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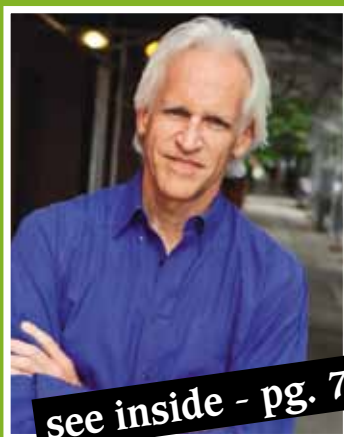
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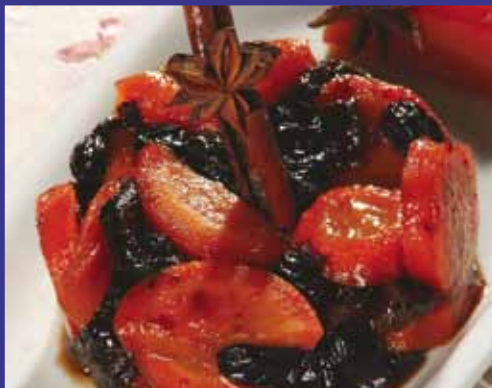
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Editor's Note

As I write this message, Israel's cease-fire with Hamas in Gaza is holding precariously, and the international community is working to make it permanent. How does that affect us in Buffalo? Right, now, in the middle of August, Federation CEO Michael Wise, Rabbi Perry Netter and Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein are in Israel, along with a national Solidarity Mission of approximately 60 other American Jewish leaders, to see for themselves what is happening on the ground in Israel and to give support to the Israelis in their homeland.

As we have been having fun this summer at the beach, on picnics, biking, gardening for me, our Israeli brothers and sisters have been running to bomb shelters, carrying-sometimes dragging—children and family members. Their lives are disrupted, their world is in chaos. They go to funerals, as do many Palestinian families. For the remainder of 5774 and into the New Year, we must do everything we can to ensure the safety and security and viability of the State of Israel.

For some of us, this means advocacy, for others, donating money, for others, getting on a plane and visiting for support. However we do it, the survival of Israel belongs to ALL of us. We can donate through Federation to the Israel Emergency Fund, and we can be generous with our 2015 UJF Campaign gift at the September 29 UJF Campaign Kick-Off Dinner. I won't be in Israel this time, but I'm advocating with friends, elected officials and through social media. I'm also making a considered and careful UJF Campaign gift this year. I ask you to join me in doing everything you can to help *C'lal Yisrael*. After all, all Israel is responsible, one for another. That means all of us. Please



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accept warm and heartfelt greeting for a happy, healthy and safe New Year from Mitch and me.

Ellen

Ellen Goldstein - Editor

On The Cover

Apples and honey are symbols of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which begins this year Wednesday night, September 24. Please accept the warmest wishes for a happy, healthy and sweet year from the editorial, advertising and production staff of *The Jewish Journal of WNY*, The Jewish Federation and *Buffalo Spree* Publications.

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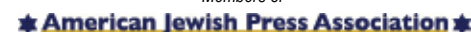


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Publisher's Column

Michael D. Wise



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As I write these words, I am getting ready to leave for Israel on an emergency solidarity mission with our national organization, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Also traveling are two of our community rabbis, Rabbi Perry Netter and Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein. Together with David and Beverly Shiller, we will be spending 4-5 days meeting with those impacted most by the war in Gaza, Operation Protective Edge, including soldiers of the Golani and Givati Brigades, as well as visiting with

families who have lost sons during this conflict. We will visit the graves of fallen soldiers on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem, paying homage to those who fought to protect the people of Israel from the senseless attacks on its citizens. We will be meeting with children in Sderot who have spent much of their summer vacation in bomb shelters instead of playing with neighborhood children or attending summer camp. Proudly, we as a North American Jewish community have sent over \$30 million dollars to help meet the social service needs of those impacted by the terror campaign of Hamas, including thousands of senior citizens who have been home-bound during the conflict. This will not be an easy trip. This is not about visiting Masada, going to the Kotel for Shabbat, walking the streets of Jerusalem, or swimming in the Kinneret. This is about putting a human face on the most recent conflict in Israel that has severely impacted the soul of the country.

Weeks ago, I truly believed that this would be another short-term conflict that would lead to another period of quiet before the next conflict. I think today we are dealing with new realities on both sides. The Iron Dome anti-missile system has been a game changer, protecting the citizens of Israel and allowing Israel to hold off before sending in ground troops. The network of tunnels built into Israel is terrifying in the potential horrors that could have been wrought upon the people in the region.

I could spend my whole column discussing the handling of the conflict in the national/international media, but I will save that for another time. I hope to be sending e-mail updates from me and my fellow participants that you may see before this paper even arrives in your homes.

I pray for peace in the region for the sake of all people of good will. As we begin the celebration of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, may we enter a time of peace in the world where the hatred we see happening throughout the Middle East, Europe and Africa comes to an end.

Rhonda and I wish you all a Happy, Healthy, and Sweet New Year filled with the joy of peace.

Buffalonians in Israel



In Israel for the National Solidarity Mission with the Jewish Federations of North America were (from left) Federation CEO Michael Wise, Beverly Schiller, David Schiller, Congregation Shir Shalom Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein and Temple Beth Tzedek Rabbi Perry Netter

President's Column

David Desmon



September finds the Jewish Federation, its board, staff and committees very busy. We are putting the finishing touches on the Strategic Plan which we have developed, based on our community study and communal meetings. A big thank you goes out to Andrew Shaevel as leader of this lengthy process. In addition, much thanks and appreciation goes to so many of the members of the community for their invaluable assistance during the entire process. The allocation and planning and process led by Kim Babat Yonaty is still going on,

since we have had to delay the meetings originally planned for earlier in the summer, because the Federation team has spent a great deal of time and effort rallying the community in support of Israel and Operation Protective Edge. Special thanks go out to all of our community's rabbis, as well as Michael Wise, our Executive Director/CEO, and the Federation staff. Special kudos go also to Steven and Ellen Weiss, UJF Campaign Chairs, for their dedication and willingness to serve a third term in their respective campaign positions. Please show your appreciation of their efforts by your continuing support of the Jewish Federation and its agencies through the upcoming 2015 UJF campaign.

I am really looking forward to the annual UJF Campaign Kickoff Dinner Monday, September 29th at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo, featuring Robert Edsel, author of *Monuments Men*. He is a wonderful speaker as well as the author of *Saving Italy* and *Rescuing da Vinci*. If you have not had the opportunity to see the movie, "Monuments Men" starring George Clooney, you will have a chance to see it Tuesday September 16th at the Dipson Amherst Theater, where there will be a free showing for those attending the Dinner. One of the highlights of our annual dinner is the awarding of the Nathan Benderson Award for exemplary philanthropy and community leadership. This year the recipient is Stanford Lipsey, who was the longtime publisher of *The Buffalo News*. Our community has been blessed that Warren Buffet selected Stan to come to Buffalo from his native Omaha over thirty years ago to run the newspaper Buffet had purchased—*The Buffalo News*. Over the years, Stan has supported numerous charities locally and nationally, including the United Jewish Fund Campaign. I urge you to make a special effort to attend this year's dinner to honor Stan Lipsey for the many things he has made possible with his philanthropy.

Looking ahead, I want to congratulate Howard Rosenhoch, who is the current First Vice President and will be taking over as the next Federation President at the December 4th Annual Meeting. I also thank Howard and Valerie for attending a Jewish Federations of North America national campaign mission to Israel this summer. They happened to leave Buffalo a little early to visit family and friends, and arrived just as the rockets started to fly --around July 9th. They remained in Israel for the duration of the Mission, and kept us up to date with their emails during the early days of the conflict. Upon their return, they recounted their experience at the Rally for Israel in front of a full house at Temple Beth Tzedek July 23. Their report was the highlight of the Rally, and we are very fortunate to have Howard ready to lead our Federation in 2015-2016.

Speaking of leadership, as we peer into the near future, I am pleased to announce Leslie Shuman Kramer will be UJF Campaign Chair for 2016 Campaign, succeeding Steven Weiss, and Kim Babat Yonaty will be succeeding Ellen Weiss as Women's Philanthropy Chair for the 2016 Campaign. I also want to congratulate Michael Weisman as the Ann & Meyer Riwechun Young Leadership Award Winner and Sonia Gellman Young as the Meyer and Ruth Kahn Women's Young Leadership Award Winner. There will be much more about them as we approach the December 4th Federation Annual Meeting, where they will receive their recognition. When I look at this fine array of upcoming leadership, I feel that the future is very bright. Many of our young and future leaders will be attending the Campaign dinner, and I hope you will, too. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 29th. And please accept Janet's and my warm wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

ISRAEL UNDER FIRE

OPERATION PROTECTIVE EDGE UPDATE

WHAT WE ARE DOING

In mid-August the Emergency Response Allocations Committee for Operation Protective Edge of the met and allocated another \$4.4 million to provide trauma support for vulnerable populations and first responders, as well as funding to help the most impacted communities bounce back and rebuild.

Here is where your money is going:

- To provide immediate relief from the line of fire for more than 80,000 children. . But the needs persist and are growing every day.
- A day away from the front lines—in summer camps, youth villages and enrichment classes—is more than a day in the country. It is a respite from the confines of the indoor playgrounds that, for more than 13 years, have become their “normal” play spaces.

Total Allocation to Date

\$5,274,844

Partners: The Jewish Agency for Israel

- Expand trauma support for 15,000 Israelis. When sirens blare, tens of thousands of Israelis take cover. But when the all clear sounds, many continue to suffer from trauma that may not be as visible as a physical injury, but is just as real. Partner programs are providing psychological assistance to help 15,000 civilians and first responders weather the current storm. Program costs range from

\$1,200 to \$3,600 per patient. But that just covers immediate support—counseling right now. Needs are likely to grow. In addition, demands on help hotlines are up dramatically. These funds also enable a significant expansion of those services.

Total Allocation to Date

\$3,151,996

Partners: Israel Trauma Coalition, The Jewish Agency for Israel, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Masorti Movement

- Strengthen assistance to 22 communities hit hardest by the conflict. Communities are at the forefront of managing local services and responses to attacks. Federation support for NGOs working in these locales enhances the resilience of individual communities.

Total Allocation to Date

\$1,250,000

Partners: JFNA, along with Federation representatives in Israel, will coordinate this program.

FEDERATION LEADERS IN DC RALLIED FOR ISRAEL

More than 600 top leaders representing Jewish federations and community relations councils from over 50 communities, along with leading members of the Conference of Presidents, gathered in Washington, DC on July 28. They heard strong messages of support for Israel and harsh rebukes of Hamas from National Security Advisor Susan Rice, House Speaker John Boehner, Israeli Ambassador Ron Dermer and other congressional and faith leaders



Leslie Kramer, Steven Weiss and Ellen Weiss in Washington, DC.

Included in the 600 leaders were Buffalonians. UJF Chair Steven Weiss, Women's Philanthropy Chair Ellen Weiss, Federation Vice President Leslie Shuman Kramer and Federation's Marketing, Community Relations Director & JJWNY Editor Ellen Goldstein were part of the group.

IN ISRAEL

An e-mail from Marilyn Shuman to her family while she was in Israel during August.

Hello All,

You all, I'm sure, have been reading all the articles, but I don't know if they report the human interest stories that we hear about here that tell of the beauty & humanity of our people. Now, just about the entire country is behind Netanyahu --even the “far left”. The young soldiers are inundated with packages of food,

clothing, personal items that have been collected--home baked, money collected, all kinds of involvement. The border kibbutzim that had been shelled now have become resting stations for the IDF. The kibbutzniks say at least these kids can get a hot shower & a mattress to sleep on. These kids are 18, 19, 21. There are pictures of these beautiful young boys sleeping under trees in the kibbutzim with kibbutzniks looking out for them. Reports are that IDF are going into the villages of Gaza to help kids there--Hand out food. A story in the paper tells that our soldiers came across a home

where a young boy was “handcuffed” to the house. They then gave him water. This picture apparently is on Facebook. Hotels & shops are practically empty --no tourists --only Israelis. If you were thinking of coming---come. Be well everyone & tell our story. Israel cries for our own & for the innocents in Gaza.

Marilyn



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Federation President David Desmon welcomed the nearly 500 people in attendance



Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein gave the invocation



Standing up for Israel were Dr. Gerald Berkowitz, Lital Liberty, Dan Metchnik, Rabbi Shay Mintz, Yael Maman, Moriah Larey and Sandra Larey.



Canisius College's Dr. Jonathan Lawrence and Dr. Surgit Singh offered readings.



Valerie and Howard Rosenhoch, who had just returned from Israel, gave the Call to Action, asking for funds to help those Israeli s suffering from the effects of the Hamas bombing



Rabbi Adam Scheldt offered a reading



Cantor Sharon Eve Colbert and Cantor Penny Myers led the group in Hatikvah



Rabbi Perry Netter gave the closing benediction for the evening.



Dr. Stuart Fischman, now living in Israel, joined Charlotte and Alan Gendler at the rally

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Stanford Lipsey to Receive Prestigious Benderson Award

Stanford Lipsey, publisher of *The Buffalo News* for 32 years, Pulitzer-prize winning publisher and president of *Sun Newspapers* in Omaha from 1965-1980, photographer, community "mover and shaker," and generous philanthropist, will receive the prestigious Nathan Benderson Community Service Award at the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo's United Jewish Fund Campaign 2015 Community Kick-Off Dinner on Monday, September 29, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo.



Stanford Lipsey

In announcing that Lipsey is this year's honoree, Jewish Federation President David H. Desmon said that the award's presentation is very well deserved. The Nathan Benderson Community Leadership Award is given to "the person or persons whose extraordinary service and commitment to the Buffalo Jewish community exemplifies the leadership of Nathan Benderson." Past recipients include: Nathan Benderson, Ann H. Cohn, Harold S. and Fanette Goldman, Gordon R. Gross, Irving M. and Marilyn C. Shuman, Ruth Kahn Stovroff, Haskell Stovroff, James Stovroff, Milton and Amy Zeckhauser, Rose H. and Leonard H. Frank, Donald S. Day, Shirley T. Joseph, Larry and Sharon Levite, Janet Desmon, Richard Zakalik, Jane Cole Godin, Harold M. Halpern, and Dr. Howard Benatovich, Dr. Sol Messinger, Michael Joseph, Jordan Levy and Howard Zemsky, and Sylvia Rosen.

Stanford Lipsey was born in Omaha, Nebraska into a Jewish immigrant family, whose values included striving for excellence and giving back to the community. A graduate of the University of Michigan with a keen interest in photography and journalism, he became president and publisher of the *Sun Newspapers* in Omaha, which was purchased in 1969 by Warren Buffet. Lipsey and Buffet's collaboration on *The Omaha Sun* brought the newspaper a Pulitzer Prize in 1973 on Omaha's Boy's Town, the first Pulitzer Prize ever for a weekly publication. He is the man about whom Warren Buffet glowingly

said, "Frankly, without you, Stan, it (*The Buffalo News*) would be a much different newspaper and a much different town (Buffalo)."

Fortunately for the community, Lipsey moved here in 1980 to become the newspaper's publisher, and remained in that position until 2012, when he assumed the title of publisher emeritus.

Since coming to Buffalo, we all have been recipients of his sense of "giving back to the community," as he calls it. His strong commitment to Israel and the local and national Jewish community through the United Jewish Fund Campaign and the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies, which honored him with its 2002 Endowment Development Award, has been evident in his enthusiasm and generosity.

Locally in the Buffalo community, he has spearheaded the renovation and preservation for the Darwin Martin House, for which he received a NYS Parks & Preservation Award in 1998. A talented photographer, he has published a book of photographs, and donated many of them to adorn the walls of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute for the pleasure of cancer patients.

Other organizations which benefitted from his generosity include The Albright Knox Art Gallery's Jazz Series, Cradle Beach Camp, Kids Day and many, many more.

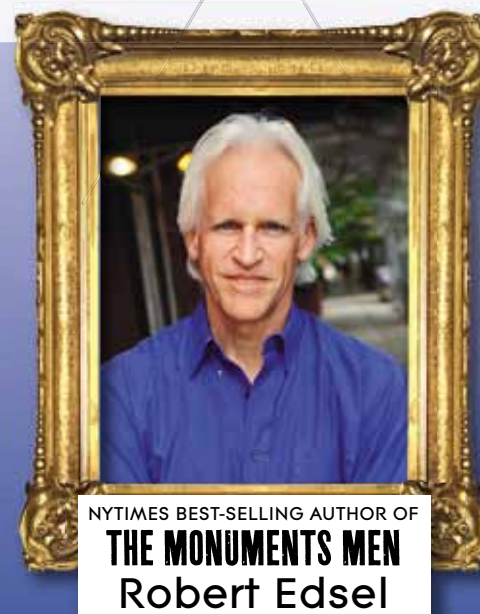


UJF Chair Steven Weiss and Women's Philanthropy Chair Ellen Weiss on this year's UJF Campaign

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- Last year 380 children attended Camp Centerland
- 120 students enrolled at Bureau of Jewish Education
- 4,000 people were provided physical health assessments, mental health and social services from JFS last year
- 30 + seniors enjoy Café Europa, a program for Holocaust survivors presented by Holocaust Resource Center and the JCC
- 265 children enrolled at the JCC preschool
- 400 children are getting PJ Library books,

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Community

Nickel City Jews First Events

Nickel City Jews is a new initiative in the Buffalo community to coordinate community programming for grad students, young professionals and families with young children. In addition, PJ Library is partnering with Nickel City Jews to expand its programs and events

for families with young children. The first collaboration, Party at the Pool, took place at the JCC Benderson Pool this summer and involved several community organizations. There was frozen yogurt from Yo Betty, tie-dyeing PJ Library t-shirts, a bounce house and of course

fun in the pool! The evening ended with a joint Kabbalat Shabbat service from Congregation Shir Shalom, Temple Beth Tzedek and Temple Beth Zion. For more information about Nickel City Jews, contact Miriam Abramovich at mabramovich@jfedbflo.com.

Pool Party Family Fun



Young families and their children got together in July to celebrate Shabbat and enjoy the JCC pool.



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Family members, parents and grandparents at the JCC enjoying Shabbat services



Cantor Penny Myers and Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein shared Shabbat services with young families at the JCC pool



Juliet Glaser of PJ Library and Miriam Abramovich of Jewish Federation helped to organize the event



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Matisyahu with Buffalo fans last year during Chanukah. He is the tall man in the center back of the photo



Matisyahu talking with Buffalo Fans at the Town Ballroom after lighting Chanukah candles with the group

Matisyahu will once again return to Buffalo for a concert Monday, September 22 at the Town Ballroom. This Jewish reggae star is popular with Jews and non-Jews alike. This will be his third trip to Buffalo to play at the Town Ballroom. For more information, or to buy tickets, call 852-3900.

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What does it Mean to be a Jew?



Rabbi Gary Pokras

There is a wonderful book called *I am Jewish*, inspired by the last words of Daniel Pearl. Daniel Pearl was a Jewish reporter who was brutally executed by Islamist terrorists in Pakistan in 2002. Following the horror of his murder, Daniel Pearl's family chose to embrace life rather than seek revenge, and established a foundation to promote cross-cultural

understanding. They also commissioned this wonderful little book. In *I am Jewish* an incredibly wide range of Jews are asked to reflect on how they understand those three 'little' words in their own lives. As you might expect, they didn't exactly agree with each other, and the result was spectacular, inspiring and enlightening. If you have not had the opportunity to read *I am Jewish*, I would definitely recommend it.

What reminds me of this book at this time is not the alarming rise of terrorism in world events, but our High Holy Days which are fast approaching. Whether we have wandered far from our path in the past year or have truly found our way, this is a time for us to consider what it means for us to be Jewish: as individuals, as families and as a community. So to help us get the conversations started, I'd like to share what I think. (What a surprise!)

I recently encountered a kabbalistic teaching written by twentieth-century Iraqi-Israeli Rabbi Salman Mitzafi: *This world is called the world of tikkun (repair).*

People always need to repair what they did in the past. Angels are said to be standing because they are always on one level, having no need to repair the past. However, human beings are always journeying between levels, and therefore the Torah says, 'these are the journeys of the children of Israel.' [Num. 33:1] *Any time the Torah says, 'these,' it refers to the undoing of earlier actions, because past actions always need correcting. A wise person guards these, to make sure that earlier actions are repaired.* (translation from Hebrew by Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Ledner)

Such wisdom! For me, this teaching is at the heart of what it means to be a Jew. No matter how good our intentions, we all miss the mark – at least on occasion – and our lives are littered with the brokenness we leave in our wakes when we don't correct our mistakes. For me, being a Jew means taking responsibility for my individual actions and for my place in my family and my community. And for me, when we choose to engage in acts of *tikkun*, of repairing and healing,

then the Divine light God has placed within each of us glows that much brighter. Not only that, but in our very souls there is a parallel *tikkun* that repairs and restores our connection to God. This creates a reinforcing cycle: the closer our connection with God, the more we will seek *tikkun* and the more *tikkun* we accomplish, the closer we will grow to God. For me, this is the function of our ancient Covenant, and this is what drives us to affirm and choose God and life in so many ways.

How fortunate we are to have the opportunity every year to step back and take stock, and to look for ways to bring *tikkun* into our lives! For me, that is what makes Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur truly *High Holy Days*. The shofar calls! We have work to do, *teshuvah* to make, prayers to pour out, souls to renew!

May we make the year 5775 a year of *tikkun*, of repair and healing for us all, that we may grow closer to the Divine within and around us each and every day.

Rabbi Pokras is Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth Zion.

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Last Month's Photo

Last month's photo was Brith Israel Cemetery on Pine Ridge Road. This month's winners are Judge Rose Bailey and Mark Sommer.

Walk with Gregg & Ruth Lipsitz for Cancer Awareness

By Ruth Lipsitz

Join us on Sunday, September 7th, 2014 at the Irishmen Pub on Main Street at 3:00, as we kick off Western New York's first annual Esophageal Cancer Awareness 5K Walk!

On December 23, 2013, the lives of my family changed forever. My husband, Gregg, was diagnosed with Esophageal Cancer. We had never heard of this cancer. Gregg has always been full of life, active, never smoked and has always been physically fit. So, how did he get this cancer? Heartburn and acid reflux. Gregg had these symptoms for over

30 years and took Tums/Roloids for relief. Esophageal Cancer is the fastest growing cancer diagnosed in the US, and has increased more than 600% in the past 20 years. Shocking! Besides heartburn & acid reflux, other symptoms are a persistent cough, sore throat, hoarse voice and weight loss. A simple non-invasive procedure called an endoscopy can determine any changes in your esophageal health and could possibly save your life!

Since Gregg's diagnosis, I have been on a mission to raise awareness and promote early detection of esophageal cancer. With the assistance of Assemblyman

Ray Walter and Governor Cuomo, New York State now acknowledges April as Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month.

With a dedicated team of women, we are organizing WNY's 1st Esophageal Cancer Awareness 5K Walk on Sunday, September 7th, 2014. Participants will meet at The Irishman Pub on Main Street in the Village of Williamsville. Incredible raffle baskets and silent auction items have been donated, including a flat screen TV, microwave, fire pit, home carpeting, JCC memberships, gift cards, hotel packages, a Florida condo unit, massages, personal training sessions, spa treatments, etc., also, don't miss out on the 50/50 split!

The fun starts at half time of the Buffalo Bills season opener. Join us for drinks at the cash bar at the Irishman Pub. Check-in for the walk

begins at 3:00. I encourage everyone to arrive early to participate in the raffles and silent auction. The walk will begin at 4:30 and we'll walk or run down Main Street and around Island Park. Following the walk, light snacks will be served.

Join the LipsitzStrong Team in raising awareness and promoting early detection! All proceeds will go to Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Contact Ruth Lipsitz at ruthlipsitz1@gmail.com or register online at www.usevolleyball.com/US_Elite_Volleyball/LipsitzStrong_Esophageal_Cancer_Walk.html



Gregg and Ruth Lipsitz

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"Heartworks" is a fundraiser to improve and extend the lives of children with heart defects, and was inspired by Charlie Levin, son of Merredith and Ken Levin, who was born with a serious heart defect called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS). Tickets for the event are \$65/person or \$130/couple. Tables are available at \$750. For more information about the event please contact us at info@heartworks.org or call Merredith and Ken Levin at 716-689-4499.

"Dash For Diversity" on Sunday morning, September 7 beginning at 8:30, and sponsored by National Federation for Just Communities. It takes place at the Delaware Park Ring/ Parkside Lodge, beginning with an interfaith service at 9:00 am, followed by the walk. A relay team of 3 adults is \$60, and individual adult walkers are \$10. For more information, go to <http://www.nfjcwny.org/walk.html> or call 716-853-9596.

Join Ruth and Gregg Lipsitz and their family and sign up for the #Lipsitz Strong Esophageal Awareness Walk Sunday, September 7 at 4:00 pm. It is a benefit for the Roswell Park Cancer Institute. \$25 registration includes tee shirt. Go to http://usevolleyball.com/US_Elite_Volleyball/LipsitzStrong_Esophageal_Cancer_Walk.html

Give tzedakah before the High Holidays, which begin the evening of September 24. You can support the children of Israel today suffering from the bombings all summer. Make a donation to the Jewish Federations of North America at www.jfedbfo.com in any amount to help the people living with trauma because of the bombings from Hamas.

Remember the Six Million September 28. The Holocaust Resource Center's Community Memorial Service to remember the victims of the Holocaust will take place on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 10:30 AM at B'rith Sholom Cemetery on Pine Ridge Road. Rabbi Gary Pokras of Temple Beth Zion will conduct the service. Please call 634-9535, if you need further information or email hrc1050@aol.com.

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Have a Sweet New Year!

By Robin Kurss

I'm always looking for a new dessert to add to my New Year's celebration recipe repertoire....this Honey Chiffon Cake is delicious, easy to make and has, as its main flavor, honey!! Wishing a sweet New Year to all!!

Honey Chiffon Cake

6 eggs, room temperature, separated

$\frac{3}{4}$ c sugar

$\frac{3}{4}$ c light brown sugar

6 Tbsp honey

$\frac{3}{4}$ c oil

$\frac{3}{4}$ c coffee

2T liquor of your choice

1 T lemon juice

1T grated orange rind

Pinch salt

1 tsp cinnamon

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c flour

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

Beat egg whites until frothy. Add white sugar slowly and beat on high until stiff peaks.

In another bowl, beat egg yolks and brown sugar till light and fluffy. Stir in honey, oil, coffee, liquor, lemon juice, orange rind, salt, cinnamon, flour, baking powder and soda.

Fold egg whites into this mix lightly so as not to deflate them. Pour into greased, 10" tube pan and bake at 350 for 1 hour.

Frosting:

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c brown sugar

$\frac{1}{3}$ c water

1 Tbsp light corn syrup (makes frosting glossy)

2 egg whites

1 tsp liquor-same as used in cake (I like Amaretto)

In a saucepan, boil sugar, water and corn syrup until sugar is dissolved and mix is thick and syrupy.

In mixer, beat egg whites till frothy and slowly stream hot sugar syrup into the egg whites...beat until mix is thick.

Pour over cooled cake. **Shanah Tovah!**



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Jacob Small's Mitzvah Project

Congratulations to Jacob Small, age 13, who completed his Mitzvah project this spring following his September 27, 2013 Bar Mitzvah. Jacob volunteered his time and skated 90 minutes every Sunday morning at the Northtown Center at Amherst, October through March with SABAH (Skating Athletes Bold at Heart).



SABAH's mission is to challenge individuals with special needs and volunteer partners to experience the success, pride, freedom, and joy of therapeutic ice-skating while achieving personal growth. The weekly ice-skating sessions rely on adaptive skating equipment and volunteer support to foster a learning environment for athletes who improve their balance, coordination, endurance and strength while learning self-discipline both on and off the



ice. Jacob was paired with two local children for the entire program which culminated Sunday, March 30th with SABAH's Celebration on Ice at the First Niagara Center where all skaters and volunteers joined together to celebrate their accomplishments by performing at the Arena for friends, family and the community to enjoy. Mazel Tov to Jacob for his time and involvement with such a great program!

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Local Poet Sue Nusbaum Publishes First Book



Buffalonian Susan Dworski Nusbaum has recently published *What We Take With Us*, a collection of 63 poems written over the past 15 years of the poet's life. Through the prisms of love and loss, memory, individual narratives, and the natural world, this collection of poems celebrates the bounty of life—ordinary human experience as an act of discovery. "Our daily encounters with the world, universal and particular, are what breathe life into us—what we take with us and ultimately leave behind. The poems examine the common landmarks of our lives, "the careful threads that hold us together," joy and suffering, passions and disappointments, the search for identity, complexities of nature, growth and decline, the paradoxes of reality."

Susan Nusbaum, a retired criminal prosecutor, has lived in Buffalo since 1960. Her poems have appeared in numerous national poetry publications and she has read locally at the Burchfield-Penney, Center for Inquiry, and the Grey Hair Series sponsored by Earth's Daughters. She is a founding member of Congregation Havurah, and served as president of the American Jewish Committee and as board member of Jewish Family Service, Weinberg Campus, and Jewish Repertory Theatre.

She has been a frequent participant in the Chautauqua Institution Writers' Festival and Chautauqua Writers' Center poetry workshops, and has served on the Board of the Chautauqua Literary Arts Friends. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, including *The Connecticut Review*, *Poetry East*, *Nimrod International Journal*, *Chautauqua Literary Journal*, *Chautauqua*, *Harpur Palate*, *Wisconsin Review*, *The Sow's Ear*, *Earth's Daughters*, *Artvoice*, and *The Buffalo News*. Her new book, *What We Take With Us*, was recently published this year from Coffeetown Press, and was a finalist in the 2014 Brittingham/Pollack Prize Competition, University of Wisconsin Press.

Days of Awe

By Susan Nusbaum

The gift of litter calls me
as summer sweeps to autumn
on my porch, strewn with twigs
and shriveled pods of spring,
tissue-pale spinners,
potato bugs startled in mud
beneath abandoned pots.

These are the days
to burn the weed-patch,
limbs and thorns,
and bring surviving plants inside,
to fill the bins with scraps of summer,
popsicle sticks and wine corks,
crumpled napkins, soaked with rain
or tears, and take a breath

to study in a dusty mound
of clippings, a shard of vivid orange—
a tiny beak connected to a skull,
vertebrae strung like beads
on an s-curved wisp of spine,
slender pendant limbs with crescent
finials,
brittle pin-quills fanning into plumes,
still soft and brown,

and take a breath, another,
to praise what was and almost was—
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days—
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From the Shaliach WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ISRAEL NOW

By Dan Metchnik

Shalom Dear Community.

I wanted to start by saying thank you for the privilege of speaking at the July 23 Rally for Israel a few weeks ago. Lital and I- as the *Shlichim*- could not have asked for a bigger, more loving hug than we got from this amazing community of Buffalo over the past few weeks.

As I said at the rally, we Israelis live in a terrible area where parents are burying their 20 year old kids and wives turn into widows, in addition to kids wetting the bed at night when they hear the siren going off. But against all odds, we manage to rise from it and stay united. *This Achdut* (Unity) is no less than a miracle. This *Arvut Ha'dadit* (mutual responsibility) has proven once again why decade after decade we stick to each other and survive the blood libels, the pogroms and the anti-Semitism. *Am Israel Chai!*

Since the 70's, our enemies understood that they wouldn't be able to successfully annihilate us, so they've decided to have a war of attrition against us, and so it continues till this day. One thing that they've not taken into consideration is that the consequences of these constant threats would be an amazing solidarity within Israelis, and also between the Jews in the Diaspora and Jews of Israel. American and Israeli soldiers are fighting (and dying) shoulder to shoulder to protect Israel; Jewish Federations from around the country, including this amazing community (!!!) have fundraised millions of dollars to help the Israeli people; companies are working day and night collecting merchandise and sending it to the soldiers --and that's only

a partial list to see how Jewry around the world is united in caring for each other.

So even when we are delegitimized and demonized throughout the media with a clear double standard, we know that you are all behind us. You are our backbone while our brothers and sisters in Israel are fighting for our existence.

To conclude, I want to share with you



Dan at the Buffalo Rally for Israel

my thoughts about the conversation that I hear being discussed about whether we won the War in Gaza or not, and should we have gone deeper into Gaza in order to destroy Hamas. In the Hebrew language, success is *Ha'tzlaha* (הצלחה). But while in English it means "the accomplishment of an aim or purpose", in Hebrew it means "to cross the river (חלצה)." I think there is something very realistic but also romantic in looking at success in this perspective. All we want to do is to cross the river, or in this case, just making our life in Israel more feasible, or as we like to say in Israel- things don't always happen for the best but we succeed in making the best out of things that happen.

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Traditions

by Judith Whitehead

What do we know as the meaning of the word tradition? A tradition by definition is the passing down of customs from generation to generation. I know traditions have morphed in our family over the years. When I was growing up we always had a traditional holiday dinner with our immediate family full of gefilte fish and roast brisket, turkey,

kasha varnishkas and kishka, so many wonderful and delicious dinners we all looked forward to.

As we began to grow up and start our own families we began to start our own traditions with our family and friends. Once again as our family expands and our children start their own families, our traditions still hold true and as we start to lose family members as they pass away, we start new traditions with other families and friends. We have spent the last several years celebrating many of the

Jewish holidays with our dear friends and their friends and family members. We have combined our families to start new traditions; it seems as the years pass we replace those that have passed on with new members at the table to take their place and become part of our tradition.

Traditions keep a family strong, and as I have found over the years, it doesn't always have to be blood relatives that keep our traditions going; it's the new friendships and other family members that bring new ideas to share and cherish

from year to year. It's the memories that stay in our hearts and keep our families strong through all the sorrows and celebrations that we partake in.

It's never too late to start a new tradition. I am already looking forward to Rosh Hashanah and our friends' famous recipe of brisket and special salad dressing that is homemade. We know we can count on fresh homemade apple pies for dessert, for it is a tradition that we have year after year without fail. Shana Tova!

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Memorial Service for the Six Million Sunday, September 28th

The Holocaust Resource Center's Community Memorial Service to remember the victims of the Holocaust will take place on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 10:30 AM at B'rith Sholom Cemetery on Pine Ridge Road. Rabbi Gary Pokras of Temple Beth Zion will conduct the service at the Holocaust Memorial where two bars of soap from Buchenwald are buried. They were brought to Buffalo by Sioma Bialystok, brother of Alex Bialys, and uncle of Gilda Laufer.

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In Deuteronomy 31/19 the Torah states: "So now, write this song for yourselves..." The sages learn from this verse that every Jew is commanded to write a Torah Scroll. The commandment can be fulfilled by writing a single letter of a completed scroll. An opportunity will be given to everyone to perform this mitzvah. If you cannot be there in person you can fulfill the mitzvah by making a donation to sponsor another to perform the mitzvah on your behalf.

Come join us to celebrate with activities for all ages.

Jewish Community Task Force on Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Please join us Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 7:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center (2640 North Forest Road, Getzville, NY 14068) for our continuing conversation and development of effective approaches. Please contact Janet Gunner if you plan to attend or for more information (janet.gunner@gmail.com, 716-536-0454).

In December, 2013 the Jewish Group Homes Task Force that helped facilitate the creation of the first and only Jewish group home in the Buffalo area reconvened more broadly as the Jewish Community Task Force on Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (Task Force). The Task Force in its new comprehensive form will continually assess the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities of all ages,

within our Jewish community to develop effective approaches in partnership with voluntary agencies, government and philanthropies. The goal of the Task Force is for our families, friends, rabbis, Jewish community agency heads, lay leaders and volunteers to sit at the table together to work collaboratively, positively and constructively in a solution-developing mode, to ensure full and seamless lifelong inclusion in all aspects of our Jewish community and to help ensure the well-being of these individuals, who are highly vulnerable and prone to isolation.

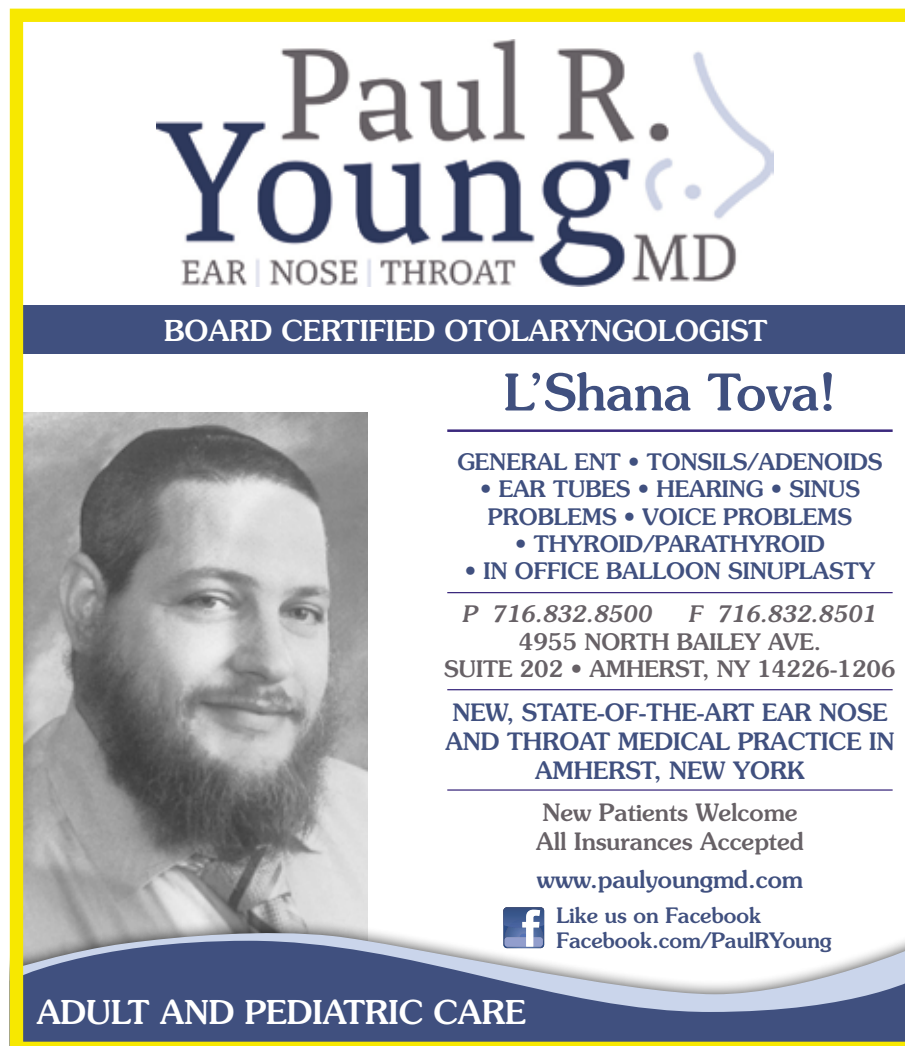
There is an enduring need for Jewish group homes and other types of supportive Jewish homes for individuals with developmental disabilities. There is an enduring need for lifelong opportunities for Jewish camping, Jewish education, worship, *chesed*, *tikkun olam*, and full participation at the JCC, synagogues and other Jewish organizations. Other significant services that are needed include day programs for adults, and after-school and vacation programs for youth with developmental disabilities. The challenges are especially acute now, as NYS has dramatically reduced funding and services. We know our humanity and need for relationship, worship, community and learning are powerful and undiminished by disability. The Task Force is a Jewish community organization based at Temple Beth Tzedek.



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During the month of Elul, we will use Mussar tradition as our guide to prepare ourselves for the Days of Awe and follow a path towards holiness. Our Elul study series will take place during Kabbalat Shabbat services. Come to one or all of the sessions; all are open to the community.

September 5, 6 p.m. at the Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road

Rabbi Pokras will present the trait of Humility – *Anavah*. Mussar teaches that humility is based on a foundation of self-esteem and is defined by how much space you occupy, where space can be physical, verbal or emotional. We must always try to recognize our failings and correct them by learning from others. “No more than my space, no less than my place”

September 12, 6 p.m. at 805 Delaware

Rabbi Scheldt will present the trait of Generosity – *Nedivut*. Mussar tradition teaches that practicing generosity opens the heart, and ultimately, lets God in. We should accustom ourselves to finding satisfaction in acting kindly towards others. “The generous heart gives freely”

September 19, 6 p.m. at 805 Delaware

Director of Lifelong Learning, Susan Schwartz will present the trait of Alacrity/Enthusiasm – *Zerizut*. Acting with alacrity means moving forward without hesitation or barriers. We must always find something to do and never allow a moment of our lives to be wasted. “If not now, when?”

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Temple Beth Zion’s Social Action Committee has outlined several opportunities for social action participation in the WNY community on www.tbz.org. In addition, as projects arise they will be posted on a special “Social Action at TBZ” Facebook page, which we invite you to join.

It is their hope that these resources will enable and empower all members of the community to roll up our sleeves, get active, make this world a better place, and improve ourselves in the process!

TBZ & Family Promise

The mission of Family Promise of Western New York is to unite religious and other organizations in responding to the needs of homeless families in our community. Uniting hearts and hands, the network provides a way for homeless families to receive temporary shelter, meals, and assistance while seeking their own independence.

It’s more than providing shelter, meals and support. It’s about keeping entire families together while they work toward having a home to call their own.

Temple Beth Zion is coordinating a group of volunteers to assist at Family Promise one night in October. Please consider taking this opportunity to help a family by preparing a basic dinner and/or spending part of the evening with them. This mission is ideal for families as the children enjoy playing games together and spending time together. Our mitzvah is to assist the family while they are in their temporary home at Crossroads Lutheran Church on Main Street at Burroughs in Amherst.

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Kehillat Ohr Tzion Activities

By Phyllis Steinberg

Under the auspices of the Social Action Committee, members of Kehillat Ohr Tzion collected items for Women's and Children's Hospital through the months of July and August. As a result of the experience of one of our younger members, congregants bought soft travel pillows for children recovering from neuro-surgery as well as pillowcases and blankets themed for children. The Social Action Committee presented these donations plus DVDs to a hospital social worker for distribution. The members of the Social Action Committee are Marian Arbesman, Shoshana Zucker, Carol Joseph, Mireille Schapiro, Emily Segal, Stephanie Segal, Cheryl Stein, Mariah Stein, Phyllis Steinberg and Ted Steinberg.

The Fun(d) Committee, chaired by Beth Weiss, plans exciting programs for the KOT membership. On Labor Day

a busload of participants will head for Cleveland to visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and then partake in the Kosher Rib Fest, which is a big yearly event for the Cleveland Jewish Community.

Opportunities for learning continued throughout the summer with Talmud Study every Sunday morning at 9:00 am at the Shul, attended by both men and women. Women of the congregation met every Saturday evening to read and discuss various articles about spirituality in Modern Orthodoxy.

Every Tuesday evening at 7:30, Rabbi Strosberg offers an interesting class on a variety of topics, ranging widely from the prophet Elyahu to the Kashrus of Scotch. The community is welcome to participate in any of these classes. For more information email RabbiStrosberg@ohrtzion.org. KOT, which is located at 879 Hopkins, also offers a full range of holiday and Shabbat services in a friendly and intimate environment. Visitors are always welcome.

Cong. Beth Abraham's Renewal



Photo of wrecking crew during CBA's "Demolition Day," July 27, in preparation for the shul's new basement/ social hall. Pictured left to right -- TOP ROW: Jim Carr, David Brownstein, Shelly Kerker, Irwin Gelman, Jordana Halpern, Beverly Spruil, Rich Kellman, BOTTOM ROW: Adam, Damon, Noah and Susan Beiter, Bobby Weinrib, Jim and Leslie Kramer, Marty Kerker, MISSING: David Derner, Hallie Brownstein and Roberta Levine

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The Play And Learn School (PALS) at Temple Beth Zion is one of only four early childhood programs to be chosen to pilot a new curriculum sponsored by the nationally renowned Mussar Institute. PALS Assistant Director, Melissa Milch-Klein and Curriculum Coordinator, Shira Goldberg will be carrying out this innovative, values-based program designed specifically for young children.

The Mussar Institute (www.mussarinstitute.org) is an organization that develops and shares tools for character development through mindful actions and discovery of everyday holiness. The curriculum will introduce themes such as enthusiasm, kindness, responsibility and generosity that will be presented in a developmentally appropriate, play-based manner.

This curriculum also incorporates a home/school component to create a community of learners. Mazel Tov to the Play And Learn School for achieving this coveted honor!

Hope Bongiorno to lead CSS School |

By Peter Simon

Hope S. Bongiorno faces challenging issues as the new Religious School Director at Congregation Shir Shalom. Her goal is to turn those challenges into opportunities to make the Religious School even more accommodating and inclusive.

"It seems like there is a very diverse group of people who come together with common goals and missions," said Ms. Bongiorno, who has been the school-wide Resource Specialist and Nursery Program Director at Kadimah School since 2006. "Teamwork, she said, will be essential."

About half the families at Congregation Shir Shalom are interfaith families. Religious practices and beliefs vary considerably, and -- like most synagogues -- Shir Shalom grapples with "pediatric Judaism," the loss of students after their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Even before that, Religious School competes for students' interests and attentions with sports, music, dance and other community activities.

David Berghash, Shir Shalom's Vice President of Education, said Ms. Bongiorno is well suited to tackle those issues. "Her educational background is Number One," Berghash said. And she's quite agreeable to working with different people in different ways.

In addition, Berghash said, Ms. Bongiorno inherits a strong curriculum, a well-organized program and a skilled and dedicated teaching staff from Sharon Jacobs, who was Director of Education for 10 years. "There are a lot of things in our school that are working well," Berghash said.

Ms. Bongiorno hopes to build on those strengths through her experience as a middle school Judaic Studies teacher at Temple Beth Zion since 1999; coordinator of preschool services at the Olmsted Center for the Visually Impaired from 1992-2004; and special education teacher for three years at the Joseph B. Cavallaro Junior High School in Brooklyn. She has also served as an assistant Boy Scouts den leader, a Mitzvah Day team leader and a member of the New York State Alliance for Children with Special Needs.

While preparing for the fall opening of Religious School, Ms. Bongiorno is seeking ways to broaden the school's approach and to make it "a little more fun."

Such possibilities include greater use of technology, lessons in music, dance and cooking, and opportunities for independent study. "I would like to see more programming that engages students," she said.

CSS's Summer Picnic



Rebecca and Phil Utech ate on the lawn with Kim Goldhirsch, all their children, and Boaz and Jarah Lazarus-Klein.



From left, new member, Jan Liebowitz, and her daughter, Karen, get to know Rella Corris, Sylvia Wishnoff and Zella Glickman.



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service. After a delicious pot-luck dinner, there was a broad-ranged show of talent from the members.

Original writing was shared by Regina Grol and Ginger Maiman. Photographs were displayed by Josephine Kearney and Enid Bloch. Enid also played the violin. Laura Straus's talents in both painting

and pottery were shared. Ellen Schenkler shared her needlepoint, and her husband, Bernie (President of Havurah) played the accordion. Art Edelman used his comedic skills to entertain the group, and his wife, Enid, showed some of her paintings. Bob Rosenthal showed some of his pottery, and his wife, Alice, shared a collage and several purses she had created. Jane Jacobson talked about her

stained/leaded glass. Fred Sachs played the banjo.

Havurah is a relatively small congregation packed with bright, interesting and very talented members. If you would like to learn more about us, please contact us at 689-2256. Visit our website at www.congregationhavurah.org.



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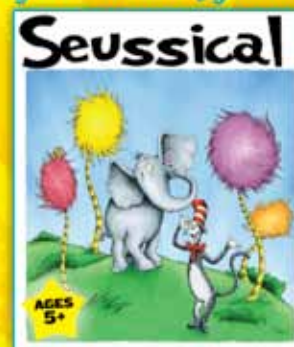


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- *Stories from the Holocaust: Lessons for the Future*, Sophia Veffler and Irene Sipos
- *The Reality of the German Fascists: The Nazis*, Clayton Adams
- *The Holocaust Stories Told and Not Told*, William Lin
- *Frederick Douglas: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*, André De Shields (Broadway Legend)
- *In Between*, Ibrahim Miari. A one man play examining his Palestinian-Israeli family.

More information about our programs and the conference schedule can be found on our website: annefrankproject.buffalostate.edu

Joe Diamond Receives HRC Award

Joseph Diamond was awarded the 2014 Toby Ticktin Back Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education at the recent annual board meeting of the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo (HRC). Mr. Diamond, a Holocaust survivor, has shared survivor testimony with area students and teachers for over 25 years. Andrew Beiter, HRC board member and founder/director of the Summer Institute for Human Rights and Genocide Studies presented the award to Joe saying, "We stand on the shoulders of the great educators who started the HRC thirty years ago with its founder Toby Ticktin Back, whose name adorns the Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education that we have the privilege of giving tonight...Joe, on behalf of the Board of the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo, we are thrilled to award you the Toby Ticktin Back Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education. Thank you, for being our teacher, advocate, and friend.

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Diamond was born in Czechoslovakia in 1929. In 1944 during World War II, at the age of 16, the Diamond family was packed into a cattle car that could hold 38 people standing. More than 100 people were shoved inside with a single bucket of water for the trip. Joe was taken to the death camp, Auschwitz, where he miraculously survived. His young brother, Ari, and mother were gassed and died the very day they arrived at Auschwitz. After the war, travelling to the United States in 1948 with five dollars in his pocket and the will to live, he settled in Buffalo after locating an uncle living here. He was soon drafted by the United States in the Korean War and served as a translator, in of all places, Germany. After the service he returned to Buffalo, met his wife, Annette, and raised a family that includes a daughter, Wendy and son, Michael. Joe enjoyed a

successful career as a home builder, but knew he still had important work to do after retirement in the late 1980s.

Since then he has devoted his life to sharing his testimony from surviving the Holocaust by speaking with over twenty thousand students in the Buffalo area. Just as importantly, his message has taught hundreds of local educators, shaping their practice, deepening their understanding of the Holocaust and encouraging them to speak out. He was the catalyst for Buffalo's Summer Institute for Human Rights and Genocide Studies, now in its seventh year.



Joe Diamond and his daughter, Wendy Weisbrot at the recent HRC Annual Meeting which also honored winners of the HRC's 2014 Annual Arts and Writing Contest, sponsored by the Boris and Renee Joffe, and Mary Deane Freeland Foundations.

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Susan Wehle New Young Leadership Awards

The Network of Religious Communities in collaboration with the Susan Wehle Fund is now accepting applications for two new young leadership awards in memory of Cantor Susan Wehle.

Susan Wehle was a leader in the interfaith movement in Buffalo who died tragically in the crash of flight 3407. She viewed everyone as an individual regardless of culture, religion, race, or belief and honored the shared humanity between us all. Wherever there was an opportunity for healing between peoples, Susan led the way. The awards are as follows:

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This award is intended to honor a young person (19-35 years old) in the greater Buffalo, NY area who has made a substantial commitment to cross-cultural dialogue and coexistence. If you know someone who you would like to nominate for this award, please fill out the form below.

One recipient will receive this award annually. Nominations are due by December 31st every year and are reviewed in the winter. The award is

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THE SUSAN WEHLE INTERFAITH ACTION GRANT - \$1,800

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Buffalo HADASSAH September 16

Buffalo Hadassah is very fortunate to have a dedicated and hard-working board. The installation of the new officers will take place at the fall luncheon on September 16 at the Transit Valley Country Club in East Amherst. The guest speaker will be Maryalice Demler, award-winning television journalist and news anchor for Channel 2 News since 1993. She will speak about her experiences as a woman in television. Ms. Demler has expressed interest in Hadassah and the Hadassah Medical Organization. This event is open to the community.

The cost of the luncheon and program is \$36. For reservations or further information call program chair, Nancy Greenberg at 689-1733.

Hadassah also shows support of Israel by having so many of its members in attendance at the various rallies that have been held in Buffalo this summer. In addition, Hadassah has planned a panel

discussion about the BDS movement against Israel (Boycott, divestment and sanction.) This discussion is being co-sponsored by the Federation and will take place on Sunday, November 23, at 2:00 p.m. at the Getzville JCC. The panelists are Rabbi Perry Netter, Dr. Ernie Sternberg, and Michael Wise. This forum is free and open to the community.

Hadassah is the only Jewish organization in the area that brings together Jewish women from the different denominations. Our goals are to provide meaningful programs for the Jewish women of the Buffalo area and to support Israel both philosophically and financially.

As of July 23, 25 soldiers were hospitalized at to Hadassah Hospital, but the number have kept growing each day. In addition, 70 HMO physicians, nurses and staff had been mobilized by the Israel Defense Forces.

September 1

Labor Day observed

September 24-26

Rosh Hashanah observed beginning at sundown September 24. Shana Tovah!

September 3

Task Force on Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. 7:30 pm. Temple Beth Tzedek. Call Janet Gunner at 716-536-0454, or janet.gunner@gmail.com

September 28

Memorial Service for the Six Million. 10:30 am. Brith Shalom Cemetery on Pine Ridge Road. Call 716-634-9535 or email hrc1050@aol.com

September 8-10

The Anne Frank Project 2014 Conference. Buffalo State College. Look for information and schedule at www.annefrankproject.buffalostate.edu

September 29

2015 UJF Campaign Kick-Off Dinner . 5:30 pm. Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Call Randi Morkisz at 716-204-2245 for information.

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Buffalo Hadassah Installation & luncheon. 11:30 am. Transit Valley Country Club. \$36. Call Nancy Greenberg at 716-689-1733.

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A Letter to Parents of Jewish Teenagers

By Charlotte Gendler
President, Bureau of Jewish Education

My older daughter's mantra is (and you must say this aloud and in the right tone!) – "You know, MOTH-er, everyone makes their own choices" --- choices, choices, that's the "in" word now! As I think about choices, I am pausing to remember this painful summer. Difficult certainly for the Israelis, but we too have cause to be pained, but for slightly different reasons.

What do our teens really know about the on-going conflict between Israel and its neighbors? What do they know about their Judaism, the Diaspora Jewry? **It's alright if you don't want to read any more; that's a choice, too.**

But if you do, let's recap a little all too familiar rite: our children are schooled in their respective congregational schools until they reach the magical age of

thirteen. So let's say, they even start in kindergarten. For most of our children, that's it at age 13; they are finished with their Jewish studies. Done. **It's alright if you don't want to read any more; that's a choice, too.**

But if you do, the next step for our children is to move on to higher education at university level, with that one thousand hours neatly tucked away. Some of them, not all, may encounter students of other persuasions who are far better schooled in their own faiths, and pose questions to our young students. Will ours be able to carry on a respectable dialogue – will ours even care – or will our students just avoid such confrontations? Will our students be knowledgeable enough to hold their own? Campus life is not what you or I

remember – life is much different today and our students need to be prepared, as best they can. **It's alright if you don't want to read any more; that's a choice, too.**

But if you do, think about the above. For the majority of our children who are now teens, they will not have any significant study of anything Jewish beyond age thirteen. Nothing. And that's a conscious choice being made in families. I know. It is scheduling; prioritizing gets in the way, there are tons of reasons, some of them quite compelling. And so anything about Judaism gets bumped to the bottom. That's a choice. So for parents and for teens, maybe a little reconsideration of priorities is in order. **It's alright if you don't want to read any more; that's a choice, too.**

But if you do, I am suggesting you consider two hours weekly at Hebrew High. The classes meet every Wednesday evening at TBZ's Broder Building on Sweet Home Road in Amherst. Students range in age from 8th to 12th grade. There is also a new alternative program beginning this year on Sunday afternoons at the JCC for teens who cannot attend on Wednesday evenings (or for teens who want more Jewish opportunities!) I think it will help anchor your child within his/her own community, challenge your child in some ways – give your kid a sense of community and identity. Why not ask some of those who've been to Hebrew High? Why not contact one or more of the following people and discuss Hebrew High?... It was a choice made in their homes: Ellen and Steve Weiss, Joni and Dr. Sam Shatkin, Dr. Ellen Rich and Eric Snitzer, Stacey and Neil Block, and Joanne and Michael Berger. We hope you will consider making the same choice for your children as they did for theirs by choosing Hebrew High!

You could also contact the Bureau of Jewish Education directly and speak with Jill Komm, Executive Director and Principal of the High School of Jewish Studies at 204-5380 or email jill@bjebuffalo.org. More information can be found on the High School page of the website: www.bjebuffalo.org.

Remember: every choice we make has a consequence.

With warmest wishes to you for this New Year!

BJE Welcomes Ben Charlton To The Staff!

The Bureau of Jewish Education is pleased to announce the hiring of Ben Charlton as Assistant Principal of the High School of Jewish Studies and the Bureau's Program Director. Ben, a former USY Advisor, religious school teacher for many local institutions and staff at Camp Centerland, comes to the BJE with fantastic experience in programming and working with children and teens. He received his Master's and undergraduate degrees from the University at Buffalo.



Ben Charlton

Ben will be involved in all areas of programming at the BJE with a focus on Hebrew High, the Buffalo Jewish Teen Scene, and community programs for all local religious school students. Previously, Ben had been teaching classes at Hebrew High and helping to run the teen programs. He organized numerous College Caravan trips across New York and Massachusetts for the BJE and assisted in 7th grade recruitment at the high school.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ben to our BJE family," says Jill Komm, Executive Director of the Bureau. "Ben's experience and relationship with our Jewish community make him a perfect match for this position. We look forward to Ben doing great things as we evolve and grow as an agency."

Ben can be reached at the BJE office via phone (204-5380) or email (ben@bjebuffalo.org).

For any questions about the BJE and its programs, please contact Jill Komm at 204-5380 or jill@bjebuffalo.org.

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Howard Wolf, Professor Emeritus and Senior Fellow in the English Department at UB, is a master teacher and writer, and a frequent visitor to Israel. He will distribute materials from "50 Stories from Israel - An Anthology," as well as various other related publications.

For more information contact **Ethel Melzer**, Director of Adult Education of the Bureau of Jewish Education, at 204-5380, ethel@bjebuffalo.org. Register online at www.bjebuffalo.org.

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Having fun at the pool party

way to talk about going back to school with your child.

Don’t forget to make the transition to the school year easier on your whole family by setting up a homework area, starting the school year morning routine the week or two before school starts and reviewing all the necessities for school, including supplies and paperwork. You can check out the PJ Library blog on our website, www.pjlibrary.org for more ideas and activities about preparing your children to make the back to school transition.

Make the first day of school special for your family by reciting the *Shehecheyanu* blessing as a family. The *Shehecheyanu* blessing is recited when we want to thank God for enabling us to experience a new or special occasion.

Shehecheyanu Blessing

Barukh ata adonai elohenu melekh ha’olam, shehecheyanu, v’kiyimanu, v’higiyanu la’zman ha’zeh.

Our praise to You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all for giving us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this season. (Translation by ReformJudaism.org)

Or visit our PJ Library Facebook page to see Grover from Sesame Street reciting the *Shehecheyanu* blessing with friends! www.Facebook.com/PJLibraryBuffalo

We can’t let summer come to an end without mentioning all the wonderful fun PJ Library Buffalo families had! From Shabbat at Camp Centerland, Summer Reading Challenges, playground play dates, and of course, the highlight of our summer programming, The Party at the Pool with Nickel City Jews.

PJ Library welcomes all Jewish families, including interfaith families, LGBT families, and families with special

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HOW DO YOU SPELL “SUCCESS?”

For three members of the Bureau of Jewish Education’s Hebrew Reading classes, “SUCCESS” is spelled: “B-A-T M-I-T-Z-V-A-H!”

In the spring of 2012, a woman named Cheryl Schwartz signed up for the newly formed “Introduction to Judaism” course - a collaborative undertaking between the Buffalo Board of Rabbis and the Adult Education Department of the Bureau of Jewish Education. After 14 classes with our local Rabbis, Cheryl signed up for the first year Hebrew Reading Course, taught by Michal Shmuel-Lewis. This course is also a collaboration of the Bureau and the Buffalo Board of Rabbis. The “Alef-Bet Guide to Basic Hebrew” led her to a second year: “Intermediate Hebrew: The Art of Reading Prayer”. Never having studied Hebrew before, meant that Cheryl needed to sit in on several more Hebrew reading classes before she was ready for the Hebrew words on the pages of her siddur. Now, however, she is studying her Torah portion and preparing for her Bat Mitzvah! In anyone’s language - Hebrew or English - that spells “success”!

Two other students of Michal Shmuel-Lewis’ excellent Hebrew Reading Courses are also planning to become Bat Mitzvah in the fall of this year. Lisa Davidson and

Chris Stromberg started as “beginners” to the Hebrew language. They filled in the pages of their student reader, learned their “alef-bet”, studied grammar and vocabulary, did their homework and slowly learned to read the prayers for Shabbat and other traditional blessings. By the time the first year was over, they were ready for their second year of classroom study, in which they would learn to ask the four questions for the Passover Seder and read the Torah blessings. They also learned something about the history of the Hebrew language and its structure. As an Israeli teaching Hebrew reading, Michal shares insights and facts about Israel that enrich learning for all her students.

These three women who began knowing nothing, to speak of, as far as reading Hebrew is concerned, are now about to become B’nei Mitzvah! Three “success stories” - only part of the fun that all men and women share, when they attend Michal Shmuel-Lewis’ Hebrew Reading classes!

New 13 week Hebrew Reading Courses will be held on Wednesday nights beginning on September 10 at Temple Beth Zion’s Broder Center. The beginner’s “Alef-Bet” class is from 6:30 - 7:30 PM and the Intermediate/Advanced

reader’s class is from 7:40 - 9:00 PM. The cost for either class is \$150 plus a text book. Both courses are open to the community, with a minimum of 8 students necessary for a class to be held, and scholarship funds and payment plans are available. Please call Ethel Melzer, BJE Director of Adult Education, 204-5380 or email ethel@bjebuffalo.org for more information or to register. Students will be enrolled on a first come - first served basis.

Be part of your own “success” story and join us in the language of our people!



Michal Shmuel-Lewis (instructor) listening to Lisa Davidson practice her Torah portion



L-R seated: Donna Oppenheimer & Brenna Shores. L-R standing: Jeff Sereno, Lisa Davidson, Michal Shmuel-Lewis (instructor), and Mary Alish



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JFS Board Chair Rubin Focused On Sustainability, Issues Of The Day

Attorney Laurence K. Rubin, a prominent partner in the Kavinoky Cook law firm, has been helping to advance the mission of Jewish Family Service of Buffalo & Erie County since the 1990s. He served JFS for nearly 15 years as an officer of the board, and for three years led the agency as its president.



JFS Chair Laurence Rubin and Executive Director Marlene Schillinger

"I'm proud that we have always been responsive to the changing needs of the community, both the Jewish community and the larger community, in general. We were at the forefront for developing programs address eating disorders and gambling addiction," he says.

In June, Rubin was installed as chairman of the board at the 151st JFS annual meeting.

"We are the major providers of charitable services that serve the Jewish community, and that are provided by the Jewish community," he said then, in brief acceptance remarks.

Executive committee members Ilene R. Fleischmann, vice chair; David A. Schlein, treasurer; David Berghash, secretary, and David G. Brock, member-at-large, were also installed for the 2014-2015 term at the meeting.

Karen M. Greenspan, Rion B. Kwellner, Ph.D., Jonathan A. Dandes, Arthur Glick, Paul J. Michaels, Zabrina V. Reich, Adrienne Rothstein Grace, Rabbi Adam Scheldt, Joanne Stromberg, and Julie Dressler Weinberg will continue their service as directors; and new members Rebecca Greenspan, Nikki Joseph, Carri Milch, Alan Mollot and Robert Portin each began two-year terms.

As current chair, Rubin is focusing his board on positioning JFS to meet the fiscal and service challenges over the next decade in a rapidly changing funding and

regulatory environment. He has made it a priority to strengthen JFS partnership with other local Jewish organizations and to use the recent demographic study done by the Federation to help set priorities.

JFS Buffalo already is partnering with Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo – for which Rubin serves on the executive committee – and the Bureau of Jewish Education. The organizations are working together to provide high school and college students with cultural education and social action opportunities within the agency's comprehensive programming to support "New Americans."

"We are leveraging our Refugee Resettlement Program to undertake social action within the Jewish context," Rubin says.

Board members David Brock and Zabrina Reich agree it is important that people understand that the JFS mission is to provide health and well-being services to all in need, regardless of background or financial ability.

"JFS services directly enhance the health and stability of individuals and families in the Buffalo and Erie County area. We are instrumental in welcoming, and establishing, new area families from troubled regions of the world, and helping to integrate them into the local living and working communities," explains Brock.

Reich defines JFS as an organization committed to helping Jews and non-Jews alike. It is differentiated from other organizations, religious or non-affiliated, by decision-making and programming that is guided by Jewish values and beliefs.

"JFS has done an excellent job of identifying specific groups of people in the community in need of greater attention and support and creating programming to fulfill their needs. We have made a long-term commitment to help the elderly age gracefully and with dignity by helping to spearhead the Town Square for Aging on the Weinberg Campus in Amherst," she says.

Reich adds that the agency has also made a commitment to the Buffalo

and Erie County immigrant and refugee community through its leadership role in the ambitious Western New York Center for Survivors of Torture.

"It's an amazing thing that as a Jewish agency we're able to undertake this," Rubin says of the WNY Center for Survivors of Torture.

Launched officially in June and funded by a New York State Health Foundation grant, a JFS-led collaborative addresses the unique mental health, medical, legal and social service needs of the many immigrants and refugees who have resettled in the city and surrounding counties.

The WNY Center for Torture Survivors is being crafted and implemented in concert with Journey's End Refugee Services, Vive La Casa, Lake Shore Behavioral Health and University at Buffalo Family Medicine – and in regional partnership with Rochester Catholic Family Center. The envisioned optimal outcome is to improve social and economic self-sufficiency and overall well-being among the individuals and families of the dynamic immigrant and refugee population.

"It's an incredible way of honoring the memory of all the victims of the Holocaust. When you think of it in the context of what our people suffered, I think it's just a blessing that we are able lead this," Rubin says.

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
National grandparents day 	Reading Aloud: Bringing Short Stories to Life 10:30am-12:00pm - Dec 8 Fee, (H)	Let's Do Lunch: Restaurant Reviews 3:30pm-5:00pm FREE and open to all! (H)	What's Your Take? Events in the News 10:30am - 12:00pm - Dec 17 Fee, (H)	<i>New Yorker Magazine</i> Discussion Group 10:30am - 12:00pm Sept 11 - Dec 18 Fee (H)	National Chocolate Milk Shake Day 	NEW Ultra Barre 8:00-8:50am (B)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Zumba 9:00-10:00am (B)	SilverSneakers® 10:30-11:30 AM (H)	The World Today Ongoing 1:00 pm Free and open to all (B)	Acrylics & watercolor Exhibit – Oct 31 by Joan Hambleton and Enid Edelman (B) 	Kol Rina-Voice of Joy Ongoing, every other Thursday 7:00pm-8:30pm (B)	CXWorx 12:15-12:45am (B)	Mat & Barre Pilates 10:00-11:00am (H)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
International Day of Peace 	Deep Water Flexercise 2:15-2:45pm (B)	First day of autumn 	Erev Rosh Hashanah Center Closes @3:30 PM	Rosh Hashanah – 1st day Center CLOSED	Rosh Hashanah – 2nd day Center CLOSED	Photography Exhibit – Oct 31 Convergence, by Kathy Corff Rogers (H)
28	29	30				
Disco Splash Fever 11:00-12:00am (B)	Tai Chi (1/2 gym) 11:15-12:15pm (B)	The World Today Ongoing 1:00 pm Free and open to all (B)				

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One Poet Reads Another:

Rachel Tzvia Back on Tuvia Ruebner at UB's IJHT

UB's Institute for Jewish Heritage and Thought will present former Buffalonian Rachel Tzvia Back, PhD, an Israeli, a poet, a translator and a professor of English Literature at Oranim College in Kiryat Tivon, Israel at the UB Institute. She is coming to Buffalo on October 1st to give two talks – including poetry readings - on the poetry of the much celebrated Israeli poet Tuvia Ruebner. She comes to Buffalo in conjunction with a book tour in America featuring her newest book of translations, *In the Illuminated Dark: Selected*



Dark: Selected

Poems of Tuvia Ruebner (Hebrew Union College Press, in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh Press, 2014). Her own most recent original poetry collection, *A Messenger Comes (Elegies)*, was voted by *Forward Magazine* one of the five most notable poetry collections of 2012. Thus we will have one poet reading and commenting on the poetry of another.

Dr. Back's 2014 book is the first collection of Ruebner's work to appear in English. Ruebner's work is important but little known in the English speaking world; this collection aims to rectify that. Ruebner is of Pagis and Amichai's generation (and was a dear friend of the former), and has received every major award for poetry in Israel and in Europe. In the present year

there were many events in Israel marking his 90th birthday - and his distinctive poetic voice.

Dr. Back will give two presentations on October 1st: At 12:00 noon, at the University at Buffalo, North Campus, 708 Clemens Building (Samuel Friedman Judaica Library), Buffalo, NY

14260. At 7:00 pm, at Talking Leaves Bookstore, 951 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222. Both talks are free and open to the public. These talks are sponsored by the Institute of Jewish Thought and Heritage, University at Buffalo. The voices of poetry speak to all.

Jewish Discovery Center Humanitarian Program

The Jewish Discovery Center will be delivering sweet holiday packages to about 300 elderly and families in need. The packages contain, a full traditional Rosh Hashanah meal, including apples and honey, to bring sweetness to the coming year, as well as Holiday prayer books.

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is observed this year from sundown Sept. 24 until nightfall Sept. 26. The holiday is a time of reflection, and falls

10 days before Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

"Holidays can evoke strong emotions in all of us, but for the elderly the joy of the season can often be overwhelmed by the loneliness they face, these people greatly appreciate and benefit from the delivery of these packages", says Rabbi Laizer Labkovski, who organizes this project on an annual basis. To support the program, call Rabbi Labkovski at 716-639-7600.



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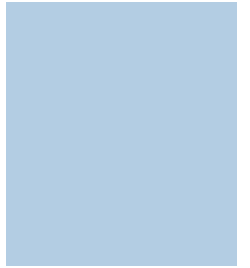
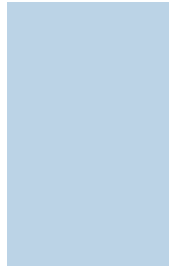
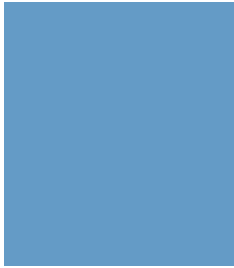
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Honoring and Remembering Justice from the Summer of 1964

By Dr. Drucy Borowitz



St. Augustine, Florida, is the oldest city in the United States, founded in 1565. On June 18, 1964, four hundred years after its founding, sixteen rabbis were jailed after participating in a non-violent demonstration to support civil rights. The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. had been in St. Augustine the previous week, and protests had been going on for almost a month when the

Central Conference of American Rabbis held its convention there that year. Not content to listen to platitudes about how the Jewish people should support civil rights, the small group of rabbis left the convention and, along with members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, staged a protest at the Monson Motor Lodge and Restaurant in St. Augustine.

They were led by the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, an integration leader and associate of Dr. King, and the Rev. C. T. Vivian of Atlanta, another King aide. The demonstrators tried to enter the restaurant and refused to leave. The manager of the motel pushed the leaders and one by one he pushed the rabbis.

As one rabbi was pushed aside another would step forward to take his place. In a planned protest, five African Americans in swim suits dove into the motel pool. They joined two white men, also members of the civil rights movement, who were registered guests. The manager fetched two containers of muriatic acid and poured them into the pool. Police officers seized the swimmers and clubbed them. The 16 rabbis, the swimmers, the two leaders of the march and nine other demonstrators were threatened and taunted by bystanders and were taken to a cramped, hot jail to join the more than 200 persons arrested earlier in sit-ins.

Why this article now? On June 17 and 18th of this year, a symposium titled, "Justice, Justice" was held in St. Augustine to commemorate the events of that struggle. Two of the rabbis had a Buffalo connection. Rabbi Joseph Herzog, of blessed memory, was the rabbi of Temple Sinai for many years, although at that time he led a congregation in Sharon, PA. Rabbi Eugene Borowitz, my father, took a leadership role. He helped the rabbis compose a letter, "Why We Went" that was published in the *New York Times*. In part it said, "We came to St. Augustine because we could not stay away. We could not pass by the opportunity to achieve a moral goal by moral means – a rare modern privilege – which has been the glory of the non-violent struggle for civil

rights... We came as Jews who remember the millions of faceless people who stood quietly, watching the smoke from Hitler's crematoria. We came because we know that, second only to silence, the greatest danger to man is loss of faith in man's capacity to act". I remember as a child, crowding around the telephone in my home with my sisters, as our worried mother received the one phone call that my father was allowed to make from the jail. I also recall how my mother explained that our father was in jail (which seemed incredibly shocking), but that sometimes you have to stand up for what is right.

Rabbi Herzog passed away this past May, and Rabbi Borowitz was unable to travel to the commemoration. However, his oldest daughter, my sister Lisa Borowitz, was able to attend in his stead. She was struck by the depth of feeling and gratitude of the more than 250 attendees. In this world where there are so many problems, it is good to remember that courage, commitment and acting upon our Jewish values can help repair the world.

Dr. Drucy Borowitz is the Cystic Fibrosis Center Director at the Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, New York. She is a Professor of Pediatrics at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. In 2013 she was presented with the Richard C. Talamo Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, given to individuals whose contributions have had significant influence on the course of CF. She is married to pediatric surgeon Dr. Philip Glick, and is indeed proud to be the daughter of Rabbi Eugene Borowitz.



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Federation First Vice president Howard Rosenhoch and Past President Gordon Gross



UJF Women's Philanthropy Chair Ellen Weiss and UJF General Campaign Chair Steven J. Weiss hosted the Major Gifts Event in early August at their home



Past Federation President Jordan Levy, one of the event hosts, speaking to Past Federation President Gary Greenfield and Randy Benderson.

Federation Major Gifts Reception- Photos by Robert Reis



Ellen Reis, Lana Benatovich, Lori Benderson (back turned) and Past Federation President and event host Holly Levy



Joanne Biltekoff, Sylvia Rosen and Ellen Reis



Federation President David Desmon welcomes the attendees.



(Seated) Lana Benatovich. (Standing) Howard Rosenhoch, Dr. Judith Feld, speaker Linda Scherzer, Lori and Randy Benderson

A day at Chautauqua Photos by Gretchen Gross



Dr. Michael and Susie Altman

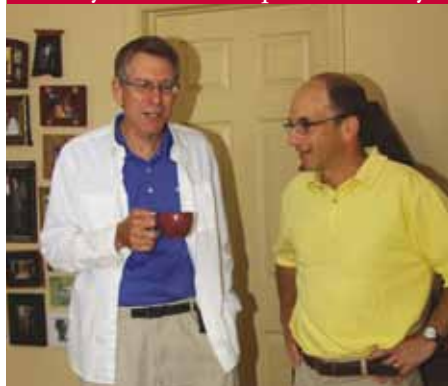


Dr. Sol Messinger, Federation CEO Michael Wise, and Hannah Weinberg



The Federation group together in the home of Norm and Hannah Weinberg

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Howard Rosenhoch and Jim Kramer



Susie Altman and Gretchen Gross

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Marty Kerker, Kinky Friedman, Ed Steinfeld and David Schiller at the Sportsmens Grill before Kinky's show



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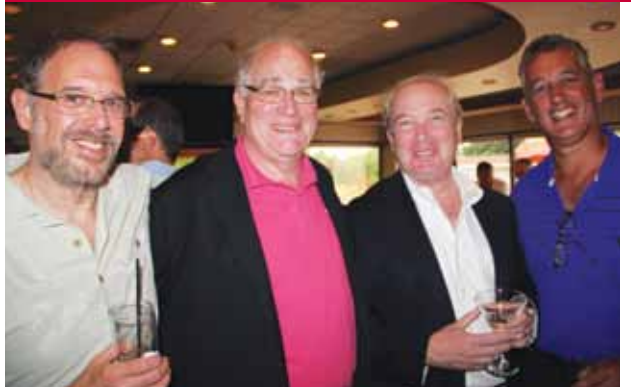


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Summer Event Chairs David Goldberg and Deny Adelman

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TBZ Executive Director Mark Criden, David Desmon, Larry Rubin and Jay Mesnekoff



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Naomi Rosenhoch, David Rosenhoch and Valerie Rosenhoch (seated). Alan Rosenhoch, Andy Travis and Howard Rosenhoch (standing)



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Madeline Jordan Catalano, daughter of Lynn and Joseph Catalano, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth Tzedek on June 28.

Madeline, the sister of Allison Natania Catalano, is the granddaughter of Jerald and the late Joan Wolfgang. A High Honor Student at Lewiston-Porter Middle School, Madeline plays the French Horn in the 7th grade band. A member of National Junior Honor Society, Madeline is a Junior Black Belt currently training for her 1st Degree in Krav Maga.

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