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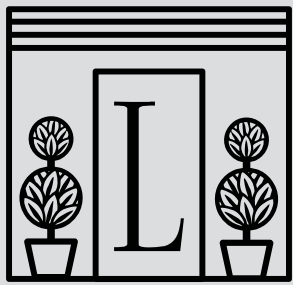
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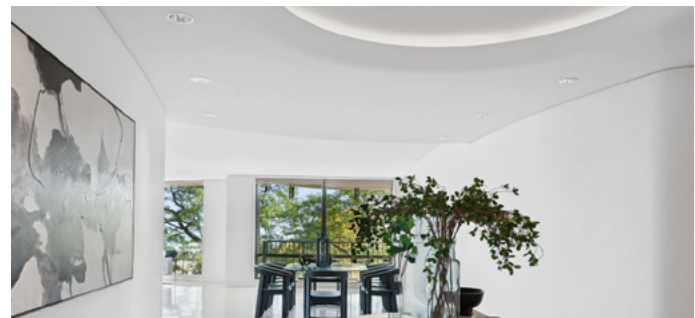
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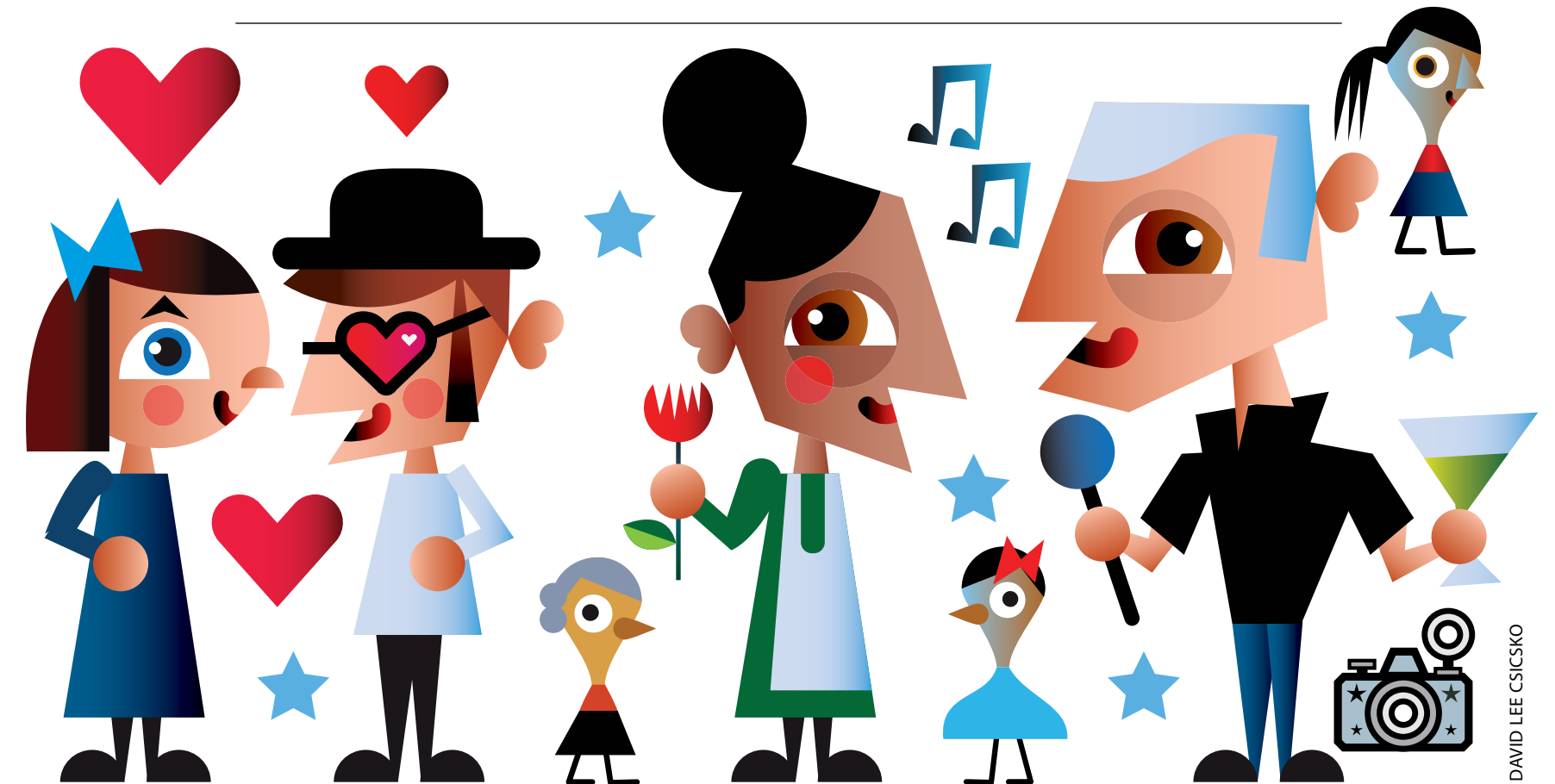
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But this tiny sliver of a country is a complicated place, and lately has been enmeshed in strife. Like in any family, when a loved one is struggling, the rest of the *mishpacha* feels their pain. Israelis and diaspora Jews alike have been agonizing over current events playing out on two fronts: First, violence has been escalating, as it perennially does, between Israelis and Palestinians. Simultaneously, we're witnessing hundreds of thousands of Israelis taking to the streets a few times a week, in protest of the current government's sweeping proposals to materially diminish the judiciary vis-à-vis the legislative and executive branches, thereby threatening—in the view of many ardent Zionists in Israel and abroad—to curtail Israel's thriving democracy.

With all these feelings swirling in the mix, I've been thinking a lot about Israel, and how blessed I've been to have visited the country many times. I'm buoyed right now by these memories—all revolving around song—from my travels to the Jewish state at what seemed like more idealistic times in Israel's young life. In a country built on hopes and dreams—and lots of sweat and tears—we pray that Israel will return to brighter days ahead.



The hug

It was the summer solstice. I bumped into hundreds of people lining the streets of Jerusalem at sunset holding hands and dancing. They were singing “Salaam (Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu),” an Israeli song, with lyrics sung in Hebrew and Arabic, that has become an anthem for peace. Some wore dreads, others *kippot*, and still others wore *keffiyehs*. A few revelers beat on drums, forming circles with children in the crowd.

I was feeling the love, and figured, “When in Jerusalem ...” So, I jumped in, interlacing hands with an Asian woman on one side and a *kippah*-clad man on the other.

“What is all this?” I asked the man. “It's called the ‘Jerusalem Hug,’” he told me. The celebration, he explained, beckons hundreds of Jerusalemites and visitors to the city to stand shoulder to shoulder in a demonstration of love.

The harmony

Shabbat was coming, and some friends and I were on our way to visit the Kotel, when we stopped near the entrance to prepare. Inspired by the time and place, we linked arms and started a chorus of “Hineh Ma Tov” (Tehilim 133/Psalms). Then, from up above, we saw a group of Orthodox men link arms, too, and join our singing in perfect harmony. I've been singing that hymn since I was 3, and yet I never stopped to think about the words until then: “Behold, how good and how pleasant,” the psalmist says, “it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”

The hope

On the first day of a Jewish Federations of North America National Young Leadership Trip to Israel, I stood with my Chicago peers at Independence Hall, the landmark edifice where Israel was first declared the Jewish state. The music ramped up, and then together we sang Israel's national anthem, “Hatikvah.”

I'd tried to make a cool first impression in front of my peers, but I couldn't stand it anymore. Tears welled up in my eyes for Israel, home to every person in that room, home to every Jew in the world.

“Hatikvah” means “the Hope,” and even in this most complicated place, it all seems to boil down to that one word: hope. Hope for peace, hope for love, hope for unity. The anthem's lyrics ring as true today as they did when Israel was founded 75 years ago:

“As long as the Jewish spirit is yearning deep in the heart ... our hope—the 2,000-year-old hope—will not be lost: to be a free people in our land, the land of Zion and Jerusalem.” ★

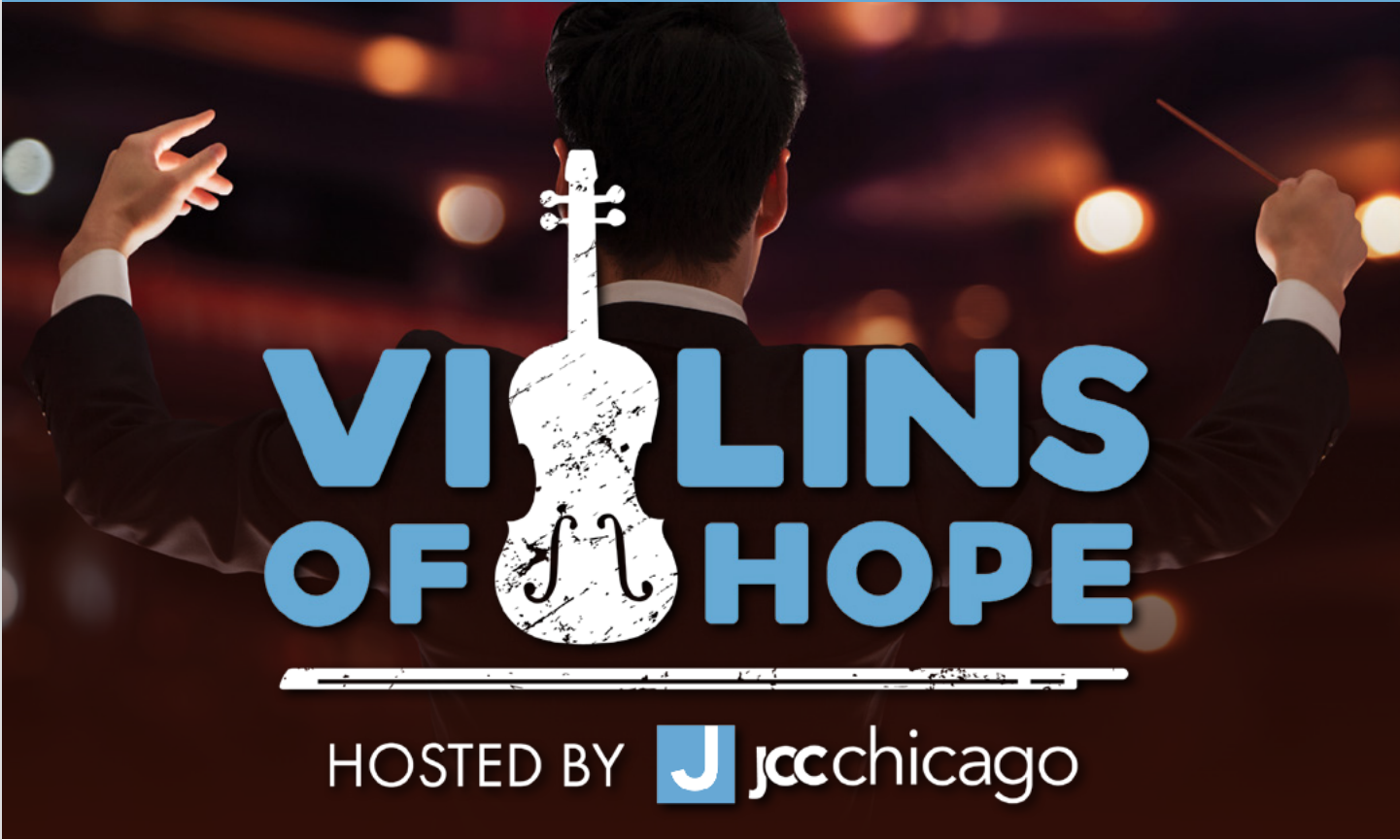
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Pictured at left: A snapshot taken by the author during a visit to Israel. The Israeli graffiti reads: “Am Yisrael Chai” (“The people of Israel live!”) At top: The author (far left) and the Chicago contingent of the 2014 National Young Leadership Trip to Israel.



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A place to remember all of the fallen heroes

EVEN AT 75, Israel is still a young nation, whose history is scarred by wars and terror attacks. Over 24,000 people have fallen in battle and at the hands of terrorists. Remembrance of the fallen of all religions has a unique role in Israeli society, creating a sense of solidarity. Our fallen heroes enabled the establishment—and survival—of the State of Israel. Their memory lives on in our shared destiny and our collective recognition of their sacrifice.

Over 3,000 monuments to our fallen are scattered throughout the country, some carrying the names of individuals and others memorializing entire units. Virtually every town and hilltop has a painful history.

The Ministry of Defense recently decided to commemorate, in a single site, all of those killed—in a National Memorial Hall for Fallen Soldiers. The Hall, housed at the central military cemetery at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, is the only space that carries the names of every single fallen soldier and victim of terrorism—including pre-independence casualties—since 1860.

The Hall was built to express the respect and commitment of Israel and the Jewish people to its fallen, both Jews and non-Jews alike. (I'm particularly inspired by the dedicated military service of members of the Druze community, an Israeli Arab minority.)

Outside the Hall stands an eternal flame. Entering the central hall, visitors see "In Their Footsteps," a video display depicting soldiers going into battles from which they never returned. Nearby is a memorial room, recognizing—for the first official time—those who died due to physical injury or mental health issues sustained during military service.

In the central hall, the walls wrap around a tall, torch-like structure. The bricks are identical, each engraved with the name of a soldier or terror victim and their date of passing. The bricks do not mention birth dates, military rank, profession, or any identifying information; the sacrifice of any soldier or civilian is a tragedy. Each stone is illuminated with a candle, lit on their date of passing.

Ascending the Hall's spiral ramp, a system of touch screens enables visitors to access information, pictures, and brief biographies.

Toward the end of the journey, visitors are invited to write a few words in memory of the fallen and light a virtual candle that will be incorporated into a special three-dimensional display.

The new Hall serves as a place of pilgrimage for bereaved families, visiting heads of state, tourists, and the public. Each morning, at 11 a.m., a memorial service in the central hall honors those who fell on that specific date, making sure that no matter how much time has passed, or if there are still family and friends who remember, no soldier or terror victim will be forgotten.

The stunning Memorial Hall, austere but awe-inspiring, has won national and international prizes, the highest of which was first prize in the 2018–19 Dedalo Minosse, a competition of the Italian Association of Architects.

For the first time, Israel has a central location where each and every one of our fallen soldiers and civilians can be remembered and honored, individually and collectively. Mount Herzl is also home to Yad Vashem—Israel's Holocaust memorial and museum. Together, the two sites tell the story of a nation's greatest tragedies—the price paid to enable its rebirth—and flourishing—in its historical homeland. ★

Pictured: The Hall is the only space that carries the names of every fallen soldier and victim of terrorism since 1860. (Courtesy National Memorial Hall for the Fallen)



BY OFER BAVLY

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A sunflower for Ukraine? A tomato for farmworkers? Why I’m sticking to the basics on my seder plate

Olives. Tomatoes. Oranges. Artichokes. Dates. Cotton balls. And, now, sunflowers.

THESE ITEMS might look like a grocery list. But, instead, these are some of the items I’ve seen added to the seder plate, items to highlight and include stories and histories that are not, at least explicitly, part of the Passover seder.

On its surface, it is a noble goal—why shouldn’t we consider the plight of Ukrainians in spring 2023 (sunflowers), or remember the American history of slavery (cotton ball)? Wouldn’t we want to honor the farm workers who put food on our tables (tomatoes), or intertwine the story of the Palestinians along with our own (olives)? In my own family, my mother insists on the orange on the seder plate, regardless of its apocryphal origin as feminist symbol.

But I won’t be adding anything to my plate. As a rabbi, teacher, and mother, I’m sticking with the traditional items.

My decision to eschew seder plate innovation stems from the thinking about inclusion that I do all the time in my work. Both in encountering ancient text and modern community, I am always asking: Who is not in the room? When I preach or teach, my hope is always that anyone, regardless of how they identify, sees themselves in the text and in the message.

At the same time, I am always aware that by naming one story, or one identity, I might be excluding another.

“In trying to include each particular story, we lose the universal truths.”

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everyone, who has ever known bondage, who has ever felt constricted, stuck in a narrow place.

“In every generation, we are obligated to see ourselves as if we, ourselves, had come out of Egypt.”

Core to the seder, this statement is our directive—this is how we must experience and teach the Passover story. We experience it as our own story, not simply something that happened to our ancestors.



▲ Over the course of the seder, we lift up the items on the seder plate and tell of their significance. Yet not everyone agrees on which items we should incorporate. (Illustration by Mollie Suss)

The seder night is a night for telling stories—our own, and the ones we think need to be told. But to my mind, we do not need more on our seder plate to make that happen. In fact, I worry that, in this case, more is less—in trying to include each particular story, we lose the universal truths.

I hope that we sit around our seder tables and talk about the plight of today’s refugees, whether from Ukraine, Syria, or Central America. I hope we talk about the bravery of each and every person who tells their coming out story and lives their truth. I hope we talk about the Palestinian struggle for self-determination, the ongoing struggle for farmworker and immigrant justice here in the United States, the shameful history of American slavery and its lasting legacy of systemic racism, our own stories of immigration and exile and whatever other stories you need to tell.

One of the core lessons of the Exodus is the impulse toward empathy. Over and over, the Torah returns to this narrative, reminding us to protect and love and be kind to the stranger, because we were strangers in Egypt. The Torah is not specific—our empathy, the Torah teaches, is meant to be boundless and inclusive. We are to welcome anyone—and everyone—who feels out of place or unmoored, who has been oppressed or mistreated.

I believe that each and every one of their stories is already represented on the seder plate, and in the seder ritual. No additions needed. ★



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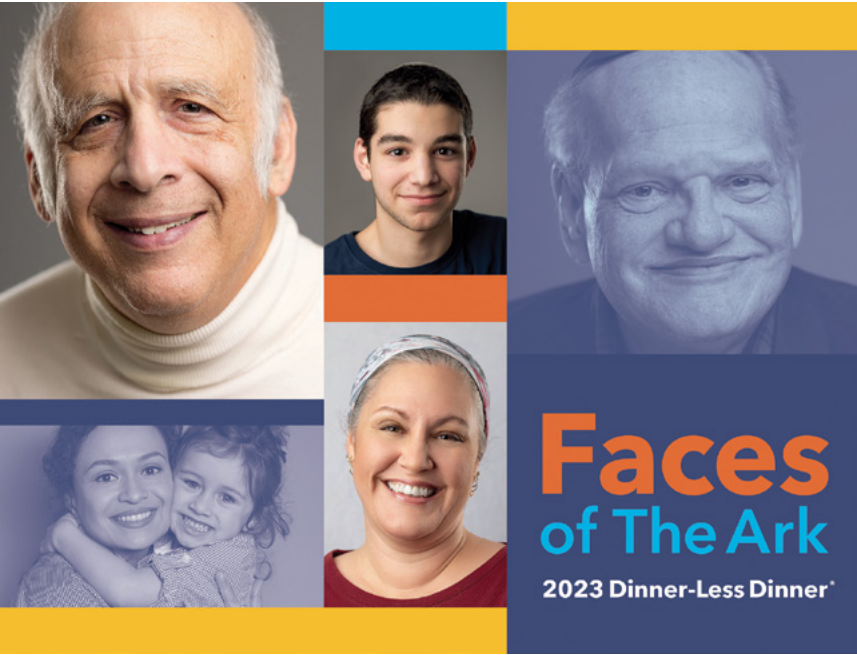
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The Ark ‘non-event’ tops \$1 million

More than two decades ago, **The Ark** pioneered its signature “non-event,” the Dinner-Less Dinner—with all proceeds going to support the organization’s programs—rather than a large, in-person event. This year, for the first time, the campaign topped the \$1 million mark.

In 2022, The Ark’s two locations—in Chicago and Northbrook—served 4,000 clients through direct financial assistance, free medical and dental care and prescription medications, food assistance, employment services, mental healthcare, and more.



BY THE NUMBERS

64%

Young American Jews want more experiences with rabbis because those interactions help them feel more spiritually engaged and more connected to a Jewish community, says a new report released by **Atra: Center for Rabbinic Innovation**. The research, conducted by the Benenson Strategy Group, finds that 64% of the respondents, ages 18–44, say having a relationship with a rabbi is currently important to them.



▲ The Leadership Israel fellows, members of JUF’s Campus Affairs and Federal Government Affairs teams, and Shelley Greenspan (center, in blue jacket) outside the White House.

Leadership Israel fellows visit the Hill

Four Leadership Israel fellows spent a day lobbying on Capitol Hill on foreign aid to Israel, the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, Holocaust education, and mental health. They met with the offices of **Sen. Tammy Duckworth** and Reps. **Jonathan Jackson, Robin Kelly, Darin LaHood, Jan Schakowsky,** and **Brad Schneider**. They also spoke with **Shelley Greenspan**, the White House’s Policy Advisor for Partnerships and Global Engagement and the Jewish liaison to the White House.



Wearing their pride on their (short) sleeves

Some 300 Hebrew-language students and teachers at four area public schools were recently given T-shirts through the JUF Education department. The students were 8th graders at **Alan B. Shepard Middle School** and **Caruso Middle School in Deerfield**, and high schoolers at **Deerfield High School** and **Highland Park High School**.

“Highland Park High School would like to say *todah rabah*—thank you very much,” said Hebrew teacher Osnat Lichtenfeld.

Pictured above: The Hebrew class at Highland Park High School displays their matching T-shirts, designed by senior Coby Teich. The design combines the Hebrew letters ח and נ, equivalent to H and P, for “Highland Park.”

CULTURE P★P!

The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, the hit Amazon Studios show following Midge Maisel, a 1950s Jewish housewife turned standup comic, will premiere its fifth and final season—during which Midge will visit Israel—on April 14. Highland Park native **Rachel Brosnahan**, the show’s star, calls the final chapter “bittersweet.”

(Lior Zaltzman, Kveller)

▼ Rachel Brosnahan and Milo Ventimiglia on the film set of season four of *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, in New York City, 2021. (Jose Perez/Bauer-Griffin/GC Images)



Local Jewish Olympian gets his own bobblehead

The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum has honored Jewish Olympian and Highland Park native Jason Brown with a 7-inch bobblehead figure. At 19, Brown was one of the youngest male figure skating Olympic medalists in Sochi in 2014, part of the bronze-winning U.S. team. His bobblehead is a limited-edition set of 2,022 individually numbered figures.



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Hello, dollys

American Girl released its first twin dolls—and they’re Jewish. The dolls, Isabel and Nicki Hoffman, are also the first American Girl characters with interfaith parents—one Jewish and the other Christian. Part of the brand’s historical collection, the new dolls come with stories written by real-life twin sisters Julia DeVillers and Jennifer Roy, inspired by their own upbringings. The dolls bring “Jewish and interfaith representation that so many kids will relate to,” DeVillers said. The new dolls are the second and third Jewish American Girl dolls, joining Rebecca Rubin, a Jewish-American girl who lives with her Russian-immigrant parents on Manhattan’s Lower East side in 1914.

(JTA)

Pictured above: Isabel and Nicki Hoffman are the two newest American Girl dolls in the historical collection. (Credit: American Girl)

QUOTEWORTHY

“The impact of this case will be felt for years to come ... in the broader fight against extremism, as it serves as a model for accountability.”

—**Amy Spitalnick**, executive director of Integrity First for America, the nonprofit created to bring the case against the organizers of the deadly 2017 neo-Nazi rally in Charlottesville. On March 7, Magistrate Joel Hoppe ordered the defendants to pay \$4.91 million to plaintiffs for lawyers’ fees and other expenses in their lawsuit, filed in in 2017 by Charlottesville, Virginia residents who suffered trauma and injuries because of the deadly riots.

(Ron Kampeas, JTA)

Teachers are still learners

More than 500 day school and high school administrators and teachers from **Associated Talmud Torahs’** affiliated schools attended this year’s Teachers Educational Conference in February. Sponsored in memory of Irving Weiss, the conference offered professional development sessions and networking opportunities.



Hamentashen happiness

In March, over 150 mothers and daughters came together at Ida Crown Jewish Academy for a gala hamantaschen bake, sponsored by **Ida Crown Girls Club** and **Sharsheret**.

▼ From left: Jordyn Baker, Audrey Perlman, and Danielle Cohen, all Ida Crown seniors, at the hamantaschen bake.



MAZEL TOV!



Chabad Teen Network (CTeen) has named **Hannah Belenkiy** the CTeen International Leader of the Year. Growing up in a town with a small Jewish population, she wanted to connect more to her Jewish heritage. So Belenkiy, now a 10th grader at Lake Forest High School, started the school’s Jewish Culture Club. The CTeen network aims to connect Jewish teens with their heritage and Jewish peers in a fun and meaningful way. (Photo credit: Itzyk Roytman)

Scott Goode is the new operations manager at Temple Beth Israel in Skokie. A synagogue professional with over 10 years of experience with Reform congregations in the Chicago area, Goode previously served as the assistant director of Temple Chai in Long Grove.



Sara Manewith is No Shame On U’s new director of development. Trained as a social worker, Manewith also has expertise in program development and fundraising. Previously, she served as the director of Response for Teens at JCFS Chicago and as the associate director of special gifts at the University of Chicago.

Safer spaces

Mishkan Chicago and **SketchPad** are among only eight organizations—from a field of 40—receiving funds from the SRE Network (Safety, Respect, Equity), as part of \$300,000 in grants awarded nationally. The goal of the grants, made to Jewish nonprofits, is to prevent harassment and discrimination, and to support safe, respectful, and equitable workplaces and communal spaces.

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A change of ‘Gene Scene’

Updated Sarnoff Center event to feature speaker with unique family genetic disease

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD Joselin Linder and her family had just arrived at home, after a flight back from Israel, when her father suddenly passed out at the top of the stairs. Over the next five years, he battled against systemic swelling and an inability to receive nutrition from food, before dying of a previously unknown genetic disease at age 49. He was the first person diagnosed with this disease, but as Linder would learn, he was not the first in her family affected by it.

Linder will share the story of her family’s genetic disease and her journey to find a cure on Thursday, May 11 at Gene Scene: Find Out What You’re Made Of, this year’s annual event from the Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics. The event, previously known as Jean Therapy, will focus on networking, education, and inspiration instead of shopping.

“When you have a rare disease, there’s a constant battle for attention and resources, and I felt like we needed to amplify our voices,” said Linder, who began sharing her family’s journey at the TEDxGowanus event almost a decade ago. She started writing her book, *The Family Gene: A Mission to Turn My Deadly Inheritance into a Hopeful Future* (ECCO), nine years after her father died—and eight years after she found out she, too, has the family gene.

In the last year of Linder’s father’s life, geneticists at Harvard University’s Seidman Laboratory discovered the disease’s origin by checking individual genes through a microscope, as the human genome had not yet been sequenced. The nameless condition has affected only 14 people in the world, all descended from Linder’s great-great-grandmother Ester Bloom.

The condition—which has been featured on an episode of CNN’s series *Something’s Killing Me*—involves a patient’s veins breaking; fluid spreads throughout the body, and nutrients cannot be properly absorbed.

Since learning this information, Linder has pushed for more research—leading to a discovery that Singulair, a common asthma medication, keeps the condition from progressing—and some of her family members have had children through IVF with genetic testing to avoid passing the gene to a new generation.

Jason Rothstein, Executive Director of the Sarnoff Center, hopes stories like Linder’s will inspire people to learn about their own genetic risks and take control of what may feel beyond control.

“Even though her story isn’t about a traditionally Jewish disorder,” he said, “it’s an example of somebody finding out devastating health news related to a genetic condition, and using that information to empower themselves and their families to make better decisions and seek the answers that they need.”

The Sarnoff Center primarily raises awareness about genetic health risks of importance to the Jewish community, including genetic disorders and hereditary cancers more common in people of Jewish descent. They also work to correct misinformation—like that a family history of breast and ovarian cancer is not relevant for men, or that having children with someone who isn’t Jewish means traditionally Jewish genetic disorders cannot strike—and connect people to resources for genetic testing and counseling.

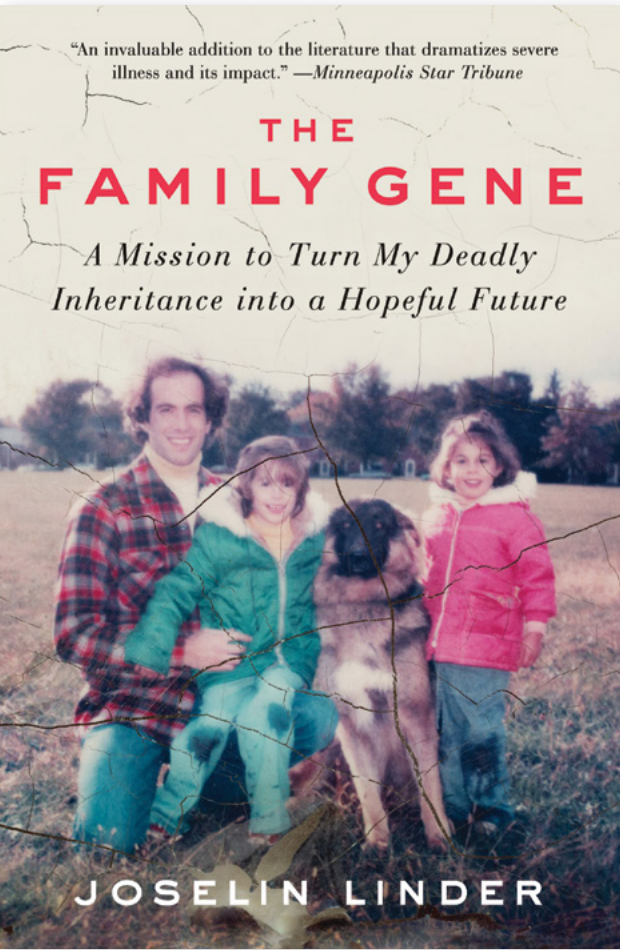
But just like with Linder’s family, even something that may seem hopeless and insurmountable may be treatable with research and support. “We couldn’t be luckier in our unluckiness” to find a treatment, said Linder, whose family references her book in doctor appointments to advocate for better healthcare.

“There’s a popular belief that ‘if it’s in your genes, it’s fate,’” Rothstein said, “but there are actions you can take to protect your health and the health of your family to come.” ★

Stay tuned for more details about Gene Scene. Location TBA. 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. program. Heavy hors d’oeuvres and drinks will be served, and dietary laws observed. Cost: \$25 for one ticket or \$36 for two tickets. For more information, contact JesseMagill@juf.org or 312-357-4718. To learn more about the Sarnoff Center, visit jewishgenetics.org.

The Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics is a supporting foundation of the Jewish United Fund, and is supported in part by the Michael Reese Health Trust.

BY MICHELLE COHEN | Staff Writer



▲ Joselin Linder (green shirt, center) in a family photo. Three people in the photo—her grandmother (center, holding a baby), uncle (blue shirt, front left), and father (behind Joselin)—died of the genetic disease that runs in the family.



When the student becomes the teacher

MIKE SWIDER’S relationship with JCYS has come full circle. Growing up in Highland Park, he attended preschool at the JCYS George W. Lutz Family Center in Highland Park. After graduating from Ohio State University with degrees in education and ecology, Swider returned to Lutz—this time as a teacher. After teaching at the Highland Park facility for six years, he helped open the JCYS Michael R. Lutz Family Center in Wicker Park, where he has taught ever since.

“JCYS has been a constant in my life,” he said. “It has played a part in shaping my disposition, my sense of humor, and my perception on the world, with Jewish values in mind.”

Swider is this year’s winner of the Sue Pinsky Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. The award, presented by the JUF Education Department, annually honors a teacher at a Chicago-area Jewish early childhood center.

The Pinsky Award was named for Sue Pinsky Gardner, a Highland Park resident who taught early childhood education for decades at the Weinger Jewish Community Center. This prestigious award was endowed in honor of Pinsky by her son, Mark, and his wife, Lisa, through JUF’s Agency Endowment Program, to ensure that it is given in perpetuity.

A parent of one of Swider’s students said this about the teacher: “The first thing you notice about Mike is how he talks to the kids. It’s a rare combination of straightforwardness, candor, and silliness. He never talks down to them. He sparks their curiosity and supports them in their discovery.” ★

Nominations for the 2024 Pinsky award will open in the fall of 2023. For more information, contact Anna Hartman, JUF Director of Early Childhood Excellence, at AnnaHartman@juf.org.

Pictured: JCYS teacher Mike Swider is known for never talking down to his students and for inspiring their curiosity. (Credit: James Schnepf Photography)

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Every time I read that quote, I think, “Not bad for a 100-year-old organization.” Here’s how Hillel—which is celebrating its centennial this year—got its start: Peoria-born Rabbi Benjamin Frankel came to Champaign in 1923 to serve as the rabbi in the town’s Reform synagogue.

When Frankel visited the U of I campus, he was disillusioned to find limited opportunities for Jewish students to engage in campus life. In fact, at that time, most student organizations required members to be “church-goers on Sunday.” In other words—Jews were not welcome.

So Frankel responded by banding the students together and creating Hillel—a student organization supported by a Jewish professional who would help them build social networks, celebrate their culture and religion, and explore their heritage with them.

College is often the first time that Jewish students are experiencing independent life, outside of their parents’ home. At that time, college campuses had few Jewish resources to offer to Jewish students building their individual Jewish identities.

Hillel became the answer to that challenge. The idea was so successful that only a year after its establishment at Illinois, another Hillel opened at the University of Wisconsin, then University of Michigan, Ohio State University, and more. Hillel became—and has remained—the brand name for Jewish life on campus. Today, Hillel is active on 850 campuses around the world, serving over 200,000 Jewish students every year.

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But Hillel’s impact goes far beyond the boundaries of campus life. After a century of Jewish engagement on campus, we can see the long-term implications of Hillel’s work. Students who regularly participated in Hillel activities showed stronger connection to their Jewish values and a higher tendency to take leading roles in Jewish institutions after graduation. I have met with many U of I alumni who engaged in Hillel and went on to become prominent rabbis, CEOs of federations, prolific Jewish authors, leaders of Moishe Houses, and Israeli researchers developing cutting-edge technologies.

After generations of Jewish student participation, the impact of Hillel on the Jewish world is undeniable. Hillel emboldens its students’ passion for their Jewish identity and gives them tools to pursue it. This incredible impact on the Jewish community and the world needs to be celebrated and sustained.



Hillel at the University of Illinois is not just the first Hillel, but has remained a flagship of the Hillel movement for the past 100 years. This past November, we celebrated Hillel’s 99th birthday, paving the way for Hillel’s Centennial Celebration. Our student and lay leadership set the goal for raising \$10 million in endowment funds to ensure the continued success of Hillel for future generations.

Two banners welcomed those who came to celebrate with us. One includes Erica’s quote from 2022. The other highlights Rabbi Frankel’s quote from a century ago: “Hillel is designed to serve ALL Jewish students regardless of their backgrounds, Jewish ideologies, or denominations. It is welcoming to EVERY type of Jewish interest or expression in the campus community.”

For 100 years, we have been following his vision. We look forward to the next 100 years. ★

To learn more about Hillel’s centennial, visit hillel100.org or contact Erez Cohen at erez@illinihillel.org.

Pictured: U of I students celebrating Hillel’s centennial at the Hillel’s Roaring ‘20s Party.
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On the town

JUF Professionals Network Nightcaps & Noshes: Whiskey Edition

In early February, the JUF Professionals Network hosted Nightcaps & Noshes: Whiskey Edition. Attendees spent the evening networking and participating in a whiskey tasting in partnership with Thornton Distilling Co.

1. From left: Marc Brenner, JPN Board Chair; T.J. Gordon, JPN Lawyers Network Co-Chair; and Bob Wolfberg, JPN Financial Services Network Co-Chair.
2. Chicago members of National Young Leadership Cabinet at Nightcaps & Noshes: Whiskey Edition. From left: Jacob Shapiro, Erica Tarantur, Emily Benovitz, Neal Robin, Lisa Gelles, Rebecca Kanter, and Michael Oxman.

RJD Plant Giving

In February, Russian-speaking Jewish Division community members gathered to celebrate Tu B'shvat and participated in a "white elephant" style of plant giving. Participants enjoyed a spread of traditional Tu B'shvat foods, discussed their favorite plants, went home with new plants, and formed a Facebook group chat to stay connected on future plant enthusiast events.

3. RJD participants included Vlad Briantsev, 2021 RJD Tikkun Fellowship recipient (second from left) and RJD Advisory Board member Alex Kislov (sixth from left).

YLD Pride and Base Loop Purim

YLD Pride and Base Loop held a Purim party for 40 young adults, who gathered to hear a Megillah reading, dress in costume, and meet new people.

4. A group of young adults celebrating Purim.

YLD Shul Shuffle

In early March, nearly 50 young adults gathered at Lake Shore Drive Synagogue for another YLD Shul Shuffle! The Shul Shuffle gives young adults an opportunity to experience Shabbat services at different synagogues throughout the city.



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YLD Recent Grad Bowling

In March, a group of recent grads joined YLD for bowling at Pinstripes in Streeterville. It was a great night for recent grads to connect and meet fellow Jewish young adults in Chicago.

5. A group of recent grads enjoys bowling at Pinstripes.



Women's Philanthropy Mission to Mexico City

Nearly 70 women participated on the Women's Philanthropy Mission to Mexico City. On this first Women's Mission since 2018, participants learned about the rich history of Mexico City, took guided tours of Mexico City's most prominent synagogues and cultural sites, and enjoyed authentic Mexican dining experiences. To date, close to \$90,000 was raised for the JUF Annual Campaign.

6. From left: Women's Board member Sharon Kolton and Women's Board President Linda Schottenstein Fisher watch the Aviv Festival at the Centro Deportivo Israelita in Mexico City.



7. From left: Women's Board Vice President Devra Resnick Shutan, Lisa Kosh Friend, and Mission Co-Chair Lori Goldberg enjoy lunch after visiting the Teotihuacan Pyramids in Mexico City.

RJD Purim Pool Party

The Russian-speaking Jewish Division hosted the RJD Purim Pool Party at Bernard Weinger JCC in Northbrook. Families enjoyed swimming, pool games, music, and delicious hamantaschen from Lana's Dazzling Desserts.

8. Lyuda Tavalzhanskaya, RJD Board member Michael Goldenberg, and their three little swimmers splash around at the RJD Purim Pool Party.



RJD Women's Circle: Meditation & Sound Bath

The Russian-speaking Jewish Division hosted RJD Women's Circle for a relaxing night of meditation and a sound bath. Stephanie Bersh, a sound practitioner, led women in breathwork practices to release stress and tension, followed by a guided meditation and sound bath experience.



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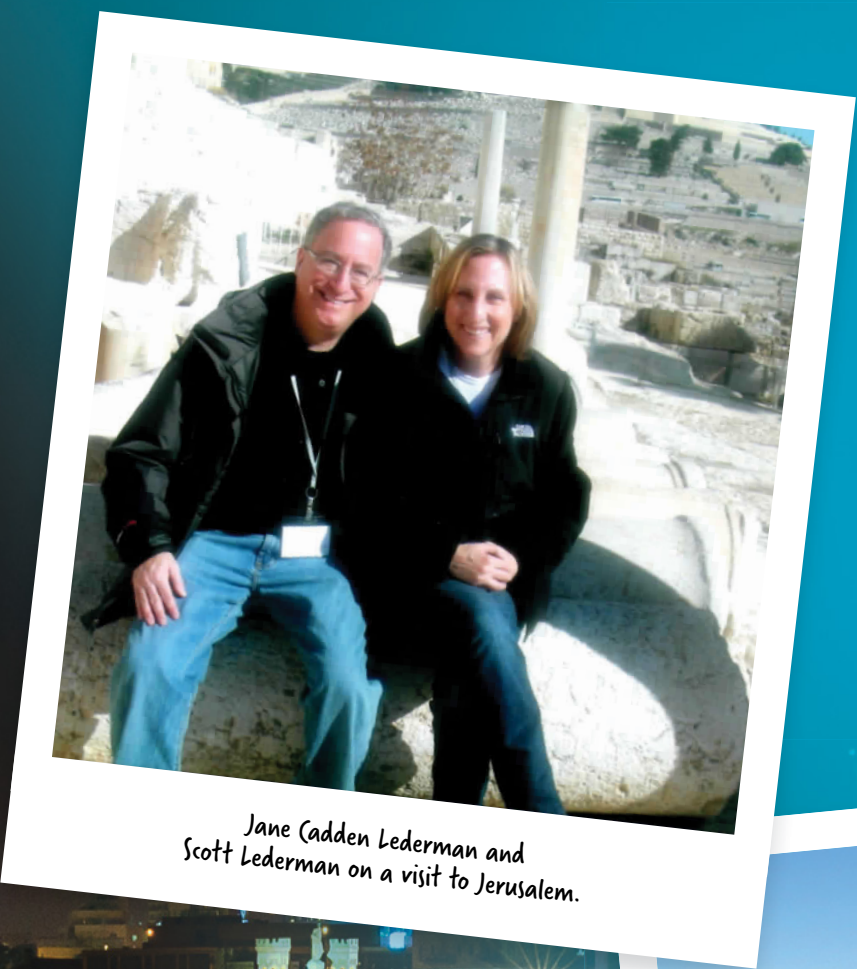
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Jane Cadden Lederman and Scott Lederman on a visit to Jerusalem.

Being part of the generation that came of age in the wake of the Six-Day War, Israel has never been something that we take for granted. **We recognize that Israel has been transformational; shaping its own future and creating a society that gives renewed meaning to Israel serving as a "light unto the nations."** It was a thrill to experience Israel with our children on a JUF Family Mission when they were younger, and we know that we will share that same wonderful experience with our grandchildren.

-Scott Lederman and Jane Cadden Lederman
JUF Women's Board Honorary Director



From left: Larry Feller, Ellen Rothenberg, Lonnie Nasatir, and Risa Nasatir enjoy Kabbalat Shabbat in Jerusalem during the JUF Mission to Israel in July of 2022.

Israel provides a spiritual connection to my Judaism that isn't replicated in any other part of my Jewish life. In addition, the memories of the many JUF missions I have taken are some of the best in my life, as those trips invariably connect me with people in ways that no other experience can—a testament to the richness of the country's culture and history and how experiencing it as a group is an unparalleled experience.

-Lonnie Nasatir
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David Mihret and his children enjoying time at the Dan River in the Upper Galilee.

▼ We're 13-year-old twins, who recently celebrated our b'nai mitzvah in Israel. The generosity of the Israeli people amazed us. **The first words we heard when landing in Tel Aviv were "Welcome home."** This saying immediately made us feel like part of the community. We will always be grateful for our experience in Israel and the warm welcome we received. We can't wait to go back!

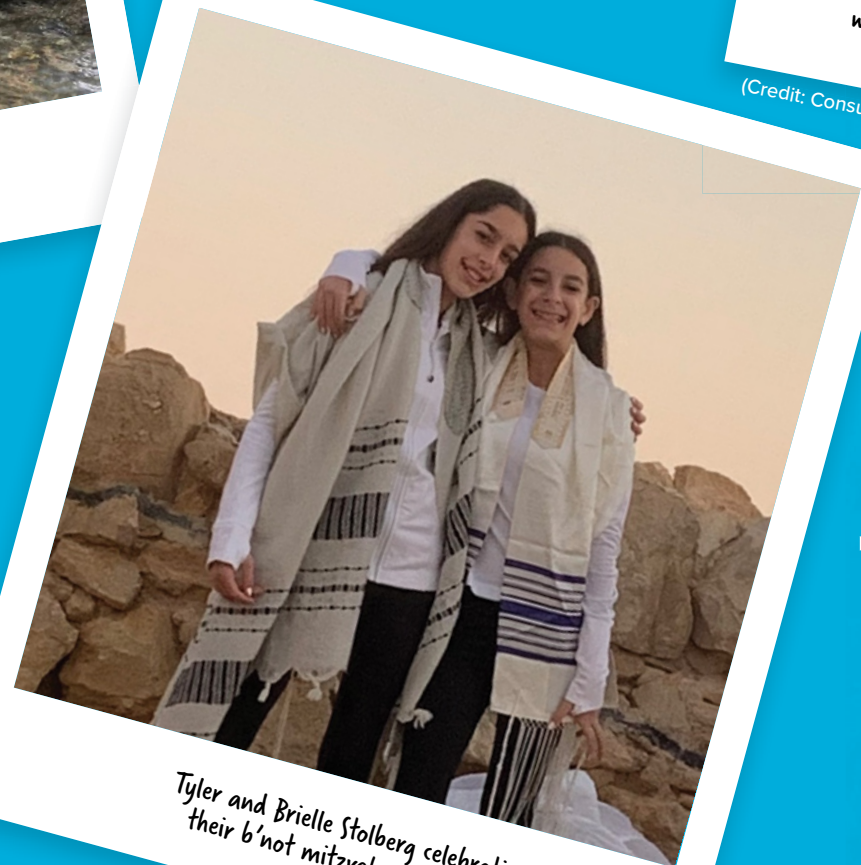
—Tyler and Brielle Stolberg
of Highland Park



Yinam Cohen poses at the Consulate with a bust of Israel's founder David Ben-Gurion.
(Credit: Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest).

◀ Israel is the place where my ancestors chose to build their lives after 2,000 years of exile. It is where my wife's family found refuge after the Holocaust. It is the homeland that our parents and grandparents built with their bare hands. This will always be the place where all Jews from every corner of the world are safe to express their Jewish identity. **Jews can feel secure knowing that they have a safety net: their homeland, Israel. Israel is not devoid of imperfections, but it is fully ours.**

—Yinam Cohen
Consul General of Israel to the Midwest



Tyler and Brielle Stolberg celebrating their b'nai mitzvah on Masada.

▶ **Israel is my home away from home.** It's a place where I am always welcome, a place that makes me feel hope, belonging, pride, and completeness.

—Sammi Roth
YLD Israel Committee member



Sammi Roth enjoying time in Eilat.



David Golder (third from right) and fellow participants on a JUF Latinx Leadership Mission to Israel touring Tiberias.

◀ Each time I arrive in Israel, I feel that special embrace, and am reminded that I am a part of Israel and Israel is a part of me. What a beautiful miracle—not just a political entity—but a country built with spirit by my brave and committed brothers and sisters. **Just as a family legacy enhances the lives of each generation that follows, Israel adds to my life and we—in the Jewish community—all receive the value of that legacy.** I am so blessed to be able to watch Israel grow and blossom, and I hope I can continue to contribute to its future.

—David Golder
JUF Board Chair



Emily Fridland hugs a goat at Naot Farm in the Negev during her Birthright trip in 2021.

◀ I am often asked: "Why do I love a place so far away?" But really, it's not—it's always in my heart. **I have never felt more connected to another place. The first time I went, I felt God there. I fell in love with the culture, the food, the people, the history.** I advocate for Israel because it is needed for the rest of the world. Israel helps me, but it also helps every human being, with its technology, medicine, democracy, and way of life.

—Emily Fridland
JUF Israel intern at DePaul University

The continuation and continuity of Judaism requires a healthy, vibrant, prosperous Israeli democracy.

—Lester Crown
Community leader and philanthropist



Adam Greitzer takes a camel ride through the Negev during his 2013 Birthright trip.

▲ Though I've only been to Israel twice, it has always felt like my home away from home. Compared to virtually all our ancestors, my fellow diasporic Jews and I are immensely lucky to have a safe haven. Tel Aviv is perhaps the safest city in the world to be openly queer—and it's not a coincidence that an Israeli city tops that list. Israel is the physical embodiment of Jewish values, and though the nation is still a work in progress, it's the greatest experiment humankind has ever undertaken.

—Adam Greitzer
Chair of YLD Pride Committee



Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz with their Israeli grandchildren in their kitchen in Jerusalem on Chanukah.

▼ My Birthright trip widened my gaze on what it meant to be Jewish. I had never expected to see such beautiful countryside in such a small State. I fell in love with the cities of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv—being able to see historic landmarks mixed with modern urban development was truly unique. I would go back in an instant and explore more of the melting pot of cultures and lifestyles.

—Eli Geleerd
Birthright alum



From left: Birthright participants Ethan Sternberg, Josh Sternberg, Gabe Geleerd, and Eli Geleerd on top of Masada.

◀ Our dream has been realized! So we believed when we stepped off the El Al plane on June 19, 2019, and made *aliyah*. When we were met at our apartment in Jerusalem by our family, we felt we had come home. Upon my retirement from North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, we followed our dream of making *aliyah*. We feel blessed to live in the State of Israel. We recognize that we are the first generation in 2,000 years that does not know a world without the State of Israel. What a privilege, and what a challenge. Living in Israel we now have the responsibility of building a model society—knowing that Herzl's dream of a Jewish State has been fulfilled.

—Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz
Former Chicagoans who made *aliyah*

► Loving Israel means traveling there at every chance and drinking an Ice Café every day. It means running off the plane to the embrace of a friend from my gap year. It is embodied by my “Wonder Woman” of a host mom, who welcomed me into her home over my JUF Kefiada summer in Kiryat Gat. Israel is the small moments and big emotions. It is a complicated place, where the government doesn't always stand for the values I believe in, prompting thousands of Israelis to protest. Israel is where hope and peace flow like milk and honey, yet progress feels like a bee sting and even, sometimes, utterly hopeless. The sweet cherry tomatoes have potential to be richer. Both the first and second Temple stood for around 80 years each. As the modern State of Israel turns 75, we ponder the next five years. Who will prevail? My bet is on Ice Café.

—Ariana Handelman
Past JUF Kefiada camp counselor



Ilana Steinbach Balaban (front row on left, holding banner) performing with an Israeli dance troop at a kibbutz in Northern Israel in 1958.

◀ I was born in 1940 in Haifa. As a girl of 8, I remember such joy on the eve of the declaration of the State in 1948—so much singing and dancing! I went down with my parents to Herzl Street to join our neighbors in rejoicing in having our own homeland. To me, Israel is the most incredible place in this world.

—Ilana Steinbach Balaban
Israeli living in Chicago



Larry Hochberg with his grandson and great grandchildren at the Jerusalem aquarium last fall.

▲ Israel is the beginning and the end for me. When it began, the Jewish people had hope again. If it ever ends—due to internal squabbling, external armed force, or abandonment by the Diaspora—it will be the end of my world. We must keep focused on those facts.

—Larry Hochberg
Co-Founder and Chair, Friends of ELNET



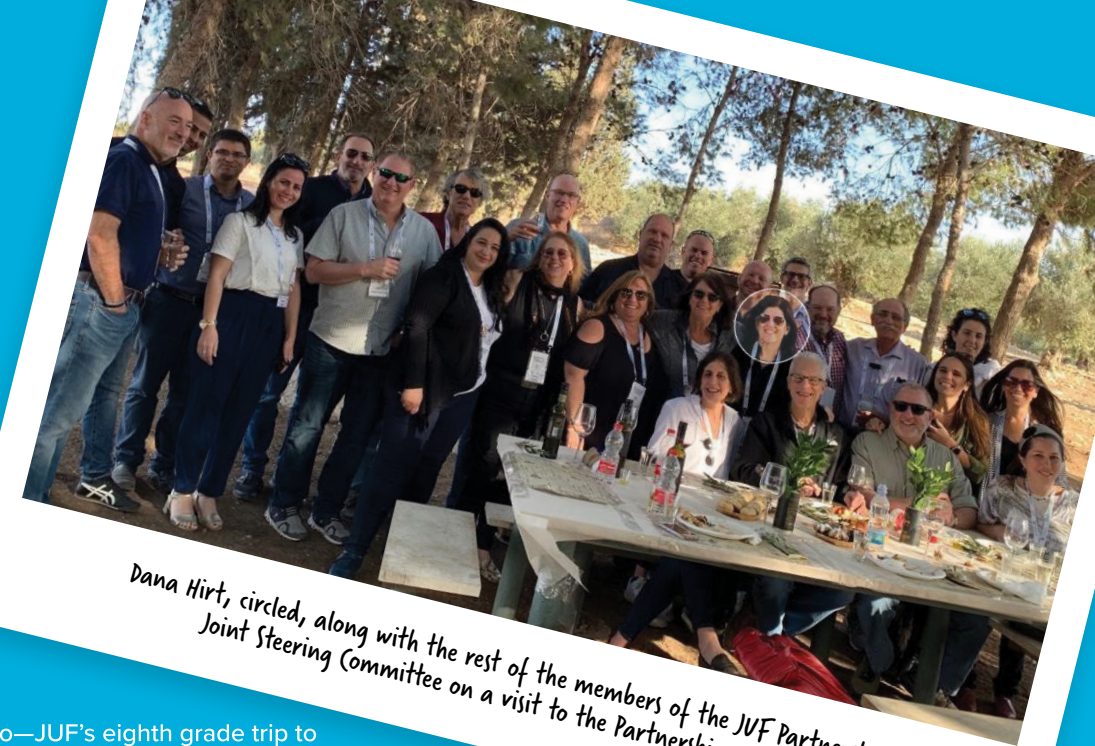
Ariana Handelman (right) being greeted at Ben Gurion Airport by her Israeli friend Shir from their Hevruta Gap-Year program.

Shortly after the Six-Day War, my husband and I went on a young leadership mission to Israel. After two weeks of travel, I was in love with the land, the people, and their spirit. Two years later, after our oldest son became a bar mitzvah, we decided that he needed to have a living Jewish experience. With four little boys in tow, we explored Israel. After each son's bar mitzvah, we repeated the trip. Our sons ensured that their own children experienced Israel too. And so it goes—from generation to generation.

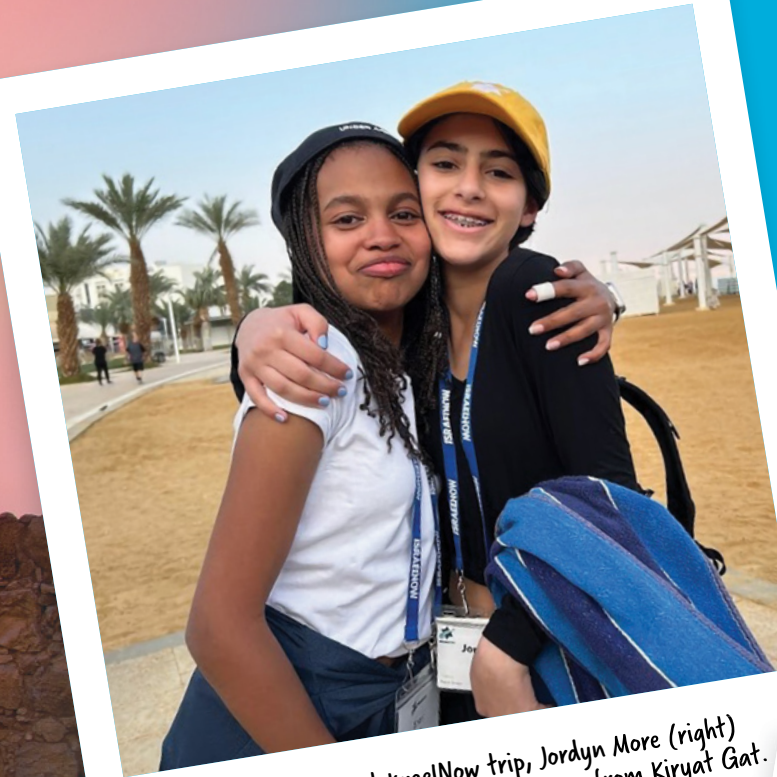
—*Donna Kahan*
JUF Senior AVP, Legacies & Endowments

► **Israel means family.** I love the sights of Israel, the lush vineyards in the Golan, and the majesty of Masada. I love the sounds, the bustle of the markets, and the singing of school children. I love the tastes of Israel, the amazing *shawarma*, and the deliciously sweet *halva* cut off the block in the *shuk*. But mostly, I love the people of Israel! Thanks to the extraordinary opportunity to participate in our JUF Partnership Together region for the past nine years, I now have “family” there.

—*Dana Hirt*
Past Chair, JUF Partnership Together Committee



Dana Hirt, circled, along with the rest of the members of the JUF Partnership Joint Steering Committee on a visit to the Partnership region.



During her recent IsraelNow trip, Jordyn More (right) spends time at the Dead Sea with a peer from Kiryat Gat.

◀ IsraelNow Chicago—JUF's eighth grade trip to Israel—was the beginning of my relationship with Israel. To me, the country represents my history. When I was in Israel this past February, I felt connected to the history of my religion and my people. We got the amazing opportunity to talk to a Holocaust survivor who was 97 years old. I finally understood how important Israel is to the Jewish people, and the struggles we went through to have a true homeland. We also met Israeli teens who deepened our connection to Israel and its people. **Knowing that we have a shared history made me feel like it's my home too. I can't wait to go on more trips to Israel!**

—*Jordyn More*
Recent IsraelNow alum



Jen Leemis at Mahane Yehuda Market in Jerusalem.

► For all of my adult life, the miracle of Israel has meant the world to me. We are privileged to be alive at time of Jewish sovereignty in the Land. I was privileged to represent our Chicago Jewish community for many years, as we led in engaging, advocating, and supporting Israel throughout all the years of challenge and triumph, painful moments and exhilarating achievement. **May we approach this momentous anniversary understanding that we should never take Israel's existence for granted, and that Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora must appreciate that the security and wellbeing of the Jewish State is directly connected to the unity of the Jewish people.**

—*Steven B. Nasatir*
JUF Executive Vice Chairman



Steven B. Nasatir and his son Eli, then age 4, celebrate Israel's birthday at the JUF Walk With Israel in 2003.

▲ **I have recently come to think of Israel as one of my most important family members; sometimes my family might disappoint me—I might not like or approve of their actions—but I still love them.** I might not see some of my family that often, but when I visit, I am welcomed and happy to be home. And Israel truly is our home; as Robert Frost said, “Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.” Even if I am sad about some of the current government's decisions, my love for Israel is deep and *unconditional*. And the joy of seeing a family member turn 75 should be celebrated as the special *simcha* it is.

—*Jen Leemis*
Chair, JUF Israel & Overseas Commission

► My husband Robert and I went to Israel for the first time on a JUF young leadership mission just after the Six-Day War. **I didn't know what to expect—I thought it would be like a vacation, truthfully—but when we got there, I realized what this beautiful country really was, and what it meant to have this connection. Israel became a part of my life, and our whole family's lives.** People are saying it's difficult today because of the politics, and I believe that, too—but the land must exist, so we can exist!

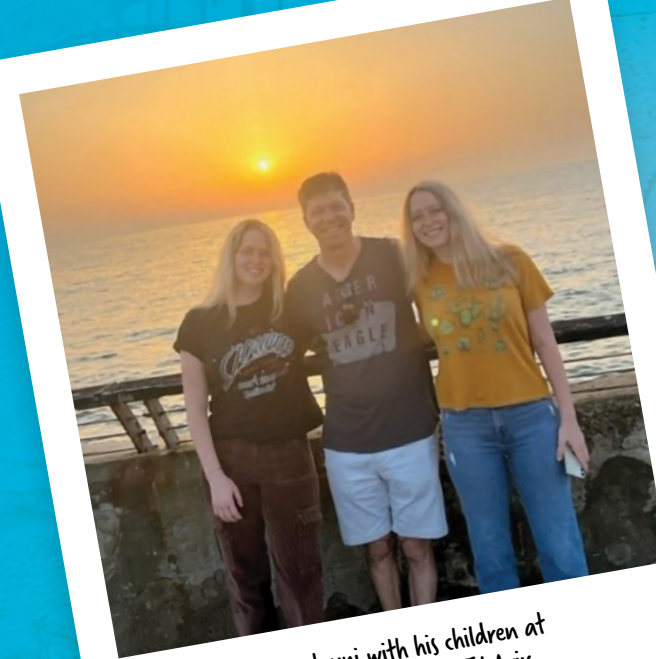
—**Barbara Schrayer**
Longtime community leader



Meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in April 1995:
Pictured from left: Prime Minister Rabin, Brenda Edgar, former Gov. Jim Edgar,
Barbara Schrayer, Steven B. Nasatir, and Robert M. Schrayer.
(Credit: Joel Fishman).

► Having grown up in Israel and served in the army as a lone soldier, I feel a strong connection to the country and a deep appreciation for its existence—an existence that has been fought for and earned through thousands of years of Jewish struggle. Even living in Chicago and far from the country I call home, my connection to Israel persists through family, friends, culture, traditions, and food. I enjoy traveling to Israel frequently, and visiting my daughters who, to my great joy, have made aliyah. **I see Israel's 75th birthday as a symbol of the strength and perseverance of our people, and I am filled with pride to call myself an Israeli.**

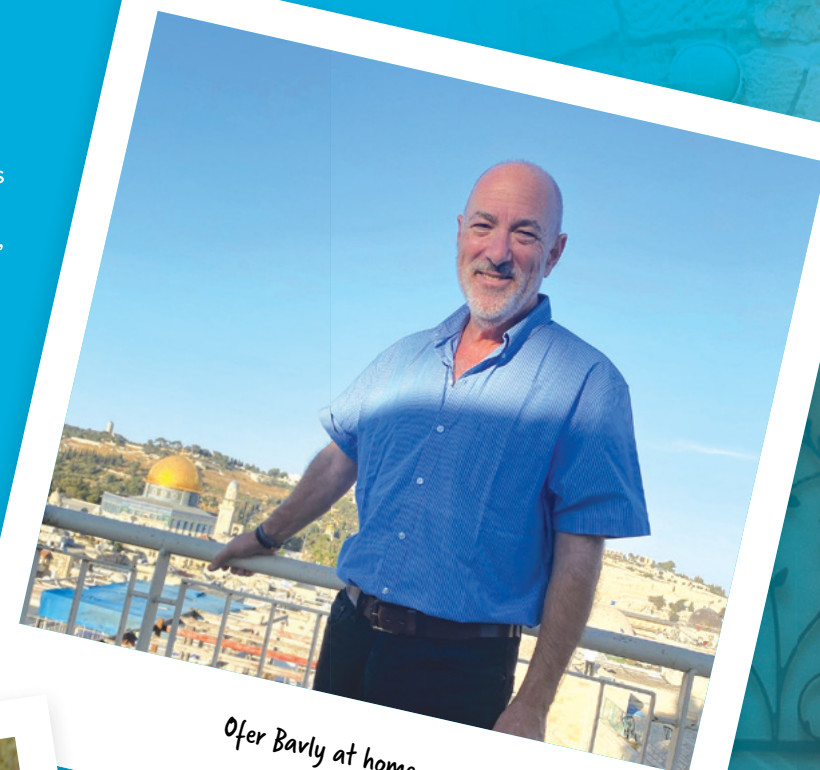
—**Dror Zetouni**
Israeli living in Chicago



Dror Zetouni with his children at
the Namal (port) in Tel Aviv.

► Although my parents' diplomatic career—and my own—have taken me around the globe, spending almost half my life outside Israel, I feel as Israeli as any other citizen. Israel is home, the place I always return to, and the one country I will always defend and protect—whether as a soldier or an advocate. In Israel, Jews will always be a majority, and our Diaspora sisters and brothers will always find a safe and embracing haven. **Israel is a source of pride (even when I disagree with my government) and a place of immense beauty, with endless sites to discover (even though it is smaller than New Jersey). Israel is the country built by my grandparents, developed by my parents, protected by me, and enjoyed by my children and future grandchildren.**

—**Ofer Bavly**
Director General of the JUF Israel Office



Ofer Bavly at home.

▲ **As a Holocaust survivor, I believe the greatest consequence of Israel's rebirth was that the Jewish people finally had a defender.** Had this happened, say, a decade earlier despite centuries of ineradicable antisemitism, the Holocaust may have been averted. Israel is a country of stunning achievements. Meanwhile, despite having thousands of years of history, Israel is only 75 years young. Like every youngster, she is prone to slip-ups. Without Israel, I would not have been able to leave Russia, and start anew. And my children and grandchildren would have stayed in Russia and missed the opportunity to connect with their Jewish heritage.

—**Gary Berkovich**
Chicagoan from Ukraine



Gabriel, pictured with his wife Julia
and their dog, Shulem.

◀ **As the State of Israel closes in on 75 years, I can't help but think about how lucky I am to take part in this miraculous milestone.** From celebrating Israel's 60th birthday at my childhood home in Evanston to guarding its borders on its 70th, I appreciate everything that this country has given me over my eight-plus years here. Growing up in a Zionist home, constantly learning about Israel and the history of the Jewish people, I knew I had to be an active part of it, and I moved myself halfway across the world to do that.

—**Gabriel Jacobson**
Evanston native who made aliyah

Israel at 75—what a dream come true. To me, Israel stands not just as a homeland for Jews but as a beacon for democracy for all mankind, not a perfect nation, but one that keeps moving forward. **Seventy-five and counting.**

—**David Smerling**
Past JUF Board Chair



Sky's the limit

Chicago Jewish community to celebrate Israel 'big, loud, and proud' on its 75th birthday

THE CHICAGO JEWISH COMMUNITY and JUF have always stood tall for Israel, but for Israel's 75th birthday, Chicago's pride for Israel will be sky high—when our Chicago streets and skies light up for the Jewish homeland.

“Celebrating Israel's 75th anniversary is a big deal, and we wanted to make sure we left no doubt about how JUF and the Chicago Jewish community feel about Israel,” said Wendy Berger, Chair of JUF's Jewish Community Relations Council. “Our goal is to be big, loud, and proud—and I think it will be hard to call this celebration anything other than big, loud, and proud!”

The festivities get underway the evening of Tuesday, April 25—when Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) begins—with “Turn The Loop Blue.” A variety of downtown buildings will change their outdoor lights to blue to celebrate the partnership between Chicago and Israel.

The following day, Daley Plaza will host a flag raising ceremony. As part of this deeply meaningful program, Jews from across the Chicagoland area will sing “Hatikvah” (Israel's national anthem) and watch together as the Israeli flag is raised in the heart of the Loop.



Israel's 75th events to mark on your calendar!

"Turn the Loop Blue"

Tuesday, April 25

Daley Plaza flag raising

Wednesday, April 26

Register at juf.org/flagraising.

YLD Blue and White Bar Night

Thursday, April 27

Register at juf.org/blueandwhite.

Drone show!

Tuesday, June 13

Chicago young adults will have an opportunity to show pride in Israel at YLD Blue and White Bar Night on Thursday, April 27, an annual bash with Israeli-themed snacks, drinks, and music.

The festivities culminate with a celebration in the sky when the weather warms up. “Just imagine 500 lit-up drones telling Israel's story in the night sky over Lake Michigan,” enthused Dan Goldwin, JUF Executive Director for Public Affairs.

On Tuesday, June 13, Chicagoans won't have to imagine—500 drones will be launched along the lake to a music routine including “Hatikvah” and songs by Rick Recht. Stay tuned for details on how to watch the inspiring show.

“Celebrating modern Israel's 75th anniversary demands a big canvas, and we couldn't imagine a bigger or better canvas than the incredible Chicago skyline,” Goldwin said. “Whether you're watching this as it happens in-person or via livestream, or if you watch it days, weeks, or even months later, it's going to be something you won't forget. ★

BY MICHELLE COHEN | Staff Writer

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April showers bringing beautiful musical flowers to Chicago

It's spring, and time to get ready for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra led by Vladimir Jurowski, a visit by Pinchas Zukerman and the Jerusalem Quartet, and a score by Lera Auerbach for the Joffrey Ballet's production of The Little Mermaid. These are among the many musical events with Jewish links that will be showering Chicago stages in April.



Vladimir Jurowski to guest conduct the CSO

Born into a Jewish family in the former Soviet Union in 1972—the son of a conductor and grandson of a film-music composer—Vladimir Jurowski moved to Germany in 1990. He has since held a slew of important posts, including Music Director of the Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra and the Bavarian State Opera.

Now, almost a decade after guest conducting with the CSO, he will return to Chicago (April 27, 28, and 29), to lead the orchestra in a program featuring Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 25 (with guest artist Martin Helmchen), and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 8, written in 1943, at the height of World War II.

When I sent Jurowski questions about his planned visit to Chicago, he emailed back a wonderful response, and here are his words:

"It has been a long time since my last meeting with the CSO. My work and family life ties me almost exclusively to Europe. But I remember well the orchestra's virtuosity and vibrant style, and its immense emotional force. And I am greatly looking forward to renewing our connection."

Asked about his choice of the Shostakovich piece, Jurawski said: "I met him when I was only 3 or 4 years old, but his family and my family knew each other well, and my father—Michail Jurowski, who sadly passed away last year—used to play piano duets with him. His music, aside from its tremendous musical and artistic worth and power, is a document of the history he lived through. The Eighth Symphony is one of his most powerful, sustained, and personal creations. And, of course, being composed in 1943 it brings an unmistakable and unignorable message to both the players and the audiences of today. I hope I will have to say very little. As a man with Russian and Ukrainian blood, the music will say more than I ever could."

Further, Jurowski noted: "I grew up in Soviet Russia which was, of course, a society where there was essentially an enforced secularity. There was very little talk of religious faith, even at home. But there was certainly an undercurrent of a kind of collective memory. My grandmothers would speak in Yiddish when they didn't want us to understand what was being said, and their own childhood had been in the remains of the Jewish *shtetl* culture. My adult life in Germany has, among many other things, been a process of reconnection with the combined cultural heritage of central and Eastern Europe. And the 'Jewish blood' in European musical life is an extraordinary force, including for composers like Shostakovich who were not themselves Jewish, but who shared a tremendous affinity for the culture and its history, and who employed Jewish themes and 'colors' both implicitly and explicitly in their compositions. It's hard to find a composer who was not touched by that. But Mahler's Jewishness—which I really came to understand through Bernstein's conducting and talks—was a very strong thread. It gave me both a sense of connection to Mahler, and a way into his scores and his world. And consequently, it was also an important connection back into my own identity as a musician." ★

For tickets, visit [cso.org](https://www.cso.org) or call 312-294-3000.

Pinchas Zukerman joins forces with wife and chamber orchestra

Born in Tel Aviv in 1948—the son of Holocaust survivors—Pinchas Zukerman hardly needs an introduction. The violinist, violist, chamber musician, conductor, and teacher was a child prodigy, and in 1962 (sponsored by Isaac Stern) he moved to New York to attend the Juilliard School. Very soon his career took off, and he has performed throughout the world since then.

On April 30, along with his wife, cellist Amanda Forsyth, and the members of the internationally acclaimed Jerusalem Quartet, Zukerman will fill Orchestra Hall with the sounds of Bruckner's String Quartet No. 5, Dvořák's Slavonic-influenced String Sextet, and Brahms' String Sextet No. 1 (whose second movement can be heard in an episode of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*).

In a high-spirited, wide-ranging phone conversation, Zukerman noted that "these days the six of us can switch around any positions because of our musical camaraderie and our ability to share ideas, sounds, and emotions. It's kind of like musical chairs. We love being together. I love being with my wife, who is very accurate, and makes exact markings on the music—something I am not used to doing." ★

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Lera Auerbach's score for 'The Little Mermaid' ballet

This past November, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra performed *Diary of a Madman, Concerto for Cello and Orchestra*, a mesmerizing, intensely dramatic work by the classical composer, conductor, and pianist Lera Auerbach who, until then, I did not know. Inspired by Nikolai Gogol's famous 1835 short story about the unraveling of the mind of a minor civil servant, Auerbach captured that unraveling in a score that demanded a brilliant solo cellist along with the orchestra.

An earlier work by Auerbach—who was born into a Jewish family in Soviet-era Russia in 1973 and moved to New York to study at Juilliard—will be performed when the Joffrey Ballet presents *The Little Mermaid*. This grand-scale production, based on the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, is described as "the fantastic love story of a tormented mermaid, on a journey between land and sea." It was created for The Royal Danish Ballet in 2005 by John Neumeier, the Milwaukee-born choreographer and long-time director of the Hamburg Ballet, as a celebration of Anderson's bicentenary.

To hear Auerbach talk about her use of a theremin—an electronic instrument played without physical contact, whose sound suggests the mermaid's nature—Google her name and [sfballet.org](https://www.sfballet.org). ★

The Little Mermaid will run April 19–30 at the Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker. For tickets, visit [joffrey.org](https://www.joffrey.org) or call 312-386-8905.



BY HEDY WEISS

Hedy Weiss, a longtime Chicago arts critic, was the Theater and Dance Critic for the Chicago Sun-Times, and currently writes for WTTW-TV's website and contributes to the Chicago Tonight program. (Photo: Rich Hein)

- PHOTOS**
1. Vladimir Jurowski will guest conduct the Chicago Symphony Orchestra April 27–29. (Credit: Wilfried Hosl)
 2. Tel Aviv-born Pinchas Zukerman performs with the Jerusalem Quartet at the CSO in April. (Credit: Cheryl Mazak)
 3. Lera Auerbach scores *The Little Mermaid* ballet, which plays at the Lyric Opera House this April. (Credit: Raniero Tazzi)

See you at the movies!

The Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema celebrates its 18th year—and Israel at 75

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY ISRAEL is not only a medical and high-tech leader throughout the world, but a cinematic powerhouse as well.

This talent and drive will be on display during the 18th annual Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema—Chicagoland's only all-Israeli-all-the-time film festival—April 29–May 9.

The result is a big-tent, community-wide cultural event of which everyone can—and should—be proud.

To celebrate Israel's 75th birthday, the Festival kicks off with a romantic comedy from Erez Tadmor (*A Matter of Size*). Titled *Matchmaking*, the rom-com follows a young, handsome Orthodox man's attempt to find “the one.” Attendees at this live and in-person sneak preview can enter to win a six-month subscription to JDate or JSwipe. The screening will take place on April 29 at 8:30 p.m. at the Landmark Theatres in The Glen, Glenview.

For Israeli history buffs, there are two significant documentaries with equally significant guests. The first is an artistic retrospective of the work of famed Israeli photographer Micha Bar-Am by highly accomplished director Ran Tal: *1341 Frames of Love and War*. Tal, who appeared at the Festival back in 2018, will make a return personal appearance, along with James Snyder, former director of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The pair will be interviewed by Professor Elie Rekhess of Northwestern University's Israel Innovation Project. The live screening will take place on Sunday, April 30 at 5:45 p.m. at the Landmark Theatres in The Glen, Glenview.

The second historic film, Tal Inbar's *Closed Circuit*, recounts the 2016 terrorist attack in Tel Aviv's Saron Market, using actual closed circuit camera footage interspersed with the testimonies of people who were there and lived the experience in real time: members of Jewish and Arab families having celebratory dinners; restaurant employees; casual passers-by; off-duty police officers; and more.

Closed Circuit, a Chicago premiere, has all the adrenaline-pumping drama of *Fauda*, with the humanity of all involved shining through. Even more exciting—Nancy Spielberg, the film's producer, will be present for a Q&A at both screenings—the first on May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Chicago Loop Synagogue, and the second on May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Landmark Theatres in The Glen, Glenview.

The rest of the 2023 Festival's films are also filled with noteworthy Israeli stars and content:

In *Karaoke*, Sasson Gabay (*The Band's Visit*, *Shtisel*) and Rita Shukrun (*Ha-Chevre Ha-Tovim*) play a middle-aged couple captivated by their hedonistic new neighbor (Lior Ashkenazi of *Walk on Water*, *Norman*, and *Footnote* fame). And *The Other Widow*—a shiva showdown between a deceased theater director's wife and mistress—showcases the acting chops of Dana Ivgy (*Zero Motivation*) and Ania Bukstein (*Game of Thrones*). Ofir Raul Grazier follows up his amazing directorial debut of *The Cakemaker* with *America*, starring father and son Moni (*Late Marriage*) and Michael (*Mabul*) Moshonov and Ethiopian-Israeli sensation Oshrat Ingadashet. This film is about an Israeli swimming coach based in Chicago, who returns to Israel to bury his father and renew a relationship with an old friend and his fiancé.

There is much to be learned from the remaining well-curated documentaries as well, including Chanoch Ze'evi's *Bad Nazi*, *Good Nazi*, shown in a double feature with Esther Takac's *The Narrow Bridge*.

Finally, the Festival is proud to present a family friendly program of animated shorts—one of which, *Black Slide*, was nominated for a 2023 Academy Award. ★



▲ Ashkenazi-Sephardic dating in the Haredi community is at the heart of Erez Tadmor's rom-com *Matchmaking*, making its sneak preview on the Festival's opening night, April 29.



▲ Festival favorite *1341 Frames of Love and War* director Ran Tal talks about the iconic images of photo legend Micha Bar-Am, his career, and Israeli life on April 30.



▲ Drawing on themes of kids, family, and friendship, the Festival's uniquely curated 12+ program of five animated shorts premieres live April 30.

All films (with English subtitles) will be shown in person. With the exception of three programs, all films can also be streamed. For a complete list of films, tickets, passes, trailers, and in-person schedules, visit israelifilmchi.org.

BY CINDY STERN

Cindy Stern is the Executive Director of the Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema.

Star turn

AS I WRITE THIS, we're in the season of red-carpet events, with snaps and stories from the Tonys, Emmys, Grammys, and Oscars filling my feeds. Thus, reading about the entertainment biz seems appropriate.

In Harvey Fierstein's new memoir, *I Was Better Last Night*, the playwright, performer, and gay-rights activist shares his journey—from an outsider-ready-to-try-anything in 1950's Brooklyn, to today's four-time Tony-Award winning icon of American theater, television, and film.

Fierstein's string of career accomplishments is truly impressive, starting with his creation of *Torch Song Trilogy*, in which he broke ground with his portrayal Arnold Beckoff, a Jewish gay man looking for love.

As you'd expect from Fierstein—known for hits including *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Hairspray*, and *Kinky Boots*—the book ricochets from gut-busting tragedy to side-splitting comedy, sometimes in the same sentence.

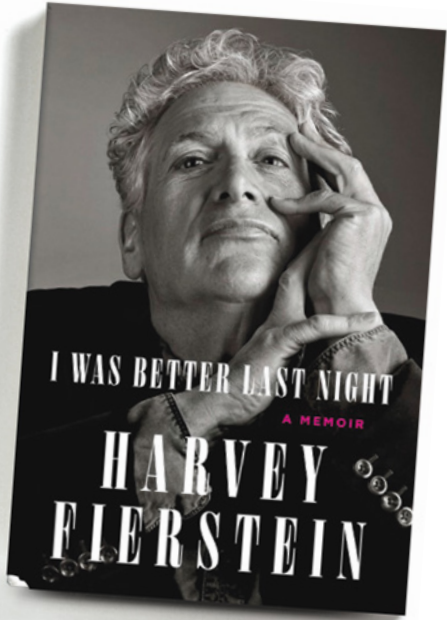
It's also extraordinarily personal, candidly recounting what it was like to be on the front lines fighting for gay rights in the 1970s and to face the impact of AIDS on the gay community in the 1980s. He recounts failed romances, career challenges, and his experiences with alcoholism and recovery. He is incredibly insightful about the creative compromises sometimes necessary to bring work to life. He speaks reverently about stepping into the role of Tevye in *Fiddler*; and takes us inside his friendship with Robin Williams, a friendship born from their work together on *Mrs. Doubtfire*.

While Fierstein is as dishy (hilariously dishy) as you'd expect, he saves his malice for those whose prejudices and intolerance merit his scorn. Everyone else is given a lighter touch, despite their foibles and rough spots. Alongside the many characters who appear in key roles and cameos, Fierstein is clearly the creative, larger-than-life star of his own story. It is an eye-opening journey, beautifully lived and equally well told. I look forward to seeing what he does next. ★



BY BETSY GOMBERG

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CULTURE

‘A Small Light’

New limited series tells
inspiring story of Frank
family's protector

MIEP GIES died in 2010 at the age of 100. She is a lesser-known, but integral, part of the story of Anne Frank and her family. In 1942, Gies, who was Otto Frank's secretary, risked her life to shelter the Franks from the Nazis for more than two years.

A Small Light is an eight-episode biographical drama chronicling the inspirational true story of Gies. The series, which stars Bel Powley (*The Morning Show*) and Liev Schreiber (*Ray Donovan*), premieres Monday, May 1 on Disney+. Powley shines as Gies, an ordinary woman caught up in extraordinary circumstances.

Susanna Fogel directed the show's first three episodes. From *The Flight Attendant* to *Booksmart*, she is drawn to idiosyncratic female characters. "Sometimes in our efforts to correct years of portrayals of women who are not strong characters, we have this idea that every woman has to be this flawless heroine," Fogel said. "The true feminist move is to show women as they are, with all the complexities, vulnerability, emotions, and strength that coexist in every person, women or men. Gies is a grounded, relatable person with a vibrant sense of humor to whom I connected."

Fogel spoke with *Jewish Chicago* about what drew her to *A Small Light*, and how focusing on Gies "shakes the cobwebs" off the Frank family's story to make it relevant for a new generation.

Q: This is a unique perspective on the story of the Frank family. It's Anne Frank-adjacent. You directed the first three episodes. What is the tone you wanted to set for viewers?

A: Anne Frank is such an icon. I wanted a different perspective to shake the cobwebs off an historical figure who is so dipped in amber. My favorite stories to tell are those about people with senses of humor going through very serious things. I wanted people to be drawn in by Miep's mischievousness and spunkiness, a person who is always saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. You could be drawn in by her and go with her to some pretty dark places. You are on the ride with her, but you trust she's a person you want to befriend.

What drew you to this project?

I am not sure how imprinted people are today with Anne Frank's story. When I was growing up, we all read *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and talked about it. Today, there is controversy over whether it should be available in schools. So, I am thrilled there is a show where audiences can engage with her. Also, incidents of antisemitism are on the rise. We need stories like this that can shake you out of your complacency and think, "What would I do in this situation? What areas of my life can I make a positive difference?" I hope this show can serve as a rallying cry for young people to come into their own power.



What research did you and the cast do?

The writers and creators and I did our own research when we were pitching the series. The actors had their own processes. They went independently to visit the Anne Frank Museum and the Terezin concentration camp, which was 45 minutes from where we were filming. We shot the show in Prague, and there is something about shooting in that part of the world where you cannot deny the history and the echoes of World War II. We shot in locations that were once places where Nazi propaganda was filmed. It was an immersive and intense experience.

What do you hope viewers take from *A Small Light*?

We need to keep engaging in the possibility that the world can become this dark of a place. To deny that, we are allowing for that darkness to exist. We have an obligation to keep the conversation going so we do not forget. ★

The two-episode premiere of A Small Light airs Monday, May 1 at 8 p.m. CDT on National Geographic; the episodes are available to stream the next day on Disney+. New episodes will be released every Monday afterward, with episodes available the next day on Disney+.

Pictured: Otto Frank, played by Liev Schreiber, walks with Miep Gies, played by Bel Powley. (Credit: National Geographic for Disney/Dusan Martinek)

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Happy Passover!

Spring is here—and the holiday of freedom is upon us! We’ve got you covered with a rundown of seder songs, holiday recipes (matzah ball soup and charoset-style sangria!), and community seder options around town—in case you’d rather leave the hosting (and cooking) to someone else. Turn the page to get prepped for Passover!



‘Let all who are hungry come and eat’

LIZ TRAGER-MENDEL knows the challenge of bringing someone with special needs to a Passover seder. “Passover is hard. The seder is long, there’s a certain order, and not everyone’s home is accessible,” she said.

Additionally, when her now 40-year-old daughter with cerebral palsy was a child, the world was not always welcoming. “You could get stares or shushed. People know better these days,” she said.

Now, Trager-Mendel and others across the Chicago area are working to make Passover accessible and inclusive for everyone.

As a member of the Inclusion Committee at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield, Trager-Mendel is helping to plan the synagogue’s annual Inclusion Passover Seder. “It still feels like the holiday, but it’s more active,” she said. “We tell the Passover story with people acting as a part of it. We always have music and a craft.”

“We provide as many ways of learning and processing the information as we can because we don’t know how they’re learning, but we know that most of our guests are different learners,” explained Caren Brown, Inclusion Committee Co-Chair and a retired occupational therapist.

She and her team of volunteers, including many retired professionals who have worked with people with special needs and disabilities, offer guests a multi-sensory experience. For example, they can

participate by placing stickers on placemats that look like seder plates, viewing pictures on a big screen, or reading from phonetically written text in large print.

“Discomfort often prevents people from attending an event like this. They’re not sure how they’ll be accepted. I tell people, try it, and see how you feel,” Brown said. “Usually they love it because we try to make our programs fit everyone.”

Cantor Steven Stoehr of Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook developed an understanding of the world of disabilities as he grew up with a mother who had limited mobility. When he recognized a gap in opportunities for people with special needs within his own Jewish community, he launched HUGS (Healthy Understanding Growing Spaces), a collaboration of 13 north suburban synagogues that offer holiday celebrations for children with special needs and adults with disabilities.

For a decade now, HUGS has hosted a Chocolate Seder in the days leading up to Passover. It features the *Midrash of Milton Hershey*, a creative twist on the story of the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt. Guests taste cocoa in place of bitter herbs and munch on chocolate covered pretzels instead of matzah. “Passover is a wonderful time to engage the special needs community to help them freely express themselves, and that’s exactly the purpose of Passover: a celebration of freedom,” Stoehr said.

“We are taught in the Torah to be inclusive and kind to everyone, and it tells us to never place a stumbling block in front of the blind or deaf,” said Rabbi Charlene Brooks at Congregation Bene Shalom, which caters specifically to people who are deaf or hearing-impaired.

The Skokie synagogue hosts a signed seder, in which participants are invited to read parts of the Passover story however they are able, either through signing or speaking. Those who prefer to sign and not speak will receive assistance from an interpreter.

Creating inclusive and accessible opportunities for children with special needs and adults with disabilities makes a difference. Just ask Trager-Mendel. “The benefit for Sarah is mostly that things are geared toward her needs,” she said. “She doesn’t have to wait for her turn. She’s more engaged. She likes being a part of it, and she’s proud of herself.” ★

Pictured: Cantor Steven Stoehr, Congregation Beth Shalom, talks with Danny Newmark and his mother, Jodi, at a program for HUGS: Healthy Understanding Growing Spaces, an organization Stoehr started to provide meaningful holiday events for children with special needs and adults with disabilities. (Credit: Congregation Beth Shalom)

BY JULIE MANGURTEN WEINBERG

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These local seders have left the door open for you

If you don’t know where you’ll celebrate the seders this year, Chicago’s Jewish community has got your back! Celebrate a meaningful Passover with an assortment of seders from various denominations, locations, and accommodations.

First seder | Wednesday, April 5

Community First Night Seder with Base Lincoln Park

Base’s second annual young adult first night seder full of delicious food, robust conversation, energetic singing, and big questions. Wed., Apr. 5 • 7:45 p.m. 858 W Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago Register at bit.ly/BaseLNCLNseder. Contact ravsarah@metrochicagohillel.org for questions.

Chabad East Lakeview

Wed., Apr. 5 • 7 p.m. 615 W Wellington Ave, Chicago For more information, contact Info@JewishLakeview.com or 773-495-7127, or visit JewishLakeview.com/Seder.

Chabad of Norwood Park

Wed., Apr. 5 • 7:15 p.m. 5676 N Neva Ave, Chicago RSVP to JewishNorwood.com/Seder. Cost information is available online; no one will be turned away because of cost.

Chabad of Gurnee

Wed., Apr. 5 • 7:30 p.m. For more information and to RSVP, please call 847-782-1800 or email chabadofgurnee@gmail.com.

Second seder | Thursday, April 6

Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation

Thurs., Apr. 6 • 5 p.m. arrival, 5:30 p.m. seder Bluegrass Restaurant, 1636 Old Deerfield Road, Highland Park (not kosher) Contact info@kolhadash.com for availability. Cost: \$55 for adults, \$15 for children 12 & under.

Congregation Beth Shalom

Thurs., Apr. 6 • 6 p.m. 772 W 5th Ave, Naperville Call 630-961-1818 for more details. No one will be turned away because of cost.

Congregation Kneseth Israel

Look forward to a festive meal catered by Rebecca Albert. Thurs., Apr. 6 • 6 p.m. 330 Division Street, Elgin RSVP to 847-741-5656 or cki@ckielgin.org. Cost is \$36 for adults and \$13 for kids under 13 years old; your check is your reservation.

Oak Park Temple

Thurs., Apr. 6 • 6 p.m. For reservations, contact templeadministrator@oakparktemple.org. Cost is \$28 for adults, \$10 for 6–12-year-olds, free for under 6 years old. Includes vegetarian and gluten free food. Financial assistance available.

Chabad of Norwood Park

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Accessible and Inclusive Passover Events

Everyone is welcome at these seders including a variety of accommodations.

HUGS Chocolate Seder

Free Passover dessert seder with songs and stories accessible for children with special needs and adults with disabilities. Sun., Apr. 2 • 2–3 p.m. 3433 Walters Avenue, Northbrook Register at tinyurl.com/HugsChocolateSeder by March 28.

Congregation Bene Shalom’s ASL Interpreted Seder

Thurs., Apr. 6 • 6 p.m. 4435 Oakton St, Skokie. Register at beneshalom.com/passoverseder by April 4. Cost is \$45 for non-members and \$40 for members.

Temple Jeremiah’s Inclusion Passover Seder

Free Passover event featuring multi-sensory experiences including stories and songs. Sun., Apr. 9 • 3:30–4:30 p.m. 937 N Happ Rd, Northfield Register at bit.ly/JeremiahInclusionSeder by March 30.

Other Passover-themed Events

Join the afikomen scavenger hunt!

Why on this Passover do we spend time outside? To hunt for the afikomen, of course! Join JCC Chicago for the ultimate afikomen scavenger hunt. Explore the grounds, compete in Minute to Win It games, and take home a Passover goodie bag. Free—drop in with your family and friends. Open to all! Sunday, April 2 • 2–3:30 p.m. ‘Z’ Frank Apachi Day Camp 3050 Woodridge Lane, Northbrook Registration requested; walk-ins welcome For more information, contact mcharnay@jccchicago.org or 844-967-4835.

A comedy first—Bubbe and Zayde Save Passover!

For the last five years, comedians Meg Grunewald and Cynthia Kmak have explored the comedy potential of Chanukah with beloved characters Bubbe and Zayde. Now, it’s time for their first Passover special! The show is appropriate for all ages and teaches the audience about Passover using scenes, songs, and games. Mondays, April 3 and 10 • 7 p.m. The Second City, 230 W North Ave, Chicago Cost: \$35 per ticket. Visit bit.ly/CSzPassover for more information and to buy tickets.

A QUINTESSENTIAL JEWISH FOOD

Chicken soup is for the soul

THERE IS SOMETHING very personal and emotional about chicken soup. A good pot of soup tells a story. It is the story of a family history. A favorite recipe scribbled on an old index card, worn and stained with years of repeated cooking sessions. Soup is the story of a season, a showpiece, and the soul of the cook.

Hours tending to a pot of soup is the outward symbol of how much the cook cares about you. You can just tell when someone fussed over the pot. True love can be expressed through a pot of chicken soup.

For Passover, chicken soup is almost essential. The soup bridges the fish course or appetizers to a hot entrée. After hours of reading the Haggadah, you are rewarded with a delicious bowl of love—a delight to the soul. Parents can't wait to introduce kids to the soup course at Passover. I believe it is because the soup reminds you of your own sederim and the delicious food memory of soup.

Preparing chicken soup for any occasion fills the house with an intoxicating aura of comfort, coziness, and home. From the moment you enter, you are greeted with the aroma, which wraps you like a favorite blanket, or a hug from a loved one. When the soup finally comes to the table, the steam, perfumed with herbs, is intoxicating. This carefully tended bowl of matzah ball soup is a full-body experience, and the stuff of legends and history.

This is the soup prescribed by every Jewish mother as an all-purpose feel-better soup. Even philosopher-physician Maimonides wrote extensively about chicken soup as a panacea for all ailments.

It is no wonder homemade chicken soup garners so much attention. The broth is rich with collagen and gelatin. The fat is the very essence of chicken and when used to make matzah balls, the savory dumplings are divine, rich, and simply delicious. Those dumplings are the stuff of memories, and isn't that what the holidays are all about?

Before convenience foods bombarded shoppers at grocery stores, everyone made their own soup. Hours were spent simmering bones, vegetables, herbs, and secret family ingredients. The precious and delicious fat was saved to drizzle over potatoes or bread, or used to make matzah balls. Anyone being served a bowl of homemade soup and matzah balls made with schmaltz is a lucky person indeed. Rich and versatile chicken soup does not come from shortcut ingredients like canned or boxed broth, from bouillon, or powder.

No, great soup starts with chicken bones. They have collagen, gelatin, and flavor. Boiling a chicken in water will yield chicken-flavored water and over-cooked chicken. Instead, prepare chicken stock like the pros do, by simmering bones to make stock or bone broth. Save your chicken, and chicken pieces, for entrees—and use the bones for stock.

Chicken stock is a versatile blank canvas. You can prepare soups, stews, rich purees, and pan sauces. Having stock at hand is to have countless delicious meals at your fingertips.

For Passover this year, I am serving chicken soup, and then using my stock to make rich and hearty Coq Au Vin, Vegetable Soup, Braised Short Ribs, and more.

Go ahead, make your mother proud—make real chicken soup. ★

Rich chicken stock | Yields: 4 quarts

4 pounds of chicken bones (wings, carcasses, necks, etc...)
12 cups of water
1 large Spanish onion, chopped
3 large carrots, chopped
3 celery ribs, chopped
3 sprigs of fresh thyme
5 parsley sprigs
1 bay leaf
1 whole clove
1 teaspoon of whole black peppercorns
Optional: several chopped parsnips, fresh ginger, whole garlic cloves, sliced leeks, parsley root, celery root

1. Simmer bones, water, onion, carrots, celery, thyme, parsley, bay leaf, clove, and peppercorns in a large stock pot. Only fill with water to the level of the bones and vegetables (this will guarantee a rich, not watery stock). (Do not add salt at this point. The stock will reduce as part of the natural simmering process and salting it can make it overly salty.)
2. Skim off any scum that floats to the top. The scum will make your soup cloudy and bitter. Continue simmering for 4 hours. Turn off the heat and allow the chicken stock to steep for another hour.
3. Strain out the bones and vegetables and discard. Cool the stock in your stock pot in a sink filled with cold water and ice, completely, before storing covered in the refrigerator or freezer. Ladle off the fat from the top of the stock before using, but save the fat for matzah balls! Stock may be stored—covered, in the freezer for up to three months or in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

Schmaltz

This is the good stuff. Schmaltz adds tons of flavor—I mean tons! Schmaltz makes matzah balls taste ethereal and crispy potatoes heavenly. Mixed with roasted garlic and tossed with veggies, schmaltz is a complex, flavorful, restaurant-worthy dish. I save up pieces of fat from chickens and store it in bags in my freezer until I have a cup or two. During Passover, I save the fat from chicken stock and add pieces of chicken skin, garlic, and a sliced onion.

1 cup or more chicken fat
1 cup chicken skin
1 medium Spanish onion, sliced
2 whole cloves garlic

1. Simmer chicken fat, skin, onion, and garlic with barely enough water to cover the mixture until all the water has cooked out and the skin is brown, floating, and starting to crisp up.
2. Pour fat through a strainer. Save onions and crispy skin for soup garnishes. Use rendered schmaltz for matzah balls, sautéing veggies, potatoes, and more! Unused schmaltz can be frozen for up to 6 months.

Matzah balls | Yields: 12

For tons of extra flavor, I use chicken stock and schmaltz in my matzah ball mix. No need for whipping whites separately or adding seltzer to the mix. Using light hands and not compressing the matzah meal mix ensures delicate floating orbs of joy. Chicken fat makes everything flavorful and delicious. Skip the packaged mix and make your own matzah balls. Make your mother proud and use schmaltz!

4 large eggs, whisked
¼ cup cold chicken stock or water
¼ cup melted and cooled schmaltz or extra virgin olive oil
1 cup matzah meal
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
½ teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
2-3 quarts of chicken stock
Optional: 1 tablespoon minced parsley, 1 tablespoon minced dill, pinch of nutmeg

1. Stir eggs, chicken stock or water, schmaltz, matzah meal, baking powder, salt, and pepper together to form a firm batter.
2. Cover and allow to rest while matzah mix hydrates in the fridge for 30 minutes.
3. Bring stock to a simmer in a large soup pot with a tight-fitting lid.
4. Dampen your hands under cold water and scoop a tablespoon of matzah mix. Very gently roll the mixture to form a smooth ball. I like matzah balls that float, and therefore, I do not compress the mixture. The tighter you compress the mixture, the heavier the dumpling.
5. Drop matzah balls into simmering stock. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes.
6. For do-ahead matzah balls, scoop out matzah balls with a slotted spoon and store covered, in the fridge or freezer. Add to simmering broth before serving.

From stock to soup

1 pound white or dark chicken meat, shredded
½ cup thinly sliced celery
½ cup thinly sliced peeled celery root
½ cup thinly sliced carrots
½ cup thinly sliced parsnips
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
Salt and pepper to taste

1. Bring chicken stock to a simmer in a large saucepan or stockpot. Add chicken, celery, celery root, carrots, parsnips, parsley, dill, salt, and pepper. Simmer until vegetables are tender.
2. Adjust seasoning to taste.



BY LAURA FRANKEL

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Where are you from? Your charoset knows.

CHAROSET: A STICKY, GOOPY, YUMMY MIXTURE of chopped nuts, apples, cinnamon, and Manischewitz—or so I thought...

Just like Judaism, charoset comes in many forms. Jews around the world all gather in the kitchen to prepare for the seder, and make charoset to symbolize the mortar that the ancient Israelites used while building structures as enslaved people in Egypt.

When I think of the charoset that my mother makes every year for our seder, I recall her standing over the food processor in our kitchen, adding pinches of this and shakes of that. She never followed a recipe, but always knew exactly what she was doing.

Then, came the year that we found out my cousin had a nut allergy. How do you make charoset without nuts? My mom went back into the kitchen and found a way to make the mixture of wine, apples, and nuts delicious... even without the nuts! She was able to use sunflower seeds in place of the traditional walnuts and you could not tell the difference.

What do other charosets around the world look like? Well, let's take a look!

In Jamaica, charoset is often made with foods and spices available on the island, including bananas and even peanuts, as well as ginger and cardamom, along with apples. The mixture is then rolled into balls and coated with cinnamon for a fun bite-size snack on the seder table.

In India—where Jews have lived for over 2,500 years—charoset contains mango, papaya, cashews, and fragrant Indian spices like cloves and cardamom.

Charoset varies from country to country and family to family. This dish tells the unique history of each family that makes it. It can highlight the family's country of origin, reveal the immigration route that the family took to escape persecution, or even express the assimilation of the family into American life.

My family, on my mother's side, has been in the United States since the late 1800s. Settling mainly in Chicago and Milwaukee, the Chicago portion of my family founded the store West Town Liquor Supply in 1935 near Oak Park. The business, now known as Vin Chicago, is now in its fourth generation of family employees and is the inspiration for my family's boozy charoset recipe! ★



BY MARISSA WOJCIK

Marissa Wojcik is the founder of the Jewish baking blog North Shore to South Bay (northshoretosouthbay.com), where she shares her modern and updated versions of beloved Jewish classics.

Charoset Sangria

2 Granny Smith apples, chopped into 1-inch cubes
½ cup walnut halves
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 cup vodka
1 bottle Manischewitz wine

1. Peel the apples. Chop into 1-inch cubes and place into a pitcher.
2. Roughly chop the walnuts, and add to the pitcher, along with the cinnamon. Stir until the cinnamon coats the apples and walnuts.
3. Pour the wine and vodka into the pitcher. Stir to combine.
4. Place in the refrigerator and allow the fruit to soak up some of the sangria overnight.
5. When ready to serve, stir well. The cinnamon will have settled on the bottom of the pitcher overnight.

Serving tip: Mix together matzah meal and sugar. Dip the top of your serving glasses in water and then line the rims with the matzah-meal mixture!

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PANCAKES AND POTTERY, ONIONS AND ORANGES

Passover traditions from around the world

PASSOVER IS ONE of the most widely observed Jewish holidays around the world—but not everyone gathers around a seder table. Ranging from playful to profound, Passover customs are as varied and diverse as the people practicing them.

The following are a few global traditions you may enjoy tying into your family’s own Passover celebrations this year:

MOROCCO: *Mimouna* is a Moroccan Jewish tradition that is quickly (and rightfully) gaining popularity around the world. This post-Passover celebration is, in short, a carb fest making up for all the bready favorites you refrained from enjoying the week before. It also provides closure to the holiday of Passover and celebrates living in a place and time where our literal and metaphorical loaves do have time to rise. Treats commonly served at *Mimouna* include challah, buttermilk-based sweets, and a special type of thin pancake called a *moufleta*.

AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN: There, they have a tradition of playfully whacking each other with the long ends of green onions or leeks during the seder, before the singing or reciting of *Dayenu*. Besides being great fun and possibly cathartic, this onion onslaught is meant to mimic the whips of the overseers in Egypt.

POLAND: A major part of Passover is reenacting the Exodus from Egypt. We perform rituals to remember key moments, such as the hardships of slavery (eating of the bitter herbs), the Ten Plagues brought down upon the ancient Egyptians (removing wine from our drinking glasses), and the haste with which we left Egypt (eating of matzah). In Poland, many families include the crossing of the Red Sea in their reenactments by pouring water on the floor and walking through it. As they do so, they name the places they would pass while crossing the Sea en route to Israel.

ISRAEL: In Israel, there are only seven days of Passover, not eight, with only a single seder on the first night. The tradition of celebrating two seders is a largely Diasporic one, observed outside the Land of Israel. It stems from the days before instant communications; it took too long to get the news of the Jerusalem sighting of the new moon to the edges of the Jewish world. To accommodate for this, and for local miscalculations of the lunar calendar, it became a tradition to have two seders in the Diaspora.

ETHIOPIA: Ethiopian Jews do not traditionally use a Haggadah or host a seder to mark the arrival of Passover. This is because their practices and books of study are pre-rabbinic. In other words, they only study the Torah, not the Mishnah or the Talmud—the source of our Passover traditions. One of the ways Ethiopian Jews mark Passover is by smashing clay pots and creating new ones. This represents a clean break and a fresh start. It is believed that this custom is similar to what our ancient ancestors would have done!

NORTH AMERICA: Many households place an orange on the seder plate. The origins of this practice lie in the historical marginalization of members of the LGBTQ+ people in Jewish practice. Dr. Susannah Heschel, responding to the hurtful statement that “lesbians belong on the *bimah* (pulpit) as much as bread belongs on a seder plate,” knew a response was in order. “I chose an orange,” she said, “because it suggests the fruitfulness for all Jews, when lesbians and gay men are contributing and active members of Jewish life.” Its symbolism has since expanded, and now represents inclusion for others who feel marginalized. ★

Pictured below: Post-Passover *Mimouna* treats in the Moroccan Jewish tradition. (Credit: Jenna Cohen).

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THE LATEST TREND IN A LONG HISTORY
OF AMERICAN JEWISH BRANDING:

Matzah pajamas

RABBI Yael BUECHLER conceived of her latest product two years ago, after planning ways to make the Passover seder fun for her two young sons. But it wasn’t until she started promoting the matzah pajamas she designed that she received inspiration to make adult sizes, too.

She reached out in December 2021 to The Maccabeats—the Orthodox a cappella group that releases music videos for holidays—to offer kids’ pajamas for their Passover project.

“They wrote back jokingly: ‘Haha—but do they come in grownup sizes?’” Buechler recalled.

These days, both lines sell like unleavened hotcakes. Jewish influencers have modeled the pajamas on social media, often as entire families; the children’s set vaulted near the top of Passover sales rankings at Modern Tribe, an online Jewish product marketplace.

That the breakout Passover product is sleepwear reflects the turn toward comfort clothes Americans have made since the COVID-19 pandemic began—three years ago—just before Passover.

“You used to get dressed up to go to seder, but now everyone is a lot more casual,” said Amy Kritzer Becker, one of Modern Tribe’s owners.

Indeed, the promotion of fancy clothing for Passover is a prime example of American consumerism layered atop traditional Jewish practice. Many traditionally observant families buy new clothes, for the holiday, to fulfill the mitzvah of “simcha,” or joy.

That became a marketing opportunity for clothing manufacturers as Jews moved to the United States in large numbers and emerged as a new consumer segment.

“Because of the alignment of the Passover holiday with Easter, it was an opportunity for Jews to also purchase nice attire,” said art historian Kerri Steinberg, author of *Jewish Mad Men: Advertising and the Design of the American Jewish Experience*.

Steinberg says the commercialization of Judaism has been a defining characteristic of American Judaism—and, in some ways, a safeguard for Jewish identity in a country that boasted of being a melting pot.

Some of the commercialization was aimed at observing the holiday. American Jewish newspapers, from the turn of the century onward, featured ads from companies like Streit’s, Horowitz, and Manischewitz, battling over claims to the best matzah and whitefish.



Then the Maxwell House Haggadah was created as a marketing ploy for the coffee company in 1932. Its creator, Joseph Jacobs—an advertising maven credited with the concept of targeted marketing—saw potential in Jewish customers.

Other products promoted for Passover had nothing to do with the holiday. Stetson advertised its hats to Jewish customers, Colgate hawked perfume, and other companies noted sales on shoes.

By the second half of the 20th century, other forces were working in favor of Passover products. The rise of identity politics in the 1970s meant that many Jews were seeking items that would showcase their Jewishness, Steinberg said. Then, in the 1990s, the rise of kitsch opened the door to nostalgic items like Manischewitz purses and gefilte fish T-shirts.

Just as dreidel and menorah clad items are mass-produced around Chanukah, the telltale striping of matzah has long adorned items marketed for Passover.

“People have always loved matzah products,” said Becker, whose store offers a slew of print-on-demand matzah-emblazoned products, including baby shoes.

For Buechler—who launched her line of Jewish fashion products a decade ago with nail decals of the Ten Plagues—the motif was inspired by her son.

She had gotten her children new pajamas to liven up their second at-home seder during the pandemic. Her then-2-year-old son dubbed his new yellow PJs his “matzah pajamas.”

She decided to turn his idea into reality, creating a design that could be printed on fabric. By last year, Buechler said she had sold around 1,800 sets of the matzah pajamas, the second-highest selling Passover item on Modern Tribe, behind coasters featuring the Ten Plagues.

“We’ve had a hard few years,” Kritzer said. “I think people just want to have a little fun, too.” ★

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Sing a song of seder

THE MANY SONGS OF THE HAGGADAH

THE LAST PART OF THE SEDER is famous for its songs, but melodies appear throughout the Haggadah.

There is even a lullaby-like tune for singing the 15 steps of the seder themselves. Some families sing them before beginning the seder, as a musical table of contents for the book they are about to spend the evening reading.

While the *kiddush*, the Four Questions, and the Ten Plagues do not require melodies, many families chant them with a sing-song cadence, or break out in full song. Likewise, the many blessings found throughout the Haggadah—such as for the wine, matzah, and *maror*—are often performed with a nigun, a liturgical melody.

Other passages that are often sung are found in *Magid*—the “storytelling” part of the seder. These include: “*Ha Lachmah Anya*” (“This is the Bread of Affliction/Poverty”), explaining the matzah; “*Avadim Hayinu*” (“We Were Slaves”), a response to the Four Questions; “*Baruch Hamakom*” (“Blessed is God”); and “*Vehi She’amdah*” (“This is What Stood”), which notes that in every generation a threat to the Jews arises, yet God saves us.

The first proper song we encounter is “*Dayenu*,” (“It Would Have Sufficed Us”) which also comes during *Magid*. The lyrics list miracles God performed for the Jewish people during the Exodus. Of each we say, “If God had done only *this*, it would have been enough.”

The *Hallel* prayer, which is composed of Psalms, is mostly sung near the seder’s conclusion. However, one element of it, Psalm 114, is sung to conclude the *Magid*. Fittingly, its first three words mean “When Israel went forth from Egypt.”

After the meal, most of the rest of the Haggadah is sung, or at least can be. Many families sing *Birkat HaMazon*, Grace After Meals. Then comes the *Hallel*, composed of Psalms written as songs for the Levite choir to sing in the Holy Temple.

Next up is a short song to “*Eliyahu HaNavi*,” Elijah the Prophet, whom we honor at the seder with his own wine goblet.

The very last chapter of the Haggadah, *Nirtzah*, is entirely comprised of songs. One has only a few words: “*L’shanah haba’ah B’Yerushalayim (ha’benuyah!)*”—“Next year in (a rebuilt) Jerusalem!”

Two are alphabetical lists of praises for God. “*Adir Hu*” (“Mighty is He”) has a list of adjectives describing God, with a chorus that asks God to reestablish the Holy Temple in our lifetimes. “*Ki Lo No’eh*” (“For Him, It Befits”) lists the reasons God is worthy of majesty.

The last two take the form of cumulative songs, in which each verse repeats part of the previous ones. Similar songs include “The Twelve Days of Christmas” and “The House that Jack Built.”

The seder’s cumulative songs are “*Echad, Mi Yodea?*” (“Who Knows One?”) and “*Chad Gadya*.” The first lists various elements of Jewish life in terms of numbers, up to 13—including 12 tribes, 10 commandments, five volumes of Torah, etc.

Most conclude the seder with *Chad Gadya*, “One Kid,” as in young goat. While the story it tells is quite violent, the imagery is a metaphor for various empires attacking ancient Israel, each conquering the previous one. The goat is seen as the Passover sacrifice itself, and the “two *zuzim*,” or coins, as the two tablets given to Moses on Sinai. The song—and the seder—ends on the hope that God will conquer death itself. While most of the seder is in Hebrew, this song is in Aramaic, the language of the Talmud. ★

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Bulgaria: A bright spot during World War II

DURING WORLD WAR II, millions of Jews in Europe scrambled to find refuge from Hitler and his murderous Fascist forces. For most, it was too late. The tragic story of the Jews of Germany, Poland, Hungary, Romania, and other countries overrun by the Nazis has been told by historians, novelists, documentarians, and many survivors. Likewise, the complicity of many European countries in conspiring with the Axis powers to eradicate their Jewish compatriots has been well documented.

But outside of Denmark, whose government and populace showed tremendous moral courage toward their Jewish friends and neighbors—going so far as to transport the vast majority of the close to 8,000 Danish Jews to safe harbor in Sweden on the brink of German invasion—little has been written about other European countries’ contributions to saving their Jewish citizens.

Little—but not nothing.

“Despite Bulgaria’s alignment during World War II with Nazi Germany and the adoption under its influence of anti-Jewish legislation, the Bulgarian society always preserved a deeply rooted tolerance, and antisemitism never met with general sympathy,” said Svetoslav Stankov, Consul General of the Republic of Bulgaria in Chicago. Throughout World War II, the German embassy in Sofia remained very critical about the loose application of the antisemitic legislation. As the German ambassador in Sofia reported to his superiors, ‘the Bulgarians do not understand the concept of antisemitism.’”

Stankov’s assertions are largely borne out in Michael Bar-Zohar’s *Beyond Hitler’s Grasp: The Heroic Rescue of Bulgaria’s Jews*, one of several critical works about Bulgaria’s successful efforts to save its approximately 50,000 Bulgarian citizens, who before the war comprised just under 1 percent of its population.

As the Bulgarian-born Bar-Zohar, an Israeli journalist and former Knesset member, points out in his book, the Jews of Bulgaria “flourished” for many centuries under Ottoman rule. When Bulgaria was liberated by the Turks in the late 1870s, “the rights of the Jews,” the vast majority of whom descended from those who had fled Spain following the Inquisition, “were guaranteed” in the Bulgarian Constitution.

Bar-Zohar argues that Jewish Bulgarians were comfortably incorporated into almost every facet of the public and private sphere. Bulgaria was devoid of systemic antisemitism, and the country’s clergy, liberal members of the government’s Parliament, and a rank-and-file citizenry deplored anti-Jewish laws that the country enacted after it affiliated itself with Hitler’s Axis powers. Their opposition, in part, led to the saving of Jewish lives.



But Bar-Zohar and Joseph Benatov, a Bulgarian-born University of Pennsylvania Jewish Studies Program professor, largely credit the rescue of Bulgarian Jews to Dimitar Peshev, a Bulgarian Parliament member who, with allies, prevailed upon the highest levels of government, including King Boris III, to reverse orders to deport the Jews. While popular myth places King Boris as the savior, Benatov, who runs Jewish heritage tours to Bulgaria, said, “Peshev is the moral hero and ethical giant. ... [It was] his intervention that was the turning point.”

King Boris, said Benatov, remains “a controversial figure” who sanctioned anti-Jewish legislation, including undue taxation on Bulgarian Jews, the forced expulsion of Jews from their homes in Sofia, and the conscription of Jewish men into labor units. In addition, the 11,000 to 12,000 Jews living in Bulgarian-held territories in Thrace, a region of Greece, and in Macedonia were not spared. Most were rounded up and perished at Treblinka.

Yet it is also true, added Benatov, that “King Boris made a very clear decision not to deport Bulgarian Jews to death camps,” concurring with Bar-Zohar’s claim that the king was a master in the art of delaying tactics.

This combination of Bulgarian moral rectitude and political shrewdness is what saved 85-year-old Samuel Refetoff, a University of Chicago endocrinologist, and his family. Refetoff grew up in Ruse, Bulgaria, a descendant of a long line of distinguished judges, lawyers, and military officers, mostly assimilated Jews. He had “a very happy childhood,” he said, even as turmoil spread through Europe.

Only the incursion of the Soviets into Bulgaria after the war propelled his family and most other Jewish Bulgarians to flee their homeland. Today, said Benatov, 4,000 to 5,000 Jews remain in Bulgaria. ★

In partnership with the Consul General of the Republic of Bulgaria in Chicago, the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center will host Michael Bar-Zohar as he discusses his book Beyond Hitler’s Grasp: The Heroic Rescue of Bulgaria’s Jews. To learn more or to register, visit ilholocaustmuseum.org.

Pictured, top: Dr. Samuel Refetoff as a child, with his mother. Bottom: Dr. Refetoff (right) with his parents and a childhood friend.

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Team Israel turns the camera on themselves

IN FEBRUARY, a documentary debuted at the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, of—and by—Jewish baseball players. They were Team Israel, in Tokyo in 2020 for Israel’s first-ever participation in the Olympic baseball competition.

However, as no media was allowed in the Olympic Village—due to pandemic restrictions—the filmmakers distributed small cameras to the players to document their own experiences, chronicled in the new documentary *Israel Swings for Gold*.

An earlier documentary, *Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel*, had followed Team Israel’s Cinderella run in the 2017 World Baseball Classic. This time, the filmmakers wanted to make a sequel.

“It was sort of amazing, because they got stuff that we never would have gotten, had we had cameras there,” Daniel A. Miller, one of the filmmakers, told JTA. “The intimacy that is offered, these moments where they win—and even when they lose—[and] their sort of daily experiences with antisemitism.”

Miller is one third of the team behind Ironbound Films, the production company that made *Heading Home*. He said the reception of that movie had surprised him.

“*Heading Home* had this huge following that we never expected,” he said. “People loved seeing these players who grew up playing baseball through high school, through college, and they never really explored their faith so much. Their faith was baseball.”

The sequel follows the team from their Olympic qualifier in New York through their citizenship process, visiting Israel, and ultimately playing in Tokyo. Many of the players were new Israelis, having obtained citizenship to satisfy Olympics eligibility rules.

Ironbound was able to shoot all the footage in Israel and in the United States, but once the team arrived in Tokyo, the players were on their own.

Miller said making the film with the help of the players was “supremely interesting”—and that the resulting perspective widened the series’ lens on what it means to be an Israeli ballplayer.

“It was moving on to what being Israeli meant—associating with Israel and all its problems, and having to identify on a world stage with Israel,” he said.

The film includes scenes like a moment of silence held during the opening ceremony to honor the victims of the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre.

It also shows the Israeli players being turned down by other countries’ athletes for the traditional Olympic pin-swapping—a detail that did not grab headlines at the time, but which corresponds with experiences that other Israeli athletes have had.

Because it is shot largely by the players, the documentary takes on a real behind-the-scenes feel throughout—especially during scenes in the players’ Olympic Village dorms, where they cut each other’s hair, make TikToks, and spend most of their time shirtless.

After its Atlanta debut, Miller said the film will be shown at Jewish film festivals across the country, including in New Hampshire and at the Gold Coast International Film Festival on Long Island.

Miller said his team plans to make its next installment at the 2023 World Baseball Classic, which took place in Miami in March. ★

Pictured above left: Team Israel celebrates during a game at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Above right: The official movie poster for “Israel Swings for Gold.” (Images courtesy Ironbound Films)

(Jacob Gurvis, JTA)

It swims, it walks, it rolls, it rescues

ONE OF THE fastest and most efficient amphibious robots ever has been developed by Ben-Gurion University of the Negev engineers. Befitting the director and member of the Bioinspired and Medical Robotics Lab, the robot’s movement in water is inspired by the movement of animal flippers, while its land movements are inspired by centipedes.

BGU engineer Dr. David Zarrouk and his student Omer Guetta call it AmphiSAW. The first part of the name refers to its amphibious use. The “SAW” stands for Single Actuator Wave; the robot is propelled by the wave-like motion of its tail, which is generated by a solitary motor.

“The wave is actuated using a single motor, making it simple, reliable, and much more energy efficient,” explained Zarrouk. The robot has two other motors in its head portion, allowing for the attachment of wheels or leg-like paddles for land locomotion.

The robot has potential applications in search and rescue, especially during natural disasters such as floods and tsunamis. It also has potential applications in marine agriculture and fish feeding; the robot attracts fish instead of repelling them.

Whether on land or in the water, the 20-inch-long robot moves quite quickly. On land, the robot crawled at 1.5 body lengths per second (B/s) and swam at 0.74 B/s. Optional legs or wheels at the front increases its crawl speed, especially over uneven terrain.

“The single motor and bioinspired design contribute significantly to the robot’s efficiency, and the relative simplicity of its design means it is scalable to any size,” Zarrouk said.

His research goal is to produce robots that can complete complex maneuvers yet use very little power to run, and less complex processes to produce.

Their findings were published in February in *Bioinspiration & Biomimetics*. Dan Shachaf and Rotem Katz also contributed to the project. ★

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▲ The AmphiSAW, with its paddle-like leg attachments for land mobility. (Photo credit: Dr. David Zarrouk/BGU)

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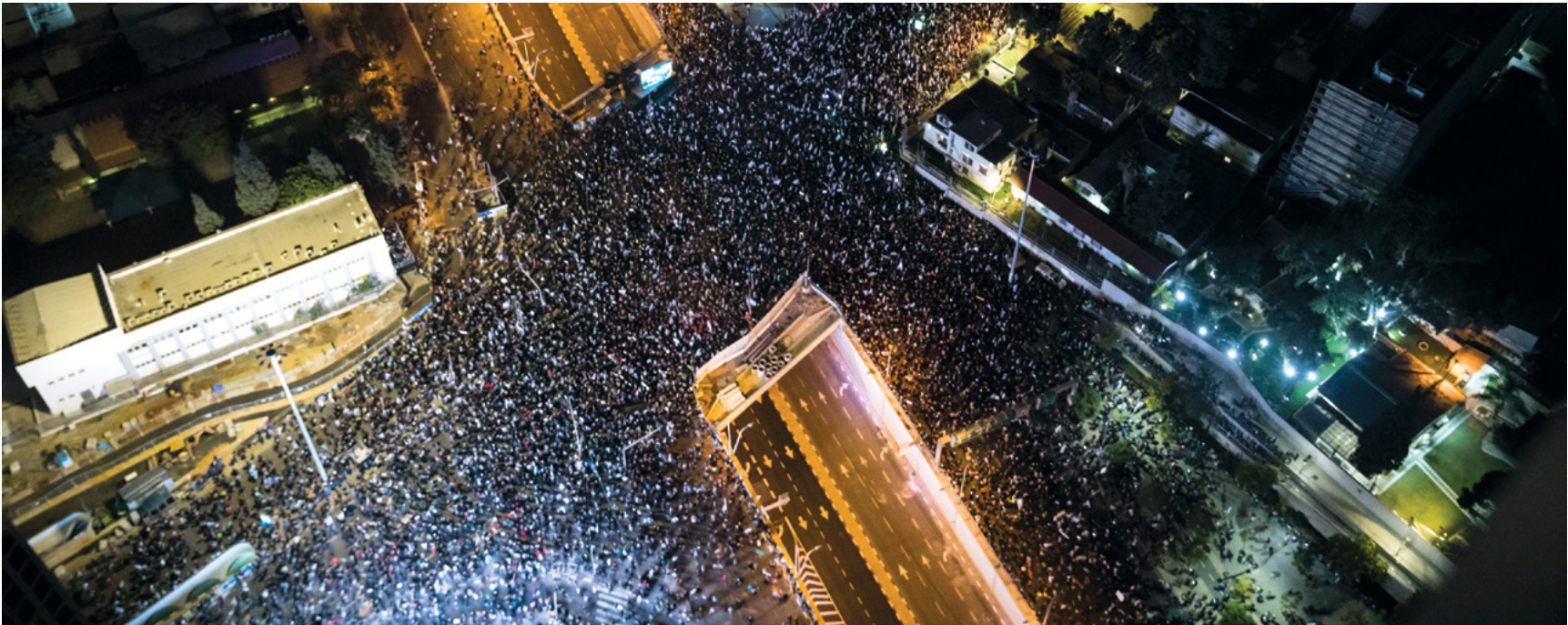
ONE OF THE greatest gifts of my rabbinate was the opportunity to participate in the Rabbinic Leadership Initiative at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem (with the help of a JUF subsidy). Over the course of three-plus years, I was part of a group of Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform rabbis. We came together to consider some of the most important issues facing the Jewish people, by studying texts and learning from some of the finest scholars that I've been blessed to know. It was an empowering experience that helped me to grow and shaped the future of my rabbinate.

Recently, I've been thinking about one particular lecture delivered by Rabbi Donniel Hartman, which focused on the historic experience of our people. He spoke on the theme of power; and noted that, for 2,000 years, one of the hallmarks of our Jewish experience was that we were powerless. While we had control over the internal affairs of our community, and the opportunity to grapple with ethical issues as they related to us, we exercised no power over larger issues that impacted the broader world. As a result, this ancient people of ours has had relatively little time to learn the consequences of exercising power.

Today, he said, the Jewish people sit in a very different place. We have two arenas in which we exercise power: in Israel, where we are the majority and difficult decisions rest in our hands; and in America, where the largest group of diaspora Jews, living in a democratic country, also participate in the exercise of political power.

So, here we sit, a people with strong ethical values and political power. And we're faced with a challenge: How does one exercise political power when one's decisions impact not only our own particular community, but also the lives of others who live with us? Or, taken more broadly, how does one determine the correct decision when it involves two opposing ethical principles; how do we determine which "right" takes precedence?

As we draw near to Israel's 75th anniversary, these moral dilemmas are on full display as its government takes on issues that impact everything from its relationship with the Palestinians, to altering its judicial system, to re-defining the status of large portions of the Jewish community that reside outside of Israel.



How are we to respond to these shifting tides? For some, the messy, even ugly, exploration of the line between the use of power and Jewish ethical ideals has led to withdrawal: "If Israel is not living up to my Jewish moral standard, then I cannot support it." For others, it has led to intensified communication.

It is this second result that is on display in Israel today, as tens of thousands of people gather each week to communicate their feelings to their government. And it is also this second result that the leaders of our American Jewish community have chosen, engaging in direct conversations with Israel's leaders as they struggle to define their path forward. It's the right path to take.

You know, it's easy to have a relationship with someone who always makes us feel proud. It's much harder to maintain that relationship when they're moving away from the path we think is best. But when we care for someone, we don't walk away, or ask others to talk to them for us. When we care for someone, we approach them with concern and honesty. We listen to them, try to understand their struggle, and share what we need from them to have a healthy relationship.

As Israel arrives at its 75th anniversary, we need to let go of our expectation that we will always feel a sense of pride. The fact is, we don't always feel proud of our own country, either. But when we care, we don't stop engaging, sharing, and being present with and for each other, working to move back toward the path that both of us can believe in. As Israel reaches 75, may we continue to build a strong, healthy relationship, one of open communication that brings out the best of both of us. ★

Pictured below: Tens of thousands of Israelis attend a protest against the new far-right government on January 21, 2023 in Tel Aviv, Israel. (Photo by Amir Levy/Getty Images)



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Remembering Jacqueline Fern

JACQUELINE (JACKIE) FERN died December 4, 2020, at age 85. She was a caring wife, loving mother, and adoring grandmother. For 57 years, Jackie was married to Gilbert, who preceded her in death. She was an excellent caretaker when Gilbert was battling ALS. The couple raised their daughter, Robin, and son, John, in Chicago.

Spending time with family was a big part of Jackie's life. She especially cherished time with her granddaughters, Jessica and Emily. They had a special relationship that included long talks on the phone and unforgettable shopping exploits. In her later years, Jackie went on an African safari with her daughter, and it was a wonderful experience for both of them.

The Ferns were longtime members of Chicago Sinai Congregation and active in the Jewish community. As a past Board President of the North Shore Auxiliary Jewish Children's Bureau, Jackie worked hard to help families in need. The Ferns were Golden Givers to JUF, giving to the Annual Campaign for over 50 years, and left a gift to the Federation's Centennial Campaign. Jackie was also a Lion of Judah member, and attended Snowbird events in Palm Springs.

Friends and family will remember Jackie as elegant, caring, and generous. ★

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Teen Cohort Program Fair

APRIL 20 | 7-8:30 P.M.
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Are you looking for program opportunities for the next school year that will provide you with an opportunity to connect with the Jewish community, learn new skills, and broaden your horizons? Join Springboard, Chicago's hub for Jewish teen programs, to learn about yearlong cohort opportunities for high schoolers for the 2023-2024 school year.

To register, visit:
juf.org/springboard-program-fair

Open to 8th-11th graders and their parents

For more information, contact BrittanyAbramowicz@juf.org.

Good Deeds Day

APRIL 16-21
LOCATIONS ACROSS CHICAGOLAND

Good Deeds Day has arrived, and the JUF TOV Volunteer Network is extending this international day of service to last all week long! Volunteers of all ages can choose from a variety of in-person and drop-off projects across Chicagoland, remote projects that can be done anywhere, and a volunteer open house on Sunday, April 16 to do good alongside our community.

To register, visit: juf.org/gdd

There is no cost to participate. For more information, contact SarahTrowbridge@juf.org or 312-357-6861.

The Daffodil Memorial Garden Family Program

APRIL 23 | 11 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
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Join the Russian-speaking Jewish Division, JCC Chicago, and Holocaust Community Services in The Daffodil Memorial Garden Family Program. With the help of our communities, the daffodils were planted in October—and we will now witness the Daffodil bloom to honor the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust. Listen to a Holocaust survivor share their story, and a performance by Violins of Hope—a project of concerts featuring a collection of violins, violas, and cellos that endured the Holocaust. This is a family friendly event; enjoy arts & crafts, games, and music.

To register, visit:

juf.org/DaffodilMemorialGarden

There is no cost to attend.

For more information, contact RebeccaFaktorovich@juf.org.

Blue & White Bar Night

APRIL 27 | 7:30-10 P.M.
LOCATION TBA

Celebrate Israel's Independence Day at one of YLD's biggest parties of the year! The evening will feature Israeli snacks, dancing, and more to ring in Israel's 75th birthday.

To register, visit:
juf.org/blueandwhite

Cost: \$25 in advance or \$36 at the door, includes Israeli snacks and a drink ticket

For more information or to request accommodations, contact BenWolfson@juf.org or 312-357-4505.

Spring Party of 8

MAY 18 | 6:30-10 P.M.
VARIOUS RESTAURANTS

Party of 8 is back this spring! Let YLD schedule a reservation at a restaurant for you and others, providing you a fun night out with new friends and the opportunity to give back as a community. Following dinner, all parties will meet up for an after-party at a central location. Diners will have the option to sign up solo or with a significant other/friend.

To register, visit:
juf.org/partyof8

Cost: \$12, includes admission to the after-party and one drink ticket. (Diners are responsible for their own dinner bill.)

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Spring Event

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Save the date for the Women's Philanthropy annual Spring Event! This year we are excited to feature actress, activist, and advocate Selma Blair!

To register, visit:
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Cost: \$90

Women who give an individual gift of \$365 or more to the JUF Annual Campaign are invited to attend.

For more information, contact RoseKalef@juf.org or 312-357-4844.

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A meaningful gift to the JUF Annual Campaign is required to attend certain events. A number beside the box indicates there is a minimum amount.

YLD's Level Up Giving Society

Level Up is a society for young adults in their 20s who make a minimum contribution of \$18 per month—or \$216 per year—to the JUF Annual Campaign.

For just \$18 per month, you will gain access to exclusive events, expand your network, and support the ongoing and urgent needs in the Chicago Jewish community.

For more information, visit juf.org/yldlevelup or contact SaraWineburgh@juf.org.



April 23

CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Mar. 31	6:58 p.m.	Tzav
April 5	7:03 p.m.	Seder I/Erev Pesach
April 6	8:06 p.m.	Seder II
April 11	7:10 p.m.	Erev 7th Day of Pesach
April 12	8:13 p.m.	Erev 8th Day of Pesach
April 14	7:30 p.m.	Shmini
April 21	7:21 p.m.	Tazria-Metzorah
April 28	7:28 p.m.	Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Translating Yiddish Women's Literature

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 | 9:30 A.M.

Join Shir Tikvah for a discussion with Dr. Jessica Kirzane, a scholar of Yiddish Studies specializing in questions of race, gender, and regionalism in American Yiddish fiction. Kirzane teaches Yiddish language, culture, and literature courses at the University of Chicago and is the editor-in-chief of *In geveb: A Journal of Yiddish Studies*.

Location: 1424 W. 183rd Street, Homewood

Light refreshments will be served.

Register at bit.ly/YiddishEventST or call 708-799-4110.

TUESDAY, APR. 18 | 2-3 P.M.

Nourishment and Self-Care:

The Art of Dough Making (Virtual). [Care]Giving & Taking: Making Time for You is a new, free program for family caregivers offering help for challenges plus self-care advice. The program is offered through Michigan-based Jewish organizations: Geshar Human Services, Jewish Family Service, and Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit. The program was supported with grants from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and from the Jewish Federation of North America. Register to sign up for one session or multiple monthly sessions through May. 248-970-2779, egordon@jfsdetroit.org.

WEDNESDAYS, APR. 19-JUNE 7
9:30-10:30 A.M.

Broadway Storytime: Movers and Shakers.

Spend the morning with your 0 to 2-year-old as our littlest Broadway fans are introduced to show tunes, characters, and stories while Broadway musicals are brought to life by Stages Performing Arts. Each class incorporates activities that are designed to support your little one's physical, cognitive, social-emotional, and language development. An age-appropriate Jewish story will be read to give you a chance to socialize, too. Location: Temple Beth-El of Northbrook, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook. 312-357-4907, jBabyChicago@juf.org.

THURSDAYS, APR. 20-MAY 18
10:15-11:15 A.M.

New Parents Connect.

Meet other first-time parents and their babies; share ideas; ask questions; and learn from experts in relevant topics, such as infant and child development, sleep, changing relationships, food and nutrition, and more. This class is geared toward parents with jBabies ages 0-9 months. Location: Chicago Sinai Congregation, 15 W. Delaware Place, Chicago. 312-357-4097, jBabyChicago@juf.org.

THURSDAYS, BEGINNING
APR. 20 | 4-6:30 P.M.

X-PLORE with The J: Drop-In.

JCC Chicago's brand-new X-PLORE Station is open in the lobby of Bernard Horwich JCC most Thursdays. Families can drop in for board games, puzzles, Legos, playdough, and more. Plus, children in K-5th grade can take home a free activity kit that explores a new topic in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math). No registration required; walk-ins welcome. Location: Bernard Horwich JCC, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago. 844-452-2244, mcharnay@jccchicago.org.

THURSDAY, APR. 20 | 6-7 P.M.

Virtual Sibshops.

Sibshops offer brothers and sisters of children with a variety of special needs a place to meet other siblings in a relaxed, supportive, and recreational setting. They discuss their common joys and concerns, learn to handle sibling-specific "sticky situations," and have fun! For kids ages 6-12. 773-765-3159, TamaraBesser@JCFS.org.

THURSDAY, APR. 20
7-8:30 P.M.

Hand in Hand: Grief Support

Group for Spouse/Partner Loss. This grief support group is for those under age 60 who are grieving the death of their spouse or partner within the past two years. Contact Leah Shefsky to register. Registration is required. Supported by the Lauri S. Bauer Foundation for Sudden Loss. Location: Abe and Ida Cooper Center, 6639 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago. 847-745-5404, LeahShefsky@JCFS.org.

SUNDAY, APR. 23
1-4:30 P.M.

X-PLORE with The J: Ultimate

Cup Stacking Challenge. Did you know cup stacking is a competitive sport? Come try your hand at cup stacking and make the tallest cup pyramid at Bernard Horwich JCC! This program is geared for children in K-5th grade. No registration required; walk-ins welcome. Location: Bernard Horwich JCC, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago. 844-452-2244, mcharnay@jccchicago.org.

MONDAY, APR. 24
7:30-9 P.M.

Grief Support Group (Virtual).

Please join us for a virtual monthly grief support group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past two years. The group is co-sponsored by Anshe Emet Synagogue, Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel, Emanuel Congregation, Mishkan Chicago, and Temple Sholom of Chicago. Contact Marsha Raynes to register. 847-745-5408, MarshaRaynes@JCFS.org.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 26
7-8:30 P.M.

Grief Support Group

Wednesdays (Virtual). This monthly drop-in grief support group for adults meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month and is sponsored by Temple Beth-El. For more information and to receive the Zoom link, please contact Marsha Raynes, LCSW. 847-745-5408, MarshaRaynes@JCFS.org.

THURSDAY, APR. 27
4-8 P.M.

Art Pop-Up.

Do you have any paintings, prints, drawings, photographs, pottery, ceramics, jewelry, scarves, textiles, etc.—either your own work, work by friends, work you purchased or were gifted—that you might like to donate for a fundraiser for National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore? This pop-up art shop is an easy way for you to pass along those art pieces and treasures you no longer want, and support the work of NCJW! Donation locations in the city, Evanston, and Northfield. Then come check out all the donated pieces, and, perhaps, find new-to-you artwork or treasures to take home. Location: The Highland Park Art Center, 1957 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. 847-853-8889, info@ncjwcns.org.

FRIDAY, APR. 28-
SUNDAY, APR. 30

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FRIDAY, APR. 28
10 A.M.

Free Admission at Illinois

Holocaust Museum. Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is excited to offer free admission on the last Friday of every month in 2023. Immerse yourself in the history of the Holocaust and other human rights issues as you learn how you can make an impact in the world. Reserve your tickets at ihm.ec/tickets. Location: Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. 847-967-4835, sierra.wolff@ilhmec.org.

SUNDAY, APR. 30
4-6 P.M.

BJE's Centennial Celebration:

1923-2023. Come celebrate 100 years of Jewish Education with the Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago. We will honor Irving Cutler and Sherwin Pomerantz while looking back at the history of Jewish education in Chicago. Come enjoy an early evening with appetizers/desserts. Location: DoubleTree Skokie, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. 773-502-5640, Leslye@bjechicago.org.

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A photograph of two men in suits standing in a cemetery. The man on the left is wearing a dark suit and a pink tie, and the man on the right is wearing a blue suit and a patterned tie. They are standing next to a large, grey, rectangular gravestone that has the name "GRATCH" inscribed on it. In the background, there is a vintage car with a sign that reads "Moral Memorial Funeral" and "SERVICES OF ALL FAITHS". The cemetery is filled with many other gravestones and trees.

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RICHARD BELZER wasn't just a hard-boiled Jew who succeeded despite a troubled childhood—he played one on TV.

Belzer—who died Feb. 19 at 78—was familiar for his longstanding role as the wry, conspiracy-obsessed Detective John Munch on *Homicide: Life on the Streets* and several *Law & Order* spinoffs. Munch would set a record for appearances on the most shows altogether—10 different series, from various cop shows, to sitcoms like *Arrested Development* and *30 Rock*, to *The X-Files*, and even *Sesame Street*.

Belzer was born in 1944 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and had what he described as a difficult childhood. His mother was abusive; his father and brother both died by suicide. He joined the Army but was discharged after less than a year.

Belzer was also an admired and influential comic. On Comedy Central's list of the greatest standups of the 20th century, he lands at #64. His acting career did not take off until he was almost 50, when he landed his Munch role. But he also appeared in many screwball comedy films, including *Night Shift*, with his cousin, Henry Winkler. Spike Lee cast him more than once, and he played an emcee in Al Pacino's *Scarface*.

Belzer's Jewish identity was rarely central to his public persona even as it was embedded into his characters. An exception came—twice—when he drew criticism for making a Nazi salute as part of a joke. In response, he referred to the Charlie Chaplain comedy *The Great Dictator*.

Belzer died at his home in the south of France, where he had bought a house with settlement money; he had been dropped on his head by wrestler Hulk Hogan.

A friend who announced his death said Belzer's had suffered from many recent ailments; he noted that his last words were, fittingly ... not suitable for print. ★

Pictured: Richard Belzer attends the 90th birthday of Jerry Lewis, April 8, 2016. (Credit: John Lamparski/WireImage via Getty)

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ARKIN, JUDY 78. Beloved daughter of the late Norman and Ethel. Dear sister of the late Arthur "Artie" (Susan M.). Loving aunt of 4. Cherished great-aunt of 2. Zion Gardens Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BRENNER, JENARD "JERRY" 80. Army Security Agency. Beloved husband of Ronna (nee Jacobs). Cherished father

BAUER, BRUCE I. 81. Beloved husband of Shari (nee Deitch). Loving father of Lainie (Joe) Roth and Jason and Jamie (Michael Perlove) Boton. Proud grandfather of 2. Memorials to Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. Westlawn. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BEEGUN, MOLLY "PATTI" (Malka bas Shmuel Dovid v' Malka) 81. Loving mother of Maida (Jay) Silver and Joshua (Rachel) Weinstein. Adored Bubbe of 6. Proud great-grandmother of 2. Memorials to the Northwest Suburban Chabad. Shalom Memorial Park. The Goldman Funeral Group.

BREYER, RICHARD 77. Son of Sidney and Ione. Husband of the late Judith and the late Sharon. Father of Noah, Dr. Benjamin, Richard Jr., and Bonnie. Brother of Jane and Donald. Memorials to the Nature Conservancy. Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum. Lakeshore Jewish Funerals.

BELLOWS, CARLY ELLIS 74. Beloved husband of the late Cantor Beryl Bellows z'l. Adored son of the late Jay W. z'l and Adelaide z'l. Loving father of Marci (Seth) Bellows Lindenman, and Lindsay (Matthew Atlas), Adam (Melissa), and Ricky (Melissa) Bellows. Proud grandfather of 6. Cherished brother of late Elyse (Brian Baumann z'l).

BRIGHT, JOSEPH 70. Beloved husband of Faye (nee Herst). Loving father of Victor (Jamie Riess) and Jason (fiancée Eliza Mendelsohn). Proud Zaida of 3. Dear brother of Steven (Robin). Uncle and cousin. Memorials to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

Michael Bellows, and Janis (Mark) Fine. Treasured uncle of 3. Memorials to Chicago Botanic Gardens. Shalom Memorial Park. The Goldman Funeral Group.

BELLOWS, RABBI SHAEI Husband of Joan. Father of Lisa (Jason) Ablin, Daniella (Laurence) Schreiber, Moshe (Dahlia)

BURSTYN, VERA (nee Goldschmied) 83. Holocaust Survivor. Beloved wife of Hyman. Loving mother of Jim (Marcie), Linda (Adam Taylor), Gerald (Rachel), and Allan (Chaya) Gordon. Proud grandmother of 12. Memorials to The Ark, or to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BERMAN, JACQUELINE "JACKIE" 1897. Beloved wife of the late Ralph. Loving mother of Doug (Janice) and Patty. Cherished grandmother of 4. Devoted daughter of the late Jacob and Dorothy Slutsky. Memorial Park Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BIFELD, MARVIN 92. Beloved husband of the late Frances. Devoted father of Howard (Linda) Bifeld, Adoring grandfather of 2. Cherished brother of Miriam (Herbert) Golden. Fond uncle of 2. Waldheim Jewish Cemetery, Ritzbach Memorial Funerals.

BIZAR, ROBERT 83. Husband of Debbie

CEMBER, MICHAEL A. 78. Beloved husband and best friend of Robin (nee Flammang). Loving "Abba" of 3. Adored "Saba" of 4. Dear brother-in-law to Rhonda Flammang. Much loved uncle and cousin. In Memorials to Keren Kayemet L'Yisrael. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

CHESKIS, LEONID BENJAMIN 75. Beloved husband of Polina Rudyak. Loving father of Aleksandr (Simona). Sunset Memorial Lawns Chapel. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BOGART, ALICE "LISL" (nee Wintermitz)
96. Holocaust Survivor, Beloved wife of the late Henry. Loving mother of Jean (Dr. David) Chernicoff and Jessie (Steven) Perle. Cherished grandmother "Omī" of 5. Adored great-grandmother of 10. Memorials to the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, or to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

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COHEN, DAVID 80. Beloved husband of the late Linda (nee Silverman). Loving father of Keith (Aida), Natalie (John) Stratton, and Renee. Cherished grandpa of 3. Much-loved brother of Edward (Yoko) and brother-in-law to Iris (James) Martin. Dear great-nephew of Shirley Cohen. Favorite uncle of 5. Great-uncle of 2. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

COPELAND, CYRIL ANN (nee Rosenberg) 80. Beloved wife of the late Lee I. Loving mother of Charles "Kobi" (Gillian Barr) and Gabrielle Copeland, and Regan (Kevin White) Copeland White. Adored grandmother of 2. Devoted daughter of the late Milton and Ruth Rosenberg. Cherished sister of Marshall (Sandy) and Howard (Barbara) Rosenberg. Dear sister-in-law of Honey Sandack. Treasured aunt of many. Memorials to Pets for Patriots. Shalom Memorial Park. The Goldman Funeral Group.

COWAN, PHILIP 83. Military Veteran. Adored husband of Arleen Malkin Cowan. Loving father of Lisa (Chris) Junker and Laura (Michael) Fine. Proud grandfather of 5. Great-grandfather of 2. Cherished brother of Ned (late Linda) Cowan and Eleanor (Arnold) Leib. Beloved brother-in-law of the late Jerry (Judith) Malkin. Memorials to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, or to the Israel ParaSport Center. The Goldman Funeral Group.

DAMLICH, DAVID JOSEPH 66. Beloved husband of Shari. Loving father of Jennifer (Paul) Balash, Matthew Damlich (Fiancee Elizabeth Gospodinov) and Jeffrey Horwitz. Cherished grandfather. Dearest brother, beloved uncle. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to the Mayo Clinic for Frontotemporal Dementia Research. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

DAVIS, PAUL 92. Beloved husband of the late Gertrude (nee Bernstein). Loving father of Todd (Deborah) and Scott. Cherished grandpa of 4. Much loved great-grandfather of 2. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

EATON, BETTY "BGE" (nee Goodman) 95. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth. Loving mother of Richard (Nancy) Eaton and Carole (Russ) VanderWilde. Cherished grandma of 5. Dear sister of the late Rochelle Freifeld, Miriam Perlman and Alvin Goodman. Treasured Aunt Betty of 7. Adored great-aunt and cousin and friend of many. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to JUF. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

EISENBERG, SHELDON 93. Beloved husband of the late Lois. Loving father of Audrey Karahalios, Maureen Eisenberg and the late Pamela Monroe. Cherished grandpa of 1. Devoted son of the late Minnie and Isadore. Dear brother of Calvin (late Lana) and the late Marvin (Phyllis). Treasured uncle and cousin of many. Memorials to the American Heart Association, or to the American Kidney Fund. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

ELLIS, SELMA (nee Kaplan) 88. Beloved wife of the late Jerome Ellis. Loving mother of Wayne and Ron (Robbi) Ellis, Karen (Steve) Lawler, and Nancy (Ray) Mau. Adored grandmother of 5. Devoted daughter of the late Victor and Edith Kaplan. Cherished sister of Al (Soryl) Kaplan and the late William Kaplan. Dear sister-in-law of Berry Ellis. Memorials to the Rolling Meadows Library, or to JourneyCare Hospice. The Goldman Funeral Group.

ELMALECH, HAIM 80. Loving husband of the late Lea. Loving father of Anat Young. Proud grandfather of 3. Memorials to Jewish National Fund, Trees for Israel. Memorial Park Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

ENGEL, ADELL RUTH (nee Azeff). Beloved wife of the late Harold. Cherished mother of Steven Engel and Robert (Karen) Engel. Devoted grandmother of 1. Dear sister of the late Rita (Lee) Kamerling and Sylvia (Milton) Kornie. Fond aunt of many. Memorials to Johns Hopkins Medicine Multiple Sclerosis Precision Medicine Center of Excellence. Westlawn Cemetery. Mitzvah Memorial Funerals.

ESCOBAR, SOFIA HOROL (nee Brukhis) 89. Beloved wife of the late Vladimir Horol and the late Victor Escobar. Cherished mother of the late Polina and Michael Horol. Loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Memorial Park Cemetery-Skokie. Mitzvah Memorial Funerals.

FEIGER, HARRY 93. Navy Veteran (Officer). Beloved husband of the late Arlene (nee Siskel). Loving father of Gail Feiger (Andrew) Brown, and Jonathan (Nancy Laben) and Robert (Alyson Miller) Feiger. Cherished grandfather of 7. Great-grandfather of 1. Caring brother of Sig (late Miriam) Feiger, Rose Grossinger, and the late Alfred (Carole) Feiger. Brother-in-law of William (Judy) Siskel, Avrum Gray (late Joyce), Dolores Cowen, and the late Eugene (Marlene Iglitzen) Siskel, Elaine (late Herbert) Loseff, and Sheldon Gray. Devoted and cherished companion of Adrienne Mautner. Beloved uncle and cousin. Loving son of the late Isidor and Frieda (Fruchter). Golden Giver member of JUF. Memorials to Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago, or to the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural and Learning Center at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

FELDBERG, ADAM LEON 21. Son of Tzipora Taube and Lewis. Brother of Noa and Danielle. Grandson of Barbara and Meyer. Nephew of Ilana and David Adelman, and Sharon and Ran Taube. Cousin. Funeral in Livingston, NJ. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

FELDMAN, EILEEN (nee Gelford) 90. Beloved wife of the late Harry. Loving mother of Randee (Stuart) Willis, Bob Rosenthal and Linda (Michael) Gold. Cherished Grandma and Mia of 8. Adored MeMe/Mia of 14. Dearest "bonus mother/grandmother" of 3. Memorials to the Kellogg Cancer Center at Glenbrook Hospital. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

FISHER, FRANCES J. (nee Harris) 85. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Fisher and the late Sheldon Sharfman. Loving mother of Debbie (Marc) Siegel, Marc (Nancy) Sharfman, Larry (Jenny) Fisher, Hillary (Jon) Morris, and the late Michael Fisher. Cherished grandmother of 10. Adored Gigi of 3. Dear sister of Harriet Schumacher. Memorials to the Jewish National Fund. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

FISHMAN, CAROLE (nee Goldstein) 84. Beloved wife of Dr. William Fishman. Loving mother of Paul, Michael and Robert Fishman. Dear sister of Linda (Ernie) Schubert. Treasured aunt of 2. Memorials to The Ark. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

FLEISCHMAN, JOYCE MYRA (nee Kennard) 90. Beloved and devoted wife of the late Sylvan. Loving mother of Cheri (Stephen) Uretsky and Susan Fleischman. Adored Grammy of 2. Cherished Gigi of 1. Devoted daughter of the late Joseph and Beverly Kennard. Fond sister of Dee (late Richard) Bass. Treasured aunt and cousin of many. Memorials to Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Goldman Funeral Group.

FRADIN, SHARYN HOPE (nee Croft) 83. Devoted daughter of the late Evelyn and Samuel Croft. Wife and best friend of Larry. Proud mother of Peter (Ellen), Scott (Gail) Fradin and Ilyssa (Greg) Werstler. Cherished Grammy Sharyn of 8. Doting sister of Alan (Ilona) Croft and the late Caron Born. Much-loved sister-in-law of Frank (late Joan) Fradin and Sharon (Rick) Davis. Treasured aunt of several. Memorials to the Cancer Wellness Center. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

FREEMAN, ELLEN 85. Beloved daughter of the late William and Eva. Devoted sister of Claire Drucker. Devoted aunt of 3. Cherished cousin of 3. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

GALE, HARVEY BERNARD 92. Devoted and beloved husband of Elaine (nee Mendell). Deeply loving and loved father of Randee (Bruce) Selan, Bruce Gale and the late Scott Gale. Adored son of the late Nat and Tillie. Treasured son-in-law of the late Morrie and Tess Mendell. Cherished brother of the late Dr. Andrea Goodman. Adored grandfather of 6. Dearest great-grandfather of 10. Memorials to the American Cancer Society. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

GAMBURG, LUDMILA "MILA" (nee Krupnik) 85. Beloved wife of Boris. Loving mother of Helen (Vitaly) Millman and Steve (Natalia) Gamburg. Adored grandmother of 4. Devoted daughter of the late Boris and Gnesia Krupnik. Cherished sister of Alex (Elaine) Krupnik. Also survived by Elaine's mom Rimma Khodosh. Dear aunt of 2. Adored great aunt of 3. Memorial Park. Memorials to The Alzheimer's Association. The Goldman Funeral Group.

GELLER, CRAIG LAWRENCE 52. Loving husband of Heather (nee Copeland). Adored father of Cami, Reese, and the late Jacob Levi. Devoted son of Jerome D. and the late Harriet. Son-in-law of Sheldon and Wendy Copeland. Dear brother of Rick and Shawn. Fond uncle of 4. Memorials to Congregation BJBE, for the Chava Center. Shalom Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

GERSHENOW, ANN (nee Mendelson) 95. Beloved wife of the late Morton. Loving aunt of 4. Cherished great-aunt of 14. Dear cousin of 2. Memorials to the American Heart Association. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

GOLDSHTEYN, MIKHAIL 83. Beloved husband of Sofia (nee Shutaya). Loving father of Alla Goldshteyn. Chicago Jewish Funerals. cjinfo.com.

GOREN, RALPH MARSHALL 93. Beloved husband of Sally (nee Fox). Loving father of Lilly (Ed Levitas) and Benjamin (Susan) Goren, and Jory (Naomi) Angel Lannes. Cherished Zayde of 4. Dear brother of Morton (Roberta) and the late Myron (the late Verna Dee). Beloved uncle and cousin of many. Golden Giver member of JUF. Waldheim. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

GOSSAGE, DAVID JORDAN 78. Husband of Roza Berlinski Gossage. Loving father of Brenda (Peter Rosandich) Gossage, Sara Worch, and Leah (Jason) Wendleton. Proud grandfather of 9. Dear brother of Howard (Ellen) Gossage and Faith (Richard) Angst. Memorials to Go Fund Me, gofund.me/48fed3aa. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

GREENBERG, HARRIET 88. Beloved wife and best friend of the late Myron. Loving and devoted mother of Sharon (Scott) Pinsky. Cherished grandma of 2. Much-loved "Gigi" of 2. Memorials to Chicagoland Dog Rescue. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

GREENE, PETER H. 92. Beloved husband of Judith C. (nee Cohen). Devoted father of Jethro (Stephanie) and Michael (Nina). Proud grandfather of 10. Memorials to Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

GROSS, ALICE (nee Karp) 102. Beloved wife of the late Herbert T. Loving mother of Barry (Janet) and Robert (Ava). Proud grandmother of 4. Dear sister of the late Gertrude Karp and Helen (Theodore) Glazer. Beloved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt to many. Cousin of 1. Golden Giver member of JUF. Memorials to The Ark. Shalom Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.



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PERKELL, DARREN M.

49. Loving father of AJ, Mia and Ethan. Much-loved brother of Alan (Onida) Perkel. Uncle of 2. Loved nephew of David (Jeanne) Zimmerman, Gordon (Rona) Perkel and the late Frank Zimmerman. Adored cousin of 7. Cherished son of the late Arthur Perkel and Alyne (Bert) Poliakoff. Dear grandson of the late Ben and Bertha Zimmerman, and the late Sol and Ida Perkel. Memorials made to Chashama, or to the Arizona Humane Society, Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

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78. Honored by Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama for Excellence in Education. Husband of Joie Scott-Poster. Brother of Sarah Levin. Brother-in-law of Susan Handelman. Uncle of 6. Memorials to Congregation Micah, Brentwood, TN, or to Our Place Nashville. Crawford Funeral Home, TN.

PUTZIGER, FRED

97. Beloved husband of the late Lilly (nee Hahn). Loving father of Linda (Michael Kreitzman) Fredericks and Steven (Paula Dolder) Putziger. Proud grandfather of 3. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association. New Light Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

RABINOWITZ, FRED

73. Beloved husband of Susan (nee Brown). Loving father of Rachel (Jeffrey) Blair, David (Arley) Rabinowitz and Amy (Benjamin) Cooper. Cherished Grandpa of 7. Dear brother of Mark (Fran). Fond brother-in-law of Jeffrey (Suzy) Brown. Loving uncle of many. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

RABINOWITZ, JOEL

97. Navy Veteran (Lieut.), Korean War; decorated. Beloved husband and best friend of Frances (nee Rothman). Loving father of Dr. Arthur (Dr. Maria Ponsillo), David (Randle) and Dr. Richard (Lori). Cherished Poppie and grandpa of 7. Much loved great-grandpa of 2. Wonderful brother and uncle. Memorials to the Friends of the Jewish Chapel - US Navy, Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

REINHART, BARBARA JOAN

(nee Newman)95. Beloved wife of Jerry. Loving mother of Craig and Laural Reinhart, and Julie and Jack Mandru. Devoted grandmother of 5. Great-grandmother of 6. Memorials to Congregation Beth Am, or to Congregation Etz Chaim. Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum. Lakeshore Jewish Funerals.

RODIN, HAROLD Z.

95. Veteran, WWII. Husband of the late Shirley (nee Marmor). Devoted partner of Esther Silberman. Loving father of Curt (Linda) Rodin and Nancy (Stephen) Zabrin. Adoring grandfather of 4. Very proud Papa Harold of 10. Memorials to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, or to the American Cancer Society, Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

ROSEN, DR. STANLEY R.

91. Veteran, Korean War. Devoted husband of Judith Morrill Rosen and the late Bernice (nee Barach). Loving father and professional peer of Dr. Lynn (Tzvi Horowitz) White and the late Jeffrey Solomon Rosen; dedicated stepfather of Jennifer Morrill. Grandfather of 3; step-grandfather of 2. Cherished brother of Carol (Rabbi Hillel) Yampol. Brother-in-law of Jerry (late Norma z'') Barach. Beloved uncle and grand-uncle to many. Memorials to Beth Israel Sinai Congregation, Racine, WI, or to Chabad of Kenosha. Zion Gardens Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

ROSENBERG, ADRIENNE "ADY"

G. (nee Goodman) 88. Beloved wife of Harry B. Loving Mother of Julie Lansing Adler, Marcy (Merritt) Mamroth, and Andrew (Ellyn) and Joseph (Jennifer) Lansing; stepmother of Harry (Rachel Dvorken) Jr., Sally (Bruce Charendoff) and Ralph (Kim). Grandmother of 15. Great Boomey of 6. Devoted sister of Martin (Leslie) Goodman. Aunt of 3. Cherished cousin of many. Daughter of the late Ruth and Henry M. Goodman. Memorials to Chicago Scholars, or to the Lung Cancer Research Fund at Rush University Medical Center. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

ROSENBERG, PHILIP

"Pincus ben Israel" 96. Beloved husband of the late Natalie. Loving father of Rob (Gretchen) Rosenberg and Nancy (Gary) Strahinic. Cherished grandfather of 3. Dear great-grandfather of 4. Treasured uncle of several. Brother of the late Bernice Wagner, Edith Renaud and Bernard Rosenberg. Memorials to a Ukrainian relief fund. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

RUBIN, SANDRA

(nee Henry) 71. Beloved wife of Gary. Loving mother of Robert (Jenna) Wall; adored stepmother of Steven (Nicole) and Sarah Rubin and Stephanie (Leon) Reese. Proud grandmother of 2. Dear sister of Carol (Richard) Bosma. Cherished sister-in-law of David (Renee) and Brian (Michele). Aunt and cousin of many. Memorials to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

RUBIN, SCOTT

56. Adored husband of Julie Rubin. Loving father of Ben and Haley. Devoted son of Lois and the late Ira. Cherished brother of Marcey (Jeff Epstein) Stamas and the late Linda (David) Richter. Dear brother-in-law of Barry (Elizabeth) Silver and Marc (Deborah) Silver. Treasured uncle, nephew, and cousin of many. Memorials to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Shalom Memorial Park. The Goldman Funeral Group.

SCHNECK, MANNY 28. Beloved son of Dr. Michael and Dr. Mary. Loving brother of Eli, Rachel, Jacob, Molly, and Ilana. Cherished grandson of Betty and the late Larry Schneck, Lorraine and the late Joseph Viglione. Memorials to Central Avenue Synagogue, Highland Park. Willow Lawn Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SCHOLAR, BEATRICE

(nee Saper) 98. Beloved wife of the late Sydney. Devoted daughter of the late Morris & Nettie Saper. Loving mother of Bonnie Berlinsky & Jacquie Bohanske. Cherished grandmother 4. Proud Bubbie of 4. Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery. Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, Joliet.

SHLAU, MARLA

76. Beloved wife of the late Alan D. Loving mother of Michael (the late Cara) and Jason (Emily). Proud grandmother of 4. Dear sister of Frank (Sue Sholtis) and the late Pamela Woolman. Fond sister-in-law of Marina (Roger) Cunningham and the late Jacqueline (late Baruch) Rand. Aunt of many. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association. Shalom. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SHORR, DR. JACK N.

72. Dear brother of the late Fred (Eileen) Shorr and the late Gayle (Lee) Poulos. Fond uncle of 4. Great-uncle of 5. Cherished son of the late Ida Shorr-Levy-Witkin and the late Lawrence Shorr. Memorials to the National Federation of the Blind of Illinois. Menorah Gardens. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SIEGEL, DAVID ADAM

39. Beloved son of Jan and Ron. Loving brother of Jaclyn. Dear nephew of Sue Nadel, Marvin (Rachel) Siegel and Steven (Nancy) Siegel. Devoted grandson of the late Roy and Carol Nadel, and the late William and Dorothy Siegel. Fond cousin of 2. Memorials to the David A. Siegel Memorial Scholarship Fund. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SIEGLER, MICHAEL

76. Beloved father of Alexander and Daniel. Loving brother of Dr. Mark (Anna) Siegler and Donna (Ronald) Meibach. Uncle. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SILVER, BERNARD (BERNIE)

75. Beloved husband of Susan Eriksen. Brother of Marlene. Brother-in-law of the late Jack. Son of the late Nathan and Ida. Son-in-law of the late Ron and Joyce. Stepson-in-law of Judy. Uncle of 1. Grand-uncle of 1. Cousin of many. Memorials to First Tee—Greater Chicago, c/o Bernard Silver Memorial. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SILVER, DAVID P.

82. Beloved husband of Sharon (nee Pitluk). Loving father of Deanna (Mark) Jacobson, and Steven (Elaine) and S. Alex Silver. Adoring grandfather of 5. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to Hadassah, North Shore Chapter. Rosehill. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SILVERMAN, BARBARA BLOOM

91. Mother of David Silverman, Claire Lang and Rachel Brody. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of 15. Memorials to The Michael Levin Lone Soldier Foundation. Cartier's Funeral Home, MA.

SINGER, MARC LAWRENCE

71. Beloved husband of the late Marcy (nee Moss). Cherished father of Matthew (Nikki) and Stacy. Loving grandfather of 2. Devoted son of the late Jerry and Pearl (nee Tuchman). Dear brother of Betta. Fond son-in-law of the late Jerry and Pearl Moss. Memorials to the Les Turner ALS Foundation. Sunset Memorial Lawns Cemetery-Northbrook. Mitzvah Memorial Funerals.

SISTO, GERALDINE "GERI,"

"GOLDIE" (nee Rosen) 85. Daughter of the late Morris and Helen Rosen. Mother of Dina (Maurice) Katz, and Debra. Sister of Phyllis White. Half-sister of the late Evelyn (late Louis) Gleiberson, Harold "Harry" (late Loraine) Rosen, and Edith (late Milton) Goobler. Aunt of 2. Semi/half aunt to Elyse and Earl Rosen, and Sandra (Theodore) Abel. Memorials to The Ark or to The American Lung Association. Westlawn Cemetery and Mausaleum. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SKLAR, ARNOLD I.

87. Beloved husband of Joyce (nee Grika). Loving father of Dr. David (Carolyn Reinglass). Devoted "Papa" of 5. Silver Circle member of JUF. Shalom Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SLODKI, MOREY E.

94. Beloved husband of the late Helaine. Loving father of Nina Slodki (Steve) Zalusky and Lisa Slodki. Proud grandfather of 1. Dear brother of William. Memorials to Chicago Loop Synagogue. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SPERO, NEAL A. M.D.

86. Beloved husband and best friend of Glorya (nee Shorr). Loving father of Pam (Tony) Kamin, Kenneth (Carolyn), and the late Gary. Cherished "Papa" of Melissa and Michael Spero and Treat Kamin. Much-loved brother of Judy (the late David) Levin. Brother-in-law of the late Bill (Marcy) Shorr. Dear uncle and great uncle. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to the Cancer Wellness Center. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home. Shalom Memorial Park.

SUSMANO, ARMANDO M.D.

90. beloved husband of the late Lidia (nee Bolotin). Loving father of Laura (Robert) Englander and Sandra (Nicholas) Doninger. Treasured grandfather of 4. Adored great-grandfather of 2. Cherished brother of Daniel (late Sara, nee Bialiglovski). Dear uncle of 6. Great-uncle of 1. Memorials to the Highland Park Strings, or to Pilgrims Players. Westlawn Cemetery. The Goldman Funeral Group.

STOEHR, IRENE

98. Deeply devoted and loving wife of the late Harry. Cherished mother of Cindy (Dr. James) Tauberg and Cantor Steven (Susan) Stoehr. Proud Grandmother and Sweetiepie of 6. Adoring great-grandmother of 6. Memorials to Northbrook's Congregation Beth Shalom—Cantor Stoehr's Good and Welfare Fund. Beth Shalom Cemetery, PA.

VINEGAR, DOROTHY B.

(nee Bloom) 94. Beloved wife of the late Alvin A. Loving mother of Mark (Sharon) Vinegar, Barbara (Maimon) Lusky and Gail (Fred) Smith. Proud grandmother of 6. Cherished great-grandmother of 3. Aunt of many. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association. Beverly Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

WAHBA, IKE

93. Beloved husband of Gail (nee Grimm). Dear father of Cheryl (Brian Stoyer) Capps and Brent (Patty) Wahba. Proud grandfather of 3. Great-grandfather of 3. Memorials to Chicago Botanic Garden. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

WARSAWSKY, CORINNE GENE

(nee Cooper) beloved wife of the late Samuel N. Loving mother of Paula (Kayne) Hootman. Cherished grandmother of 3. Beloved great-grandmother of 2. Fond sister of the late Wallace (Gloria) and Howard (Gail) Cooper. Dear sister-in-law of Anna (the late Albert) Gottschalk. Memorials to the Warsawsky Endowment Fund at Northeastern University. Westlawn Cemetery. Mitzvah Memorial Funerals.

WEINSTEIN, JERRY

77. Beloved husband and best friend of Bonnie (nee Feldman). Loving father of Jorie Cummis (Henry Rosset) and Drew Weinstein. Cherished Zadie of 5. Dear brother of Burt "Buzzy." Fond brother-in-law of Linda and Sheldon Schwartz. Uncle of many. Memorials to the American Heart Association, or to Sherman Home, Hospice of the Valley. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

WEXLER, COLTON ROSS

24. Beloved son of Beth and Michael. Loving brother of Camryn and Myles. Cherished grandson of Frances and the late Milton Kolman, and the late Phyllis and Warren Wexler. Adored nephew of Douglas (Michelle) Wexler, Rich Kolman, Mora Sacks (Michael Kukanza), and the late Jerry Sacks. Loved cousin of 8. Memorials to North Shore Congregation Israel, or to the Music Industry Program or Business School at University of Southern California. Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

ZELLERMAYER, JESSICA ANN

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A tot enjoying a crispy holiday treat on a crisp Chicago day at the JUF Young Families Celebrates Passover event in 2022.

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the Schmooze

Catching up with Catherine Reitman



- 1 What's your all-time favorite movie?**
A few that helped carve my voice through my adolescence were: *When Harry Met Sally*, *Mean Girls*, *Clueless*, and *The Other Sister*.
- 2 What's your favorite Jewish food?**
I could eat potato latkes any time of day. They are a perfect food.
- 3 What are you listening to these days?**
Since my father passed, I have been listening to a lot of '60s and '70s folk/rock music.
- 4 What was the last book you read?**
I'm currently reading *Bibi: My Story*, Benjamin Netanyahu's autobiography.
- 5 Who was the last person you texted?**
Lisa, an EP on *Workin' Moms* and my buddy.
- 6 If you could invite three people, famous or not, to a Shabbat dinner, who would they be?**
Diane Keaton, Meryl Streep, and Julia Louis-Dreyfus.
- 7 If you could have any other occupation, what would it be?**
I always dreamt of being a drummer who could sing harmony with some blowhard front woman.
- 8 Who is your biggest role model?**
My father was my greatest role model.
- 9 What are you currently binge-watching on TV?**
Thanks to my boys, I have seen every episode of *LEGO Masters* and *Bake Squad*!
- 10 If you could offer the teen version of yourself one piece of wisdom, what would it be?**
Stop beating yourself up. What makes you different and "extra" is what makes you special. All of your dreams will come true, and then some. Now go hug dad.



"Have you ever felt a tingle inside that you were meant for more, that something outside of your proscribed life was calling to you?" TV star Catherine Reitman poses this question in her TedxToronto talk, in which she emboldens viewers to pursue their dreams unapologetically. Just like Reitman did when she co-created the comedy series *Workin' Moms*—of which she is the writer, producer, and star.

Drawing from Reitman's real-life experiences as a working mom, the show chronicles four mom friends juggling their identities as mothers with their sense of selves outside of motherhood. The daughter of the late director Ivan Reitman (of *Ghostbusters* fame), Reitman has appeared in a slew of TV shows, including *Blackish* and *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, and films like *Knocked Up* and *I Love You, Man*.

Workin' Moms will kick off its seventh and final season on Netflix this spring.



On this night

On this night, as we join family and friends gathered around our seder tables,
we remember the suffering of others.
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