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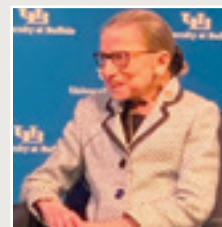
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Editor's Note



Ellen Goldstein, Editor

We arrive at October during Rosh Hashanah—a holy and invigorating time of the year, because of the Days of Awe as well as the beginning of the school and program years. The days are holy in that we celebrate our High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and the fall festivals of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah—all in October. They are invigorating in that there is so much to do, to learn, to accomplish and to become.

And we also remember the tragedy of October 2018 and the murders of 11 innocent Jews in the Tree of Life Synagogue, as well as the upsurge in anti-Semitism and violence against Jews around the world. But we are not, as a community, staying in our homes, afraid to venture out in the world. As you can see on the cover and the subsequent story on pages 6 and 7, we are communally taking action. The hiring of Susan DeMari as our Community Security Director last spring has led to concrete steps to keep our community safe. She has built new relationships with law enforcement, and we have thousands of dollars to improve physical security for our buildings. We continue to build relationships with other communities through the leadership of the JCRC, and we continue to advocate against hate.

And in case you don't already know it, there is a lot going on in Jewish Buffalo. Check out Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's visit to Buffalo by on page 9, art shows on pages 10, 11, and 16, Israeli visitors to our community on pages 17, 29, and 34, and more than enough programs, services, concerts and theatre to keep anyone and everyone busy!

Happy birthday to two special centenarians Syd Cole and Dorothy Shaw; they both define the strength and wisdom that is Jewish Buffalo (page 16).

If you received this paper before Rosh Hashanah, Shana Tova Umetukah – a good and sweet new year to you and your family. If you received it after Rosh Hashanah, G'mar Hatimah Tovah—may you be sealed in the Book of Life for a good year. Thanks for reading *The Jewish Journal*. I am grateful to the community, my invaluable colleagues at Buffalo Jewish Federation—especially CEO Rob Goldberg, the readers and all the contributors to this communal endeavor, as well as to the talented staff at Spree Magazine—especially to Publisher Barbara Macks, Sales Director Cynthia Oppenheimer, and Designer Kim Miers—for allowing us to reach this, our 80th beautiful issue.

Ellen Goldstein

Ellen Goldstein - Editor

On The Cover



Our Jewish community has moved from mourning over anti-Semitic murders in Pittsburgh and Poway to taking action here at home. Photo credits clockwise: -Rally in Jerusalem 10/27/18- Ellen Goldstein; Rally in Buffalo 10/18- Karen Zakalik; Amherst police officers, Park Head of School Jeremy Besch, Buffalo Security Director Susan DeMari; (next 3 photos) applying security film to windows at Temple Beth Tzedek; Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh courtesy of *The Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle*; Rally in Jerusalem- Ellen Goldstein.

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Looking for a good book to read?

I am one of three women who study in a *chevruta* here in Buffalo. A *chevruta*, whose root word in Hebrew means “friendship” or “companionship”, is the name for a small group that studies, analyzes, discusses and debates shared (traditionally Talmudic) religious texts. My *chevruta* seeks to meet weekly but life often gets in the way so when we do meet, it is a cherished experience.

We are currently delving through the *Book of Joshua*. What I love about this book (the first of the *Prophets*) is that it is also the first to follow *Deuteronomy*, the last book of the Torah. In essence, *Joshua* is the first post-Torah book; the first sequel, you might say. In it we find out what happens to the Israelites once they cross in to Canaan.

During Simchat Torah, which we celebrate in two weeks, we finish reading *Deuteronomy*. We read that the Israelites are about to enter the land (this was building up in much of the Torah). We know G-d shows Moses, our great leader, the land from atop a mountain but that Moses dies, never entering the land. Also on Simchat Torah we start reading the Torah from the very beginning in *Genesis*, repeating the yearlong cycle of reading the Torah cover-to-cover, not ever finding out “what happens next”.

In *Joshua* we find out.

The *Book of Joshua* is filled with great stories. It involves spies, a heroic prostitute, battles, and the establishment of a new home in our promised land. It explains, in painstaking detail, where each of the 12 tribes settled. I’m amazed



that many of the towns and locations listed in *Joshua* still exist today in modern Israel, places with names like Beersheba, Beit Shemesh, the Jordan River and Kiryat Arba.

One group of Israelites settles east of the Jordan. Their new residence is not near the group that houses the Tabernacle, which holds the holy tablets given by G-d to Moses on Sinai. So they build for themselves their own altar in their new location, in order to have a place to worship G-d. Upon learning of this, a group from the west side of the Jordan, close to the Tabernacle and led by the Israelite priest Pinchas, become very upset. They see the building of this new altar as a treacherous, rebellious act against G-d which they fear will jeopardize G-d’s good favor toward the entire community. In other words,

Pinchas believes his brethren were worshipping the wrong way, and that they were messing it up for everyone.

However the first group explains to Pinchas that they are not rebelling. Rather, since they live far from where the Tabernacle sits, they built an altar as they want their children to know their heritage, worship their G-d and to be part of their people. Their act is one of devotion and commitment. We built this altar, they explain, so we can teach our children.

This passage is basically describing our community and world even today. Like our ancestors, we too look to teach our children, to ensure that they are part of the greater community, and conversely that the community includes them. Like the Israelites in *Joshua*, we also improvise by establishing our places of worship in places that work for us. For some that might be a formal sanctuary setting, while for others it is summer camp, or Hillel on the UB Campus, or the Chabad House, or Becker Farms. I’ve participated in prayers in an airport terminal and on a bus in Israel. In my experience, congregations and places of worship exist in all sorts of places.

And, for those not inclined to pray with a congregation, people may choose other ways to find meaning. I have friends who plan to go hiking on Rosh Hashanah, and I know Israelis who do the same, finding meaning in a smaller group, in what might be considered a non-traditional setting.

I am inspired by the stories in our ancient books. When we delve in to the stories, we learn how human our

ancestors were, how difficult life was and we learn from their decisions, their good deeds and their colossal mistakes. Reading about this episode in *Joshua* reminded me of how we often judge other’s ways of doing things. Pinchas concluded that the worship at this new altar was wrong and would negatively affect the entire community. But the lesson is that when Pinchas’s brethren explained to him the purpose of their newly built altar, he embraced the construction. Pinchas then understood that this group, now living remotely, figured out how to bring community and Judaism to their families as best they could. As a result, Pinchas and the leaders made a special dedication at this new altar, and called it *aid*, the Hebrew word for witness, because it was meant to remind future generations of the people’s connection to the Jewish community, despite the geographical distance. Our ancestors understood that future generations would want to innovate, that in fact they must innovate, and this “witnessing” is a reminder to all of us that we are bound together as Jews for all time, regardless of how we choose to worship.

So as we celebrate our Holy Day and holiday season, I wish each of us a happy, healthy New Year, and I hope each of us finds places and ways that facilitate meaningful moments at this time of year. I’m looking forward to being with my family and I’ll attend formal services. But later I’ll go for a long walk outside.

Shana Tova.

Leslie Shuman Kramer is president of Buffalo Jewish Federation.



The entire Board and Staff of the Buffalo Jewish Federation wish you and your loved ones a sweet New Year!

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Campaign for Jewish Kicks Off in

The Campaign for Jewish Buffalo 2020 kicked off when new Campaign Chairs Howard Rosenhoch and Joni Shatkin, along with Sam Shatkin, Randi Morkisz and Rob Goldberg, participated in the JFNA's summer Mission to Argentina and Uruguay. Below are their reflections, and their belief that when we give to the Campaign for Jewish Buffalo, we not only help Buffalonians, we save Jews the world over.

Report from the Chairs

Howard Rosenhoch

Joni Shatkin and I, along with Joni's husband Sam, and Rob Goldberg and Randi Morkisz, returned last month from a Jewish Federations of North America Mission to Buenos Aires, Argentina and Montevideo, Uruguay. Our Mission focused on training in Total Financial Resource Development (TFRD)—A holistic approach to having conversations with our donors about how your commitments can fund our local and worldwide Jewish Community now and in the future.

We also had the opportunity to witness and interact with the vibrant Jewish communities in Buenos Aires and Montevideo and see where our dollars go and to whom. Here is a story that impacted me:

Rosita is a young woman from Caracas, Venezuela, now living in Buenos Aires. Rosita's story, and that of her parents still living in Venezuela, are what left a lasting impression on me.

Venezuela is a failed state, the result of years and years of unchecked government corruption. There is a total breakdown of any services, from water, power, food delivery and security and law enforcement. There was once a thriving Jewish community there of some 20,000. As the situation in the country deteriorated, the Jews of Venezuela fell into a state of intense danger. This is when our partner agencies, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), sprang into action.

In collaboration with each other, the first thing they did was to make sure that every Jew in Venezuela had a passport. That way, JAFI and JDC were able to extricate to safe places three-quarters of the Venezuelan Jews, some 15,000 of our brothers and sisters. That is how Rosita was able to move to and start a new life in Buenos Aires. Rosita's parents, however, are among the 5,000 Jews remaining in Venezuela, those too old or infirm to make the dangerous and harrowing journey that Rosita made. JAFI and the JDC are, as we



(Top) Sam Shatkin and the architect of La Shoah Memorial site (Middle) Joni and Sam Shatkin with others at ORT University in Montevideo (Bottom) Joni Shatkin at the US Embassy at Buenos Aires

speak, providing for those Venezuelan Jews by secretly stockpiling and distributing, at great risk, food, medicine and other life essentials for the remaining Jews of Venezuela.

The JDC is the 9-1-1 of the world Jewish community, and JAFI works to help Jews the world over make Aliyah to Israel or relocate from threatened to more stable Jewish communities. These are our partner agencies that are funded by your gifts to the Buffalo Jewish Federation campaign. Your gifts help create and maintain the infrastructure of trained professionals who are ready at a moment's notice to jump into action to save Jews the world over.

It is because of your gifts that JAFI and JDC have been able, in coordination with each other, to make and activate the plan that is saving what was once a thriving

Buffalo 2020 South America



Jews are Jews all over the world but it was especially impactful to see how Jews take care of Jews no matter what, in times of happiness, and in times of need.



(Clockwise from top) Israeli embassy bombing site in Buenos Aires, Buffalo group at the US Embassy after meeting the US ambassador, Buffalo group in Uruguay on their way to the La Shoah Holocaust memorial, Libertad Synagogue in Buenos Aires with the entire JFNA group, La Shoah memorial view of the river, symbolizing immigrant arrival to new life in America. Photos courtesy of Sam Shatkin.

Jewish community in Venezuela. We were privileged to meet Rosita, and the JAFI and JDC leaders who told us the story of the Venezuelan Jews. And I thank you for your gifts to the Campaign for Jewish Buffalo, which makes this story a reality.

Joni Shatkin

In South America, we got to see first-hand where some of our Federation dollars go, outside of Buffalo. I really didn't know what to expect on this visit, but what we found was a vibrant Jewish community of 165,00 people in Buenos Aires. The funny thing is that these people could have been our neighbors. You see while so many escaped Europe, some boats they traveled on went to the US, and some boats turned in the other direction—to South America—to escape persecution.



While in Argentina, we met with young, enthusiastic high schoolers who mostly went to Jewish schools. They were able to choose from so many schools to meet their religious needs. Many high school graduates then take a gap year to Israel where true Zionism is instilled in their hearts before going on to college. It's like Birthright on steroids!

We visited a Hillel and also an ORT college in Uruguay to see, again, the enthusiasm of being Jewish as a young South American adult. We met with *Shinshinim* who are students from Israel that come over to work in the Jewish schools before the army. We also met with kids making *aliyah* that day, and there wasn't a dry eye in the room.

Their Jewish life cycle in Argentina is amazing, as we saw when we visited a Jewish nursing home and got to hear beautiful stories about the elderly who are so well cared for. Their stories melted our hearts, as we sang and danced with them.

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TOWARD A MORE SECURE

Taking Action

By Rob Goldberg

Recent events have forced our Federation and others across North America to recognize that Jewish communities cannot be complacent or cavalier with regard to security. Community security today is among our key priorities and requires all of us to take a proactive stance in addressing this most serious challenge for our region in Western New York.

Last December Federation created the Secure Jewish Buffalo Fund in order to gather the resources necessary to secure our community. To date, Federation has received over 300 gifts for a total of \$225,000, including a grant from the State of New York that was obtained through the efforts of State Senator Tim Kennedy (D-Buffero).

Last spring, Federation hired Susan DeMari as the first-ever Community Security Coordinator. A native Buffalonian, Susan holds a similar role for the Syracuse Jewish Community. Susan has led the effort to address the security status of each community physical plant and has helped develop a standardized plan of action and toolbox that they can effectively draw from to keep our communities safe.

Here are just a few action steps Susan has led over the past 6 months:

- **Information Sharing:** Implementation of a rapid communication system through SCN (Secure Community Network of the Jewish Federations of North America) to provide alerts and critical information to all sectors of Jewish Buffalo.
- **Off Duty Detail(s):** Coordination of scheduling of all off-duty police presence security details in the Town of Amherst.
- **Security Awareness and Training:** Facilitation of Usher and Greeter Trainings, as well as Active Shooter Trainings in partnership with the Jewish Community Center.
- **Convenings:** Bringing together all branches of Law Enforcement to express our appreciation and to discuss how we work best together.

Support our Efforts

Perhaps the greatest threat to the Jewish community is amnesia, when we forget about Pittsburgh and Poway and are lured into a false sense of security.

That is why the need to raise funds continues to be a priority for Federation – to provide the resources needed to empower individuals and organizations and establish a culture of security consciousness, preparedness and resiliency to ensure a more secure Jewish Buffalo. **You can make a gift on line at buffalojewishfederation.org or by mailing a check payable to Buffalo Jewish Federation, 2640 North Forest Road, Getzville, NY 14068.**

Rob Goldberg is CEO of Buffalo Jewish Federation.

Our Vision

By Susan DeMari

Through the vision and foresight of the Buffalo Jewish Federation, swift measures have been put into place to fortify and secure Jewish Buffalo since I was hired as the new Community Security Director last April. Through a collaborative and reciprocal partnership between the Jewish Federation, our houses of worship, our Jewish organizations and our federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, we have started to create a safer and more secure environment.



Susan DeMari recently coordinated a meeting with Amherst Police at the Park School.

Rob Goldberg and I share a genuine vision for the safety of the Jewish community. The members of the Security Task Force, the Federation's volunteer leadership and staff (in particular, Joan Kwiatkowski) have all been unfailingly supportive of not only our efforts, but our vision for Secure Jewish Buffalo. Synagogues and agencies are fully on board and the response for requests for assistance have been tremendously gratifying. I have been truly delighted with the speed at which we have been able to establish lines of communication, protocols and training sessions within Jewish Buffalo. There has been no push-back, no infighting, no reluctance – everyone is fully behind the goal of making the community a safer place in which to worship and be Jewish.

Buffalo is my home town. I grew up here, went to school here, and still have family here. Like I have done in Syracuse for the last two decades, I want Jewish Buffalo to have the benefit of making the community a safer place to worship and be Jewish. Despite working full-time in my capacity as an attorney, and working for the Syracuse community on a part-time basis, it is equally as important to me to make the time to work with the Buffalo Jewish Federation to enhance the safety and well-being of what I consider to be "our community."

My work in Syracuse since 2000 has emphasized a coordinated and unified approach to critical safety and security needs, emphasizing common standards to embrace a culture of security awareness, preparedness and disaster response. This approach was recognized and developed nationally by the Secure Community Network (SCN) in 2004. Together with SCN, we have established proactive and reactive protocols that endorse there being one point-person who works exclusively with law enforcement on behalf of the Jewish community. In Syracuse, and now Buffalo, we have developed the ability to be in contact

with our law enforcement partners 24/7. Not only with law enforcement, but for the leaders in the Jewish community as well, we have implemented an alert system that provides rapid information sharing should the need arise. Most importantly and appreciated by law enforcement, we have developed an established protocol for each Jewish agency to address their non-emergent needs by allowing the Federation to help accomplish objectives, to include training, off-duty police presence security details, and coordinated information sharing in response to situations that arise, to include suspicious activities and/or persons. Rapid information sharing, through this protocol has already served us well in several instances.

Buffalo, like Syracuse, is concerned and committed to ensure the safety not only of their own institutions but of the community as a whole. Unlike Syracuse, the Buffalo Jewish community is not compact. Rather, it is geographically disbursed, larger and has more synagogues, more buildings and campuses in more than one location. Although it makes it somewhat more challenging, part of our protocol provides our partners in law enforcement with a jurisdictional map as to where our spaces are located. Fortunately for me, the willingness of the Buffalo Jewish community's responsiveness to security issues and willingness to work together in a cooperative and coordinated manner, together with the generous commitment of financial resources, has really facilitated my ability to work for Jewish Buffalo.

Secure Jewish Buffalo has come so far since April with regard to information sharing, security awareness, training and security consultation. Now that we have begun establishing protocols and developing solid working relationships with our law enforcement partners, I am looking forward to the next stage of our work: helping facilitate emergency preparedness plans for the many diverse constituents of Jewish Buffalo and then identifying gaps and shortfalls in both security and response planning and coordination.

It is tragic that attacks against Jewish communities and institutions are on the rise in our nation. As Jews have become the targets of extremism and violence, we have been compelled to think differently about security. But you can rest a little easier knowing that the leadership of Jewish Buffalo is taking a proactive stance to develop a culture of security awareness, preparedness and resiliency by helping all the constituents of the community review their security infrastructure, protocols and preparedness and follow up on recommendations for enhancements. Without the support of so many, including the leaders of Federation and the Security Task Force, the synagogues and each beneficiary agency, as well as our partners in law enforcement, this would not be possible.

Susan DeMari is Jewish Buffalo's first Community Security Director.

Security Grants Made to Synagogues/Agencies

Six community organizations have received grants totaling more than \$60,000 from the Secure Jewish Buffalo Fund to assist them in their efforts to secure their physical plants, including building hardening, access control and surveillance. This first round of grants were based on written recommendations to include security reviews provided either by Department of Homeland Security or New York State Police, and suggestions (where applicable) offered from the Town of Amherst Police Department. Recipients included Chabad of Buffalo, Congregation Beth Abraham, Congregation Shir Shalom, Ohr Temimim Day School, Temple Beth Tzedek and Young Israel.



TBT with security film



Israeli-made Shooter Attack Security Film

When there is an active shooter incident it is critical to have glass that is designed to slow down or deter an attacker from gaining entry with a gun. Several of the grants that have been made thus far include the installation of a patented Israeli-made shooter/attack/bomb resistant security film. It's the first film to be shooter/attack certified, which means it is designed for bullets to go through, but will still hold together for longer than typical safety film. Installation of the film is applied on the most inside surface of existing glass and anchored to the existing framing. Federation has been working with Armoured One, a SWAT team driven company from Syracuse that developed this particular product in partnership with an Israeli manufacturer. We believe that the use of this product coupled with training and preparedness plans will help our synagogues and agencies to be proactive against attacks.

October 27, 2018—We Remember

Our Buffalo Jewish Community will not soon forget the horrors wrought at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh last October 27. Eleven people were murdered there, including Cecil and David Rosenthal, brothers who were cousins of Buffalo artist Ellen Steinfeld. Ellen has created works of art for the Roswell Park Cancer Institute's campus, and when Roswell dedicated its new outdoor Walk of Life & Gardens of Hope memorial on the Carlton Street campus, the Rosenthal brothers were among those remembered at the site. At the July dedication ceremony for the new Walk & Gardens, Roswell Scientist Dr. Irwin Gelman read Ellen Steinfeld's statement about her cousins:



"My cousins Cecil and David - warm, caring and helpful towards everyone - stood at their synagogue's doors every Saturday morning greeting all who entered with big smiles and open arms. Unfortunately, on October 27th their sincere welcome and their outstretched arms had no effect on a person who passed through the doors with a gun in his hands and a heart filled with hate. Cecil and David were very special in many ways, but no one could ever imagine

how their lives and deaths would create such an enormous outpouring of support around the world, rallying people against prejudice and replacing it with hope, love and acceptance of others. This was to be my cousins' most important contribution to the world.

A big thank you to the Roswell Park community for contributing to a paver in their memory. I would like to express my appreciation for this very meaningful gesture."



Buffalo Moms Head to Israel with Momentum!

This December, fifteen Buffalo Moms will be heading to Israel to begin their journey with **Momentum** (formerly JWRP). While in Israel, they will have the opportunity to enjoy empowering Jewish classes led by world-class speakers and Israeli thought-leaders. They will also experience spiritual Tsfat, dynamic Tel Aviv, Masada's desert magic, Shabbat in Jerusalem, and many more unique places. They will discover ways to connect deeper within themselves, their family, and their community. Once they arrive home, they will begin a year of revitalizing self-exploration and inspiring Jewish learning.

In Israel, they will also participate in a 2 day visit to our Partnership2Gether (P2G) region in the Western Galilee. They will be joined by six other communities that are a part of our P2G consortium including women from Budapest, Indianapolis, Louisville, NW Indiana, San Antonio and South Bend. While there, they will spend the day learning about the area, the history, the community and programs as well as where our dollars impact those in Israel.



Momentum Participants: Julie Babat-Porter, Laura Wexler, Amy Pecora, Alla Kats, Sara Nieman, Donna Levy, Brenda Feldstein, Sharon Nisengard, Rebecca Shaw, Nancy Fernandez, Jennifer Dryja, Rachel Brownstein-Weiss, Lisa Balderman-Rosenfeld, Meredith Levin. Not Pictured- Stacey Block-Momentum Community Leader

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RBG in Buffalo

US Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg—popularly known as “RBG”—was in Buffalo during late August for several events connected to UB Law School and the local bar associations. She came at the invitation of her old college chum, the late Wayne Wisbaum, who passed away last December. As a result, the August 26 evening event at Kleinhans Music Hall, where Justice Ginsburg had a conversation with UB Law School Dean Aviva Abramovsky, was dedicated to the memory of Wayne. In addition to the Kleinhans talk and an event at UB Law School, a private dinner was held for family and close friends by Janet Wisbaum, Wayne’s widow, who said “the Kleinhans event was the most beautiful tribute to Wayne you could ever imagine.” The following is taken from the printed program that evening:

Tonight’s event is dedicated to the memory of Wayne D. Wisbaum.

Wayne D. Wisbaum’s 65-year long friendship with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg began when they were both undergraduates at Cornell University before moving on to Harvard Law School. Mr. Wisbaum, a senior partner in the



Justice Ginsburg at UB

Buffalo law firm Kavinoky Cook LLP, passed away last December. During his final visit with Justice Ginsburg just six months earlier, he invited her to Buffalo on behalf of the UB School of Law and our local bar associations. Her appearance here today is dedicated to his memory.

Throughout his legal career, Mr. Wisbaum exemplified the highest values and traditions of the legal profession and earned a reputation among clients and colleagues alike for professionalism and integrity. In recognition of his dedication



The Wisbaum Family and RBG at The Buffalo Club: (from left) Son-in-law Jose Manuel Campa, daughter Wendy Wisbaum, Daughter Karen Van Dyke, Justice Ginsburg, Janet Wisbaum, grandson Devin Van Dyke.



The evening event honored the late Wayne Wisbaum

to the law, the New York State Bar Association presented him with the Root-Stimson Award, their highest honor.

Mr. Wisbaum believed that public service was both the responsibility and hallmark of a good lawyer. Civic and

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New York State has joined 39 other states and the District of Columbia in early voting options. The early voting legislation was part of several new voting reforms signed by Governor Cuomo earlier this year.

Where can I vote?

You will now be able to vote during a nine-day period from Saturday, October 26 through Sunday, November 3. Polling places will be open from 12 pm – 9 pm on weekdays and 12 pm – 6 pm on the weekend dates.

Where do I vote?

Erie County will have 37 voting sites from which you can choose. During early voting, you can vote at any of these sites. However, on voting day, Tuesday, November 5, you must use your designated site. To learn more about the sites, go to www.elections.erie.gov/erie-county-polling-sites/#streets.

Who is on the Ballot this year?

To check out who is on Erie County Ballot in 2019, go to www.elections.erie.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Offices-To-Be-Elected-7-16-2019.xlsx. If you have any questions, please contact Jewish Community Relations Director, Mara Koven Gelman (mara@buffalojewishfederation.org).



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Join the Burchfield Penney and the Buffalo Jewish Community Relations Council for the unveiling of drawings by Valentino Dixon. Arrested for a murder he didn't commit and exonerated after 27 years behind bars, Dixon's passion for art sustained him. Don't miss a **special preview October 10** at 5:30pm, with an artist talk at 7:00pm, as Dixon shares his story and discusses criminal justice reform. For more information, visit BurchfieldPenney.org.



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Above: Valentino Dixon, Hiram Golf Club (detail), 2016, Acrylic on canvas; Courtesy of the Artist.

Valentino Dixon: Drawing My Way To Freedom

By Mara Koven-Gelman

Twenty-seven years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. Buffalo artist Valentino Dixon was exonerated last fall and within one year of being free, he will have his first-ever installation in a world class art museum. "Drawing My Way To Freedom" opens with a special preview Thursday October 10th at 5:30 p.m. and an artist's talk at 7 p.m. at the Burchfield Penney Art Center. Mr. Dixon will share his story of how art, resilience and a Georgetown law school professor and his class helped build a case to exonerate him.

Jewish Community Relations Council is partnering with the Burchfield Penney Art Center to exhibit Valentino's work and testimony. The Goldman/Golden Philanthropic Fund will support creating the exhibit and Mr. Dixon's public lectures.

Why is the Jewish community involved? Grounded in the Torah's commandment (*Deuteronomy 16:20*): "Tzedek, tzedek tirdof" ("Justice, justice you shall pursue"), JCRCs have worked nationally with partners to identify and communicate the overwhelming inequities in the criminal justice system. As Jews, we are committed to these values for ourselves and others who are negatively impacted.

Studies show that mass incarceration (prison population exploded in the 1970's) contributes to poverty, income inequality, and family



instability. There is much work to be done, requiring the involvement of the community at large.

JCRC key priorities include social justice (including criminal justice), combatting hate and anti-Semitism, and building bridges with communities and legislators. By means of education, we can ensure that the Jewish community can better advocate, and move all of Western New York in an improved direction.

Please come see and hear Valentino Dixon. His message speaks for itself.

Mara Koven-Gelman is Director Jewish Community Relations Council.

The Past Is Present

Painting And Prints By Harold L. Cohen On View At
The Burchfield-Penney Art Center Through Sunday, December 1

Harold L. Cohen (b. 1925) is a Brooklyn born designer, visual artist and educator based in Buffalo. He was raised in the Orthodox Jewish tradition and from the age of 8 attended religious school five evenings a week. He later attended night classes at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn before enlisting in the Navy in 1943. After a three-year tour of duty in the Atlantic and South Pacific during World War II he returned home, and encouraged by friends in the arts, applied to art school.



Harold Cohen at the Burchfield Penney reception

Harold L. Cohen is also a rebel. During World War II, he served on a ship in the South Pacific. He found the racism and anti-Semitism on that ship so appalling that he wrote a letter to his senator from Pearl Harbor to complain about it. He said that the enemy was aboard the ship. The letter was later published in *PM*, a liberal paper published in New York from 1940-48. When his superiors on that ship found out about the letter, they didn't like it, but he was good at his job, so they left him alone. It was there that he learned that your skills keep you alive, and what doesn't kill you makes you stronger.

Over the next fifty years Cohen worked at various colleges and



At the Wall, March 2006; Burchfield Penney Art Center, Gift of the Artist, 2016

There are two events coming up related to Harold L. Cohen's show "The Past is Present" at the Burchfield Penny Art Center. The show's focus is on anti-Semitism, hatred and genocide.

Tour/Talk of the "The Past is Present." Sunday, October 27th 1:30-3:00pm

Professor Cohen will explain each of the pieces in the show, how they were made and what they are about. He will explain how anti-Semitism has shaped his life. He will also discuss how hatred and genocide from around the globe impacted his art. There will be sufficient time for questions and answers.

Panel Discussion on Hatred Thursday, November 21st 6:00-8:00pm

Triggered by the show "The Past is Present," Professor Cohen will join participants from the City of Buffalo to discuss hatred. Community leaders and religious leaders will deliberate some of the problems in our neighborhoods and examine solutions on how best to help resolve the issues.

universities teaching design. He also worked with the Institute for Behavioral Research at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois and later served as Dean of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design at the University at Buffalo from 1974-1984. His past is filled with many accomplishments. He says that art must reflect an appreciation of all

people, and that he must do what he believes in.

The exhibition *The Past is Present: Paintings and Prints by Harold L. Cohen* focuses on work by the artist created over the last twenty years. After retiring from teaching at UB, Cohen has focused on painting, printmaking and sculpture. The prints included in this exhibition were created using various techniques. These include intaglio, dry point etching, plastic engraving, linocut, woodcut and wood engraving. These work focus on the past atrocities committed by authoritarian regimes. Numerous works from Germany and Europe reflect on the horrors of the Nazi genocide during World War II and its aftermath. Concentration camps in Belgium, Germany and Poland are depicted. Images from Israel of some of the historically important sights that the artist visited are included as well. These represent both the struggles of the Jewish people, and the solace that the historic homeland provides.

For more on Harold Cohen's current work, visit haroldlcohen.com.

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Federation Announces Two New Camp Initiatives for 2020

By Mandy Weiss



The Buffalo Jewish Federation is committed to supporting Jewish camp experiences and is now able to make Jewish camp, both day and overnight camp, a reality for more children. This fall, Federation will launch two new initiatives to encourage Jewish families to choose from a variety of Jewish summer camp options for their children beginning in the summer of 2020.

The first initiative, “Taste of Centerland,” is made possible through the generous support of The Weisman Family. “Taste” will provide incentive grants of \$250 to Jewish families with children attending Camp Centerland for the first time for a minimum of 2 weeks. **This grant represents nearly 30% of the cost for two weeks at Centerland (based on 2019 prices).**

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo has been operating WNY’s premiere Jewish summer day camp since 1955. The camp has grown and developed dramatically in the years since it started on a 78-acre tract of land in rural Elma, NY. In 2013, Camp Centerland moved to its new facility in Getzville, adjacent to the JCC Benderson Family Building as the JCC wanted to redefine JCC camping for the 21st century.

The JCC’s Camp Centerland provides a stimulating and nurturing environment based on Jewish values in a Jewish setting for children entering kindergarten through 9th grade. Camp Centerland’s philosophy is rooted in the belief that teaching and demonstrating the Jewish values of *Chesed* (kindness), *Kehillah* (community) and *Tikkun Olam* (healing the world) is as important as splashing in the swimming pool, enjoying a popsicle, or singing favorite camp songs. Limud is the Hebrew word for learning, which is at the heart of everything they do. Limud (learning) is the foundation of this diverse camp community and enables everyone to gain a deeper sense of identity and belonging.

Families can find more information about Camp Centerland at www.campcenterland.org. Contact Mandy Weiss at mandy@buffalojewishfederation.org with questions about Taste of Centerland incentive grants.

The second initiative, **The One Happy Camper** program, is in partnership with the

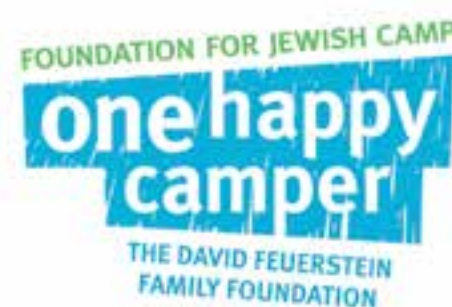
Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC) and made possible through the generous support of The David Feuerstein Family Foundation. One Happy Camper will provide need-blind grants of up to \$1000 to Jewish families with children attending nonprofit Jewish overnight camp for the first time for a minimum of 12 consecutive days.

One Happy Camper was conceived over a decade ago with the singular mission of increasing the number of children benefiting from the transformative experience of Jewish summer camp. Aimed at attracting new campers who do not have daily, immersive exposure to Judaism, the program provides financial incentives to families of first-time campers to encourage and motivate parents to choose Jewish summer camp over other summer options. **One Happy Camper** grant recipients - just like all Jewish campers - will experience a memorable summer infused with Jewish education, awareness, and identity.

Families with children attending one of over 150 nonprofit Jewish overnight camps including JCC Camp Seneca Lake, URJ Camp George, Camp Ramah (Canada), and Camp Havaya for their first summer, may be eligible for a grant regardless of need.

Families can find camps and apply for grants by visiting www.OneHappyCamper.org. Contact Mandy Weiss at mandy@buffalojewishfederation.org with any questions.

Mandy Weiss coordinates Community Planning for the Federation.



The Forever Present

*A poem by
Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein*



I'm forever in the present
And that's where I'll always be
Navigating the moments
That make up my history.

Steering clear of all the things
I have ever left behind
I will keep my eyes on the future
Somewhere beyond time.

But no matter how I try to avoid it
The present's always there
Hanging right beside me
Like air in atmosphere.

One day I'll say goodbye to it
When I leave this earthly plane
But until that day arrives for me
In the present I'll remain.

I'll treat each moment carefully
Try my best to change
To make this world a better place
From the one that I first came.

We are forever in the present
And that's where we'll always be
Doing the best we can to ensure
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*Rabbi Lazarus Klein is the rabbi of
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DIVERSITY IN BUFFALO - MARCH 22 2PM-4PM

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HATRED - APRIL 19 2PM-6PM

HOW TO HAVE DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS -

MAY 17 2PM-6PM

PITCH FOR A CAUSE - JUNE 14 12PM-4PM

The fellowship will offer teens the opportunity to develop practical skills while also gaining an awareness of community history, civic responsibility, race/diversity, and personal potential all through the lens of applied Jewish wisdom.

Each session will involve meeting prominent community leaders pertaining to the session topic.

Miriam's Well @ the Women's Group Home

By Dr. Yonina Andrea Foster

Several months ago I began to facilitate monthly Jewish-oriented programs at the Women's Group Home through the Jewish Federation and Yad b' Yad. We've experienced Shabbat with Nickel City friends; we have made hamantaschen for Purim, sung songs, planted gardens in the spring, laughed together, and read stories. The women have giggled, used their hands and bodies, told their own stories, and helped in all our creations.



The day we came together in August was perfect for our project on the back porch. You'll see Karen on the left, Jessica T. in the center and Jessica R. on the right of the photo where our wall hanging is being held up. I'm peeking from behind. We brought up a table from the basement, and waited for Barb who had the materials. Barb is Jessica T.'s Mom. We were ready to begin. The Hebrew letters for the month of Av were the centerpiece of our *Rosh Chodesh* project. It's true, we're about to enter the Hebrew month of *Elul*, but I chose Av, instead. *Alef* and *Bet*, the first letters for the Hebrew month begin creation and rebuilding after the temple's destruction. The letters, and several others, became the basis for our wall hanging. We'll use it in our sukkah come October 13, and afterwards, if still intact, it might be artwork in the Group house.

In September, we celebrated the New Year, worked on our wall hanging and heard the shofar. Look for us in upcoming issues of the *Jewish Journal*.

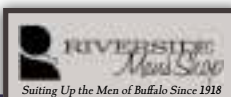
Dr. Yonina Foster is Facilitator of Miriam's Well at the Women's Group Home.

PJ Library Welcomes Rick Recht

On Sunday August 25th, over 150 smiling faces filled the Rein Family amphitheater at the Irving M. Shuman campgrounds at Camp Centerland for the Rick Recht Community Concert & BBQ! Families enjoyed an afternoon of singing and dancing (some even got the chance to join Rick on stage), and afterwards enjoyed a delicious BBQ and quality time with friends. Earlier that morning, Jewish Educators spent two jam-packed hours at a Leadership Training Workshop with Rick. Many thanks to our families, Camp Centerland, and the PJ Partner Agency Team for planning a terrific event!



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Julie Fink elected first woman president of Niagara Aquarium Foundation

Julie Kianof Fink has been elected president of the Niagara Aquarium Foundation board of trustees. Fink previously served the foundation as its vice president and assumes the role as the first woman to hold the position as president. The Niagara Aquarium Foundation board of trustees is responsible for fiduciary oversight of the Aquarium of Niagara, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to education and conservation of aquatic life.

Fink has more than 38 years of experience in tourism, advertising and marketing. She founded *WELCOME Magazine*, a hard cover guide to the Buffalo Niagara region placed in over 10,000+ hotel rooms in 1984. Under her direction, *WELCOME* grew into the region's top source for visitors as well as local residents to discover what to see and do in Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Fink recently sold the business, providing an opportunity to assume a larger role with the board of trustees.

Fink is a past board member of the Buffalo Jewish Federation and the CEL/UB School of Management Alumni. She was a 2017 *Business First* Women of Influence winner. She resides in Amherst with her husband, Raymond L. Fink.

Pam Glick Show Opens at UB Art Galleries



Pam Glick, *Dream House III, Niagara-USA-Canada*, 2019; flashe, water-based enamel, graphite on canvas, 60 x 60 inches

Collection of the artist
Photo by Nicholas Ostness

UB Art Galleries is currently exhibiting *Dream House: Niagara - USA - Canada*, an installation of paintings by Pam Glick, MFA '19. Continuing her ongoing series of interpretations of Niagara Falls, Glick paints on stretched canvases. Through mark-making and improvisational brush strokes, patterns surface rendering shapes that emulate mist and the motion of water flowing from the falls. These references are abstract and intuitive. Instinctually, these works stimulate our senses of smell, touch and sound, recalling past visits to Niagara Falls or notions of what it might be like.

"There is the palpable sublime as the beauty takes everyone by surprise even if you've seen it before.

The hypnotic pull of the falls, especially the element of danger in its enormity is obvious."

-Pam Glick

Dream House: Niagara - USA - Canada is an exhibition in two-parts. A concurrent installation of Glick's tarp paintings is on view at UB Center for the Arts Atrium Gallery as part of the Art in the Open series. Both installations will be on view through January 5, 2020. In celebration of this exhibition, UB Art Galleries in partnership with Mirabo Press have published a signed and numbered, limited edition screen print/monoprint, which is available through Mirabo Press.



Syd Cole Celebrates 105 Years!

Decorated Veteran and Buffalo native Captain Sydney Cole recently marked his 105th birthday at Buffalo's VA Hospital with family and friends. He was a pilot in the United States Army during World War II. His actions of bravery and heroism earned him a spot on the Buffalo Naval Park Wall of Honor this past June with other local veterans.

In 1945, Cole attempted to save his co-pilot when their plane was shot down; he was captured and became a prisoner of war in a Hitler Youth Prison for four months. Cole's bravery also earned him the World War II Victory Medal, a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and a POW Medal.



Happy 100th Birthday Dorothy Shaw!

Dorothy Shaw, a retired physical therapist for the past 39 years, recently celebrated her 100th birthday at the home of her niece, Gretchen Shaw Gross. Dorothy, a vibrant and active Elmwood Village resident, raises goats at her Southern Tier home in the summer, loves classical and chamber music and still plays the recorder, volunteers for Canopy of Neighbors and The Kennel Club in the Welsh Corgi world.

Miriam Peretz visits Buffalo

Miriam Peretz, winner of the prestigious Israel Prize, was a visitor to Buffalo September 11. She met with many individuals and spoke to a capacity crowd at the Seller Theatre, hosted by Hadassah and sponsored by The Federation and the JCC.



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Rosh HaShana: A Turning Point

By Rabbi Daniel Shuman

Names in Judaism have significance. The Jewish New Year is called Rosh HaShana, literally the Head of the year, because just as the head controls and guides the rest of the body, so too the day of Rosh HaShana is the control center for and influences every day of the year. The highlight of the day of Rosh HaShana is the blowing of the Shofar. The age old sound calling us to return to “Avinu Malkeinu”, our Father and King, and rededicate ourselves to His Torah and *Mitzvot* and to the mission He put us in this world to accomplish.

Upon hearing the sounding of the Shofar, the congregation in unison calls out the prayer “*Hayom Harat Olam*” “Today is the Birthday of the world” (As the 1st day of the month of Tishrei is the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Chava, the first humans, whom G-d tasked with the mission of *Tikun Olam*.)

Rabbi David Abudraham who lived some 600 years ago in Seville Spain, in his classic work on the siddur, traces the expression “*Harat Olam*” to the *Book of Jeremiah*, chapter 20. The prophet Jeremiah, who witnessed the destruction of the first Holy Temple in Jerusalem built by King Solomon and the horrific and painful exile of his people, bemoans the fact the he was born to live during these catastrophic times. He cries “if only I had perished in the womb, so that my mother would be my grave and her womb the place of eternal pregnancy (*Harat Olam*)”.

At first glance, the comment and connection is perplexing. How could the expression of Jeremiah, an expression of complete and utter anguish, be utilized by our sages to connote a moment of rebirth, rededication and hope ...“The



Rabbi Daniel Shuman

birthday of the world”? Seemingly opposite connotations and meanings.

However upon reflection, perhaps that is the very point of our sages. Many of us have dreams and aspirations that lay buried for years and are never born to see the light of day. G-d put each of us in this world to accomplish a unique mission that no one else heretofore has accomplished. Yet for one reason or another, often these accomplishments are never actualized and instead we remain “*Harat Olam*” eternally pregnant with them.

Comes the day of Rosh HaShana, we

sound the Shofar, and our sages say “the buck stops here.” Today is the day to give birth to those dreams and goals. To take them from the recesses of our thoughts and hopes and let them see the light of day. “*HaYom Harat Olam*.” Today is the Birthday of the World and the birthday of all those hidden dreams, aspirations and accomplishments.

This year my parents Charles and Penny Shuman are being honored at the Federation’s Community Kick-Off Event with the Nathan Benderson Community Leadership award for their generous giving over many years to the Buffalo Jewish community.

I remember as a child, lying in bed at night and hearing my father call people to raise money for local Jewish organizations. Often the person being solicited was reluctant to give. (As my brother says “if someone doesn’t want to give, one excuse is as good as another.) So they

would tell my father they don’t want to support the organization because they don’t agree with something the agency did. My father’s response is ingrained in my memory. “Do you agree with everything your children do? Yet you love them because they are your children and you support and help them. Similarly you should support organizations that do good work even if you may not agree with everything they do”.

I often reflect on these words at this time of year. As we stand before G-d on Rosh HaShana and say to Him “You may not agree with everything we did this year but we are your children and you are our Father. We love you and you love us, so please be there for us this year with all that we need. We in turn, will try our best to be there for You and to actualize those accomplishments and acts of kindness that have lain dormant and hidden for so long.

As the great Chassidic Master Reb Zusha would often say “after my soul departs it’s earthly trappings and stands before the heavenly court on the day of reckoning, I’m not afraid that I will be asked why I didn’t accomplish what Moses or King David accomplished. For that there is a simple answer... I’m not them. But when they ask me: Reb Zusha, why weren’t you the Reb Zusha you were given the ability to be? For that, I fear I will have no adequate reply.”

May G-d grant each and every one of us together with the whole world a good and sweet year filled with health, sustenance, *nachas* and all that we need materially and spiritually. In addition, may each of us take an active part in this year’s Birthday of the World by striving to reach our full potential, thereby taking a step closer to *Tikun Olam* and a leap towards the final and complete redemption with *Moshiach*.

Rabbi Daniel Shuman is past president of Ohr Temimim Day School and Executive Vice President of Shuman Plastics.

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- 2» **One way to give tzedakah during the High Holy Days is to make a gift to the Buffalo Jewish Federation's Campaign** for Jewish Buffalo in honor or memory of a loved one. Go to www.buffalojewishfederation.org, and click on "donate."
- 3» **Remember the Six Million during the Days of Awe.** Join the Community Service for the Six Million—Kever Avot V'Imahot—Sunday, October 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Old B'rith Shalom Cemetery on Pine Ridge Road.
- 4» **October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.** Join the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Walk Saturday, October 12 in the Outer Harbor/ Lakeside Bike Park at 825 Fuhrmann Blvd. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the Walk begins at 10:15 a.m. Contact Krystina Burow at BuffaloNYStrides@cancer.org or call (716) 689-6982 x6525.
- 5» **Laugh and learn with Buffalo Jewish Federation** on the trip to the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, NY October 30. The day-long trip also includes a visit to the Lucy & Desi Museum and the Jackson Center. The \$90 fee includes tours, lunch, snacks and transportation. Kosher meals available on request. Hurry! Only 50 spots available. Contact Stacey@buffalojewishfederation.org or call 204-2250.

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High Holiday Treats

Plant-Based Gluten-Free Honey Cake

by Jessica Altman

Honey cake is a traditional Jewish food eaten during the Jewish New Year. The idea is by eating sweet things you will have a sweet year. But there is nothing sweeter than a honey cake! The smells fill your house as it bakes, and reminds me of my grandma. I miss her a lot. A shot of brandy is in this recipe in her memory (it was the secret ingredient we always laughed about). For my vegan friends who don't eat honey, you can make this using maple syrup and make a maple cake. One caveat-you MUST get yourself some buckwheat honey. It makes a FAR superior cake and is what gave this cake its dark brown color and rich flavor. It is my go-to honey. If you don't have any, regular clover will do, it just won't be as good as mine. *L'shana tova!*

Honey Cake Serves 15 (or more)

4 flax eggs (1/4 cups flax meal + 3/4 cup water, mix together and let sit for 5 minutes)

1/2 cup oil (grapeseed, coconut, or your choice; we use grape seed, it's much lower in saturated fat than coconut)

1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce

1 1/2 cups of honey (we use buckwheat-it has a far superior flavor and color)

3 cups of flour

(we use 260 g of King Arthur brand all purpose gluten free and 130 g of sorghum flour for added protein)

4 tsp baking powder

1 tbsp ground psyllium husk (not totally necessary, but can help to hold cake together better)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine dry ingredients. Add flax eggs and applesauce in mixing bowl. Combine oil, honey, and coffee in a measuring cup. Alternate adding dry ingredients and wet to the mixing bowl. Add shot of whiskey. Wrap the bottom of a tube pan with tin foil (to prevent leaking from the pan) and place on a baking sheet. Pour batter into un-greased tube pan. Bake for 15 minutes at 350, reduce heat to 300 and continue to cook until top cracks and knife inserted comes out clean, about 60 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes, and then invert, and allow to cool all the way. Enjoy and may you have a sweet and healthy year (without lots of refined sugar).



1 heaping tsp cinnamon

1 tsp ginger

1/2 tsp allspice

1/4 tsp nutmeg

1/2 tsp baking soda

1/2 tsp salt

1 cup coffee

1 shot of brandy

Meatballs with Pomegranate Glaze and Butternut Squash Casserole

By Robin Kurss

Here are a couple of easy and delicious dishes that can be made ahead and work well for a cool evening in the Sukkah or a warm dinner in the kitchen.

Meatballs with Pomegranate Glaze

Meatballs:

1/2 red onion, minced

1 lb ground beef (20/80)

4 cloves garlic, minced

2 eggs, beaten

1/2 c chopped parsley

1/2 c chopped mint

2 tsp cumin

1 tsp salt

1 tsp pepper

1/2 c bread crumbs

Glaze:

1/4 red onion, chopped

1 Tbsp. oil

1 1/2 c pomegranate molasses



Mix meatball ingredients together in a large bowl. Form into 14 meatballs. Preheat oven to 350. Bake meatballs on a foil lined sheet pan (with rim) until cooked through...20-30 minutes. Prepare glaze... sauté red onion in 1 Tbsp. oil until soft. Add pomegranate molasses and stir to combine. To serve, place meatballs in a serving dish and pour glaze over. Sprinkle with a little leftover parsley and mint.



Butternut Squash Casserole

1 butternut squash

1/4 c oil

2 cloves of garlic, chopped

1/4 c breadcrumbs...I like panko style

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp pepper

1/4 c parsley, chopped



Preheat oven to 375. Oil a 9x13 casserole dish and arrange squash in dish. You can peel and slice into 1/2" slices, or buy ready cubed squash for convenience. Make crumb mixture by sautéing garlic in oil until lightly browned. Add breadcrumbs and mix to combine. Add salt and pepper. Sprinkle over squash and bake for 30-40 minutes until squash is tender. Sprinkle with parsley and serve. If you are having a *milkdich* meal, you can substitute butter for oil and sprinkle top with 1/2 c of grated parmesan before baking.

CONGREGATION SHIR SHALOM Fall Rummage Sale

A Story of Mitzvah

This month, the Women of Shir Shalom look forward to continuing the decades-old tradition of holding a temple rummage sale. In addition to providing funds for Congregation Shir Shalom and all the activities of the group, the twice annual rummage sales do so much more. These projects provide clothing in all sizes for men, women and children, and community members are able to find collectibles, art work, jewelry, toys, books, small appliances, sports equipment, and all types of household items at greatly reduced prices.

After each sale, the items that remain unsold are donated to City Mission, Goodwill, Everywoman Opportunity Center, Prom Dress Drive, American Association of University Women Book Sale, Jewish Family Service Resettlement Program, and other equally worthy local non-profits.

Rummage sales are a mitzvah in every sense of the word.

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October 9

Yom Kippur observed

October 10

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October 13

My Grown Up & Me
10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Whole Foods Market

October 14-20

Sukkot celebrated

October 17

Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies Annual Meeting
7:00 p.m.
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October 18

PJ Library Tot Shabbat
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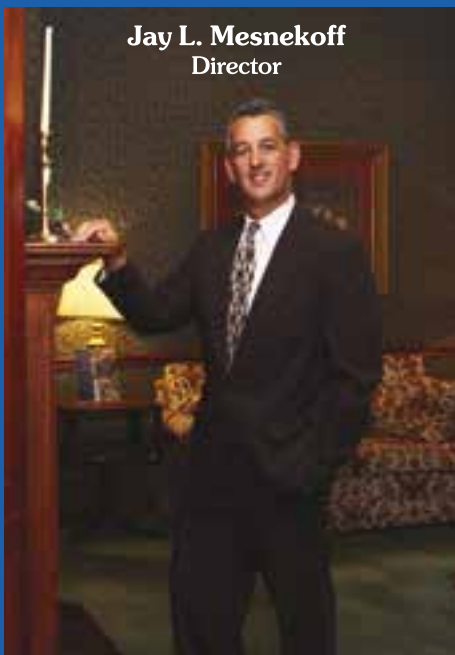
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The first word of the text is Chayim, (life), the Hebrew name of one of the victims, Cecil Rosenthal, who regularly carried the Torah for the congregation.

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TBZ Achim is October 13

Temple Beth Zion Brotherhood will offer its October Achim program Sunday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the lounge in the Meadows Building, second floor, at the Weinberg Campus.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Samuel Helfer who will speak on aging gracefully by maintaining independence through physical function in later years. Dr. Helfer holds a doctorate in Physical Therapy and a Masters degree in Exercise Science from the University at Buffalo, where he graduated with honors. He has been working with the aging population for several years, providing outpatient PT services in the comfort of patients' homes. He is eager to improve the quality of life of his patients by guiding their rehabilitation from surgeries, injuries and hospitalizations.

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

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

Cleveland Rocks Judaism Trip

Congregation Shir Shalom hosted a Jewish Cultural trip to Cleveland in late July, and included guests from Temple Beth Tzedek and Temple Beth Zion as well. Highlights of the journey included a visit to the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, a bus tour of Jewish neighborhoods, a guided visit to both the old and new Temple-Tifereth Israel and a delightful musical performance by Cantor Arlene Frank of Shir Shalom and Cantor Kathy Sebo of Cleveland. Guests enjoyed experiencing Jewish culture, learning more about their heritage and sharing camaraderie as they traveled together.



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Shachris	9:00 AM	Sept. 30 & Oct 1	Shachris	9:00 AM	Oct. 9
Blowing of the Shofar	11:15 AM	Sept. 30 & Oct 1	Yizkor	11:30 AM	Oct. 9
Festive Meal	1:15 PM	Sept. 30	Neilah	6:25 PM	Oct. 9
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Sukkot October 13 - 15			Simchat Torah October 20 - 22		
Maariv	7:05 PM	Oct. 13 & 14	Yizkor	11:30 AM	Oct. 21
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Questions or reservations, contact Rusty Zackheim, irisz@aol.com, 716-634-6028 or Linda Steinhorn, oralin330@aol.com, 716-634-6330.

TBZ Shabbat Lunch

Saturday, October 19, 12:30-1:30 PM
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Tuesday, October 1		
Traditional service	8:30 am	Shaharit, Shofar, Torah Reading, Sermon & Musaf
	6:00 pm	Minhah & Ma'ariv
Abbreviated service	9:30 am	Shaharit, Shofar, Torah Reading, Sermon & Musaf
Artscroll service	9:00 am	Shaharit
YOM KIPPUR EVE		
Tuesday, October 8		
Traditional service	6:15 pm	Minhah
	6:30 pm	Kol Nidre
Artscroll service	6:15 pm	Kol Nidre
YOM KIPPUR DAY		
Wednesday, October 9		
Traditional service	9:00 am	Shaharit, Torah Reading, Israel Bond Appeal, Yizkor, Sermon & Musaf
	5:00 pm	Minhah, followed by Ne'ilah
	7:30 pm	Sounding of Shofar, followed by Ma'ariv
Abbreviated service	10:00 am	Shaharit, Torah Reading, Israel Bond Appeal, Yizkor, Sermon & Musaf
Artscroll service	9:00 am	Shaharit
	12:15 pm	Yizkor
	5:00 pm	Minhah, followed by Ne'ilah
	7:26 pm	Sounding of Shofar, followed by Ma'ariv
SUKKOT Monday, October 14		
Traditional service	9:00 am	Shaharit
	6:00 pm	Minhah & Ma'ariv
Artscroll service	9:30 am	Shaharit
Tuesday, October 15		
Traditional service	9:00 am	Shaharit
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Artscroll service	9:30 am	Shaharit
HOSHANA RABBAH Sunday, October 20		
Traditional service	8:30am	Shaharit
SHEMINI ATZERET Sunday, October 20		
Traditional service	6:00 pm	Minhah & Ma'ariv
Monday, October 21		
Traditional service	7:00; 9:00 am	Shaharit with Yizkor
Artscroll service	9:30 am	Shaharit with Yizkor service at 11:15 am
SIMHAT TORAH Monday, October 21		
Traditional service	6:00 pm	Minhah & Ma'ariv, with Hakafot
Artscroll service	7:15 pm	Ma'ariv, with Hakafot
Tuesday, October 22		
Traditional service	9:00 am	Shaharit
	7:00 pm	Minhah & Ma'ariv
Artscroll service	9:30 am	Shaharit, Hakafot and Aliyot

Congregation Beth Abraham
Holds Shabbat
Morning Services

By Marty Kerker



After a ten-year hiatus, the Beth Abraham Congregation is planning to start up Shabbat morning services again! Building on the popularity of the monthly Kabbalat Shabbat evening services, members felt there was a strong need for and support of holding services on Saturday morning as well, also (projected) once monthly. Cantor Irwin Gelman will be at helm of what is expected to be a truly communal experience. There already is a group of very adept and dedicated volunteers from across Buffalo's Jewish spectrum lined up to *daven* (*Psukei d'Zimrah* through *Musaf*), read Torah, chant *Haftarot* and present *divrai* Torah. The first service is scheduled for Saturday morning, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the historic shul at 1073 Elmwood Avenue (between Pano's and Mr. Pizza). Following services, participants can meet new friends, greet old ones and enjoy a delicious lunch, which for the inaugural Saturday morning service, will be sponsored by the Buffalo Jewish Federation.

Please contact the synagogue at www.congregationbethabraham.net if you would like an *aliyah*, reading or any other honor to help celebrate as a community. Beth Abraham now has new *Eit Ratzon siddurim* where you can follow/lead services in a very user-friendly format that includes traditional Hebrew, transliteration, modern translation and a wealth of commentary.

If you would like to learn how to *daven* any portion of the service, you can go to the "Learning Page" on the website where Cantor Gelman has recorded a tutorial, accessible on the CBAr YouTube channel. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 26 and join Congregation Beth Abraham in prayer and celebration on this special occasion. For additional information, please go to www.congregationbethabraham.net.

Marty Kerker is president of Congregation Beth Abraham.



Amiel BaKehila in Buffalo

Amiel BaKehila, an exciting initiative under the auspices of Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs, returned to Buffalo in September. Our special guests were Community Educator, Dr. Lisa Aiken and Arts Ambassador Einat Kapach. Dr. Aiken and Ms. Kapach led programs at the JCC, Congregation Beth Abraham, Ohr Temimim, Temple Beth Tzedek, Kehilat Ohr Tzion, Congregation Shir Shalom and The Amherst Senior Center.



Many thanks to the following individuals for partnering on this Amiel visit: Barb Chazan, Lori Morrison, Carol & Brian Joseph, Cheryl & Irv Stein, Dan Kester, Marty Kerker, Cathy Sommer, and Rabbis Shmuel Shanowitz, Ori Bergman and Moshe Silberschein.




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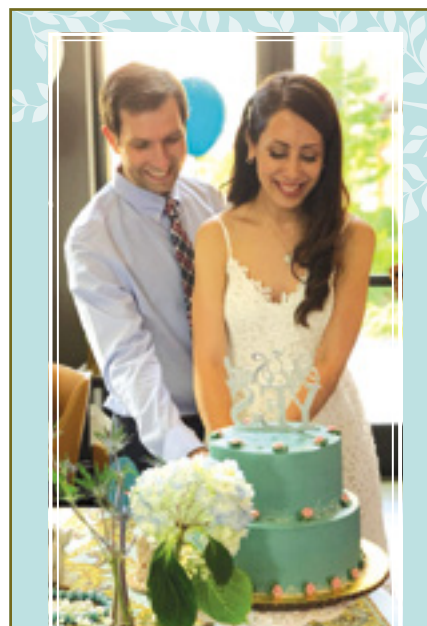


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On September 14th at the Rose Hill Manor, in Northern Virginia, Parisa Mazaheri, MD and Daniel Corey Oppenheimer, MD were united in marriage. The ceremony was officiated by Rabbi Laurie Green, of Congregation Bet Mishpachah, in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The bride is the daughter of Parvin and Parviz Mazaheri, MD of Vienna, Virginia. The groom is the son of Cindy and Randy Oppenheimer of Amherst, New York. The Matron of Honor was Sarah Mazaheri Jones, MD, sister of the bride, of Vienna, Virginia. The bridesmaids were Maryam Tahvildari of Northville, Michigan, Mona Asudegi of McLean, Virginia and Aniran Asgarifand of Lanham, Maryland all friends of the bride. Phoebe Oppenheimer, of Amherst, New York, niece of the groom, was also a bridesmaid. The flower girl was Phoenix Oppenheimer, of Amherst, NY, niece of the groom and the ring bearer was Ethan Oppenheimer, of Amherst, NY, nephew of the groom. Adam Oppenheimer, MD, of Orlando, Florida, brother of the groom, was the best man. Sina Mazaheri, MD, of Newport News, Virginia, brother of the bride was a groomsman. Three other brothers of the groom were also groomsmen. They were Jacob Oppenheimer, of Denver, Colorado, Jordan Oppenheimer, of Amherst, New York, and Benjamin Oppenheimer, DDS, of Clarence, New York. The bride and groom, who reside in St. Louis, Missouri, enjoyed their honeymoon in San Juan, Puerto Rico.



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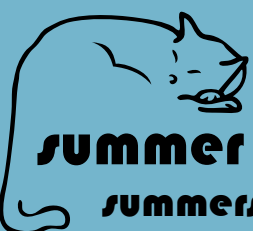
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When Gunilla Met Max

by Dr. Gunilla Theander Kester

The first time I saw Max Goldhirsch was at a summer Shabbat service outdoors at Congregation Shir Shalom. I was miserable, stubborn, and stuck. I was not listening or participating. I was grieving for my sister Clara and my friend Cantor Susan Wehle. I could not get over their deaths or the ways in which they had died. I was a little twig in a deep river caught between two huge boulders.

Suddenly, a young girl ran straight in front of my feet and across the lawn away from the tent. She ran as if she knew no obstacles, no fear, and the borders of our lawn weren't



full of nettles. A boy followed, dark eyes full of concern as he tried to catch up with her. Following them came a young woman, Kim, her hair like a waterfall, her skirt dancing around her ankles. When she scooped up her children, I felt rescued too.

Months later we met again. It was dark and cold after services, inside this time. I sipped hot coffee at the Oneg Shabbat and studied that little girl run as if there were no walls in any room, and her brother watching over her. Somehow Kim and I started talking and somehow we talked about guitars. "Max played guitar before he walked and talked," Kim said proudly

about the aforementioned young boy. "He made a guitar out of a box and put strings on it. He played that thing for hours," she said. "Well, if he's interested, I could show him a thing or two," I answered.

And so it began, our study of the classical guitar together, Max and me. Leaping ambition. Leaping ability. Great courage and attention. My job, if any, was to try to slow things down.

Often, over the years, I found that when we were going over something difficult, music theory, fretboard harmony, or chord analysis, mysteriously Max was there somewhere in front of me, waiting and almost as if he were saying "Hello old friend! What took you so long?"

Once, feeling generous, I asked Max if he could learn any guitar piece, which one he would choose. "The one you always play," he responded without missing a beat, meaning the J.S Bach *Prelude from Cello Suite Number One*. He was nine years old. "Ok," I said not wanting to go back on my word, "but it's going to be a hard journey, a lot of work, a long term goal." A week later he knew the whole piece by heart. I was astounded. I could only laugh!

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Mincha Service - 7:40p

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Since then, Max has performed and starred in five theatrical productions, including his role as “Little Guido” in the Second Generation Theatre production of the musical *NINE* at the Shea’s Smith Theatre this past summer. When I asked him what that experience was like, he said, with a smile that belied his words, that it was hard to work with all seasoned actors.

“When I played Mowgli in *The Jungle Book* at Windermere School,” he said, “or one of the kids in *NUNCRACKERS* with the O’Connell & Co, it was more like playing with my friends. In *NINE* I was the only kid surrounded by experienced actors, but they helped and supported me, and I became better because of them. I felt at home!”



Word of his talent spread in the theatre community, and he was handpicked for the challenging role he now faces as Lior, a boy on the autism spectrum in the upcoming production of the Israeli play *Oh My God* at the Jewish Repertory Theater, directed by Saul Elkin, which runs from October 24-November 17 at the JCC’s Sellers Theatre.

“Lior is a non-verbal autistic boy,” he said, “so to prepare I did research and watched videos. When you act, you are playing another person. You must make that other person feel natural to you or the performance becomes awkward and frustrating to you, your fellow actors, and to the audience. There is no trust if it is not natural.”

Lior may not be able to express himself in words, but he can play classical guitar, and I think he happens to know a certain J.S. Bach prelude. He lives with his single mother, a psychologist. One day a new client arrives. The fate of the whole world hangs in the balance! Lior and his mother have one hour to save the world! Will they succeed? With Max Goldhirsch as a part of the team, I imagine that they will!

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Celebrate freedom in the JCC's Sukkah

By Katie Wzontek

The JCC is planning events and programs to celebrate the fall holidays with our more than 10,000 members, consistent with our mission of “build(ing) and strengthen(ing) the Jewish and WNY communities by providing recreational, educational and cultural programming.”

Kosher snacks with apples, cinnamon and honey will be at both buildings to help members join in “sweetening” Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. With our culturally and religiously diverse membership, the JCC is sensitive to our differences as well as desires to understand Jewish practices and customs and will have High Holidays fact sheets, coloring pages and lobby decorations to celebrate these holiest of days in the Jewish calendar.

Early Childhood Centers will offer crafts, activities and songs related to the holidays. At the Holland Family Building, the Early Childhood department will host a fall dinner for families enrolled in the program, sharing the traditions of Sukkot, a harvest festival.

On Sunday, October 13, from 11a.m. to 1p.m., the Cultural Arts department invites all to join in a community event in the large, beautiful sukkah at the Benderson Family Building. Yonina Andrea Foster, Ph.D., a creative educator and songstress, will share the practices of Sukkot. We will share stories, sing songs and nosh from a harvest buffet of fruits and salads provided by Buffalo Koshers Gourmet. Following ancient tradition, we will invite *Ushpizin*, or “guests” to join while we create crafts to decorate the sukkah. Learn “*Otiyot Hayyot*”, the Hebrew Letter Movements for Healing and Renewal, a practice similar to Tai Chi.

Tickets, which include lunch, are \$10 per person and may be purchased at www.jccbuffalo.org or either JCC Member Services Desk. In the event of



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At any time during the holiday, October 13-20, members are welcome to bring snacks and meals to eat in the Sukkah, while viewing the stars through the Sukkah’s *skach* (semi-open roof.) The sukkah helps us remember the time the Israelites spent in the wilderness after they were freed from slavery in Egypt, and today, we continue to celebrate freedom for all. Bring decorations to hang, family stories to share, and create new, memories for your family. Chag Sameach! Happy Holidays!

Katie Wzontek is director of the Cultural Arts at the JCC.

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Learn about Sukkot, practice the mitzvah of shaking the Lulav and Etrog, share stories, sing songs, and nosh. Invite the ancestors to join us, the Ushpizin, while creating simple decorations for the sukkah. Move gently to the letters of Sukkot, standing or seated, through “*Otiyot Hayyot*” the living letters. Literally embody Sukkot! Relax. Schmooze. Join us.

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After over five months of planning, the Workshop was held on September 10th for Temple Beth Zion's clergy, staff, board members, and committee chairs. For five hours, Jay Lewis from Hillel



International provided the strategies and the tools to help make TBZ a more welcoming, inclusive, and engaging place. Nearly thirty participants took part in small and large group activities, and the room was filled with energy and optimism from beginning to end.

Jody Goldstein, TBZ Executive Board Member and Engagement Committee Founder and Chairperson beamed: "Jay taught us about Engagement. He gave us strategies to help us achieve our goals. But, achieving our goals will involve a commitment to change from all of us. We will have to put into practice the methods and tools given." Jody continued, "There is no coincidence that this workshop was being held during Elul. This is a time of reflection... a time of change. As the shofar blows on Rosh Hashanah let it be a reminder of what we have learned. Let it be a reminder that Temple Beth Zion is more than our beautiful buildings and our talented clergy. Temple Beth Zion is us."



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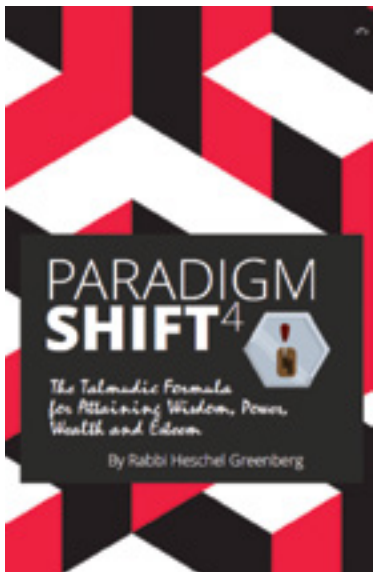
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Remembering Marilyn Fink Goldman 95: 'To her, everyone was royalty.'

By **Samantha Christmann**

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Marilyn Fink Goldman had a favorite saying: "It was *beskert*." In Yiddish, it means, "It was meant to be." An accomplished businesswoman, generous friend and loving mother, she had plenty of opportunities to use that phrase.

Mrs. Goldman died of cancer Aug. 18 under Hospice care in her home at Harbour's Edge Senior Living Community in Delray Beach, Fla. She was 95.

Born Lorraine Marilyn Gross in Bradford, Pa., she grew up on Homer Avenue in Buffalo with her two younger siblings, Harvey Gross and Iris Rosenberg. Their father, Max Gross, owned Chic Maid Hat Co., a hat manufacturer in the city.

In 1942, she married a soldier named Harold Fink and changed her name to Marilyn Fink. Together with her husband, they turned Tompkins & Fink Realty into a successful Buffalo real estate company. A smart and outgoing woman, she excelled working with people. She loved to help them and saw her work as a realtor as an opportunity to do just that.

"To her, everyone was royalty," her daughter Ronna Gershberg said on the phone from Boca Raton, Fla.

Mr. Fink and his wife were early adopters of real estate technology, with a home listing computer that filled an entire room. It put out punch cards with information about houses for sale, such as the number of bedrooms and bathrooms they had. The Maryland-based company that developed the computer eventually hired her to train other companies how to use it. Mr. Fink died in 1967, when their two daughters were just teenagers.

Mrs. Goldman didn't finish her studies at Indiana University after high school, so she went back to college at the University at Buffalo in the late 1960s — carpooling with her daughter Ronna, who was a student at the same time. Mrs. Goldman, then in her 40s, finished her remaining credits and received a bachelor's degree in sociology.

"She inspired us to be strong, successful women," said Ronna, who went on to manage seven radio stations in Miami and Fort Lauderdale. Ronna's



Marilyn Fink Goldman
June 8, 1924 – Aug. 18, 2019

sister, Shelley Rosenthal, owned a successful interior design firm in Boca Raton.

In 1974, their mother married Simon Goldman, a radio station owner in Jamestown, retired and moved to Jamestown. Shortly after that, they became snowbirds, wintering in Boca Raton, then becoming full-time residents. Mr. Goldman died in 1999.

Mrs. Goldman cared for both husbands through terminal cancer, doing exhaustive research and seeking out the best treatments. She drove Mr. Goldman to Michigan each month for treatments that Ronna credits with adding 10 years to his life.

Generous with her time and with charities, she was involved with several committees at her senior living community and was a past volunteer at Hospice.

She shared the last six years of her life with her 90-year-old boyfriend, Robert Clair, whom she met at the pool in Harbour's Edge. They visited Ronna's home every weekend to watch football, where they rooted for the Buffalo Bills and Philadelphia Eagles.

Mr. Clair and Mrs. Goldman often went to the ballet, theater and opera. They went out with their many friends and to formal dances. Popular and active, she was known as the Mayor of Harbour's Edge.

"They were busier than we were.

We had to make dates with them in advance," Ronna said.

Organized and sharp until her last days, she guided her daughters through the final arrangements needed to put her affairs in order, including where to keep her ashes. Witty to the end, she joked that they should put them at Bloomingdale's, "So I know you'll visit me."

In addition to her daughters, she is survived by her son-in-law Jay Gershberg, two stepsons, Michael Goldman and Paul Goldman, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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.



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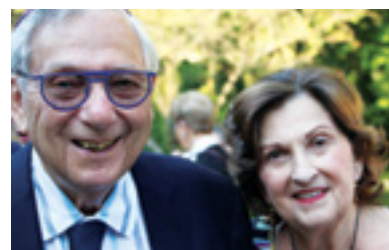
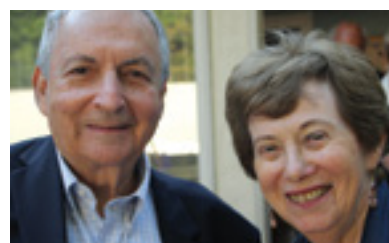
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Hosted by Sonia and Pinny Young, the Premier Summer Dinner honored Marilyn Shuman for her support of the Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning (CJEL).



Welcome BBQ @ TBT: 8/18/19

The Temple Beth Tzedek "Welcome" BBQ welcomed interim Rabbi Moshe Silberschein to Buffalo and TBT.



Seen in Larkinville: 9/12/19

Two local Buffalo authors interviewed each other at a Book Chat in Larkinville. Mark Sommer, author of *Rocky Colavito: Cleveland's Iconic Slugger* and Lauren Belfer, whose newest book is *After the Fire*, and whose works include *City of Light* about Buffalo, talked to each other about their respective work. Attending the event were from left: Mark Sommer, Lauren Belfer, Leslie Zemsky, Nancy Belfer, Howard Zemsky, Tina Ball and Ralph Halpern.



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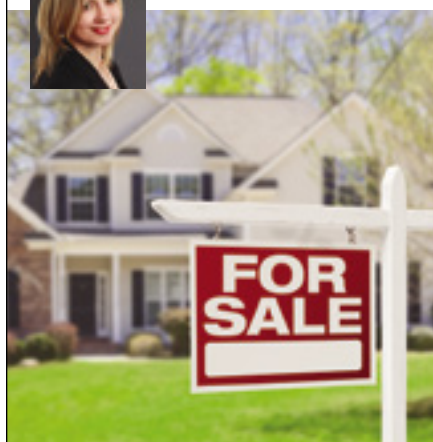


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There is no “I” in team, even when Kayaking!

By Susan Goldberg Schwartz

For the past year, the Engagement Team of Buffalo's new Center for Jewish Engagement (CJEL) and Learning has consisted of three multi-generational professionals, Miriam Abramovich, Nicole Bard and me, working and learning together. The three of us share similar work ethics, mutual trust, and a strong passion for Jewish Buffalo. By the fall, CJEL's leadership had made a commitment to investing further in talent to continue our growth and expansion. Our team was going to grow with the addition of another full time professional. Throughout the search process we often asked, how were we going to bring in a new team member? Would he or she 'get' us and fit in?

Well, I was pleasantly surprised as our new team member, Mike Stekloff, literally "dove right in and made a big splash!"

Last month a team retreat was planned and organized. The goal was to prepare for the upcoming year, in addition to spending some time together outside of the office, both learning and getting to know each other. After the more formal business portion of our retreat, we planned on a spirited adventure - to kayak to and from a local riverside landmark and stop for dinner. I offered to host the gathering at our waterfront home that has access to kayaks and lifejackets. I had also kayaked our planned route multiple times and offered to lead the kayaking adventure. After our formal meeting, we were outfitted for kayaking and headed out.

While we had hoped for a bonding experience on the water and at dinner, we never imagined what our outing would actually provide. Not only did we have a memorable shared experience, we encountered an exercise in problem solving and team building!

As the first to launch, I tested the waters. It was a beautiful afternoon though a bit windier than I had expected. As we headed out in pairs in the inner harbor area, the water was smooth and the paddling easy. We were enjoying the water and conversation with one another. Then we rounded the corner at the observation tower into the outer harbor and the wind was fierce; it was as if I was motionless though I was paddling with all my strength.

The wind speed had increased, the water was rocky and the waves splashed over the kayak, but I figured it would get easier once



The CJEL Rowing Team

we got into a more protected area. I could not turn around to check on my colleagues for fear of losing my balance. For the first time in many years of kayaking, I was scared. However, I could not panic. I just kept paddling, slow and steady, through the wind. As leader of the pack, I also made a decision; once we rounded yet another corner, I was going to stop, wait for everyone to catch up and then reassess our route.

Once together, we did a group check. Everyone was a bit shaken but ok, and we agreed to rethink our plan. We decided to dock our kayaks at a nearby commercial dock and figure out next steps once we were back on land. As the water calmed, we felt calmer. Suddenly I heard... "oh, oh, oh..." and SPLASH! Our newest team member flipped his kayak and landed in the water!

Our focus immediately shifted from docking to rescue. Fortunately, our ousted colleague was a strong swimmer, with years of camp experience, who admitted that this was not his first time landing in water. He swam to a nearby docked boat and climbed out. The rest of us turned our focus to the kayak, which had taken on a lot of water. We needed to make sure that the boat did not go under. Within a few moments, we shifted to group problem solving and settled on using a length of rope, (a fortunate last minute addition before we had headed out) to tie the water logged kayak to another kayak to be towed to the dock.

We asked the dock staff for help, who graciously assisted us and our kayaks out of the water. Once on dry land, we looked at each other, breathed a sigh of relief and began to laugh! And without saying a word to each other, the four of us were on the

same page: we were NOT going back in the water! The next challenge would be getting the kayaks back to my house. With the help of a wonderful neighbor and her brand new car, we managed to transport all of the kayaks, along with our gear, back to where we had started. (That process itself was another exercise in problem solving.)

We drove to dinner in dry clothes and finally had a chance to relax and debrief our adventure. We all agreed that we had learned invaluable lessons of teamwork that would not soon be forgotten:

- **Don't stop paddling even when things get rough.**

There will be times when our work will hit rough waters and we are tempted to give up. However, with extra effort, we move forward and even the most difficult tasks can be accomplished.

- **Go with the flow.**

There may be moments when we need to stop, regroup, reassess, and make mid-course corrections. Sometimes plans sound great, but unforeseen events may occur that require us to seek alternatives.

- **Don't be afraid to ask for help.**

As individuals, we cannot know everything. The collective intelligence and experience of a team far outweighs that of an individual.

- **Keep a sense of humor.**

Being able to laugh at oneself and with one another lets others see your true self. Laughter breaks up tension, allowing space for more direct communication and openness to new ideas.

- **Maintain your balance!**

Things change. The unexpected happens. Keep an even keel. Always look forward, never behind.

Through our kayaking adventure, the professional team at The Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning shared unexpected experiences and grew together. Our deep and trusting relationships with one another will strengthen us to engage and build trusting relationships with those we serve. As our Jewish wisdom inspires, "Separately we are as fragile as reeds and as easily broken. But together we are as strong as reeds tied in a bundle."

Susan Goldberg Schwartz is Buffalo Jewish Federation's Director of Adult Engagement.

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