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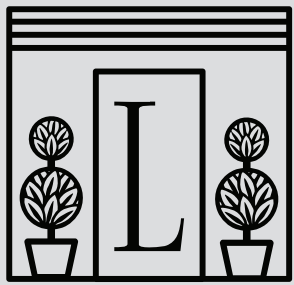
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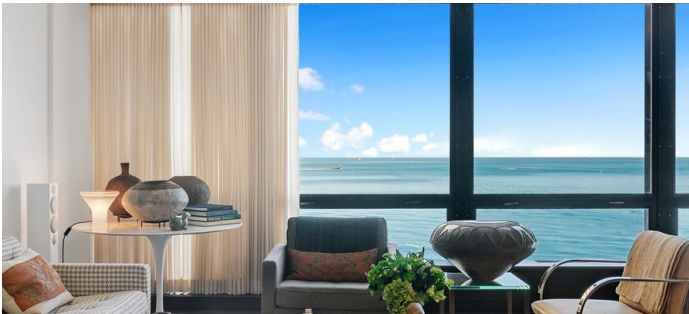
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When our hearts go walking

SHORTLY BEFORE I had my first child, a friend of mine—already a parent—warned me that parenthood will be “the best and hardest job ever.”

The “best” is obvious: We love our children more than we ever thought possible. Period.

It’s the “hardest” part that threw me. It’s not that I didn’t realize it’d be hard. I just figured the hardest stuff would be diapers, crabbiness, and sleep deprivation.

But now that I’m a parent, I’m in on the secret that every other parent already knows: The hardest part is that you love your children so much it actually hurts.

We pray every minute of every day that our children will be happy, healthy, and safe. I’ve half-jokingly contemplated buying helmets for my daughters—not just to wear when they ride bikes, but, rather, 24 hours a day, to protect them from every bad thing ever.

Author Elizabeth Stone nailed it when she said that choosing to have a child “is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body.”

As hard as we try, on the Fourth of July, our community learned that we can’t shield our children from all the bad things.

In the weeks since the shooting, adults have been forced to have impossible conversations with children. We’ve confronted questions about hate, violence, and security—even though we grownups don’t have the answers, either.

Because that’s the thing. It’s not only the children in our community who lost innocence on the Fourth of July. Along with losing seven beautiful souls, we’ve all lost peace of mind and the naïve assumption that somehow a town like Highland Park is bulletproof.

I can’t shield my children from our broken world. There are too many shattered pieces to even try. So, instead, I hope they will encounter and emulate the kind of people who dedicate themselves to piecing what’s broken back together—the “repairers” of the world—like the countless heroes who have emerged from that dreadful July morning.

Among them, strangers who scooped up a little boy—whose courageous parents died saving him—and delivered him to safety; the first responders and physicians who tended to the victims on the scene; the mayor of Highland Park, who has shown grace and strength in leading her wounded town; the local proprietors who offered those fleeing the crime scene a place of refuge, complete with games and crafts for the youngest parade-goers; the babysitters who offered free childcare for Highland Park residents; the school bus driver who went door to door to check on his students to make sure they were okay. The list goes on and on.

It’s fitting that this issue showcases the extraordinary young adults in our community honored as this year’s 36 Under 36—young repairers themselves, who are shining light and love with every step of their journey. I hope my daughters grow up to surround themselves with people like these honorees. And most of all, I hope they blossom into repairers themselves one day.

We can’t tell our kids that there’s no bad in the world. We can’t insulate them in a bubble of innocence, because we know eventually that bubble will pop.

But what we can teach them is that for every bad guy, there are countless more good ones. We can teach them that darkness is always vanquished by light. And we can teach them that hate is ultimately drowned out by love. ★

Pictured: Part of the memorial site for the victims of the Fourth of July shooting in Highland Park. (Photo credit: Jeff Warner)



BY CINDY SHER | Executive Editor

Personality over party

Israelis prepare to go—yet again—to the ballot box

AS ISRAEL PREPARES to go to the ballot box for a record fifth time in three years, all the political players are trying to evaluate their best strategies. As a multi-party democracy, figuring out possible combinations and permutations for future coalitions is a bit like playing 3D chess. Now, as voters focus more on political personalities than party ideologies, it is even harder—for pundits and the politicians—to assess a party’s best options.

In the not-so-distant past, parties had a more or less clear ideological line, complete with a platform that could change occasionally, but always within certain known parameters. One could count on the traditionally liberal Labor party of Ben Gurion, Rabin, and Peres to remain within the boundaries of left-wing policies on the Palestinian issue, economics, and social policy. Likud, under Begin and Shamir, could be similarly counted on to stick to a traditionally conservative policy on the same issues. The plethora of other parties also held a more or less stable position along the spectrum from far left to far right, and their fluctuating electoral fates created the coalitions that coalesced around the main party on either side of that spectrum—Labor or Likud.

Since the 1995 assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, however, it seems that ideologies are losing importance, as voters turn more and more to leaders’ personalities when deciding which party to vote for. In other words, a respected leader such as Ariel Sharon or Ehud Olmert could (and did) win the coveted Prime Ministership even as they broke away from their Likud “mother ship” and shed the party platform—opting instead to rely upon personal appeal.

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the traditional right-wing bloc to form alternative parties: Bennett’s Yemina, Lieberman’s Israel Beitenu, and Sa’ar’s New Hope. These parties appealed to voters not on the merit of their party platform, which is by and large unknown to the vast majority of Israelis. Instead, the parties’ appeal came from their top leader, their charisma, and their rhetoric. In fact, most Israelis would be



▲ When Israeli leaders Yair Lapid and Naftali Bennett announced in June that they would dissolve the Knesset, they set Israel on a path toward its fifth round of elections in three years. Pictured are Lapid (left) and Bennett during a cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister’s office in Jerusalem, Nov. 14, 2021. (Credit: Marc Israel Sellem/Pool)

hard-pressed to define the party platform of most parties on most issues, but everyone knows the names of the party leaders, and votes for a name rather than a party.

This growing premium placed on party heads rather than party platforms creates a situation in which coalitions can be formed across wide ideological divides. When voters care more about the party leader, his or her personality, and their rhetoric than about ideology, coalitions can be formed that were hitherto unimaginable. Such is the makeup of the outgoing government, which saw no less than eight parties in the coalition, ranging all the way from a pro-Palestinian Arab party to a far-right religious Zionist party run by a former head of the settler movement.

Now, as we head to elections, alliances will likely be formed—not because of ideological similarities, but in spite of ideological differences. As Netanyahu’s trial continues and as he holds on to his leadership of Likud, it appears more and more likely that the elections will once again revolve around the pro-Netanyahu and anti-Netanyahu demarcation line, and, in the case of the latter group, the most compelling political personas. ★



BY OFER BAVLY
Ofer Bavly is the Director General of the JUF Israel Office.

Watching the service, it felt so familiar. When I think of my Judaism, the Law of Return never factors into my consideration. It's my daily feeling, my connection to family ritual, and my actions of *tikkun olam* that reinforce my Judaism. Those in front of us were a community, praying to reach Jerusalem. They told personal stories of families—parents, siblings, etc.—they had been waiting 10 or 20 years to reunite with. Some skeptics might think they are just claiming Judaism to get out, but that's a long time to wait and years of practice.



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As we descended, people clapped. As we touched down at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport, cheers erupted with the sounds of *Am Yisrael Chai*. At the Passover Seder, most of us say, symbolically, “next year in Jerusalem.” These *olim* have been wishing this in their hearts every night for up to 20 years. Support from the collective Jewish community helped make their dreams of return a reality. We had the honor of personally shepherding them home. ★



Jen Leemis, a JUF board member, is the Chair of the JUF Israel & Overseas Commission.

All in, it will cost over \$9.5 million for JAFI to prepare the documents and medical screening, charter the domestic and international flights, and provide social and community programs of support in the absorption centers for the 3,000 *olim* of Tzur Israel 2. Support of the existing infrastructure through the Federation system—including core allocations from JUF—meant that JAFI could mobilize once the government decision was made. JUF continues to lead by example, and will be supporting this effort at significant levels—just one more way JUF brings us together for good.

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After the tragic event in Highland Park on July 4, JCC Chicago's 'Z' **Frank Apachi Day Camp** held a special Shabbat for their families and staff to help begin healing together as a community.



JUF reconnects Israeli Nobelist with lost earnings

In trying to resolve a case of an unclaimed, 50-year-old certificate of deposit (CD), the Illinois State Treasurer's Office approached JUF, as the trail of its holder led to Israel. The Treasurer's Office often enlists JUF's aid when locating a local Jewish, or Israeli, owner of unclaimed property. In this case, the CD's holder had been doing research at the University of Chicago in the 1970s when the CD was established.

JUF, however, was able to trace the CD's holder and—through Israeli connections—contact her. She is **Dr. Ada Yonath**, a professor at Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science. She was the first Israeli woman to receive the Nobel Prize, winning for Chemistry in 2009.



BY THE NUMBERS

12,000

The number of people who attended the biennial **Greater Chicago Jewish Festival** in June. This was the first time the festival—the largest Jewish cultural event in the Chicago area—has gathered since before the pandemic. The event presented more than a dozen food vendors, 25 performers, 50 artists, and 100 Jewish organizations. "It was rewarding ... for the entire Jewish community to share the day of Jewish diversity in tolerance and camaraderie," said Michael Lorge, the festival's founder and chair.

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▲ Illinois Chief Behavioral Officer David T. Jones. (Kimberly Paynter/WHYY)

Illinois Chief Behavioral Officer meets with JUF

In a recent meeting, **David T. Jones**, Illinois' new Chief Behavioral Officer, shared how the state is transforming how it helps organizations providing mental health care, while JUF and partner agencies Sinai Chicago, JCFS, CJE SeniorLife, and The Ark shared their work in the field. The agencies focused on challenging labor issues, insufficient state reimbursement rates, and practical suggestions to improve mental health access and services.



Pride and joy

JUF Young Families marked Pride Month in June at B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim in Deerfield with a Rainbow Shabbat. They celebrated with rainbow challah, treats, Shabbat songs, and summertime fun. Families were able to decorate a yard or parade sign to bring home to spread the love during Pride Month.

(Photo credit: Lynn Renee Photography)



CULTURE P★P!

Once Upon a Time in... Jerusalem

Now, he's Oscar-winning director **Quentin Tarantino, Ph.D.** The filmmaker of such movies as *Pulp Fiction*, *Inglourious Basterds*, and *Once Upon a Time...in Hollywood* was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in June. Tarantino was honored both for his "artistic vision" as a screenwriter, director, and actor, and for his strong ties to Israel through his wife, Daniella Pick, who is Israeli. The couple have two children—a two-year-old son and an infant daughter.



◀ Tarantino (right), receiving his honorary doctorate from Hebrew University of Jerusalem. (Credit: Bruno Cherbit)

Townhall amplifies voices of Jewish early childhood educators

Parents, educators, and Jewish early childhood leaders met with elected officials in a virtual townhall meeting in June, organized by JUF's **Jewish Early Childhood Collaborative** and **Public Affairs Department**. Community members advocated for childcare centers, suggesting opportunities for governmental assistance and partnership, and pointed to teacher shortages, the need for pay parity with K–12 educators, and the lack of affordability as challenges. Community members expressed their appreciation for government interventions that helped keep childcare centers open during the pandemic.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Human Services announced nation-leading investments in early care and education, extending a pandemic relief program for early childhood centers and expanding childcare assistance eligibility. Senators **Patty Murray** (D-WA) and **Tim Kaine** (D-VA) have set forth a new proposal for the potential reconciliation package that would procure bold, multi-year investment in childcare and early learning.

(Ilana Dvorin Friedman, JUF Early Childhood policy analyst, and Anna Hartman, JUF director of Early Childhood Excellence)



▲ Educator Mike Swider enjoying story time with a group of enthusiastic children at JCYS Wicker Park, Michael R. Lutz Family Center.

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Arie Crown breaks new ground

Arie Crown Hebrew Day School—the first Jewish elementary school established in Chicago—held a groundbreaking ceremony in May for its new campus in Skokie. For over a decade, the day school has been looking for a viable solution to accommodate the tight quarters of their current school buildings. The school now begins construction on an updated, 12-acre campus to serve as the future home for the school, which will allow the early childhood and grade school students to live under one roof. Over 750 participants celebrated the groundbreaking.

▼ The Ninio family enjoying the celebration alongside their children, who are students at Arie Crown Hebrew Day School.



▲ From left: Marah Altenberg, Naomi Looper, and Rachel Lipson. (Credit: Maggie Russo)

Meet the grads!

Recent graduates of Spertus Institute's Master's and Doctoral programs include nine from the Chicago area.

Marc Stopeck of Oak Park and **Ken Ziejewski** of Lake Bluff received their Master of Arts in Jewish Studies.

Twenty-three graduates received their Master of Arts in Jewish Professional Studies, seven of whom serve the Chicago area:

Marah Altenberg, District 20 Lake County Board Member, of Lake Bluff
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Outgoing Northwestern University President **Dr. Morton Schapiro** was presented with an honorary Doctorate of Hebrew Letters.

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▲ Rabbi Gidon Isaacs (Temple Anshe Sholom/Temple Beth El), Rabbi Jenny (Joliet Jewish Congregation), Rabbi Carmit Harari (Shir Tikvah), Rabbi Emeritus Paul Caplan (Temple Anshe Sholom), Rabbi Emerita Ellen Weinberg Dreyfus (B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom), and Rabbi Laura Schwartz Harari (of Laguna Woods, Calif.). (Credit: Larry Burrows)

Celebrating Shabbat—with 'Southern' charm

The South Suburban community joined together recently to celebrate Shabbat at Shir Tikvah in Homewood, with over 150 community members and six rabbis in attendance. This gathering, of three synagogues to celebrate Shabbat, is unique and highlights the active and engaged South Suburban Jewish community. JUF supports these congregations by providing opportunities for involvement in Jewish life.

MAZEL TOV!

Michal Bechhofer, an Ida Crown Jewish Academy junior, won first place in the nationwide Bronka Weintraub High School Bekuit Program in the girls' *Daf* category. As part of this prestigious Talmud competition run by Yeshiva University, Michal studied the text of tractate Taanit and ancient and medieval commentaries before achieving the top score in a series of five written exams. This year marks the third year in a row that an ICJA student took the top spot at the competition, which awards its winning students a voucher to spend on Jewish books.



Jennifer Phillips, president and CEO of Keshet, a JUF partner, will join the first cohort of Leading Executives, a new program of Leading Edge. Phillips is one of 20 senior-most executives leading Jewish nonprofits to inaugurate the program. Phillips, an experienced special educator, has established Keshet as a national leader in inclusion, particularly in the space of inclusive summer camps.

The Jewish Agency for Israel has appointed **Isabelle (Nadler) Teplitsky** as Deputy Head of North America, a newly created role. As part of this newly created position, she will also serve as President of The Jewish Agency for Israel—North American Council (JAFINA)—and will be a member of the North American senior management team. Previously, Teplitsky—of Glencoe—served for 10 years at the UJA-Federation of New York, most recently as Campaign Director of their Young Leadership Division.



Jessica Hulten (at left) and **Leah Rauch** (right), both from the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, were among 22 educators chosen from 10 states to participate in the Summer Institute for Teachers, an intensive Holocaust-

education seminar hosted by The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. As Alfred Lerner Fellows, they studied for five days with some of the nation's leading Holocaust scholars, including two Northwestern University professors.

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—**Leah Sundheim**, eulogizing her mother, **Jacki Sundheim**, one of the victims of the Highland Park shooting, at Northshore Congregation Israel in Glencoe.



In aftermath of Highland Park tragedy, Jewish community shines countless points of light

In the wake of the horrors of the Fourth of July tragedy in Highland Park, thousands of people have stepped up to shine light in the darkness. “When tragedy strikes, you take a breath and see who else needs you,” said Amy Slutzky, a licensed clinical professional counselor who helped organize mental health professionals for people traumatized by the shooting. “This is what we do as Jews.”

Opening their door

Bright Bowls was open for July 4 in Highland Park’s main commercial district, and its owners, Lindsay and Matt Meltzer, were prepared for a busy day.

They launched Lindsay’s dream business, a vegan smoothie shop and wellness studio, during the height of COVID. The Meltzers eagerly anticipated lots of foot traffic, since this would be the first year of the parade since the start of the pandemic.

Then, everything changed. People were running for their lives, and the Meltzers knew they could help. “We just opened our door,” Lindsay said. “We have a basement that’s about the size of our entire store, and we were able to house over a hundred people safely, away from windows.”

Matt stood at the front door, keeping watch, while Lindsay guided everyone else, mostly families with young children, to hide downstairs.

“I was in the doorway of Bright Bowls the entire time, and I was solely focused on ‘how do we keep everyone safe?’” Matt said.



A Jewish teacher with some active shooter training played games with the children and helped keep everyone calm while they waited for about two hours. Then, the Meltzers, along with Matt’s dad and some of their employees, helped drive everyone home safely. The Meltzers hope their instinct to act with kindness will inspire others in the wake of tragedy.

“I don’t believe that what we did was heroic. I think that we were being good citizens,” Matt said. “I literally held the door open for people in my own town. I would hope that anyone else would have done the same for us.”

Caring for all

Dr. Lisa Levick was on her way to the parade with her family when she heard news of a shooting. A podiatrist, she announced on Facebook that her office would be open the following day to treat anyone with a medical problem—with or without an appointment, and no matter what their insurance status—to spare local hospitals.

She first opened her clinic to help the wider public during the COVID pandemic, when many doctors’ offices were closed. In the aftermath of the terrible shooting, there had been a pressing need for blood donors, especially those with less common blood types. “We all can find creative ways to help. Check on your neighbors; you never know what they need.”

Raising \$2,000 in five minutes

Limore Zilberman was sitting at home, not far from the site of the shooting, wondering how she could possibly help. As hundreds of police officers gathered in Highland Park to help search for the shooter—and as a thunderstorm threatened the area—she posted on a Facebook group for local moms, proposing to buy sandwiches, waterproof ponchos, and coffee for the officers working the perimeter of the lockdown zone. “Anyone want to join me?” she wrote.

Zilberman’s post immediately went viral, and she collected over \$2,000 within five minutes. As donations continued to pour in, she announced that she would coordinate efforts to purchase and deliver more supplies the following day.

“We all can donate time and money,” Zilberman said. “Sending prayers for the families is just as helpful as an act of kindness now, too.”

What started as a single post has now turned into an entire Facebook group—Stronger Highland Park—with almost 10,000 members, devoted to supporting the community in myriad ways. The group provides a centralized location for those wishing to offer help—like healing yoga sessions, fidget toy and stuffed animal donations, even Cubs tickets for people looking for an emotional and physical break.

Through the group, Zilberman connected with another local mom, an art director named Eliane Rozenblat, to create and sell over 4,000 “HP Strong” yard signs. The signs, which provide a visual representation of community support, raised over \$150,000 for the Highland Park Community Fund.



Being on call in crisis

Amy Slutzky posted: “Asking any of my therapist friends to join me and be on call for immediate free crisis counseling to help our community.” She spent the morning of the shooting calling her clients, many of whom are in Highland Park, to check in on them. “I thought: If I’m doing this for my people, there are probably people I’m not reaching who need mental health help during this crisis. That’s when I put the post up.” She offered free counseling in the wake of the tragedy.

“There are so many things that make you afraid and want to stay in,” Slutzky noted. “Volunteering makes you feel empowered and gets some checks on the other side of the ledger.”

Remembering the victims

In the aftermath of the shooting, several beautiful memorials sprang up seemingly overnight, offering mourners in the Highland Park community a safe space to gather and grieve for the victims. Artist Noah Reich was one of the faces behind the scenes, traveling from his home in Los Angeles to Highland Park to help construct the memorials.

Reich, with his partner David Maldonado, founded Classroom of Compassion, an LA-based floral and creative arts organization that works to create artistic spaces of compassion and love for communities navigating grief after violence. “Our hope is to create spaces of healing and spaces of remembrance for those that have been lost in these tragedies,” Reich said.



They were inspired to start Classroom of Compassion following the outpouring of love they witnessed after the 2016 shooting at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando. “We know how many people around the country and around the world came out to honor our community, came out to show up for our community, came out to hold us during a time when we needed to be held,” Reich said. “We create these healing spaces to help pay it forward in that sort of way.”

The grandson of Holocaust survivors, Reich was committed to making the memorials in Highland Park welcoming to people of all faiths. He wanted to honor all those who had died, including several Jewish victims, and the Jewish people’s strength and will to survive over time.

“We as Jews know what it’s like to survive through mass death. We know what it’s like to rebuild and heal those wounds of loss,” Reich said. “In that regard, going forward here in Highland Park and in these days ahead, I think we have a whole tribe of knowledge for us to really kind of lean on. We can ensure that we as Jews feel safe and comfortable in the public space.” ★

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BY YVETTE ALT MILLER and LESLIE HILL HIRSCHFELD

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PHOTOS

1. Part of the memorial site at Port Clinton Square, created in the days after the shooting. *(Photo credit: Matthew Reitman)*
2. Local business owners Lindsay and Matt Meltzer sheltered over 100 people fleeing the scene of the tragedy.
3. Limore Zilberman (Highland Park Community Foundation associate board member), and Eliane Rozenblat (who designed the logo) all partnered on the creation of these yard signs to raise money for the victims of the shooting.
4. Noah Reich is an artist who travels from his Los Angeles home to the sites of tragedies to create memorials to honor the victims. *(Photo credit: Jeff Warner)*

How to support your child after a tragedy

After a tragic event, you want to be there for your child, but it may feel difficult to know what your child needs from you. Below are tips from JCC Chicago’s social services team on how you can best support your child.

- Be present, pay attention, and be a good listener.
- Validate their feelings.
- Children thrive on predictability and consistency; maintain routines when possible.
- Allow them to ask questions, and answer honestly.
- Engage in an activity that allows them to express themselves, like art, writing, or music.
- Reassure children that they are not to blame when bad things happen.
- Brainstorm opportunities to take action and help those in need.
- Model self-care and promote your own physical and emotional healing; you need support, too.



This is not the summer letter we wanted to write—but when tragedy hits home we must act.

Our JUF Annual Campaign exists to ensure that the people and the programs are in place to protect and care for the most vulnerable whenever and wherever needs arise—especially when those needs arise in our very own community.

While the Jewish community was seemingly not the intended target for the July 4th mass shooting in Highland Park, our entire community is experiencing the trauma, horror, loss of life, loss of innocence and loss of feeling safe.

The JUF system already has resources in place to help our community through this crisis. We are enhancing our mental health services and providing funding and other supports to help families heal physically and emotionally. And JUF has been and continues to be a voice for our community:

- **Adding \$2 million for mental health resources** in our community.
- **Advocating for more effective gun licensing regulations** in the State of Illinois, i.e. the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act which expands background checks for those under age 21, incentivizes states to pass red flag laws, supplies funding for school safety, and closes the “Boyfriend Loophole.”
- **Scaling up security operations** to extend our expertise to every Jewish institution in our community—providing more security grants, audits, security equipment and training.

It is our mission to help Jews in need locally and globally—whether here at home or in Ukraine—every day and during times of crisis. Core to that mission is the safeguarding of Jewish institutions and community spaces; protecting the health and well-being of those in need of care and those who provide it; and ensuring a vibrant, enduring Jewish community from generation to generation.

That is what we’re made for.

Please make your gift to the 2022 JUF Annual Campaign today so we can continue this important work. ALL new and increased gifts will be matched dollar for dollar, doubling the impact of what we can do together.

We are together for good...and we’ll be together for better.

Sincerely,

Steve Miller, 2022 JUF Annual Campaign Chair



JCERT offers hope, healing after Highland Park shooting

AFTER 9/11, local Jewish leaders started thinking about a scary but important question: What if a disaster happened closer to home?

Twenty-one years later, the Jewish Community Emergency Resiliency Team (JCERT) has stepped up to help the community of Highland Park—and the entire Chicagoland area—recover after the devastating shooting in July.

JCERT—conceptualized by JUF’s then-Senior Vice President Joel Carp, and started as a service of JUF in collaboration with JCFS Chicago, JCC Chicago, EZRA, The Ark, and Associated Talmud Torahs—responds to incidents that affect the Jewish community in Chicago and elsewhere in the country, including hurricanes in Florida in 2004 and the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007.

In the past, JCERT professionals have conducted fact-finding missions and supported teams on the ground in other areas. But for Chicago’s Jewish community, recovering from the July 4th shooting has involved directly taking care of people who were impacted by the tragedy.

“I can’t tell you how many people I know who were traumatized by this,” said Lonnie Nasatir, JUF President. Through his work, Nasatir has spoken to families who ran and hid with their kids, who have later had a difficult time understanding what happened. “I mean, it’s just beyond words—the fear and then the discussions we’re having to have with those children afterwards to explain what happened.”

JCERT—now coordinated by JCFS Chicago, is stepping in to have these discussions with children, families, and community members in two different ways. The first, Group Crisis Intervention, was adapted from the National Organization for Victim Assistance in 2021.

In a session of Group Crisis Intervention, “we walk through what has happened,” said Tracey Lipsig Kite, LCSW, JCFS training coordinator and JCERT co-coordinator. “We teach people realization skills, abilities to ground themselves in the here and now ... we also give them some education in basic trauma so they have a way to put their experiences into context.” Participants then discuss what may help them in moving forward, like self-care and getting involved with community rebuilding efforts.

Messages from our Israeli family

On too many occasions, JUF leaders have reached out after incidents of terror to share condolences with our Partnership Together region of Kiryat Gat-Lachish-Shafir. Sadly, the region’s leaders had reason to reciprocate after the horrific Independence Day shooting in Highland Park, and offered heartfelt sympathy to our local community.

“I was deeply saddened to hear about the terrible tragedy that happened in your community. Please accept my sincere condolences to the bereaved families, and prayers for a speedy recovery of the wounded. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We would like to offer our help and support in any way possible.”

—Mayor Dani Moravia, Lachish Regional Council, Israel

JCERT is bringing these educational and supportive workshops throughout the Chicagoland area. “JCERT is at camps, at synagogues ... they’re trying to go to every portal where there’s Jewish life, and also trying to be there for the community at large,” said Nasatir. “And JUF is proud to partner with them.”

Some of these workshops have focused on camps where staff and families attended the Highland Park parade; others have taken place at synagogues and senior living facilities. For all of these people, it’s important to feel a sense of control, as “one of the key experiences of trauma is how out of control you feel,” said Kite.

In addition to Group Crisis Intervention, JCERT sends staff members to various organizations to offer trauma training to community leaders. These current and former mental health professionals include retired “alums,” whose contributions enable other staff members to research solutions that worked after similar incidents in other cities and conduct research on new intervention methods.

One of these methods, Immediate Restructuring of Traumatic Experiences (IRTE), has proved beneficial in Highland Park. Developed at the Center for Trauma and Disaster Intervention in Tel Aviv, IRTE works with recent developments in the research of trauma and trauma response.

“The field of trauma has developed and changed so much in the last 20 years; and that’s great because we understand trauma better,” Kite said. “We understand how we can help the body respond and normalize. Trauma response can feel like you’re crazy and you’re not. It’s your body’s natural response.”

Thanks to specific and targeted intervention JCERT programs that take place in groups, people feel less alone and can tap into their natural resilience to start moving on. Along with other community initiatives, like mental health drop-ins at Highland Park libraries and call lines from JCFS, the Jewish community is taking a strong stand on supporting mental health in the wake of the shooting. ★

If you are seeking mental health help related to the Highland Park shooting or any other concerns, reach out to JCFS at 855-275-5237 or visit jcfs.org/our-services/counseling-psychological-services.

BY MICHELLE COHEN | Staff Writer

“As partners for many years through Jewish United Fund Partnership Together, I cannot help but feel great sadness about the violation of the sanctity of human life, democratic values, and everything the Fourth of July celebrations symbolize. Every year, many friends from Highland Park visit our city, Kiryat Gat in Israel, and over the years many friendships have developed. We were relieved to hear from our friends they are safe, and yet we are very concerned for the entire community. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who lost loved ones, the injured, and the hundreds of others who witnessed and endured this murderous rampage. I would like to convey our commitment and dedication to fighting attacks on innocents wherever they may occur. Please know that we stand with you during this unbearable time.”

—Mayor Aviram Dahari, City of Kiryat Gat, Israel

Celebrating 25 years

Jewish Women’s Foundation continues to break new ground

IT WAS 1997. Alona Anspach, a Chicago area-based certified financial planner and wealth management advisor, had philanthropy on her mind. She had recently read an article about telecommunications titan Ted Turner and his then-wife, actress Jane Fonda. They had just pledged more than \$1 billion to the U.N., and were encouraging other wealthy individuals to step up to the plate with their giving.

“I’m not a billionaire,” Anspach thought to herself at the time, “but they’re calling me to up my game.”

Anspach initially considered starting a foundation. But then she received a brochure about a first-of-its-kind Jewish Federation project—the Jewish Women’s Foundation (JWF) of Metropolitan Chicago. JWF recruited participants, referred to as trustees, to pool their money and work collectively. Together, they would fund programs advocating on behalf of women and girls, Jewish and non-Jewish, both locally and abroad, particularly in Israel.

Considered ahead of its time, JWF was spearheaded by Sylvia Neil and Merle Cohen, with the blessing of then-JUF President Dr. Steven B. Nasatir. Its lifeblood was a small group of visionary Jewish women committed to going into the proverbial trenches, delving into some of the most salient issues that girls and women across the globe have faced since time immemorial: domestic abuse, reproductive freedom, the right to an education, and economic security, among others.

Anspach wanted in. She especially warmed to the concept of an “egalitarian society,” she said, whose members would work collaboratively to research and award grants to partnering organizations.

It didn’t take long for Anspach to immerse herself in JWF’s mission. She assumed leadership positions, becoming its first Chair, and continued to increase her financial support. Today, she remains on its Steering Committee, and contributes financially to JWF at the multigenerational-donor level, which entitles her daughters, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter to participate in grantmaking decisions as trustees.

“It has been an amazing adventure,” said Anspach of her 25 years of service to JWF.

As the Foundation celebrates its silver anniversary, said current Executive Director Ellen Carmell, “we are reflecting on JWF’s amazing growth and consistent leadership in a changing philanthropic landscape.” It is now the longest-running and largest giving circle of its kind, with more than 380 trustees.



▲ From left: Amanda Fortier Sussman, Alona Anspach, Esther Sussman, and Talia Block, one of the Foundation’s more than 50 multigenerational families, traveled together in 2018 to Israel on JWF’s second Mission, an experience that allows trustees to see Israel through a gender lens.



▲ From left: JWF trustees Sylvia Neil (founding Executive Director), Merle Cohen (founding Assistant Director), and Laura Kaufman (then-Executive Director) attend the Foundation’s 10th anniversary celebration held at The Standard Club in 2007.

With an endowment of \$15 million, JWF has awarded a total of \$5.5 million to 210 projects over the past quarter century.

When JWF first started, said Carmell, individual grants ranged from \$1,000 to \$8,500. Today, the minimum is \$10,000; the biggest grant on the current docket is \$30,000.

What hasn’t changed, she added, is the focus of the grant dollars, which go “toward creating positive social change for Jewish women and girls.”

JWF’s transformational objectives appeal to younger trustees—such as Anspach’s daughter, Esther Sussman, who serves as JWF’s Innovation Grants Chair. Sussman appreciates that grantmaking compels her to tackle tough questions, such as those about the changing nature of Jewish and gender identities.

That type of out-of-the-box thinking has allowed JWF to develop a national reputation, inspiring other Jewish Federations to create their own women’s foundations and to look to Chicago’s as a mentor and role model. “They have been extremely smart and thoughtful about funding social change,” said Judy Greenwald Cohen, executive director of the Jewish Women’s Foundation of Greater Pittsburgh.

“They really take the time to dig in and care about the issue,” concurred Mary Thomas, director of Institutional Giving at the ACLU of Illinois, which has been awarded multiple JWF grants over the years to support its Women’s and Reproductive Rights Project.

JWF’s work is having a monumental effect, said Andrea Pactor, who for many years was affiliated with Indiana University’s Women’s Philanthropy Institute. JWF and other contemporary women’s giving circles are “filling a huge gap in the funding stream,” she said, noting that less than 2% of charitable giving dollars worldwide go to programs that affect women and girls. “They’re stepping up and charting new territory.” ★

The Jewish Women’s Foundation is an independent project of the Jewish Federation of Chicago. To learn more, visit jwf.org/jwf.

BY ROBERT NAGLER MILLER

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The doctor is in

Dr. Ngozi Ezike takes the helm at Sinai Chicago

WHEN DR. NGOZI EZIKE was a baby, she took her first steps at seven months. When her pediatrician explained to her family that he’d never seen a baby walk so early, Ezike’s proud dad—a Nigerian immigrant to Los Angeles—set his sights on his daughter becoming the first doctor in their family. Sure enough, she grew up to become the doctor her dad had dreamed of, specializing in internal medicine and pediatrics.

In June, Ezike stepped into her new role as President and CEO of Sinai Chicago—the city’s largest private safety net healthcare system and a partner with JUF—serving 1.5 million people on Chicago’s West and Southwest Sides. She succeeded Karen Teitelbaum, who served Sinai Chicago for 15 years.

You might recognize Ezike. For three years, including during the bulk of the COVID pandemic, she served as Illinois’ “Top Doc”—the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health. Helping to guide the state through the worst pandemic in a century, she was known as a strong, empathetic, and trusted presence alongside Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

A longtime champion for safety net healthcare systems, Ezike has dedicated her professional life to advancing health equity and working with underserved communities in Chicago.

A lot of “firsts” modify Ezike’s name. She was the first Black woman appointed to lead the IDPH. Now, she is the first Black woman—and the first physician—to lead Sinai Chicago. A week into her new position, Ezike sat down for an interview with *Jewish Chicago*.

Jewish Chicago: What attracted you to Sinai Chicago?

Dr. Ngozi Ezike: Sinai understands that healthcare does not just happen within the four walls, but that there are social determinants of health (the economic and social conditions that influence differences in health status) that play a huge role ... And we don’t do what I call ‘the wallet biopsy’—where we wait and see what insurance you have before deciding what care you’re going to get.

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The Chicago Jewish community is a lifeline to Sinai Chicago.
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How has Sinai responded to COVID?

Sinai was an incredible player during the pandemic. I’m super proud of that, and I’m proud that we are preparing for whatever might be around the corner. That means empowering the community and getting people literate in health topics so they can take care of themselves ... so when adversity comes, it doesn’t disproportionately hit people in our communities.

What is your vision for Sinai Chicago?

You have two ears and one mouth because you have to listen twice as much as you talk. I’m definitely in the listening phase right now ... I want to promote the health of people in the communities we serve, and I want to see if we can narrow that lifespan [gap] for people who live in certain ZIP codes versus more affluent ZIP codes.



What is the Chicago Jewish community’s relationship to Sinai Chicago?

The Chicago Jewish community is a lifeline to Sinai Chicago, and JUF is a tremendous partner—one that any health system would be so blessed to have.

Why have you dedicated your career to pursuing healthcare equity?

My father always reminded me of the adage “to whom much is given, much is expected.” I wanted to go back into the communities similar to the community I came up in, and show them that “I’m from a community just like yours—I even look like you ... and I can give you care in a completely culturally competent way, understanding some of your struggles.”

What did your job leading public health department during the pandemic teach you?

The power of going beyond what you think are your natural limits is empowering—it’s almost like a cape for me now. If I knew there was going to be a pandemic, I’m not sure I would have taken on the role ... but I got to surprise myself and see what the power of the team can do. The [IDPH] team was phenomenal.

You’re a trailblazer—the first Black woman to lead both the IDPH and now Sinai Chicago. Is that a burden or an honor for you?

In a way, it’s sad that there are so many doors or ceilings that haven’t already been shattered. But I’m happy to carry the mantle and be the first. More importantly, I need to make sure that I create opportunities so that there is the second and the third and the fourth. ★

Pictured: Dr. Ngozi Ezike is the first physician to lead Sinai Chicago.

BY CINDY SHER | *Executive Editor*

They call him ‘Morty’

Dr. Morton Schapiro exits Northwestern after 13 years at the helm

BACK IN 2000, Dr. Morton Schapiro, then incoming president of Williams College in Massachusetts, met the now-late Jewish philanthropist Edgar Bronfman for lunch.

When Schapiro ordered shrimp, Bronfman asked if he’d ever consider giving up *trayf*. “As president, you’ll meet lots of people—heads of state and captains of industry,” Bronfman said. “If they see you eating *trayf*, they’re not going to know how proud you are to be Jewish.”

Taking Bronfman’s advice, Schapiro subsequently adopted the laws of *kashrut*. Whether dining at the White House or eating alone, “it reminds me at every meal how proud I am to be a Jew.”

Jewish values permeate every facet of Schapiro’s life, including his 43 years in higher education, the last 13 as Northwestern University’s president. In 2019, he won Hillel International’s Maimonides Award for supporting Jewish life on campus.

Schapiro—called “Morty” by most—had planned to wrap up his tenure at Northwestern this summer. However, in July, he delayed his exit until they find his successor, after Dr. Rebecca Blank—who was supposed to succeed him—announced that she will step down as president-elect because of a recent cancer diagnosis.

‘Only six days away’

You don’t get an ivory-tower vibe from Schapiro; rather, his vibe is more *hamish*-Shabbat-host.

Through the years, Schapiro and his wife Mimi—along with their three young adult children—have hosted 10,000 students for secular and Jewish gatherings alike, including his favorite ritual of all—Shabbat. “I just love Shabbat,” he said. “If it’s a bad week, I think, ‘Shabbat’s only six days away.’”

He’s a fixture at *shul* on Shabbat, too. Except for one homecoming weekend in 2015 when his university obligations conflicted with Shabbat services, so he skipped synagogue. He immediately regretted it—and hasn’t missed since. In fact, Schapiro attends *two* synagogues—one on Friday nights and the other on Saturday mornings—followed by Northwestern football games in the fall.

He has managed to harmonize his role as university president with his role as a committed Jew. “Being Jewish is core to who Morty is,” said Michael Simon, who is the Schapiro Executive Director of Northwestern Hillel. “He has this special care and concern for the Jewish community, yet it never made him partial to the Jewish community. He instead has been a great exemplar for what it means to be a Jewish leader at a secular university with many faith-based communities.”

‘Completely unacceptable’

But being a Jewish public figure on campus—in this era of intersectionality and Israel delegitimization—doesn’t come easy. In 2020, demonstrators calling for the abolition of the university police protested outside Schapiro’s home, chanting “Piggy Morty.”

In a campus-wide email, Schapiro depicted the chant as reminiscent of an anti-Jewish trope. “Whether it was done out of ignorance or out of antisemitism, it is completely unacceptable,” he wrote. Many criticized his charges, some even calling for his resignation.

‘Professor and president’

Schapiro wears his Northwestern pride around his neck; he’s the owner of 82 purple ties in homage to the school’s official color. Arriving at the university in 2009, Schapiro prioritizes students, often connecting with them over meals at Evanston haunts and dorm cafeterias. During his tenure, the school’s ratings have soared, ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top 10 U.S. universities for undergraduate education four years running.

His email signature reads “professor and president”—in that order. Many university presidents don’t teach, but Schapiro has instructed some 1,500 students at the school. The most important lesson he’s taught his students? “They ought to have the humility to know that education never ends,” he said. “That’s what has governed me in my own life.”

An economics professor, he wrote the book—literally—on the economics of higher education, with a focus on college affordability. A prolific writer, he has penned or edited 10 books total, including three with fellow Northwestern Professor Gary Saul Morson.

Democratizing higher education

Jewish values, he said, drive his desire to make higher education more accessible. “It starts and ends with *tikkun olam*, right?” he said. Under his stewardship, Northwestern has become a leader in accepting first-generation college students, underrepresented minorities, and low-income students, including those who qualify for the Federal Pell Grant.

His interest in democratizing higher education is rooted in his own modest beginnings in New Jersey. A mediocre student, he narrowly made it to college, where a few professors took him under their wing. Their belief in him inspired him to invest in students from humble backgrounds.

California, here they come

Next, Schapiro and Mimi head to Los Angeles, where he’ll work in the field of sustainable-energy investments. Life as a private citizen, in a warmer climate, will mark a sharp turn for Schapiro.

But one thing will remain constant—we’ll know where to find him on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. ★

BY CINDY SHER | Executive Editor



Rebuilding The Ark

THE ARK, a human services hub serving the Chicagoland Jewish community, broke ground in June on an ambitious \$20 million project to modernize its facilities and better serve families.

The Ark offers essential services to Chicago Jewish households—20% of whom reported that they were struggling to make ends meet in the 2020 Metropolitan Chicago Jewish Population Survey—through individualized and comprehensive social services; employment and financial counseling; access to medical, dental, and vision care; a kosher food pantry; emergency housing; spiritual enrichment; all-day mental health programs; and \$1 million annually in direct financial assistance.

The expansion will allow The Ark to better serve a growing community and pilot new approaches to meeting critical needs.

“The Ark has an incredible legacy of caring for the Jewish community, of treating people with respect, compassion, and the utmost dignity,” said The Ark’s CEO Marna Goldwin. “Now we are at a transformative moment in our history when we all must come together to ensure our future for decades to come.”

The Ark will expand by 60% the footprint of its facility in West Rogers Park, its home for the past three decades, to serve an additional 1,000 Jewish Chicagoans in need a year. This expansion will quadruple the size of The Ark’s food pantry, relocate its pharmacy—serving 4,000 clients a year—to the first floor for easier access, double the size of its community space to expand its meal program as well as trainings and other public programs, and provide a new, dedicated space for its therapeutic day program for adults with lifelong, chronic mental health challenges.

The Ark’s projected \$20 million investment also includes \$2 million to grow its endowment to sustain its new building and to develop, implement, and expand innovative new programs to meet the community’s emerging needs.

The Ark has temporarily relocated its client services, and plans to reopen its revitalized and expanded new building in the fall of 2023. ★

For more information, visit arkchicago.org.

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Pictured: Breaking ground on The Ark expansion, from left, are Allan Malmel, Chairman, The Ark Board of Trustees, and Campaign Co-Chair, Building Our Future Campaign; Missy Malmel, Member, The Ark Board of Directors, and Campaign Co-Chair, Building Our Future Campaign; Marna Goldwin, Chief Executive Officer, The Ark; Steven Blonder, President, The Ark Board of Directors; and Lonnie Nasatir, JUF President.



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Making a name

Gala to celebrate 50 years
of CJE, honor Donna Kahan
with inaugural award

WHILE THE NAMES of facilities like "Gidwitz Place" and "Friend Center" are well known to members of the Chicago Jewish community, the name of the woman who helped establish those facilities—Donna Kahan—may not be.

For decades, Kahan—senior associate vice president of JUF's Legacies and Endowments Department—has helped JUF and its family of agencies match donors' philanthropic passions with projects in need of funding.

“Having wonderful facilities adds quality of life for people as they age.”

"I'm inspired by the people who make generous gifts to memorialize their family and create a lasting memory in their honor," Kahan said.

For her dedication and contributions to CJE SeniorLife, Kahan will be honored by the agency with its inaugural Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel Professional Services Award at Celebrate CJE 2022 on Sept. 18 at the Westin Chicago North Shore.

"This is very flattering," Kahan said. "I would never have expected this in a million years. I have been overjoyed just working with my colleagues, providing very valuable services and great relief to people who need it."

The gala event will celebrate CJE, a JUF partner that has helped seniors pursue meaning, independence, and good health for 50 years. Heschel, who was a scholar, activist, and the namesake of CJE's inaugural award, famously said: "A test of a people is how it behaves toward the old," a philosophy that CJE has operated by since its inception.



The Albert and Lucille Delighter and Marcella Winston Foundation, and the Bernard Heerey Family Foundation, will also each receive a special 50th Anniversary Philanthropic Award. Standup comedian Rita Rudner—the star of the longest-running solo female comedy show in Las Vegas history—will headline the gala.

One of Kahan's early successes was the gift that ensured funding for CJE's transportation program for seniors. You may be familiar with the iconic Shalom Buses—that honor the Galter family—on the streets of Chicago and its suburbs.

Another one of Kahan's CJE projects honors Joe Gidwitz, CJE's first president and the namesake of Gidwitz Place for Assisted Living—housed on the Weinberg Community for Senior Living in Deerfield.

Kahan also helped secure the gift for the Friend Center for Memory Care, which serves people with early dementia and is also housed on the Weinberg campus.

Currently, Kahan is working with CJE on a booklet that will help the elderly manage their finances.

"We need to take care of our elderly," Kahan said, "and having wonderful facilities—that provide safety, dignity, and socialization, with happy friendships made—adds quality of life for people as they age." ★

For more information about Celebrate CJE 2022, visit cje.net/celebratcej2022.

Pictured: CJE will honor Donna Kahan for 30 years of dedication to the agency.

BY PAUL WIEDER | Associate Editor

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OVER THE PAST YEAR, my wife Laura and I have had the special privilege to host over 250 young adults in our home for various big holiday celebrations. While we may never be “out of COVID,” this year allowed us, after almost two years, to celebrate and to be actually present with others during these times of great joy.

On Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim, Passover, and Yom Ha’Atzmaut, our goal was to have young adults not just enter our home, but to have them travel to a “temporary world”—as author Priya Parker puts it—when they walk through the front door. We wanted to pull them away from the mundane day-to-day of their professional lives and re-ignite their energy for joyously gathering in a community with other young Jews.

Whether they are stomping their feet in a circle dancing around the Torah, or are served a chocolate martini with a side of gelt, or show up to see the rabbi dressed as the blue Power Ranger, our Basers know that when they come into our home, anything is possible.

As a Base couple, Laura and I spend a tremendous amount of time thinking about how we can best host people in our homes.

How can we be most welcoming? What’s on the menu? What color should the door streamers be? What’s on the playlist? What do we want them to leave with? Leftover food? Or “soul food” to chew on?

When we invite young Jews into our home, we want them to want for nothing. All are royalty. All are the guests of honor. That is our primary goal. But there is more: The Zohar teaches us that when we host on a holiday, we are not just hosting the human guests, but the holiday itself. The holidays are real guests in our homes, and each has a distinct personality. This we know from our personal experiences.

For me, I know that Passover is on its way when I smell the apple raisin *kugel* in the oven just before the Seder begins. I know Chanukah has walked through the door when I smell the *sfinge* (Moroccan donut) that Laura has fried up. The *kugel* reminds me that it is time to leave Egypt; the *sfinge* that miracles are all around me if I would just open my eyes.

It has been a tough few years. And yet, this year has reminded me of the wondrous moments and guests we have had inside of our Base. On Yom Ha’Atzmaut, after grilling what felt like a thousand burgers, we gathered to sing as an offering of gratitude. Yom Ha’Atzmaut is the special guest that tells our Basers and me that we can live our dreams if only we will it.



The emotional height of that night was when we, 50 young adults in our West Loop apartment, concluded our singing with *Hatikvah*, Israel’s national anthem, which describes the hope of the Jewish people and our resilience to never give up our hope.

Rabbi Angela Buchdahl brilliantly explains that Jews are “prisoners of hope.” That night, amid the blue and white glitter sprinkled all around, and the smell of fresh *burekas* wafting in the air, we all traveled to the Land of Hope. I cannot wait to see who comes over next, and where we travel together as a community. ★

Pictured: Jona Koplow (left) and Carly Nashban at a recent Base Loop Purim party.



BY RAV EZRA BALSER

As part of Metro Chicago Hillel, Rav Ezra Balser and his wife Laura run Base Loop out of their home in the West Loop neighborhood of Chicago.

Honoring four retiring heroes of pro bono volunteerism

ORDER THE CAKE and bubbly—four pillars of pro bono volunteerism are entering well-deserved retirement. JUF’s Evelyn R. Greene Legal Services program is honoring these committed volunteers who all happen to be retiring from practice this year: Howard Golden, Wayne Shapiro, Ian Sherman, and Lisa Zebovitz.

The legal clinic provides people in need of legal help with free representation by depending on volunteer attorneys who donate their time and expertise. Chicago Volunteer Legal Services partners with JUF to provide administrative support, training, and malpractice insurance to these generous volunteers.

Founded in 1981, the clinic first strove to address the legal needs of the Russian-speaking Jewish immigrant community. Now expanded to help any low-income family in need, it still serves as a critical resource to the Jewish community, and its volunteers act as examples of skilled altruism.

Calm and thorough, wise and generous, **Howard Golden** has given freely of his talents and time to the legal clinic since its founding. Dedicated to supporting his community, he patiently guided his clients, who in turn adored him. Additionally, he served as a mentor for other attorneys with the clinic, teaching future pro bono advocates the ropes. Known to enjoy Chicago’s Bike the Drive, the clinic wishes Golden only fair-weather rides and magnificent views in the years to come.

When asked what inspired him to perform pro bono work, **Wayne Shapiro** was quick to point out that the Supreme Court calls upon all attorneys to give back to the community. And yet, few rise to the challenge the way Shapiro has. During his time volunteering with the clinic, Shapiro could handle any case thrown at him, no matter how thorny. Now happily retired from practice, he flexes his architectural knowledge as a volunteer docent of architectural walking tours of Chicago.

One of the legal clinic’s first volunteers, **Ian Sherman** has served the clinic for over three decades. His successes for clients have often been lauded as victories for the underdog. A true advocate for justice, Sherman is a superb example of using his talents to strengthen our community, protecting the most vulnerable. In retirement, he will divide his time between Michigan and Arizona.

Lisa Zebovitz is a champion of creative solutions, finding resolution even in dark situations. She originally approached the clinic with hopes of representing clients in family law mediations, a challenging practice many lawyers shy from. During her years with the clinic, Zebovitz stood out for representing elders in the important task of drafting estate planning documents. Her clinic clients reported their delight with her careful legal work and how easy it was for them to speak to her. ★

Anyone interested in following in the footsteps of these inspirational pro bono lawyers may contact JUF’s Evelyn R. Greene Legal Services clinic at 847-568-1525 to learn about volunteer opportunities.

BY JESSICA RHOADES

Jessica Rhoades is a Legal Liaison for JUF’s Evelyn R. Greene Legal Services.



Going the extra mile

BUS DRIVER Bill Riddick spent three days this past spring taking a group of eighth grade boys from Arie Crown Hebrew Day School, a Skokie-based Orthodox day school, on a class trip to Washington D.C. He was so impressed by them that he flew to Chicago for their middle school graduation.

“They’re an amazing group of boys,” Rabbi Yosef Cohen said about his eighth grade students.

“The boys were so much fun,” Riddick recalled. “They were very mannerly and there was so much love ... They taught me some songs, and we just clicked.”

Cohen was one of the first people to see Riddick at the graduation: “He surprised everyone!”

“The reason why I went is they showed me so much love, I wanted to go up there and surprise them,” he explained. Riddick sat in a place of honor, at a table with the rabbis and teachers of the school. When the rabbis offered to pay for his flight and hotel, “I said no ... I pay my own way,” Riddick said. “I did everything from the heart.” ★

A longer version of this story originally ran on Aish.com.

BY YVETTE ALT MILLER

Yvette Alt Miller, Ph.D. lives with her family in the northern suburbs of Chicago.



▲ Bill Riddick, with some of the boys from Arie Crown Hebrew Day School.



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Jewish Free Loan Chicago prepares to open for business

JEWISH FREE LOAN CHICAGO (JFLC) is gearing up to offer zero-interest loans for the Chicagoland community, taking loan applications starting Sept. 1.

Those earning up to 115% of the area's median income—\$85,730 for a family of four—but facing financial emergencies will be eligible for zero-interest loans of up to \$6,000. Loans can cover unexpected expenses from home repair to healthcare, or provide a financial bridge for those between jobs.

“Given the combination of the pandemic, inflation, continued racial disparities, and the inconsistent financial realities in the gig economy,” said Leah Greenblum, founder and executive director of JFLC, “this Jewish concept clearly fits the 21st century needs of our community.”

A JFLC loan is always free—no fees, penalties, or interest, ever. JFLC plans to make 50 loans in its first year on a first come, first served basis.

The organization is raising nearly half a million dollars to run its operations and establish a loan fund for its first year. Compared to high-interest loans, a JFLC loan can boost economic development in vulnerable communities.

“We are living in uncertain times, made even more challenging as inflation rises, with prices increasing on everything from electronics to eggs,” said Professor of Instruction Emerita Hilarie Lieb, Northwestern University economist and JFLC board chair. “Interest rates naturally grow with inflation. Jewish Free Loans’ rates will not; instead, they will provide financial certainty through guaranteed zero-interest loans.”

JFLC is a member of the International Association of Jewish Free Loans. JFLC joins 50 other organizations following a similar model, based on the Jewish value of zero-interest lending. They have been established in every major North American city except Chicago, until now. ★

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Black–Jewish partnership leads to almost \$2 million in debt relief

MORE THAN HALF of bankruptcies in the United States are connected to medical debt. For some families in the Chicago area, however, that debt is being erased in accordance with the Jewish law of *shmita*, the sabbatical year.

The Torah's *shmita* laws prescribe that, every seven years, all agricultural activity in the Land of Israel is forbidden, and the land must be left fallow. There are many specific rules, including prohibition against plowing, planting, and pruning. But a lesser-known custom in observance of the *shmita* year is the release of all debts. After all, in Biblical times, a poor agricultural output one year could indebted a person to the point of slavery.

Pastor Chris Harris—who leads the Bright Star Church in Bronzeville and the St. James Church in West Pullman—has been a longtime proponent of debt release for low-income people. But he learned about *shmita* when Rabbi Ari Hart, who leads the Orthodox Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue, reached out with a plan.

“I fell in love with it,” Harris said. “And I said, ‘Listen, let’s keep this thing rockin,’” referring to their ongoing service partnership.

Harris’ and Hart’s congregations have teamed up to respond to racial injustice, antisemitism, mental health challenges, violence prevention, literacy, and other issues, Harris said. Hart’s synagogue helped create a literacy center for children at Bright Star; other joint efforts have included distributing thousands of pounds of food during the summer of 2020 and registering voters.

This time, the pair started a fundraiser through RIP Medical Debt, an organization that purchases medical debt from the debt-collection market, and then releases it. Since 2014, RIP Medical Debt has erased over \$6 billion in debt.

Through a campaign that ran from January through May, members of Hart and Harris’ congregations raised over \$10,000, which RIP Medical Debt used to purchase \$1.9 million in debt.

This translates into medical-debt relief for 2,327 people in the Chicago area who earn less than twice the federal poverty level, have debts that constitute five percent or more of their annual income, or have more debts than assets. The recipients didn’t know the relief was coming.

“In Jewish living today, we teach about values, but I love this because it was real for those 2,000 families,” Hart said. “These are very Biblical concepts—that people can get trapped by debt, that it can ruin your life. Debt is not just a financial issue. It’s a spiritual issue, it’s a mental health issue. We know how crippling long-term debt can be, on all levels of life.”

While the *shmita* project hit on a core value for Harris, he also saw it as a way to push one of his other passions: Black–Jewish cooperation.

Harris has a long affiliation with Jews and Israel. He recently traveled on his seventh trip to Israel; on an earlier visit, he was impressed by the NATAL center in Tel Aviv, which helps veterans deal with PTSD. From NATAL, he brought back lessons—and counselors who work in the communities he serves.

“Every time I’m on college campuses, people always brag about the fact that Blacks and Jews have been working together for a long time,” Harris noted. “And I tell them, ‘Stop taking credit for what Dr. King and Rabbi Heschel did—



▲ Pastor Chris Harris, who leads two Church of God in Christ congregations in Chicago, and Rabbi Ari Hart, of the Orthodox Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue, teamed up for a *shmita* debt relief fundraiser. (Credit: Screenshot from Facebook)

that’s 50 years ago ... Let’s put new pictures of us working together in that old frame,” he said. “Rabbi Ari Hart is one of the rabbis who said, ‘I’m very serious about it.’ Every single thing that we’ve done, he has showed up—it’s amazing.”

“I have worked with Pastor Harris for many years, on a number of projects,” Hart said. Like the others, the *shmita* debt-relief effort is about “how we can take profound Biblical ideas and make them real.” ★

BY JACKIE HAJDENBERG and GABE FRIEDMAN | JTA

Medical debt facts and figures

- Fully half of Americans now carry medical debt.
- Nearly one in five Americans—18 percent—hold medical debt that is in collections.
- Between 2009 and 2020, unpaid medical bills became the largest source of debt that Americans owe collections agencies.
- Two thirds—66 percent—of bankruptcy filings are tied to unresolved medical expenses.
- Just the fact that someone owes medical debt, according to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, decreases the likelihood that they will seek healthcare, furthering their cycle of illness and need for future treatments.

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People with disabilities find jobs, skills, and confidence through Duman Opportunity Center

WHEN MARK KRAVIS talks about his work delivering meals to residents at the Weinberg Community for Senior Living in north suburban Deerfield, you'd think the job was made for him—and you'd be right.

Kravis received support from the Duman Opportunity Center, a JCFS Chicago agency dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities find employment. The Duman team guided him through the interview process and testing different roles at the Weinberg Community to find the position that matched his skills. “I can only use one hand, and at first, they had me filling pudding cups, but that didn't work out. [So] they created a job for me,” he said. “They didn't give up on me. They respected me.”

“We try to get to know individuals on a personal level,” said Leah Rudy, manager of Client Services at Duman. She and her colleagues help clients identify employment goals, develop their resume and interview skills, and establish connections to potential employers. They also provide on-the-job coaching for up to a year, all at no cost to the employee and employer.

Kravis, 59, was four years old when a boating accident left him with brain damage and paralysis on his right side. After years of operations and therapy, Kravis lives mostly on his own in Glenview and cares for himself, but he's only able to stand for one hour at a time. Still, he earned a customer service certificate from Oakton Community College and is thrilled to put his education and talents to work with two weekly, one-hour shifts at Weinberg Community.

“I put the food on a cart and deliver it to apartments. I meet the residents, ask them how they're feeling, how their day is going. I enjoy the work I'm doing now,” he said, explaining how his Duman coach taught him what to say when residents answered their door, giving him the confidence he needed.

“Mark is happy. He knows what he's doing,” said Mayra Carbajal Andres, dining room manager at Weinberg Community. While she recognizes the value of the job for Kravis, she also sees the benefits for herself and her staff. “Our employees help each other more. It's changed them to be more understanding and so much more patient. It's a gratifying feeling to make a change in someone's life.”



Jack Bartky, 30, who lives with Down syndrome, also found a job with help from Duman. Five days a week, Bartky works at Kol Tuv Kosher Foods on West Devon, not far from his home in West Rogers Park. He's responsible for everything from bagging groceries to helping customers to their cars to keeping the store neat and clean.

In addition to facilitating Bartky's job application and interview, his Duman coach guided him in growing the skills necessary to get his work done efficiently. “He helped me get faster bagging with tons of practice. Speed is important for the job because sometimes we have many customers, and it's busy,” said Bartky.

Working in his own neighborhood near Congregation Khal Chasidim, where he worships daily, means Bartky sees familiar faces. “He gets to meet more people, and I tell him he helps put food on the table of Jewish people of Chicago, and that's very important,” said his mother, Ethel Bartky.

In addition to food services, Duman has placed employees in just about every other sector, including retail, office settings, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, graphic design, and big box stores.

While the pandemic cost many people their jobs, the current demand for workers is creating tremendous opportunities for people with disabilities, who make for exceptionally loyal employees.

“Employers have opened their eyes and are taking a second look at people with disabilities,” said Rudy.

“They are getting an amazing candidate, someone who has worked hard to get a job, and once they do so, they don't want to leave. They are willing to go above and beyond and grow with the company.” ★

Pictured, top: Although Mark Kravis can only stand for one hour at a time, he's thriving in his work delivering meals to residents at Weinberg Community for Senior Living. (Credit: Duman Opportunity Center) Bottom: Jack Bartky's coach at the Duman Opportunity Center helped him find his job at Kol Tuv Kosher Foods and develop the skills he needed to feel capable and confident. (Credit: Elliot Bartky)

BY JULIE WEINBERG

Julie Mangurten Weinberg is a Northbrook-based journalist with more than 20 years of experience in broadcast, print, and digital media. (She has no connection to the Weinberg Community for Senior Living.)

On the town

Jewish Day School Night

Close to 300 people turned out for JUF's Jewish Day School Night at Ida Crown Jewish Academy in May. The evening offered an opportunity for people to show their appreciation and support of JUF, day schools, and the diverse Jewish community in greater Chicago. Rabbi Yaakov Glasser of Yeshiva University delivered the keynote address, in which he stressed the importance of teaching children about community and mutual respect and understanding.

1. From left: Ben and Amy Fisher, Jewish Day School Night 2022 co-chairs; Lonnie Nasatir, JUF President; Rabbi Yaakov Glasser, keynote speaker; and Chaya Tova and David Hartman, Jewish Day School Night 2022 co-chairs.



Spring Event

The Women's Philanthropy annual Spring Event took place at the Chicago History Museum. The event featured a beautiful lunch outside in a tent, followed by a moderated conversation between Young Women's Board Spring Event Chair Jennifer Wintroub Stoller and featured speaker Julianna Margulies, award-winning actress, producer, and author. Nearly 500 people attended the luncheon, and raised almost \$250,000 to date for the 2022 JUF Annual Campaign.

2. From left: Young Women's Board Spring Event Chair Jen Stoller and featured speaker Julianna Margulies, award-winning actress, producer, and author.



LEADS

LEADS, YLD's eight-week cohort-based series, concluded in June. LEADS is a way for Jewish young adults to meet new people in Chicago, and offers an introductory exploration of the Jewish community in a fun, relaxed social setting. Some 80 people participated in the cohort, which raised \$1,675 toward the 2022 JUF Annual Campaign.

3. A group of LEADS participants.



JPN's JUF Real Estate Emerging Professionals Happy Hour

In June, the JUF Professionals Network Real Estate Emerging Professionals Committee (JREP) hosted a happy hour for some 40 emerging Jewish real estate professionals, across all facets of real estate, to network and socialize. This was the committee's first in-person event since 2019, and participants enjoyed getting to know one another and discussing real estate projects they are working on. The committee will be hosting another happy hour on August 10. To learn more about upcoming JREP events or to get involved in the JREP Committee, contact ProfessionalsNetwork@juf.org or 312-357-4914.

4. Sam Berry and Ellie Perlin, JREP co-chairs, welcome participants to the event.



Elaine Levy Ordower Women's Philanthropy Annual Meeting

The Elaine Levy Ordower Women's Philanthropy Annual Meeting took place in early June at Bryn Mawr Country Club. Over 100 people attended the meeting, which honored outgoing board directors and council members, and installed new directors, members, and officers.

5. From left: Elaine Levy Ordower Women's Philanthropy Annual Meeting Co-Chairs: Wynne Baruch, Women's Board; Amy Weinberg Olswang, Women's City Council; Jamie Ordower Zaransky, Young Women's Board; Lisa Gelles, Young Women's City Council.



YLD's Business Professionals Network Happy Hour

Some 130 Jewish young professionals gathered at Theory for YLD's Business Professionals Network Happy Hour. The event offered young professionals a chance to network and socialize with others in the Chicago Jewish community.

6. A group of young adults at YLD's Business Professionals Network Happy Hour.



YLD's 83rd Annual Meeting

YLD's 83rd Annual Meeting welcomed 50 guests, including incoming and current board members, friends, family, and alumni. The event recognized graduating board members, inaugurated 11 new board members, and featured YLD and JUF top leadership, including Lonnie Nasatir.

7. The 2022–2023 YLD Board.



Lions on the Loose

Lions on the Loose took place at the studio of Chicago-based artist Adam Siegel. Over 30 Lions gathered to hear Siegel's story and reconnect with one another.

8. From left: Chicago-based artist Adam Siegel, Lions on the Loose Chair Jennifer Newman Brown, and Women's Board President Linda Schottenstein Fisher.

Pre-Pride Parade Bagel Brunch

YLD Pride hosted a Pre-Pride Parade Bagel Brunch. The brunch gave the YLD Pride community an opportunity to gather and schmooze before the Chicago Pride Parade began. In addition to the brunch, YLD Pride partnered with Keshet and other Jewish organizations to march together in the parade.

9. A group of young adults at YLD Pride's Pre-Parade Bagel Brunch.



JPN's Young Lawyers Group Shabbat Dinner

In June, JPN's Young Lawyers Group Committee joined Rabbi Jonathan Posner and Hannah Swirnow for Shabbat dinner at Base Andersonville. The group enjoyed the opportunity to get acquainted with one another over a Shabbat meal. To learn more about upcoming Young Lawyers Group events or to get involved in the committee, contact ProfessionalsNetwork@juf.org or 312-357-4914.

10. Rabbi Jonathan Posner (center) speaking to the Young Lawyers Group before Shabbat begins.



A marriage forged in wartime letters, and music for summer nights

For the romantics among you, there is a play that delves into a lifelong romance that began with an exchange of letters. For the music lovers, there is a summer filled with the sound of both classical composers and Broadway masters. So, grab your calendar and make plans for balmy August evenings.



PHOTOS

1. Sarah Price as Louise Rabiner and Casey Hoekstra as US Army Captain Jack Ludwig in a pre-production photo for *Dear Jack, Dear Louise*. (Credit: Greg Inda)
2. In August, Ravinia Festival will pay homage to Stephen Sondheim, pictured, the Broadway genius who died last year. (Photo courtesy of Ravinia Festival)
3. The CSO will perform Leonard Bernstein's *Candide Overture* and *Symphonic Dances* from *West Side Story* Aug. 3. (CSO)
4. Cedille Records' newest release is *Perspectives*, performed by ensemble Third Coast Percussion. (Courtesy of Cedille Records)

A wartime romance with an epistolic twist

Playwright Ken Ludwig, whose first major success was the 1980s farce *Lend Me a Tenor*, has written more than two dozen plays, which have been performed in more than 30 countries and 20 languages.

But his latest work, *Dear Jack, Dear Louise*, now receiving its Chicago area debut at Northlight Theatre, is his most personal play. It traces what turned out to be a courtship-by-letters—a correspondence conducted during World War II by the man and woman who would marry and become his parents. Their letters were penned over the course of several years—before the two had ever met.

“I had two terrific parents,” said Ludwig, during a recent chat. “And I began thinking about them, and about the war, and about how they got to know each other. Both of their fathers were poor tailors—Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe who fled the pogroms and somehow knew each other. My father’s family settled in the Philadelphia area, and my mom’s family settled in Brooklyn.”

“My dad, Captain Jack Ludwig, earned a medical degree, worked his way through school with jobs in the steel mills, and then was drafted into the army. He served as a doctor in Oregon where soldiers who were wounded in the Pacific were brought for treatment. My mother, Louise Rabiner, who was very beautiful, worked as a runway model ... After a year of college, she moved into a boarding house in Manhattan where people like Oscar Levant and Van Johnson lived. She took singing and dance lessons, and was cast as a tap dancer in *Hellzapoppin’*, the famous Broadway revue.”

At the urging of their fathers, Jack and Louise began to correspond, sharing about 100 letters over several years as World War II raged, neither sure they would ever actually meet. But as Ludwig confesses, “I had to write all the letters that are exchanged in the play without ever having seen the real ones, and only knowing some things I’d heard from one of my aunts. That’s because before her death my mother destroyed them all, maybe because she thought they were too intimate for my brother and me to read. My great regret is that I never was able to sit down with those letters and read them.”

Ludwig was drawn to the theater from early on, but ended up pursuing law in his early adulthood. “I joined a big law firm in Washington, D.C.,” said the playwright. But for the four or five years I worked as a lawyer, I put myself on what I called ‘the 4 a.m. routine’—writing until 8:30 a.m. and then putting on a suit and heading to the office.” ★

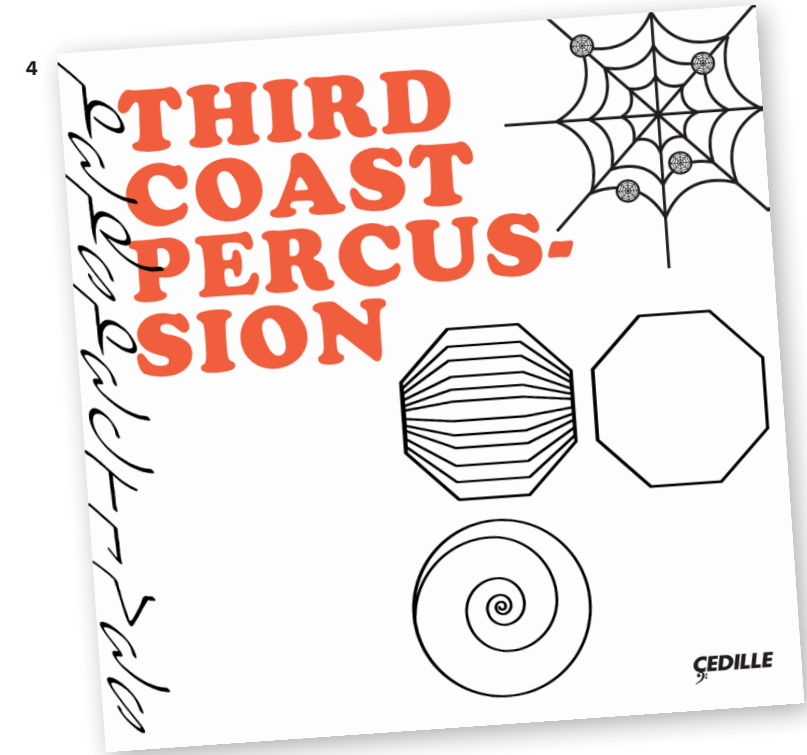
“Dear Jack, Dear Louise” runs through Aug. 7 at the Northlight Theatre, 9501 N. Skokie Blvd., Skokie. For tickets, visit northlight.org or call 847-673-6300.



More music notes

Cedille Records—the not-for-profit company founded in 1989 by James Ginsburg, whose opera-loving mother just happened to be Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg—has a notable history of recording the music of Chicago-based classical music performers and composers. And for those who prefer to stay home in air conditioning, there is the company’s newest release, *Perspectives*, performed by the Grammy Award-winning ensemble Third Coast Percussion. Among the four works on the recording are two by Jewish composers: the world premiere of *Percussion Quartet*, written by Danny Elfman, who is acclaimed for his many film scores (*Batman*, *Edward Scissorhands*, and *Spider Man*); as well as the ensemble’s own arrangement of Philip Glass’ *Metamorphosis No. 1*. ★

For more information, visit cedillerecords.org.



Keying into the music of summer

There is something quite wonderful about listening to music outdoors on a warm summer evening as crickets make a racket, trains signal their arrival, and master performers just play on.

Here are a few of the performances with a “Jewish twist” that can be heard in August in the open air (or, in some cases, at the indoor Martin Theater) at the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park.

Aug. 3: The CSO will play a program featuring Leonard Bernstein’s *Candide Overture* and *Symphonic Dances* from *West Side Story*, as well as George Gershwin’s *Porgy and Bess: A Symphonic Picture*, and a Stephen Sondheim improvisation. Wayne Marshall will conduct.

Aug. 7: An homage to the Broadway genius who died this past November, *Yours, Stephen Sondheim*—conceived and directed by Rob Lindley, with Kevin Stites conducting the CSO—will feature Heather Headley, Alexandra Billings, and other guest vocalists.

Aug. 18: The CSO, conducted by Peter Oundjian, will be joined by guest artist Itzhak Perlman playing Felix Mendelssohn’s *Violin Concerto in E Minor*.

Aug. 27: Anthony De Mare will perform a program titled *Liaisons: Reimagining Sondheim from the Piano*. ★

For tickets, visit Ravinia.org or call 847-266-5100.



BY HEDY WEISS

Hedy Weiss, a longtime Chicago arts critic, was the Theater and Dance Critic for the Chicago Sun-Times from 1984 to 2018, and currently writes for WTTW-TV’s website and contributes to the Chicago Tonight program. (Photo: Rich Hein)



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CULTURE

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BRUNCH MAY JUST BE the best meal of the week. But I know what you're thinking: "I have to get up early to cook, and I can't go out the night before. Right?"

Wrong! You can prep brunch the day—or *days*—before, and you can still sleep in.

I love brunch for a million reasons: First, I love that the meal is leisurely. You can put the meal out in courses, starting with cold items and working your way up to hot foods. This type of menu allows the host to enjoy time with guests and to attend the affair.

I also love that it's two meals in one! I love eating off a well-rounded brunch menu. If you get in all your carbs, protein, and veggies at brunch, you don't really need to eat much the rest of the day. How efficient is that?

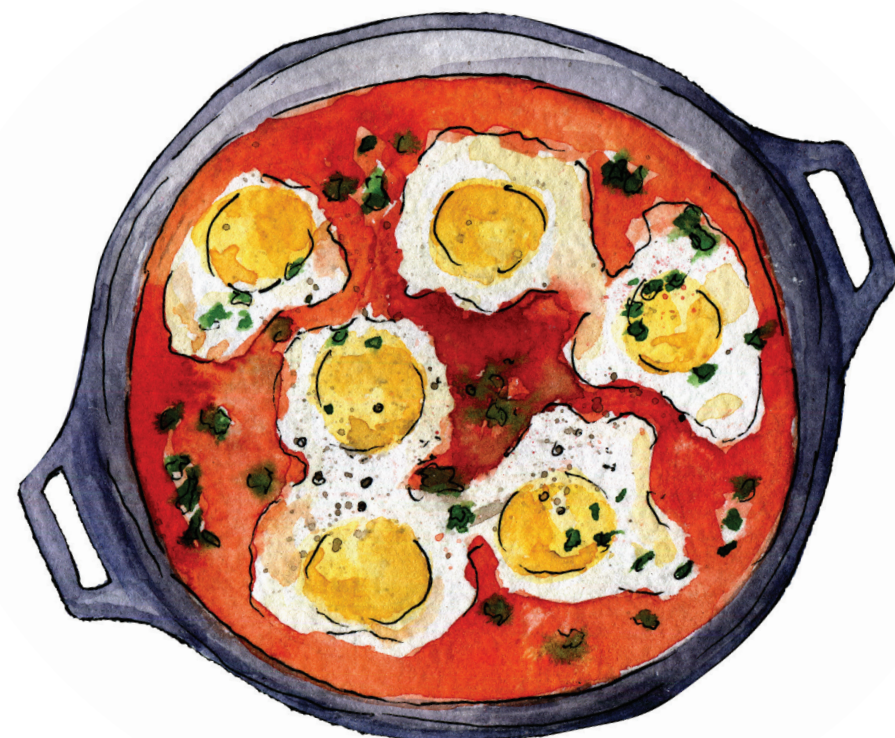
Next, I'm a fan of getting the entertaining over with early in the day. Late-night entertaining frequently has the host staying up into the wee hours cleaning up after the party. With brunch, you have time to clean and still get out and enjoy the rest of the day.

And then there's the mimosa! Typically, I never drink during breakfast, and rarely during lunch, but somehow with brunch, all rules are off—and the more elaborate the drinks, the merrier. Bring on the bottomless mimosa bar! ★



BY LAURA FRANKEL

Laura Frankel is a noted kosher chef, a cookbook author, and Culinary Director for a media company. Currently, she serves as Director of Catering at Circle of Life Catering at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El.



Caprese Skewers with Balsamic

The flavors of a Caprese salad are a summer favorite.

Gorgeous sliced tomatoes or cherry tomatoes paired with bouncy mozzarella balls and surrounded with fresh basil leaves—skewered together and drizzled with good quality balsamic vinegar and extra virgin olive oil, it's summer pleasure in a bite.

- ▶ Assemble the Caprese skewers the night before. Cover and store in the refrigerator. Before guests arrive, drizzle skewers with balsamic vinegar, good quality extra virgin olive oil, and a pinch of sea salt. Yum!

Shakshuka

Serves 6-8

Shakshuka is a dish with North African origins, popular in Israel, consisting of eggs poached in a spicy sauce of tomatoes and other vegetables. Make-ahead shakshuka sauce makes for an easy morning. Make the sauce a day—or days—before your brunch, and store, covered, in the fridge. The morning of your brunch, preheat the oven to 350°F, heat the sauce in your skillet, and—before serving—crack the eggs into the sauce.

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| Extra virgin olive oil | 2 tablespoons tomato paste |
| 1 red onion, thinly sliced | One 28-ounce container crushed tomatoes |
| Sea salt and freshly cracked black pepper | 8–10 eggs (depending on the size of your skillet) |
| 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced | Pita for serving |
| 1 poblano pepper, thinly sliced | Toppings: crumbled feta cheese, chopped Kalamata olives, chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, cilantro leaves, za'atar spice blend |
| 1 jalapeño pepper, thinly sliced (optional) | |
| 3 cloves garlic, minced | |
| 2 teaspoons ground cumin | |
| 1 teaspoon ground coriander | |

1. Heat a large skillet, lightly coated with olive oil, over medium-high heat. Sauté onion and peppers until peppers are softened, lightly charred, and have shrunk a bit (about 7–10 minutes). Add garlic, cumin, and coriander, and stir to coat peppers and onion with spices.
2. Add tomato paste and stir for a minute or two to char the paste and bring out flavor. Add crushed tomatoes, reduce heat to simmer, and cook for 15 minutes.
3. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. If you are serving shakshuka immediately, preheat oven to 350°F and continue with step 4. If you are serving shakshuka the next day or in the days ahead, cool sauce to room temperature before covering, and store in the fridge. Reheat sauce in a large skillet or casserole before cracking eggs into it.
4. Create an indentation in the sauce with the back of a spoon. Crack an egg into a small cup, and slide the egg into the sauce. (This method will keep bits of shell from getting into the sauce). Continue with the remaining eggs.
5. Cook shakshuka in preheated oven until whites are set but yolks are still runny (about 10–15 minutes). You have some leeway here, as the eggs will continue to cook in the simmering sauce, so if you pull the pan out of the oven a bit early, you can allow the dish to sit, lightly tented with foil, before serving.
6. Sprinkle with toppings and return shakshuka to oven for just a minute to char the cheese and warm the olives. Drizzle with great olive oil and serve with pita.

Boozy Challah French Toast

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| 1 loaf challah, sliced into one-inch-thick slices | 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon |
| 5 eggs, beaten | Pinch of sea salt |
| 2 cups milk | 2 tablespoons favorite liqueur, such as raspberry or blackberry |
| 1 cup heavy cream | Toppings: whipped cream, maple syrup, and/or powdered sugar |
| 2 teaspoons vanilla extract | |

1. The night before: Grease a 9 x 13" casserole with butter. Fit sliced challah into greased pan. Whisk together eggs, milk, cream, vanilla, cinnamon, salt, and liqueur. Pour over challah. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight (or for several hours).
2. The next day: Preheat oven to 425°F. Bake covered in preheated oven for 20 minutes, uncover, and continue baking until browned and puffed, about 15–20 more minutes.
3. Serve with whipped cream, maple syrup, and/or powdered sugar.

Breakfast Fruit Salad

This doesn't require a real recipe. Purchase whatever seasonal fruits look best to you. I love sticking to a color theme. Mixing red berries, pitted red cherries, red plums, and chunks of watermelon makes for a gorgeous, multi-textural salad. Have fun with this! Drizzle the fruit with fresh lime juice and a couple of tablespoons of simple syrup to make the flavors really pop. Assemble the salad the night before and store in the fridge.

Bottomless Mimosa Bar

The key to a fun mimosa bar is to have lots of options.

Brightly colored, labeled juices are a must. In the summer, I like to have at least four juices in carafes—labeled, chilled, and lined up. I love serving watermelon juice, strawberry, orange, and one wild card, like blackberry or blueberry juice. Whether store-bought or homemade, the juices are brightly flavored, colorful, and tempting.

Add bowls of fresh fruit, like berries, chunks of watermelon, pineapple, and other fruits.

Finally, add the chilled sparkling wine. No need to spend big bucks here. Since you are mixing the wine with juices and fruit, the flavor is not super important. I like to use a Cava (Spanish sparkling wine) or Prosecco (Italian sparkling wine).

For planning purposes, if you use champagne flutes, you can usually get six mimosas from a bottle of sparkling wine, and each guest will drink two to three mimosas.



Film preserves ‘Three Minutes’ in life of Polish village on eve of Holocaust

BIANCA STIGTER’S film *Three Minutes – A Lengthening*, opening in Chicago on Aug. 19, is one of the most unique and haunting documentaries ever made about the Holocaust.

It takes its title from three minutes of 16mm footage shot by Glenn Kurtz in 1938 in Nasielsk, a town in Poland about 30 miles northwest of Warsaw. It was part of a filmed record of a trip to Europe that Kurtz made with his wife. Nasielsk was his hometown. Almost half of its 7,000 residents were Jews.

On Dec. 3, 1939, a bell rang at 7:30 a.m. All Jewish men, women, and children were given 15 minutes to gather in the town square. A terrible and violent chaos arose. Ultimately, the entire Jewish population was rounded up and were mostly deported to the Treblinka concentration camp. Only about 100 of the residents survived.

The three minutes of footage depicts the bustling Jewish community. Youngsters are especially entranced by the camera and jostle for prime position in front it. People are seen leaving a synagogue. There is a glimpse of a café.

Kurtz’s grandson, Glenn, found the reel of footage in his parents’ closet in 2009. Badly decomposed, the celluloid was reported to be a month from completely disintegrating. Kurtz donated the can of film to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, where the footage was restored, digitized, and posted on its website.



▲ Townspeople of the predominantly Jewish village of Nasielsk, Poland in 1938, as seen in Bianca Stigter’s *Three Minutes – A Lengthening*. (Image courtesy of Family Affair Films, © US Holocaust Memorial Museum)

This is where Stigter saw it. A producer (*12 Years a Slave*) and former film critic, she was fascinated by the footage. “I was very touched because the footage, for the most part, was in color, and most of the film and photos from that time are in black and white,” she said. “To see it in color gives it a very contemporary feel and brings it closer to you. I thought, ‘Wouldn’t it be great to keep this past in our present for a bit longer. Couldn’t we extend this footage in some way?’”

Five years in the making, *Three Minutes* unfolds as something of a detective story. The location was initially unknown. Once established, Stigter was faced with seemingly insurmountable questions. Who were these people? What was that shop? Even: What kind of trees and flowers lined the streets? She considered herself more of an archeologist than a director, she said.

And then, a miracle: A woman in Detroit watching the footage on the Holocaust Museum website recognized a face in the crowd: her grandfather, Maurice Chandler. He was one of the 100 who survived. Now in his 90s, he provides commentary on the documentary’s soundtrack.

Chandler and Glenn Kurtz’s voices are heard in *Three Minutes*, but the documentary never strays from the three minutes of footage, which is re-wound, replayed, freeze-framed, and zoomed in on to capture specific details. “I wanted that footage to be the center stage,” Stigter said. “I wanted viewers to feel like they were inside this footage.

If we had added talking heads, that would have broken the spell.”

Stigter, born in 1964, is not Jewish. She grew up in Amsterdam, site of the Anne Frank House Museum. The Holocaust, she said, “was always discussed in my home. We lived in a city where almost a tenth of the population had been taken away. My mom had a friend who published a lot of books about the Holocaust, and I read them. This was something that happened in my street, around the corner of my school.”

She hopes that *Three Minutes* will further help to “take the abstraction out of talking about the statistics of the Holocaust,” she said. “Here, you can see a few of the people who had their own lives. They look like you, like me.”

What is striking about the footage are the comical scenes of those mugging for the camera. “They wanted to be seen,” Stigter said. “The world needs to see them now.” ★

Three Minutes – A Lengthening was featured earlier this year at the JCC Chicago Jewish Film Festival at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, and opens in theaters in New York and Los Angeles on Aug. 19. For updates on Chicago’s theatrical release, visit threeminutesfilm.com.

BY DONALD LIEBENSON

Donald Liebenson is a Chicago writer who writes for *VanityFair.com*, *LA Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and other outlets.

A delicious distraction

I THINK we could all use a break. Even just a few hours of delicious distraction.

Jennieke Cohen’s *My Fine Fellow* is a delightful mash-up of genres and cultural inspiration. Imagine if you took the alternative history of *Bridgerton* (still with Queen Charlotte and young people pushing society’s boundaries, but in this case with decidedly less sex) and combined it with the fierce and friendly competition (respectively) of *Top Chef* and *The Great British Baking Show*. Then add to this unlikely mix a sly re-casting of *My Fair Lady*, with Professor Higgins and Colonel Pickering (thankfully) replaced by two ambitious young women in their last year at the (imaginary) Royal Culinary Academy.

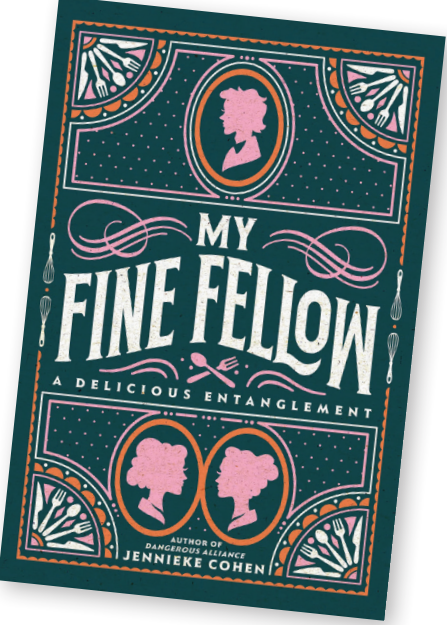
Helena Higgins and Penelope Pickering are training to become culinarians, a prestigious profession filled by women who are masters in the culinary arts. Culinarians need to be both creative and incredibly skilled. Those who qualify become consultant chefs who create marvelous food experiences for royalty and everyone they entertain. (I imagine them like celebrity stylists or star architects, but their medium is food.)

When Helena and Penelope meet Elijah Little, a Jewish street vendor selling uniquely delicious creations of his own invention, an idea for a unique project takes shape.

Helena comes from high society—with high aspirations to match. She is prickly and demanding of everyone—most notably herself. Yet she shares her access and connections—as well as her state-of-the-art test kitchen—with Penelope and Elijah. Penelope, who learned to cook from her Filipina mother, is on a mission to elevate the cuisine from cultures around the world, despite an undercurrent of derision to her mixed race and her mother’s outsider status. For Elijah, the limits are more overt. Jews are restricted from owning businesses, so his entrepreneurial imaginings remain only a dream, even though he has amazing talent.

When the three of them come together, chaos and cooking ensue. There are delightful descriptions that will make you hungry. There is a touch of romance, wry references to the world of fine dining and celebrity chefs, the thrill of high-stakes competition, and a celebration of both individual expression and shared friendship.

Some reviews refer to this book as Young Adult. I say it’s a delightful romp whatever your age. ★



BY BETSY GOMBERG

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CULTURE

Chicago writer bikes from coast to coast

THIS SEPTEMBER, David King will bike 150 miles from Cleveland to Pittsburgh. As his goal is “to listen, empathize, and gather stories of beauty and kindness,” he is timing his ride between the International Day of Listening and World Gratitude Day.

For King, though, that’s just a quick trip. Back in 2016, King biked from San Diego to Miami—more than 3,000 miles—across mountains, deserts, bayous, and plains. He wound this route through towns he wanted to see, staying about a week each in Austin and New Orleans. During the trip, he attended Seders at Hillels in Texas.

The odyssey took King—a New York-born Chicagoan—four months. Writing his new book about it, *America on Two Wheels*, took several years.

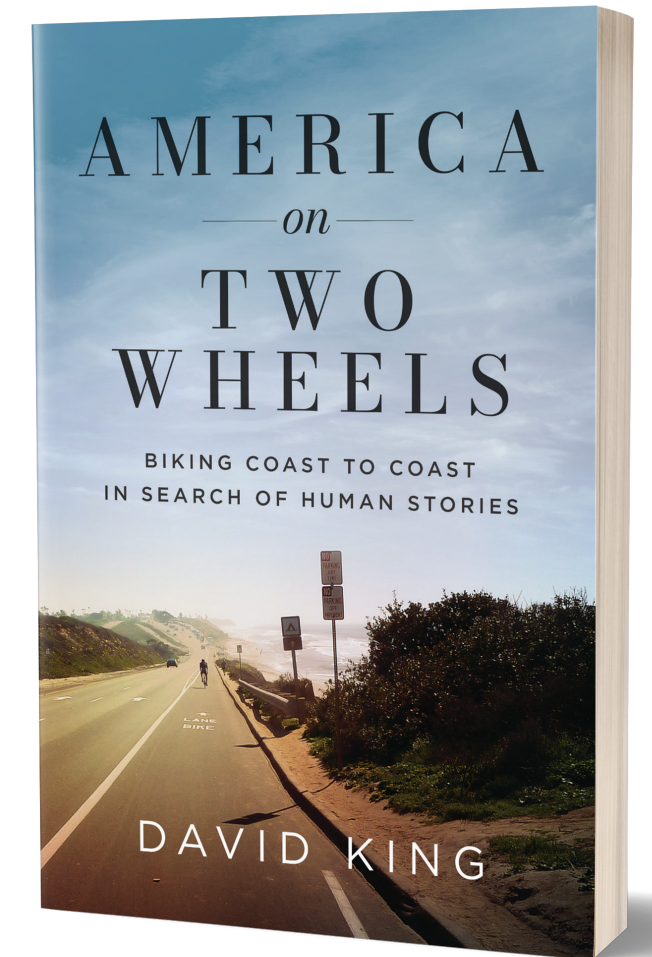
Aside from backroad terrain and harsh weather, King met with mental and emotional challenges on his trek. But his trail also led to “free water, a free smoothie, free tires, free rides to bike shops,” and dozens of other acts of kindness from those he encountered.

“My goal in this journey was to seek beauty and kindness, to try to find God in interactions with everyday people,” he wrote.

His favorite part was the Southwest, with the highways so empty that he could bike on the shoulder—and “the skies so big and open, and a wind so strong it pushed me uphill.” His least favorite? “The last leg, biking in Florida in July.”



▲ The author, setting off from the San Diego coast.



While his first “long” ride was only from Chicago to the northern suburbs, that exhilaration left him wanting more. King began doing intercity rides across the U.S. and Europe.

At the time, he was in his mid-30s, a script writer for training videos. “It was a time when I felt like I was not moving forward in life and in need of inspiration,” he recalled, when the cross-country trip occurred to him. “I thought it would be a terrific way to get perspective.”

King considers his journey to be a spiritual one: “I wanted to seek out God in the beauty and kindness of people—to develop gratitude.” ★

BY PAUL WIEDER | Associate Editor



▲ A map of King's coast-to-coast bike ride. The southern route was chosen to minimize biking over the Rockies.

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▲ Josh Evnin is President of Fixer, a startup employing handymen and women.

Entrepreneurs embrace *tikkun olam* to make an impact

Businesses large and small can use their power and influence to solve problems and drive positive change. Three young local Jewish entrepreneurs recognized their opportunity to live the Jewish value of tikkun olam and be a force for good in the world through their work.

JOSH EVNIN, President of Fixer, a Chicago startup which employs handymen and -women, has prioritized helping others throughout his career. He credits Jewish summer camp with inspiring his lifelong drive to help others.

“Camp had a major influence on the work I do today. As an entrepreneur, the central theme of my work is finding ways to encourage people to behave differently—to try a new app or service that makes their life better in some way,” he said. “At camp, I learned that the best way to spur behavioral change is to make it a part of daily life—[such as by] incorporating Judaism into our daily activities that I ended up continuing at home.”

Fixer seeks to address two issues Evnin and his business partners identified in the home repair arena: There were not enough people with home repair skills, and there was a lack of streamlined technology to simplify the process of matching the right home repair expert for the job.

“We have this sort of mixed business model where we are helping homeowners get repairs done and helping our employees and communities to bring people into the trades,” explained Evnin, who started his career making software systems easier to use—and helped create GrubHub.

Employing what he knew about people and how they interact with technology, Evnin set out to help create Fixer—along with Founder Mike Evans—and the platform is changing the way people tackle household repair.

“We are able to take folks who want to contribute and also who want to build a career for themselves, and [leverage] their ability to learn and serve customers,” Evnin said.

“*The central theme of my work is finding ways to encourage people to behave differently.*”



▲ Lindsay Barnett co-created Pup Quiz®, a toolbox of math learning resources.



Lindsay Barnett and fellow teachers passed out educational toolkits at food distribution centers during the height of COVID. ▶

LINDSAY BARNETT has also used her expertise to help close a gap. Barnett, a second-grade teacher for Chicago Public Schools, was constantly thinking about creative ways to engage her students. After finding a lack of certain types of learning tools in her classroom, she and fellow teacher Victoria Goldfarb co-created Pup Quiz®, a toolbox of math learning resources—like flashcards, word problem cards, and dry erase worksheets—for grade school children.

Barnett, now Pup Quiz® CEO, had planned to launch the company in March 2020, but the pandemic hit just as she was striking up her first deals with school districts. So, along with the rest of the world, she pivoted.

“Originally, it was designed to be for classroom use, but during the pandemic it ended up helping families at home,” said Barnett.

Tapping into her network of coworkers and friends, Barnett posted about Pup Quiz® learning kits on social media and started distributing them to interested families. As word of mouth spread about the product, Barnett recognized that the kits could also help students who did not have the ability to access their teachers online during the pandemic.

“I had so many of my friends go out in the freezing cold of Chicago and pass out kits at different food distribution centers because that’s a great way to get them to kids who really need educational support,” Barnett said.

Barnett, whose mom was a longtime JCC teacher, supplied the kits to the local JCCs. She credits her mom for inspiring her passion for education, “I got to see the best teacher and was like ‘I want to do what she is doing,’” Barnett said.

“*During the pandemic it ended up helping families at home.*”



CAROLINE NOVACK GREENWOOD, of Glencoe, is also helping people, through her unique therapy practice. True Mind + Body, based in the North Shore, is one of the only practices in the country to combine traditional therapeutic services with comprehensive mind and body therapies.

Greenwood, a licensed clinical social worker and mother of three, was inspired to start True Mind + Body with her sister Melissa Novack, also a social worker, after attending a yoga class that proved transformational.

“I remember leaving [the class] and feeling like night and day,” Greenwood said. “The mindfulness and true movement that was happening in there was really personally helpful.”

Greenwood wanted to bring these benefits to her clients, so she became a yoga instructor and began infusing yoga into her therapy practice. Then, in 2012, she and her sister came up with True Mind + Body.

“We had a little office—two rooms and a rec room—where we innovated at the time doing yoga and personal fitness while engaging in psychotherapy,” Greenwood said.

They started by focusing their services on girls and women but soon people started asking, “What about our sons, brothers, and husbands?” Greenwood said.

Shortly thereafter, the sisters opened a bigger center in Northbrook which presently includes spaces for therapy and movement-based activities from yoga to basketball and soccer. Greenwood and Novack are currently expanding their practice.

“I am really proud of what we have accomplished and the thousands of people we have impacted,” Greenwood said. ★

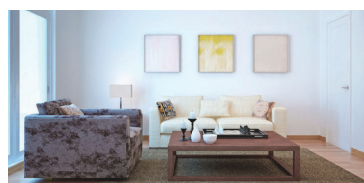
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Alex Kislov (back row, second from left) and his friends ushered in fall with a bagel brunch in September 2017. ►



▲ Young Jews enjoyed a relaxing yoga class at Chicago's Russian-speaking Moishe House during Alex Kislov's tenure.

A fresh take on a Chicago original

America's first Russian-speaking Moishe House
welcomes new residents

FOR YOUNG JEWS seeking an entry point to Jewish life, Moishe House has offered a great way to get involved for the last 15 years. With 150 locations in 30 countries, there is no shortage of "opportunities for meaningful engagement for young adults in Jewish life that are genuine and authentic," said Larry Gast, Moishe House's Vice President of Advancement.

All Moishe Houses are comprised of three to five young adults who plan at least five programs a month hosted from their subsidized home-turned-community center. But some Moishe Houses have a special twist—like Chicago's Russian-speaking Moishe House, the first of its kind outside the former Soviet Union.

That the house is Russian-speaking doesn't mean that events are held exclusively in Russian, or that people who don't speak Russian aren't welcome. But it does provide a space for people who grew up with a cultural background from the former Soviet Union to "not have to explain yourself or your traditions and feel like you're at home with family," said Alex Kislov, a former organizer of Chicago's Russian-speaking Moishe House who now works for JUF's Russian-speaking Jewish Division.

Kislov described a cultural divide between American Jews and Jews raised by parents from the former Soviet Union. Due to persecution and a lack of opportunities for Jews—especially those who practiced openly—cultural Judaism became increasingly important.

"We knew we were Jewish, but didn't know what that meant," Kislov said. "Moishe House gave us as leaders the opportunity to explore ourselves and Judaism, and for our participants it brought us closer together."

Kislov and his roommates developed programs that included celebrating Jewish holidays, learning Jewish concepts, volunteering, and enjoying time together. They cultivated the community of attendees to the point that their home became the international Moishe House of the Month, a rare accomplishment. "We were very much making waves," said Kislov, who described his Moishe House as his "pride and joy" and where he spent the "best four years of my life."

However, every time at Moishe House has to end—and now, Chicago's Russian-speaking house is about to welcome new residents who will shape the home in their own way.

One of the new residents, Taly Kazimirsky, first started attending Moishe House events when Kislov ran the house in 2017. Encouraged by Kislov—her childhood friend—Kazimirsky started going to more Shabbat dinners and dance parties with Russian music.

"I deeply craved that connection with Jewish people, but at the same time was trying to figure out my identity within my religion. It was confusing, but I always felt at home with Russian-speaking Jews," she said.

Over time, she realized "how important it is to be around people who share the same culture, values, and morals. It became really important in my life and very necessary for my soul and spiritual health."

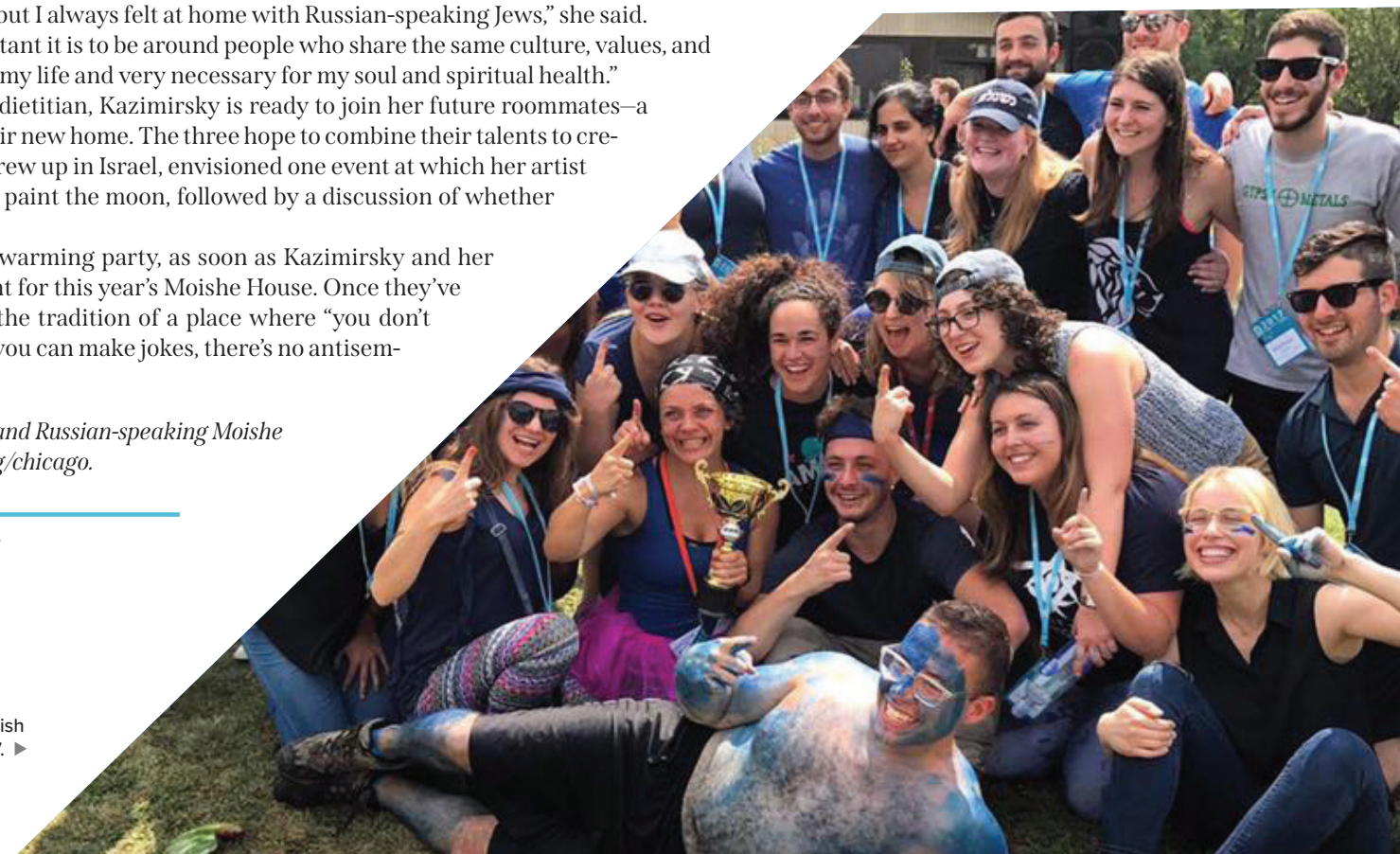
Now, after becoming certified as a dietitian, Kazimirsky is ready to join her future roommates—a chef and an artist—as they plan for their new home. The three hope to combine their talents to create unique events. Kazimirsky, who grew up in Israel, envisioned one event at which her artist roommate could teach people how to paint the moon, followed by a discussion of whether the moon rules the Jewish calendar.

First on the docket will be a housewarming party, as soon as Kazimirsky and her future roommates select an apartment for this year's Moishe House. Once they've found a location, they can continue the tradition of a place where "you don't have to explain yourself to everyone, you can make jokes, there's no antisemitism ... it's a safe space." ★

For more information about traditional and Russian-speaking Moishe Houses in Chicago, visit moishehouse.org/chicago.

BY MICHELLE COHEN | Staff Writer

Alex Kislov and his roommates brought summer fun to the Russian-speaking Jewish community at their Moishe House in 2017. ►



A safe haven in peace & war

Moishe Houses in Ukraine give all they can during tumultuous times

THE MOISHE HOUSE MODEL—three to five Jewish young adults living together and creating community through Jewish programming—works well in 30 countries. But what happens when a war erupts right outside the front door?

Daniil Belyi, a resident of Moishe House in Kyiv, Ukraine, has firsthand experience with this catastrophe. As a resident for less than a year before the war broke out, he was still trying to find his place in the house and what programs he was most comfortable with running.

But once the war began, Belyi and his fellow residents, Andrey and Andy, had different problems: instead of building the Jewish community with events, they were building shelves for community organizations that they then filled with donated food. And instead of welcoming Shabbat, they were welcoming displaced people who needed somewhere to stay.

“We understood that we can’t make events, we need to help our country,” said Belyi. “When you understand that you need to help someone, you don’t think about ‘it’s hard for me’ or ‘it’s easy for me.’ You must help. People need you. We don’t think about how to do it. We do it and that’s all.”

Moishe House Kyiv is one of the 19 Moishe Houses and two-person pods in the former Soviet Union. And like Belyi and his housemates, Moishe Houses in Ukraine were quick to bounce back. When the Kharkiv house had to close due to increased violence in the city, a pod in Chernivtsi opened its doors. And for the first few months of the war, the Moishe Houses pivoted to perform necessary community services while still fostering friendships and staying close to Jewish values.

So far, in Kyiv—a house supported by JUF—the residents have driven countless miles to help older adults, single mothers, and people without jobs get medicine, food, hygiene items, and water. They also regularly buy products for charitable kitchens cooking 1,000 portions of food daily for bomb shelters, hospitals, and older adults in care.

Coming up with creative ways to meet community needs is not new for Belyi or his roommates. In fact, Moishe House Kyiv is “[known] for their community

members leading programs and stepping up” before becoming residents, said Yana Tolmacheva, Senior Director of Russian-Speaking Jews’ programming.

Even so, the residents and community members sometimes struggle with how to deal with the war encroaching in their space. An 11 p.m. curfew makes it hard to run evening programs. Anxiety is widespread, and some alumni—including a consistent program attendee Belyi met five years ago—have enlisted in the Ukrainian military.

At a time like this, Moishe Houses across the former Soviet Union are concerned with mental health. “After weeks and months, we understood that the war is not going to end [right away],” Belyi said. “We must help people feel better. This is the reason why we began to make events again.”

Moishe House Kyiv has opened its doors as a safe space to talk through fears, find distractions, and celebrate life’s happy moments.

At the same time, “It’s really important to remember that the war isn’t over. It’s not just important for Ukraine to remember that, but for all the other countries that support us,” Belyi said. “This is not normal, this should not be normal, and there should not be war anywhere.”

Between the “shellings, sirens, and bombs,” Belyi and his fellow Moishe House participants take comfort in the space they have built: a home where they can sit on the balcony and feel comfort in the midst of travail—and become an oasis for others.

“Moishe House became the place where I understood how different and diverse Judaism is and how you can be anything you want in Judaism and the Jewish community,” Belyi said. As for *tikkun olam*, “Moishe House really gave me the opportunity to realize that and I’m genuinely happy and fulfilled to be able to give that to someone else.” ★

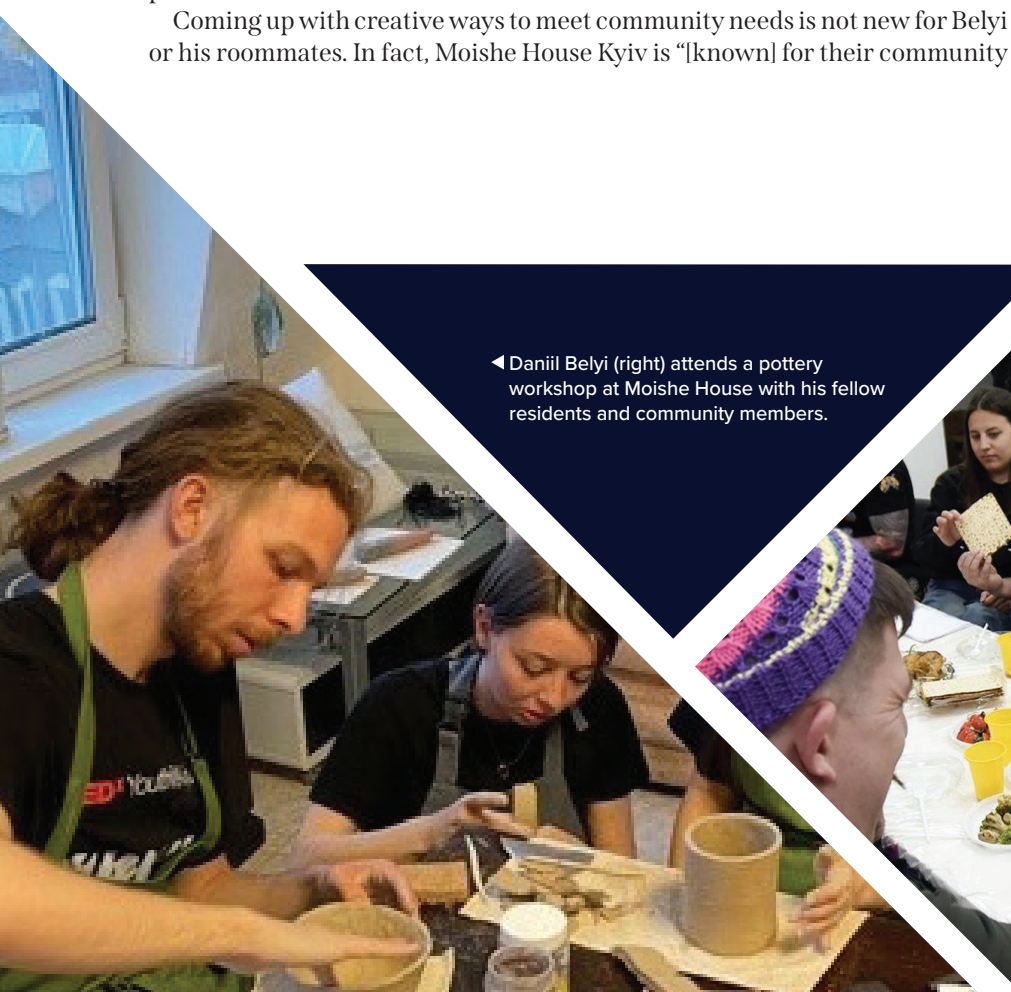
For more information or to support Moishe House Kyiv, visit moishehouse.org/find-a-house/kyiv.

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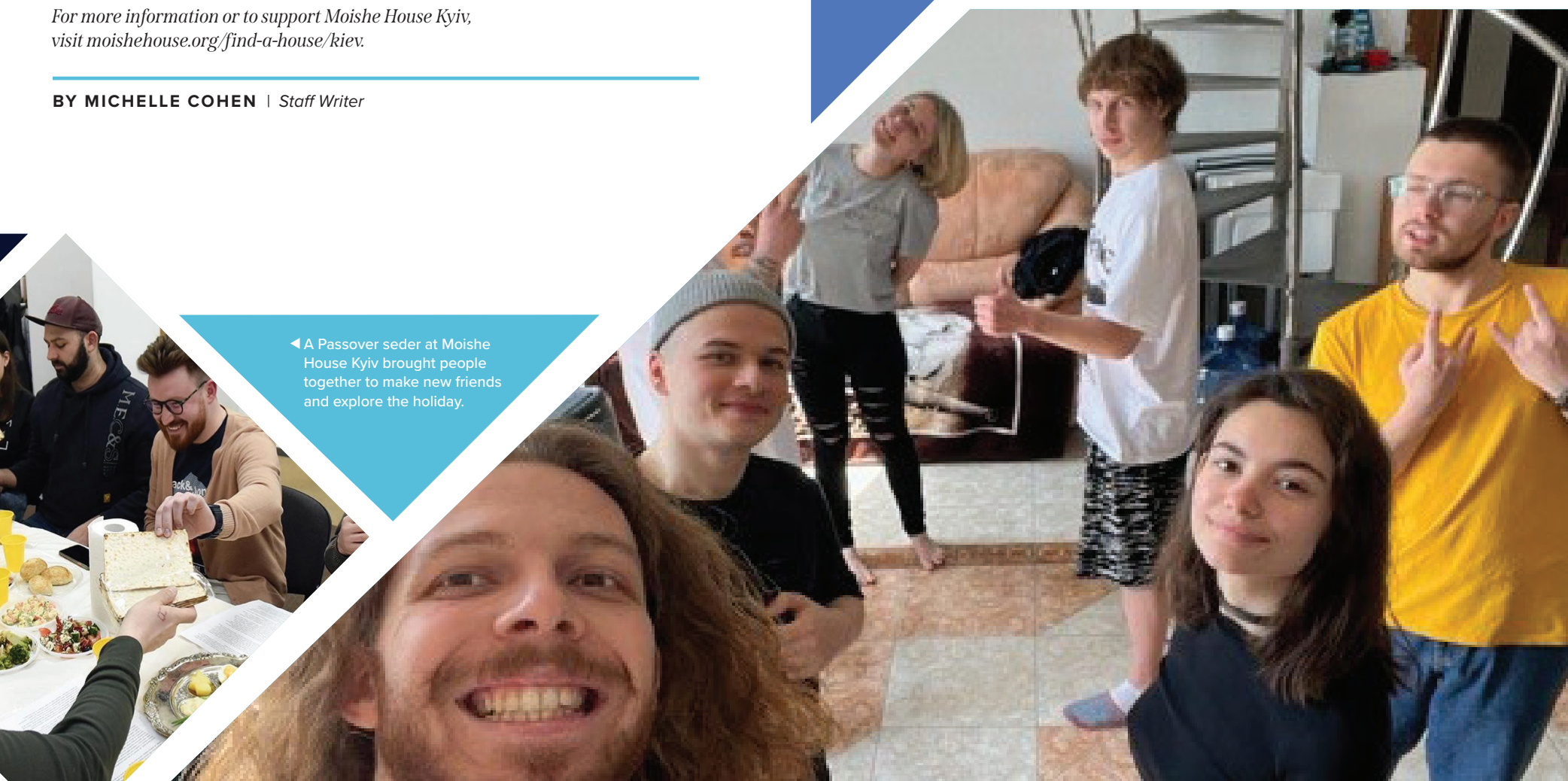


▲ Daniil Belyi (center) and his roommates, Andrey (left) and Andy (right), provide a place for young Jews to connect and help the community at large.

▼ Daniil Belyi (front) poses with friends at a gathering at Moishe House Kyiv.



◀ Daniil Belyi (right) attends a pottery workshop at Moishe House with his fellow residents and community members.



▲ A Passover seder at Moishe House Kyiv brought people together to make new friends and explore the holiday.

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- ▲ Kadi House “feeling blue” at Trybal Gatherings.
- ◀ Overnight camp 2.0 includes pickleball—of course.
- ▶ Climbing to new heights at Trybal Gatherings Midwest.
- ▼ Wearing the blue loud and proud during color war.



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Rekindling the Jewish camp experience as a grownup

FOR MANY FORMER OVERNIGHT CAMPERS, those precious summers spent at camp remain some of the most cherished memories of their lives.

Now, thanks to the innovative programming created by Trybal Gatherings, there’s a way for Jewish young adults to capture some of those magical moments yet again.

Carine Warsawski, who had worked for Birthright Israel and other Jewish travel purveyors for more than a decade, started Trybal Gatherings six years ago, after observing a large gap in programming for young Jewish adults who were looking for community.

“I witnessed what I call “the hangover” effect, where people have this emotional high after their Israel trip,” said Warsawski, the Boston-based Founder and CEO of the nonprofit. “But three months after, people kind of went back into their everyday patterns and their trip just became a memory. I was inspired to create something closer to home as a way to connect people—domestic, immersive experiences.”

Most of the adult campers are in their 20s, 30s, and 40s, and the camps are run in several areas throughout the country, including the Midwest, the Berkshires, Georgia, and California. During COVID, they were able to offer day camp experiences, so now they are back to running overnight getaways for several days at a time.

“The people who come are incredible,” said Warsawski. “They’re really looking for their people—whether it’s socially, Jewishly, or romantically. We create an environment that encourages them to meet as many people as they can, and form deep connections and relationships. Everything is done through a Jewish lens.”

The days at camp—four total—can be as busy or relaxed as the campers choose with Jewish camp classics from swimming to color wars to bonfires—and everything in between.

Trybal Gatherings offer programming throughout the year to keep the engagement going when participants return home.

JUF is among the organizations that provides grant support to Trybal Gatherings. “It’s a wonderful way for people to make friends and build connection,” said Michelle Lawner, Associate Vice President of Planning and Allocations at JUF. “A lot of the educators and leaders of different workshops are staff of young adult organizations from across the country. It’s an entry in for people. They may not have known these organizations existed prior to attending camp so now they may want to come to more programs.”

Kadi House, a Chicago transplant from Los Angeles, has attended Trybal three times. House didn’t start going to summer camp until becoming a counselor as a teenager. “Camp played a huge role in my peak identity formative years,” she said. “But I really didn’t get much of that camper experience, so I was excited to experience that. Camp is a great way to make lifelong friendships no matter how old you are.”

The Jewish aspects of Trybal resonate with House. “The Jewish piece feels homey,” she said. “I feel most spiritual when I am observing Shabbat in nature and in a camp setting. There’s something about camp experiences that just create unique and meaningful bonds that aren’t often found in everyday life.”

Warsawski believes in the power of Jewish camp and other immersive experiences to cultivate identity. “We have 100 years of showing that Jewish camp is an effective way to build Jewish identity and community, and 20 years of Birthright data saying that immersive experiences are a powerful way to build that,” she said. ★

Experience Trybal Gatherings Midwest at the Wisconsin Dells on Labor Day Weekend. To learn more, visit trybalgatherings.com/midwest.

BY ROCHELLE NEWMAN RUBINOFF

Freelance writer living in the northern suburbs of Chicago.

◀ Carine Warsawski, Trybal founder, just hanging around Elaine Frank Apachi in Lake Zurich, during Trybal’s Chicago Day Camp last year.

Craving Connection

Report shows young Jews crave Shabbat dinner as space to connect

YOUNG JEWS SEEK out the weekly ritual of Friday night Shabbat dinners to build social connections, mitigate loneliness, and deepen ties to their community and Jewish identity. So says a new report released in June by OneTable, a JUF-supported organization which enables young adults to experience personally meaningful Shabbat dinners.

The study, *Craving Connection: Researching OneTable's Impact*, was conducted by Benenson Strategy Group. It provides data and insights about why young adults choose to host and engage in these Shabbat dinners. The study reports on their and behaviors, with 1,938 responses from OneTable participants and a comparison group of 814 Jewish young adults who had never participated in OneTable.

KEY FINDINGS OF CRAVING CONNECTION INCLUDE:

They come for the connections and stay for the intention. First-time OneTable participants sign up for a Shabbat dinner for a Jewish experience and the chance to connect with their peers. This means they're looking for those important social connections within Jewish experiences. This is true for participants with fewer Jewish experiences growing up, as of those with many.

Big issues of the day bring young people to Shabbat dinner. Researchers sought to understand the impact of rising antisemitism and the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians on young adults. The concerns don't keep people away from OneTable; if anything, they increase their desire to attend a dinner.

Young adults experiencing Shabbat dinners with peers feel less lonely. Most OneTable hosts (86%) and guests (79%) say that they've become closer with people and "felt less lonely" at their OneTable dinner. Nearly 1 in 3 guests met up again with someone they met at dinner.

Shabbat dinners can lead to more Jewish engagement. OneTable leads some participants to seek out new Jewish organizations and communities. About 1 in 4 participants say that they've adopted new Jewish rituals or practices since their first dinner, and nearly 1 in 3 have sought out new Jewish organizations or communities

75% of OneTable participants stated that because of OneTable, **they are celebrating Shabbat when they wouldn't have otherwise**—and that's especially true of participants who did not have a regular Shabbat practice growing up.

"It's making me a lot more intentional about how I spend my Friday nights and what it looks like to bring all types of people together. We have some friends who are *shomer Shabbat* that come, and others who aren't," said a 24-year-old Chicago OneTable host. "I host with my roommates, and we're not messing around—we love doing it." ★

To learn more about OneTable, visit onetable.org.

OneTable receives an annual allocation from JUF for its work in Chicago.

Recent OneTable Chicago Shabbat dinners.
(Credit: Leah Weinstein) ►

How to stay on top of your finances

MILLENNIALS, YOU HAVE BEEN CRITICIZED for almost every money choice you make. "You spend too much on coffee." "You shouldn't switch jobs so often." "Why haven't you bought a home yet?" And, of course, the evergreen lament of every parent and grandparent: "When are you going to get married and start a family?"

What the detractors forget is that you've dealt with multiple economic catastrophes: a sluggish job market for everything other than entry-level jobs; stagnant wage growth that has been outpaced by inflation; ballooning student loan debt; increased housing and medical costs; and all those were book-ended by The Great Recession and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Don't listen to the naysayers. You're saving more and spending less than your parents and grandparents did at the same age. You're just spending differently: more on experiences than objects. Shifting jobs is the best way to increase your income when wages are stagnant, and raises are microscopic. Later marriage leads to lower divorce rates. And early mortgage debt, on top of student load debt, doesn't make sense when you may be taking a new job in Austin within a year.

Forget the *kibitzers*. Stay confident. If you're not for yourself, who will be? Millennials, you are just where you're supposed to be. Here are six suggestions for staying on top of your finances, both short-term and long-term:

1. GET PERSONALIZED ADVICE.

It's great that you're saving! Just make sure you get counsel from a human—not an algorithm. How advisors earn their money matters less than that they know your goals, dreams, fears, and values—not just your income, debts, balances, and credit score like an app.

2. YOU WANT TO TAKE A HOLISTIC APPROACH.

Apps are brilliant for making your financial life convenient. But AI isn't going to take a holistic approach and suggest that investing your emergency fund in crypto currencies may not be wise at a time when venture capitalists are buzzing around your employer.

3. DON'T CROWDSOURCE FINANCIAL DECISIONS.

Online forums can provide you with almost as much information on a potential investment as someone with a Bloomberg Terminal, but it's your money and your life. Get input from a savvy human who knows you and make your own judgments rather than follow the online masses.

4. PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR VALUES ARE.

You shouldn't give just when you're flush and feeling generous. We're called to heal the world so put your money where your values are. Don't listen to those who suggest there's an inverse relationship between profits and ethics. Impactful investing can be as advantageous for your bottom line as for the world's health.

5. START WITH A SAFETY NET.

It may be trendy to buy an NFT with your savings, but before you speculate, build an emergency fund. You've seen enough financial catastrophes to know how quickly the economy can go south. Calculate how much you'd need to stay afloat for six months and don't take any risks until you have that much locked away in a secure instrument.

6. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR AGE.

Being young has real financial advantages. You can buy permanent life insurance and disability insurance for a lot less now than it will cost when you start worrying about your dependents. And once you've got your safety net and insurance in place, focus on stocks for long-term growth. You've got the time to weather short-term fluctuations and take advantage of historic trends. ★



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The impressive list of leaders is packed with 20- and 30-somethings making meaningful contributions through their work, in their free time, in the Jewish community, and beyond. They are talented, giving, and changing our community for good.

The roster is replete with leaders, innovators, volunteers, and more. They work everywhere from classrooms to courtrooms, clinics to congregations. Their stories, passions, and skills are different, but they all started their journey with the same question: “How can I help?”

The list is compiled by JUF’s Young Leadership Division and *Jewish Chicago: The JUF Magazine*. This year’s class, complete with bios, can be found at juf.org/36Under36/Mag.

“This year’s 36 Under 36 class really showcases the enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication that makes Chicago’s Jewish young-adult community so vibrant,” said

Marc Karlinsky, YLD Board President. “It’s a well-deserved recognition that leaves us all inspired to keep challenging ourselves professionally and to keep serving others.”

“These extraordinary honorees are each shining their light and making the world a better place,” said Cindy Sher, Executive Editor of *Jewish Chicago: The JUF Magazine*. “From championing the vulnerable to fostering community, the future of Jewish Chicago is in compassionate and capable hands.”

This year, all donations made to JUF in honor of a 36 Under 36 honoree will be matched, doubling the impact and benefit to those in need in the community. Learn more and donate at donatenow.juf.org/36Under36. ★

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Jonathan Aaron, 36

Primary Gig: Co-Founder & CEO of Citadel Healthcare

How do you give back? Supporting many local organizations and individuals in need. Anonymously providing airfare for families that need to travel out of state to attend family weddings/mitzvahs who do not have the financial means to attend.

How do you Jew in Chicago? Frequent visitor to The Sandwich Club & Emma’s Bagel Cafe

Your best piece of advice: Be true to who you are and spend less time worrying what others think.



Abby Baron, 31

Primary Gig: Program Director at Chicago Pediatric Therapy and Wellness Center/Chicago Therapeutic Children’s Academy

How do you give back? I give back by volunteering for Experience Camps, an overnight grief camp for children who have experienced the loss of a parent, sibling, or primary caregiver. I help children focus on building friendships, grieving their own loss, and provide them with the opportunity to just be a kid and not have to worry about the extra responsibilities they often have at home.

How do you Jew in Chicago? Building friendships with members of the Jewish community, attending social events/fundraisers, and enjoying matzoh ball soup/challah.

What is your proudest accomplishment? My proudest accomplishment was raising funds and awareness for Esophageal Cancer Research in memory of my father who passed away in 2005.



Alice Chudnovsky, 23

Primary Gig: Strategy Consultant

How do you give back? I love connecting people to each other, so many harsh issues (ranging from job searching to anti-war efforts) can be resolved through a wisely placed introduction.

What is your proudest accomplishment? Walking away from something that I thought was my lifelong dream to pursue something I had no formal experience in.

Your best piece of advice? Making the most of opportunities doesn’t always mean taking them—sometimes, it means turning the wrong ones down to leave space for the right ones.



Tommy DeGarmo, 34

Primary Gig: Chief Financial Officer at BlitzLake Partners

How do you give back? From August of 2012 through today, I have served on the Board of Directors at JCYS holding positions ranging from Board Member, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, and during the last 3 years have served as President-Elect, President, and now Immediate Past President. Through board service I have focused on fundraising, mentorship to young leaders, and collaboration with executive staff on financial, strategic, vision (especially during the depths of COVID-19).

What is your proudest accomplishment? Aside from marrying my wife and the birth of our daughter, what sticks out is my recent career pivot. I had been with the same company out of school and made a very difficult decision to leave in search of new challenges and opportunities. Regardless of the outcome, I am proud of the courage to make such a bold move.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Even-keeled, self-motivated, yet extremely goofy guy.



Rachel Doherty, 25

Primary gig: Immigration Law Practice Assistant at the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic

How do you give back? As the descendant of immigrants and refugees, it is my greatest mission in life to improve the lives of immigrants and refugees in the US. I also try to live an eco-conscious life.

How do you Jew in Chicago? It’s great to be in an area with more options for how to Jew than I had growing up. I love text studies and find social justice work to be a critical piece of living my life Jewishly.

What is your proudest accomplishment? I was lucky enough to be part of a sit-in for a pathway to citizenship through budget reconciliation. I am proud of myself for being involved in civil disobedience.



Jeremy Elkins, 34

Primary Gig: Partnering with Companies to Collaborate and Execute on Human Resources & Human Capital Management Strategies

How do you give back? By creating a Jewish community in every phase of my life—initially in Lakeview via ‘Jeremy’s friends who want to get more involved with Jewish Chicago’ on Facebook—and now through getting young families more involved with suburban Jewish life. Also, by teaching our daughters the importance of giving back by giving *tzedakah* every Friday night as a part of our Shabbat dinners.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Cocomelon-consuming sales professional who is passionate about Jewish community.

Is there anything else you’d like the community to know about you? While living in the city, I was involved with Anshe Shalom / ASBI and attended many events across various organizations—from Windy City Minyan to Moishe House to Chabad of Lakeview/Bucktown/River North to Base Hillel to Anshe Emet to Temple Shalom. I was also involved with AIPAC, JNF, JUE, and Spertus.



Shoshana Frank, 32

Primary Gig: Assistant Director of Administration and Events, Chabad of Naperville

How do you give back? I give back through my passionate volunteerism for community non-profits including Naperville Community Television, serving as an election judge and advocating for free, public access to education, healthcare, gender equality, and self-identity. I regularly provide resources to people for their reading pleasure or self-education; introducing new genres, authors, ideas, and different perspectives including expansion of holdings in my local public library collections.

How do you Jew in Chicago? Living in a community with a small Jewish population, I consciously and intentionally introduce religious diversity into social, professional, and community events and activities. I facilitate this religious diversity by consistently reminding everyone that there are holidays and observances beyond Christianity. By encouraging them to be mindful of those important differences when planning meetings and community events.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Fierce Advocate; Social Justice Warrior; Looking for laughter in life.



Matt Gold, 31

Primary Gig: Trial Attorney at U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division

How do you give back? Professionally, I’m a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice, where I work to promote economic competition through enforcing antitrust laws. Personally, I volunteer much of my free time to supporting Chicago’s Jewish community. I am the JUF YLD Executive Vice President, chair its Business Professional Network, have led Gesher (JUF’s volunteer leadership development program), and hosted tables at the Big Event Fundraiser.

Something most people don’t know about you: I was featured in *Jewish Chicago* magazine for growing lemon trees indoors. I started growing them from seeds in 2015.

A Jew who inspires you: My parents who emphasize Jewish values and community in both their professional and personal lives.



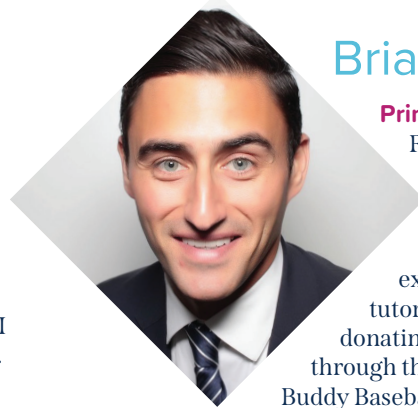
Leah Greenblum, 34

Primary Gig: Founder & Executive Director, Jewish Free Loan Chicago

How do you give back? In the last year, I founded Jewish Free Loan Chicago (JFLC). Drawing upon core Jewish values, JFLC aids and empowers those with financial needs in the Chicagoland community to achieve their goals by offering zero-interest loans. I'm energized by the generations of Jewish zero-interest loan agencies that have come before me and thrilled we will begin offering JFLC's first loans in September 2022.

How do you Jew in Chicago? Celebrating Shabbat dinners with friends and trying to unplug.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Millennial who loves chocolate, house plants, and *tikkun olam*.



Brian Gutman, 32

Primary Gig: Chief Operating Officer and Partner, FBA Capital Management

How do you give back? I have always prioritized giving back, both with my time and resources. Some of the most meaningful experiences I have had giving back include tutoring 4th and 5th-grade students from Chicago, donating meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas through the Greater Chicago Food Depository, playing Buddy Baseball with Keshet, and providing support to iGrow Chicago ahead of the holidays. Additionally, while it isn't philanthropic, I am also passionate about voting rights, and since the 2012 election, I have canvassed, registered voters, and worked on voter protection hotlines to ensure everyone has the ability to exercise their right to vote.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Passionate, loyal family man, working to make a positive impact.

How do you Jew in Chicago? A few ways: 1. celebrating Shabbat with my extended family on Friday nights (my favorite meal of the week); 2. my wife and I are co-chairs for the Chicago Next Generation Board for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; 3. celebrating the Jewish holidays and creating Jewish traditions with my growing family; and 4. being an active member of my synagogue—Am Shalom.



Pamela Hochwert, 31

Primary Gig: Learning Behavior Specialist at McKenzie Elementary School

How do you give back? Actively involved in JUF's YLD Board, supporting Jewish organizations both financially and through volunteer work, tutoring students in reading, writing, and math, and finding time to check in on friends and family, no matter how busy life gets.

How do you Jew in Chicago? I love to attend Shabbat dinners and volunteer with organizations such as Keshet, YLD, CJE, and Maot Chitim. The only thing that I do not "Jew right" is that I do not like bagels and cream cheese. I would prefer a plain bagel—hold the lox and cream cheese!

A Jew who inspires you: My dad! He is the current president of our synagogue and very active in the Jewish community. He instilled in me a passion for volunteering and giving back to others.



Julie Kaviar, 35

Primary Gig: Chief of Staff, Office of 14th District Commissioner Scott Britton

How do you give back? I have made it a personal mission to pursue work that allows me to promote my values and build a more equitable world for all. I've promoted public health in Boston, fundraised for children living with developmental health challenges in Needham, fostered police reform in Chicago, and expanded racial, housing, and economic equity throughout Cook County. I am also an alumni interviewer for my alma mater, Tufts University, where I'm honored to amplify diversity among incoming classes. In addition, over the past few years, I attended and had the distinguished privilege of speaking at rallies for the justice of Black Lives.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Radically intersectional. Crafty dreamer. Determined leader.

What is your proudest accomplishment? I could say it was writing Cook County's first renters-right legislation, tripling the number of languages suburban Cook County ballots are translated into, expanding Medicaid coverage of gender reaffirming surgery in Massachusetts, or supporting victim services following the Boston Marathon bombing. Still, the greatest things in life are the most deeply personal. After the death of my father five years ago, my proudest accomplishment is surviving, thriving, and creating a life of meaning that would make him proud.



Elli Krandel, 33

Primary Gig: Senior Institutional Advancement Officer at JCFS Chicago

On the side: I provide Fundraising Consultation support for Tight Lipped, a grassroots storytelling and advocacy organization fighting for women, transgender, and non-binary people with chronic vulvovaginal and pelvic pain to be diagnosed correctly, treated effectively, and given compassionate care.

How do you Jew in Chicago? I love getting together with a small group of friends to celebrate Shabbat or light the Hannukah candles! I am a part of so many different Jewish communities in Chicago, so I love to try new things and go where my awesome friends take me.

A Jew who inspires you: My parents inspire me! They created a vibrant, Jewish home for me in a community with very few Jews. They showed by example that Judaism can provide a framework for our lives, providing values that inspire the ways we connect with those around us. And they did it all while having fun and being creative—our Passover theme this past year was *The Sound of Music*!



Dana Kresel, 35

Primary Gig: Executive Director, SketchPad

How do you give back? I'm a huge believer in showing up for the community and supporting individuals—whether that's cooking and bringing food to new parents or helping make a shiva minyan so individuals can say *kaddish* for a loved one or inviting friends over for a home-cooked meal. I also try to donate blood regularly—always more fun with a buddy!

How do you Jew in Chicago? I'm a person who loves spending time in *shul*—and it's a privilege to serve as an occasional *gabbai* (minyan organizer) and lay prayer leader at two Lakeview *minyanim*, celebrating together in song and prayer. And, my husband and I prioritize hosting friends for Shabbat dinners at our home—and equally love being hosted by others!

What is your proudest accomplishment? I care deeply about Jewish education and creating opportunities for individuals to connect with Jewish community, so I get a ton of *nachas* (pride) watching my B-mitzvah students on their big day—confidently giving a *d'var Torah* or expertly chanting from the Torah. Seeing them accomplish their goals and take ownership over their Jewish journeys is really special, and it's gratifying to be part of their experiences.



Mushky Kulek, 33

Primary Gig: Co-founder and co-director of Shaarei Chinuch Day School

How do you give back? I give back to the community by providing a unique educational opportunity for our children, that incorporates Judaism with the Montessori Method to facilitate individualized, hands-on learning in a loving and supportive environment.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Driven, intentional, focused, introverted, visionary, sympathetic, ambitious, patient, nurturing, sincere

How do you Jew in Chicago? By breaking down community divides and bringing families together from across the spectrum of Judaism in Chicago.



Iszy Hirschtritt Licht, 28

Primary Gig: Research Associate, American Institutes for Research

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Lover of justice, family, podcasts, baseball, Diet Coke, and bagels

How do you Jew in Chicago? I am an active member with the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs. With the JCUA, I have learned how to organize, met with legislators, helped lead protests and rallies, and have continuously fought for justice for all. JCUA has been an incredible space to live out my Jewish values, learn about my community, and collaborate with diverse allies to build a better city, state, country, and world.

Since the pandemic began, I have also become an active member with BASE Chicago. I joined for many virtual classes during lockdowns, and over the past year, have been able to serve as a BASE Ambassador and attend many events with the BASE community.

What is your proudest accomplishment? Getting my Master's of Public Policy! It was definitely a challenging experience, especially graduating at the start of the pandemic. But it was worth it in building towards a career in advocacy and government and meeting so many incredible people from around the world working to better their communities.



Ariella Loew, 32

Primary Gig: Police officer and mom

How do you give back? Our doors are always open—even when my husband would prefer to sleep more instead. We offer to host people for sleeping and meals whenever we can. We have made a habit of hosting *Shalom Zachars* for friends and family. Donating to *tzedakah*. For a few years, I helped organize and provide police security for several *shuls* during the high holidays.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Tenacious, hardworking mom who thinks outside the Jewish box.

How do you Jew in Chicago? I am an Orthodox Jew who attends *shul* and is raising my children to follow Orthodox Judaism. I love having guests on *Shabbos* and hosting *Shabbos* meals. I insisted on attending a Jewish high school. I take full advantage of the plethora of kosher restaurants.



Rabbi Rachel Kaplan Marks, 36

Primary Gig: I'm a mom of two, a wife, and I serve as the Rabbi of Temple Beth Israel

How do you give back? I am so lucky to be able to serve the Jewish People in my everyday work. I felt called to the rabbinate to be a leader and teacher in the Jewish community with the mission of transmitting Jewish wisdom, inspiring social action, and promoting a vibrant Jewish life for people on all stages of their journeys.

I believe that the synagogue has the potential to be the particularly Jewish answer to the contemporary American challenge of radical individualism. My work is to help unlock that potential.

How do you Jew in Chicago? You can find me and my family at Temple Beth Israel—enjoying Shabbat dinner, participating in a social action project, teaching a class, or being present for a congregant.

What is your proudest accomplishment? Keeping it all together with a demanding professional role and two little ones during the height of the pandemic.



Lynnley Miller, 31

Primary Gig: Director of Jewish Educational Talent at Honeymoon Israel

How do you give back? Volunteer as a counselor at Experience Camps, a one-week camp for grieving children.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Driven, passionate, focused on food, family, and fun

How do you Jew in Chicago? I'm fortunate to have worked for incredible Jewish organizations that have been central to my Jewish community in Chicago. I love baking challah for Shabbat and hosting the holidays.



Brian Mitchell, 26

Primary Gig: Founder & Executive Vice President of CollegeAdvisor.com

How do you give back? I lead the pro-bono Scholars Program at College Advisor which, every year, provides 100 students completely free access to our comprehensive college consulting program. We're currently in the program's fourth year, and so far, we've donated over \$400,000 of free college advising services.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Passionate entrepreneur who knows how to laugh at himself

If time and money were limitless, I would... Transform and modernize the way we care for our elderly.



Lauren Mogil, 33

Primary Gig: Senior Bioinformatician at University of Chicago Center for Translational Data Science

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Proud Zionist, tenacious, driven, loyal, family-oriented, silly, compassionate, curious

How do you Jew in Chicago? I love attending and hosting Shabbat and holidays with family and friends. I also devote a lot of my time to different Jewish organizations (mainly AJC) and interacting with many different communities and myth-busting preconceived notions about each other's backgrounds.

What is your proudest accomplishment? Finishing my Ph.D. and teaching myself new coding languages. I am able to combine those skills and use them to improve the field of precision cancer research and treatments. Being able to move this field forward is an honor and I am also grateful for every patient that participates in studies and whose data is saving lives.



Amy Nadal, 26

Primary Gig: Senior Development & Engagement Associate at Mishkan Chicago

How do you give back? For the past 8 years, I have spent my summers volunteering as a counselor and advisor with Camp Kesem, a national non-profit that runs free programs supporting children through and beyond a parent's cancer. *Kesem* means "magic" in Hebrew and this camp truly is that.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Self-motivated, organized, financially savvy go-getter, who embraces her comedic side.

What is your proudest accomplishment? Joining the team at Mishkan Chicago two years ago was a huge accomplishment in my life. It was relatively early in the pandemic, and I was living off of unemployment having previously been pursuing a career as an actor. Reflecting on my life in Chicago, I realized I was missing a spiritual home to call my own. When I first discovered Mishkan, I was hoping it could be just that. I would quickly find not only a spiritual home and community for myself, but also a wonderful new job/career and a family in my teammates.



Ari Nussbaum, 35

Primary Gig: Chicago Public School Teacher and Director of Moshava Ba'ir Chicago

How do you give back? Helping others get the most out of summer day camp experience, volunteering at my kids' school (Arie Crown Hebrew Day School), volunteering at *shul* functions (working on Purim dinner) and investing in my kids' education.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Charismatic, devoted, loyal, fun loving, sports fanatic, *Family Feud* winner!

How do you Jew in Chicago? Attending weekly services at KINS North, being active in my kid's Jewish education, supporting local kosher eateries. Actively engaging the next generation of Jewish youth in Chicago.



Samantha Potashnick, 33

Primary Gig: Volunteer at the Evanston Food Pantry

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: I am caring, fun, and passionate about being Jewish.

How do you Jew in Chicago? I live at Libenu, go to *shul* and I participate in Jewish community activities.

What is your proudest accomplishment? I help take care of my housemates at Libenu.

A Jew who inspires you: Rabbi Shannan Gelman



Ilana Seder Rosen, 35

Primary Gig: Vice President, Advocacy at Discovery

How do you give back? In addition to giving to causes I care about; I am also the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Mother & Child Alliance. That said, every night at dinner growing up, my parents would ask us, "What was your MOD today?" To which we would all recount our "Mitzvah of the Day." This has carried through my life, as giving back is not reserved for large donations or weekly volunteering (although those are both great). Rather mitzvahs can also take the shape of holding the door for someone that has their hands full, stopping to chat with the person asking for change on the street, or taking the time to listen to a friend in need.

How do you Jew in Chicago? My grandmother was one of the founding trustees of the Jewish Women's Foundation and I'm honored and excited to be involved as a multi-generational trustee. I am a member of Mishkan, and a proud parent of a Gan Shalom tot! Finally, our home has become the go-to place for friends and family to spend Jewish holidays, from Shabbat to the high holidays. I love seeing my friends and cousins around our dining table, and hear the laughter (and let's be honest, screaming) of our young kiddos.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Kind, inclusive, efficient, tolerant, curious, dedicated, driven

Daniel Rosenstein, 33

Primary Gig: Philanthropy Lead at Computer Science Teachers Association

How do you give back? I look for volunteer opportunities that help move the Jewish community in a more equitable direction that fosters diversity and inclusion. I also look for opportunities to be a mentor professionally and personally for others. Many of my peers have helped me grow and succeed in my career, so it's only natural that I desire to be that person for others.

How do you Jew in Chicago? I look forward to closing out each week with Shabbat, whether it's with my partner, attending services with family, or meeting up for a fun dinner with friends from YLD Pride.

What is your proudest accomplishment? I was elected by my neighbors to our Association's condo board in 2020 to offer a fresh perspective towards our building's overall operations. Now, in the second year of my term, I am proud to represent the executive committee as board secretary.

Anna Rubin, 29

Primary Gig: Lead Organizer at the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs

How do you give back? I work with Resource Generation and Crossroads Fund to give annually in a way that incorporates my overall assets.

How do you Jew in Chicago? I have the privilege of organizing with the Jewish community of the Chicagoland area. I work primarily with JCUA members and congregations in the north suburbs on immigration, economic, and environmental justice campaigns that we hope will address systemic injustices in our communities.

If time and money were limitless, I would... Redistribute the money, cook elaborate meals, bake elaborate treats, and have people over every night to share food, stories, and schemes for how we can fundamentally shift our society towards safety, community, happiness, and abundance for all.

Jordyn Scorpio, 33

Primary Gig: Director of Community Education, SHALVA

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: East coast gal with a Midwest flair.

How do you give back? All types of ways: donating, volunteering, learning, listening. In recent years I've turned hyper-local when giving back. I support the Lincoln Square/Ravenswood Solidarity Network weekly and love it because there will always be a need next door and there is always a way to fill that need in your same neighborhood. Helping build those bridges strengthens a community and brings about more caring, understanding, and safety.

What is your proudest accomplishment? Launching Seven Circles has been such an important milestone in my life. I came to SHALVA with a passion for educating about domestic abuse and healthy relationships. To find this role where I was able to have full creative freedom to make a healthy relationship program from scratch, was a true blessing. I'm so proud of what it's become, and I can't wait for more Jewish and multi-faith couples to experience it. I hope it can make a difference for couples in the long-term and create a positive ripple effect throughout our community.

Lauren Silverman, 30

Primary Gig: Associate Director of Changemakers Engagement & Strategic Partnerships, Jewish Federations of North America

How do you give back? Creating inclusive Jewish spaces and empowering Jewish leaders.

How do you Jew in Chicago? If there's a Jewish event, happy hour, holiday celebration, or Shabbat dinner in Chicago, you can usually find me there. I love meeting people, learning about their Jewish connections, and then inviting them to join me at Jewish events across Chicago.

What is your proudest accomplishment? Moving to Chicago and building a successful career and social network here!

Becca Tham, 27

Primary Gig: Paralegal

How do you give back? I volunteer with JCUA and PAWS Chicago.

How do you Jew in Chicago? I hit up Masa Madre whenever I can, I value my community moments whether volunteering or doing a comedy gig for a Jewish non-profit, and I have a mug in my kitchen that says "Shalom."

What is your proudest accomplishment? I was asked back to my high school, William Fremd High School, to perform as a headliner for Writers Week. That yearly festival is what helped make me the comedian and writer that I am today, inspiring me to tell my story.

Benjy Wax, 29

Primary Gig: Associate Creative Director for L37 Creative

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Connector. Thoughtful. Fun. Outgoing. Socially Conscious. Creative. Passionate. Kind. Jewish.

How do you Jew in Chicago? As a resident of Moishe House Wicker Park, I co-produce 7 events every month for the Jewish community of Chicago! Our events range from creative Shabbat dinner parties to social action and volunteering events, to concerts and monthly jam nights! We also partner with other local Jewish organizations like ChiTribe, Chabad of Wicker Park, Oak Park Temple, and more!

What is your proudest accomplishment? In 2014, I ran against 21 other global candidates and was elected to serve as one of two representatives for 10,000 undergraduate brothers on Alpha Epsilon Pi's international board of directors. I served my term proudly, conducting chapter outreach, offering creative process insight, reviewing membership disputes, and participating in a few committees. The best part: due to the number of candidates, I knew I had to stand out, so I rewrote my speech as a rap and delivered it to an audience of 400 brothers from across the world...to a standing ovation.

Jori Wineburgh, 28

Primary Gig: Middle School Learning Specialist at Bernard Zell

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Jewish, Outgoing, Curious, Passionate, Loving, Sensitive, Organized, Reliable & Trustworthy.

How do you Jew in Chicago? I Jew every day in Chicago! I am an educator at a Jewish Day School, Bernard Zell, and the Staff in Training Director at JCC Camp Chi. I have been going to Camp Chi for 16 years and camp friends have always been my closest friends. I Jew in Chicago by attending JUF events with my camp friends, I helped pioneer the Keshet program at Anshe Emet synagogue, and I have Shabbat dinners with my family when we can all get together!

What is your proudest accomplishment? School has always come harder for me than for other people. Growing up, I had an IEP that took quite a bit of specialized work for me to overcome to be able to learn like others my age. Even with my learning difficulties, I woke up every morning (well, most mornings!) excited to go to school because the teachers at my school taught me how to love learning. From a young age, I knew that I wanted to pass that onto generations of students. I worked my absolute hardest to one day accomplish my dream of becoming an educator. For the past 6 years I have been a teacher at Bernard Zell!

Lisa Wiznitzer, 28

Primary Gig: Advertising, Marketing and Technology Attorney at Loeb & Loeb LLP

How do you Jew in Chicago? Celebrating Shabbats and building really great friendships across our Jewish community.

A Jew who inspires you: My grandmother—she sets an example of what living a Jewish life looks like for her 4 children, 14 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Devoted to family and friends, lover of country music, hot yoga junkie.

Gleb Zarkh, 35

Primary Gig: CFO at Eden Senior Care

How do you give back? The past four years I have been deeply involved with the JUF Board—chairing a committee during each of the last 3 years.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Driven, Intellectual, Assertive, Curious OR Nerdy Immigrant Finance Bro.

Something most people don't know about me: I lived near the Artic Circle by the White Sea.

Jason Zenner, 32

Primary Gig: Insurance Sales-Vice President

List any formal volunteer leadership roles and memberships you currently hold: On the Board for Providence Englewood Charter School, Past President of JNF Future.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Energetic, Adventurous, Kind.

A Jew who inspires you: David Ben-Gurion.

If time and money were limitless, I would... Travel the world!

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‘It is not good for the human being to be alone’

WE LIVE in deeply challenging times, and over the last several years, even the luckiest among us have had a rough go of it. Many of us millennial Jews are parents of young children, and we are exhausted by the barrage of decisions that we’ve had to make over the past few years. While the world around us seemed to move on, those of us with children who were—until recently—too young to be vaccinated experienced another level of isolation and, frankly, loneliness.

What’s worse is that many of us have settled into that isolation. We’ve gotten used to keeping our circles small. And though it made sense over these years to tighten our circles, our tradition actually cautions against the dangers of isolation.

Because once we feel separate from the community, once we feel we are apart from—instead of a part of—there’s a danger that we’ll fall into the mindset of individualism. There’s a danger that we will begin to worry only about what’s happening in our own bubbles, in our own houses, in our own lives, without considering what might be happening with those just outside of our immediate circles.

When we feel isolated, we risk losing sight of the greater community. And when that happens, we risk prioritizing our own individual needs, wants, privileges, and freedoms above what is collectively good. And that mindset flies in the face of thousands of years of Jewish wisdom.

In the perfect, verdant setting—the garden of Eden—God fashioned the very first human being, whom we call Adam. In the garden, with its lush flowers, flowing streams, and tempting fruit, life should have been good. But Adam was all alone. And so God declared, “It is not good for Adam to be alone.”

God was worried what might become of Adam, all alone in the garden. Who would Adam rejoice with, who would he mourn with? Who would care for him, and who would he care for? How would Adam know that there is more to life outside of himself?

In Eden, God understood Adam needed to care about more than just himself. In our creation narrative, God provides an instant solution to Adam’s isolation. After God declares, “It is not good for the human being to be alone,” God continues, “I will make Adam a counterpart.” From Adam’s rib, God creates Eve, who is both part of—and apart from—him. Eve faces Adam as his equal. Together they expand each other’s worldviews. God knew that when another human being was placed before Adam, his perspective would shift. The more perspectives added, the better.

We are social creatures. That’s how we were designed. Not only do we need others to rejoice with, to mourn with, to pray with, to debate with, to learn with, and to grow with; but we need to be there for others as they rejoice, mourn, pray, debate, learn, and grow.

With every fiber of my being, I believe that the synagogue has the potential to be our countercultural response to the deep-seated societal challenge of radical individualism.

The synagogue can be a counterpart that is both born of, and separate from, all of us. Our engagement in the synagogue can help us and our families to care more about just ourselves, and to be cared for in return. Being part of the synagogue gives us a platform to care for each other, to practice our Judaism together, and to incrementally change the world outside ourselves for the better. ★



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Culture, science & technology

‘Beauty Queen of Jerusalem’ now streaming on Netflix

NETFLIX VIEWERS can now watch the first 20 episodes of *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem*—a period drama that follows a family of Spanish Sephardic Jews living in Jerusalem through the decades of the early 20th century.

The series, which won four Israeli TV Academy Awards this year after debuting in Israel last summer, is based on a book of the same name, first translated into English in 2016. The show is produced by Israel’s Yes Studios—which was behind the Orthodox family drama *Shtisel* and the IDF thriller *Fauda*—and is being touted as one of Israeli TV’s most expensive and ambitious projects yet. It stars Israeli heartthrob Michael Aloni—of *Shtisel* and *When Heroes Fly* fame. All of these shows stream on Netflix.

Beauty Queen flips back and forth between decades, from the Ottoman Empire era to the days of the British Mandate of Palestine, which eventually becomes the state of Israel. The plot involves the Armoza family, whose men seem cursed to marry women they don’t love.

The series showcases Judeo-Spanish traditions and chronicles the dynamics of pre-state Jerusalem, including tensions between its Jewish, Arab, and Christian residents. While the dialogue is in Hebrew, English, Arabic, and even Ladino—a rarity in Israeli TV—the English Netflix version is dubbed.

Aloni and fellow cast members were quick to sign on based on the success and quality of Sarit Yishai-Levi’s novel, they told audience members at a recent event at Temple Emanu-El’s Streicker Center in New York City. Aloni said he read the book in less than two days and cried while reading it; Swell Ariel Or, who plays Aloni’s daughter in the show, said she read the book in two hours.

Netflix has been one of the most ardent promoters of Israeli-based content, also featuring *Hostages*, *The Good Cop*, and *Mossad 101*. But other platforms have



been bringing Israeli series to America for more than a decade. HBO gave us *In Treatment* as early as 2008. Showtime followed in 2011 with *Homeland*. Amazon Prime brought over *Srugim* and *The Baker and the Beauty*. And Hulu showcased *False Flag* and the original *Prisoners of War*—which was remade as *Homeland* here, and again as versions for India and Russia. ★

Pictured: Israeli TV celebrities like Michael Aloni of *Shtisel* (center), and Luna Mansour of *Fauda* (right), star in *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem*. (Photo credit: Osnat Rom)

(Caleb Guedes-Reed and Gabe Friedman, JTA)

How to get the second date ... with science

LOOKING FOR a romantic relationship? Then you’ll know how important that first date can be. When falling in love, what makes us attracted to some people, and not to others?

The answer will be surprising to most of us—but it wasn’t to the team of researchers led by Dr. Shir Atzil of the Department of Psychology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

“Connecting with a partner depends on how well we can synchronize our bodies,” she explained. “We specialize in studying parent–infant bonding—and we had already seen the same thing there.”

The researchers looked at how a heterosexual couple’s physiology and behavior adapt to each other during that first encounter. The study was based on a speed-date experiment consisting of 46 dates. Each date lasted five minutes, during which the levels of physiological regulation of each partner were recorded with a band worn on the wrist. Behavioral movements—nodding, moving an arm, shifting a leg—were also recorded in each partner during the date.



After the encounter, the couple assessed the romantic interest and sexual attraction they felt for each other. The study found that when couples synchronize their physiology with one another—and adapt their behavioral movements to their partner during the date—they are romantically attracted to one another.

Intriguingly, the study also showed that the degree of such “synchrony” affected men and women differently. Although for both genders, synchrony predicted attraction, women were more sexually attracted to men who showed a high level of synchrony—“super-synchronizers”; these men were highly desirable to female partners.

The research, recently published in *Scientific Reports*, said Atzil, “demonstrates that behavioral and physiological synchrony can be a useful mechanism to attract a romantic partner. However, we still don’t know whether synchrony raises attraction—or does the feeling of attraction generate the motivation to synchronize?” Atzil said he plans to investigate. ★

(Hebrew University)

Connecting to their Judaism—6,000 miles from home

“I saw that reading from the Torah is not just for boys, and I could be a part of it, too.”

THAT QUOTE could have been attributed to Judith Kaplan, who 100 years ago became the first American girl to have a bat mitzvah.

But it was actually said by Tamar Talyosef, one of six young Israeli women who celebrated their own group bat mitzvah here in Chicago, which took place during their pre-army year of service.

As members of the ShinShinim—an emissary program of the Jewish Agency for Israel and coordinated locally by the iCenter—these women (along with six young men) volunteered in our local Jewish day schools and public schools where Hebrew is taught, and they spent the summer at Jewish camps, teaching students in grades K–12 about Israel, Hebrew, and their lives back home. Our family of five, including our three daughters, was fortunate to be a host family, and we learned so much from our Israeli guest.

But something unexpected happened to our “fourth daughter” and the other *shinshiniot* (the feminine form of *shinshinim*) along the way. Through their taste of American Jewish life, the *shinshiniot* learned about themselves, their own Jewish identities (a reverse Birthright of sorts), and the range of opportunities for Jewish women, especially in the United States.

And while a bat mitzvah was not something anyone planned for at the beginning of the year, the idea grew out of organic dinner table conversation between our *shinshin* Tamar and my wife Deborah. It then expanded to reflect the desire among she and her friends to learn more. They came away with a memorable experience that became part of who they are as Jews, just as Kaplan did a century ago.

Hosted by Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow and Shir Hadash Synagogue in Wheeling on a Shabbat morning this past spring, the six *shinshiniot* chanted from the Torah, sang songs, and reflected on what the day and this past year have meant to them. Their Chicago host families, friends, and Israeli families came together in person and on Zoom, creating a binational gathering. And when the service was over, we all danced the hora, adding another tradition not typical for girls in their Israeli communities.

As a proud host dad, the morning for me was full of joy and spirit. Being led by Rabbi Reni Dickman—the first woman to head the Chicago Board of Rabbis, who studied with the *shinshiniot* during their preparation—added another layer of meaning.

Their own words, spoken that morning, capture better than I ever could the impact of their American experience and why they decided to have a bat mitzvah—and, perhaps, suggest a model for how our Israeli and American Jewish communities can learn from each other in the future. ★



BY JIM ROSENBERG

Jim Rosenberg is the Chief of Staff of the Jewish United Fund.



◀ **NOA TAL** As *shinshiniot* in Chicago, we got the opportunity to learn the culture and the traditions from a different place than our home in Israel. During this year we also became a part of a community, and our bat mitzvahs feel like another step that makes us feel even more included.



ORI ZIGMAN ▶ I came to this year as a *shinshin* expecting to have a new perspective. I knew that I would represent Israelis, and I thought that I would discover more about my relationship with Israel, but not necessarily about my relationship with Jews. In Israel, I am very secular. Coming here to Chicago this year, I have found a new relationship with Judaism that I didn’t expect.



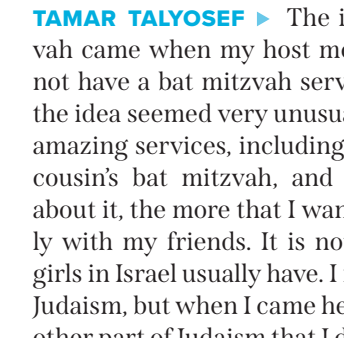
◀ **NITZAN ORNAN** Today I have a new feeling ... I had a bat mitzvah in Israel, but a different kind of bat mitzvah—no *aliyah l’Torah*. Today feels like a new experience, a chance to do something interesting. Something I am trying, and one of the goals of this year, is to say “yes” to new things.



NETA RUSHINEK ▶ One thing I learned this year is that in America you need to choose to be Jewish. Having a bat mitzvah is making this choice. It is very special to have this experience, and we want to say thank you to everyone and to the community.



◀ **NIR HOREV:** I think that every bat mitzvah is special. But ours is more special because we are celebrating as 19-year-olds. We chose this because we really know it is important, we worked hard to learn, and we really wanted to do it.



TAMAR TALYOSEF ▶ The idea of having a bat mitzvah came when my host mom found out that I did not have a bat mitzvah service [in Israel]. At first, the idea seemed very unusual to me. But I went to amazing services, including my 13-year-old host’s cousin’s bat mitzvah, and the more I thought about it, the more that I wanted to do it—especially with my friends. It is not an opportunity that girls in Israel usually have. I never felt connected to Judaism, but when I came here, I saw that there is another part of Judaism that I didn’t see in Israel.



Financial firm Morningstar admits to errors on Israel in bid to quell boycott controversy

PRO-ISRAEL ACTIVISTS are declaring a victory against the Israel boycott movement after a financial services company vowed to make changes to avoid inadvertently steering investors away from Israel.

The Chicago-based company, Morningstar, had endured a two-year campaign by Israel advocates who believed it was waging a “soft” boycott of Israel. The company denied the allegations but asked a law firm to conduct a review of its practices. The company released the resulting 117-page report in June.

Morningstar said that while the investigation uncovered no evidence of systemic bias against Israel, it would change certain practices that could have had inadvertent impacts on its advice to clients looking to screen their investments based on environmental, social, and governance factors, known as ESG factors in the investing world.

Morningstar is one of the leading firms in the field of ESG investing, so the changes enacted under pressure from pro-Israel activists are being closely watched. The company said it would decide on standard language to discuss Israeli and Palestinian affairs in its research in order to avoid “inflammatory” terminology, and would provide more transparency to its sources of information. According to the report, Morningstar in 2019 added pro-Palestinian outlets Electronic Intifada and BDSMovement.net to its list of unreliable sources.



Meanwhile, the company has eliminated its Human Rights Radar service, which was used to track developments in regions affected by political violence. The service, offered to investors by Morningstar’s subsidiary Sustainalytics, was found to “exhibit bias” by overly focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Morningstar’s stance represents a departure from previous statements by the company—it had rejected complaints by Jewish groups such as JLens, and by the Illinois Investment Policy Board, a government body charged with enforcing certain state laws around the investment of public funds.

For example, JLens—a Jewish investor network—had repeatedly accused the company of improperly inflating Israel’s risk and controversy ratings, arguing that such behavior amounts to an antisemitic boycott of the country. In March 2021, Morningstar said an internal investigation into the practices of its newly acquired subsidiary Sustainalytics found JLens’ claims to be false.

“We stated then—and reaffirm today—that neither Morningstar nor Sustainalytics supports the anti-Israel BDS campaign,” Morningstar’s Executive Chairman Joe Mansueto and CEO Kunal Kapoor said in a public statement announcing the investigation results. “However, in retrospect, our initial review was overly dismissive of the serious bias concerns ... We consider bias unacceptable in any form and concluded that the concerns warranted a thorough, independent review.”

Getting Morningstar to this point has been the years-long goal of JLens. The group was among the first to highlight the potential for trouble for Israel from the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement as investors have become increasingly interested in ethical guidance on financial decisions.

“The priorities going forward are continuing to work with Morningstar leaders—who have demonstrated a sincere desire to address what we assert are remaining issues—while expanding our efforts to ensure similar problems are addressed within the larger ESG rating sector,” said JUF Executive Vice President Jay Teath. ★

Pictured: Downtown Chicago, where Morningstar’s headquarters is located, became the site of pro-Palestinian protests, featuring calls to boycott Israel, during last May’s fighting between Israeli forces and Hamas in Gaza. (Jacek BoczarSKI/Anadolu Agency via Getty Images)

BY ASAF SHALEV | JTA

Israel’s 21st Maccabiah Games features 10,000 international athletes

THE 21ST MACCABIAH, the biggest sporting event in Israel and the second largest in the world, was held in Israel in July. Held once every four years with the participation of Israeli and Jewish athletes from 60 countries around the world, the Maccabiah featured 10,000 athletes—including more than 70 from Illinois—competing in dozens of sports.

Five new sports became part of the Maccabiah this year: wave surfing, climbing, 3x3 basketball, motocross, and paddle ball. In addition, after 33 years, the weightlifting contest returned. For the first time, all the games were broadcast live all over the world via Pixellot—which allowed families to watch their loved ones compete from afar. This year, the Maccabiah hosted Paralympic Games in a variety of sports as well as competitions for athletes with special needs.

President Joe Biden became the first U.S. president to attend the Maccabiah, during a four-day trip to the Middle East. ★

To learn more, check out maccabiah.com/en.

Russia shuttering Jewish Agency operations

As this issue of *Jewish Chicago* went to print, the Russian government ordered the JUF-supported Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) to end their activities in the country.

The move comes amid increasing tension between Russia and Israel over the war in Ukraine, and as Russia strengthens ties with Iran.

The closure means that Russians can no longer apply for citizenship in Israel from Russia. It will also negatively impact the tens of thousands who participate in JAFI’s educational programs and summer camps, and JAFI’s multi-million-dollar security assistance to Jewish institutions.

Assuming no restrictions on travel to Israel, Russian Jews would still be able to visit Israel and make *aliyah* on the spot.

In the first half of 2022, at least 16,598 people made *aliyah* from Russia—more than double the 7,711 who came during all of 2021, according to JAFI’s website. ★



Ben & Jerry’s sues parent company over sale of Israeli business

BEN & JERRY’S is not letting go of its West Bank pullout goal without a fight—with its parent company.

The iconic ice cream brand has filed a lawsuit against Unilever over its decision earlier this summer to sell the Israeli arm of the business to Israel-based franchise American Quality Products, Ltd., which will continue to sell Ben & Jerry’s in the West Bank.

Ben & Jerry’s says that Unilever’s decision was made without the brand’s board’s consent, and wrote in a statement on July 5 that stopping the sale is necessary to protect “the social integrity that the ice cream brand has spent decades building.” The lawsuit will aim to block the sale.

After publicly critiquing the Unilever move, the Ben & Jerry’s board voted on July 1 to file the suit, the *New York Post* reported.

“It’s a done deal,” American Quality Products, Ltd. owner Avi Zinger wrote in response. “Unilever chose the morally correct, socially just, and principled path when it ensured that Ben & Jerry’s ice cream would always continue to be produced and sold in Israel and the West Bank.”

Other pro-Israel groups that had pressured Unilever to take action to maintain the brand’s Israel presence dismissed the lawsuit, with the Israeli-American Coalition for Action calling it “a tantrum by BDS activists at Ben & Jerry’s” (referring to the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement targeting Israel).

IAC for Action Executive Director Joseph Sabag told the *JTA* that his group and others turned Ben & Jerry’s into a rallying cause because of Unilever’s size and influence within the business world. They hoped to make the case a deterrent to other companies considering their own Israel restrictions, or considering a similar acquisition agreement that would give a brand the same kind of control over its social advocacy.

“I can hardly think of a company out there that would want to follow in Unilever’s footsteps now,” Sabag said. He referred to the pro-Israel advocacy campaign around Ben & Jerry’s as proof of concept for an “economic Iron Dome” protecting Israel from financial pressures, a reference to the country’s venerated missile defense system.

The Ben & Jerry’s board, which has a history of social justice advocacy, made the decision to stop selling its products in what they call “Occupied Palestinian Territory” following Israel’s deadly conflict with Hamas in May 2021. Unilever originally stated that it had little power over decisions made by Ben & Jerry’s board, which makes its recent decision to sell a surprise. ★

Pictured: Motorists drive past a closed Ben & Jerry’s ice cream shop in the Israeli city of Yavne, July 23, 2021. (Ahmad Gharabli/AFP via Getty Images)

BY CALEB GUEDES-REED | JTA



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Federation’s Donor Advised Funds program celebrates 50 years of bolstering community

WHEN JEFFREY WELLEK, an investment professional in Chicago, heard his parents were looking for a way to give that would bolster the Jewish community, he recommended they set up a Donor Advised Fund through the Jewish Federation of Chicago.

For Wellek and his parents—as well as anyone who would like to tailor their donations to a variety of charitable organizations over time—DAFs are an ideal option for donating and saving money.

“A lot of people like to think of them as charitable checking accounts,” said Rose Jagust, vice president of Donor Advised Programs at Federation’s Center for Jewish Philanthropy.

To create a DAF at Federation, a donor puts a minimum of \$1,000 into a fund that can be taken as a charitable deduction on their tax returns. The money then sits in an account that can be invested for tax-free growth, and the donor can recommend donations to 501(c)(3) public charities. Federation then reviews and sends the money to the organizations, provided the charities’ interests don’t conflict with those of the Jewish community.

Supporting the Jewish community—as well as charitable giving in general—has been one of Federation’s goals for the 50 years since the program began. Each year, the program grows. In the last 10 years, DAFs at Federation have made the remarkable leap from managing \$99.2 million to \$273 million in assets, and have allocated \$495 million in grants.

In the last year alone, 10,371 grants, totaling \$54.6 million, were awarded to Jewish and secular charities in Chicago, Israel, and beyond. “This amount of money does an incredible amount of good in the Jewish and secular communities,” Jagust said.

And it’s good for donors’ financial health, too. One of the main benefits of a DAF is the ability to time charitable donations, which can help with taxes in a year with high income. Gifting appreciated assets, such as stock, to a DAF is also advantageous, as donors can bypass capital gains tax.

“Every year, I contribute appreciated stock to my DAF that will cover my annual giving,” said Ila Lewis, a longtime fund holder. “Then, I make my gifts to the JUF Annual Campaign, to Hillel, and to other causes that matter to me. I even use it to cover my synagogue dues at North Shore Congregation Israel.”

While some financial institutions offer DAF programs, the Jewish Federation offers a uniquely low fee to help donors’ dollars get to the places they need to go. Staff like Jagust are also available to help donors figure out the best way to maximize their giving and find organizations to support that match their personal and communal goals.

Also known for their convenience, DAFs offer the option to donate to multiple charities at once.

“DAFs are an easy way to handle philanthropy if you give to lots of different places,” Jagust said. “Donors receive one letter for tax time, instead of collecting receipts from the different places they support.” Federation also sends biannual statements to help donors keep track of where money has gone and plan for the future.

Federation’s DAF program has also been looking ahead in its monumental 50th year. “We’re hoping for bigger and better,” Jagust said.

And in an environment where “DAFs have been the fastest-growing form of philanthropy in general for years”—according to Ron Krit, assistant vice president of endowment development at Federation—the future looks bright.

In addition to new donors, the future of DAFs is also sustained by people like Wellek, who helped his parents set up and manage their fund after opening his own. When his three sons had their bar mitzvahs, he opened funds for them, too.

“With my parents being such great role models for giving, I wanted to do the same for my kids,” Wellek said. “Having a DAF shows my children that giving is a long-term commitment ... My hope was to instill in them that philanthropy is important.” ★

If you are interested in learning more about the Federation’s Donor Advised Fund Program and how you can simplify your giving, contact Rose Jagust at 312-357-4954 or RoseJagust@juf.org.

BY MICHELLE COHEN | Staff Writer

Replacing the fear in estate planning with empowerment

ESTATE PLANNING is often avoided because it involves two sensitive topics—money and death. But estate planners like Lindsey Paige Markus explain that making tough but thoughtful decisions now helps families create positive futures down the road.

“Many clients are surprised that the process is not morbid, but empowering,” Markus said. “It’s about protecting what you have built—and sending it to the future.”

A JUF board member, Markus is a principal attorney at the law firm Chuhak & Tecson, P.C., specializing in estate planning and wealth protection. In her new book, *A Gift for the Future*, Markus walks her reader through the lives of a hypothetical couple—Jack and Diane. They get married, and have kids and grandkids. Diane starts a business, leaves Jack, marries Sam, and then passes on. Employing a light touch for a heavy topic, Markus guides this family—and the readers—through each stage on their estate-planning journey.

At first, Markus’ publisher admitted that she, herself, did not know much about the topic. “Perfect!” Markus responded. “That’s who the book is written for. It is meant to plant the seeds of introspection, to help educate families as to how to begin.”

One way some couples start is by working on their prenup, Markus said, which can be eye-opening. “It’s not just about money, but understanding the implications of their decisions.”

The book can guide readers in creating a legacy for their children that is helpful—but not *too* helpful. Markus quotes the film *The Descendants*: “You give your children enough money to do something, but not enough to do nothing.” Therefore, she also counsels incorporating charitable giving into estate plans by including the community in their bequests, so couples can “leave a legacy greater than their descendants.”

Markus has used her estate-planning expertise to help secure many JUF endowments. She has also endowed her own Lion of Judah gift to JUF. “Realizing how meaningful this is for me,” she said, “led me to urge my clients to incorporate philanthropy into their estate plans.”

Markus is a past 36 Under 36 honoree, and a Davis, Gidwitz & Glasser Young Leadership Award recipient. This year, she won the YLD Distinguished Alumni Award. She also has served on the Jewish Federations of North America’s National Young Leadership Cabinet.

After reading her book, families will be better equipped to meet with estate planning professionals, Markus said, which she strongly recommends doing. After all, she asks, “Who wants to make a mistake with their legacy?” ★

Pictured: Lindsey Paige Marcus’s new book guides readers with practical advice on estate planning.

BY PAUL WIEDER | Associate Editor



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Remembering
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ED STEIN was a passionate and philanthropic man. He passed away peacefully on April 18, 2018, at the age of 82. Family was important to him. He had a close relationship with his parents, the late Lillian and Isadore Stein, and maintained strong relationships with his cousins.

As a lifelong Chicagoan, Stein spent most of his life in Rogers Park. He enjoyed watching sports, especially the Yankees. Never shy to share his thoughts, Stein sent many letters to the editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. One issue close to his heart was healthcare. He strongly believed good care was a right, not a privilege.

Not only did Stein voice his opinion on healthcare, but he also donated to many health causes. He was very philanthropic, supporting organizations he believed in, from the Anti-Defamation League to the American Diabetes Association to JUF. Stein was a Silver Circle donor, contributing to JUF's Annual Campaign for over 25 years. Additionally, he left a gift in his estate to the Federation's Centennial Campaign.

Friends and family will remember Ed Stein's kindness and generosity. ★

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BY RON KRIT
Ron Krit is the Assistant Vice President of Endowment Development for JUF's Legacies and Endowments department.

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For more information, contact Michele Esposito at LOJE@juf.org or 312-357-6289.

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Calling all emerging and business professionals! Join JUF Professionals Network for informal networking over light breakfast, and hear from Ofer Bavly, director general of the JUF Israel Office, who will share timely news about Israel and discuss JUF-supported initiatives in the country.

To register, visit: juf.org/bagels816.

There is no cost to attend.

For more information, contact ProfessionalsNetwork@juf.org or 312-357-4914.

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To register, visit: juf.org/yldcoupleskayak.

Cost: \$35 per person.

For more information or to request accommodations, please contact BenWolfson@juf.org.

JUF Professionals Network Young Lawyers Group Happy Hour

AUGUST 18 | 5:30 P.M. IO GODFREY ROOFTOP 127 W. HURON ST., CHICAGO

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Cost: \$36, includes two drink tickets.

For more information, contact ProfessionalsNetwork@juf.org or 312-357-4914.

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AUGUST 24 | 6 P.M. BROKEN BARREL 2548 N. SOUTHPORT AVE.

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Cost: \$18, includes one drink ticket.

For more information, contact ProfessionalsNetwork@juf.org or 312-357-4914.

Back from Birthright Bar Night

AUGUST 31 | 7-9 P.M. REPLAY LINCOLN PARK 2833 N. SHEFFIELD AVE.

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CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Aug. 5	7:54 p.m.	Devarim	Aug. 19	7:26 p.m.	Eikev
Aug. 12	7:36 p.m.	Va'etchanan	Aug. 26	7:15 p.m.	Re'eh

Community events

MONDAY, AUG. 1
2–3:30 P.M.
Building Your Professional Brand. Why is everyone talking about personal branding? Learn the meaning of branding while developing your own personal brand to demonstrate your immediate value to employers. Registrants will receive an emailed link the day of the event, allowing access to the workshop. 847-745-5461, ChelseaSammarco@JCFS.org.

MONDAY, AUG. 1–
SUNDAY, AUG. 7 | 7:30 P.M.
'Dear Jack, Dear Louise.' When two strangers meet by letter during World War II, a love story begins. Two-time Olivier Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig tells the poignant story of his own parents' unlikely courtship. Location: Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. 773-564-9564, cathy@cathytaylorpr.com.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2
7–8 P.M.
Grieving a Loss to Suicide (Virtual). A free monthly drop-in group for adults in the Jewish community and beyond who are navigating the world after the loss of a loved one to suicide. Co-led by experienced clinicians Laurie Garber-Amram, LCSW, and Wendy Dolin, LCSW, a survivor of suicide loss. JCFS Chicago, MISSD (The Medication-Induced Suicide Prevention and Education Foundation in Memory of Stewart Dolin) and No Shame on U are partnering to provide suicide prevention education and support in the Jewish community. 847-745-5454, LaurieGarber-Amram@JCFS.org.

WEDNESDAYS, ONGOING
10–11 A.M.
Yoga (Virtual). Join EZRA for virtual yoga. 773-467-3851, MeganLoveless@juf.org.

WEDNESDAYS, ONGOING
10–11 A.M.
Parent and Baby City Strolling & Rolling with iBaby. We'll meet at a coffee shop on Wednesday mornings all summer long, grab a drink (if you'd like one), and then take a stroll on the 606 or Lakefront Path and catch up. Wear your little or bring a stroller! Location: Heritage Outpost, 1020 W. Lawrence Ave. #1—Lobby of The Lawrence House, Chicago. 312-357-4859, jBabyChicago@juf.org.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3 | 7–9 P.M.
Nurturing Your LGBTQ+ Child in Jewish Spaces: Session 3. Jewish lifecycle events have been historically gendered. Learn how Judaism is and should be a space to bend these gender norms and bring home tools to provide a place for your child to bring their full selves. Sponsored by Moving Traditions, Keshet, and Response for Teens. Sessions will meet in-person (vaccination and mask required) and virtually. Free; registration is required. Location: Sketchpad, 4411 N. Ravenswood Ave., Suite 300, Chicago. 847-745-5475, SaraManewith@JCFS.org.

THURSDAYS, AUG. 4 & 18
AND SEPT. 1, 12:30–2 P.M.
JCC & CJE Community Days. Join JCC Chicago and CJE SeniorLife for free, in-person adult engagement in the northwest suburbs. Each week will be a thought-provoking presentation or discussion, with a free light dairy lunch provided for select events. Community Days are generously funded by a grant provided by the Albert and Lucille Delighter and Marcella Winston Foundation, a supporting foundation of the Jewish Federation of Chicago. Location: Vernon Township Community Service Building, 2900 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove. Registration is required at jccchicago.org/communitydaysnws.

SUNDAYS, ONGOING
9:30–11:30 A.M.
Open House & Sunday School Try Out. Are you thinking about how to expose your children to Jewish culture and identity? Your family is welcome to "try out" our Sunday School by visiting their grade's class for the day. Everyone is welcome at our events so you can meet us for yourself—no charge and no commitment. Location: Kol Hadash Sunday School at Deerfield High School, 1959 W. Waukegan Road, Deerfield. 773-209-8266, youthed@kolhadash.com.

MONDAY, AUG. 8–
FRIDAY, AUG. 12
Camp TOV. Teens make a difference! From supporting local neighbors to combating hunger, Camp TOV is a unique weeklong opportunity to make a difference all over Chicago this summer. 312-346-6700, GennaKahn@juf.org.

TUESDAYS, AUG. 9–30
6:30–8:30 P.M.
Connecting the Expecting: Cohort 32. Expectant parents at similar stages of life will gather to socialize, share resources, and discuss issues pertaining to being pregnant and preparing for parenthood. This group is open to expectant single moms and couples (LGBTQ couples welcome) who are expecting the birth or adoption of their first baby, in which at least one parent is Jewish. Location: Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, Chicago. 312-357-4859, jBabyChicago@juf.org.

Bagels in the Park: Skokie and Chicago
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 | 10 A.M.–NOON
Join jBaby Chicago to schmooze, play, and eat delicious bagels at our annual Bagels in the Park series! This is a free event, but please register so we have accurate bagel numbers.
Skokie location: Central Park, 9350 Central Park Ave.
Chicago location: Margaret Donahue Park, 1230 W. School St.
For more information, contact jBabyChicago@juf.org or 312-357-4907.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12
3:30–5 P.M.
Keshet's Shabbat Happy Hour. Sing your favorite Jewish music and enjoy light refreshments and drinks to welcome Shabbat. \$10/person. Open to all adults who are 21+, with and without disabilities. Location: 8233 Central Park Ave., Skokie. 630-566-9430, sbiagoni@keshet.org.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14
3:30–5 P.M.
Brunchiki. Test your ethical wit over brunch! Participants will examine ethical scenarios from a Jewish lens while enjoying blinchiki and coffee. Participants must have completed their initial series of COVID-19 vaccinations. JUF Russian-speaking Jewish Division programs are funded, in part, by Genesis Philanthropy Group. Location: Brū Chicago, 1562 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-673-2350, AlexKislov@juf.org.

MONDAY, AUG. 15
2–3:30 P.M.
Winning the Interview (Virtual). Preparation is key! It may be virtual, in-person, with a group, or over numerous follow-up sessions, but interviewing comes with the job search. Learn and practice how to interview in any setting to secure your next job. Registrants will receive an emailed link the day of the event, allowing access to the workshop. 847-745-5461, ChelseaSammarco@JCFS.org.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17–
SUNDAY, AUG. 21
Chi Getaway. End the summer with an all-inclusive, stress-free getaway at the popular Perlstein Retreat Center, located on the grounds of Camp Chi near the Wisconsin Dells. Chi Getaway (formerly known as August Family Vacation) is a vacation packed with awesome activities for families or adults. Location: S1301 Clara Ave., Lake Delton. 847-763-3605, info@campchi.com.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18
2–3:30 P.M.
Expand Your Reach Through Networking (Virtual). Whether you connect in person, online, in groups, at events or through your own personal relationships, doing it professionally and effectively is essential to your job search success. Registrants will receive an emailed link the day of the event, allowing access to the workshop. 847-745-5461, bradb1@comcast.net.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21
11 A.M.–2 P.M.
Beth Tikvah's Annual Picnic. Join us at our annual outdoor event! The picnic celebrates our members while building close relationships within our community. Enjoy lunch and activities for all ages, and meet people in our community. Location: 300 Hillcrest Blvd., Hoffman Estates. 847-885-4545, laury.kossoff@beth-tikvah.org.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21 | 1–3:30 P.M.
In-Person Sibshops – Northbrook. Sibshops offer brothers and sisters of children with 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 years old. Location: 255 Revere Drive, Suite 200. \$30 per Sibshop session; partial scholarships are available. 773-765-3159, TamaraBesser@JCFS.org.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21 | 4–5:30 P.M.
ListenUp! Jewish A Capella Group. In celebration of their 130th anniversary, Congregation Kneseth Israel presents the nationally known Jewish a cappella group ListenUp! They deliver warmth and "knock your socks off" vocal power through their love of Judaism and Israel, blending religious Hebrew prayers with contemporary music and other lyrics. General admission tickets: \$25. Purchase tickets online at TicketLeap. Location: 330 Division St., Elgin. 630-408-2209, bradb1@comcast.net.

MONDAY, AUG. 22–
SUNDAY, AUG. 28
Koolanu Orthodox Family Camp. Escape to an all-inclusive, kosher family getaway! Kids attend camp each morning, while adults choose an activity or relax. The afternoon is family time, and evenings are free to spend with family or friends. Camp is a stress-free vacation packed with awesome activities, entertainment, and childcare for all ages. Location: S1301 Clara Ave., Lake Delton, Wisc. 847-763-3605, info@campchi.com.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24
2–3:30 P.M.
Resume and Cover Letter Workshop (Virtual). Learn how to effectively create or revise two of the fundamental tools for conducting a job search in the current market. Registrants will receive an emailed link the day of the event, allowing access to the workshop. 847-745-5461, ChelseaSammarco@JCFS.org.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26
10 A.M.–5 P.M.
Free Admission at Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is excited to offer free admission on the last Friday of every month in 2022. Reserve your tickets at ihm.ec/tickets. Location: 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. 847-967-4835, sierra.wolff@ihmec.org.

MONDAY, AUG. 29 | 2–3:30 P.M.
How to Create a Winning LinkedIn Profile (Virtual). Learn how to best utilize LinkedIn, a critical tool in your networking toolbox. Social media continues to impact the job market, and learning the best ways to show your worth online is crucial to landing your next position. Registrants will receive an emailed link the day of the event, allowing access to the workshop. 847-745-5461, ChelseaSammarco@JCFS.org.

MONDAY, AUG. 29 | 8–9 P.M.
RJD Women's Book Club: 'Lilac Girls.' We will be reading *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. RJD will pay for attendees' paperback or Kindle version of the book if desired. Please email Becki at RebeccaFaktorovich@juf.org with your format preference. JUF Russian-speaking Jewish Division programs are funded, in part, by Genesis Philanthropy Group. 224-730-1328, RebeccaFaktorovich@juf.org.

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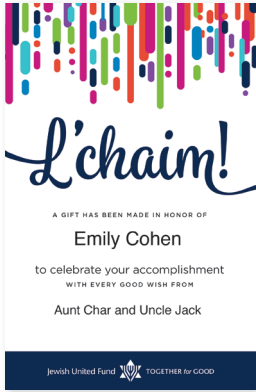
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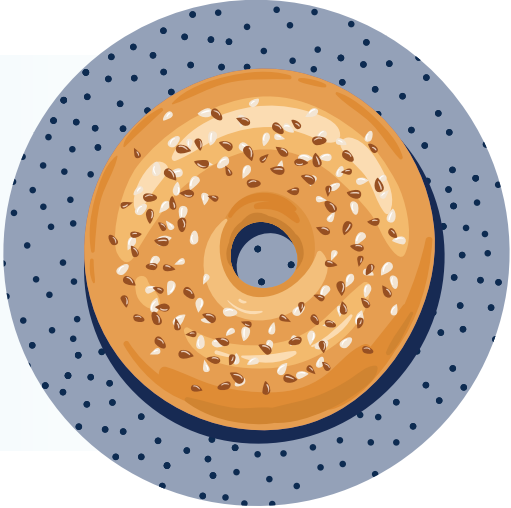
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AUSLANDER, BERNICE LIBERMAN

91. Wife of the late Maurice. Mother of Leora and Philip. Grandmother of 1. Sister of Arthur Liberman. Sister-in-law of Lillian Liberman. Aunt of 1. Memorials to World Wildlife Fund. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BAKAL, ROBERT 92. Loving husband of the late Roberta (nee Karch). Devoted father of Robin (Lenny) Soffer, and Barry (Sheri) and Mark (Mary) Bakal. Cherished grandfather of 10. Adored great-grandfather of 6. Dear brother of the late Sandra (late Howard) Goldberg. Treasured uncle of many. Memorials to the Rory David Deutsch Foundation. Westlawn Cemetery. The Goldman Funeral Group.

BANK, SANFORD A. “SANDY” 92. Beloved husband of Renee. Loving father of John (Eliyn) and Douglas (Nancy). Proud grandfather of 4. Devoted brother of the late Thomas (late Fern) Bank. Adoring uncle of 3. Cherished great-uncle of many. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to The Chicago Hearing Society. Memorial Park Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BARNETT, ROBERTA “BOBBI” WITZ (nee Weiss) 82. Beloved wife of the late Harvey. Cherished mother of Gail Witz. Devoted daughter of the late Pearle Weiss. Westlawn Cemetery. Mitzvah Memorial Funerals.

BELL, ELAINE L. 100. Beloved wife of the late Bernard B. Loving mother of Andrea (Martin) Freed and Judy (Jerome) Tatar. Adored Nana of 5. Treasured great-grandmother of 6. Caring sister of the late Calvin (late Marilyn) Lewis. Sister-in-law of Pearl (late Hyman) Hirshfield, and the late Lawrence Bell and Sara (late Robert) Busch. Cherished aunt of many. Memorials to the Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Award, c/o the Evanston Public Library. Westlawn. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BENDER, DR. SHARON RAE 75. Wife of the late John E. McNeal, Esq. Sister of Phyllis (Dr. Lawrence) Fogelson and the late Hon. Gerald and Sherwin, Esq. Sister-in-law of Sharon Sue. Daughter of the late Morris and Rose Bender. Aunt and great-aunt of many. Memorials to JUF. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

BENDIX, BARBARA WEISMAN 79. Devoted wife of Jeffrey Bendix. Loving stepmother of Lisa and Laura. Proud grandmother of 5. Dear daughter of the late Annette and Sidney Weisman. Shalom Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BENJAMIN, FELIX Beloved husband of Sondra (nee Goldstein). Loving father of Cyndee Kawalek, David (Gwen) Graff, and Deborah (David) Koller. Cherished grandfather of 7. Fond brother of Meyer (Malka) Benjamin and the late Jaques (Esther) Benjamin and Ida Benjamin. Memorials to the American Lung Association. Westlawn Cemetery. Mitzvah Memorial Funerals.

BERCOON, LORRAINE ROSE 97. Wife of the late Norman. Mother of Joan and Marc (Rhonda). Grandmother of 5. Loving sister of Henry Rose. Daughter of the late Irving and Sarah (nee Cohen) Rose. Daughter-in-law of the late Sara Bercoon. Sister-in-law of Norma Rose and the late Ruth Dreyman. Aunt and cousin of many. Golden Giver member of JUF. Memorials to JUF’s Ukraine Relief Fund. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BERK, LAURA SUSAN (nee Pine) 64. Beloved wife of Scott M. Cherished mother of Maxwell and Sarah. Dear sister of Judi Pine (David) Sellers and Aaron (Margo) Pine. Devoted daughter of the late Robert and Phyllis (Miller) Pine. Fond niece and cousin of many. Memorials to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Jewish Oak Ridge Cemetery. Mitzvah Memorial Funerals.

BERG, LOIS ILENE (nee Shulman) 85. Beloved wife of Bob. Devoted mother of Bonnie (Jack) Weisberg, Ricky (Karen) Berg, and Lauren (Marc) Brown. Sister of Gary (Suzi) Shulman and the late Michelle Sue Colby. Incredibly loving grandmother of 8. Amazing great-grandmother of 1. Wonderful friend and Auntie “Yo-Yo” of many. Memorials to the Michelle Sue Colby Fund at the Kellogg Cancer Center at Evanston Hospital. Shalom Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BERLAND, LAWRENCE “LARRY” 88. Beloved husband of Martha “Marty” Much-loved husband of the late Carol. Loving father of Bob (Helen) and Lori. Cherished Papa B of 4. Great-grandfather of 3. Brother of the late Ted (Cynthia). Memorials to the Great Vest Side Club. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

BLOOM, DAVITA 82. Beloved wife of the late Ronald. Loving mother of Marc (Rebecca) Zeidman; stepmother of Ellen (Reid) Romer, Cheryl (Marshall) Brownfield and Ken (Alisa) Bloom. Cherished Bubbie/Grandma D. of 5. Much-loved great-grandmother of Barron and Raymond. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to B’nai Brith International. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

BLUMBERG, BENJAMIN M. 79. Partner of Rita Lenertz. Brother of Kathryn Wittenberg and Ellen Rubert of Chicago. Uncle of 1. Great-uncle of 2. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

BOBIS, SHIRLEY (nee Ominsky) 84. Beloved wife of Arthur. Loving mother of Lori (Todd Jay) Schwartz, Lisa Lowenthal, and the late Marc Bobis. Cherished grandma of 5. Dear sister of Albert (late Elaine, Paula Dresnin) Ominsky and the late Anita Baker. Loving aunt. Memorials to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

BRODY, ANDREA G. (nee Ginsberg) 77. Beloved wife of the late Lewis. Loving mother of Michael, Gail (Rick Kodner), Alan, and the late Janis. Memorials to JUF. Lakeshore Jewish Funerals.

BURNSTINE, HELEN SREBNIK 89. Beloved wife to the late Fredric. Loving mother of Janet (Lewis) Steinberg and Mark (Jean) Burnstine. Cherished grandmother of 4. Dear daughter of the late Morris and Ida Srebnik. Beloved sister of the late Estelle (Eugene) Shapiro. Aunt of 1. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to Am Shalom’s Library Fund, or to Darchei Noam Glenbrook. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.



James Caan, known for tough guy roles, dead at 82

IN 2009, James Caan, one of the leading movie stars of the 1970s, told *Vanity Fair* that he was twice honored as New York City’s “Italian of the Year.” The kicker: He’s not Italian.

Caan, who died July 6 at 82, according to a post from his family to his Twitter account, staked out rare ground in Hollywood as a Jew known for blockbuster tough guy roles—and for almost always being considered anything but Jewish.

The Italian reputation dogged him after what was arguably his most famous role, as mafioso Sonny Corleone in *The Godfather*.

One of his earliest roles, in the 1966 Howard Hawks classic western *El Dorado*, also gave him a longtime cowboy moniker. Caan said in an interview earlier this year that he worked as a professional rodeo performer for years before becoming famous, and that Steve Wynn, the disgraced Jewish casino magnate, used to introduce him to people in Las Vegas as “the best Jewish cowboy” he had ever met.

Born in the Bronx, Caan was raised by working class German-Jewish immigrants in Sunnyside, Queens, where he has said he developed some of his tough guy mojo. His father was a kosher butcher, and while he worked for him at various times, Caan looked to avoid the meat trade.

He played football for two years at Michigan State University, where he was a member of the Jewish Alpha

Epsilon Pi fraternity. He transferred to Hofstra University on Long Island, where he became friends with fellow undergraduate Francis Ford Coppola.

Some of Caan’s other notable performances include a football player diagnosed with cancer in *Brian’s Song* (1971); a professor with a gambling addiction in *The Gambler* (1974); and the protagonist of *Misery* (1990), a famous adaptation of the Stephen King novel. A later career highlight came in 2003, as a side character in the Will Ferrell Christmas-themed hit *Elf*.

In 2017, at age 77, Caan starred in *Holy Lands* as a Jewish doctor who moves from New York City to Israel, where he starts a pig farm in Nazareth. The real-life Caan had visited Israel in 2016 and reportedly said, when asked by *The Media Line*, that no one had ever questioned his support of Israel.

“I don’t hang around with antisemites if that’s what you mean, and I don’t know any,” he said. “And if I did, I’d punch them in the face.”

In his 2021 memoir *Yearbook*, Seth Rogen calls Caan “a scary Jew, which is almost unheard of.”

“He’s in his own lane, Jew-wise,” Rogen wrote. ★

Pictured: James Caan stands under casino lights in a scene from the 1974 film *The Gambler*. (Photo courtesy of Paramount/Getty Images)

BY GABE FRIEDMAN | JTA

BUZGARIU, NINA (nee Kuczer) 80. Beloved mother of Rafael Buzgariu and Annette (Michael) Puchacz. Proud grandmother of 2. Cherished daughter of the late Basia Kuczer and Stanley (Stanislaw) Kuczer. Memorials to Illinois Cancer Specialists. Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

CARDENAS, RAPHAEL 2. Beloved son of Marina Ross and Henry Cardenas. Adored grandson of Diana Balzak, Darren Ross, Victorino Cardenas and Ruth Leticia Vazquez. Cherished nephew of Sonia Balzak. Memorials may made to Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. Shalom Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

CHERN, VLADIMIR 76. Beloved husband of Esther (nee Waxman). Cherished father of Marina (Ronald) Dove and Lina Chern (Brian Chard). Loving grandfather of 4. Dear brother of Natalie Chern (the late Joseph Zigorenko). Fond uncle of 1. Memorial Park Cemetery. Mitzvah Memorial Funerals.

COHEN, JOEL ROBERT 69. Beloved son of the late Meyer and Florence. Dear brother of Larry (Debra) Cohen and Rhonda (Sam) Levy. Proud uncle of 5. Great-uncle of 3. Fond nephew and cousin of many. Memorials to The Ark. Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

COHEN, LOIS MAE (nee Metzger) 95. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Stanley S. Loving mother of Beverly (David) Saiz and Robert Cohen (Renee Atlas). Cherished grandmother of 4. Devoted daughter of the late Sadie and Nathan Metzger. Dear sister of Jean Ellman. Aunt of 3. Treasured cousin of many. Silver Circle member of JUF. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

COOPER, ROBERTA (nee Gersh) 85. Beloved wife of Morton Cooper. Cherished mother of Howard (Gwen) and Mark (Melissa) Cooper and Andi Schraiber (John Hall). Loving grandmother of 9. Great-grandmother of 1. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials in Roberta’s memory to JUF or St. Jude’s. Shalom Memorial Park. Mitzvah Memorial Funerals.

CORN, MYRON “MIKE” 86. Beloved husband of Joan (nee Teitelman). Loving father of Helene Linton, Rachel (Scott) Kluge, Linda Corn (Robert Jacobson), and the late Steven Corn. Cherished Babba of 10. Silver Circle member of JUF. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

COUSTAN, HARVEY L. 82. Beloved husband of Arlene (nee Nechin). Loving father of Rabbi Andrea (Danny) London, Charles (Hillary) and Liz Cosuan, and the late Brad (Helene) Coustan. Proud grandfather of 8. Dear brother of Donald (Terri) Coustan and Susan (Errol) Stone. Memorials to Beth Emet The Free Synagogue, or to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

DANZIGER, BELLA 96. Holocaust Survivor. Beloved wife of the late John Danziger. Loving mother of Stewart (Liz). Cherished grandmother of 2. Memorials to The Ark. Shalom Memorial Park.

FOR A BLESSING



A.B. Yehoshua—Israeli novelist known for incisive insights

AVRAHAM “BULI” YEHOShUA, who chronicled his beloved Israel’s rage and sorrows in more than a dozen acclaimed novels, died on June 14. He was 85.

As a novelist, he took a sharp knife to his fellow citizens’ pretensions and delusions. But Yehoshua also sought to heal wounds, reconciling Israelis with Palestinians, the Jewish Diaspora, and above all themselves.

“We have to revitalize the solidarity that we lost... with the religious, with Arabs,” Yehoshua told *The New York Jewish Week* in 2020. He was speaking about the corona-virus, but he might as well have been posting his credo.

Born in 1936, Yehoshua was a scion of a Sephardic family that had lived in Jerusalem for generations, and he brought to his writing and his speaking the culture’s deceptively laconic style.

Yehoshua won dozens of awards, including the Israel Prize, the Bialik Prize, and the National Jewish Book Award; his work was translated into 28 languages. Yehoshua was one of a handful of Israelis—including Amos Oz and Yehuda Amichai—who perpetually were shortlisted for the Nobel Prize in literature.

His 1977 novel, *The Lover*, makes a compelling interplay between three characters stunted by grief and anger, set against the chaos of the 1973 Yom Kippur War. In *A Late Divorce*, published in 1982, Yehoshua delivers a narrative of a child who is bullied at school and struggles to keep up in gym class, with future army service looming. His final novel, 2020’s *The Tunnel*, follows an engineer who is pressed into one last national project even as he loses his memory to dementia.

Yehoshua credited his wife—Rivka Kirsninski, a psychoanalyst whose death in 2016 crushed him—for his insights. “I have to understand that the world is not simple,” he said, in a 2013 interview with *The New York Jewish Week*. “You see the surface and have to dig again and again.” ★

Yehoshua is survived by a daughter, two sons, and seven grandchildren.

Pictured: Israeli novelist A.B. Yehoshua speaks after receiving an honorary degree at the University of Palermo, Sept. 10, 2019. (Credit: Francesco Militello Mirto/NurPhoto via Getty Images)

BY RON KAMPEAS | JTA

DAVIDSON, CAROLE M. (nee Blumenfeld) 74. Beloved wife and best friend of Stanley. Loving mother of Julie Brown and Lisa (Bernard) Malkov. Cherished Nana of 3. Much-loved sister of Phyllis (Leonard) Abrams and Barry (Maria) Blumenfeld. Dear aunt and great-aunt of many. Memorials to the Alzheimer’s Association of Chicago, or to American Friends of Magen David Adom. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

DAVIS, FERN BOMCHILL 74. Beloved wife of the late Samuel B. Loving mother of the late Bradley Benton. Dear sister of Albert and the late William Bomchill. Cherished aunt of 5. Great-aunt of nine. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to the American Brain Tumor Association, to Susan G. Komen, or to Skokie Community Foundation. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

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GOLDBERG, HARVEY L. 85. Navy Veteran. Beloved husband and best friend of Geri (nee Prosk). Loving father of Marla, Donna (Jeffery) Hersh and Jack (Susan). Cherished “Poppi” of 4. Adored great-grandfather of 1. Much-loved brother of Elaine Lauter. Memorials to CJE SeniorLife, or to JNF. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

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GOLDMAN, PROFESSOR DARA 51. Director, Program in Jewish Culture and Society at the University of Illinois. Loving wife of Itai Seggev. Daughter of Clifford and Karen. Sister of Elyssa. Daughter-in-law of Joram and Varda Seggev. Sister-in-law of Guy Seggev and Michal (late Shelby) Seggev Lerner. Aunt of 3. Memorials to scholarship fund at University of Illinois, details TBA. Mount Hope Cemetery, Champaign. Morgan Memorial Home.

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KAIL, JACK H. 76. Beloved husband of Sheila (nee Becker). Loving father of Debbie (Darren) Margulis and Andrea (Phil) Melahn. Cherished grandfather of 4. Much-loved brother of Phyllis (the late Sam) Remer, Joe (Robin) and Sheldon (Abby). Dear uncle of many. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

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KATIN, DR. ROBERT A. 84. Beloved husband of Marcia (nee Lane). Amazing father of Lisa (Philip) Cole and Richard (Jennifer) Katin. Loving Zayde of 3. Dear brother-in-law of Steven (Susan) Lane. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to Lymphoma Research Foundation. Shalom. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

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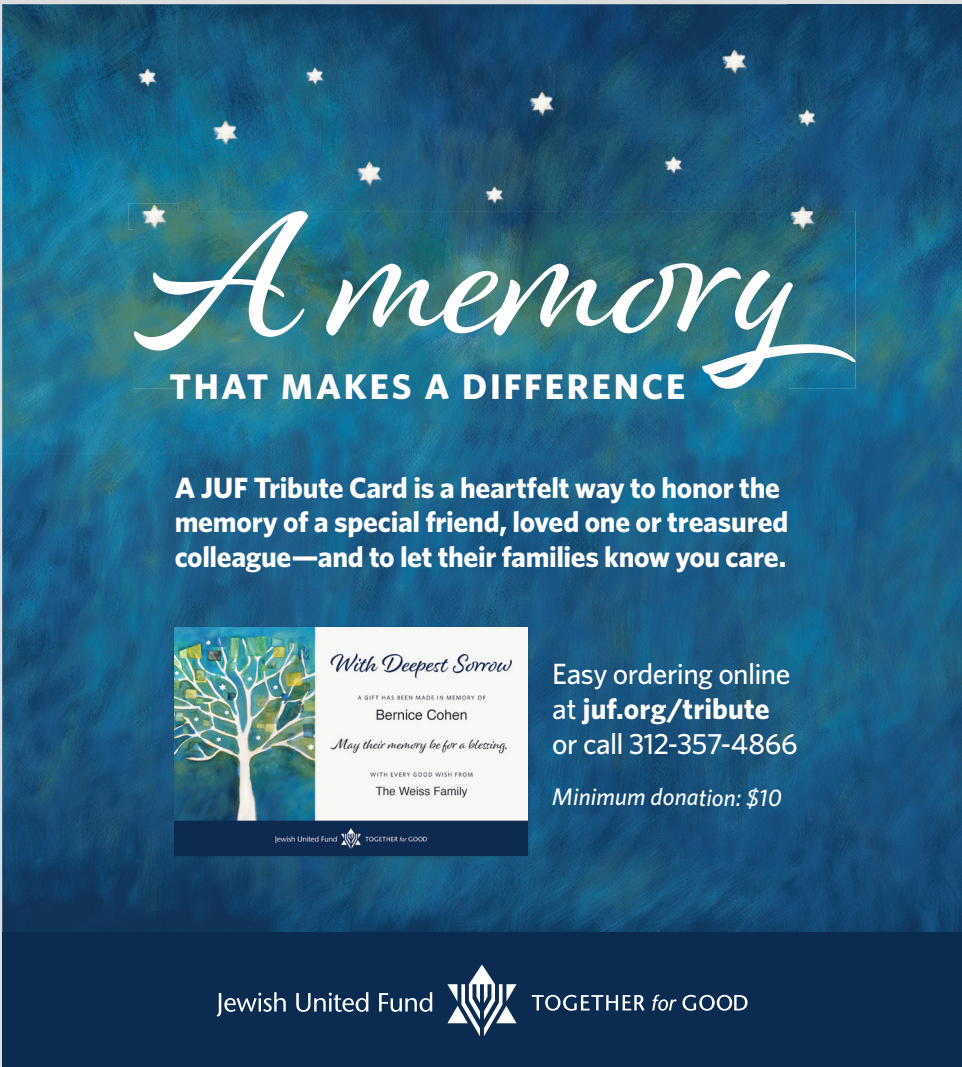
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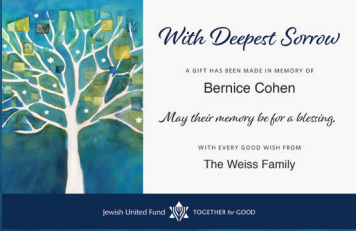
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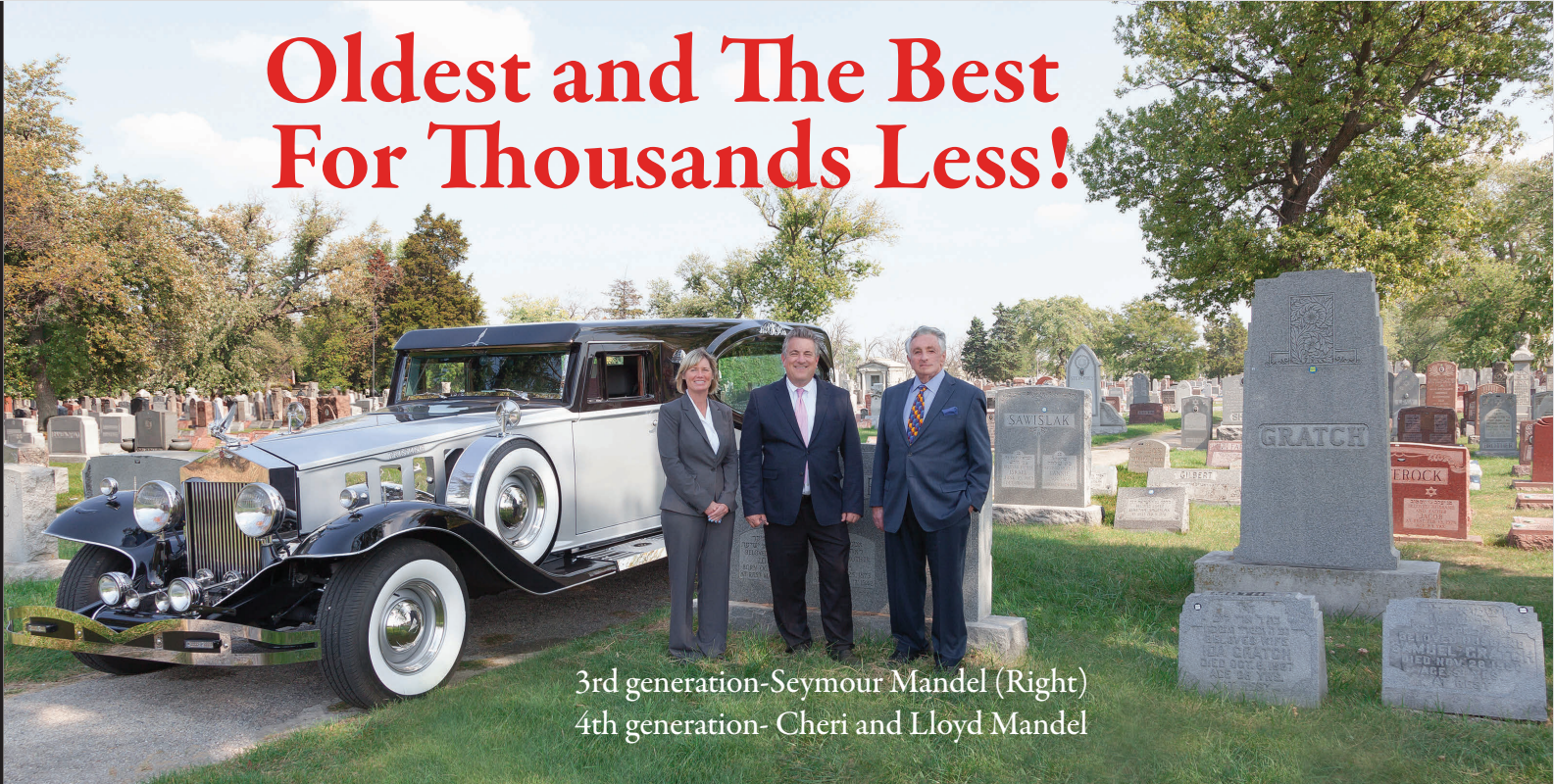


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MANKOFF, MIRIAM RUTH (nee Onixt) 90. Beloved wife of Arnold "Kup." Loving mother of Marla (the late Peter) Backes, Barbara (the late Michael) Fishman and Adam (Cheryl) Mankoff. Proud grandmother of 6. Dear daughter of the late Louis and Helen Onixt. Fond sister of the late Diane Onixt. Memorials to JUF. Westlawn Cemetery.Chicago Jewish Funerals.

MARKS, SHERWIN A. 94. Beloved husband of the late Gertrude. Loving father of Margo Klein and Mimi Marks. Proud grandfather of 1. Loving partner of Helen Friedman. Dear brother of the late Bluma Cannon. Memorials to Animal Love Rescue Center, or to the American Heart Association. Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

MEDJES, MARSHALL BERNARD 84. Beloved husband of Louise Ann (nee Biegler). Loving father of Debra (Michael) Blitstein and Neal (Marnie) Medjes. Proud Papa of 5. Adored Zadie of 2. Dear son of the late Jack and Sadelle. Cherished brother of Barbara (late Leonard) Suslick. Memorials to the American Liver Foundation. Shalom Memorial Park. The Goldman Funeral Group.

MELNICK, HARRY JAY D.D.S. 88. Beloved husband of Hope June (nee Resnick). Loving father of Dr. Michael (Helen), David (Judy) and Aaron (Jane). Proud grandfather of 9. Dear brother of the late Helene (late Morris) Schachne and Dr. Rita (the late Samuel) Chafkin. Uncle and cousin of many. Memorials to the Illinois Foundation of Dentistry for the Homebound, c/o the Chicago Dental Society. Shalom. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

METZL, EDWIN "ED" 79. Beloved husband of Andrea MetzI (nee Steinholtz). Loving father of Mark (Debbie) and Jonathan (Meredith). Cherished Saba of 5. Memorials to Shriners Children's Hospital Chicago. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

MILLER, BERNARD 94. Army Reserve, Captain. Beloved devoted husband of Helene Lieberman Miller. Father of Barry (Laura), Neal (Heide), and David (Alice King). Loving grandfather of 4. Uncle of 2. Son of the late Solomon and Minnie Miller. Brother of the late Rochelle (late Theodore) Cloch. Brother-in-law of the late Maeda Lieberman. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

MITZENMACHER, KATHERINE (nee Photopulos) 82. Beloved and adored wife of the late Allen. Mother of Joseph (Stacy Saunders), Stephanie (John M. Lesniak), and Andrew (Lauren Niimi). Cherished YiYia of 8. Sister of Angeline Variames and the late John Photopulos. Daughter of the late Andrew and Mary (Pikoulas) Photopulos. Treasured aunt of 8. Joyful great-aunt of 4. Great-great-aunt. Dear cousin of many. Memorials to The Chicago Botanic Garden. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

NADBORNE, LEONARD SIDNEY 93. Beloved husband and best friend of Felicia (nee Schwartz). Loving father of Craig (Michael Spencer) and Brad. Cherished Pops of 1. Devoted son of the late Regina and Julius. Dear brother of the late Shirley (the late Jerome) Berkson. Treasured uncle and cousin of many. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to City of Hope at Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

NISSEN, BARBARA (nee Dubinsky) 86. Beloved wife of Raymond. Loving mother of Wesley (Susan) Nissen and Sheryl (David) Schwartz. Cherished Grammy of 5. Much-loved great-grandmother of 1. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to JUF's Ukraine Relief Fund. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home

ORLEANS, SHEILA MURIEL (nee Mann) 90. Beloved wife of the late Howard. Dear mother of Jim (Andrea) Orleans, Laura (Paul) Lapping, and the late Francie Rana Orleans. Proud grandmother of 5. Great-grandmother of 1. Sister of Barbara (the late Ron) Levine. Devoted daughter of the late Morrie and Gert Mann. Loving aunt of many. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, or to the American Heart Association. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

PEARLMAN, JEANINE "JEANIE" 79. Loving wife of Alan Pearlman and the late Raymond H. Schwartz. Cherished mother of Robert and Richard Schwartz. Adored grandmother of 2. Dear sister of the late Carolyn (David) Skolnik. Memorials to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, or to Congregation BJBE. Shalom Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

PIERCE, PEARL C. (nee Cohen) 88. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Pierce. Cherished mother of Bill (Robin) and Dr. Ken (Dr. Nora Joseph) Pierce, Carolyn (Jeff Hlavachek) McCormick, and the late Robert Pierce. Loving grandmother of 6. Adoring great-grandmother of 1. Memorials to The American Lung Association. Memorial Park Cemetery. Mitzvah Memorial Funerals.

PINSKY, BORIS Beloved husband of Liza. Loving father of the late Sheldon. Cherished grandfather of 3. Devoted brother of Pasha (Mark) and Michael (Ella). Adored uncle of 3. Dear brother-in-law of Alex. Beloved cousin of 4. Sunset Memorial Lawns. Mitzvah Memorial Funerals.

PLISKIN, DORIS K. (nee Kuperman) 92. Beloved wife of the late Cantor Morton. Loving mother of Joel, Dr. Neil (Toni), and Gayle. Proud grandmother of 5. Dear sister of Irving and Solomon Kuperman. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A.G. Beth Israel. Westlawn. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

PORTUGAL, RONALD MORROW 91. Beloved husband to Anita (nee Baskin). Cherished father of Cary Portugal and Lauren (Chuck) Kaufman. Loving grandfather of 2. "Papo" of 2. Son of the late George and Edith (Greenberg). Brother of Mitchell (Mavis), Glenn (Susan), and the late Gerald (Ruth). Chicago Jewish Funerals.

RAFALSON, ALLEN 92. Veteran, Korean War. Dear father of Steven (Sylvia), Bruce (Maria), and Brandon (Jennifer Kreizman) Rafalson and Sarah (Honddo) Flores. Proud grandfather. Memorials to L'Chaim Center, to The Shul of Deerfield, or to Korean War Veterans Association. Shalom Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

RAYMAN, STEPHEN M. 79. Beloved husband of Goldie. Loving father of Stacey (Mark) Mistic and Joshua Rayman. Dear brother of Bruce (Ina). Devoted son of the late Joseph and Norma. Cherished uncle of many. Memorials to the Lupus Foundation. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

RICHMAN, MIRIAM (nee Fox) 96. Beloved wife of the late Sheldon. Cherished mother of the late Debbie (Bruce) Bronn and Jay (Jamie) Richman. Adored Mum of 5. Treasured great-grandmother of 10. Dear aunt and cousin of many. Beloved sister of the late Thelma (Herman) Bailen and Phillip (Francine) Fox. Close sister-in-law of the late Marcia (Don) Richman Roth. Memorials to the Chicago Mitzvah Campaign. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

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RUBY, ERNEST D. 77. Beloved husband of Sandra Siegel Ruby. Proud father of Oliver A. Loving grandfather of 2. Dear brother of Linda Liebling. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Disease Association. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

RUSTIN, SHIRLEY JEAN (nee Siegel) 96. Beloved wife of the late E. Paul. Loving mother of Marcia (the late Dr. Jerome) Kraut and Barry Rustin (loving partner Dr. Lynne Belsky). Proud grandmother of 4. Very proud great-grandmother of 4. Dear twin sister of the late Jack M. (Jeanne) Siegel. Memorials to CJE SeniorLife. Shalom. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SACKS, RUTHE 99. Daughter of Celia (Kosikov) and Aaron Goldstein. Wife of Benjamin J. Mother of Carole Diller and the late Judy Grossbard. Grandmother of 4. Proud great-grandmother of 3. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to CJE SeniorLife, or to Temple Beth Israel Preschool. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SAMUELSON, DR. NORBERT M. 86. Beloved husband of Dr. Amy Shevitz. Devoted father of Miriam. Fond cousin of 2. Memorials to Hebrew Union College or to the Selfhelp Home. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SATTEN, MARJORIE L. 69. Beloved daughter of Sonia Berson and the late Arthur Satten. Dear sister of Robb. Cherished aunt of 1. Proud great-aunt of 2. Memorials to Orphans of the Storm. The Goldman Funeral Group.

SCHAFFER, MORRIE 77. Beloved husband of Ina (nee Summer). Loving father of Victoria (Greg Vainstock) and Matthew. Cherished grandpa of 1. Dear brother-in-law of Susanne Matlin. Dear brother of Joel (Marilyn) and Sari Schaffer and Rise (John) Richardson. Treasured uncle and cousin of many. Memorials to North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

SEARS, PHYLLIS (nee Kucheck) 89. Beloved wife of Frank. Loving mother of Roger (Ruthie), Bradley (Rose), Mike (Lynn), and Neal (Teresa). Adored grandmother of 10. Proud great-grandmother of 2. Devoted daughter of the late Sam and Helen Kucheck. Cherished sister of the late Rachel (late Barry) Lipin. Treasured aunt of many. Memorials to Lambs Farm. Memorial Park Cemetery. The Goldman Funeral Group.

SCHALLER, RUTH (nee Stein) 97. Beloved wife of the late Ralph. Loving mother of Michael (Joan), Rick (Carolyn) and Howard (Klaudia) Schaller. Cherished grandmother of 4. Adored great-grandmother of 3. Dear sister of Harold (life partner Jennie Elias) and the late Milton (Harriet) Stein. Fond sister-in-law of the late Ruth Stein. Beloved aunt. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to Planned Parenthood, or to the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

SCHWARTZ, ARTHUR L. 96. Navy Veteran, WWII. Beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Colen). Loving father of Marc and Jan (Dr. Jeff Farber). Treasured grandfather of 3. Great-grandfather of 5. Devoted son of the late Morris H Schwartz and Sara G Schwartz-Ferguson. Fond brother of the late Stuart (late Noelle). Uncle of 2.

SCHWARTZ, EVE BARBARA (nee Freedman) 87. Beloved partner of Larry Warsaw. Devoted wife of the late Dr. Harold. Loving mother of Ian (Susan) and Jane Schwartz and Ellen Mickelson. Proud grandmother of 4. Dear sister of Israel Freedman. Silver Circle member of JUF. Shalom Memorial Park. Memorials to JUF. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SCHWARTZ, JOEL 84. Beloved husband of the late Joyce A. Schwartz (nee Antine). Loving father of Brian (Susie). Proud grandfather of 2. Dear brother of Sam (Rita) Schwartz. Fond uncle of 4. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SCHWARTZ, LESLIE ALLEN 77. Reservist. Husband of Tamra Lynn (nee Wolff). Proud, supportive father of Kari (Aviad) and Jason (Jennifer). Even prouder "Papa" of 6. Brother of Ronny and Bruce. Brother-in-law of Barbara, Barbara, Debra and Dr. Joseph Feldman, and Randy and Shereen Wolff. Close son-in-law of Bess Wolff. Uncle of many. Memorials to Hadassah or to FD Now (to cure familial dysautonomia). Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

SCHWARTZ, SANDRA (nee Faberson) 87. Beloved wife of the late Fred. Loving mother of Katey Schwartz and Wendy (Richard) Kaplan. Proud grandmother of 1. Dear sister of the late Florence Cohen, Paul Faberson and Helen Goldstein. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

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SEGALL, MARCELLA “MARCIE”

99. Daughter of Charles and Elsie Goodman. Wife of the late Bernard Lurie, the late Dr. William G. Motel, and the late and Manual “Manny” J. Segall. Cherished mother of Judy Pies, Joel (Peggy) Motel; stepmother of Marcy (Todd) Arnold and Meryl Adams. Loving grandmother of 8. Dear great-grandmother of 9. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago, or to Temple Jeremiah. Rosehill Cemetery. Chesed vEmet Funeral Home.

SHANKEN, EDITH 95. Beloved wife to the late Courtney David Shanken. Loving mother of Nancy (the late Leo) Damarodas, Sandra (Robert) Woycke and Jeffrey (Lynne Gugenheim) Shanken. Cherished grandmother of 6. Great-grandmother of 8. Memorials to Horizon Home Care and Hospice. Memorial Park Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals

SHAPIRO, RONALD S. 77. Beloved husband and best friend of Fern (nee Weinberg). Loving father of Melissa (Rod) Odegaard, Daniel (Mai) Shapiro and the late Marni Beth (Joshua) Fain. Adored grandfather of 5. Devoted son of the late Idah and Morris. Dear brother of the late Alfred (Abra) and Wesley (Eileen). Treasured uncle and cousin of many. Memorials to the American Cancer Society. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

SHUBS, ISAAK 92. Beloved husband of the late Polina, the late Nina, the late Asay and the late Marina. Loving father of Alex (Yelena). Proud grandfather of 2. Cherished great-grandfather of 3. Dear brother of Alla Talyanskay and uncle of Stella. Adored partner of Nella. Sunset Memorial Lawns. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SIERLES, LAURENE (nee Cohn) 74. Mother of Hannah (Gary) Alterson and Joshua (Nicté) Sierles. Grandmother of 3. Daughter of Irene and the late David Cohn. Sister of Darcy (Bob) Mason. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SIEVERT, TED 76. Beloved husband and best friend of Barbara (nee Black). Loving father of Jason (Caeli) Sievert and Amanda (David) Rodriguez. Cherished Papa of 8. Devoted son of the late Bernice and Theodore. Dear brother of Sandi (Lee) and the late Ken (Jan). Treasured uncle and cousin of many. Memorials to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Randhill Park Cemetery. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

SILCROFT, SANFORD H. “SILKY” 90. Navy Veteran, Korean Conflict. Beloved husband of Rita (Hahn). Loving father of Albert (Mary) and Michael (Jolan) Silcroft, and Paula (Jeff) Lash. Adored grandpa of 4. Devoted son of the late Albert and Tillie. Cherished brother of the late Eileen (late Adolph) Lakin. Dear brother-in-law of the late Howard (Serna) Hahn. Treasured uncle of many. Memorials to Jewish National Fund. Westlawn Cemetery. The Goldman Funeral Group.

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SKLAR, SANDRA (LEBOE) 82. Beloved wife of Stanley. Cherished mother of Steven Sklar and Rabbi/Cantor Daniel (Rabbi/Cantor Shirah). Adored Grammie of 5. Dear sister of Dr. Harvey (Arlene) Leboe. Memorials to BJBE, or to Temple Shalom. Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SMERLING, RAE “GINGER” 88. Daughter of Henry and Carolyn Livingston. Wife of David. Mother of Linda (Dick) Schapiro, Michael (Stephanie) Smerling, Janet (Scott) LeVee. Grandmother of 8. Great-grandmother of 1 Sevi. Memorials to the Les Turner ALS Foundation, to JUF, or to Ginger and David's Multiple Sclerosis Fund/National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SMITH, MAYER 97. Army Air Corps Veteran, WWII (Corporal). Husband of Ruth (nee Greenspon). Father of Steve, Jonathan, and the late Carol. Grandfather of 8. Great-grandfather of 5. Jewish Cemetery of the Virginia Peninsula, Hampton, VA. Memorials to Hatzalah Chicago. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SNITE, HAROLD 95. Beloved husband of Gloria (nee Lowenthal). Loving father of Richard Snite, Debra (the late Richard) Brook and Andrea (Victor) Stanfield. Cherished Papa of 4. Adored great-grandfather of 6. Dear brother of Norman (Roberta) Snitovsky and the late Florie (the late Leo) Janus. Beloved uncle of many. Memorials JourneyCare. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

SOLOMON, ARTHUR “HARAN” 68. Loving son of Thelma and the late Norman Solomon. Dear brother of Randi Park. Eccentric uncle of 2. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SOLOMON, RONALD LEE “RONNIE” 82. Beloved husband of the late Margo (nee Swerdlow). Dedicated and loving father and mentor of Mara (Jon) Sabath and Mark (Kim) Solomon. Most-adored Papa of 4. Proud “Papa Cook” of 2. Devoted son of the late Irving “Izzy” and Eleanor. Memorials to the Great Vest Side Club, or to The Charlie Project. Westlawn Cemetery. The Goldman Funeral Group.

SPECTOR, ESTELLE 91. Wife of the late Fred. Mother of Lea Temkin, Mia (Terry), J.B. (Martha), Julie, and Ari. Grandmother of 6. Great-grandmother of 2. Memorials to The Village Chicago. The Goldman Funeral Group.

SPIELBERG, IRMA FLORENCE (nee Goldstein), 94. Wife of the late Harold. Love of the late Harvey Saper. Beloved mother of Sondra Spielberg, Ronda Scott-Marak (Roman Marak), and Natalie (Michael) Donovan. Mother-by-choice of Rosemarie (Edwin) Reinante. Step-grandmother of 3. Sister of Dr. Melvin M. (Marylou) Goldstein. Adored daughter of the late Mary and Nathan Goldstein. Mother-in-law once removed of Cathryn Marak-Hairston (Sam Hairston). Cherished aunt and great-aunt of 8. Dear cousin of many. Memorials to Misericordia Home, to Congregation BJBE's Zena, Clara, and Maurice Singer Memorial Choir Fund, or to a veteran- or child-related charity. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SPRUNG, MARILYN JANE (nee Weiss) 88. Beloved wife of the late Aron. Loving mother of Murray (Arla) and Dr. Larry (Rachele). Dear grandmother of 4. Cherished sister of Irwin (Kathy) and Merle (Diane Pien) Weiss and the late Sally (the late Ralph) Margolis. Memorials to the Congregation Beth Am Food Pantry, or to the Skokie Lions Club. Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

STEIN, SORRELL 87. Beloved husband of Barbara “Bobby” (nee Herzog). Loving father of Lesley (Richard) Kessler and Julie Stein Urbanus. Cherished Grandpa of 4. Treasured great-grandfather of 2. Dear brother of the late Byron Stein. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association. Shalom Memorial Park. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home.

STRAUS, STEPHEN 88. Victim of Highland Park July 4th shooting. Beloved husband of Linda (nee Jacobson). Loving father of Jonathan (Elizabeth Versten) and Peter (Elissa Meryl). Proud grandfather of 4. Dear brother of Larry (Caryn) Straus. Memorials to the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, or to the American Cancer Society. Oak Woods Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

SWARTZ, PROFESSOR RONALD MARK 76. Husband of Susan (nee Rosenbaum). Father of Marla (Allen) Morgen. Grandfather of 2. Brother of Barry (Sharon) and the late Robert. Son of the late Sylvia (nee Diamond) and Ivan. Memorials to the ACLU, or to the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

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WAITZMAN, DIANA J. (nee Bergman) 75. Beloved wife of Dr. Jeffrey S. Loving mother of Philip (Heather) and Adam (Jodie), and Melissa Waitzman (Ronnie) Holloway. Proud grandmother of 9. Dear sister of Barry (Joan) Bergman. Memorials to the Center for Enriched Living, or to PAWS Chicago. Shalom Memorial Park. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

WEINERT, GILDA 89. Beloved wife of the late Howard. Loving mother of Audrey (Michael) Friedland and Ronald (Glori) Weinert. Adored grandmother of 6. Proud great-grandmother of 10. Loving daughter of the late Louis and Lillian Elgenson. Devoted sister of the late Beverly (late Bernard) Glochowski. Westlawn Cemetery. The Goldman Funeral Group.

WILLIAMS, MARLENE (nee Preston) 90. Loving mother of Jordan Williams, Jill Williams Victorn, and the late David Williams. Bubbe of 3. Great Bubbe of 4. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to The American Cancer Society, or to The Alzheimer's Disease Association. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

WOLF, HAROLD J. 95. Beloved husband of the late Fern (nee Weiss). Loving father of Steven Wolf and Robin (Jack) Goldberg. Cherished grandfather of 2. Memorials to the Korean War Veterans Association. Westlawn Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

ZABO, SHARON JOY (nee Rubinstein) 82. Beloved wife of Larry. Loving mother of Michele (Joel) Greengard and the late Craig Zabo. Dear grandmother of 3. Devoted daughter of the late Sam and the late Ethel Rubinstein. Cherished sister of Barbara (Paul Friedman) Goldman and Joel (Sharon) Rubinstein. Fond sister-in-law of the late Dr. Paul Goldman. Treasured aunt of many. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association. Westlawn Cemetery. The Goldman Funeral Group.

ZALIS, DR. ORESTES S. Beloved husband of Patrice (nee Seitz). Loving father of Michael. Proud grandfather of 2. Dear brother-in-law of Harry Seitz and the late Sylvia Zaplier. Memorials to Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center. Maryhill Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

ZAND, RICHARD I. 59. Loving father of Nox and Noah. Beloved son of Dr. Frances Lee and the late Dr. Philip. Cherished brother of Jay and the late Mitchell. Memorial Park. Memorials to the National Humane Society. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

ZASLAVSKY, BORIS 81. Loving father of Leonid (Vera) and Oleg (Inna Komar). Proud grandfather of 4. Dear brother of the late Genady. Sunset Memorial Lawns Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

ZIMMERMAN, HOWARD E. 93. Veteran, Korean War. Beloved husband of the late June (nee Goldberg), and Marlene (nee Blechman). Devoted father of Sue (Cary) Ulman and Nancy (Andrei Shleifer) Zimmerman. Proud grandfather of 5. Great-grandfather of 1. Dear brother of Don (Linda) Zimmerman and the late Muriel (the late Phil) Revitz. Silver Circle member of JUF. Memorials to The Rashi School, to the Bobby Blechman City of Hope Chapter, to CJE SeniorLife, or to the Zimmerman Innovation Fund at the Carney Institute for Brain Science, Brown University. Memorial Park Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

ZUCKERMAN, MARILYN (nee Gold) 94. Beloved wife of the late Landon Roy. Dear mother of Tzvi Yaakov, Laurie, and David Zuckerman, and Judith Frantz. Proud grandmother and great-grandmother of many. Memorials to the Chicago Chesed Fund. New Light Cemetery. Chicago Jewish Funerals.

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HAPPY SHABBAT!

Every weekend, Shabbat comes to give us a break. Some of us eat dinner with our families, some light candles, some munch on yummy challah, and some do all of those things.

No matter what we do, Shabbat is a day of rest. Ahh!

UP-SET TABLE

Uh-oh! We set the table on Friday night for our Erev Shabbat/Sabbath Eve meal, but we set it *too much*! Now instead of being set, the table is *upset*! Can you cross out the things that should not stay on the Erev Shabbat table?

SHABBAT QUIZ

Even though Shabbat comes every week, how much do you think about it? Well, think now! It's time to see what you know. *Answers are below.*

1. On Shabbat, we have a special way of saying "Hello!" We say "Shabbat _____!"
A. Shalom B. Jerome C. Cellphone
2. What is the name of the blessing we say on Friday Night for Erev Shabbat?
A. Kidding B. Kiddush C. Kidstuff
3. What do we drink after we make that blessing?
A. Coffee B. Soda C. Grape juice
4. What is the name of the special bread we eat on Shabbat?
A. Matzah B. Challah C. Pumpernickel
5. What is the most important thing to do on Shabbat?
A. Swim B. Climb C. Rest

ANSWERS: 1. A. 2. B. 3. C. 4. B. 5. C.

MAKE IT!

HAVDALAH SPICE BOX

When Shabbat leaves on Saturday after sundown, we say goodbye with a prayer called Havdalah. We drink grape juice, light a candle with many wicks—and smell yummy spices, or *b'samim*. We keep the spices in a spice box that you can make!

- 1 Use a salt shaker that is empty and clean. Or, recycle a small plastic jar, and poke some holes in the lid with a pen.
- 2 Decorate it! Use stickers, paints, or markers. Glue on beads, buttons, ribbons, whatever you like!
- 3 Pour some cinnamon or cloves into the container. You can also use lavender, potpourri...anything that smells good.
- 4 Put the lid on. Make it tight, but not so tight you can't change the spices when the smell runs out.

Shavua tov!
Have a great week!



SHABBAT...DAY TO UNPLUG

Beep! Ding! Zap! By the end of the week, we are all zapped out! But on Shabbat—a day whose name means "rest"—many families unplug from their electric devices.

Here are Shabbat things to do that don't use screens or batteries:

- Read a book
- Take a walk
- Visit a friend
- Take a nap
- Go outside
- Play a game
- Sing a song
- Eat a snack
- Cuddle a pet
- Visit family

By unplugging from things that need to be charged, you can recharge yourself!

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1. TEDDY BEAR 2. BASEBALL CAP 3. VIDEO GAME CONTROLLER 4. COMB 5. GOLDFISH BOWL



A community grieves

In the days after the mass shooting at the Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, memorials were placed near the scene of the tragedy.

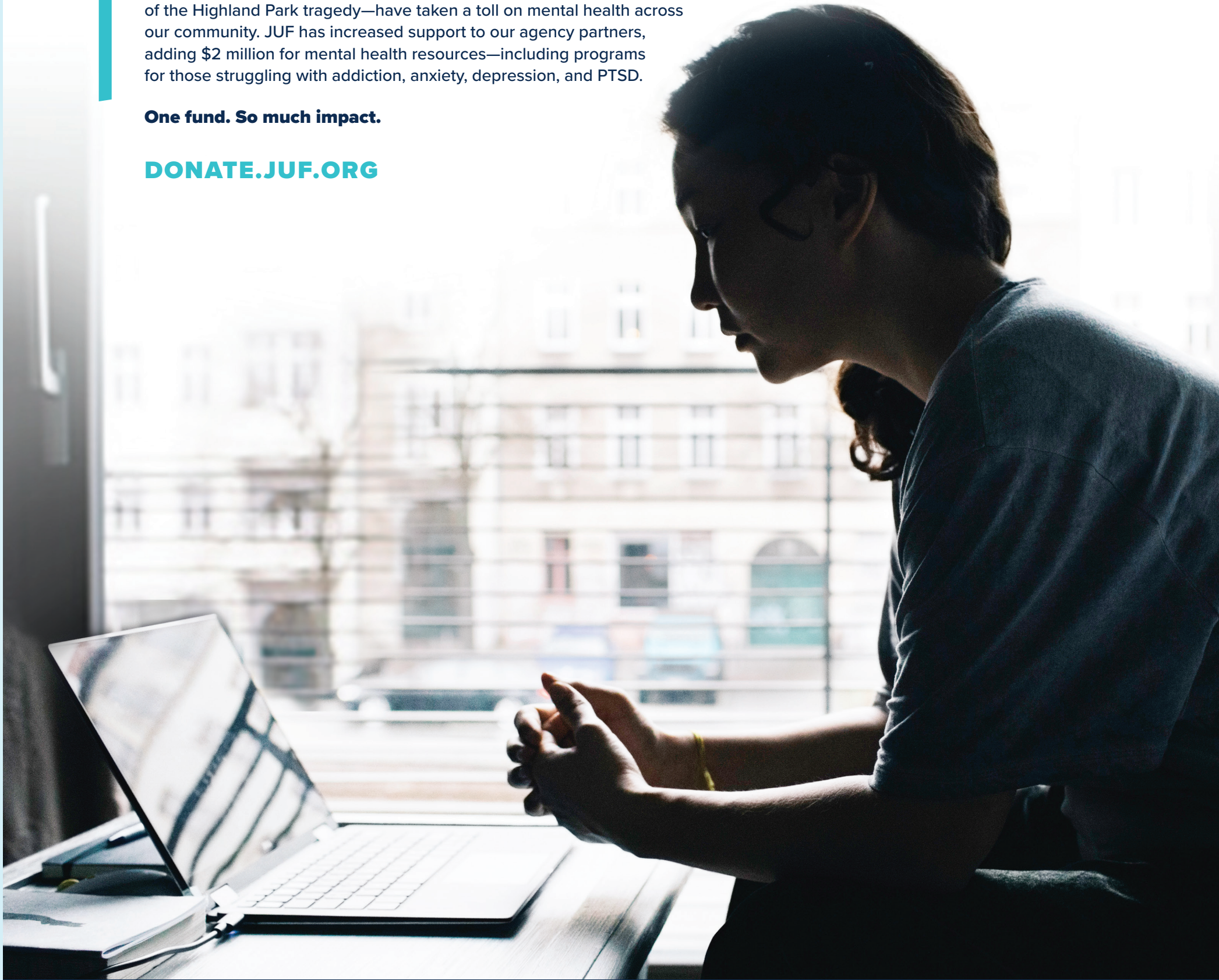
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