

The Award Winning

»» HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

# THE JEWISH JOURNAL

A publication of The Buffalo Jewish Federation

BUFFALO, ISRAEL & THE JEWISH WORLD | WWW.BUFFALOJEWISHFEDERATION.ORG

AUGUST 2020 | AV-ELUL 5780



(4-7)



**LOOK:**  
BUFFALOVE  
SUMMER  
(4)



**INSIDE:**  
2021 CAMPAIGN  
KICK OFF  
(9)



**DON'T MISS:**  
WELCOME  
MACIE  
(11)

# STYLISH BY DAY...



## *Comfortable By Night*

**At City Mattress**, we have sleepers in every size - sofa, loveseat, sectional, or chair - and in every style. Select from in-stock, quick-ship, or custom order options for your perfect sleeper. Visit our website or one of our showrooms today.

In-Store and Online at **CityMattress.com**

**City  
Mattress**  
REAL SAVINGS. EVERY DAY.

AMHERST | LANCASTER | WILLIAMSVILLE | HAMBURG

HOURS Saturday 10 am - 7 pm • Sunday 11 am - 5 pm • Monday-Friday 10 am - 9 pm

More locations at **CityMattress.com**



**THE CITY MATTRESS PROMISE** Free Delivery and Set-up • Interest-Free Financing • Guaranteed Lowest Prices • 90-Night Comfort Guarantee

# Where life comes together.

## WINDSTONE VILLAS AND TOWNHOMES



### The difference is in the details.

Come home to Windstone, where you'll find an exclusive collection of Marrano properties in a high-demand location, just minutes from the Village of Williamsville. Each property provides you exceptional style, an exclusive way of life **plus significant tax savings.**



DESIGNED WITH STYLE. BUILT FOR LUXURY.



WINDSTONE VILLAS

- Exclusive condominium designs featuring an open floor plan, living room with fireplace, kitchen with eat-in dinette, two bedrooms, two full bathrooms and a covered patio area
- All exterior maintenance managed through association
- Prices starting in the \$250s
- Move-in ready properties available



WINDSTONE TOWNHOMES

- Maintenance free
- Move-in ready properties available
- Properties overlooking the Country Club of Buffalo
- Two-story floor plans with attached garages, full basements, covered porches and private rear decks
- Priced from \$290,000 to \$390s+

For more information, call 809-8682 or visit our model homes located off Sheridan Drive east of Youngs Road. Model centers are open Saturday through Wednesday, 1-5pm. Closed Thursday and Friday.



# August 2020

## Editor's Note



Ellen Goldstein, Editor

August is the 5th month of the COVID-19 pandemic for us in WNY. I clearly remember, Friday, March 13 as one of the last spent as a regular office day at Buffalo Jewish Federation on the 2nd floor of the JCC Benderson Family Building. Since then, life has continued, albeit in many different ways for each of us. I have mostly been working from home, as have my Federation colleagues. Zoom meetings, long phone calls and Facebook streaming videos are the new norm.

But everything has not changed, and if you are like me, you are seeking out activities that feel like the "old days." And for me, it is a bit easier during the summer! Western New Yorkers cherish the gorgeous, glorious, sun-drenched days of summer, and just because a global pandemic has overtaken our lives, it doesn't mean we can't still enjoy a good 'ol "Buffalo summer."

Our resilient, creative community members are digging a little deeper, coming up with heretofore unknown reserves, skills, talents and patience. And just because we can't go swimming at Crystal Beach doesn't mean we can't have a great summer. Our Federation President Leslie Shuman Kramer (page 3) explores and explains the joys of family and natural beauty around her. Page 4 and 5 feature vignettes by Adam Fogel, Sara Burwick, Ken Rogers, Tina Ball and 7-year old Sophie Miriam Green who all share their summer delights. Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein gives us a glimpse into his summer (page 12) and we are introduced to an exciting summer read via Norm Weinberg, who has just penned and published a SciFi novel.

The Buffalo International Jewish Film Festival, which was to take place during March at the Amherst Dipson Theatre, is now coming right into your home (page 16) for the first time in August. And be sure to check out the teaser ad on page 9 about Federation Campaign's "Star-Studded Kick Off Event" also coming right into your living room September 23.

So although Buffalo Garden Walk didn't take place this summer, I have been working in my garden, sharing it on Buffalo Open Gardens and cooking treats from this summer's bountiful and beautiful fruits. Enjoy the balance of summer as only Buffalonians do!

Ellen Goldstein - Editor

## On The Cover



Having fun this summer are (from left clockwise) brothers Nochum, Mendy and Meir Greenberg; Bat Mitzvah Zelda, Miriam and Ozzy Abramovich; Nickel City Jews Meredith Kaplan, Elizabeth Schram and Vilona Trachtenberg; Jarah, Noam and Boaz Lazarus-Klein and their two pups; Sara, Leo and Ivy Burwick enjoying the water; sisters Jamie Von Ellen, Randi Morkisz and Lori Schkolnick before a family round of golf; and Ruth Lipsitz before the start of her 2020 Ride for Roswell.

- 3 Letter from the President  
By Leslie Shuman Kramer
- 4-5 Thoughts on Buffalo's Beautiful Summer
- 6 Post-College in a Pandemic World  
By Leah Kramer & Maya Koven
- Eyes: A Poem By Wendy Thompson
- 7 Leading The Ride for Roswell
- 8 JCRC: Elul- Time to Reflect By Mara Koven-Gelman
- 9 New FJP Fund By Irv Levy
- 10 CJEL: Belonging in Jewish Buffalo
- 11 Hillel Welcomes Macie Clawson
- 12 Rabbi's Column By Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein
- 13 Campaign for Jewish Buffalo Impact Report
- 14 Norm Weinberg's SciFi Thriller is Ready for Summer Reading
- 16 35th Buffalo International Jewish Film Festival Goes Virtual
- 18-24 Synagogue News
- 19 Can You Help Save a Life?
- 20 Special Advertising Supplement: Dining Guide
- 21 Special Advertising Supplement: Farm to Table
- 26-27 Organizations & Synagogue Listings
- 28-29 Jews in the News
- 30 5 Things You Can Do to Repair the World in August
- Where in Jewish BFLO?
- 31 In Memoriam: Dr. Murray Levine
- 32 Not The Last Word By Karen Wiseman



Published by  
**Buffalo Jewish Federation**  
 2640 North Forest Road  
 Getzville, NY 14068  
 716-204-2241  
[www.buffalojewishfederation.org](http://www.buffalojewishfederation.org)



**BUFFALO JEWISH FEDERATION**

CEO/Executive Director.....Rob Goldberg  
 President.....Leslie Shuman Kramer  
 Editor.....Ellen S. Goldstein  
 Intern.....Leah Kramer



The Buffalo Jewish Federation is a proud member of the Jewish Federations of North America and the American Jewish Press Association

Produced by



Publisher/Chief Revenue Officer.....Barbara E. Macks  
 bmacks@buffalospree.com  
 Creative Director.....J.P. Thimot  
 jpthimot@buffalospree.com  
 Lead Designer.....Kimberly Miers  
 kmiers@buffalospree.com  
 Senior Graphic Designers.....Josh Flanigan, Nicholas Vitello  
 Sales Director.....Cynthia Oppenheimer,  
 coppenheimer@jewishjournalwny.com  
 Senior Account Executives.....Terri Downey, Keren Green,  
 Mary Beth Holly, Robin Kurss,  
 Robin Lenhard, Betty Tata, Lori Teibel  
 Proofreaders.....Sharon C. Levite, Amy Goldstein

Members of



### Submissions:

Submit editorial stories, photos, and calendar items by the 1st of the preceding month of issue to [ellen@buffalojewishfederation.org](mailto:ellen@buffalojewishfederation.org).

### To Advertise:

To advertise, call Cynthia Oppenheimer at 716-783-9119 x2240. Ad space & materials are due by the 10th of each month prior to publication. For a rate card and any additional information, please email Cynthia Oppenheimer [coppenheimer@jewishjournalwny.com](mailto:coppenheimer@jewishjournalwny.com) or Barbara Macks [bmacks@buffalospree.com](mailto:bmacks@buffalospree.com).

### To Subscribe:

To subscribe, visit [www.buffalojewishfederation.org](http://www.buffalojewishfederation.org) and click on "JJWNY subscription." Free for Western New York area residents and donors to the Campaign. Non-resident subscription is \$36 for 12 issues, payable to The Jewish Journal.

The Jewish Journal of WNY (JJWNY) reserves the right to cancel any advertisement at any time. The Buffalo Jewish Federation and Buffalo Spree Publishing, Inc. are not liable for the content or errors appearing in the advertisements beyond the cost of the space occupied. The JJWNY does not assume responsibility for the kashrut of any product or service advertised in this paper. Editorials, columns, advertisements, agency reports and other outside articles do not necessarily represent the views of the newspaper or the Buffalo Jewish Federation, but rather express the view of the writer.

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it "illegal to advertise "based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

# The Wonder and Joys of Intermission

**I feel like we're in some sort of intermission right now. The first half of the show is over, and we don't know what's in store for the second half. But meanwhile, we can stretch our legs a little bit, wander around the theatre and check out what's going on, clearing our minds while pondering what we just witnessed.**

It feels a little bit like that now, in Buffalo, in the summer of the novel Coronavirus.

This summer we are not able to do many of the things we've typically done in the past. And obstacles continue to keep us from some friends and family. Still, I've been reflecting on the new things my family and I have been doing and I've taken note of a number of things I've learned about my family and my close surroundings these past few months.

For instance, with my 20 year old daughter at home for the past four months from college, I have been educated in new social media. Have you seen TikTok? Leah loves sharing the funny and clever short videos on this new social network platform. I admit it's pretty cool. Ask your kids or grandchildren to show you. I guarantee either they or one of their friends will know all about it. It's just one example of how the tech-savvy youth are bursting with creative energy.

Another thing I've learned is that all three of my kids are finding creativity in cooking, drawing, painting and other forms of art. I even heard the piano in our living room being played recently, something that hasn't happened in years. Our family chat is filled with photos of Joey's gourmet meals, with descriptions like "caramelized brussel sprouts" eliciting plenty of comments such as "yum!" and "wow-can you make that next time you're home?" This is the child whose primary food groups used to be pizza and wings.

Josh has shared photos of paintings he has made with acrylic paint ordered online; Joey shared an amazing photo he took recently of the comet "Neowise," waking at 4 a.m. to venture out with his camera, and after my mother shared some fantastic pencil sketches in April, we all bought her new drawing supplies for Mother's Day. Like her grandchildren,



Leslie Kramer

she has rekindled a dormant talent for the first time in years. Leah, the creator and producer of "Pandemix", a podcast found on the Buffalo Jewish Federation's weekly *My Jewish Buffalo*

were cooped up, waking every morning to snow and dreariness in a "Groundhog Day" kind of way, I've noticed a group of regulars running, walking, and now biking in our neighborhood. Just like at an indoor gym, we have the 6 a.m., 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. regulars, making do with nature and the elements to get their regular workouts in. Saying "good morning" to both friends and to people we recognize but may not know is an integral part of our days. I like to think this is a Buffalo thing—City of Good Neighbors, and all. Either way, it's a great feeling to share that morning greeting, reminding me that there is kindness and an eagerness to connect all around us.

And we all recognize the rarity of a Buffalo summer. I like to describe this season by saying that Buffalonians squeeze the most out of our summers. With so many hours of daylight, we drink it in, rising early and retiring late. This summer there are no concerts or large gatherings to attend, and I have yet to venture to one of the local farmers markets.

But there is so much going on around us and we can experience our beautiful Buffalo summer every day through each of our senses. The birds wake us early as they (very noisily) begin their day;

awe and amazement. I wonder if our current state of uncertainty has made me more aware of the nature around me. How many of us have been paying more attention to birds, maybe even setting up bird feeders for the first time? We have, and of course, we've been finding a lot of entertainment observing their behavior. One of the recurring conversations we've had for months is how best to deter the squirrels from eating all the birdseed.

There is one particular YouTube video going around of a homeowner, who, over the last several months of COVID-19 downtime, built an elaborate obstacle course for the squirrels who were depleting his many birdfeeders of seeds. At our house we haven't given up looking for a solution so please share any tips you may have.

On a recent bike ride on a rural, wooded road, I noticed what looked like a hawk flying high in the sky. There were a few small birds flying near it, and I panicked for a second, thinking the hawk was about to attack the small birds. Then I noticed something I've never seen before. The hawk was flying in formation with the small birds. I was thrilled watching what I imagined was the large bird teaching the younger ones to fly or hunt. Or maybe this hawk was simply just flying with other birds. Either way, this small observation moved me in a big way. We often see hawks circling above, and I have even seen one snatch a starling from its perch outside our kitchen window. Hawks are known to be precise and tenacious predators, so seeing one fly with other, much smaller birds, maybe even teaching her young, turned my assumption on its head.

As Intermission ends and we enter the second half of the show, I'm going to try to remember these lessons about assumptions. My children, my family, the squirrels, fireflies and hawks have all surprised me this summer. As I try to learn from this unsettling and challenging time, I will try to proceed without pre-conceived assumptions about others' abilities and limitations, and in the end, about my own.

...there is so much going on around us and we can experience our beautiful Buffalo summer every day through each of our senses.

e-communication (if you don't receive it on Friday mornings, contact Joan@buffalojewishfederation.org to get on our mailing list), has kept Jim and me fully stocked with delicious (healthy!) cakes and other delectables for months.

I have also enjoyed the outdoor neighborhood gym that my family seems to be living in. From the moment everything shut down in March and we

the warm breezes pass through our perpetually open windows; and we savor the fresh corn, peaches, ice cream and all the delicious foods we cook on the grill.

This summer I discovered a stream near my home where throngs of fireflies have created a magical nocturnal wonderland that I have never seen before. It's amazing how such a rare sight can lift one's spirits and fill us with

# Buffalove Summer

During this summer, our Buffalo community has settled into the inconveniences and cancellations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many families and individuals have managed to do more than “make the best of” this difficult situation. As you will read, five Buffalonians are inventing ways to thoroughly enjoy their “summer of COVID-19.”



Ken Rogers

## Ken Rogers

We have always enjoyed Buffalo summers, especially with all of the events, festivals and opportunities to engage in our community. It seems that every summer we start with a list of things we want to do, and then get about half of the list accomplished. I'm sure that this summer will be no different when we tally it up, even though our most familiar “markers” are no longer in place. The summer of 2020 will be remembered for re-envisioned bicycle fundraising events, with the Ride for Roswell and Tour de Cure being significantly downsized and moved to August (read more about the Ride for Roswell on pg. 7). The Ride for Roswell peloton - an event celebrating the biggest fundraisers - was moved to July 31st. Even in its new version, it's a sight to behold with riders in their 25th anniversary gear.

There are still a lot of Buffalo things that we have been doing. Visits to the Erie Basin Marina to relax and watch the boats and people, Saturday morning shopping at the Bidwell Farmers Market, visiting with friends for *al fresco* drinks and dinners, and visiting the beautiful gardens that are so much a part of this city in the summer.

My wife Kathy and I have been taking long walks in our extended Elmwood Village neighborhood, with a real concentration on how beautiful our city is, and the uniqueness of the architecture.

Each time we head out it seems like we find something new to appreciate. Likewise, with friends who are new to Buffalo I have been creating new bicycle routes that show off different parts of our region.

Mostly, though, we have been on our porch watching the life of Elmwood Avenue go by. We entertain (safely) and we support our local restaurants and businesses, because friends and community are what make Buffalo great in the summer - and all year 'round.

*Ken Rogers is a Marketing Professional and current chair of the board at Weinberg Campus.*



The Burwick family

## Sara Burwick

This summer looks very different than past summers with my family. Although we are missing our typical summertime favorite activities (camp, frequent trips to the Zoo, summer vacations, etc.) we have been able to enjoy a lot of family time. We have spent the majority of our time outside swimming in friend's pools, running through sprinklers, playing on swing sets, jumping on trampolines, and going for family walks and bike rides.

We recently went blueberry picking, had a pizza picnic in the park, and participated in a neighborhood outdoor movie night. Next on our list is cherry picking and a farm visit at Akron Acres. We also plan to visit Ellicottville this month and check out the outdoor activities going on there. Although we hope things will be more “back to normal” next summer, we are soaking up every bit of this sunshine we have together now!

*Sara Burwick and her husband, Matt, are proud parents of Leo (age 7) and Ivy (age 5).*



The Fogel family

## Adam Fogel

It's fair to say the summer of 2020 is much different than what I expected. Working in politics, as Chief of Staff and Campaign Manager for Senator Tim Kennedy, I am used to the cyclical nature of the election cycle - with even-numbered years being a hectic sprint to Election Day in November. My wife, who works full-time as a fundraiser for a private school in Buffalo, has come to expect me being out of the house during these months - in the campaign office, knocking on doors or at campaign events. Since March 13th, she and I have navigated the new reality of both of us working from home, while homeschooling our 6 year-old son and occupying the attention of our 4 year-old daughter.

Our long-planned July vacation to Maryland's Eastern Shore was scrapped in favor of a series of day-trips to local destinations we haven't had the opportunity to explore since moving to Western New York three years ago. We've biked along the Niagara River in Niawanda Park, explored Knox Farm State Park, and indulged at Connor's Hot Dog Stand in Angola. As challenging as it has been to balance our demanding jobs and home responsibilities over the past few months, it has been a life-changing opportunity for us to spend quality time with our family and visit often overlooked destinations in our own backyard.

*Adam Fogel, who grew up in Cleveland and is a former regional board president of the Northern Ohio Region BBYO, is Chief of Staff for New York State Senator Tim Kennedy.*

## Tina Ball

*“And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.” - F. Scott Fitzgerald*

Summer - you genius. Through this whole...thing...I have always known you would eventually swing open your doors and say, “step outside.” And here I am. Without any fears of contact, I can hop on a bike and ride the ever-expanding local bike paths and lanes way into the cool evening hours, passing regular people outside with lovers and dogs, and children wild with freedom. I can get in a morning set of



Tina Ball

tennis and complain about the fast onset of a blazing sun, or I can run outside during one of those fast summer storms and just stand stock still while the clear, cool, uncontaminated rain soaks skin that has never felt so untouched.

The berries are ripe; jam is in the jars, and the corn is coming in. Gardens are bursting with color, and *Richard II* has been re-imagined as a radio play! And with a few key strokes on my laptop, I can access virtual concerts and museums and Shabbat services from anywhere in the world.

I settle into my rhythm: Stroke. Breathe. Stroke. Stroke. Breathe. Turn. A familiar daily ritual in an unfamiliar pool I was surprised to find. The water is so blue and so gentle, as blue and as gentle as the summer sky, and I am safe in the moment, knowing that it will be this way long after this one detached, unfamiliar summer has long passed.

*Tina Ball, a Buffalo native, lived in Brooklyn and worked in the New York theatre world for 40 years. She recently returned home and now lives her best life on her family farm in Clarence.*

## Sophie Miriam Hart Green

When my friend Ellen Goldstein called me to write an article for August's *Jewish Journal*, I felt really excited and I had an idea, but I didn't really know how to write it. I sat down with Mommy and tried to write the article in one day but I couldn't. I felt sad that I couldn't finish what I wanted to say in one day because I don't like not being able to do something. Mommy suggested that I take a break and keep writing the next day. So I did, I kept trying. And this summer I learned that I should always keep trying.

Before Coronavirus, our neighbors gave me a bigger bike that didn't have

any training wheels. I tried to ride it right away but it was way too high for me. Every time I tried to pedal, I couldn't reach the driveway with my toes. I was upset. I wanted to keep trying but I didn't know how to solve the problem—until suddenly I had an idea. I used my old bike that had training wheels and switched the seats of the bikes since I knew my old seat would be shorter. Daddy switched them and it worked!

The new seat helped, but I still couldn't ride very well. So I kept trying for a couple of weeks, almost every day. Finally, on the day before my half birthday, I rode my bike almost all the way to the end of the street by myself. I felt proud because I kept trying until I got it right.



Sophie Green on her bike

I learned that when I'm learning something that is new, it might feel a little scary or make me nervous. Learning how to write an article or ride a bike takes time. But if you keep trying and doing your best, you will feel great and proud.

*Sophie Green, 6 1/2, is a regular contributor to The Jewish Journal. The rising 2nd grader at Ohr Temimim School is very excited to meet her new baby brother or sister at the end of this month.*



# Bonnie is Buffalo!



120 Ruskin Road

This majestic, 7500+ sq. ft. home is a stone, Southern Plantation style estate, situated on a private 6+ acre, cul-de-sac setting. This fabulous residence boasts 7 bedrooms, 5 full & 2 half baths, 2 staircases, 4 fireplaces, heated hardwood, wide plank floors, in-ground gunite Beauty Pool & Spa, a built-in fire pit and invisible pet fence. Some additional special features include a 3,000 sq. ft. lower level with full gym, sauna, steam room, & great room. The Cherry kitchen includes a 16x16 morning room, fireplace and top of the line appliances. The 1st floor master suite is elegantly designed with a wonderful dressing area. The 2nd floor includes a 19x13 great room & study. You will love the 2 story grand foyer with double leaded glass entry doors. Also featured is surround sound throughout, a central vacuum system, a generator, Pella windows, 2 laundry rooms and a back entrance.

This magnificent Spanish, all brick Snyder home is totally updated with the most elegant architecturally designed décor at a breathtaking 3,600 sq. ft. The 1st floor master suite was custom built. The home boasts a recently renovated 21x20 all white kitchen and baths with the finest amenities. The family room with newer Pella windows and hand cut stone fireplace overlooks the private gardens and stone patio. Included are 3 fireplaces, hardwood, exposed floors, Mexican tile updated roof, generator, 4 car heated garage and so much more.



13 Woodcrest • \$1,799,900

## BONNIE CLEMENT

Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker

Cell: 716.553.8384

bsclement@aol.com | BonnieClement.com

HUNT ERA Williamsville Village Branch:

5570 Main Street, 1st Floor, Williamsville, NY 14221



## KENMORE EYE CARE and AMHERST EYE CARE

Dr. David Burstein  
Optometrist

Dr. Sandra Segerson  
Optometrist

- Comprehensive Eye Exams
- Specially Trained in Treating Eye Diseases
- Contact Lens Specialist
- Fashion Eyewear

*Visit our newly expanded Amherst location!*

KENMORE EYE CARE  
924 Kenmore Ave., Buffalo, NY  
(716) 876-2020

AMHERST EYE CARE  
606 N. French Rd., Suite 7 & 8, Amherst, NY  
(716) 688-8127

# What's Next? Post-College in a Pandemic World

Jewish Journal Intern Leah Kramer talks to her friend Maya Koven about graduating during COVID-19 and what the future offers.

**This summer, college kids, and really everyone all over the country are struggling with how to make this summer feel productive and as “normal” as can be. I spoke with Maya Koven, a recent graduate of the University of Rochester, on what she is doing this summer to create normalcy, and what her future looks like post-graduation.**

**Leah Kramer: How do you keep busy from day to day?**

**Maya Koven:** I'm someone who loves to be busy. While I was at school, my Google calendar was always booked from 8-6. I was nervous that I would have too much free time during quarantine, but that isn't the case. I've kept busy by working out every day, taking walks around Delaware Park, babysitting, cooking dinner, baking challah, reading, watching some TV shows.

**LK: What parts of Buffalo have you explored? What have you enjoyed about them?**

**MK:** My mom, Mara Koven-Gelman, my stepdad, Irwin Gelman, and I have explored many parts of Buffalo since I got home in mid-March. We love bike riding, so here are some of my favorite rides. First, we parked our car in Beaver Island State Park on Grand Island and biked around the island. Another time, my mom and I explored Buckthorn State Park, which is at the top of the island. We walked all the way to the tip of the island, where we had a beautiful view of Niagara Falls. We've also perfected a bike route that starts at our house near Delaware Park, and goes to UB North, the Benderson JCC, Ellicott Creek Park, North Tonawanda, and then back home on the Rails to Trails. I love biking with my parents because we get to explore Buffalo and enjoy the fresh air.

**LK: You have been a camper and counselor at Camp Ramah in Canada for a number of years, and I know this year they are adapting their summer programs to be virtual. What exactly does that look like? What has been your involvement?**

**MK:** Ramah is offering an amazing virtual camp for their campers. I am so impressed with all the staff's hard work to make this happen. “Camp” is running for three weeks in July, Monday



Molly Brownstein (who has appeared in Leah Kramer's *Pandemix* Podcast), Maya Koven, and Leah Kramer rollerblading safely, with helmets and masks. All friends since childhood, none of them thought they would be in Buffalo this summer, but enjoyed this mini-reunion.

to Friday. The younger *edot* (age groups) have programming from 10-3, and the older *edot* have nightly activities. In the morning, campers have *edah* (age group) time, where each unit head plans fun activities. Later in the day, they get to choose between two activities and two sports. These include story time, the classic egg drop, dancing, karaoke, Zumba, basketball, arts and crafts, woodworking, and lava lamp making. One of the staff created a “Camp Minecraft” for campers so they can “go to camp”! Each *edah* has a page on the *Ramah Babayit* (Ramah at Home) website with a list of what the campers should have for that day. I have been a guest star on my friend Sarah's *edah* Zoom, where I read her campers (age 4-7) a Shabbat story while they made Shabbat-o-grams (notes to give one another before Shabbat). I also have a segment on Fridays called “Challah Braiding with Maya.” I've really enjoyed baking challah most weeks while I've been home. Many of my camp friends have seen pictures of my challot and have asked how I braid so well, so now they can follow along and learn! I taught 15 people how to make a challah in the shape of a flower last week. Next up: cinnamon rolls!

**LK: What's something that has been hard since we had to quarantine?**

my things. It was hard to say goodbye to all of my friends so suddenly. It was also upsetting that I wasn't able to graduate the traditional way, but I had many Zoom celebrations with friends, family, and professors that were amazing.

**LK: What's something that you have surprisingly enjoyed?**

**MK:** I've really enjoyed taking Zoom workout classes with my mom. We love participating in the JCC Zoom classes with our favorite teachers. I've also kept busy babysitting for a family with 5 and 10-year old boys. When I started babysitting, I helped them with homeschooling, which was really enjoyable. After school ended, I planned fun activities like papier mache' volcanoes, sprinklers, planting, row boats, going to skate parks, and treasure hunts.

**LK: You recently got hired at a job in Boston! What will you be doing?**

**MK:** I'm happy about my new job at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in Boston, to work as a Clinical Research Coordinator. I'll be researching the relationship between genetics and psychopathology in children. One of my tasks will be assessing children aged 2-18 in a clinic that is associated with MGH.

## Eyes

By Wendy Thompson

Your eyes in the spotlight, behind the cover.  
Eyes that show caution, fear of each other.  
Eyes that are worried.  
Eyes that see harm.  
But, eyes that are grateful.  
Eyes that are calm.  
Eyes that are sure, we'll pull through together.  
Eyes that are hoping, it won't take forever.  
I only see eyes, but it's clear to me.  
Your eyes tell the story, of what we all see.  
So no matter the mask, and what we have covered.  
Our eyes confirm, we're all sisters and brothers.

Wendy Thompson works with the developmentally disabled population, and has for many years. She also likes writing children's stories, as well, and has begun self-publishing some of them. She is married, has a daughter, and can be reached at [loren1912@aol.com](mailto:loren1912@aol.com).

# Leading the Ride for Roswell

The Ride for Roswell, one of the nation's largest charity cycling events and a transformative experience for those who volunteer, did not take place as planned due to the Pandemic. Even though Ride organizers created a host of unique alternatives to the large-scale event, the number of riders/fundraisers was markedly lower than last year and the original fundraising goal of \$6M was significantly reduced.

Still, thousands of dedicated volunteers created Facebook posts and emailed friends and family to raise critical funds for Roswell Park's cancer research and care. "Cancer doesn't stay quarantined nor does it socially distance," proclaimed the Ride's leadership. "So we will continue to ride to end cancer — no matter what."



Mitch Flynn beginning his ride at UB

Mitch Flynn, founder of the Ride in 1996, was undaunted by the changes. "To motivate myself I created my own challenge this spring: I rode from Buffalo to Chestnut Ridge Park 14 times to do hill climbs. The event not only pushed me but it inspired my friends to support Roswell." Even though Mitch suspended his fundraising in April to be sensitive to those who were most affected by COVID-19, once he began to raise dollars again in mid-May he found that many of his donors were more generous than in the past. "Much to my surprise and delight, people supported my ride just as much if not more generously than last year, quite remarkable given the circumstances."



Rob Goldberg on the Clarence bike trail

"What makes me particularly proud," noted Rob Goldberg, who was set to participate in his 12th Ride, "is that 13% of the top 60 fundraisers are connected with the Jewish community and together raised over \$100,000 (as of the writing of this article on 7/17/20). In addition to Mitch, the #2 top fundraiser, there is Ruth Lipsitz, Frans De Waal, Ken Rogers, Mickey Osterreicher, Karen Wiseman, Cathy Shuman Miller and myself."



Frans DeWaal on his ride in Akron

For Ken Rogers this year's experience was very different. But like all of the other riders, he was grateful for those who were still responsive to his outreach. Ken celebrated the ride by joining Mitch and 23 other cyclists on a 65-mile ride the Sunday morning of Ride weekend in late June. "I'll also be participating in a unique downtown loop to replace the annual Friday night Peloton later this month. It won't be the same experience but it will be fun to be with so many other riders."

"I was also so inspired and amazed by the generosity of the community," added Ruth Lipsitz. "When asked if she changed the way she fundraised this year, Ruth said. 'I did everything on Facebook as I've done in the past.' This year Ruth rode in memory of her brother Irving who died in late 2019 from multiple myeloma. 'My brother was an incredible person. He was a first



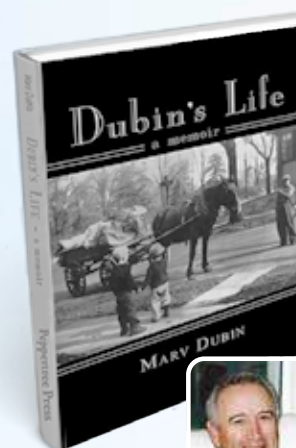
Ruth Lipsitz getting ready for her ride

responder to 9/11 along with a few others from the Getzville Fire Department. His cancer was ironically a result of 9/11, a time in his life where he made such an extraordinary effort to support others."

Like Mitch Flynn, Ruth also created her own challenge this year, a 25-mile "mini-Ride" with her friend Vicky Rubin along the Clarence-Akron bike path. "While I miss the comradery of the many thousand riders on Ride weekend, you have to do what you can to support Roswell Park."

Jewish Buffalo salutes all those who raised and donated funds to support the 2020 Ride for Roswell. And despite changes to the physical ride event, this unique experience that grew from an idea 25 years ago from one dedicated volunteer, Mitch Flynn, continues to provide an opportunity for the entire community to take part in the fight against cancer.

## A Conversation with Author Marv Dubin Wednesday August 5 • Noon-1 pm



Join us for an interactive zoom discussion. Dr. Irwin Gelman, VP of the JCC Board of Directors, will interview Marv Dubin who will be speaking about his new book: *Dubin's Life, a Memoir*. Dubin's work is a deeply personal story of family, struggle and defeat with a modicum of success but most of all, the triumph of love. With poignancy, wit and humor, Dubin conveys a compelling heartfelt story chronicling his 80-plus years as a native Buffalonian living the American dream. A practicing attorney for more than 50 years, he was driven to put pen to paper and author his first book.

Register for the event and purchase copies of *Dubin's Life* by emailing Joan Kwiatkowski at [joan@buffalojewishfederation.org](mailto:joan@buffalojewishfederation.org)

All proceeds from book sales will benefit Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association.



Buffalo's Jewish Free Loan Society  
powered by the  
BUFFALO JEWISH FEDERATION

Presented by the  
Jewish Community Center and Hebrew  
Benevolent Loan Association  
Powered by the Buffalo Jewish Federation  
Thank you to our sponsor: Delaware North



# BUFFALO JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL 2020 SURVEY

**ARE YOU PASSIONATE  
ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE,  
COMBATING ANTISEMITISM +  
HATRED, AND BUILDING  
BRIDGES BETWEEN  
COMMUNITIES IN BUFFALO?**

**US TOO!**

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FOCUS OF OUR  
WORK AT THE BUFFALO JCRC AND HELP US  
PLAN FOR THE FUTURE BY FILLING OUT A  
QUICK SURVEY.**

**WE ARE ASKING MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH  
COMMUNITY, FRIENDS, AND PARTNERS TO  
PROVIDE THEIR INPUT.**

**FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO GET STARTED!**

**[bit.ly/buffalojcrcsurvey](https://bit.ly/buffalojcrcsurvey)**



## Elul: JCRC's time to reflect and move forward

*By Mara Koven-Gelman*

As the Jewish New Year approaches, the month of Elul is a common time to reflect on the year past. Normally, Jews reflect on our personal and communal deeds, challenges, successes, and relationships. The past year, 5779-5780, is like no other in recent memory.

The impact of COVID-19 on our community and throughout the world has touched each of us, and we also know there are those in our community disproportionately affected. Before the pandemic, people of color already experienced health disparities. Those who worked in health care and the service industry did not have the luxury of staying at home while the pandemic raged and continues to rage on. In some hard hit cities, the CDC states that the incidence of COVID-19 in African-American, Hispanic and Native American communities is between two to five times the rate as in white communities.

The Buffalo Jewish Community Council quickly mobilized to help. Early in the Pandemic, JCRC connected with the Chinese community who offered to donate hard-to-get masks and gloves to communities in need. Additionally, we gathered friends for a virtual "Passover of Hope" to help remind us to have faith and be there for each other. JCRC helped hand out food and masks with Voice Buffalo on the East Side. We provided grocery store gift cards to incentivize voter registration. JCRC's priority of voter engagement resulted in the creation of a "Vote 2020" resource webpage. JCRC's summer high school intern, Hannah Gabelnick, researched a thorough, easy-to-use, resource that answers any question about voting in 2020.

As the pandemic in New York State was slowing down in late May, the continued murder of African-Americans sparked nationwide protests against police brutality and racial injustice. The Buffalo Jewish Community Relations Council joined many Jewish and general community partner organizations here and across the world to show solidarity and speak out for African-American brothers and sisters. While the JCRC has been involved in criminal justice reform



Mara Koven-Gelman

and building relationships with African-American friends since its inception in 2018, the time is here to move from written statement to action.

JCRC partnered with the JCC and Buffalo Public Schools to hold *Valentino Dixon – Draw and Talk with Me* virtual event to help amplify his story of wrongful conviction and criminal justice reform. JCRC co-sponsored a WNY Day of Prayer with faith leaders at MLK Jr. Park. Over 30 members of the Jewish community joined the day of peaceful (and socially distanced) gathering.

Again, JCRC was proud to sponsor with Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein (CSS) and Rabbi Jonathan Freirich (TBZ) a faith leader discussion on the roots of racism. These discussions are difficult, but much easier with trusted friends. JCRC is creating a Racial Justice Work Group to concretely address how the Jewish community can start to acknowledge systemic racism, our collective role in perpetuating it and now, form a plan to dismantle it.

The JCRC is only 2.5 years old. Every program, every conversation, every meeting is aligned with one of our three priority areas: social justice, combating hate/antisemitism and building relationships. To help JCRC reflect on accomplishments and build a stronger impact in the future, we are launching the JCRC 2020 Survey. We are grateful to college student intern Hannah Slabodkin for its creation. Please see the ad on this page and take the survey. **If you want to learn more: contact Mara Koven-Gelman, [mara@buffalojewishfederation.org](mailto:mara@buffalojewishfederation.org).**

*Mara Koven-Gelman is Buffalo Jewish Community Relations Council Director.*

# The Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies Announces a New Fund

## Community Support Fund for Jewish Dignity in Death

By Irv Levy

*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." – Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities – 1849*

Sound familiar? We live in interesting, not necessarily unique times. History will look back on this period which has brought out both the best and the worst in our society. Never have I been more proud of our Jewish Buffalo than today. Our community has risen above and set aside any differences that we may have to work together for the betterment of all members of our community.

For the past several months Buffalo Jewish Federation has been sponsoring a community leadership call, and to hear of the collaboration taking place among our synagogues, agencies and institutions is inspirational. In the spirit



of supporting all members of our community, the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies, in collaboration with the Buffalo Jewish Federation, is pleased to announce the launching of the Community Support Fund for Jewish Dignity in Death, and we wish to share the opportunity for the community to support locally impoverished Jews after death. The Fund is being seeded by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous, who along with Amherst Memorial Chapel approached the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies to discuss launching the fund.

When Mitch Steinhorn, CEO, Amherst Memorial Chapel discussed the concept with

Jay Mesnekoff, Owner, Mesnekoff Funeral Home, Jay enthusiastically supported the initiative.

In structuring the Fund, the donor looked at similar funds such as NYC's Hebrew Free Burial Association which dates back to 1888 and has provided support to so many in need including the parents of Eddie Cantor and Clara Bow (celebrities in their times), Mel Brooks' grandparents, and inmates from Riker's Island and Sing Sing prisons.

The Fund is being launched with an initial contribution of \$45,000 from the donor, Amherst Memorial Chapel, and Mesnekoff Funeral Home. The donor, Mitch and Jay are asking the community to join them in the support of this worthwhile cause. The Fund will provide a contribution towards the cost of a Jewish funeral for those in need of financial support.

In explaining the need, the donor said, "It's difficult to think of a greater mitzvah than ensuring

that every Jew has a proper burial. I hope others join me in this important mission." With the challenges brought on by COVID-19 and the tragic death of George Floyd, never has it been more apparent that we need to be there for all members of our community. This Fund is a wonderful example of our agencies and community coming together to support all of Jewish Buffalo.

Funds will be administered in partnership with Jewish Family Service (JFS). Requests and funds distribution will be confidential. Please contact JFS and ask for the Jewish Community Care program at 716-883-1914.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies for the benefit of the Community Support Fund for Jewish Dignity in Death.

**For more information about this Fund or to learn how the Foundation can assist in your philanthropic mission, please call Irv Levy, Executive Director, Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies, Inc. at 204-1139.**

THE CAMPAIGN FOR JEWISH BUFFALO  
PRESENTS:

A STAR STUDDED  
KICK OFF EVENT

FEATURING LOCAL & NATIONAL TALENT FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME

WEDNESDAY 9.23.20 @ 7 PM

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

# CJEL: Belonging in Jewish Buffalo

By Kirstie Henry

One week before my 16th birthday, my best friend Holly accompanied me on my first date. Chaperoned dates were common in the community in which I grew up. Thus, my first date also became my first experience with a third wheel. Although I had invited my friend to come and I wanted her there, I had hoped she would just sort of blend into the scenery. I just didn't feel like I could be myself. The boy was nice enough but there was no second date.

In the Talmud, I read about another experience with a third wheel. Rabban Gamliel had called for seven sages to convene court the next morning, but when he arrived, he found eight. One of them did not belong. I am not sure why Gamliel didn't know which one of them it was, but whatever the case, he insisted that the uninvited man must leave. The rules were perhaps not all that different from how we convene court today. If you aren't a party to the action, you cannot



Kristie Henry

just insert yourself in it.

I am imagining it was an awkward moment there in the court. Enter Samuel the Little—the eighth wheel. He stepped forward as the uninvited man but in truth, he wasn't the uninvited one at all! He only said he was so that the other sage wouldn't feel humiliated.

We've all had experiences where we felt like we didn't belong. Often, it's because the space we've entered causes us to feel out of place. Maybe it's the people. Maybe it's the energy. Maybe it's the space itself.

Since the 1980's, some very dedicated leaders in Jewish Buffalo worked to ensure that people with cognitive and physical disabilities were able to participate in Jewish life. Building on that momentum, Buffalo's Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning (CJEL) now recognizes that we need to ensure that all people are not only able to participate in Jewish life but feel confident to do so authentically. In the months ahead, CJEL will explore this shift in our focus of work in "Inclusion" to a focus on "Belonging" within Jewish Buffalo. We are grateful for all the amazing people who have brought us this far and we look forward to continued support as we look to a future where we can all belong.

*Kirstie Henry is the Courtroom Deputy to Hon. John L. Sinatra, Jr. in Western District of New York Federal District Court, served as member of the Inclusion Planning Team and is the vice chair of Belonging for the Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning.*

## Summer in the City with NCJ



Some of the Nickel City Jew's summer events throughout WNY

# LOVE IN A BOX



Sign up to get your FREE (\$30 value)  
Tu B'Av box of Jewish learning, living  
and love activities & kosher treats!

REGISTER: [bit.ly/tubavbox](https://bit.ly/tubavbox) by 8.2

The Center for Jewish  
**ENGAGEMENT  
& LEARNING**  
presented by the  
BUFFALO JEWISH FEDERATION

# Hillel of Buffalo Welcomes Macie Clawson, Springboard Innovation Specialist

**Macie Clawson, a recent graduate of the University of Kansas (KU), will be joining the Hillel of Buffalo staff as the Springboard Innovation Specialist. Macie was an active leader at KU Hillel and brings to this position a passion for student engagement, social justice, and education.**

Macie earned a BA from KU in 2020, with a double major in Political Science and Jewish Studies, and earned an Honors Certificate. She spent a semester abroad studying at Tel Aviv University. Deeply involved in campus life, Macie served as a KU Hillel intern for three years and was a member of the Dole Institute of Politics Student Advisory Board and the KU Arabic Club.

The Springboard Fellowship is a Hillel International program that recruits innovative and talented young professionals, provides hands-on training and mentorship and deploys them to campus Hillels for two years. The Fellowship comes with a stipend from Hillel International to cover a significant portion of the Fellow's salary, and all Fellows receive extensive training and coaching.

As the Springboard Innovation



Macie Clawson

Specialist, Macie will strive to increase student engagement by supporting students in the creation of new initiatives in their areas of academic and personal interest. With a focus on engaging students from a variety of backgrounds, Macie will support Hillel's mission of helping every Jewish student to connect in their own way. Macie will also play a role in

Hillel's marketing and public relations and will help Buffalo students to engage in the local community. In this unusual year with limitations that complicate Hillel's usual forms of gatherings, Macie's focus on innovation will develop new ways for students to connect with one another and bring Judaism into their college experiences.

Most importantly, Macie will build relationships with students on campus. Her Hillel experience at KU offers her a roadmap for this role, as she reflects, "I look forward to taking the patience and empathy that was given to me and extend it to the students at UB Hillel so that they leave our doors knowing that they are encouraged back no matter what their story or background is."

An aspect of Macie's story that distinguishes her from other Jewish professionals is that she was largely

disconnected from Judaism when she arrived in college. Through her Hillel experience, Macie embarked upon an unexpected journey of learning and finding her place in the Jewish community. The staff at KU Hillel welcomed her and encouraged her to wrestle with challenging Jewish ideas. As she puts it, "For so long when I first started going to Hillel, I didn't know the customs, the songs, or even how to light a shabbat candle. Despite this I never felt like I didn't belong at Hillel." Macie is eager to pay forward her experience to Jewish students in Buffalo.

"Sadly, too many students shy away from Jewish life in college because they don't see themselves as 'Jewish enough,'" said Rabbi Sara Rich, Executive Director of Hillel of Buffalo. "Macie's personal story of finding her connection to Judaism while in college makes her a relatable role model for our students."

Macie looks forward to meeting the students, faculty, staff, and members of the local community. As a marathon-runner and dog-lover, you might spot Macie in your neighborhood or on your favorite running path, potentially with a four-legged friend.

## Holocaust Resource Center Reaches Out

### Delivering Shabbat Dinners to Speakers Bureau

The Holocaust Resource Center (HRC) is deeply grateful that its Speakers Bureau, consisting of eight Holocaust Survivors and two descendants of Holocaust Survivors, reaches thousands of students, teachers and community members each year. In the last few months, many of these speakers have had to adjust to virtual platforms like Zoom which was no simple task.

On July 10th, Vilona Trachtenberg, HRC Board Member and Elizabeth Schram, HRC Director, delivered Shabbat dinners to the speakers to express thanks for all they do fulfill HRC's mission to teach the lessons of the Holocaust. The delicious meals were prepared by Rivka Gurary and included matzah ball soup, challah, chicken, potatoes, asparagus, kugel and brownies.

After receiving her meal, Holocaust Survivor Sophia Veffor said, "I loved the homemade dinner and I have enough for



two more dinners! I think that I speak for all the other speakers, that lecturing about the Holocaust is not "work" for us. During the War, the victims told us to tell the world what was happening to them, so it will never happen again. It is the moral duty of the Survivors to tell their stories. We, as Survivors, are thankful that the HRC gives us this opportunity by organizing the Speakers Bureau."

### Joe Diamond Training for 2nd and 3rd Generations

On July 9th, five children of Holocaust Survivors met virtually to begin the *Joe Diamond Training for the Second and Third Generations*. Upon completion of the training, the group will be able to join HRC's Speakers Bureau to share the stories of their parents to students, teachers and community members. As the number of Holocaust Survivors diminishes each year, it is incumbent upon the Second and Third Generations to continue the legacies of their parents. "As a child of Survivors, it is a moral obligation to honor my parents by sharing their story of immense and tragic loss and through strength and resilience, their ultimate survival," said Lily Bink.

The HRC is grateful to Wendy Weisbrot, HRC Board member and Second Generation leader, who has made these trainings and future trainings possible. Our expert trainer is Amanda



Friedeman who is the Assistant Director of Education at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. At our meeting, Amanda emphasized, "Students can learn about the history of the Holocaust through textbooks, but nothing compares to the emotion that the Second Generation conveys during the presentations of their parents' stories."

# History

Serving all denominations of Jewish families of WNY for decades.  
WNY's only Funeral Home able to perform all Jewish religious rituals.

## We Offer

- Pre-Need Planning
- Mikvah
- Concierge Services
- Yahrzeit Candles
- Off-Site Catering
- Flowers
- Limousine
- Much More.



Mitchell Steinhorn  
Licensed Funeral Director



Leon Komm  
Licensed Funeral Director



Contact Amherst Memorial Chapel today.

281 Dodge Road, Amherst, NY • 24 Hour Phone Line: 716-636-4174

[www.amherstmemorialchapel.com](http://www.amherstmemorialchapel.com) [info@amherstmemorialchapel.com](mailto:info@amherstmemorialchapel.com)

## "We Earn Our Summers"

*Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein*

Back in 2008, when Ashirah and I, and our then seven-month-old daughter Jarah, were about to make a momentous move up to Buffalo, we were given a word of advice: the winters may be cold and long, but summers will make it all worth it.



Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein

Arriving in early September that year on the eve of a brutal winter and horrific economic recession, we had to wait almost ten months to really understand what they were talking about. Now we fully concur: not only is summer truly spectacular in Western New York; it is a place where it is fully and unequivocally earned.

And, while summer during the pandemic hasn't been exactly the same, I am so grateful to live in a place where the temperature rarely hovers above ninety, and with endless possible outdoor adventures.

Even as we have had to cancel plans to visit family and time at sleep-away camp for our kids, we've ramped up sightseeing of a local variety. Walks at Devils Hole Canyon, Royalton Ravine, and Reinstein Woods, just to name a few. All done with the newest addition to our family, our new boxer pup Nava. Together, Ashirah and I, our three kids, and other dog Akiva, make quite a motley crew, with our colorful masks and book bag full of snacks and water.

While there are perhaps more scenic places in the world, with significantly less snow in February, I wouldn't trade them for what we have right here in this amazing place that has truly become our home.

As we sing every week in **Psalm 92**, the psalm for the Sabbath Day, "*Mah Gadlu Ma'asechah Yah*," "How glorious are your works, O God," most especially during summertime in Western New York.

*Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein is rabbi of Congregation Shir Shalom.*

## Gravity

*By Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein*

Remove your socks  
pluck the lint  
between your toes  
shake off all excess skin

And, still,  
you will be standing  
on something

Deprive the earth of air  
hurl yourself into  
outer space  
take off your very  
appendages

And, still  
you will be standing  
on something

Better to,  
just accept,  
and embrace  
the feeling  
of curled feet  
of pinched nerves  
of gravity  
itself

Then take the time  
to thank the dust  
for holding you up

Pay homage to spirits  
shout out random  
epithets

And then when you are  
slightly freer  
hang upside down  
on the limbs of a tree  
allowing the hair on your head  
to float down  
like tentacles  
focusing only  
on the tips  
of hair  
at their ends  
feeling the pressure  
ever so slightly  
of someone else  
whose feet  
are resting  
on you



# THE MUSIC WILL PLAY ON

VISIT [BPO.ORG](http://BPO.ORG)  
FOR UPDATES

# CAMPAIGN for JEWISH BUFFALO

## OUR VISION

A robust, caring and connected Jewish Buffalo where every Jew and their loved ones can access a welcoming and thriving network of communities, engage in meaningful collective Jewish experiences, and explore their own personal Jewish journey.

## MAKING AN IMPACT

JEWISH  
EXPERIENCE,  
ENGAGEMENT  
& LEARNING

CARING  
FOR JEWISH  
BUFFALO

PROMOTING  
A CIVIL AND  
JUST SOCIETY

CONNECTION  
TO ISRAEL  
AND GLOBAL  
JEWRY

PRESERVING  
OUR LEGACY

SUSTAINING &  
SECURING OUR  
COMMUNITY

## YOUR GENEROSITY

Allows the Buffalo Jewish Federation to make our vision a reality. Over the next several months we will highlight one of our impact areas to illustrate some of the exciting things happening because of your support in our community.

## AUGUST 2020 SPOTLIGHT : JEWISH EXPERIENCE, ENGAGEMENT & LEARNING THE CENTER FOR JEWISH ENGAGEMENT & LEARNING

All Jews, their friends and partners of other faiths, and those exploring Judaism, have access to Jewish living and learning experiences that help them thrive. Here is what's been going on at CJEL this summer!

### CJEL BY THE NUMBERS (since COVID)

One-time virtual gatherings: **33**  
Touch points with individuals/families: **Over 700**  
Views of CJEL virtual content: **THOUSANDS**  
Ongoing classes/groups moved to virtual spaces: **10**  
Responses to CJEL Summer 2020 Survey: **177**



Check out all CJEL 2020 Summer offerings:  
[BUFFALOJEWISHFEDERATION.ORG/  
ENGAGEMENTANDLEARNING](https://buffalojewishfederation.org/engagementandlearning)



Caring for each other is what the Campaign for Jewish Buffalo makes possible, every minute of every day. And we've been doing this for over a century. Your support helps us continue the important work of the Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning and so much more.

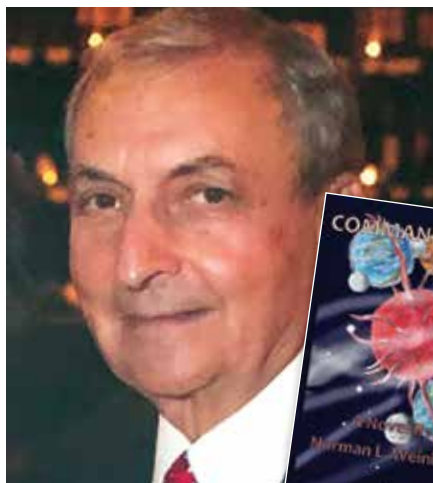
Please consider making your gift today: [BUFFALOJEWISHFEDERATION.ORG/DONATE](https://buffalojewishfederation.org/donate)

# SciFi Book by Norm Weinberg perfect for Summer Reading

Dr. Norman Weinberg, a chemist by training, a Canadian by birth, and a long-time member of the our community, has just published his first novel, **COMMANDMENT**, now available on Amazon and Kindle. The story is based on Norman's considerable knowledge and experience in the sciences. As he explains, "Microbes predated us by about 4 billion years. We evolved from them and are still evolving with them. To a great extent they influence us beyond our wildest dreams, Numerous scientific publications worldwide on these 'aliens' among us continue to capture the imagination and read themselves like science fiction."

Coincidentally, Norman began writing **COMMANDMENT** about an alien microbial Pandemic starting more than four years before the reality of COVID-19 was upon us.

In the 1950's, the renowned physicist, Enrico Fermi, speculated that if highly intelligent life is out there in the Universe, why haven't they contacted



Dr. Norman Weinberg

us? One answer is that advanced civilizations reach a point of such scientific sophistication that they self-destruct. And all it takes is one powerful individual of evil intent. Weinberg asks, "Is the minute hand of civilization's clock, likewise, about to strike 12, ushering in Earth's demise?"

The novel portrays two parallel civilizations: the Echonians of planet Echo, and the Earthlings of planet Earth. The

Echonian civilization prospered over many thousands of their solar years, millions of years before Earthlings appeared on planet Earth. Echonians created 'RED,' a red-colored, highly intelligent, genetically engineered microorganism, which afforded Echonians with many useful capabilities needed for the benefit of Echo. Echonian astronomers and astrobiologists discovered that civilizations throughout the galaxy suddenly self-extinguish. In a noble act to preserve life everywhere, Echonians implanted in RED a vital mission and a warning.

Hatred and greed eventually led to the obliteration of planet Echo. At that critical moment, Echonians launched RED in vast numbers in all directions throughout the galaxy. If they could not save themselves, civilizations elsewhere in the galaxy, those heeding the commandment would survive. Two Earthlings were chosen at birth by RED to deliver

the commandment. Through RED, they learn the dire consequences to humanity of a devastating plague brought by RED for disobeying the commandment. In a race against time, the two reach out to world leaders with the warning and a plan for humanity's salvation.

In developing the science fiction story, Weinberg weaves together the destructive warfare on Echo and the Holocaust-causes and similarities. But **COMMANDMENT** is also a Jewish story, a love story and a story about the beneficial microorganisms that inhabit us, planet Earth and likely the universe.

Norman Weinberg was born in Toronto in 1936. His education in Chemistry began at the University of Toronto, and continued with Doctoral studies at the University of Ottawa, and did a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Technion in Haifa, Israel. He is the recipient of many awards and honors including being named Fellow of the Electrochemical Society, the JNF Guardian of Israel Award, the AJC Pursuit of Justice Award. Later, the Republic of Poland presented Norman and his wife, Hannah, with medals for their work 'bringing peace among nations' and for participating in restoration of 35 devastated and desecrated Jewish cemeteries in Poland, efforts they spearheaded over a period of 17 years.

Weinberg has published many technical papers, reviews, and books on chemistry, electrochemistry, and the environmental sciences. He holds many patents, the most recent an application on novel methods of destruction of the Red Tide algae. He has lectured widely on many scientific subjects including "What Makes Us Human," "Healthy Aging" and "The Holocaust-Restoring Jewish Heritage in Poland."

**NOW OPEN  
FOR DINE IN**

**Buffalo's Best**  
wishes you all good health  
and much gratitude.

homemade shmears  
deli sandwiches • soups • salads  
finest dark roasted coffees • fresh-baked bagels  
signature tuna fish • and more!

**MARSHALL'S PLAZA** 2130 Delaware Ave, Buffalo 716.874.1800  
4498 MAIN ST. Snyder, NY 14226 716.839.2222  
**DASH'S PLAZA** 100 A Plaza Dr, Williamsville 716.639.1000

**Let us do the work!**  
SHIVAH PLATTERS • KIDDUSH PLATTERS  
N.Y. WEDDING BRUNCHES

**WWW.BAGELJAYS.COM**

**Why Life Care?**  
It Takes Away Life's What-If's.

We all know the future is uncertain. When you choose a Life Care Community like Canterbury Woods, you're not only opening yourself to spectacular, worry-free living, you're also protecting yourself from the uncertainty of what if my health needs change. To honor our commitment to wellness, in addition to active independent living, we offer assisted living and skilled nursing care as well.

1 Gates Circle  
Buffalo, NY 14209  
**(716) 239-4535**

705 Renaissance Drive  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
**(716) 427-5107**

**Contact Us Today.**  
[www.CanterburyWoods.org](http://www.CanterburyWoods.org)

## RE-CENTER OUR LIVES AND OUR COMMUNITY AROUND MENTAL WELLNESS.

The past six months have been chaotic, uncertain, and stressful. Our lives have changed in ways we never could have imagined. Many of us have worried about getting sick or having a loved one get sick, losing a job, homeschooling, and isolation. These concerns can create legitimate feelings of fear and anger, and can also lead to anxiety, stress, and depression. It's overwhelming not knowing when we will go back to "normal" again. **But one thing is certain about the pandemic: we must address its effects on our mental well-being.**

For the past 158 years, JFS has been on the front lines of our community during crises. We've responded to natural disasters, influenza, war, and more. We know that addressing the mental health effects of COVID-19 is just as essential as addressing the physical health effects. **Here are a few of the ways we can help:**

**MENTAL HEALTH:** JFS offers therapy by phone, video, or in person for individuals, ages 5+.

**SOCIAL WELLBEING:** JFS offers virtual no cost community support groups for parents, essential workers, and older adults.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY SUPPORT:** Our Jewish Community Care program offers care coordination along with social and emergency assistance support. Our volunteers deliver groceries and distribute masks, check in regularly with isolated members of our community, and more.

**CAREER SUPPORT:** JFS offers assessment, counseling, and no-cost job search and placement assistance.

Contact JFS at 716.883.1914 or  
[generalinfo@jfsbuffalo.org](mailto:generalinfo@jfsbuffalo.org).  
Learn more at [jfsbuffalo.org](http://jfsbuffalo.org).



**COVER  
YOUR FACE.  
NOT YOUR  
FEELINGS.**



**Jewish Family Service of Buffalo & Erie County**

# 35th Buffalo International Jewish Film Festival Goes Virtual

By Rick Kollins

**The COVID-19 pandemic has not deterred the Buffalo International Jewish Film Festival from carrying on with its presentation of 11 highly acclaimed Jewish themed films – albeit with modifications in how the films are viewed. Like so many other programs, the BIJFF will go virtual this year.**

Originally scheduled for late March at the Dipson Amherst Theater, the 35th annual festival will now run from August 1 through 21, with each film available online during “window” periods of 72 hours. Tickets for individual films remain at \$10, and flex passes enable viewers to watch any six films for \$50. A new “all access” pass for the entire program of 11 films costs \$75.

“Our mission continues to be dedicated to providing a cultural experience that is both entertaining and educational,” said Festival Chair Michael Silverman. “Through world-class cinema, the Festival aspires to convey the diversity of Jewish experience while recognizing universal values.”

Silverman pointed out that where the Festival previously catered primarily to patrons in Western New York, the virtual screenings will allow a national or even international audience. “We hope people who are familiar with our Festival will spread the word and encourage others to go online and buy tickets,” he said.

The Festival also includes guest speakers on “Tuesday Talkbacks” for three of the films, *Witness Theater*, *Those Who Remained*, and *The Spy Behind Home Plate*. All ticketholders can register to participate interactively with the speakers and through a ZOOM conference.

Complete information is available on the Festival web site at [bijff.com](http://bijff.com), including the schedule, synopses, trailers, and ticket information. Films can be streamed on any desktop or laptop computer, tablet, or cell phone, and on a “smart” TV or television with an adapter (e.g. Apple TV, Roku, Fire Stick).

This year’s lineup includes six dramas and five documentaries, representing the U.S., Israel, Germany, Mexico, Hungary, and Argentina.



## *Fiddler on the Roof*

The opening segment of the Festival (August 1- 4) features the acclaimed documentary *Fiddler: Miracle of Miracles*, the background story of the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Witness Theatre*, a documentary about a program that brings high school students and Holocaust Survivors together to share testimonies and reactions. For the first “Talkback Tuesday” on August 7, panelists from the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo will discuss *Witness Theatre* and the experiences of Holocaust Survivors.

Since its opening on Broadway in 1964, *Fiddler on the Roof* has become an international sensation with an impact that goes well beyond the stage musical. The film *Fiddler: Miracle of Miracles*, which had limited release in theaters last year, brilliantly captures the origins of the play and how it has resonated not only as a Jewish story but as a timeless cross-cultural saga of tradition, persecution, survival and renewal.

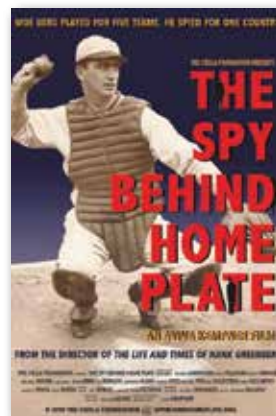
The film includes interviews with *Fiddler* creators, writer Joseph Stein, composer Jerry Bock, lyricist Sheldon Harnick and producer Hal Prince, as well as more recent reflections by *Hamilton* creator Lin-Manuel Miranda and *Cabaret* star Joel Grey, who directed the Yiddish language revival “Fiddler afn Dakh”.

Among the more interesting vignettes is reference to the show’s first review in *Variety*, which declared that it had “no memorable songs”. Of course, numbers such as “Tradition”, “If I Were a Rich Man”, “Matchmaker”, and “Sunrise, Sunset” have become international standards, and *Fiddler* went on to win nine Tonys and become the longest running musical in Broadway history when it closed in 1972 (since surpassed by *Phantom of the Opera*, among others).

The documentary also describes the

tensions between choreographer Jerome Robbins (born Jerome Wilson Rabinowitz) and members of the Broadway cast, including the original Tevye, Zero Mostel. Apparently Mostel, who had been blacklisted during the Red Scare of the 1950’s, so resented Robbins for naming names at Senator Joseph McCarthy’s anti-Communist hearings that he rarely spoke to Robbins during rehearsals.

On a brighter note, the film includes clips of *Fiddler* productions in Japanese, Thai and Dutch, and from a Brooklyn middle school that cast an African American girl as Tevye’s wife Golde. And Miranda, of *Hamilton* fame and of Puerto Rican heritage, contributes home movies of his 2010 wedding where he and the wedding party surprised his wife Vanessa with a rousing performance of “To Life”.



## *The Spy Behind Home Plate*

One of the most intriguing stories of Jewish-American heroes is that of Moe Berg, a major league baseball player who led a double life and contributed to the Allied war effort in World War II by serving as a spy for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), predecessor of the Central Intelligence Service (CIA). A graduate of Princeton and Columbia Law School, Berg was fluent in several languages and is said to have read 10 newspapers a day.

Charles Novogrodsky, a researcher on Jews in baseball who will be the guest speaker for *The Spy Behind Home Plate* on Tuesday, August 18, stresses that this is not so much a baseball film as a story of the tension between first generation immigrants and their American-raised children.

“Immigrant Jews to North America in the 19th and 20th centuries were often torn between expectations for their child to live a life of the mind and the child’s desire to participate in sports, and the story of Moe Berg is perhaps the most dramatic example of this tension and dynamic,” Novogrodsky wrote, noting that although Berg’s major league covered 17 years with five different teams, his father never saw him play.

Rick Kollins is a member of the Film Festival Committee.

## Film Festival Schedule

[www.bijff.com](http://www.bijff.com)  
August 1 -21, 2020

Saturday, August 1, 6:00 p.m. EDT -  
Tuesday, August 4, 6:00 p.m. EDT  
***Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles***  
***Witness Theatre***

Tuesday, August 4, 7:00p.m. EDT  
**“Tuesday Talkback” for *Witness Theatre***  
Live Zoom Discussion with  
Holocaust Resource Center Panel

Tuesday, August 4, 6:00 p.m. EDT -  
Friday, August 7, 6:00 p.m. EDT  
***Crescendo***  
***City of Joel***

Saturday, August 8, 6:00 p.m. EDT -  
Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 p.m. EDT  
***Leona***  
***Those Who Remained***

Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 p.m. EDT  
**“Tuesday Talkback” for *Those Who Remained***  
Live Zoom Discussion with  
Dr. Peter Forgach

Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 p.m. EDT -  
Friday, August 14, 6:00 p.m. EDT  
***Challah Rising in The Desert***  
***The Last Suit***

Saturday, August 15, 6:00 p.m. EDT -  
Tuesday, August 18, 6:00 p.m. EDT  
***Shoelaces***  
***The Spy Behind Home Plate***

Tuesday, August 18, 7:00 p.m. EDT  
**“Tuesday Talkback” for *The Spy Behind Home Plate***  
Live Zoom Discussion with Charles  
Novogrodsky

Tuesday, August 18, 6:00 p.m. EDT -  
Friday, August 21, 6:00 p.m. EDT  
***The Other Story***

"Our daughter Elisheva Rosenfeld just completed kindergarten at Park School and has been enrolled in the Kadimah Scholar program. The Kadimah Scholar program has helped Elisheva gain substantive knowledge and a noticeable curiosity as to all things Judaic from the Hebrew language and in depth meaning behind each holiday to modern Israeli culture. The Kadimah Scholars program stands out because it offers real substantive Jewish learning while seamlessly operating within the Park School curriculum. As a Kadimah scholar Elisheva truly gets the benefits of both a top notch Jewish and secular education all in one campus. We could not be happier with the Kadimah Scholars program." ~ Steve Rosenfeld

## DONATE NOW AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**The Kadimah Scholars at Park is proud to provide an exceptional and unique Jewish and secular curriculum. As Jewish education is extremely important, it also requires your involvement and financial support to continue in this endeavor. We are appealing to you to assist us in continuing to provide the day school experience we currently have. We are excited to continue the partnership with Park and to further grow the program. The ultimate goal is to educate our children. We will match your financial pledge with our own pledge, to ensure that every Jewish child in Buffalo has a Jewish educational home base now and in the future.** ישר כוח ~ Hallie Keren, Board President



The Kadimah Scholars program at Park has provided a home away from home. Where else can one get the love and warmth that the Jewish family could provide. To know that my son has the love and support of two caring teachers who bring their entire hearts is something only Kadimah could provide. Thank you so much for making this possible. ~ Rabbi Ori Bergman



**Buffalo Jewish Federation is proud to invest in the new Park-Kadimah Scholars enterprise. Our resources help to support the outstanding faculty who have been able to engage the scholars before and during the pandemic. We are confident that this year is just the beginning of a growing partnership with Park and Kadimah that will lead to continued growth and success.**

~ Rob Goldberg, Executive Director of Buffalo Jewish Federation

"Kadimah Academy changed our life when my daughter Shaina entered the most exciting 8th grade program, which infused Judaism into K-8 education. This is exactly what she needed to reconnect. Under the guidance of the exceptional Rabbi & teachers, she was able to move into the newly formed Kadimah Scholars Program @ The Park School for 9th grade. She has been able to continue her Jewish studies alongside her friends and teachers, who have truly been the connective element of support for these students. The Kadimah program offers diverse subjects into its teachings and is making an important trail-blazing model for the entire Buffalo Jewish community. Without it, students would not have this strong platform to express their beliefs, and still be able to enlighten the entire school community which has embraced them. The progressive & prestigious methodologies of The Park School combined with the advanced level of Judaics that Kadimah Scholars are offered, give students a unique opportunity to become successful Jewish young adults. My daughter will be amongst the first class of students to achieve this goal." ~ Jamie Potash

My daughter will be amongst the first class of students to achieve this goal." ~ Jamie Potash

**Park School is incredibly proud of the success we've had with the Kadimah Scholars Program. Our already diverse and vibrant community became even more robust in 2019-20 with this partnership, and is now poised for even more growth. Park is built on encouraging students to become and celebrate their whole selves, and the Kadimah Scholars Program is an excellent example of our mission in action.**

~ Jeremy Besch, Head of School at Park

To donate:

Online - [www.kadimah.org/donate](http://www.kadimah.org/donate)

By phone - (716)836-6903

Please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

By mail - mail a check to the address listed below

# CSS says “Yes” Cautiously

By Peter Simon

**All too often in this pandemic world, the answer is no. No travel. No large gatherings. No summer nights at the ballpark. No affectionate hugs or welcoming handshakes. The uncertainty is equally as troublesome. What will school be like for the kids this fall? Might I lose my job? Will I continue to work from home? And how does this all come together in terms of income, child care and lifestyle?**

Jewish institutions face similar dilemmas. How do they meet the needs of congregants in the face of shrinking finances, physical distancing and a widespread fear that things could get worse before they get better? The general answer—and a guiding principle of Judaism—is to carefully assess the situation and find ways to make it better. To lead and not follow, to emphasize the possibility of positive change. And perhaps most of all, to convince people that you understand, care and are determined to help.

“These are uncertain times, but there is one thing you can be certain about,” said a recent letter from Congregation Shir Shalom to its members. “This Temple will be here for you and will continue to meet your needs in whatever ways we can.”

At Shir Shalom, the deeds match the words.



Virtual concert with Sam Sugarman and Frank Grizante

For example:

Even when the state eased its restrictions on attendance at indoor

religious services, Shir Shalom was concerned about exposing people to the coronavirus. Instead, “Park and Pray” services are held in the Temple parking lot, with participants remaining safely in or next to their vehicles.

Congregants recently called about 50 fellow Temple members who may have been in need of a ride, some groceries or just a kind word. In some cases, the phone calls led to mutually supportive friendships, said Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein.

Recorded pre-Shabbat phone calls to members include religious commentary from Rabbi Lazarus-Klein, a song from Cantor Arlene Frank or news about Temple programming from Bruce Corris, the Temple president.

The letter to congregants candidly outlined the “profound impact” the pandemic has on Temple finances. Bingo, traditionally a major fund-raiser, “is unlikely to return anytime soon due to safety concerns,” said Corris and Larry Poses, vice president for finance. Also, a church which was a long-time tenant is no longer renting space. Even so, dues were not raised this year. “We don’t believe asking you to pay more is the solution,” the letter said.

Shir Shalom’s creative approach to the many challenges it faces is perhaps best illustrated by its “Park and Pray” Friday evening Shabbat services. The tone of a recent service was set immediately by Cantor Frank. “How good it is, how sweet it is, to be together on this day,” she sang. The content of the “Park and Pray” session, which started at 8 p.m., was little different from a normal indoor Shir Shalom service. It included prayers welcoming the sun and the Sabbath angels, and ended with the singing of “God Bless America.” In between, Rabbi Lazarus-Klein weaved the Buffalo Bills’ first Super Bowl loss and his late grandfather’s love for the Boston Red Sox and the Boston Celtics into a clever sermon on interfaith relations.

Yet, even with little one-on-one contact, it was a remarkable feeling—one of dedication and faith—to see nearly 40 cars pull into a parking lot turned holy space. The outdoor services also give Temple officials time to determine what they may need to do to safely reconfigure the synagogue to satisfy social distancing.

As of mid-July, the Reform and Reconstructionist temple had not set a timetable for moving services and other programming—now available through virtual reality—back into the building.

“Everyone is saying let’s keep going cautiously,” Corris said. “We’re experimenting here. We’re making the most of the situation and will continue to do that.” In appreciation of the congregation’s cooperation and teamwork, Corris broke with temple tradition by presenting the annual President’s Award to the entire congregation rather than an individual member (*See story on page 20.*) In addition, the enlarged plaque will be prominently displayed in the Temple. “Thank you for your dedication, hard work, patience, understanding and support,” the plaque reads. “Even when we are separated, we are always together. I have never been more proud and appreciative of our temple family.”

*Peter Simon is a retired Buffalo News reporter and past President of Congregation Shir Shalom.*



Chamsas Kit



Challah Board



Apple & Honey Tray



Mezuzah Kit



## Hiddur Mitzvah:

### Beautifying the Commandment

Create your own Judaica to celebrate the Shabbat or Jewish holidays.

Each kit contains everything you need to create your beautiful sand art project, with easy, step-by-step instructions.

Perfect for group activities or fundraising projects.  
Makes a great gift.

Contact us for pricing  
or to place an order.

ת' א' ת' א' ת'  
**Yada Yada Yada**  
Judaica Art

Project design by Gail Rosenbloom Kaplan  
gail@yadayadayad.com  
(313) 410-0961

## Help Save A Life

Buffalonian Deborah Stern has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Her weekly chemo treatment is managing it, for now. But her doctors have told her that a stem cell transplant is going to be needed down the line to save her life. She and her husband, Steven, have done searches of all the international bone marrow registries but no match has been found for her yet. People who have an especially hard time getting a bone marrow match are any type of minority (including Jews) or people of mixed race. She really needs your help to try to beat this progressive cancer!



Steven and Deborah Stern

Since the best matches are from donors with the same ethnic background, her best chances of finding a match will be from another Jewish person of European descent.

- If you know or are related to any healthy person between the ages of 18 and 45 who is of European Jewish descent, Ezer Mizion the world's largest Jewish Bone Marrow Registry, has sent her cheek-swabbing kits which test for a donor match.

- All the potential donor has to do to be in the registry, and possibly save a life, is call Deborah, request a cheek swab kit, then return it. Her phone number is: 716-688-0058.

- The person you know, or are related to, could be the match for her or someone else who needs a transplant to stay alive. If they are compatible, the procedure is similar to giving plasma through the arm. That's usually it!

**PLEASE share this email with your family and friends.** You can share by social media, text, or any other way, to get word out that she needs people to get swabbed. The more people the Stern Family can reach out to, the better the chance of Deborah finding the genetic match that she needs to save her life!

*You can also get a swabbing kit directly from Ezer Mizion bone marrow registry, by emailing Ryan Hyman at Ezer Mizion, the world's largest Jewish bone marrow registry at [ryan@ezermizionusa.org](mailto:ryan@ezermizionusa.org). or call: 718-853-8900.*

## #1 RANKED COMPACT PREMIUM CAR IN INITIAL QUALITY



### 2020 GENESIS G70

STARTING AT \$38,790  
ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

Accommodates 5 passengers comfortably, and provides features such as: a blind spot monitoring system, rain sensing wipers, and the power moon roof opens up the cabin to the natural environment. Well tuned suspension and stability control deliver a spirited, yet composed, ride and drive, 2.0L 4 Cyl. And inside, all the refinement you'd expect from Genesis.

### GENESIS OF AMHERST

3673 SHERIDAN DRIVE | AMHERST, NY 14226  
716.265.6825 | [GENESISOFAMHERST.COM](http://GENESISOFAMHERST.COM)



Optional features shown. Estimated 365-hp rating with premium fuel only.

# Dining Guide





**Nissan Berg**

Tops • 3980 Maple Road Amherst  
Glatt Kosher Meats • 2,000 Kosher Grocery Items

Kosher Catering • Party Platters • Delivery Service

Mon - Th 10 - 7 | Fri 9 - 2 | Sun 9 - 3

[www.buffalokosher.com](http://www.buffalokosher.com)



## COMMUNITY

# Shir Shalom President's Award

In an unusual happening during an unusual year, the 2020 Congregation Shir Shalom (CSS) President's Award was given to the entire Congregation Shir Shalom family. CSS President Bruce Corris shared this when he presented the award:

The President's Award is always given to a member who really stepped up in the past year. Someone who made a difference for our temple, or our community. But, this is a year unlike any other. And when I considered this year's award, I knew I had to do something different.

So, I asked myself, should I give it to the clergy? During this time of great uncertainty, they have gone above and beyond to keep our members connected to Shir Shalom religiously, spiritually, and musically.

We have not missed a beat when it comes to Friday night services. Some nights our live stream viewership has rivaled High Holiday numbers. Now our parking lot services are bringing us together in a whole new way. They've come up with wonderful special events and have been here for you when you and your family have needed them.

Then I asked myself, should I give it to the staff? They have worked tirelessly to maintain all our temple functions, from finances to logistics to education to building upkeep and more. They have put in countless hours making sure that CSS meets your needs however we can. They have dedicated themselves to this temple, and to its members.

Or should I give the award to the leadership? The board and executive committee give so much to the temple. They give their time. They give their wisdom. They give their passion. We've met often and we've talked more often than that. I rely on them so much, and you get the benefit of their hard work.

Or should I give the award to our members, who have stepped forward in so many ways. They're always asking, "What can I do for my fellow members? What can I do for the temple?" They have been patient and understanding



CSS President Bruce Corris

and supportive and I am so grateful for that.

So, I asked myself these questions, and the answer was an emphatic "YES." To all four of the questions. Which is why this year's President's Award is being given to everyone at Congregation Shir Shalom.

*The plaque now hangs in the temple lobby, next to the coatroom, and And this is what appears on the it:*

**In light of this year's extraordinary circumstances, this year's President's Award is given to an extraordinary group:**

**The Clergy, Staff, Leadership, and Members of Congregation Shir Shalom.**

**Thank you for your dedication, hard work, patience, understanding, and support.**

**Even when we are separated, we are always together.**

**I have never been more proud and appreciative of our Temple family.**

**Bruce Corris, President**  
7/10/20

Our readers are *Dining Connoisseurs*, always looking for new experiences, and supporting

*Local Restaurants, Cafes and Markets*  
with Dine-In, Drive-Thru, Curbside Pick-Up & Delivery!

## FEED OUR READERS.

The Jewish Journal features a Dining Guide in every issue.

1/6 page ad (4.75" x 3.125") • Full color • Space is limited

For information, contact Cindy (716) 308-4843  
[coppenheimer@jewishjournalwny.com](mailto:coppenheimer@jewishjournalwny.com)

# Take-out.2: 100 Acres

## Delivering its farm-to-customer promise in new ways

Since spring, restaurants have continually adapted to new models. When 100 Acres morphed to provide curbside pick-up and delivery, Hotel Henry owner/partner Diana Principe says that, “It was more an organic occurrence, an immediate visceral reaction to the surreal news that our industry would have to close to in-person dining.” It was also a way to maintain jobs for at least a few employees. For the owners, as well as 100 Acres chef Mike Thill and kitchen manager Eric Granville, it became an opportunity to create new and attractive options. Several years ago, South Side Pick Up was a part of the plan for 100 Acres, but fundamentally designed as a gift card sales program. The restaurant’s marketing team repurposed that into a fully functional e-commerce platform for orders and launched a touchless curbside pickup model.

“So much of what we did, prior to COVID-19, was centered around welcoming the community into a National Historic Landmark and inviting them to explore spaces that were dormant for years,” Principe says. The property hosts thousands of guests for its seasonal markets and hundreds of guests for brunch and dinner every weekend, but now it serves our community in “a different, equally vital way,” she says. What remains is a passion for connecting with patrons and transforming local, selectively sourced, high-quality ingredients into creative dishes.

From the beginning, the owners strived to adapt South Side Pick Up to what Buffalo needs right now, starting with dinner from their kitchens minus the contact, as well as access to the same high-quality staples in their pantry, and seasonal ingredients from preferred farmers and producers. “The resulting 100 Acres pantry offerings, CSA boxes, and picnic and BBQ boxes are a continuation of those commitments to the community,” Principe says. “Our guests

have taken the picnic and BBQ boxes in directions we never imagined, using them for celebrations at home, as gifts for family, or even as gifts for employees.”

An array of menu items are available Thursday through Sunday, and all meals come with a homemade sourdough loaf, spring vegetable salad, and a sweet bite from the bakery. The Roasted Erba Verde Chicken meal features fingerling potatoes, labneh, za’atar, and mint. A vegetarian meal option includes hummus, falafel, rutabaga tzatziki, flatbread, olives, and raw and pickled vegetables (2/\$30 or 4/\$55). Shareable sides include Oles Farm kale Caesar salad, hummus and za’atar bread, smoked fingerling potato salad, roasted cabbage with Calabrian chili butter, and creamy Farmer Ground polenta (all \$13).

Tempting desserts include doughnuts (\$4/each or \$20/half dozen assorted), ice cream sandwiches (\$24 for four), chocolate chip sea salt cookies (\$15 for eight), ice cream or sorbet (\$7/pint), and more. You can grab house blend cold brew (\$6/quart) to enjoy during the warm weather.

“The South Lawn is a beautiful pastoral area with enough space to spread out and create an instant picnic,” Principe says. Try the rosé spritz kit, including a bottle of sparkling Brut Rosé, Aperol, fresh grapefruit juice, and fresh mint to make six to seven cocktails (\$30). A mimosa kit (\$25) and Bloody Mary kit (\$42) are also available, as are beer and wine.

The South Side Pick Up brunch includes favorites like avocado toast (\$11) and croque madame (\$12), but, better yet, go for the kit to make your own breakfast sandwiches (\$30). A trendy but solid choice is the fried chicken basket, featuring a half Oles Farm chicken (four pieces), local honey, two biscuits, and maple hot sauce (serves two, \$35). A cinnamon bun for two (\$11) completes this indulgence; it’s the epitome of warm, gooey comfort food.

Perhaps most ingenious is the chance for patrons to stock their pantries and

refrigerators with quality goods. Ithaca Milk and Pittsford Farm Cream dairy, Ground flour, eggs, bread, butter, coffee, and olive oil are offered for grocery store prices. CSA boxes packed with produce from area farms are also available and feature Oles Farm, Weiss Farm, Plato Dale Farm, and other locally grown vegetables and herbs.

“The very name 100 Acres is a proud

nod to the original acreage and agricultural use of the Frederick Olmsted-inspired grounds, so our affinity for hyper-local food is deeply rooted,” Principe says. “Each menu item begins with one central ingredient, often locally sourced or freshly harvested from a partnered farm or our onsite kitchen garden, which is under the care of horticulturist John Santomieri. While chef Mike’s stewardship of the 100 Acres concept results in an ever-evolving menu, it’s his focus on local agriculture and sustainable sourcing that has cultivated strong relationships with local farmers, enabling us to bring their bounty to more people.”



## Shop Online 24/7

# Gates Circle Wine & Liquor

## Open 7 Days a Week

## CURBSIDE PICKUP LOCAL DELIVERY 7 DAYS PER WEEK

MON-SAT 12:00-7:30PM  
SUN 12:30PM - 3:30PM

*Buy Wine Club Memberships*

*Shop Online*

## www.GatesCircleLiquor.com

1430 Delaware Ave. • 716-884-1346

## Spath's

### FARM MARKET

**Spring** - Flowers & shrubs  
**Summer** - Homegrown  
fruits & vegetables  
**Fall** - Pumpkins, Mums,  
and fall decor  
**Winter** - Wreaths, and  
decorative accents

5757 Transit Road  
Open 7 days a week  
688-1110



...the closer the hen house  
...the fresher the egg®

**Proud Producer of**





Make sure the eggs on your table are Kosher - certified Eggland's Best®. The freshest, best tasting and most nutritious egg available

Use our farm fresh, locally produced Eggland's Best® eggs for all of your family meals

## Temple Beth Zion's David Goldberg

David Goldberg is the newly installed Congregational President of Temple Beth Zion (TBZ). His 2 year term began July 1, 2020. David is the oldest of 4 sons, of the late Dr. Shepard and Sheila Goldberg. Buffalo born and bred, he graduated from Amherst Central High School before attending Purdue University. He is the owner of Choice Employee Benefits Group, an independent brokerage, helping small businesses with their employee benefit needs.

He spent the first 20 years of his professional life in the hospitality and the rent-to-own industries, which took him to Rochester, Detroit and Cleveland. In 1997, he entered the personal insurance market, and then moving to the Group marketplace in 2004. For the following 13 years, he worked for Choice Employee Benefits Group LLC, and in 2017, he purchased the company from the retiring owner.

In 1992, David married his best friend, Susan Schruett, the daughter of Norman Schruett and the late Barbara Brenner. They have 1 son, Joshua, who is a regular shofar blower for TBZ on the High Holy Days. Susan has been a lifelong TBZ member. David was raised at Temple Shaarey Zedek, and joined TBZ in 1998. In addition, David has 2 sons from his first marriage.

In 2001, David joined the Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion and soon became a member of their Board, and eventually Brotherhood President. David has served on the Board of Trustees at Temple Beth Zion for more than



David Goldberg

12 years. In addition, he has been a co-chair of the annual Summer Celebration golf tournament. In 2018, David was instrumental in opening up the Summer Celebration to Congregation Shir Shalom, with sponsorship from the Buffalo Jewish Federation, to turn the event into a true community gathering and fundraiser.

## Temple Beth Tzedek's Marcia Goldstein

Marcia H. Goldstein is the newly installed president of Temple Beth Tzedek. Her two-year term began on June 9, 2020.

Marcia (née Kinbar) grew up in Jamaica, Queens, and Commack on Long Island before attending the University at Buffalo in the 1970s. It was a choice that led to others that would tie her fate to Jewish life in Western New York. While performing work-study at The College of Math Sciences Office in Ellicott Complex on North Campus, she befriended her future husband, Alan. Eager for a better work-life balance, they settled down in Buffalo after she earned her B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Marcia has been a dedicated pharmacist for nearly 40 years, including 25 years with her current pharmacy, Rite Aid of New York, Inc. Marcia has been on the front lines helping her patients, a critical role in clear focus during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

In 1982, Marcia and Alan married



Marcia Goldstein

and are the proud parents of Rachel Schwartz and Brian Goldstein, and grandparents of Dana and Sage Schwartz and Maya Goldstein. Alan is also active in the shul and has leveraged his accounting experience, notably his leadership role as Executive Director of Accounting at Benderson Development Company.

Marcia and Alan have been members of Temple Beth Tzedek since joining one of its predecessor congregations, Temple Shaarey Zedek, in 1982 and later were members at Temple Beth El prior to the shuls merging to form Temple Beth Tzedek in 2008. Marcia has been active in many facets of congregational life over the years and is also a member of the *Chevre Kadishah*, the group who perform the sacred preparation of a deceased body prior to burial.

She has also been a member of TBT's Board of Trustees since 2017, and most recently was Secretary. Prior to joining the TBT Board in 2017, Marcia was a member of the Ritual Committee, the Membership Committee, the Keshet Committee with respect to LGBTQ Inclusion, and chaired the Fundraising Committee, leading its major *Mishloach Manot* Purim Project along with Edward M. Case, as well as the Rosh Hashanah honey sale. As a member of the shul's recently completed rabbi search committee, she helped select TBT's new leader, Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum and looks forward to working with him as they start a new era for the shul.

Marcia's volunteerism extends beyond TBT. She has served on the Executive Board of the alumni group of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority since 1985. She is also the membership advisor to the Alpha Sigma Alpha collegiate chapter at Niagara University and chaired the National Sorority's Centennial Celebration in November of 2001.

**Did You Know?** There are over 25,000 kids in care across NYS



**BECOME A FOSTER PARENT TODAY!**



Learn more at [Berkshirefarm.org/foster](https://Berkshirefarm.org/foster)  
Or call 1-844-275-7473



# Temple Beth Tzedek Welcomes Rabbi Rosenbaum

By Ezra N. Rich

**Temple Beth Tzedek (TBT) recently announced that Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum has been selected as its new rabbi. He arrived into the Jewish Buffalo community in July, bringing a rabbinate committed to helping foster a synagogue of learning and caring.**

Rabbi Rosenbaum joins TBT from Synagogue Emanu-El in Charleston, S.C., where he was their spiritual leader since 2009. During his time in South Carolina's largest city, he taught at Addlestone Hebrew Academy, served on the board of Charleston's Jewish-Christian Council, led programming for seniors with the Charleston Jewish Federation, and was a panelist on College of Charleston Jewish Studies Department discussions.

"I am excited to have the privilege to lead this congregation," said Rabbi Rosenbaum. "I am looking forward to supporting and growing with TBT. There is a depth and warmth to its lay leaders and members. This synagogue is living the legacy of a great tradition of Conservative Judaism in Buffalo. I'm looking forward to getting to work and discovering more about the heritage of the congregation and the opportunities to build upon it."

He enters Temple Beth Tzedek and Jewish Buffalo as a dynamic rabbi who is passionate about creating a warm and supportive environment, promoting adult education, and advancing youth activities as the heart of congregational life.

## Rabbi. Teacher. Guide.

Rabbi Rosenbaum was born in Winnipeg, Canada, and grew up in Denver, Colorado. An alumnus of Northwestern University with a B.S. in Journalism, he was ordained as a Conservative rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2005, where he also earned a Master of Arts degree in Bible and Semitic Languages.

While at JTS he served as Student Rabbi at Degel Israel Synagogue in Watertown, N.Y., and as Rabbinic Intern at Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston, N.J. Upon ordination, Rabbi Rosenbaum served as Temple Beth Shalom's Assistant Rabbi for four years.

Rabbi Rosenbaum is the proud father of three children: Shoshana (14), Jonathan (11), and Eliana (7). They will remain with their mother in Charleston for the upcoming school year and look forward to visiting Buffalo and introducing themselves to the community.

Beyond the *bima* (lectern), he is a committed baseball fan and enjoys writing, comedy, and following other sports. You can follow his blog on



Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum

the weekly Torah portion, *Virtuosity Savored*, at [www.adamjrosenbaum.wordpress.com](http://www.adamjrosenbaum.wordpress.com).

A dedicated Chicago Cubs fan, he looks forward to rooting for the Buffalo Bisons. He also plans to support the Bills and Sabres, unless they're playing the Denver Broncos or Winnipeg Jets.

## Welcoming Our Rabbi

Rabbi Rosenbaum's arrival is a source of excitement for Temple Beth Tzedek. "Temple Beth Tzedek is elated to have Rabbi Adam Rosenbaum as our new spiritual leader and member of our family," said TBT President Marcia H. Goldstein. "This is a difficult time to welcome anyone to a new community, but Jews and Buffalonians are strong and resilient. We are coming up with unique ways to allow him to meet everyone. Our board, committees, Women's Network, Brotherhood, and members say *Baruch Habah*. Welcome!"

"After conducting a lengthy search, we are so excited that Rabbi Rosenbaum will be joining the TBT family in early July 2020," said Lisa

D. Wallenfels, TBT Chairman of the Board and Search Committee Co-chair. "We know that he will be a welcome addition to our congregation and to the Buffalo Jewish community. We cannot wait for everyone to meet him, virtually at first, but eventually, G-d willing, in person. His kindness and compassion, as well as his vast knowledge, will be well received by the congregation."

"We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Rosenbaum to Temple Beth Tzedek and the community," said Harvey P. Sanders, Co-chair of the Search Committee and a past TBT President. "While we understand that the world is different today than it was just a few short months ago when we selected him, I am confident that his warmth, wisdom and sense of humor will be well-suited to our congregational and community needs in the months and years ahead."

*Ezra N. Rich is marketing communications manager at Uniland Development Company and serves on the boards of the Buffalo Jewish Federation, Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association, and Temple Beth Tzedek.*

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Jacqui Berger will  
be a strong voice  
for our community  
and our values in  
the New York  
State Senate.

JACQUI  
BERGER  
STATE SENATE

[www.BergerForSenate.com](http://www.BergerForSenate.com)



EDUCATOR. ELECTED. EFFECTIVE.

PAID FOR BY BERGER FOR SENATE

# The Sisterhood (and Brotherhood) of the Traveling Torah

The Temple Beth Zion B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2020 is charting a pathway through new territory – and reinvigorating an ancient Jewish custom. Many students are reaching their B'nai Mitzvah dates, for which they have been actively preparing for two years, as we continue to worship remotely from our own homes during the COVID-19 crisis. These students and their families must confront choices. Should they reschedule the ceremonies, or keep their dates? If they reschedule, when will it take place? If they keep the original date, what form will their B'nai Mitzvah take?

Temple Beth Zion has offered B'nai Mitzvah families the option of rescheduling, and several families with dates during NY PAUSE have rescheduled. However, as the COVID-19 crisis has persisted, many students are opting to celebrate their B'nai Mitzvah at or near their originally scheduled dates.

We are now creating modified



Cantor Penny Myers brings a Torah to the family of Aaron Weiss in June. Aaron's parents are Jeffrey Weiss and Sharon Nolan-Weiss.

celebrations compliant with Department of Health and World Health Organization guidelines to meet the needs of each family. Some students are chanting from the *Tikkun*, a bound volume that reproduces the exact



text of the Torah scroll using the Hebrew calligraphy that appears on the scrolls. Others have chosen to chant from a Traveling Torah.

For generations Jews have brought a

Torah into their home to provide additional comfort and spiritual protection during a crisis. There is also a long-held practice of bringing a *Sefer Torah* (Torah scroll) to a home to reside with a family before a *simcha* (celebration), such as a wedding, bris, or other celebration. Beginning with the Bar Mitzvah of Jude Freirich in late May, some families have chosen to bring a Torah Scroll into their home before the celebration, enabling the B'nai Mitzvah to chant their portions directly from a scroll.

Because there is an ancient tradition of transporting scrolls from place to place, *Halacha* (Jewish law) has established clear guidelines for the procedure. To name a few: the scrolls, inside their mantels, must be wrapped in *tallitot* when they are not stored in an ark or in use; they must always be held upright when they are carried; all people in the presence of the scroll must be



## 2020 CADILLAC ESCALADE Luxury AWD

MSRP	\$88,355
Rebate	-\$9,000
GM Employee Discount	-\$8,312

BUY FOR **\$71,043** plus taxes and fees

2020 CADILLAC ESCALADE LUXURY AWD: MSRP \$88,355.00; STOCK NUMBER RB2024\*6; MUST QUALIFY FOR GM EMPLOYEE PRICING; INCLUDES \$9,000 MANUFACTURER REBATE; OFFER VALID THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020.

### ROBERT BASIL CADILLAC

3475 SOUTHWESTERN BOULEVARD  
ORCHARD PARK, NY 14127  
(716)288-9620

robertbasilcadillac.com

#### LOCATION

3475 Southwestern Blvd.  
Orchard Park, NY  
14127

#### SALES

667-2000  
Mon, Tues, Thurs  
9am-7pm  
Wed- Fri  
9am-6pm  
Sat 9am-5pm

#### SERVICE

667-2000  
Mon-Fri  
8am-5pm  
Sat 9am-1pm

fully dressed and conduct themselves respectfully while in the room in which they scroll is stored.

The reception of a Torah scroll into a home carries with it the duty to comply with all of these laws, and the obligation to protect and care for a very valuable ritual object. Temple Beth Zion has also addressed concerns relating to the possible transmission of disease by alternating scrolls, and allowing a lengthy resting period for each scroll between home visits.

The clergy, working in conjunction with the Ritual Committee, have developed written guidelines for the transport, care and use of the scrolls by B'nai Mitzvah families who choose to undertake these obligations. The synagogue has developed a short ritual, celebrating the transfer of the Torah from the custody of the Temple to the custody of the family. For all B'nai Mitzvah students, the clergy are working to assist in developing the most meaningful ways that they can participate in this ancient tradition as part of the celebration of the entry of the newest generation of Jewish adults into the community.

## Lunch and Learn

With  
Rabbi Jonathan Freirich

**Wednesdays,  
August 5, 12, 19  
and 26**

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

LIVE VIA ZOOM  
Go to

[www.tbz.org/education/adult-education](http://www.tbz.org/education/adult-education) for the link.

All our Judaism, especially Reform Judaism, starts in the Talmud.

Everyone welcome – we are all beginners in the ocean of Jewish learning.

All topics open for discussion – Talmud is only the beginning!

## Save 15% on your best defense against pests

*Just present this coupon to our technician at the time of service.*



### Proudly keeping WNY homes and businesses pest-free for more than 45 years!

We protect you from bugs, birds, bats, mosquitoes & ticks

Family-owned and operated

• Fully licensed and insured

Now offering the new HOME SHIELD DEFENSE program



# SUBURBAN PEST CONTROL

*Your best defense against pests. Period.*

**suburbanpestcontrolinc.com • 716-646-5700**  
**7350 Boston State Road • Hamburg, NY 14075**

*Proud partner of the Buffalo Sabres & Buffalo Bandits*



**Sigrid (Ruth Chana) Pechenik, PsyD**  
 Licensed Psychologist  
 Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist



**Clinical Practice Dedicated to**  
**ADDICTION · SUICIDALITY**  
**MOOD DISORDERS**  
**LIFE TRANSITIONS**

ASSESSMENTS & CONSULTATIONS  
 INDIVIDUAL, COUPLES & FAMILY WORK

**716-598-0036**

30 North Cayuga Street, Williamsville, NY 14221  
 sigrid@drpechenik.com | www.drpechenik.com

## SYNAGOGUES

## ORGANIZATIONS

# Jewish Community Organizations in Western New York

### Buffalo Jewish Federation

2640 North Forest Road  
 Getzville, NY 14068  
 716-204-2241  
 www.buffalojewishfederation.org  
 Rob Goldberg - CEO & Executive Director  
 Leslie Shuman Kramer - President

### Buffalo Vaad of Kashrus

49 Barberry Lane  
 Williamsville, NY 14221  
 716-534-0230  
 Rabbi Eliezer Marcus - Regional Director  
 Michael Paskowitz - President  
 www.bvkkosher.com  
 buffalo@yahoo.com, bvkkosher@gmail.com

### Center for Jewish Engagement & Learning

2640 North Forest Road  
 Getzville, NY 14068  
 www.buffalojewishfederation.org  
 Miriam Abramovich - Director of Engagement  
 Ellen Weiss - Chair

### Chabad House of Buffalo

2450 North Forest Road  
 Getzville, NY 14068  
 716-688-1642  
 Rabbi Moshe Gurary  
 www.chabadbuffalo.com

### Chai Early Childhood Center

757 Hopkins Road  
 Williamsville, NY 14221  
 716 580-4600  
 www.chainursery.com  
 Chani Labkovski - Director

### Department of Jewish Thought

712 Clemens Hall - University at Buffalo  
 Buffalo, NY 14260  
 716-645-3695  
 jewish-studies@buffalo.edu  
 www.jewishstudies.buffalo.edu  
 Dr. Sergey Dolgopolski - Chair

### Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies

2640 North Forest Road  
 Getzville, NY 14068  
 716-204-1133  
 www.jewishphilanthropies.org  
 Irv Levy - Executive Director  
 Don Kohnstamm - President

### Hadassah

2640 North Forest Road  
 Getzville, NY 14068  
 716-688-5260  
 buffalohadassah@gmail.com  
 Elaine Kellick and Annette Magid -  
 Co-Presidents

### Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association

2640 North Forest Road in FJP offices  
 Getzville, NY 14068  
 716-204-0542  
 Judith Katzenelson Brownstein - President

### Hillel of Buffalo

Campus Center of Jewish Life  
 520 Lee Entrance/UB Commons  
 Suite #101B  
 W. Amherst, NY 14228  
 716-616-0083  
 Rabbi Sara Rich - Director  
 Dr. Jeffrey Lackner - President  
 www.hillellofbuffalo.org

### Holocaust Resource Center

2640 North Forest Road  
 Getzville, NY 14068  
 716-634-9535  
 www.hrcbuffalo.org  
 Elizabeth Schram - Director  
 Ann Marie Carosella - President

### Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo, Inc.

**Benderson Family Building**  
 2640 North Forest Road  
 Getzville, NY 14068  
 716-688-4033  
 Richard Zakalik - Executive Director  
 Alon Kupferman - President

### Holland Family Building

787 Delaware Avenue  
 Buffalo, NY 14209  
 716-886-3145  
 www.jccbuffalo.org

### Jewish Community Relations Council

2640 North Forest Road  
 Getzville, NY 14068  
 www.buffalojewishfederation.org  
 Mara Koven-Gelman - Director  
 Nina Lukin - Co-chair  
 Deborah Goldman - Co-chair

### Jewish Discovery Center

757 Hopkins Road  
 Williamsville, NY 14221  
 831 Maple Road  
 Williamsville, NY 14221 (office)  
 716-639-7600, 716-632-0467  
 Rabbi Heschel Greenberg  
 Rabbi Laizer Labkovski  
 www.jewishdiscovery.org

### Jewish Family Service Of Buffalo And Erie County

70 Barker Street  
 Buffalo, NY 14209  
 716-883-1914  
 www.jfsbuffalo.org  
 Molly Short Carr - CEO  
 Blaine Schwartz - Chair

### Jewish Federation Apartments

275 Essjay Road  
 Williamsville, NY 14221  
 716-631-8471  
 www.jewishfederationapartments.org  
 Kathleen Haggerty - Property Manager  
 Shawn Frier - President

### Jewish Federation Cemetery Corporation, Inc.

2640 North Forest Road  
 Getzville, NY 14068  
 716-204-2246  
 www.jfedbflo.com  
 Deborah Pivarsi - Director  
 Charlotte Gendler - President

### Kadimah

www.kadimah.org  
 Renee Lehner - Administrator  
 Hallie Keren - Board Chair

### Kosher Meals on Wheels

757 Hopkins Road  
 Williamsville, NY 14221  
 716-639-7600  
 www.koshermow.com  
 Rabbi Laizer Labkovski - Director  
 Jeffery Pasler - President

## WOMEN'S WEALTH ADVOCATE



Leading women to **FINANCIAL FREEDOM**  
 using our unique holistic approach.

Adrienne has a he♥rt for women who are widowed  
 or going through divorce; *she has been there too.*

**ADRIENNEGRACE.COM • 817-6425**

Securities and Advisory Services offered through Cadaret, Grant & Co., Inc., a Registered Investment Advisor & Member FINRA/SIPC.  
 Davis Financial, Women's Wealth Advocate and Cadaret, Grant & Co., Inc. are separate entities.



*"In the Family Tradition"*

*The Mesnekoff name is synonymous with caring  
 for our Jewish community for 3 generations.*

• Condolence meals  
 & Live streaming from  
 funeral home now offered  
**Call Jay at**  
**(716) 639-8890**

Service Beyond  
 Expectation  
 8630 Transit Road  
 East Amherst, NY 14051

**www.mesnekoff.com**

email:  
**contact@mesnekoff.com**

•Visit us on Facebook

**Jay L. Mesnekoff**  
 Director



### Ohr Temimim School

411 John James Audubon Parkway  
W. Amherst, NY 14228  
716-568-0226  
www.ohrtemimimschool.com  
Rabbi Shmuel Shanowitz - Principal  
Jonathan Gellman - President

### One Stop Jewish Buffalo

A free website updated weekly about all that's happening in Jewish Buffalo  
Nathan Sull - Publisher  
Aaron Sull - Editor  
www.OneStopJewishBuffalo.com

### Weinberg Campus

2700 North Forest Road  
Getzville, NY 14068  
716-639-3311  
www.weinbergcampus.org  
Robert Mayer- President & CEO  
Kenneth Rogers- Chairman of the Board of Directors

### Western New York Synagogues and Temples

#### Chabad House of Buffalo (unaffiliated)

2450 North. Forest Rd,  
Getzville, NY 14068  
716-688-1642  
Rabbi Moshe Gurary - Director  
www.chabadbuffalo.com

#### Congregation Beth Abraham (Conservative)

1073 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222  
Marty Kerker - President  
www.congregationbethabraham.net

#### Congregation Shir Shalom

(Reform/Reconstructionist)  
4660 Sheridan Drive  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
716-633-8877  
Rabbi Alexander Lazarus-Klein  
Cantor Arlene Frank  
Joanne Marquisee - Executive Director  
Bruce Corris - President  
www.shirshalombuffalo.org

#### Congregation Havurah (Reform)

6320 Main St., Williamsville, NY 14221  
Bernard Schenkler, President  
Enid Edelman, Membership Chair  
716-689-8059  
www.congregationhavurah.org  
info@congregationhavurah.org

#### Kehillat Ohr Tzion (Modern Orthodox)

879 Hopkins Rd  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
Rabbi Ori Bergman  
Jeff Schapiro - President  
http://ohrtzion.org/kot

### Knesset Center (Orthodox)

500 Starin Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14214  
716-832-5063  
Rabbi Shmaryahu Charitonow  
www.chabad.org

### Saranac Synagogue (Orthodox)

85 Saranac Avenue  
Buffalo New York 14216  
716-876-1284  
President - Shmuel Rashkin  
Vice President - Reuven Alt  
Gabbai David Kunkel  
www.SaranacSynagogue.org

### Temple Beth Tzedek (Conservative)

1641 North Forest Road  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum  
Cantor Mark Spindler  
Marcia Goldstein - President  
Kim Jones - Administrator  
716-838-3232  
www.btzbuffalo.org

### Temple Beth Zion (Reform)

Sanctuary: 805 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14209  
Religious School and Offices:  
700 Sweet Home Road  
Amherst, NY 14226  
Rabbi Jonathan Freirich  
Cantor Penny Myers  
Jeff Clark - Executive Director  
David Goldberg - President  
716-836-6565  
www.tbz.org

### Temple Beth El (Reform)

720 Ashland Avenue  
Niagara Falls, NY 14301  
Rabbi Ellen Franke  
Cantorial Soloist Barry Rose  
William Bell - President  
716-282-2717  
www.niagarafallstemple.com

### Temple Emanu-El (Reform)

124 Bank Street  
Batavia, NY 14020  
585-343-7027

### The Family Shul (Unaffiliated)

757 Hopkins Road  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
Rabbi Heschel Greenberg  
Rabbi Laizer Labkovski  
716-639-7600

### Young Israel of Greater Buffalo (Orthodox)

105 Maple Road  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
Rabbi Eliezar Marcus  
Richard G. Berger- President  
716-634-0212  
www.yibuffalo.org

## Attention Snowbirds!

Due to postal regulations, the *Jewish Journal of Western New York* will no longer be forwarded to "temporary change" addresses.

If you plan to be away from your permanent address and will have your first class mail forwarded to your temporary address and would like to continue to receive the *Jewish Journal* over the winter, please call Joan Kwiatkowski at 716-204-2242 to give us your "temporary" address. Thank you!

# Discrimination and Retaliation.

Do you think you are a target of pregnancy discrimination?

If so, talk to us.

The Law Office of LINDY KORN

**856-KORN**

(856-5676)

ELECTRIC TOWER

535 Washington Street, 9th Floor | Buffalo, NY 14203

LKORN@LKORN-LAW.COM \* LKORN-LAW.COM

Lindy Korn, Esq.  
Attorney & Mediator

Rent assisted apartments for seniors & mobility-impaired adults



## Jewish Federation Apartments



Watch your favorite shows with your new friends on our big screen TV!



### New Kitchen Renovations

Great room • Media room • Wifi • Fitness center  
Data center • Beauty salon • Laundry facilities  
Full time social worker • Activities • Transportation  
24 hour emergency maintenance • Two elevators • Library  
Computer room • Pool table • Emergency medical call system • Chapel • Card room • Large screen tv

Open to all religious denominations

### Jewish Federation Apartments

275 Essjay Road  
Williamsville, NY 14221

For application information please call

**716-631-8471 TTY/TDD #711**

\*Jewish Federation Apartments does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted program and activities.

## Open Gardens

Rabbi Adam Scheldt, visitors to his garden and to the Flynnstein garden.



## Chai Camp

Children having fun outside at JDC's Chai Camp.



## CJEL Teens

Even while social distancing, CJEL's teen leaders have fun together.



## Nickel City Jews

Young Jewish adults enjoying time together with Nickel City Jews.



DONATE  
to Jewish Buffalo's  
Security Fund  
when you Shop on Amazon

**amazon**smile

**AmazonSmile Charity Lists** is a new and meaningful way for you to donate items directly to charitable organizations. With Charity Lists, all charity accounts are verified so you can take the guesswork out of giving and donate worry-free. If you want Amazon to donate to us, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and select "Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, Inc." Then each time you shop, start each session at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

Visit Your AmazonSmile Impact at [www.smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to see donation information and learn more about your charity.

# Summer at Camp Centerland

Campers at the JCC's Camp Centerland enjoying being outdoors, doing fun activities together and staying safe!



# Ride for Roswell

These photos depict a group of serious Ride for Roswell cyclists who raised funds for cancer research and patient care, while riding 65 miles together from the UB Campus to Akron, Royalton and back June 28.



# 5 THINGS YOU CAN DO in August to Repair the World

SPONSORED BY

Do you think you are a target of pregnancy discrimination?

The Law Office of **LINDY KORN**  
716-856-5676 \* [LKORN-LAW.COM](http://LKORN-LAW.COM)



- 1» Families in WNY are hungry and there are still food scarcities during this difficult time. **You can help by donating to Feed More WNY**, which now encompasses Meals on Wheels and The Food Bank. **Go to [www.feedmorewny.org](http://www.feedmorewny.org) to donate online, volunteer or learn more.**
- 2» **Register to vote!** From mayors, to sheriffs, to district attorneys, to judges, to governors, to state legislators, to senators and representatives in congress, and to the president, each election counts and is incredibly important. Let your voice be heard today.
- 3» **Take part in the Kevin Guest House 24th Annual Celebrity Golf Classic and Nine & Wine Tournaments Monday, August 24th** at the Lockport Country Club from 8a.m. to 6 p.m. By participating, you will be helping to support the Kevin Guest House, a space that is open to support hospital patients whose critical care cannot wait. **Register online at [www.universe.com/events/kgh-annual-celebrity-golf-classic-and-nine-wine-tournaments-tickets-513YRN](http://www.universe.com/events/kgh-annual-celebrity-golf-classic-and-nine-wine-tournaments-tickets-513YRN)**
- 4» **Visit the Darwin Martin House** on 125 Jewett Parkway to see the Jun Kaneko Public Art Exhibition, a partnership with the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. It's an outdoor show and is up through October 2021. **[www.martinhouse.org/tour\\_descriptions.cfm](http://www.martinhouse.org/tour_descriptions.cfm)**
- 5» **Support the Aquarium of Niagara** which is once again open to the public. Located at 701 Whirlpool St. in Niagara Falls, it is open every day beginning at 9.a.m. Strict social distancing and health procedures are maintained. **Purchase your tickets online at [aquariumofniagara.org/admission](http://aquariumofniagara.org/admission) to avoid waiting in line.**

LE • SINATRA • MCCARTNEY • CLOONEY • BURT •  
BENNETT • FITZGERALD • PORTER • CONNICK JR.

THE STATION WITH PERSONALITY

VINCE ANELLO JACK HOROWITZ BARRY LILLIS BOB STILSON GAIL ANN HUBER TOM DARRO

WEEKDAYS

THE SOUND OF THE CITY

**WEBR AM 1440**

...is BACK HOME

DUANE PRICE BOB NICHOLAS JOHN FARLEY RALPH IRENE AL WALLACK DAVE GREEN

WEEKENDS

• The GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK •  
STANDARDS of YESTERDAY & TODAY

COLE • KRALL • HOLIDAY • MARTIN • STEWART • BURT  
DARIN • KENT • SIMONE • TAYLOR • TORM

STREAMING LIVE AT [WEBR1440.COM](http://WEBR1440.COM)

## Send Mazel Tov wishes or a Condolence & Memorial Announcement

\$36 for up to 70 words. • \$54 with added photo.

CONTACT:

Cindy Oppenheimer  
at 716-308-4843

[coppenheimer@jewishjournalwny.com](mailto:coppenheimer@jewishjournalwny.com)

Keren Green

at 716-972-2220

[kgreen@jewishjournalwny.com](mailto:kgreen@jewishjournalwny.com)

THE JEWISH JOURNAL  
A publication of The Buffalo Jewish Federation

## WHERE IN JBFLO ?



### Where is this found in Jewish Buffalo?

The first 5 people to correctly identify  
the location will win

**\$10 gift certificate to the  
JCC's Buffalo Kosher Gourmet at the  
Myers Family Tel Aviv Café.**

**E-mail your answers to  
[ellen@buffalojewishfederation.org](mailto:ellen@buffalojewishfederation.org)**

Last month only the formidable Fran & Michael Paskowitz correctly identified the Federation as supporter sign at the Weinberg Campus building on Audubon Road.

# Remembering Dr. Murray Levine 1928-2020

**Murray Levine, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychology in the University at Buffalo College of Arts and Sciences, died on May 4, 2020.**

A UB faculty member from 1968 until his formal retirement in 2000, Levine continued to serve for many years as co-editor of the journal *Law & Policy*, housed in the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy in the UB Law School, where he served as an Adjunct Professor of Law. He also was co-director of the University's Research Center for Children and Youth, now known as the Center for Children and Families. Prior to that, he was a member of the Psychology Department at Yale University from 1963-1968, serving as a founder and Associate Director of the Psycho-Educational Clinic. He began his career as a Psychologist at the Veterans Administration in Philadelphia from 1949-1957, and then as a Psychologist at the Devereux School in Devon, PA from 1957-1963.

Levine was considered one of the founders of the field of community psychology. As detailed in his book, *The History and Politics of Community Mental Health* (Oxford Press, 1981), the field originated with the community mental health and anti-poverty programs of the 1960s. The federal government was moving into the area of community mental health at the time, and the question arose, "what do we do, in addition to just serving individuals," Levine once recalled, noting that from that effort came a variety of community-based services, such as half-way houses. He received the Seymour B. Sarason Award for Community Research and Action in 1997 in recognition of his career accomplishments.

The author of ten books and more than 200 articles and book chapters, Levine also wrote extensively on a number of legal issues related to child abuse and neglect. In 1994, he was named to the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect by Donna Shalala, then U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. He also served as president of the American Psychology-Law Society, Division 41 of the APA (1999-2000). In the 1980's he was Chair of the Board of Directors of the Center for Health, Environment and Justice, Falls Church, Virginia.

His book, *Helping Children: A*



Adeline and Murray Levine

*Social History*, (Oxford Press, 1992) is considered a classic study of the evolution of child welfare services in the United States. His co-author on this book and on many other works, was his wife Adeline Levine (d. 2015), a Professor of Sociology at SUNY Buffalo. He also was co-author of *Psychology in Community Settings* (John Wiley, 1966) and *Principles of Community Psychology* (Oxford Press, 3d ed. 2005). The latter was translated in Chinese in 2018.

Levine continued to publish well into retirement. He and his wife, Adeline, published a series of articles on social science topics in the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry called "From the Ninth Decade." His last professional article, "Sex and the Nursing Home," appeared in that journal in 2016. In 2017, he turned to writing fiction for the first time, publishing a romance novel, *New Beginnings*, at the age of 88. Buffalo Historian Mark Goldman wrote a piece about Murray and his novel for *The Jewish Journal of WNY* in January 2018 (page 23). You can find it at [www.buffalojewishfederation.org](http://www.buffalojewishfederation.org). The third edition of *Psychological Problems, Social Issues and the Law* (West Academic Publishing) appeared in 2019, with son David as one of his co-authors.

Levine was born in New York City on February 24, 1928. He grew up in a kosher household in the Bronx where Yiddish was commonly spoken. He would

occasionally tell the story that when he went to Hebrew school to prepare for his bar mitzvah, he once asked the teacher of a room full of rambunctious 12 year-old boys what a particular word meant. The teacher, who Murray remembered as very "old school," answered in Yiddish, "shut up!" Murray said that he became a bar mitzvah, but his interest waned in learning Torah after this encounter with the teacher. However, many years later, when the incident came back to mind, he thought, "Maybe I did that man an injustice. Maybe that's what it meant—shut up." But for that misunderstanding, he would say, he might have gone on to a career as a great Hebrew scholar instead of a psychologist.

He served in the U.S. Army just after World War II ended. He earned a Bachelor's degree from the City College of New York (B.S., 1949), Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Pennsylvania (1951, 1954), and a law degree, *magna cum laude*, from the State University of New York at Buffalo (1983).

He resided on the West Side of Buffalo from 1968 until shortly before his death.

From their arrival in Buffalo in 1968, the Levines were longtime members of the downtown Jewish Community Center. They supported the Jewish Federation regularly, and donated to the building of the Maxine and Robert Seller Theater at the Amherst Jewish Center as well as the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies. They visited Israel and bought Israel bonds, especially around the Six Day War.

Surviving family include: his sons David (Joanna K. Weinberg), Zachary (Carolyn S. Levine), three grandchildren, two-step grandchildren, and four step-greatgrandchildren. Memorial services are being planned.

*A version of this obituary previously ran in UB Now. David Levine, Esq. contributed the personal memories and anecdotes for The Jewish Journal.*

## In Remembrance

The following individuals in our community passed away during the period from June 22-July 22\*. May their memories forever be a blessing, and may their loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion.

**Bella Pearl Baum**  
**Merle Ann Gottlieb Bercow**  
**Bertram "Bert" Breitbart**  
**Arnold Chernick**  
**Marilyn J. Cohen**

**Ruth Elkin**  
**Rose Gellman**  
**Marvin Gross**  
**David A. Hayman**  
**Dr. Hanley M. Horwitz**  
**Adelaide "Adele" Klein**  
**Patricia Munter**  
**Ruth Norman**  
**Irwin M. Rovner**  
**Mildred Saks**  
**Dr. Stephen Carl Scheiber**  
**Nathan Silver**  
**Stuart Silverman**  
**Victor Silverstein**  
**Harold Small**



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

## Treasuring the Lessons of Home

By Karen Wiseman

Before the pandemic, I was a woman-about-town who on a typical day didn't return home until say 4:00 p.m. I don't think I had any regard for my home except for cooking dinner and doing laundry. On weekends, the schedule was similar and maybe on Sunday, I would assert that "Gee, I need to be home for a while." I considered myself fortunate that I could enjoy my lifestyle and always very grateful that my family and I were enjoying good health.

Then the pandemic struck and Mother Earth brought me and the whole world to our knees. I was stopped dead in my tracks and since hindsight is always 20/20, I realize now, it was just what I needed. In my former lifestyle, I paid little attention to my neighborhood and to domestic skills. And since I was forced to shelter-in-place, Mother Earth turned the tables on me and forced me to focus my energies inward, into my home and myself.

At first, it was a shock that I could no longer embrace all the community resources I accessed before. But soon enough, I decided that while sheltering-in-place, I was going to set some new goals that yes, indeed, took place in my home.

Spring was just around the corner along with our holiday of Passover, so the first project included cleaning all cupboards and drawers in my kitchen. What a feeling of elation and satisfaction a thoroughly clean kitchen meant to me!



Karen Wiseman at the 2019 Ride for Roswell

As the days continued, I engaged in more house cleaning and organization than I ever engaged in in the past. Since I was fearful of getting sick and contracting the virus, to boost my immune system, I cooked multiple pots of soup, chicken soup included.

Far be it for me to ever neglect a holiday, even knowing that no one will be sitting at my table. My husband, Howard, and I cooked everything that was required for a Passover Seder and shared it with our two daughters and their partners, who by the way did their own cooking and shared with us. We

engaged in a Passover Seder with our daughters, our new granddaughter, my sister and her family on Zoom and had a wonderful time.

Right after Passover ended, we celebrated our anniversary. We had talked about dining at Oliver's to celebrate. But the pandemic gave us a celebration that brought Oliver's to us instead! We ordered Oliver's take out, set the table with fine china, dressed up and toasted "Happy Anniversary" to each other.

As time wore on, my home became my safety zone; it kept us safe when the COVID-19 numbers were becoming

staggering and tragic. My home became the place I wanted to be more than anywhere else. All other places became insignificant. While previously, my accomplishments occurred outside my home, now I took pride in enjoying new accomplishments inside my home. Among them include finishing a hand knit baby blanket, learning how to bake challah, exercising with Zoom, sewing masks, attending a myriad of lectures both religious and secular, supporting health care workers by buying them meals, learning the names of many new neighbors. And the list goes on.

However, I think the most important lesson I learned was that my home is where my heart is. I think I have had one bad day during the entire pandemic/quarantine experience. Otherwise I was rarely bored and eager to find new experiences within my four walls. The gratitude I felt and the blessings that my family was healthy and safe guided me to a feeling of equanimity, calmness of the soul. Everything else was superfluous.

My wish for all of us when the pandemic is over, is that I, along with all of you, treasure the lessons we have learned at home and merge them with the recreation that the outside world affords us. I am looking forward to developing a new balance, appreciating what is inside and having fun in Buffalo's wonderful community.

*Karen Wiseman is a retired teacher, married to Howard, and a brand new grandmother.*

**josie's**  
ON CENTRAL

*Hand Selected Women's Fashion & Accessories*

36 Central Ave | Lancaster, NY | 716 713 7502 | [josiesoncentralave.com](http://josiesoncentralave.com)

Small Law Firm  
1904 Liberty Building  
Buffalo, NY 14202

אינז'ורד ?



**Small** **847-2600**  
LAW FIRM

Personal Injury Attorney • Small Firm, Big Difference

This year's Walk to End Alzheimer's won't be a large in-person event, but we're still walking and fundraising! Register now and walk on your own or with a small team of family and friends on a sidewalk, track or trail of your choosing to fight Alzheimer's.

Take the first step on your walk right now:  
[alz.org/WNYwalk](https://alz.org/WNYwalk) or call 1-800-272-3900.





*Giancarlo's*  
SICILIAN STEAKHOUSE & PIZZERIA

## PREMIUM STEAKS

Enjoy an incredible selection of Wagyu, USDA Prime, and Angus Beef, and USDA Prime cuts.

**Book Your Table at GiancarlosSteakhouse**  
Monday - Saturday [5PM - 10PM] | @GiancarlosSteakhouse

5110 Main St. Williamsville NY, 14221  
Call [716] 650-5566

