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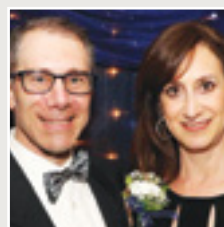
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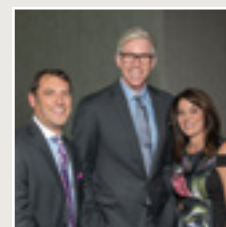
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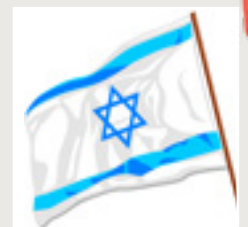
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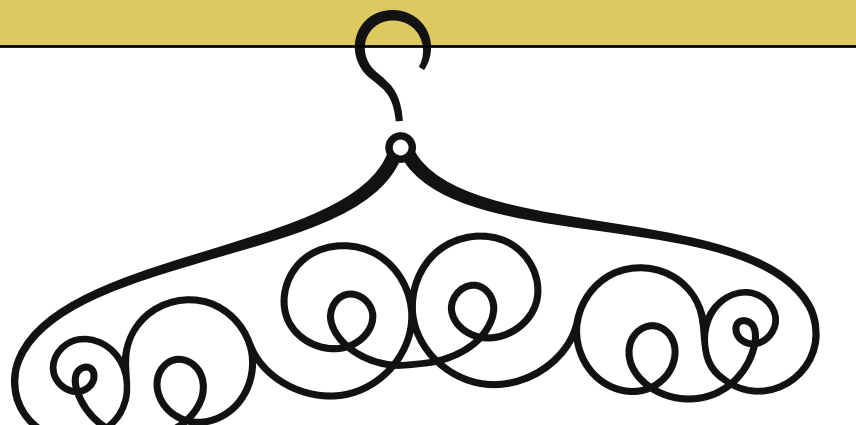
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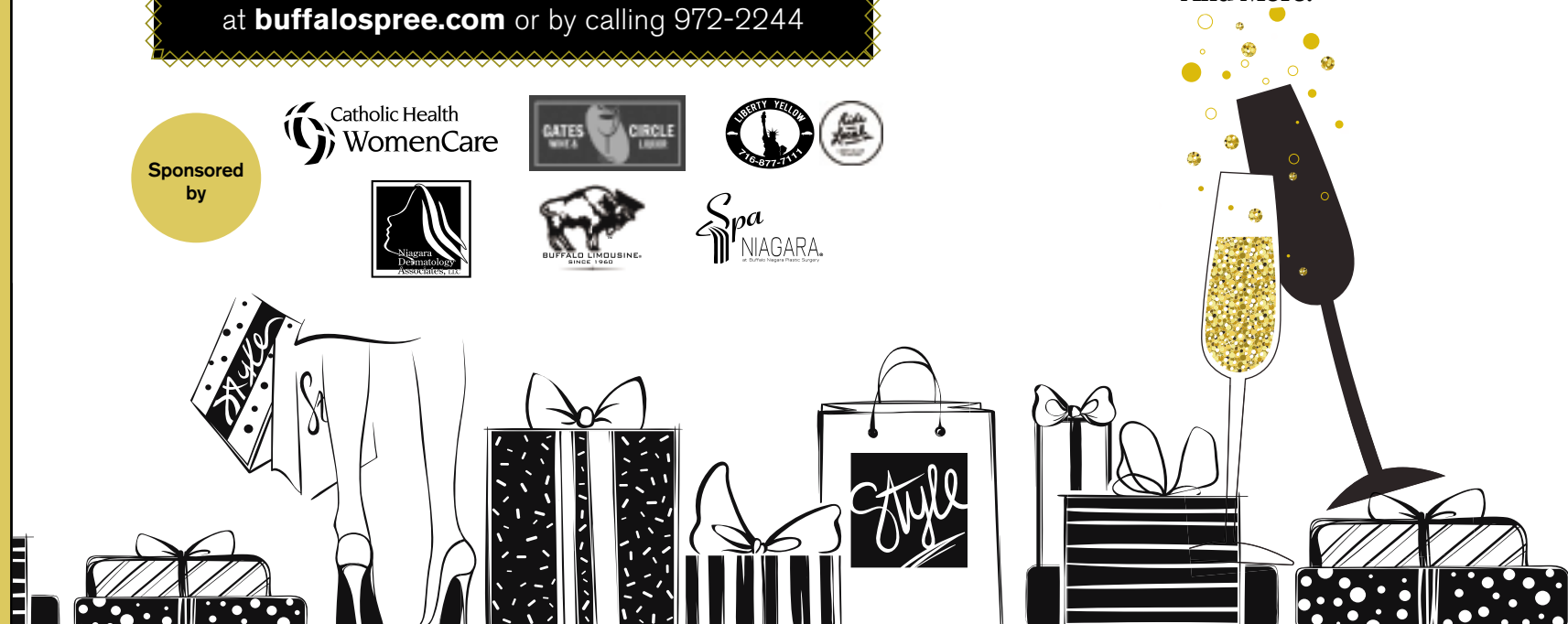
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Editor's Note



Ellen Goldstein, Editor

Thanksgiving is the quintessentially American holiday which, if it were not invented in the 17th century, would have to be created now. Why? Because there is so much for which to be grateful and to be thankful. “Are you nuts?” you may be saying right about now. “The country is a mess; people are polarized, fighting, locked in ideological games of chess.” Yup. Things may not be the best, but still, as a Buffalo Jew, I am counting my blessings this Thanksgiving, because, you see, gratitude is an especially Jewish concept.

First, I am grateful for my family- my husband Mitch, my sister Amy, her husband Kurt and our extended family of friends. I am thankful that I live in the city of Buffalove where anything and everything is possible (maybe, even the Super Bowl???). I am so grateful for our Jewish community filled with wise and generous women and men, teachers, philosophers, philanthropist, activists and family.

I am grateful for my colleagues at Buffalo Jewish Federation and in the wider Jewish community for their always cooperative spirit, friendship, knowledge and sunny attitudes. I am grateful for CEO Rob Goldberg’s wisdom and Federation President Steven Weiss’ s leadership. They have been an awesome duo! I love my job putting together *The Jewish Journal of WNY* for Buffalo Jewish Federation, and am so appreciative for the opportunity to be part of such a meaningful organization, as the Federation, and I am most grateful to be able to work with the ultimate professionals at *Buffalo Spree*, who produce this paper, especially Sharon Levite, Barbara Macks, Cynthia Oppenheimer and Kim Miers.

I am grateful to be able to grow gorgeous, lush and magnificent flowers, vegetables and plants in my little city garden and to be a part of Buffalo’s amazing Garden Walk. And gorgeous flowers mean appreciating/withstanding Buffalo’s sometimes challenging weather. For example, today as I write this in early October, it is 80 degrees outside.

Thank you all for your support of our *Jewish Journal* and your passion for Jewish Buffalo. I hope it doesn’t snow before you read this November issue. But if it does, well, we’ll just have to shovel, grateful for the exercise. Happy Thanksgiving!

Ellen Goldstein - Editor

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Jumping with excitement about the new Hebrew High are (from left) student Perryn Field, Hebrew High Manager Rob Taylor, Hebrew High Art Instructor Laurie Greenspan and student Avery Field.

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Jewish Buffalo is expanding its commitment to the Western Galilee, a region in Israel with several similarities to Western New York. Located on Israel's northern frontier with Lebanon, the region has a number of challenges and opportunities. With your additional support, the Buffalo Jewish Federation is eager to make a difference by investing in critical initiatives in the region that will impact positive changes across major categories, primarily Youth-at-Risk, Peace Building and Social Justice.

This 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 (JAFI) and Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA).

The Challenges



Living on the Border: Bordering with Lebanon, the region is vulnerable to attacks as well as providing a gateway from Syria to the East.



Living on the Periphery: The Bank of Israel has determined that for every 100 kilometers away from Tel Aviv, income drops by 15%. Located far from the densely populated central core of Israel, the Western Galilee faces this reality.



Living with Diversity: As a vibrant mosaic of Israel's diversity, this region is home to 5 religious and ethnic groups who co-exist with one another—Baha'is, Christians, Druze, Jews and Muslims. Jews comprise less than 50% of the region's population.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. *Make an additional gift to the Campaign for Jewish Buffalo for the Western Galilee. Go to www.buffalojewishfederation.org.*

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, November 29 • 7pm

**Sideline Suites, New Era Field
Orchard Park**

Maxine & Steven Awner - Chairs

A Celebration featuring the 2018 Buffalo Israel Experience

- * Special Award Ceremony
- * Buffalo Jewish Federation Business Meeting
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BUFFALO JEWISH FEDERATION

Jewish Federation's 115th Annual Meeting November 29th to Highlight Recent Buffalo Israel Experience Participants

Steven J. Weiss, President of the Buffalo Jewish Federation has selected Maxine and Steven Awner to chair the Federation's 115th Annual Meeting which will be held the last Thursday of November.

"We are honored to chair this year's Annual Meeting," Maxine Awner told the *Jewish Journal*. "We are looking forward to highlighting the experience of the 80+ people who have just returned from their unique Israel Experience."

For the second year, two awards will be presented at the meeting, in addition to the Buffalo Jewish Federation business meeting, and the Jewish

Federation Apartments nominating report. The Judith & Daniel Kantor Professional Service Award will honor a Jewish Communal professional, and the The Ann Holland Cohn Community Impact Award will pay tribute to an individual who has made an impact with the Jewish Community as well as in the greater Western New York area. In addition, President Steven J. Weiss



Steven and Maxine Awner

will give his final President's report and Howard Rosenhoch, most immediate Past President, will deliver the nominating report

This year, the event will be held on Thursday, November 29 at 7 pm

at the new Sideline Suites at New Era Field in Orchard Park. The Annual Meeting is free, but reservations are requested. To make reservations or for more information, please call the Federation at 716-204-2242.



"Josiah Dubois, Jr.: Nuremberg Prosecutor and Statesmen"

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

The public is invited to learn the remarkable story of Josiah Dubois Jr., an American attorney at the U.S. Treasury Department who played a crucial role in exposing State Department obstruction efforts to provide American visas to Jewish people trying to escape Nazi Europe. Dubois later led the Nuremberg prosecution of holocaust chemical manufacturer I.G. Farben.

5:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception

6:00 p.m. Cappa Theater

- *Introductory remarks* - Gregory L. Peterson, Esq., co-founder of Robert H. Jackson Center, "The Legacy of Frank Farrell's Hope's Windows and Josiah DuBois, Jr."
- 5 minute video on the I. G. Farben case.
- *Book review* - Nicolas Rotsko, Esq., Phillips Lytle LLC, on "The Devil's Chemists" by Josiah DuBois, Jr.
- Interview with Bob DuBois, son of Josiah Dubois, Jr.
- *Reflections* - Rob Goldberg, Chief Executive Officer, Buffalo Jewish Federation

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Josiah DuBois, Jr.

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Stacey Block Joins Federation Team

Stacey Block, Buffalo native, Buffalo booster, volunteer and former JCC employee, has joined Buffalo Jewish Federation's professional team as Campaign Associate. In this new position, she will endeavor to enhance overall Campaign for Jewish Buffalo efforts and deepen the Women's Philanthropy programming. At the JCC, she served as Camp Centerland Event Coordinator, Day Camp Administrative Assistant and JCC Accounts Receivable Specialist.

As a volunteer, Stacey served on the boards of the Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Family Service, Federation's Women's Philanthropy Cabinet as well as Super Sunday. A member of the 2012 New Leadership Mission to Israel with Federation, she served on Temple Beth Zion's PALS Parents Committee and Fundraising Committee.

Stacey is married to Neil Block, and they are the parents of Abby and Noah. She is the



Stacey Block

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Kick-Off Event 10/11/18



The Kick-Off Event for the 2019 Annual Campaign for Jewish Buffalo was a great success as well as a very enjoyable evening! Keynote speaker and journalist David Gregory took us on a journey about how he found his Jewish faith. Past Federation President and Benderson Award Winner Jordan Levy presented the Nathan Benderson Community Leadership Award to Jeremy Jacobs, Sr., accompanied by a moving video story. New this year was the presentation of the Emerging Leadership Award. Nina Lukin and Alan Rosenhoch were the recipients of these special awards. Thank you to Event Co-Chairs Jessica & Frank Altman and Julie & Michael Weinberg. Thanks also to Campaign Co-Chairs Stephen and Kim Yonaty and Susan Goldberg Schwartz for their presentations about the Campaign and about our Partnership community of the Western Galilee.

The Campaign for JEWISH BUFFALO

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Buffalo Lions of Judah... the Story Continues



Since the spring, the *Jewish Journal of WNY* has been profiling Buffalo women who make a Lion of Judah (LOJ) level gift (\$5,000+) annually. We have profiled 18 Buffalo women who have become Lions of Judah, and in the process, have contributed to our community being a warm, engaging and welcoming home for so many. This month, meet Karen Baker, Ellen Reis and Viola Sterman, three more Jewish women who exemplify the qualities of “Women of Valor” in our midst. The discussions about philanthropy with each woman resonated around the phrase “L’ dor v’ dor”- from generation to generation. Each one of these exceptional women learned about philanthropy or “giving” when they were children. They learned from parents and grandparents, and now, as parents and grandparents themselves—continue to pass on the value of generosity together with compassion—Tzedakah.



Karen Baker

Karen Baker is a licensed real estate salesperson with Howard Hanna, a wife, mother, daughter and sister. And she leads a busy and full life. But despite work and family commitments, she finds it necessary to be an active, contributing member of Buffalo Jewish and secular communities.

“I have been very blessed with being able to work, and I felt it was time to be able to give something back to Jewish Federation. It’s very important to me to be able to make a difference in people’s lives and this is one way I can do it,” She explained. “The big thing for me, especially as a woman, is to show my children what I am doing and why, and that we don’t just live for ourselves. Children need to see you give your time, energy and money to build and create your community—whatever it may be. An important piece of being a well-rounded adult,” she said, “is being able to contribute in any number of ways to the place in which you live.”

Recalling her community involvement, Karen thanks an old friend. “Jonathan Schechter was the person who orchestrated and introduced my husband, Todd Levin, and me to the Jewish Federation. Jonathan is a childhood friend of mine. He brought us to one of the first big dinners at the Westwood years ago. We liked it, and then immediately got involved after that event. But it was Ellen

Weiss who welcomed me warmly into Women’s Philanthropy events,” she said. “I loved meeting women of all different ages and different interests at Federation events. Women like Leslie Kramer, and Ellen Weiss. I loved the camaraderie and the fun with all the different personalities, and I loved the social side and sharing our Federation interests.”

Karen believes that women’s philanthropic giving is very important. “Whether a woman donates \$25 or \$2500, it is necessary for women to give. This act gives each woman empowerment, and the knowledge that she is helping to create and sustain the community. In our society, women need to be part of the equation, and each woman needs to be able to be her own person. And besides, being philanthropic comes in all different ways- not just money.” Also, Karen notes “we (women) need to make sure women who need help can get it, and women need to be able to be part of something bigger than ourselves. It is good for the community, as well as all of us.”

The Baker-Levin Family sees community involvement as a “family thing.” Aside from her work with Federation, Karen devotes time, energy and funds to Buffalo Prep, the program that enables minority students to attend private high schools in Buffalo and prepares them to get into and attend college. She has served on its board for many years, and clearly is passionate about helping local kids get the chance to go to independent schools and succeed there. Her husband, Todd Levin, who is president of Niagara Metals, a scrap and iron metal recycling business with 4 locations throughout Western New York, has been very involved in Park School for many years. Her children, Taylor, Connor and Julia have all been involved, giving time and effort to things close to their hearts. Julia even won an award at Nichols School as a philanthropist.

Karen was fortunate to grow up with great role models who taught her and helped to shape her values. Her interest and involvement in the greater community came from watching her parents, Barbara and Doug Baker. Her mother, renowned Realtor with Howard Hanna, has always been involved in arts, including the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, and the former Studio Arena Theatre’s Cultural board. Her father is the innovative owner of LaSalle Ambulance, which brought the air ambulance system to our community. Doug has served for many years on the board of ECMC, and he also started Mercy Flight air ambulance, which he funded until the State of New York stepped in. Then Mercy Flight moved on from being just a service for Children’s Hospital to serving the entire region.

As you can see in Karen Baker Levin’s story, the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree. And we, the Buffalo community, are better because of the Baker Family



Ellen Reis

Ellen Silber Reis is a huge Buffalo booster. “I think the Buffalo Jewish community is pretty amazing if you take advantage of what is here.” She met her husband, Bob Reis, who is an attorney and Emeritus Professor of Law at UB Law School, at NYU Law School. In 1964, she and Bob, now married, went to California, then Yale for advanced law degrees for Bob. They came to Buffalo in 1968 when Bob was offered a job teaching at the UB Law School, which they were “promised” was to become “The Berkeley of the East.” “We were going to stay here for two years. Now we have lived in Buffalo for 50 years.” Bob Reis, who retired in 2015, became a full Professor of Law at 28, and taught for almost 50 year at UB.

Ellen says this is a testament to Buffalo, because he did have other offers over the years. They bought a house on Colony Court in Snyder, right next to Larry and Judy Goldberg and their two children—Rob, who was 10 and is now the Federation CEO, and Susan, who was 13 and is now the Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning Adult Education Director. (Yes, it really is a small world!) About her former neighbors, she says “I saw how active Rob Goldberg and Susan Goldberg Schwartz were in Jewish organizations and activities as teenagers, and now I take great pleasure in knowing that the entire Buffalo Jewish community benefits greatly from their roles as outstanding Professionals.”

Ellen and Bob have three children –Jeremy, in Chicago, Illinois, Jody in Los Altos, California, and Jason is in Potomac, Maryland. They also have nine grandchildren.

Ellen Reis grew up in a family that struggled through the Depression. Her father was a lawyer and her mother was a very active volunteer. She is dedicating this story to her late parents, Edna and Carl Silber, who were her role models, and who also came out of the Depression convinced that people have to help each other out whenever possible. “I was really fortunate to grow up in a family where giving generously and taking care of others was both necessary and important. “My father worked very hard as a lawyer—in his office by day, and at home on the dining room table by night. He didn’t make much money in those years, but he insisted on charitable giving even then and really instilled that value in me,” Ellen said. “When you start from a background of giving, you’re ahead of the game.”

Her mother, Edna K. Silber, passed away at 106 this past January. “She was the consummate volunteer,” Ellen said. Her mother served on the National Board of Hadassah, and even went to Israel in 1948, immediately following

Israel's statehood. "That's how active she was. She and my father both gave me an exceptional background. I consider myself fortunate," she said.

Ellen and Bob joined Temple Beth Am when they moved to Western New York, and she began her business as an interior designer—E. Reis Design Perspectives—in the early 1980s. She did some volunteer work at the synagogue, but most of her volunteer work until the early 1980s was non-Jewish—Albright-Knox Art Gallery Members Council, UB's Women's Club for faculty wives, and Planned Parenthood among others.

Then, in 1982, the Reis' went on the Young Leadership Mission, chaired by Sharon & Larry (z"l) Levite and Joanne & Jimmy Bilteckoff. "That trip totally changed my life," Ellen said. "We only knew a few people before we left. We immediately made friends with everybody, and have stayed friends for more than 30 years. And more importantly, I came back and focused on Jewish charities. I became a member of the JCC board and Executive Committee (for at least 20 years), served on the Federation board, the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies board, and was part of Hillel's Executive board for many years, as well. I joined Federation Women's Philanthropy cabinet and became chair in 1999. I went on a second Federation mission in 1996 (led by Howard & Lana Benatovich), and again in 1998, when Irv Shuman was Federation president."

Ellen explained that following one of those Israel Missions at least 25 years ago, she became a Lion of Judah, and decided to donate more time and treasure to the Jewish Community. "When I became Women's Philanthropy Chair, I was blown away by what the organized Jewish world does to help Jews. That's when I learned about our agencies. In 2001, I became part of Federation's Planning & Allocations, went to Belarus & Israel and learned about overseas needs, then also eventually traveled to Cuba, Budapest and Prague on Federation trips as well. We visited Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) fund recipients in their apartments on some of these trips. I remember an elderly woman in Minsk saying, 'please continue to send the dollars. I promise we will do good things with the dollars.' These visits were very eye opening, as was continually visiting all of the agencies here in Buffalo. Those images are forever. I still can picture that little woman from Minsk saying 'Thank you.'"

"I felt then and feel now that I am connected to all the Jews in the world. I really attained a complete understanding of how the agencies worked, how our money is used, and each new piece I added—whether a Federation or JFNA Mission, or a Federation or agency board position—substantiated my feeling that Federation is more than worthy of my money, and in fact, deserves anything I can do to support it. That is one of the reasons I have endowed my Federation Lion gift," she explained. "The Federation and its system will be able to use my contributions to continue this wonderful work long after I am gone."

"When I took the Melton adult education course, one of the questions was 'what was an important moment in your Jewish life?' The first thing I thought of was when the plane landed in Israel in Oct 1982, and my life changed forever. I always say that Federation has done much more for me than I have done for it. Becoming Women's Philanthropy chair made me realize how important my being a Lion of Judah is. Connection is so relevant for me. I now know I am bonded to fabulous women all over the US and Canada who care in the same way I do, and do something about it."

Ellen Reis was also honored by JFNA with its 2016 Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award of National Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federations of North America. This distinction, named for Lion of Judah founders Norma Kipnis-Wilson and Toby Friedland z"l, honors the most inspiring women in North American Jewish communities. And Ellen Reis is indeed inspiring.



Viola Serman

Viola Serman is a very strong supporter of and advocate for the Jewish Federation system. She has first-hand experience on how it works. Born in Budapest, she emigrated to the US as a teenager in December 1956 following the Hungarian Revolution. Through the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Service (HIAS) and its Federation partners, she and several friends ended up in Buffalo by way of Austria. Her family remained in Europe, but she wanted to come to see the world. She still stays in touch with family and friends in Budapest, and she recalls that there was anti-Semitism rampant in Hungary in the 1950s. Enough to make her yearn to leave. "The Hungarian Revolution in the 1950s stirred up quite a bit of nationalism," she explained. "But Nationalism creates narrow-mindedness, as well as anti-Semitism, which we can still see today," she said.

When asked why she is such a Federation supporter, she said "Jews in America and Canada understood many years ago that Jews worldwide still needed protection and help. This is why the Federation system was created. To me, the Federation is a vital, vital source where Jewish people can express how they feel about everything that was done to the Jews and make sure we all remember, and support its work. I feel it's something I have to do—support the agency. This is a matter of wanting to help, a matter of understanding why I am needed. At one point I was helped. Now I am able to help, so I do," she said.

When asked why she is a Lion of Judah, Viola readily replied. "Again, I have to go back to the Federation, because it is the organization which is able to care for and care about Jews in many different countries. Each Federation supports Jews worldwide, and the Federation system takes care of Jews in every country where Jews live, protects them and works with their governments to keep them safe."

"Federation is the organization that works on deeper understanding among all the Jews, and demonstrates the importance of giving money here to help Jews everywhere. I believe

that Lion of Judah is an interpretation of enabling the people who have money give to Jewish causes, and to reach Jews who are able to help those in need," she said. "I am proud of the Lions. It makes my heart warm to see that American women understand and fully follow the ways that Jews are important in the world and need to feel safe."

Giving and Federation are high priorities in the Serman Family. Avy Serman, Viola's husband chaired the Federation Campaign two different times, among many other things. "You factor in the sense that Avy is very generous, very supportive and has a real Jewish heart," she said. Viola served as Chair of the Federation's Women's Philanthropy during the 2011 and 2012 Campaigns. "Being chair of Women's Philanthropy was a natural outcome of who I am, because I understand the cause in my heart. And when I read about women who are not from Europe, but recognize the importance of giving to those who need help, I feel good about it," she said. "Women's campaign is very important. Women's strength now can be exhibited in the fullest."

She is especially proud of the Women's Philanthropy program created while she was chair-Women of Distinction. This program, which began in 2012 and has continued every other year, honors women all across the community, including Viola, who was honored in 2017. "We have created the Women of Distinction program which unites all of the faces of Jewish Buffalo—organizations, temples, synagogues and agencies, representing all facets of Judaism to honor our women under the Federation umbrella." Viola served for several years on the Federation's board, is also a Life Member of Hadassah and an interior designer by profession. She has two sons who live in New York with their families, Avy has two daughters, and together they have eight grandchildren.

Women's philanthropic giving is crucial to the community's success, Viola explained. "Women are an integral part of the campaign. I want them to know how much their money helps. It really does. When money is given, the organization is stronger, and that makes us stronger, enabling us to help our fellow Jews here, in Israel, even in Russia and Iran. The people who still remain in the Former Soviet Union and the Middle East outside of Israel are safer because the Federation system is keeping its eye on them through the JDC, JAFI and other groups."

She does not forget that Soviet Jewry's success is in large part due to the Federations' years of advocacy. That work, political and social advocacy for many years made it possible for Jews to leave Russia. "Together, we all did that! That is the Federation to me! I feel connected to Jews all over the world. Finally, what really matters to me is that through my work and that of the rest of the women of Federation, we can and do make a difference."



Wednesday evenings
6:30 pm-8:30 pm

JCC of Greater Buffalo, Benderson Building
2640 North Forest Road, Getzville

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
(no classes on 11/21)

Trimester 2: January 9, 2019 - February 13, 2019

Trimester 3: March 6, 2019 - April 17, 2019 (no classes on 3/20)

One session: \$180.00

Two sessions: \$360.00

Three sessions: \$500.00

***Students may register for one, two or three trimesters*

Each week will be broken into two periods. First period will bring together teens of the same grade level for a core curricular experience. Second period will offer electives with many interesting course choices.

The full Hebrew High Course Catalog and Registration can be found online: www.buffalojewishfederation.org/teen-engagement/

Questions? Contact Rob Taylor, Hebrew High Manager
at rtaylor@buffalojewishfederation.org

Core Courses

Grade 8:

Jewish Values Experience
Instructor: Alyssa Strang

Grade 9:

For Real Talk

Instructors: Rob Goldberg and
Miriam Abramovich

Grade 10:

Confirmation Class

Instructors: Rabbi Jonathan
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Rabbi Samuel Barth

Grade 11:

The Torah of Texting

Instructor: Betsy Abramson

Grade 12:

**Packing your Jewish Suitcase
for College**

Instructor: Logan Woodard

Electives

Google News and Twitter Today
Instructor: Betsy Abramson

Jewish Story Telling
Instructor: Nancy Fernandez

Sculpture, Israeli Style
Instructor: Cathy Shuman Miller

Real Questions, Honest Answers
Instructor: Brocha Leah Greenberg

Jewish Zumba
Instructor: Erika Ruiz

Navigating your Jewish Identity in Social Media
Instructor: Nancy Fernandez

Upcycle for Good
Instructor: Laurie Greenspan

Jewish Independent Film
Instructor: Nancy Fernandez

Jewish Ceramics
Instructor: Nicole Bard

Hidden Judaism in Pop Culture
Instructor: Rick Weiss

Hey Teens: We Want to Meet Up!



When you are a teen, meaningful Jewish experiences don't have to end with a Bat/Bar Mitzvah! For some, your teenage years are a time in life when Jewish learning and exploration begin. However you identify Jewishly—Reform, Conservative, Orthodox or Just Jewish-- no matter your Jewish background, we would like to get to know you. And, we would love to help you find ways to learn and grow that are meaningful and relevant, either through one of our programs or through one of our partner agencies or congregations. **So, reach out to Hebrew High Manager Rob Taylor (rtaylor@buffalojewishfederation.org) and we can find a time to connect!**



American Jews and Israel— A “Challenging Relationship” November 18 @JCC

Buffalo Hadassah, the Buffalo Federation, and the Jewish Community Center are pleased to bring you an important panel discussion about Israel. Whether you love Israel, or are abivalent, this is the panel for you.

Our moderator is Rob Goldberg, CEO and Executive Director of the Buffalo Jewish Federation, and he will facilitate a brief conversation with panelists Rabbi Jonathan Frierich of Temple Beth Zion; Leslie Kramer, community leader; and Rabbi Sara Rich, Executive Director of Hillel of Buffalo.



Moderator Rob Goldberg, and panelists Rabbi Jonathan Frierich, Leslie Kramer, and Rabbi Sara Rich

The panelists will address controversial issues such as the conflicts between liberal American Jews and Orthodox religious and political leaders in Israel, the new Israeli Nationality Law, the Peace Process (does it still exist?), opposing attitudes toward President Trump, the disaffection of many of the youth, and others. Bring your concerns and join the discussion

Sunday, November 18, at 1:30 PM
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Growing our Buffalo Mussar community

By Susan Goldberg Schwartz

“To begin living a life of Mussar,” writes Rabbi Micha Berger, “you must start by developing an awareness of who you really are.” Rabbi Shlomo Wolbe adds, “The essence of Mussar is introspection...awareness of inner processes is essential to the Mussar mission of ‘building an interior life.’”

Mussar is a Jewish spiritual practice that offers tools for living a more balanced, meaningful and ethical life. Mussar involves studying Jewish texts, meeting with a small group of peers (a va’ad), and engaging in personal contemplative practices and exercises. Mussar practice encourages you to examine the role that specific character traits play in your life. They recognize that each trait – among them patience, humility, respect, gratitude, enthusiasm, responsibility and many others – is a building block for an effective and fulfilling life.



We are excited to bring the Mussar experience to two new cohorts in our community, beginning this month. Through a grant from the National Center to Encourage Judaism, **Mussar for Couples** will guide couples of multiple faiths through Jewish learning experiences and provide them opportunities to experience living and celebrating the Jewish calendar utilizing Mussar texts and practices. The curriculum will emphasize how a celebration of Jewish time can

help couples of multiple faiths integrate Judaism into the natural rhythms of their lives.

Life is busier than ever for families, many with two-parent working households. After engaging with Mussar practice, many people often lament, ‘if only I had had these tools when I was parenting my kids.’ With that in mind, **Mussar for Moms**, designed for working moms of school age children, will provide tools for being more reflective, mindful and grateful, which can lead to living a more balanced life. Mussar for Moms will meet on Sunday evenings twice a month from November through March and will focus on the traits of humility, patience, gratitude, trust and others.

For more information about joining these Mussar groups, as well as future groups, contact Susan Schwartz, susan@buffalojewishfederation.org. For general information about Mussar, check out the website for The Mussar Institute, <https://mussarinstitute.org/>.

Yad B’Yad Assessing Buffalo Disability Landscape

By Cindi Mikulik, Director, Yad B’Yad

Yad B’Yad is Jewish Buffalo’s organization that seeks to include everyone regardless of ability into the Buffalo Jewish Community. We are in the process of conducting a survey to assess the landscape of inclusion in greater Buffalo. The three goals of this project are to gain a better understanding of who the Jewish individuals with special needs are in Buffalo; what programs, services and resources are currently available to them, and what more is needed to make Jewish Buffalo’s network of communities universally accessible and inclusive.

We are grateful to all of the individuals and agencies who are assisting with this project. We expect the survey to be complete in January 2019. Under the direction of Yad B’Yad Chair Robin Raphael, a team of volunteer leaders and professionals will work to interpret the findings of the community analysis and then establish a plan to help agencies move toward becoming more inclusive, and expanding our services to the community.



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- 2» **Pop Art Bash for Young Audiences Friday, November 16.** Funky formal inter-imagine-active visual and performing arts happening of the season. 6-10:00 pm. Statler City. Tickets begin at \$60. www.yawny.org/events/pop-art-bash/
- 3» **Help members of TBZ, Shir Shalom and North Presbyterian Church assemble and deliver Thanksgiving baskets for the needy.** Saturday and Sunday Nov. 18-19 at 9:00 am. You can also donate non-perishable food and fresh turkeys. Call Chris Cohan at 430-6029.
- 4» **Join your Christian friends at Eagles' Wings annual event—Buffalo Celebrates Israel Sunday, November 18 at 6:00 pm.** Resurrection Life Church. 2145 Old Union Road in Cheektowaga. Bishop Robert Stearns and Pastor John Tonelli will lead the event. **Call 1-800-519-4647 or go to www.eagleswings.org for more information.**
- 5» **Once again this year, The World's Largest Disco is in Buffalo Saturday, November 24 at the Buffalo Convention Center.** All proceeds benefit Camp Good Days. You must be 21 to attend. **Purchase tickets at www.ticketmaster.com.**

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Classes Held Wednesday Evenings

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Session 2: Jan. 23 – May 15

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For course details, costs, times, and registration, visit www.buffalojewishfederation.org/center-jel

Questions? Contact Susan Schwartz: susan@buffalojewishfederation.org

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Mussar for Couples

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This Mussar cohort is designed for couples (at any stage of committed relationship) where one partner identifies as Jewish and the other partner identifies within a different faith. Participants will be exposed to Jewish learning and will experience living the Jewish calendar through the celebration of a variety of holidays and festivals.

Sunday afternoon and evenings (times vary)

November 18, December 9, January 20,
February 10, March 17, April 7, May 19, June 2

For more information or to register:
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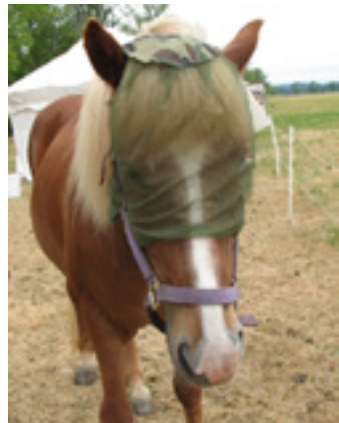
Is Judaism A Horse?

B"H

By Rabbi Yehoshua Greenberg

In the not-too-distant past, the horse occupied a central role in human life. From warfare to commerce, from the primary mode of long distance travel to symbols of status and prestige, horses featured ubiquitously in our consciousness and served as a critical element of a functional society. Everyone needed a horse in one way or another; entire industries revolved around them and a large part of the economy depended on them.

Then, with the advent of modern transportation, the horse's role faded into oblivion; it no longer carries the same significance in our lives and imagination. To be sure, we will read about them in books, encounter them occasionally on roadside farms as we whiz by in our vehicles, but nonetheless relegated to a tiny footnote in the vast tome of our lives. The horse does retain some of its former glory with equestrian enthusiasts and hobbyists, but they are small in number and represent a niche market.



This short history of the horse can serve as an analogy for the challenges we face in the Jewish community. We are all



Rabbi Yehoshua Greenberg

concerned with Jewish continuity and the relatively low level of Jewish engagement and participation and doing what we can to counter the forces of assimilation and indifference. But we have to ask ourselves what role does Judaism - Yiddishkeit --play in our lives? How is it presented to others?

There are many ways people describe the importance of Judaism. Some describe its cultural richness and beauty, others point to its storied history and tradition-- a tradition that evokes nostalgia and connection to the past. Some focus on the sense of family, community and belonging that Judaism engenders, while

others highlight the beautiful way of life the teachings of the Torah inspire.

While all these elements are valid and important, on their own, they will suffer the fate of the horse. If the qualities of Judaism are solely utilitarian and are only necessary to the extent they serve our subjective sense of what's important, they will become outdated and other "qualities" will supplant them. In other words, if we partake in Judaism solely to fill our void in the areas of culture, tradition, sense of belonging, etc., other cultures, traditions, and communities will easily offer alternatives that will attempt to fill those voids.

To be sure, Judaism will still be around. We'll read about it in books, marvel at it in museums and check into a synagogue or community center a couple times a year. Moreover, there will still be Jewish enthusiasts and "fanatics" but they will be dismissed as a marginal and niche phenomenon; a relic of the past, and the rest of us will be uninterested and unengaged.

The truth is... Judaism is NOT a horse! Judaism is not merely a useful tool for a productive and meaningful life. For a Jew, it is life itself! Sure it contains all the qualities mentioned above, but those qualities stem from and are a byproduct of the fact that it is our very life, and the very essence of life never fades or goes stale. We have to impress upon ourselves and others that the truths and practices of Yiddishkeit (Judaism) are embedded in our DNA. They are part of who we are and why we are here and will therefore remain with us forever. As disinterested and unengaged as we may become, we cannot run away from this immovable reality; we cannot run away from ourselves. This is why, even as the forces of assimilation and indifference intensify, many have

chosen to re-engage and have developed a love and passion for Yiddishkeit; not because of a particular feature that they are attracted to, but because of how it resonates deep in their soul and speaks to who they are.

The upshot of all this is to resolve to live our Judaism with interest, vigor, enthusiasm and passion, not just because some of the features appeal to us, but to live it as life itself. In order to experience and implement this facet of Judaism, one has to study Torah. The Torah is the Divine lens through which we appreciate the depth of our soul and reality.

The rabbi invites you to join a fascinating journey of Torah Study. There are two courses this November:

Course A: Mysticism in the Age of Reason —This course will examine Jewish History of the 18th and 19th centuries and focus on the Chassidic movement.

Course B: The Kindness Principle: The Jewish Formula for Developing Kindness.

For more information on this and other learning programs contact the rabbi at rabbi@jewishdiscovery.org or 716.400.1550 or visit www.jewishdiscovery.org.

Rabbi Yehoshua Greenberg is Education Director of the Jewish Discovery Center.

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Buffalo Celebrates Israel Sunday, November 18

By Aaron Derstine, Eagles' Wings

For nearly 10 years, the annual Buffalo Celebrates Israel event has brought together Christians and Jews in Western New York to build relationship, promote dialogue, and extend a hand of support and friendship to Israel and the Jewish people.

This year, the year that the nation of Israel has commemorated its 70th anniversary, join Eagles' Wings Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm as Christians and Jews from the community of faith in Buffalo come together for Buffalo Celebrates Israel at Resurrection Life Church, 2145 Old Union Rd, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. It will be a powerful night of solidarity with the Jewish people, and a wonderful celebration of the nation of Israel!

IN THE MIDST OF CHALLENGES

Israel is facing many challenges in the world right now, and we recognize that now is the time more than ever before to declare our continual love and support for Israel and the Jewish people. Not only in Israel and the Middle East, but also in Europe and America, acts of anti-Semitism present a frequent threat to the Jewish community. In this moment in Israel's history, you do not want to miss this opportunity to add your voice to those of others in this region expressing our love and support for Israel and the Jewish people!

JEWISH & CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES UNITE

This promises to be an exciting night, with many leaders and members of the Jewish Community present as our special guests. Speakers and guests will include representatives from Israel, as well as civic leaders from the region. The evening is free and open to the public, and a special financial offering will be received for Israel

BE A PART

Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm (Doors will open at 5:00 pm)

Location: Resurrection Life Church,
2145 Old Union Rd, Cheektowaga, NY



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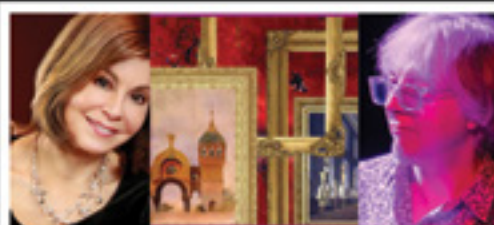


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Kol Nidre With Florence in South Carolina

*By Steven Schwartz,
Buffalo Jewish Service Corps*

On September 13, Hurricane Florence hit the Carolinas with heavy winds, rain, storm surge, and flooding. Multiple shelters were opened to support evacuees. As a Red Cross volunteer, I was deployed “virtually”, assisting volunteers and staff by phone in resolving problems, until I could fly to Columbia, SC. I arrived on Erev Yom Kippur.

The Columbia Jewish Federation planned for me to attend Kol Nidre services in either of two synagogues, and I was able to visit Tree of Life Congregation where I was welcomed by Rabbi Emeritus Sanford Marcus and Steven and Laney Cohen. And, as a reminder of how connected the Jewish Community is, Steven’s mother, who was there, was a high school classmate of mine from Detroit. It was a moving service, with Kol Nidre sung by a member of the chorus, followed by a magnificent



Tree of Life Congregation

violinist and finally by Rabbi Eric Mollo. Last year, I heard Kol Nidre in Houston while helping with Red Cross clean-up efforts there

after Hurricane Harvey. You never know.

A week later, I moved to Myrtle Beach where there was major flooding and followed the rivers as they crested at historic levels. There I met Brittany Rubin, District 1 Director, Red Cross staff, who had previously worked with Nechama,



Brittany Rubin

a Jewish organization that rebuilds communities after disasters. Her arm tattoo reads “Tikkun Olam” (repairing the world), a reflection on our disaster relief efforts.

Tikkun Olam starts in our own community and preparations begin at home. In conjunction with Nickel City Jews and the Buffalo Jewish Service Corps, as a Red Cross trainer, last month I made a presentation to the NYS Citizens Preparedness Corps. The program, Prepare, Respond, Recover: What to Do When Disaster Strikes showed how you and your family can prepare for, respond and recover from natural, man-made and technological disasters.

To sign up for future trainings and preparedness activities, contact Buffalo Jewish Service Corps (BJSC) (joan@buffalojewishfederation.com). The BJSC will continue to seek opportunities for Tikkun Olam in the Jewish and local community.

Steven Schwartz is the founder of the Buffalo Jewish Service Corps.



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Happy Thanksgiving Pie

By Robin Kurss

At Thanksgiving, my family expects their traditional favorites....year after year. This year, I'll be making something that's familiar enough not to cause a riot, but different enough to make things a little more interesting. This Cranberry Pear Slab Pie has a fun shape, lots of crust and topping (my kid's favorite part), feeds a crowd and can be made a day ahead. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday. I'm thankful for all of our wonderful *Jewish Journal* readers who come up to me to let me know they've read and/ or made the recipes they've seen in the *Journal*...it's a pleasure to share them with you!

Cranberry Pear Slab Pie

feeds 20



Crust:

- 3 ¾ c flour
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- ¾ lb. butter, cold, cut into ¼" sq
- ½ c cold water

Crumb Topping:

- 1 ½ c chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1 1/2c flour
- 1 c oats
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ lb. butter, room temp
- ½ c brown sugar
- 1 c sugar

Filling:

- 12 pears, peeled, cored, cut into ½" wedges
- 4 tsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. vanilla
- 1 c sugar
- ¼ c flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 c cranberries

Make piecrust: Place flour, salt and sugar in food processor. Pulse to combine. Add butter and pulse till butter is the size of peas. Add water while pulsing just till combined and dough comes together. Turn out onto counter, roll into a ball, flatten into a disc, wrap in plastic wrap and place in fridge for 1 hour or up to 2 days. Take dough out of fridge, let come to room temp and roll on floured counter to 14 x 19" rectangle to fit a 12 x 17' rimmed sheet pan. Put crust back in fridge for 1 hour.

Make crumb topping: Stir nuts, flour, oats and salt together in a bowl. In a large bowl, with your hands, mix together butter and sugars till combined. Add nut mix and mix till combined. Work with your fingers to form various sized "clumps". Put in fridge till ready to use...can be made up to a week in advance!

Make filling: Preheat oven to 400. Combine all filling ingredients in a large bowl and toss to combine. Spread over piecrust and then cover with crumb topping. Bake for about an hour until filling is bubbly. Let cool for at least 1 hour before cutting.

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November 11 Achim Features Jacqui Berger

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion's next Achim program, Sunday, November 11 at 10:00 am will take place at the Meadows Lounge, at Weinberg Campus. The featured speaker will be the Hon. Jacqueline Berger, Town Councilmember for the Town of Amherst. Ms. Berger, who is well known in the community, will be discussing the 2018 national and state election results, including remarks on national and state politics.

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. For further information, please contact Ken Graber at 681-9885.



Jacqueline Berger

Congregation Shir Shalom and North Presbyterian Church Pulpit Exchange

On Friday, November 9th at 7:00 pm, North Presbyterian Church's pastor, Rev. William Hennessy along with his church's choir, will visit Congregation Shir Shalom. The service will reflect on the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, how the world has changed since the 1930's especially in regard to Christian-Jewish relations, and examine work that still needs to be done

On Sunday, November 18th, Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein, Cantor Arlene Frank and CSS's Shiru Na Choir will visit North Presbyterian's Sunday service at 10:15 am, to reflect again on Kristallnacht.

On two Thursdays—December 6 and

13th—at 7:00 PM, both congregations will offer a class entitled "Shedding Light on Hanukkah and Christmas: a Historical Perspective of the Two Holidays." The first class will be at Shir Shalom and delve into Hanukkah. The second will be at North Presbyterian and delve into Christmas.

Classes have been planned for Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, between 10:30-11:30 AM, the first two at North Presbyterian, and the second two at Shir Shalom. The topic will be "The G-Word, What Christianity and Judaism have to say About God and Faith." All events are open to the community.

Buffalo Israel Experience 2018 Reunion

**Friday, November 30, 2018 at Congregation Shir Shalom
Erev Shabbat Service, 7:00 pm**

This fall's participants and leaders of The Buffalo Israel Experience (BIE) 2018 will hold a gathering and celebration during the Shabbat evening service of November 30. Members of the BIE will be on hand to share stories with the Buffalo Jewish community. Lively Shabbat music for the evening will be provided by Tizmeret Ensemble.

**A Shabbat dinner with an Israeli theme will begin at 6:00pm.
Cost is \$20 per person.**

Please contact the Temple Office for reservations. Everyone is welcome!!! Open to the community.

KOT Members Celebrated Joyous Holidays

The Kehillat Ohr Tzion (KOT) members enjoy celebrating happy occasions together, while welcoming friends, relatives and visitors to join in the festivities. On September 22, the entire kehillah celebrated the 50th anniversary of Gail and Stew Siskin. Following Shabbat services the Siskins arranged for a beautiful catered luncheon. The Siskins were founding members of KOT and are actively involved in all aspects of the synagogue. Gail and Stew have always been extremely generous to KOT and marked their 35th anniversary by donating a Torah to the shul, and to mark their 50th anniversary, they donated a lovely white embroidered cloth to cover the Torah during aliyot.

September was a very busy month at KOT with all the holidays and special meals that the members shared together,



including a barbecue in Rabbi Ori and Nora Bergman's sukkah and a Simchat Torah dinner at the shul.

The weekend of October 19-21 included programs with Israeli representatives from Amiel Bakehila and a special Shabbat dinner, which was part of the Shabbat Project.

For the last few months KOT has been collecting warm clothing for the City Mission but there is always some project going on all through the year. There are also many opportunities to get involved in social action projects. If you would like more information on such projects email phylismksteinberg@gmail.com.

In addition, there continue to be many opportunities for learning with the rabbi. For a complete list of activities email oribergman@gmail.com.



TBZ Offers Erev Shabbat Service at Amberleigh

On the first Friday of each month, Judy Henn, Temple Beth Zion's Clergy Associate, will lead Shabbat Services. The service will be held at 6:30 pm in the Amber Room. All residents of Amberleigh are welcome to attend.

Beth Zion Veterans Day Shabbat

**Friday, November 9, at 7 pm
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Thanksgiving Baskets Help Needed!

Congregation Shir Shalom, Temple Beth Zion, and North Presbyterian Church will be assembling Thanksgiving Baskets for needy families in Buffalo, in just a few weeks. Assembly of Thanksgiving Baskets will be done at North Presbyterian Church on North Forest Road Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 am, with distribution on Sunday, November 19 starting at 9:00am.

With the community's support, the three congregations prepare over 500 baskets of food, annually for agencies that feed local families, and anticipate a successful food collection again this year! Please consider donating non-perishable foods, including stuffing mix, canned vegetables or fruit, cranberry sauce, raw potatoes, brownie mix, a frozen turkey, a boxed dinner of these items for a family of four, or a monetary donation. Wegmans and Tops heavily discount turkey prices in November, so please consider buying an extra one to donate, which will decrease

the number of turkeys the group must buy at near-full price. To run this program it typically costs about \$5,000 in food. A donation of even one food item makes a difference.

All food will be delivered to agencies on Sunday morning, November 19th. Non-perishable foods can be dropped off at Congregation Shir Shalom anytime earlier. Frozen turkeys may be stored at the Temple, if freezer space is available. Please notify Chris Cohan, Thanksgiving Baskets Project Chair at ccohan@buffalo.edu or 688-6890 or 430-6029 if you intend to drop off a dinner or turkey. Everyone is welcome to help. It's a great tikkun olam activity for parents to do with their children. For additional information, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Chris. Share the joy of Thanksgiving with those in our community who are hungry and need our help. **Thank you!**

Volunteers Needed For Friends of Night People

TBZ is seeking volunteers for **Friends of Night People** for the second Tuesday of each month from 4 to 7:15 pm. Join in serving a warm meal to those who would otherwise go hungry. **Please contact Ann Marie Randall, (716) 836-6565, Ext. 111, or Annmarie@tbz.org to put your name on the list of volunteers.** Come once or more often - whatever you can do is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Leslie Garfinkel, Sharon Winer, Marcia Valente, Sharon Chapman, Adina Garfinkel, Jackie and Dan Korchowsky for their help in September.

TBZ Bereavement Support Group

The TBZ Bereavement Support Group is a lay-led group that meets in an informal and warm setting. The group offers companionship and understanding from others who have experienced a similar loss and are experiencing the similar challenges of living with grief. Meetings usually take place at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road, Amherst. **If you have questions or would like information on the meeting dates and locations, contact Carol at (716) 873-2836. All members of the community are welcome.**

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Beth Tzedek Ribbon Cutting November 4

After years of planning and a year after breaking ground, Temple Beth Tzedek is preparing to make the move to its new home at 1641 North Forest. A ribbon-cutting event is planned for November 4.



The day will start at 9:15 am, immediately after morning services, when a parade of Torah scrolls will be carried by hand from the Getzville Road building to the North Forest Rd building. The community is invited to accompany the congregation as they march with the scrolls to the new home. An educational program will be incorporated into religious school that day and the students will be invited to accompany the Torah scrolls for the last portion of the march.

The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 11:15 am to 1:00 pm. Local politicians and Jewish community leaders will be invited to participate. An open house will provide everyone with a peek at the combined space, including both the new construction and the building formally occupied by Congregation B'nai Shalom. In total, there will be approximately 18,000 square feet, together with garden space. 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, a home

for the synagogue's memorial plaques, and a museum and gift shop.

The day will also include the formal installation of Rabbi Samuel Barth, who came to TBT in July and has spent the last few months getting to know Western New York. Rabbi Barth was born in Israel and studied mathematical physics at Sussex College in the United Kingdom before being ordained at Leo Baeck College in London. He has served for decades in the development and education of the next generation of rabbis. He has



been a teacher and administrator at several different rabbinical schools. He has served in the congregational rabbinate as full time rabbi and as a consulting rabbi in various places around the country.

Refreshments will be served. The community is invited to attend.

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Havurah Opens New Food Pantry

Enid Bloch of Congregation Havurah (left) and Maria Ceraulo of the Universalist Unitarian Church (right) of Amherst were among those who attended the grand opening of the Amherst Little Food Pantry, a joint project of Havurah and the Church. Funding was also provided by the Network of Religious Communities. The Little Free Pantry is located in the Church's portico and provides non-perishable food and items 24/7 on the honor system to those in need in the community.



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November 1

**Opening Reception for
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Show runs through December 28

November 3- 11

"Buffalo's Holocaust Era Stories"
Photo/art show
JCC Benderson Family Building
Various events & lectures relating
to Kristallnacht

November 4

TBT Ribbon Cutting
1641 North Forest, 9:15am

"Thoughts Along the Way."

Photos by Daniel Rogers

Opening Reception
3:00-5:00 pm

JCC Holland Family Building Free!
Show runs through December 28

Ohr Temimim Gala

411 John James Audubon Parkway
7:00-9:00 pm
There is a cost for this event.

November 5

"Buffalo's Holocaust Era Stories"

Photo/ art show

Opening Reception 6:00-8:00 pm
JCC Benderson Family Building

UB Dept of Jewish Thought

7:00 pm 712 Clemens Hall

RSVP to jewishthought@buffalo.edu

November 6

HRC/ JCC Lecture:

"Telling the Survivors' Stories"

JCC Benderson Family Building
7:00 pm

November 8

HRC/ JCC Lecture:

"Documenting History"

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10:30 am

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November 9

**Kristallnacht Commemorated
(1938)**

November 10

**Film Screening & Talk:
"No Place on Earth"**

6:00 pm, TBZ Broder Center

November 11

PJ Library's "My Grown Up & Me"

10:00-11:00 am, Kid's Place-
JCC Holland Building

Contact Nicole Bard

nicole@buffalojewishfederation.org

Elegant Evening at Kehillat Ohr Tzion

7:00-10:00 pm, 879 Hopkins Road.

There is a cost.

Contact Cecile Minkoff

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"Writing Fiction about the Holocaust"

Sharon Hart-Green

7:30 pm, JCC Benderson
Building/Sellers Theatre
\$10.

November 18

**American Jews and Israel Panel
Discussion**

1:30 pm

JCC Benderson Family Building

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6:00 pm, Resurrection Life Church
2145 Old Union Road, Cheektowaga
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November 22

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November 24

Kadimah's 60th Reunion
6:30 pm, 1085 Eggert Road

November 29

**Buffalo Jewish Federation's
Annual Meeting**

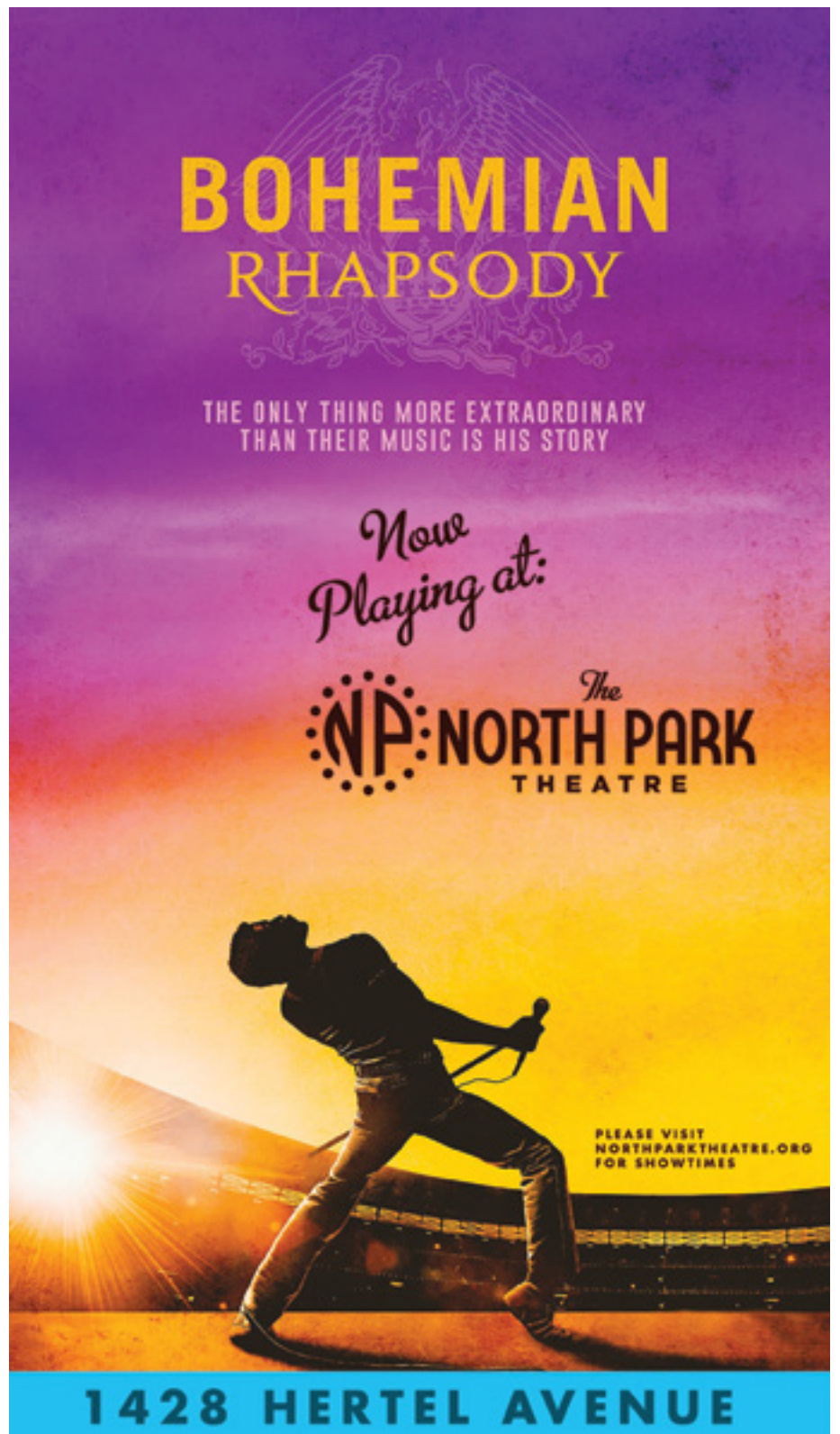
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Hillel of Buffalo Kicks Off Jewish Learning Fellowship

By Rabbi Sara Rich Executive Director of Hillel of Buffalo.

When students start college, they begin a journey that is much greater than their academic pursuits. They embark upon four years of building an identity, forming social connections, finding their communities, exploring new interests, and grappling with big new ideas. This last category often takes place in the classic “late-night dorm conversation,” during which students will talk late into the night about major existential questions, emerging with even more questions to consider, and a deeper relationship with their conversation partner.

The Jewish Learning Fellowship (JLF) is a program sponsored by Hillel International that aims to spark these deep conversations through a Jewish lens. Hillel of Buffalo is one of more than 100 campuses hosting the JLF program, with a cohort of 14 students and 2 student interns meeting weekly for dinner and conversation on the subject: Life’s Big Questions, Or How to Get the Most out of College.

Through this program, students will discuss questions like “How Big is My Story?” “How Do we Disagree?” and “What is the Role of Sabbath for College Students?” Each week, students gather for a few minutes of social time to help them transition from their busy days into the calmer Hillel atmosphere. They then study the question of the week using a text sheet with Jewish sources and guiding questions, so that they can learn about the long tradition of Jewish conversations on the subject, and add their own voices to the dialogue. Staff members Alexa Zappia and I are present to facilitate conversation and encourage students to go deeper with their ideas. The students benefit from a welcoming, non-judgmental space to share their ideas, and gain new perspectives from their peers.

A participant in last year’s cohort commented, “I learned that I am not alone in my beliefs - though I thought that some of my thoughts were unique, I’ve realized that a lot of people share my feelings and



perspectives. It’s a comforting feeling.”

The JLF students kicked off their semester of learning together with a mini-retreat on Sunday, September 23rd. They gathered at Hillel for brunch and to learn each other’s names, and then headed to the Jewish Women’s Group Home on Maple Road to join Yad b’Yad in helping the residents build and decorate their sukkah. The group then returned to Hillel for their first big conversation. Staying with the theme of Sukkot, the students discussed the question “Where is home?” using sources about the temporary nature of the sukkah and discussing how dwelling in a makeshift home for a week is an experience that mirrors the challenge of creating a semi-permanent, but transient, home on campus.

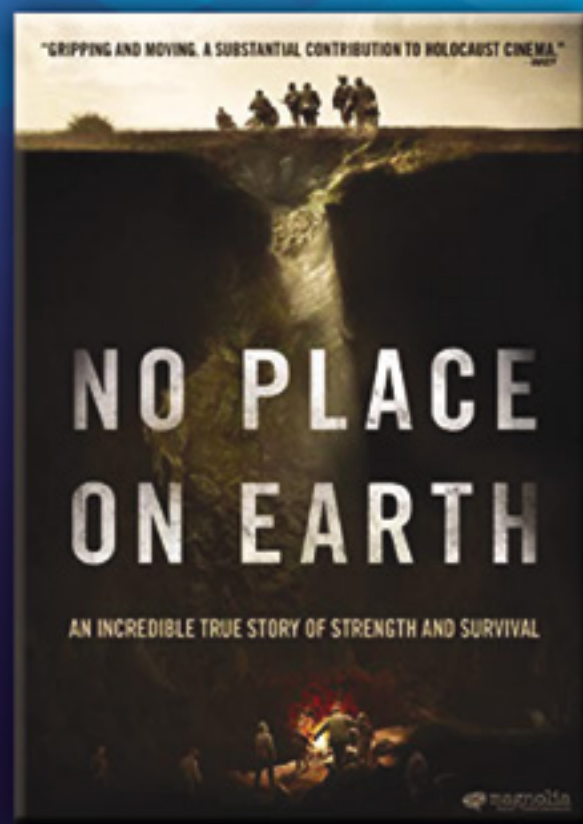
We look forward to continuing our weekly deep conversations, and hope that they will only spark more questions for our students to consider. For more information about JLF, visit <http://bit.ly/buffalo-jlf>.

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UB’s Department of Jewish Thought invites community members to participate in a brand new event series: “BLIND DATE WITH A JEWISH BOOK.” Our professors will host a “meeting” between our guests and an as yet unannounced Jewish book, in the hope that we shall all meet again for a second date (with a different book!). Our first “date” will take place Monday November 5th, at 7:00 PM in the department library, 712 Clemens Hall. Take a chance! Refreshments will be served. **Please R.S.V.P. to jewishthought@buffalo.edu.**

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“THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY” – ART SHOW @ JCC HOLLAND BLDG. THROUGH 12/28

The Art Gallery, located in the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo Holland Family Building will feature a solo exhibit by artist Daniel Rodgers. The exhibit entitled, “Thoughts Along the Way,” opens November 1, 2018 and will be on view through December 28, 2018.

Almost entirely self-taught, Rodgers’ repertoire includes forays into collage, décollage, photomontage and assemblage. The exhibit showcases the differences in the various mediums. Décollage in effect, is the opposite of collage, wherein, several layers (of paper) are uncovered, or exposed. Photomontages are often composed of photographs of disparate scale and proportion. Many examples of this art-form employ humorous elements. At times, photomontage can include brushwork, typography, even found objects.

“Born and raised in Buffalo, my working class background has taught me

to appreciate the value of using recycled material – from old magazines to old fire bricks – in my art endeavors,” said Rodgers. Unique to the exhibit are fire bricks. “These are bricks which I rescued from the curbside several years ago. They are well over a hundred years old,” said Rodgers.

Rodgers’ work has appeared in the Burchfield Penney Art Gallery, the Erie (PA) Museum of Art, the annual Artists in Buffalo open galleries, the Bunis Family Art Gallery, and 1045 Elmwood Gallery of the Arts. A free gallery reception, open to the community, will take place in the Art Gallery at the JCC Holland Family Building, Sunday, November 4, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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.



One of Daniel Rodgers’ works from his show at the JCC

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November 3 – November 11

The Jewish Community Center, in collaboration with the Holocaust Resource Center, presents *Witnesses: Buffalo's Holocaust-Era Stories* Traveling Gallery Exhibit, on display in the Lippman Lounge, 2nd floor, JCC Benderson Family Building from Saturday, November 3 through Sunday, November 11. This exhibit shares personal stories, photographs, and artifacts, exploring the themes of movement, anti-Semitism, cooperation, and resilience as witnesses to the Holocaust survivors who arrived in Buffalo. Survivors included in the exhibit include Joseph Bolinsky, Joseph Diamond, William Eisen, Henry Joseph, Stephen Lewy, Dr. Sol Messinger, Anna Post, Mark Solarz and Sophia Veffor. The exhibit was made possible through the support of the E.O. Smith Arts and Humanities Faculty Development Fund at Buffalo State College and the *Buffalo News* and is free and open to the public during regular JCC business hours.

In conjunction with the gallery exhibit, scheduled events will take place during the week of Kristallnacht commemorating its 80th Anniversary. Kristallnacht, also called the **Night of Broken Glass**, happened on the night of November 9, 1938, when German Nazis attacked Jewish persons and property. In a few hours, thousands of synagogues and Jewish businesses and homes were damaged or destroyed.

In addition to the Gallery exhibit, the following events will be presented during the week of November 3 – November 11:

“Witnesses: Buffalo's Holocaust-Era Stories *Traveling Gallery Exhibit”*

Opening Reception
Monday, November 5, 2018
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Lippman Lounge, 2nd Floor, JCC Benderson Family Building. The event includes welcoming remarks by Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo, tour of the exhibit, and light reception. ***This event is free and open to the community, RSVP to 204-2084.***

“Through the eyes of the subsequent generations: Telling the survivors stories”

Lecture presentation
by Nurit Fischer-Shemer
Tuesday, November 6, 2018
7:00 pm

Lippman Lounge, 2nd Floor, JCC Benderson Family Building

The offspring of people who lived through the Holocaust are known as the Survivors' descendants. Nurit will share the story of her grandmother, and talk about the importance of training children and grandchildren of Survivors to tell their families' histories about the Holocaust and their stories of lives after liberation. ***This event is free and open to the community.***

“Documenting History, the making of *Witnesses: Buffalo's Holocaust- Era Stories”*

Lecture presentation by Kelsey Reed
Thursday, November 8, 2018
10:30 am

Lippman Lounge, 2nd Floor, JCC Benderson Family Building

Kelsey Reed, program coordinator at the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo, will speak on her involvement in the exhibit *Witnesses: Buffalo's Holocaust-Era Stories* and the need to preserve and document history. ***This event is free and open to the community.***

“Events leading up to Kristallnacht”

Lecture presentation by Dr. Timothy J. Redmond
Thursday, November 8, 2018
7:00 pm

Lippman Lounge, 2nd Floor, JCC Benderson Family Building

Dr. Timothy J. Redmond is a social studies teacher at Williamsville East High School, as well as an associate director for the Summer Institute for Human Rights and Genocide Studies of Buffalo. He will discuss the events that led up to Kristallnacht 80 years ago. ***This event is free and open to the community.***

“No Place on Earth”

Film Screening
Guest Speaker Dr. Andrew Wise
Saturday, November 10, 2018
6:00 pm

Temple Beth Zion Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Rd.

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“Writing fiction about the Holocaust: Is it possible?”

Author Sharon Hart-Green – Come Back for Me
Sunday, November 11, 2018
7:30 pm

Maxine and Robert Seller Theatre, JCC Benderson Family Building

Sharon Hart-Green is a Canadian novelist and literary scholar who holds a PhD. in Judaic Studies from Brandeis University. Her presentation will discuss the difficulties authors face when writing stories about the Holocaust. Is it unethical to write fiction about that period? Do writers have an obligation to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive through their imaginative representations?

Dessert Reception and Book Sale/signing to follow

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Kadimah Alumna Profile: Melanie Franco—Class of 2006

By Beth Steinberg

Jewish texts and traditions are rich with teachings about caring for the earth and all of G-d's creations. These lessons were clearly not lost on Melanie Franco, a proud alumna of Kadimah.

Melanie is currently a law student at Pace University, enrolled in one of the top programs in the nation in Environmental Law. She also interns with the Hudson Riverkeeper, an organization whose mission is “to protect the environmental, recreational and commercial integrity of the Hudson River and its tributaries, and safeguard the drinking water of 9 million New Yorkers.” Upon receiving her law degree, Melanie plans to practice environmental litigation.

Melanie maintains that her experience in law school is a testament to her academic preparation at Kadimah. It was the rigorous coursework and high



Melanie Franco

standards she encountered at Kadimah that enabled her to take honors classes in high school and college.

She reflects, “In addition to excelling academically, I also maintained my Jewish identity everywhere I went, an identity I established at an early age at Kadimah. The morals and values of the Jewish faith, as well as the history and struggles that bond us as a community, play a part in everything I do.”

Melanie appreciates that she was encouraged to embrace her creative side and become a well-rounded individual while at Kadimah. She confesses that while she had a terrible [her words!] singing voice, she nevertheless joined the Kadimah choir in 6th Grade and worked on her singing until her freshman year of high school.

In college, Melanie traveled to Hungary and Romania to meet with Holocaust Survivors and young children in an effort to renew and enrich Jewish culture in a post-Holocaust world.

In law school she serves as an officer for the Jewish Law Student Association, educating students about the holidays, traditions, and values of Judaism. She

also helped to develop roundtable discussions between students and a New York City rabbi/lawyer to explore the importance of maintaining one's Jewish faith and how that can positively impact one's professional success. She credits her skills in how to present information in interesting ways to lessons she learned as a young child at Kadimah.

While Melanie acknowledges that who she is today is shaped by many people, places, and things, without her Kadimah background, she would certainly not be the Jewish woman she is today, as she strives to follow in the footsteps of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan, the first two female Jewish Supreme Court Justices.

Final Note: The theme for the 2018-19 Kadimah Academy school year is THE ENVIRONMENT. Much of our special programming will focus on awareness of contemporary environmental issues and the Jewish teachings that inform our responses. In addition, students at all levels will engage with this topic across the entirety of our curriculums.

Beth Steinberg is a teacher at Kadimah Academy

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HADASSAH HAPPENINGS

Buffalo Hadassah has had a very busy late summer and early fall. Many interested visitors stopped by The Hadassah table at the August 19 Jewbilee to take brochures and ask questions.

At the end of August, Dr. Ben Bensadon, son of life member Judy Cohen, spoke at Maxine Seller's home about the natural process of aging and what kinds of behaviors might cause concern. The standing-room-only crowd was very receptive to his presentation and to his responses during the Q & A.

Hadassah members and members of the Women's Network at Beth Tzedek had a dinner meeting on August 28 to listen to listen to Dr. Sharon Hart-Green talk about her first novel *Come Back for Me*. Hadassah's book club had read the novel a few months earlier and were excited to hear the author discuss her personal experiences that influenced the writing of the novel. In August there was also a very successful card party planned by Mickey Savit held at Amberleigh.

A board and program meeting was held in September to finalize activities for the rest of the year. On October 9 a new slate

of officers were installed at a luncheon at Milo's Restaurant. The leadership team includes Elaine Kellick, Annette Magid and Rhonda Wise, co-presidents as well as Sue Bergman, treasurer and Jan Presser, secretary. In addition to the installation of officers, guest artists Evette Slaughter and Enid Edelman displayed and spoke about some of their artwork. They also answered questions from the audience.

November 15 will feature there a jewelry and scarf sale held at Amberleigh. Members are donating items in excellent condition.

Finally, in conjunction with the Buffalo Jewish Federation, a panel discussion entitled "American Jews and Israel" will take place Sunday, November 18 at 1:30 at in the Lippmann Lounge at the Benderson JCC. The panelists are Rabbi Jonathan Freirich from Temple Beth Zion, Rabbi Sara Rich, from UB Hillel, and Community Leader Leslie Kramer. Federation's CEO Rob Goldberg will moderate the program. *This event is free and open to the community. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP contact either program chairperson: mseller@buffalo.edu or mkatzel@me.com.*



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“5 Jewish Photographers from Western New York” show at JCC 11/1-12/28

The Bunis Family Art Gallery, located in the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo, Benderson Family Building, will present a group photography exhibit entitled, “5 Jewish Photographers from Western New York.” The exhibit will showcase the works of photographers Errol Daniels, Milt Ehrenberg, Linda Gale Gellman, Marty Kerker and Shiri Kester. Opening November 1, 2018 the exhibit will be on view through December 28, 2018.

The exhibit will feature forty photographs; eight photographs from each photographer, creating a collaborative group exhibit while still focusing on the individuality and artistic qualities of each photographer.

The idea for the exhibit came from photographer Milt Ehrenberg. Ehrenberg an established and respected photographer in the area, who had a solo photography exhibit at the JCC a few years ago, approached the director of Cultural Arts at the JCC, Katie Wzontek with the idea to create a group exhibit with five local Jewish photographers. “This is something that has never been done in Buffalo before, and the Jewish Community Center would be the ideal venue for such an exhibit,” says Ehrenberg. The next step was to identify the four other photographers and have them commit to the exhibit.

Ehrenberg was already familiar with the works of Errol Daniels and Marty Kerker and asked both to participate. Working in social documentary photography, Daniels’ photography offers a glimpse into the trials of humanity and the beauty that flows out of perseverance. “I want to pull the audience into the lives of the people I photograph – not just to learn about their distinctive experiences, but to also see the human similarities that transcend imagined boundaries,” says Daniels. With a similar focus, the works included in the exhibit by Kerker are of street photography in Brighton Beach, a neighborhood of Russian immigrants in Brooklyn, NY. The photos were shot taken with film in the 90’s, and capture the moment and story of the subject matter.

The final two photographers were at the suggestion of staff members of the JCC. Linda Gale Gellman, a professional photographer and founder of CLICK Artistic Visual Creations, has several decades of experience in photography and design. “Linda is a highly skilled photographer with a superior ability to make people, places, and



Photo by Marty Kerker

objects pop and shine, as well as evoke memories and feelings with the images she captures,” says Jordana Halpern, Development Director of the Jewish Community Center. Shiri Kester, who holds Bachelors’ degrees in English and Media Studies and is currently pursuing a Masters’ degree in Adolescent English Education rounds out the group. With a passion for witnessing how other people live in the world as well as nature and animals, Kester’s featured photos in this exhibit were taken during her travels around the world which include more than thirty countries on six continents.

“The exhibit is dedicated to past Jewish photographers from Western New York,” says Ehrenberg. “Each one of us was inspired, and some mentored, by one of the great Jewish photographers in this area and we want this exhibit to help honor them.”

A free gallery reception, open to the community, will take place on the second floor of the JCC Benderson Family Building in the Lippman Lounge and Art Gallery, November 1, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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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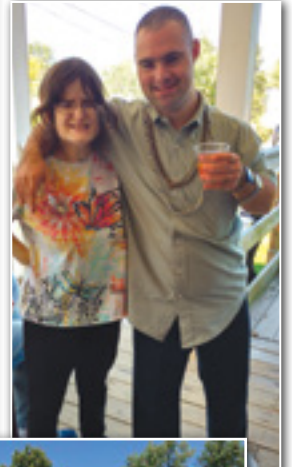
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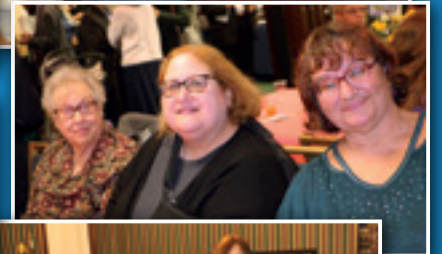
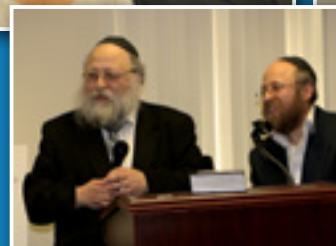
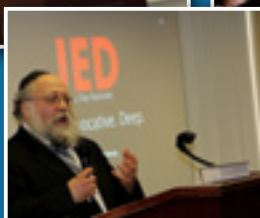
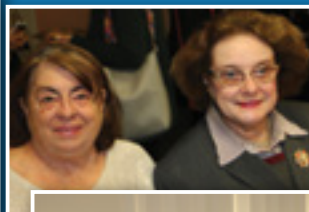
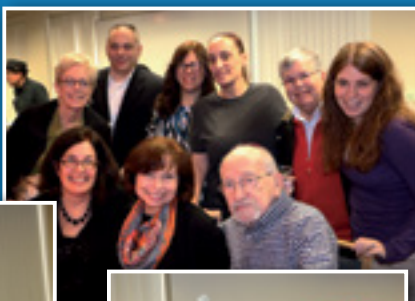
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Yad B'Yad & Hillel @ Sukkot

It was a beautiful, sunny day when over forty people gathered at the Women's Jewish Group Home to build and decorate a sukkah. While the sukkah was being built outside, decorations were being made inside around the dining room table. Upon completion, everyone gathered outside for singing, reciting a blessing and taking a group picture. Yad B'Yad is grateful to many people that made the afternoon so wonderful: Congregation Shir Shalom for loaning the beautiful Sukkah. Daniel Kester for supervising the building. Rabbi Sara Rich, Logan Woodard, Alexa Zappia and many Hillel students for building and decorating the sukkah. Susan Goldberg Schwartz for leading the music and blessing. And the families of the home who provided wonderful snacks and welcomed all of us into their home so graciously.



JDC Education Center Grand Opening: 10/14/18



NFJC Dash for Diversity: 9/23/18



Lion of Judah/Pomegranate Event: 10/4/18



In Remembrance

The following people in our community passed away during the period from September 1, 2018- October 15, 2018.* May their memories forever be a blessing, and may their loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion.



Barbara Brogadir

Rose Coleman

Donald Joseph

Dolores "Tootie" Kaplan

Celia Linder

Harold Ressel

Valerie Rosenhoch

Martin S. Rubenstein

Lawrence G. Vogel

**If we inadvertently missed printing the listing of your loved one, please write to ellen@buffalojewishfederation.org and we will include the name next month.*

Kadimah's 60th Reunion is November 24



This year, Kadimah Academy will mark its 60th year of educating students in Western New York in both secular and Jewish studies, using our forward-looking curriculum and Jewish values to advance our youth, teach critical thinking skills, and prepare the next generation. To celebrate our diamond anniversary, the school will be hosting a reunion for alumni and teachers, past and present. Whether you attended Kadimah for nine minutes or nine years, you are part of our Kadimah family!

The reunion will take place in the

evening of Saturday, November 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Kadimah Academy, at 1085 Eggert Road in Amherst. We will celebrate Havdalah together, share our stories, and remember all of the memorable times we enjoyed together! Get ready to laugh over old pictures, reminisce with classmates and faculty, and see what the current Kadimah students are up to this year.

If we do not have your current contact information, and you have not received a "save the date" email, please contact the school to get updated, 716-836-6903. It'll be a party like no other, so don't miss out! We can't wait to see you there!

Valerie Rosenhoch: A Remarkable Woman

Eulogy delivered by Howard Rosenhoch

September 12, 2018

Valerie loved palindromes. Funny words that you can read forwards and backwards, and they are exactly the same either way. Valerie collected palindromes. Whenever she found a new one she'd add it to her list.

Valerie went so far as to note palindromic numbers on her car odometer. Palindromes are symmetrical, and Valerie liked symmetry.

It's no surprise then, that the way Valerie and I started our marriage back in 1971, and ended it this week with Valerie's passing, has a certain symmetry to it. I am sure that's the way Valerie wanted it. Let me explain.

We knew the big family wedding in the New York City area would be a circus. In fact, in anticipation of that celebration in June, that's what we called it. Remember, Valerie and I were children of the late '60's. We did things our own way, a bit on the edge and in your face to authority. Formalizing our marriage was no different.

So, while still in Buffalo, before our undergraduate graduation from UB (by the way, a graduation ceremony that neither of us attended – again a bit edgy and in your face to authority), we decided to have our own wedding ceremony.

On May 8, 1971, without benefit of clergy or anyone else legally authorized to solemnize our marriage, Valerie and I, with our best friends Rich Tobe and Pat Davis, gathered under the tree by Baird Hall on the South UB Campus, the same tree under which Valerie and I met nearly 4 years earlier on a lemonade break from the UB Marching Band's Band Camp. We exchanged vows of lifetime love, friendship, support and loyalty, we exchanged leather rings (only later did we learn that leather rings aren't kosher – we thought that was cool too), and in the company of best friends celebrated with a bottle of champagne.

May 8 has since then been our anniversary date, much to the chagrin of our parents. Even as Valerie and I aged and, as so often happens, became more traditional, we never let go of May 8 as the date we solemnized our marriage.

There was, however, still the circus to attend to. That happened June 13 at a Reform synagogue in Hempstead, NY on Long Island. You see, we weren't so anti-



Valerie Rosenhoch

authoritarian to reject the formal Jewish wedding. We were practical. It was, after all, a great party.

Ever since, every year we have, in some way or another, marked two anniversary dates, May 8 and June 13. Now I will add two more dates on which I will remember and celebrate the wonderful, blessed life that Valerie and I shared together.

The day she died.

September 10 on the English calendar, the 1st day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei on the Jewish calendar, the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. Only 3 times in the next 50 years (should I live to be 120) will those two dates coincide like they did this year. With those 3 exceptions, from this year forward, two wedding anniversaries each year, two Yahrzeits each year.

Symmetry. Just the way Valerie likes it.

Valerie, you've always done things your way – in life and now in death. You are a remarkable woman. The love of my life. My best friend. Now is your time to rest. Peacefully and comfortably.

I love you. Forever.

Each month we will feature a eulogy of a member of our own community who has recently died. Please contact Ellen Goldstein at ellen@buffalojewishfederation.org if you would like to share your words.

(NOT) THE LAST WORD

A Random Act of Kindness

By Jane Jacobson

Call me crazy, but I have a strong affinity with the principle of “serendipity.” It shows up in my placing myself in what some people would call “risky” situations: rough neighborhoods, in third world countries, with dodgy companions, but in looking back over my life, many wonderful surprises have come out of it.

Maybe I just have more faith in the intrinsic good of (most) human beings, and far less fear. Years ago, I spent a weekend with Tony Robbins walking on hot coals. The seminar was entitled “Fear into Excitement: The Firewalk Experience.” I was an immediate convert, and did not get burned, though others did. Though there is much controversy about the physics of firewalking, I can assure you it was indeed hot and indeed terrifying, but excitement being the flipside of fear, the experience fit me to a tee.

One of my most favorite escapades is to engage random strangers in discussion just long enough to find spiritual common

ground, whether it be an appreciation of nature, of recounting charitable works, travel adventures, or moments when struggle and compassion has brought emotional enlightenment.

My husband and I have a lovely house on the Lake Erie shore, and because we are often driving along Route 5 between Evangola State Park and Buffalo, I often see cross-country bicyclers laden with their paniers of gear. This is when my imagination kicks into high gear. Where are they from? How long have they been out there in the weather? Where do they stay for the night? Aren’t they afraid of being hit by a car? If the timing is right, I pull over and invite them to our house



for a meal, a shower, even an overnight. In exchange, they are merely obligated to tell me Their Story.

One early afternoon, I spied a young man walking in the 87 degree sun-soaked humidity, wearing a yamulka. “What?” I said aloud. Then I did an immediate U-turn, pulled over to introduce myself, and inquired about him and his journey. He turned out to be a rabbi and reaching into his backpack, presented this card: “Moshe Givental, Rabbi, Friend, Listener, Teacher, Guide”.

He related that he was walking between Boston and Detroit, with friends meeting him here and there along the way, and made a stopover in the Buffalo area. I convinced him to take a short break for a dip in the lovely 74 degree waters of Lake Erie. Would he allow me to make him a nutritious garden lunch, and meantime throw his laundry into the machine and ice into his water supply?

Up to our waists in the calm waters of the refreshing Great Lake, he related that he was now 30-ish. He was an immigrant to America from Lithuania as a six-year old child, and had a somewhat materialistic upbringing. As a young man, he had a spiritual epiphany that nature and Planet Earth had called him to be a sounding board for others. Now he was



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on an environmental listening/awareness walk. (I was impressed by hearing a trial run of a potential biblical sermon... Joseph as the main character and Egypt's drought as the environmental disaster.)

Obviously there are plenty of hours watching the scenery while walking, observing the beat of your heart, checking for blisters, being in the weather while it's having its way with you, and GPS'ing your night's shelter spot for the mind to meditate on the big issues. Yes, and a wife and family someday would be nice....

After a luxurious shower, and the clothes dryer having run its cycle, Moshe was repacked and ready to hit the highway. We drove to the exact spot that I had encountered him, as his mission integrity dictated that he absolutely must not miss a single foot, or footstep, of the journey. We hugged our goodbyes and he loaded on his backpack with a bouncing lift. I watched his sturdy frame disappear as he made his way down the shoulder, against the oncoming traffic, silently wishing him well. Such a kind man.

If you believe, as I do, that the *Lamed Vavniks*—the supposed 36 Holy Ones that are roaming the planet incognito at any time, do exist, then you must treat every human being as sacred. Practicing the art of listening with compassion (and a hint of curiosity) has gifted me joyful conversations that I would not have had without that openness. Perhaps I was meant to learn something that summer day from the Rabbi, or maybe it was his faith in random acts of kindness that was reinforced. Either way, it was a blessing.

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