the JCC Benderson Family Building, children will have the chance to hold a violin bow, make music on a violin and interact with performers from Suzuki Violinists of WNY at an “Instrument Petting Zoo,” enjoy fun instruments provided by Wrona’s House of Violins, followed by a concert exploring sounds and emotions! Children will also be able to make a music-inspired craft and be encouraged to play along during the concert.

“Exposure to orchestral instruments in a fun, interactive way can help to build a lifelong interest in music and develop *Yetzirah*-Creativity,” says Katie Wzontek Director of Cultural Arts at the JCC. “Our interactive programs are a great place for children and their parents, grandparents or caregivers to share special moments together. These programs are open to the entire community and are a perfect way to meet and engage with other families while making memories with your own,” says Wzontek.

Eloisa Raffel founded Suzuki Violinists of WNY in 2006. She is regarded as one of the foremost teachers of Suzuki in the region. She began as a Suzuki student herself in her native Brazil at age 5, has studied and performed in 23 countries around the world, and now has two flourishing studios in North Buffalo and Williamsville.



“Our mission is to inspire and develop great hearts and minds through the learning and appreciation of music”, says Raffel. “We are a diverse community and believe that making music together develops creativity, emotion and an understanding of different cultures. ‘From children to children’ is one of our mottos. The more our children appreciate and help each other the better our world will become, and since music is a universal language, it is the perfect medium for that.”

The JCC and Suzuki Violinists of WNY are presenting this event in participation with “Kids Music Day”. This special day was established three years ago by the Keep Music Alive non-profit organization, and last year more than 420 music schools and organizations, in the US and Canada, participated in “Kids Music Day”.

This free event is sponsored by Wrona’s House of Violins, located in Lewiston, NY and is open to the community. RSVP required, 204-2084. For more information contact Katie Wzontek, Cultural Arts Director at Kwzontek@jccbuffalo.org

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By Beth Steinberg

Ask a class of young children what they want to be when they grow up and you will hear from aspiring dancers, singers, doctors, lawyers, magicians, veterinarians, teachers, airplane pilots, and private detectives. What you probably won't hear is "International Counter-terrorism Expert." But, that is the path one of our graduates is realizing, and she credits much of her preparation to her experiences at Kadimah.

Ella Kesaiva is a proud graduate of Kadimah's Class of 2008. She received her Bachelor's in Politics from Princeton University and recently received her Master's in International Affairs from the School of International Service (SIS) at American University.

We asked Ella to reflect on the significance of her Kadimah education on her life. In her own words: "The entirety of my trajectory was heavily influenced by my experiences at Kadimah. I was raised by a single Russian-Jewish mother who worked at the school, and through Kadimah, my mother and I were able to find a home within the Jewish community in Buffalo. I attended the school from 1st to 8th grade and as a result was exposed to not only a stellar general education but a very fulfilling Jewish education as well." She recalls her exposure to a wide range of interpretations of the Torah and what it means to be a practicing Jew in modern society.

Ella asserts that the quality of the general education she received was also key in preparing her for her future academic endeavors. After graduating from Kadimah, she was able to test into Advanced English and Math in high school. Her Hebrew was strong enough so that she was not required to take a second language. These advantages allowed Ella to complete eleven (yes, ELEVEN!) AP courses by the time she graduated from high school.

When Ella arrived at Princeton, the Hebrew skills she had retained from Kadimah were good enough for her to enroll directly in Advanced Hebrew. It was then that she began studying Mandarin Chinese.

She completed her Bachelor's in Politics, focusing on International Relations. She also completed three minors in East Asian Studies, Near Eastern Studies, and Judaic Studies.



Ella Kesaiva

While at Princeton, Ella worked at the Center for Jewish Life and partook of worship and other activities there and at Chabad.

Following college graduation, Ella began her graduate studies, focusing on international security, and specializing in counter-terrorism. She received her master's degree just a few months ago and started working for a federal contractor in DC that specializes in complex defense contracts. She plans to eventually move into intelligence work, focusing on counter-terrorism operations.

Ella says her experience at Kadimah truly shaped her entire future and the Jewish person she is now. The quality and individualized nature of academics at Kadimah set her up on the path to achieving all her academic and career goals. The exposure to various Jewish experiences that she received influenced her current Jewish practices and shaped the pride she feels as an active representative of the Jewish community. Again, in her own words, "I will forever be grateful to my Kadimah family for having made my experience there so fruitful and meaningful to me."

Beth Steinberg is a teacher at Kadimah School.

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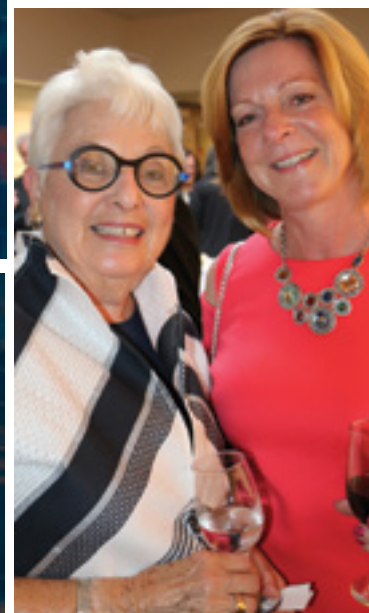
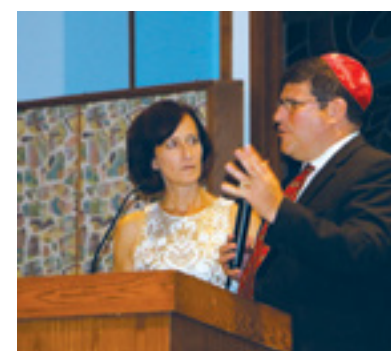
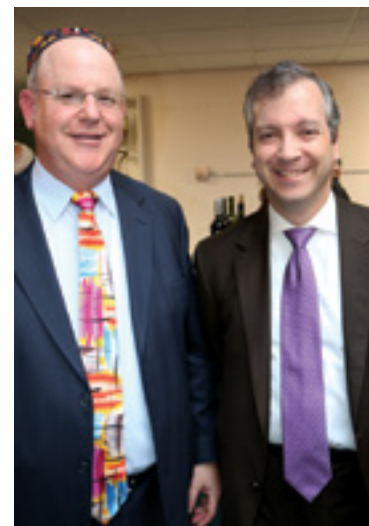
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Reflections on Israel at 70

By Dr. Leonard Katz

By It was our children Susie's and Jeff's connection with an Israeli charity, One Family, that led to a short trip to Israel this past April with our children and their spouses: my wife, Judy and me, Jeffrey and Susie Katz, Linda and Arthur Kaminsky and Andrew and Stephanie Katz. This was not a sight-seeing trip; we met with many people-- family, friends and many others, celebrated holidays and more, learning at every turn. The trip affected me deeply. Although I had visited Israel ten times in the past, this trip was different.

Major Holidays while in Israel

We were fortunate to have been in Israel for the two major holidays, one day after the other. Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day (April 18), engages the entire country. For two minutes in the evening and again the next morning, the country came to a standstill. The siren blew and all cars, buses, people stood silent to recall those lost to war and those lost to terrorism; everyone has been affected. We attended a very emotional gathering of One Family with about 400 others. (The One Family charity serves families who have lost someone to terrorism. Some children are taken for a two-week holiday, along with counselors and therapists to the Canadian camp, Timberland. This year, 32 children will be going to camp.)

The following day, April 19, was Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's 70th birthday in 2018. There was massive celebration everywhere with music, dancing, fireworks. In Tel Aviv, the streets were packed especially after the national TV celebration. People were all over the city until way into the morning; young people were there without parental supervision. It was totally safe. The miracle of Israel was palpable. We know the history of the beginning and the role that many American Jews played, among them Bill Horowitz, Judy's dad, who smuggled gun-making machinery to the country before independence.

The Country

Today Israel is booming, and you can see cranes everywhere. Judy and I were first in Israel on our honeymoon in 1958. Since then, enormous change has emerged over the years. The skyline of Tel Aviv now looks like those of other great cities around the world. A subway in Tel Aviv and a high-speed train between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are in the works. High-tech is the driver; the Israeli tech industry rivals that of the

US. There are beautiful first-class hotels. We stayed in contemporary buildings via Airbnb.

The shops were crowded. A nearby outdoor market was jammed before Shabbat with people, cars, bicycles, scooters all riding by. It was a kind of chaos that worked. Yet despite the prosperity, not all citizens have benefited equally; there is some poverty and some are just getting by.

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Security

There was and still is universal conscription; it is a way of life and a viewed as superb training ground for future occupations. We were told that companies looking for the most talented and brightest know where to readily find them. Judy's family in Kfar Vitkin is an example; military service and careers are part of their lives. One cousin is currently in charge of high-tech flight simulation. When ready, she will surely be a top candidate for positions in technology.

Security has changed over the years. In the past, we saw soldiers with guns everywhere. That is no longer so. We learned the policy had changed, and soldiers no longer take their weapons home. Now the country feels extremely safe. While in Tel Aviv, I saw no military weapons except at the entrance to some sort of military base. While in Jerusalem, during the holidays, military personnel were seen posted strategically in the event of an incident (there has been rumors).

High-tech gives Israel a military edge but the challenge continues – rockets,



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tunnels, kites, etc. Thankfully, the type of terrorism on the streets that we were concerned about in the past has not been a concern for many years now.

Challenges

The greatest and universal concern is Iran. We were told that Israel took military action in Syria because of its fear of Iran. Shia-majority Iran is believed to be engaged in a world-wide battle for supremacy between Shia and Sunni Muslims. And now, Russia has added another concern.

The Palestinians present a long-lasting problem/dilemma. Most Israelis made clear they want peace but don't see a real partner as Hamas in Gaza makes its hostile intentions clear. Israelis do not seem terribly concerned about the West Bank Palestinians because they now lack external sponsors. By contrast, Hamas in Gaza is seen as a terrorist organization supported by Iran.

Some Israelis are deeply concerned about the behavior of the Jewish settlers on the West Bank. With Netanyahu in charge, they don't think it will change.

We knew that demographics were of concern—with respect to the future population. We were told that the birthrate in Israel, including that of the

ultra-Orthodox plus immigration, is believed to exceed the Palestinian birth rate, which has fallen somewhat because of the relative prosperity in the West Bank.

There was also concern about support from the US. They see college campuses where Israel is singled out among all other nations. Anti-Semitism is surely on the rise in the US and many places around the globe.

The Future

The miracle of Israel is clear; the cohesion of the people was also clear. We saw joy among those living there. Yet, there is total awareness of the enemies that surround the country. Israel was magnetic and I felt deeply connected to it. It is booming, yet has internal challenges. It lives in a hostile environment, yet has managed to prevail and remains a safe haven for Jews. The future cannot be known, but if the past is any predictor, against all odds, Israel came into being and thrives. My deepest hope is for a long peaceful future ahead.

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