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The Saskatchewan Jewish Arts Festival is back – in multiple ways!

submitted by Jeol Bernbaum

Thanks to the generous support of B'nai Brith Lodge #739 and the City of Saskatoon, our inaugural festival in the fall of 2022 was a great success. In 2023, B'nai Brith continued their support of the festival by sponsoring two pop-up events at the Sherwood and Elaine Sharfe Jewish Community Centre: a reading of Jenna Berenbaum's play 18 Jews Order Chinese Food, and a Hannukah concert featuring the Toronto klezmer band Queen Kong. Hundreds of people participated in these free events. Because the next full festival is not until February of 2025, we are hosting another couple pop-up events in June featuring Saskatoon born and raised internationally acclaimed visual artist, and overall cool human, Leah Rosenberg!

Leah will be coming to Saskatoon for the week of June 17th. During this time, she will be in residence at our community centre, imagining and creating art. Members are welcome to drop by and visit with her. During this week Leah will also host two events for members and the public: COLOUR BAR on Thursday June 20th (4-7pm) will be a chance to share colours through conversation and consumption. COLOUR COUNSEL on Sunday June 23rd (2-5pm) is a unique opportunity for participants to spend time deepening their appreciation of colour during a participatory workshop. Both events are free, thanks to the support of the SKarts Festivals Program Grant. Please see the poster for registration details and spread the word to your friends – everyone is welcome.

Please also mark your calendars for the next full festival: February 5th-9th 2025! Once again B'nai Brith has generously stepped up to sponsor the festival, which will feature the world premiere of Jenna Berenbaum's play 18 Jews Order Chinese Food as a part of Persephone Theatre's mainstage season. We are applying for additional funding from SKarts and the city to ensure our festival comes at no cost to our congregation.

The purpose of the Saskatchewan Jewish Arts Festival is to celebrate Jewish arts, culture, and artists. The small group of members who collaborated to create the first festival did so because we missed the vibe of the Folkfest Jewish pavilion. Many people worked very hard on the Folkfest pavilion for many years – and it was an opportunity for us to celebrate Jewish culture with greater Saskatoon. Especially in these challenging global political times, we must continue to actively create local opportunities to connect with each other and with the greater public in positive and meaningful ways.

If you would like to get involved with the Saskatchewan Jewish Arts Festival, either as a sponsor, collaborator, or volunteer, please feel free to email me at joel.bernbaum@gmail.com. L'chaim!

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN IS AUGUST 15, 2024

True or Not True – Silver Spoon Dinner 2024 was a resounding success? Definitely True!

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Shaw & Robin Sasko, Co-chairs

What an amazing evening! Our numbers were up and so was the electric feeling in the room. I don't know if it was because of the appeal of our headliner, Candace Bushnell, her topic – Sex and the City, the allure of spring after a long winter or just the giant popularity of Silver Spoon shared with friends and colleagues, but the mood of this year's event was incredibly joyful. It felt like one of our "best-evers", despite the attempt outside by some pro-Hamas protesters to disrupt our festivities.

Candace Bushnell performed her one-woman show for us about the origin of her hit TV series, Sex and the City, and it was a real treat. (Interesting, funny and much less racy than I expected.) The stage was set up like a New York City apartment. Handy Special Events, Blossoms Florists, and TCU Place lighting did an extra- special job of making the room look marvelous. Splashes of bright pink, gold and sparkles were everywhere – including in the fabulous fashions of the almost 700 women in attendance. Our amazing MC, Shauna Foster, set the mood wearing a sensational feathered outfit. WOW! I must add that the huge Silent Auction was a WOW too. Great job Rebecca Simpson.

Once again the meal was delicious and the beverages free-flowing (also contributing to the happy mood in the room). The programme was fast-paced and jam-packed. Of course, the presentation of the Sterling Award for Volunteerism to Chris Gordon was a definite highlight. She has spent many years focussed on dental health, fitness and raising funds for Pancreatic Cancer research. What an amazing woman!

Our terrific volunteers made sure that we raised lots for our charities – Congregation Agudas Israel, Hadassah-WIZO, Ronald McDonald House and Saskatoon Interval House - by selling oodles of balloons, 50/50 tickets, encouraging Silent Auction bidding through TinyRoar, and new this year – a raffle to win a $2500 Gift Card for Traxx Footwear. Was it ever popular! Amanda Coleman was the lucky winner of the "Air Canada Trip for Two", an ecstatic Christy Miller won $5150 in the 50/50 draw and Danea Armstrong will have a closetful of fabulous Traxx shoes for years to come.

Our sponsors, supporters and prize donors are many and they are awesome!!! A giant shout of thanks to all of them. I'll list them all on the website later so you can take a look and be very impressed by their generosity.

And finally, thank you to our small-but-mighty committee for making this so much fun and such a successful year (Robin & me, Rebecca, Jan, Eleni, Rosy, Arnie, Jordana, Dianne, Leona & Mia from Handy) and a gigantic thank you to community members & their friends who helped as volunteers at the Dinner and with the set-up and take-down this year. It is so very much appreciated.

See you next year.

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Quarterly QUIZ!

by Kaiti Hannah

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Quarterly Quiz: Pride Month Edition
May 2024

1. When was the first LGBT synagogue in the world founded?
2. Which movement of Judaism was the first to allow openly gay rabbis and cantors?
3. When did the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards first adopt a responsa to broaden the acceptance of same-sex relationships in Conservative Judaism?
4. When did the US Conservative Movement formally endorse same-sex marriage and issue guidelines for same-sex divorce?
5. Which Jewish group participated in the first faith-based challenge to same-sex marriage bans in the United States in 2014?
6. Who was the first openly transgender professor at an Orthodox Jewish educational institution?
7. An oral history project called "Rainbow Jews," documenting the lives of LGBT Jews in the UK was the first archive of LGBT Jewish history in the UK. When was it launched?
8. When did the first same-sex wedding that was officiated by an Orthodox rabbi *and* recognized by local government take place?
9. In 2015, the Reform mahzor Mishkan HaNefesh was published, offering a gender-neutral option for calling people to the Torah for people who weren't comfortable using gendered terms like "bat" or "ben" (daughter or son). What was the gender-neutral term they suggested?
10. When did the Conservative Movement's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards formalize gender-neutral language for calling people for aliyah, hagbah, and gelilah, as well as for Mi Shebeirach?

FROM OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

The Mission Statement of Congregation Agudas Israel

Congregation Agudas Israel is a spiritual, religious, educational and social home committed to deepening the quality of Jewish life in Saskatoon and district. We are an evolving link in the historical traditions of the Jewish people. We are a progressive, democratic and sensitive congregation responding to the widest spectrum of Jewish thought and practice.

Written at the 2002 Kallah by the members of Congregation Agudas Israel

Mazel Tov to:

Kayla Hock on the birth of her 11th great-grandchild, Louise (Lou) Shoshana.

Happy birthday to **Jack Shiffman** on his 94th birthday.

Layla Jacobson who competed in Orlando, Florida with her team, "Fever" from Prairiefire Cheerleading, and won a Bronze Medal at the 2024 Cheerleading Worlds Competition.

Dr. Michael Levin on receiving the Researcher of the Year award through the Department of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan.

Linda Shaw on being named a Hometown Hero at the Soroptimist/ Hope Restored Event in May.

Millia Shiffman who was this year's successful recipient of the Wine Family Israel Scholarship. Millia's committment to Holocaust education and BBYO is admirable and and we are looking forward to her bringing back her Israel experience to share with our community.

Lyla and Charlie Rapko and Anna Gersher on their B'nai Mitzvot.

Cohen Goluboff Munro who's team won the 15 and under Gordie Howe Memorial Tournament on May 20th.

Matthew and Mary Ditlove on the birth of their baby daughter, Wynn, granddaughter to Mark and Wendy and sister to Sam.

Welcome New Member

Reuben Kellen is the firstborn son of Drs. Philippa and Rodney Kellen. He was born in Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa, and along with his parents immigrated to Canada in the late 1980s. The Kellens first arrived in Saskatoon and spent roughly three years here before moving to Winnipeg, where Reuben and his younger brother Ethan grew up. From Grade 1 through to graduation from high school Reuben was a student in Winnipeg's Jewish day school system. Reuben has always appreciated the Jewish values of scholarship and debate, which led him to pursue university studies first in philosophy and then in law at the University of Manitoba. Reuben lived from 2013 to 2023 in Victoria, BC, where he provided professional services to the University of Victoria Faculty Association before an opportunity drew him back to Saskatoon to work for the U of S Faculty Association. An avowed leftist (not just because he's left-handed), Reuben tries to live the Jewish values of or la goyim and tikkun olam to push for fairness and justice on a range of issues from the local to the global. In his spare time, Reuben enjoys doting on his cat, Chase, and honing his Muay Thai technique.

Editorial

by Lisa Shiffman, Editor-in-Chief

Usually I use this column to mention the exciting tidbits you will find in this Bulletin but I have decided to go a different direction this time. I have felt tremendous anxiety since October 7th, so instead of highlighting the other great articles in this edition of The Bulletin, I am using this space to share with you what is on my mind.

Since October 7th, offensive anti-Israel posters bombarded my workplace (U of S Library) many times. These posters were found in the library, on the walls of the tunnel, on lamp posts in the bowl, on tables and benches and many buildings across campus. "Palestinian Awareness Week" came and went on campus, with topics of discussion that were a bit too edgy for my comfort level but weren't quite over the line enough to have them shut down. Most recently the University of Sasatchewan Faculty Association (USFA), made a statement announcing their "BDS Victory" - Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions against Israel. During Chanukah I received glares from women in head scarves that walked past the Chanukah display I put up in the library. My daughter got caught in the middle of a pro-Palestinian protest which began inside the Education Building during exam time. The protestors were blowing air horns and one was wearing the green Hamas headband. My daughter covered her Mogen David so she wouldn't be identified as a Jew. So many challenging things happened at the U of S over the past few months.

My oldest son (Walter Murray Collegiate) received a bombardment of hateful messages through social media, triggered by a Muslim classmate. She called him a genocide supporter, as well as other nasty things. This went on for too long and ultimately led to my son filing a complaint with the school counselling services. Around the same time, my friend's daughter was surrounded by Muslim classmates who danced around her chanting "from the river to the sea….."

Just today I was driving down Taylor Street and noticed an all-too familiar poster on a lamp post. It was an anti-Israel poster identical to one I had removed from this exact spot a couple of months earlier I still had a pair of scissors in my car which I began carrying around specifically for hate poster removal. It is sad that I carry scissors around for this purpose.

My daughter, Millia, is on the March the

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Divrei Harav – Rabbi Claudio's Message

Scapegoating Israel

By Rabbi Claudio Jodorkovsky

One of the most interesting rituals in the Torah is the ceremony done by the High Priest on Yom Kippur, that became the basis for the "Avodah" service in the times of the Temple. On that day, two goats were chosen through casting lots, one for a sacrifice to God, and one who would carry all the sins of the people of Israel to an unknown empty land. The Priest would place his hands, symbolically transferring the transgressions of the people on that goat, who will then carry the transgression to this far away land.

With this ritual, the Torah introduces what is today known as "scapegoating", when an innocent person – or a group of people – is blamed for the sins of others. However, there is a big difference with the ritual of Yom Kippur, For atonement to be achieved, Teshuvah (repentance) must happen first. The modern understanding of scapegoating is the opposite, Instead of taking responsibility, another person is to be blamed.

As Rabbi David Wolpe teaches, scapegoating is a human defense mechanism to avoid accountability, and it has been at the centre of antisemitism throughout history. From the origins of Christianity and the accusation of Jesus' death to the blood libel in the Middle Ages, the bubonic plague, communism and the economic crisis in Germany after WWI, and to our days when Israel is demonized as the only responsible entity for the conflicts in the Middle East. Instead of engaging in an honest exploration of what causes a crisis, including all its actors and complexity, it's easier for people and leaders to blame it on one singular group.

The scapegoat is usually the one who can't defend himself, as the goat in the Torah and as the Jews during the Middle Ages. The Christian world learned that Jews could take the blame, because they were powerless, and nobody would come to their defense. That is why it was so easy for Hitler to blame the Jews for Germany's defeat in WWI and later to exterminate six million of them in the Holocaust. After thousands of years of scapegoating, white Christian Europeans were well educated in punishing Jews for things they didn't do, without paying any price for those accusations and its consequences.

It is not surprising, then, that so many people without connections to the conflict in the Middle East, are so engaged in condemning Israel. With the re-establishment of Jewish political autonomy in Israel, the Jews had declared publicly that from now, they will defend themselves and are not willing to continue playing the scapegoat, as they

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A Letter to the Jewish Community

My name is Cindy Lou Senger. I am a First Nations woman and a member of the Anishinaabe nation. I have had to deal with racism, discrimination and violence aimed at myself because of the colour of my skin and racial identity. I still carry the inner scars that have contorted and messed up my self-confidence. I want to see an end to antisemitism just as much as I want to see an end to prejudice directed to First Nations people. The one thing that has always stood out to me about the Jewish people is the fact that they have NEVER forced their religious beliefs, practices, governance, laws or way of life on the Indigenous people of Turtle Island. So many other cultural groups have forced us or would still force us to give up any of our cultural beliefs, practices and languages. For this I thank you from the bottom of my heart. As a retired teacher I have had young grade 3 and 4 students tell me that Israel is evil and that it shouldn't exist. I was shocked and horrified that these young students were already spouting the rhetoric that the adults had taught them. It saddens me greatly. Needless to say, I let the children know that I supported the rights of the Jewish people and the right for Israel to exist. I would like you to know that I have always been an ally of the Jewish people. I have NEVER understood the persecution, discrimination, and violence that you have had to deal with from time immemorial. On October 7th, 2023, I became acutely aware of how angry I was about the atrocity carried out by Hamas. I was horrified that Jewish people in the Americas and Europe were being harassed for being Jewish and for speaking out to have the kidnapped children and adults given back safely. It sickened me to see people tear down the posters about the kidnapped adults and children from Israel. I am angry that some countries or governments state that posting the "Release the Kidnapped people" posters must come down because the posters would incite anger and uprisings while allowing many other groups to post or wave banners that state, "From the River to the Sea" which every educated person knows is a call for the annihilation of the state of Israel and the Jewish people. I was raised as a fundamentalist Christian in a Euro Canadian home but I left all organized religions because I cannot reconcile with the horrible things people have done or do in the name of their religion. Interestingly, I do not think religion shouldn't be practiced, in fact I believe that everyone should have a right to practice their own beliefs without fear as long as no one forces their religious beliefs onto other people, groups or governments. Too many people are afraid to voice support for the Jewish people because they are afraid that they will be viewed as racists, or genocidal-promoting-Islamophobics. What has happened to us? What has caused us to be afraid that violence may be directed at ourselves even when we are in our own home, city, province, country, or continent. We cannot just stand by and let the hate and violence that has been perpetuated on the Jewish people happen. NEVER AGAIN should be the call for all of us who are an ally for the Jewish people.

Shalom,
Cindy Lou

Cindy Lou Senger was an elementary school teacher in the Saskatoon Public School system.

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Learning from Israeli Academics

by Edward Kaplan and Evan Morris (Printed with permission from Newsweek

We represent a group of 25 Yale faculty who have just returned from a 5-day visit to Israel. Our mission was to learn from and make meaningful academic connections with our Israeli counterparts. Much of what we learned and observed astounded us. The environment is challenging, yet the Israeli academic enterprise has proven breathtakingly resilient. Imagine operating a university where a quarter to a third of students, staff and faculty have been murdered, injured, taken hostage, or are on active military reserve service. Imagine teaching in classrooms with both Arab students (some with family in Gaza or the West Bank) and Jewish students (many just returned from military service or with casualties among family and friends). Imagine trying to manage standard faculty promotion, review, and tenure processes in the face of boycotts and similar discrimination from hostile academics around the world.

Contrary to the apartheid charge leveled against Israel in general and Israeli academic institutions in particular, we saw precisely the opposite. At Hebrew University, we received a presentation from two young female students, one hijab-wearing Muslim and the other Jewish just returned from reserve duty, which ended with their heartfelt hug and embrace. At Ben Gurion-Soroka Hospital, Technion-Rambam Hospital, and the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical Center, we saw how integrated their medical schools and faculty are. The percentage of doctors, nurses, and pharmacists who are Arabs greatly exceeds their share in the total population. We heard Arab university vice-presidents and their Jewish counterparts take full pride in jointly leading Israeli university life. Unlike the scene on American campuses, Muslim and Christian Arabs, Druze and Jewish students understand that their job is to learn, not to fight each other.

In presentations by an Israeli Arab journalist and a Druze professor, we learned that contrary to conceptions prevalent on American campuses, the majority of Israeli Arabs do not seek to separate from Israel. Indeed, while Israeli Arabs do have demands, we learned they are in service of more integration into Israeli society – better schools, law enforcement, and physical infrastructure – not less. Similarly, we learned from a Druze professor the strong connection to the Jewish state felt by the Israeli Druze.

We met face-to-face with faculty in academic disciplines matching our own at each of Ben Gurion University of the Negev, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, the Weizmann Institute of Science, and Tel Aviv University. We also met with the leaders of Sapir College in Sderot which came under direct attack on October 7, and Tel Hai Academic College which is currently evacuated due to the Hezbollah threat from Lebanon. The President of Israel's Academy of Sciences and Humanities and a Nobel Prize winner addressed the challenges facing Israeli academics in discussion with us. Facing such brilliance (and in such a small country), we were dismayed to learn the extent of academic discrimination being directed at Israeli academics: faculty who were invited to address conferences only to be told later--and in one case upon arrival in Australia--that they were no longer welcome to speak; external reviewers returning evaluation requests because they refuse to consider Israeli scholars; journals reneging on decisions to publish papers that were already accepted. This is especially upsetting to us given the emergence of organized faculty extremists on American campuses with the publicly stated objective of boycotting Israeli academia. Our reaction to such prejudice is clear: we will build upon already existing collaborations with our Israeli colleagues, invite Israeli speakers to campus, offer to provide objective evaluations and reviews within our academic areas of expertise, and provide opportunities for budding young Israeli researchers.

We could not come to Israel without visiting the sites of the October 7 atrocities and seeing with our own eyes what Hamas did to innocent civilians. We saw the carnage and devastation at Kfar Azza where 64 kibbutz members were murdered, and many others taken hostage. We visited the site of the Nova Festival where more than 360 young Israelis were murdered, raped, and kidnapped. We learned how at Soroka hospital in Beer Sheva, arriving October 7 casualties peaked at the rate of one every 40 seconds, yet the hospital was able to stay open and maximize the number of lives they could save. Every Israeli university, like all of Israel, remains traumatized from October 7. Yet Israelis are resilient, and this is doubly true for Israeli academics. Indeed, virtually all of the faculty and students we met asked how they could help us deal with the grotesque protests so commonplace on American university campuses. Seeing the strength of our Israeli academic colleagues, we return committed to telling their stories and fighting back against the hate.

Profs. Kaplan (of Saskatoon) and Morris co-led the Mission of Yale Academics to Israel.

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From the President

Kevin Sharfe, President, CAI

Challenging.
Complicated.
Tragic.

These are a few words that have been used to describe the situation in Israel and Gaza, post October 7th. Furthermore, a rise in antisemitism and pockets of anti-Israel activism have raised serious concerns in Jewish communities around the world. Saskatoon, although not disconnected from the painful realities of the conflict, is in somewhat of a standout position.

Since the beginning of my presidency and especially over the past seven months, I have worked very closely with Saskatchewan's law enforcement. I have done so to strengthen the well-established and respectful relationship between Congregation Agudas Israel and the city Police, while also collaborating, when necessary, in the name of security for Saskatoon's Jewish community. To this day, I am told that we have not had any credible threats toward Jewish people or Jewish places. Furthermore, rallies have, for the most part, faded away. This superficial calm is not consistent with many of the disturbing images we see on television and social media, and it should not diminish the pain in Saskatoon's Jewish and Muslim communities. However, we cannot let those graphics cloud what is good in this city and in our Jewish community.

I am comforted by law enforcements commitment to Saskatoon's Jewish People, and I am especially proud of the members and leadership at Congregation Agudas Israel. We have not, and will not, abandon generations of goodwill between our Jewish, secular, and other faith communities. In furtherance of that intention, Rabbi Claudio and I have continued meeting with leaders in the Muslim and Christian communities, and we have also met with leaders at the University of Saskatchewan, for example. Over the past seven months I have stayed in close contact with Mayor Chalie Clark. He understands the complicated nature of the

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The Jerusalem Foundation

The Jerusalem Foundation was established in 1966 by the legendary Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek. Over the last five decades, the Jerusalem Foundation has brought together friends from around the world to invest more than $1.5 billion dollars in projects throughout the city. Through over 4000 initiatives, both capital and long-running programs, the Foundation has touched the lives of all of Jerusalem's almost 1 million residents, in all spheres of life and in all the city's communities.

Today, the Jerusalem Foundation's original mandate is more relevant than ever. The Jerusalem Foundation has created a model for cross-cultural and cross-communal engagement among all of the population groups in the city. Looking forward, we have developed a plan to ensure a better future for the city in 2030.

The Jerusalem Foundation works in collaboration with Mayor Lion and the Jerusalem Municipality to advance the city of Jerusalem. You can join this partnership and be a part of building Jerusalem.

We can take pride in the Foundation's half-century of achievement that has shaped the modern city's landscape even as we continue to adapt to the evolving needs of Jerusalem's diverse population and invest in its development.

Partnership in Canada

The Jerusalem Foundation of Canada was established in 1970 and has been an active leader for Jerusalem ever since. The Canadian Jewish community has a deep and meaningful history of giving to Israel. Jerusalem is a microcosm of Israeli life, representing the most diverse city in the country, with the highest levels of poverty and the most intense cultural and spiritual multiplicity. Jerusalem is the heart and the home of the Jewish people and a symbol of meaning to billions of people around the world, representing a hope for peace and understanding, that we all strive toward.

The Saskatoon community is also diverse and open and cherishes the values of shared living and inclusion. The Jerusalem Foundation initiates programs to advance these values in Jerusalem and a partnership between Saskatoon and Jerusalem can help to support, enrich and enlarge these programs.

Given the large number of capital and programming projects underway at any given time through the Jerusalem Foundation we are hopeful that you will be able to find a project that you can be passionate about and feel good to support. Any donations made through Congregation Agudas Israel for the Jerusalem Foundation can be directed to a specific project of the donor's choosing.

In order to assist in this decision making, Congregation Agudas Israel and the Jerusalem Foundation worked together to identify several projects that represent a range of different opportunities for giving, from communal living initiatives to support for Holocaust survivors, from art and culture initiatives to support for vulnerable children. If you would like to direct your support to a project with the Jerusalem Foundation that is not listed here please let us know at the time of your donation.

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Support For Children To Go To Camp

Saskatoon B'nai Brith enthusiastically supports Jewish children attending Camp Riback. B'nai Brith and will pay half the registration costs.

This support is available to all Jewish children in Saskatoon and support for children outside of our city is potentially available by contacting the president. Additional support in any one year is possible by contacting the president. It is hoped that each recipient will submit an age-appropriate note for the CAI Bulletin (ex. favourite thing(s) at camp, impact of camp on their Jewish identity)

Process: Pay the first half of your registration fee and ask the Camp to bill Saskatoon B'nai Brith for the other half.

Pickleball

by Stacie Graham

If you've walked by a park, an old tennis court or local gymnasium lately, you may have heard the tink-tink-tink of a plastic wiffle ball hitting a plastic paddle, accompanied by lots of laughter and people having a great time. If you haven't seen pickleball being played, chances are you have heard about this game now. Since Covid, the popularity of pickleball has exploded and it's currently the fasted growing sport in North America. Celebrities are buying professional pickleball teams, Target now sells their own line of pickleball clothes, and recently Taylor Swift was spotted holding a pickleball paddle!

Stacie with her gold medal won at Nationals in Regina, August 2023.

But what is this game that's taking the world by storm, and what's with the pickle? What do those silly words like "the kitchen" and "dinking" mean?

Pickleball was invented in the 70s just outside of Seattle, and there is some lore around the origins of the name of the game. Some say it's the creator's dog that was named Pickles. But others say the dog was named AFTER the game, and that the name came from a rowing concept: the "pickle boat" – a crew thrown together from a variety of different teams, with a mix of skills and abilities.

It is a game that combines badminton (the court is the size of a badminton court), tennis (most courts use the surface and net of a tennis court), and ping pong (players use a paddle, similar to a giant ping pong paddle).

The "kitchen" is the 7' area on either side of the net, from sideline to sideline. It's also called the non-volley zone, because if you're standing in this area you cannot hit the ball out of the air. But as long as you let the ball bounce, you can move in and hit the ball. The idea is to prevent people from smashing the ball from too close to the net and encourage longer rallies.

"Dinking" refers to soft shots hit back and forth while you're standing near the net (behind the kitchen line). Ideally you want to force your opponent to make a mistake or pop the ball up high so you can attack the ball - and that's when things can really speed up!

Players of all ages can play pickleball (it's NOT a game just for seniors), and it's traditionally played with two players on each side (doubles).

While games have some scoring rules that can be a little confusing at first, it's pretty easy to pick up a paddle and go out and hit the ball back and forth. So the next time your friends suggest a game of pickleball, give it a try! But be warned, once you start playing, you may not be able to stop! It's addictive!

Stacie is the niece of Linda Shaw.

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Rabbi Rudolph J. Adler (1920-2016)

submitted by Paul S. Adler

Rabbi Rudolph Joseph Adler was born in Kassel, Germany in 1920 to a modern Orthodox family. His mother, Sophie, was an educated woman from a prominent Jewish family who taught my father Hebrew and Torah before he went to Hebrew school. His father, Solomon, was one of three brothers who owned a shoe store and tannery (for leather goods). As a youth, my father originally wanted to become a dentist, but had to change his plans when Hitler came to power. Jewish businesses were closed and most careers were not possible for Jewish youth. Encouraged by his teachers and parents, my father attended the yeshiva in Frankfort, Germany and later studied at the Rabinar Seminar in Berlin (from 1937-39). He witnessed the destruction of the synagogues during Kristalnacht. He had close calls with the Gestapo, but managed to run away from home through a back door of his parents' apartment, when they entered through the front door. He survived the Holocaust by getting accepted to the yeshiva in Liverpool, England. He told me that he risked his life just going to the government office to get a visa to travel to England at that time. His parents, most aunts and uncles and several cousins did not survive. Thankfully, his brother, Kurt, and sister, Ilse, did live to establish wonderful families in New York and Israel.

My father received his smicha in the Liverpool yeshiva in 1940 and was deported shortly after by the British government along with all the other German-born Jews and non-Jews. Ships were sent from England to Australia and Canada. Some were sunk by U-boats. The ship that my father took went to Canada. He never felt safe while in detention camps, since there was always a fear that the Canadian government would send them back to Germany. While in detention camps in Quebec and New Brunswick, my father was elected as a camp rabbi for the Conservative group and used his time while outside cutting trees to study Talmud, by hiding a page in his boot. He spent 18 months in Canadian detention camps until a rabbi from Toronto took him and some other young rabbis and rabbinical students to study at his yeshiva.

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While studying at the yeshiva in Toronto, he taught Hebrew to make a living. One of his students was my Aunt Molly, who played a role in introducing my father to my mother at a Young Judea event. They married in 1946, were best friends and soulmates for 64 years until her passing in December, 2010. My father wrote in his autobiography that until he met mom, he had no mazal. Mom was the best thing that happened in his life.

After getting married, my father had jobs as principal of Hebrew schools in Akron, Ohio and Montreal, Quebec. My father's first position as a rabbi was in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. There was only one synagogue for all the Jews of the community. It was a challenge to satisfy the needs of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform members, but my father was successful in keeping the congregation together. He was also the Hillel director at the University of Saskatchewan from 1949 to 1956. Allan and I were born there. My father used to fly to New York to study at Yeshiva University during several summers. Mom was home with us and had to manage everything while my father was away. My father was studying for his Masters and Doctorate degrees in Hebrew Literature. He made arrangements with the congregation to let him study and had a special friend serve as his backup during those months. I always remembered how much I missed him and got excited when he returned home with a souvenir from New York. After 7 years of living in Saskatoon, where the temperature dropped to -40 for a few weeks every winter, he accepted the role of Rabbi in Euclid, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. Rae was born there. The synagogue was new and the people friendly, but the congregation was moving in the direction of Reform Judaism,

Seated at the head table were Rabbi R. Adler, Mrs. Sid Buckwold, Alderman Sid Buckwold, mayor of Saskatoon, Sam Lifshen, Chairman of the Jewish Jubilee Committee; Mrs. Lifshen, Arthur Stone MLA, and Mrs. Stone

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Continuity of Faith
The Keyboard is Mightier....

by Dan Ronis, CIA Librarian

As I hypothesized in my last essay, the Jewish faith may have had its beginnings in Eden with the creation of Adam and Eve. Do we have any idea when they were created, why they were created and did they have the beginnings of faith?

It is unlikely that Adam and Eve were the first humans or human type creatures (hominids) as some of those primitive types date back for a million years or more and likely did not have much cognitive abilities. On the other hand, if we look at biblical genealogy, even accepting for now the long lifespans listed, then Adam and Eve were created about 6000 years ago. This would put them in the midst of early civilizations of the Middle East for which there are plenty of archaeological remains including human skeletons and writings. So they would not be the first humans in this case, just two among thousands of other similar humans.

So if we assume that Adam and Eve were created some time much after the earliest hominids appeared on earth and sometime before the first known civilizations arose, that would put them at a time when other hominids were already present. So one hypothesis might be that Adam and Eve were created (seeded) on earth when the hominids present were starting to advance in thinking, in being conscious and not just reacting via animal-like instinct.

Continuing with this hypothesis, it would make sense that Adam and Eve were created with a higher level of consciousness and thinking than the existing hominids otherwise there would be no point to their creation. So, Adam and Eve could have been seeded and with a higher level of consciousness than the existing hominids had, in order to help advance the evolutionary growth of the hominids already present.

The creation of a protected space, i.e. Eden, makes sense as Adam and Eve, souls new to bodies and to the earth, needed a lot of time and experience to adjust to their new environment and be isolated from the hominids until the timing was right when they could interact with the latter.

Although there is little record of Adam and Eve's beliefs or faith, they both spoke to God (Genesis 3:8-13) and so must have understood that they were created by God and were subject to God's rules. Even after being punished by expulsion from Eden, Adam still paid homage to God for giving him a son Cain (Genesis 4:1) and Seth, a replacement for the murdered Abel (Genesis 5:3). So the beginnings of faith in Adam and Eve were that there was one God who ruled the world, provided food and shelter, and gave them offspring. The continuity of faith then took hold with Seth's son Enosh about which was said "It was then that men began to invoke the LORD by name" (Gen 4:26).

Tour for Humanity

submitted by Ron Gitlin

The Simon Wiesenthal Tour for Humanity Mobile Human Rights Education Center was in Saskatoon hosting approximately 1000 students from the Saskatoon Public and Catholic School systems, May 13 to May 17. The bus features a mobile 30 seat accessible self-contained classroom in which instructors from the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Toronto teach students about the horrors of genocide, especially the Holocaust, addressing issues of racism, intolerance, diversity, democracy and human rights.

The bus went to a different Saskatoon school each day and featured 6 sessions per day.

This trip was organized in partnership with The Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies Toronto, Concentus Citizenship Education Foundation of Saskatchewan and Congregation Agudas Israel. A very special thanks to David Fisher of Concentus Saskatchewan, Daniella Lurion (Tour Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center) and Heather Fenyes for organizing this tour. This is the first time the tour has come to western Canada and plans are underway to have it return in two years.

A session was organized for Friday May 17th for our Congregation and the Hebrew School

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"Why Bother?" - The Importance of BBYO in Saskatoon

by Elle Delaney

In June of 2023, I was elected as the N'siah (President) of Leonard Landa, Saskatoon's BBYO Chapter. As I am now nearing the end of my 12 month term, I have been reflecting on the past year of Len Landa, and how I feel about what has been accomplished in that time. My role as president is to run our chapter board meetings, plan and advertise for the occasional program, and to support the other board members in their positions. Put simply, my job is to keep things running as smoothly as possible. And overall, I am very proud of our board, and feel we have only grown stronger as a chapter. Our average program attendance has increased, as well as our attendance at regional conventions. Of course, there is no denying that we are a small group, and the "Re-Jew-venation" of BBYO Saskatoon over the past four years has not been easy. It takes constant commitment and motivation to plan and run the programs, while keeping our attendance up.

So one may ask, what makes BBYO worth all this effort? The answer is simple: BBYO keeps us connected to our Judaism, and having that connection is essential, now more than ever. We live in a city with a very small Jewish population, and in a world where it is gradually becoming less safe to openly express our religion.

Even before October 7th, antisemitism was on the rise. We, as youth, had been seeing and experiencing it, both in schools and online. Although the struggles of growing up as a Jew in Saskatoon are a shared experience, it is easy to feel alone in it. It can even cause you to start feeling disconnected from your faith. That is why BBYO is so amazing. It's a way to reconnect, by providing us with a network of people who understand and relate to what we are going through. And more importantly, it allows us to connect and bond over our love for Judaism. Jewish pride is one of the most central parts of BBYO. Understanding where we come from, and celebrating who we are now. Going into eighth grade, I didn't have many Jewish friends who were my age. Now, some of my most treasured friends are people I met through this organization. BBYO is truly a community like no other, and I am so grateful to be a part of it. But there is no community without the teens who dedicate themselves, either by being on board or by coming out to programs. So, why bother? Because, at the end of the day, you get as much out of BBYO as you put into it.

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Living while I type this. After landing in Poland her group was whisked off to Noczyk Synagogue in Warsaw. Upon arriving there her group was told that the synagogue had been firebombed just two days before her group arrived. The damage was minimal, but the message was clear. A couple of days later during the 3km march to Auschwitz, a group of pro-Palestinian protestors were along the roadside with their faces covered, Palestinian flags, keffiyeh with large balloons in the Palestinian flag colors. They didn't care that the purpose of the walk was to acknowledge the wrongs of the past and educate people on a terrible part of world history. It was a bunch of Jews and that was enough of a reason to be there that day. Today my daughter messaged me to say she was at the site of the Nova Festival and massacre. Yet another reminder of the epidemic of hatred toward Israelis and Jews.

I found out a few days ago that there were some anti-Israel protestors at the Silver Spoon Dinner. I do not have complete details on this, but I was so angry that many choice words flew from my mouth when I found out. Could it be that the protestors do not like the organizations that the Silver Spoon Dinner supports? Do they have issues with Ronald McDonald House or Interval House? No. We know that the protestors did not concern themselves with the fundraising initiatives of this event. We also know that this was not an Israeli event. It was not a political event. The fact that Jews are running it is enough for them to protest it and shows their hate. It's a Jewish event. Jews live in Israel. All Jews are bad.

What happened with the Silver Spoon Dinner loops me back to October 7th. Why were the Nova festival attendees attacked? What did Hamas know about the people who were attacked. These young people were not in a war zone. They were at a music festival peace initiative. To Hamas these were Israelis and that was reason enough to murder, rape and kidnap them. Rape, murder and kidnapping are wrong. You cannot convince me otherwise. I wish that the pro-Palestinians would acknowledge that these acts are completely unacceptable and there are no circumstances where this is "ok". Until I hear this acknowledgement anything I hear from that "side" will be hard for me to digest.

Summing up my ramblings is hard as just when I think things have calmed down, something else happens. It's easy to look the other way and ignore what's been happening however the problem with this is that over time these little things will build up and then we may have a repeat of history on our hands. I do not want myself, family, or friends to navigate through that. WWII history shows that things started out small, yet these antisemitic attitudes were always there from the beginning. Those black, white, green and red balloons that were blown up at the March of the Living walk started out small then were filled with air to create a representation of the Palestinian flag. These balloons were seen by all the March of the Living delegates – teens, university, adult, survivors. A balloon seems like a small thing but when it's used the right way it can send a strong message. We need to make sure that balloons of hate-history do not get filled with hot air and are not allowed to send any sort of message. How? I do not know. That is where I am stumped, however I did learn one thing through my limited experiences over the past 7 months. I have learned that the strength of community can make a huge difference for a person who is struggling. I have lunch regularly with the other 3 Jewish ladies from my workplace and have found some peace of mind at being in an environment where I could share my thoughts without fear or judgement. These ladies, my Jew Crew, have truly been my rock through all this. I encourage you all to talk to others you trust. Reach out to each other. Find the community you need within the walls of our synagogue-home and beyond, as it will allow you to unload that anxiety on the mind and will help you navigate through these trying times.

Am Yisrael Chai.

Biography: Benny Goodman

by Stan Schroeder

Benny Goodman (nee Beno) was born May 30, 1909 in Chicago, the ninth of twelve children of poor Jewish immigrants from the Eastern Europe. His father David, a tailor from Warsaw, and mother Dora (Rezinski) had moved to the Maxwell Street neighborhood from Baltimore.

When Benny was ten, his father enrolled him and two of his older brothers in music lessons at the Kehelah Jacob Synagogue. His first clarinet was borrowed from the synagogue in order to play in the boys' band there. The synagogue provided instruments and lessons to young boys who wished to play in the band. The next year he joined the boys' club band at Jane Addams' Hull House, a settlement house for new immigrants. There he received lessons from the director James Sylvester. He also had two years of instruction from the classically trained clarinetist Franz Schoepp. His early influences included New Orleans jazz clarinetists working in Chicago.

Goodman learned quickly, becoming a strong player at an early age. He was soon playing professionally while still "in short pants", playing clarinet in various bands. At the age of 16, he joined one of Chicago's top bands, the Ben Pollack Orchestra, with whom he made his first recordings in 1926. He also played and recorded with various smaller groups made up of Orchestra musicians.

During the late 1920s Goodman also toured with Ben Pollack bands to New York and California. His roommate in Los Angeles was a trombonist named Glenn Miller. In 1929, when he was just 20, Benny struck out on his own to become a typical New York freelance musician, playing studio dates, leading a pit orchestra, making himself a seasoned professional.

In December of that year his father died when he was hit by a car after exiting a bus. It was a bitter blow to Benny and the whole family. Benny had urged him to quit his menial job at the stockyards, as he could afford to support the family.

In the early 1930s John Hammond, who was from a wealthy New York family, dropped out of Yale where he was studying music, to move to Greenwich Village. There he became a music correspondent and promoter. He was particularly interested in the jazz scene in Harlem. Hammond hired Benny Goodman for various recordings, and suggested he use Lionel Hampton and other Harlem musicians in his band.

In 1934 Goodman auditioned for NBC's Let's Dance, a well regarded radio program that featured various styles of dance music. Since he needed new arrangements every week for the show, Hammond suggested that he purchase jazz charts from Fletcher

Henderson, an African- American musician from Atlanta who had New York's most popular African-American band in the 1920s and early 1930s.

In early 1935 Goodman was one of three bands on Let's Dance. However, in May a strike forced cancellation of the show. With nothing else to do, the band set out on a tour of America. For the most part, reception of his music was lukewarm as audiences wanted a sweeter jazz than the "hot" style Goodman featured.

The last stop on the tour was in Los Angeles at the Palomar Ballroom on Vermont Ave. near 3rd Street. The Palomar held 4,000 couples, packed that August 21 opening. When the band switched to their "hot" style, the dancers, having heard this music on Let's Dance, cheered like crazy and exploded with applause! They gathered around the bandstand to listen to this new music.

Over the nights of the engagement, a new dance, labeled the Jitterbug, captured the dancers on the floor, and a new craze had begun. Onlookers gathered around the edges of the ballroom floor. Within days of the opening, newspapers around the country were headlining stories about the new phenomenon that had started at the Palomar. Goodman was finally a nationally known star, and the Swing Era began, led by Goodman. Following this the big band era exploded.

Benny Goodman went on to play the first jazz concert at Carnegie Hall January 16, 1938. Sold out weeks in advance, Goodman also featured trumpeter Harry James, drummer Gene Krupa, and pianist Jess Stacy, plus memebers of Count Basie and Duke Ellington bands. The "hit" of the evening was Martha Tilton singing Loch Lomond. Jazz was now mainstream America!

Goodman went on to a storied career as the "King of Swing" and classical musician. He played the clarinet until his death from a heart attack in his New York City home in 1986 at the age of 77.

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were forced to for the last 2,000 years. Many people prefer a powerless Jew who can be beaten in the streets and accused in a crisis or a pandemic. It serves their need for a scapegoat. But since Israel was re-established, the rules of the game have changed.

Ruth Wisse, a Canadian professor of literature at Harvard, teaches that the Jews became the historical scapegoats because hatred towards Jews builds coalitions. There is nothing more unifying than a common hatred against a scapegoat. Today, this is clearly expressed, for example, with LGBTQ+ advocacy groups strongly condemning Israel as the only one to blame for the victims of the war in Gaza, while, paradoxically, partnering with groups that are openly vocal against LGTBQ+ rights. Once there is hatred, it doesn't matter if you values clash with your partners. When it comes to blame the scapegoat, you can be bound even with the one that rejects you. Israel, the new Jewish scapegoat, now in the form of a state and not a religion, ends up being the only responsible entity for the death and suffering after October 7th. That's why "anti-Zionism" is a form of antisemitism.

This phenomenon can also be seen in the many people, with no connections to the Middle East, who are very vocal against Israel or Zionism, but they are not active in protests or initiatives about human rights in Canada. They are silent about the overrepresentation of First Nation peoples in jails, the mental health and suicide crisis, the domestic violence epidemic, the lack of running water in reserves, or the shortage of family doctors in our country. It's easier to choose problems that happen far away because they don't require us to take any responsibility whatsoever. It's gratifying to be a social activist when the cause is located thousands of kilometres away, but not so much when the needy live in our own neighbourhood. We would have to take accountability for our part, instead of blaming someone else. That is the scapegoating hypocrisy we see in so many protests and campuses, including the recent University of Saskatchwan's Faculty Association's resolution to divest from Israel.

This is a time for Jews to be together. When we are feeling so much hate towards us, we must be with our brothers and sisters, to remember that we are not defined by what others say about us. We are defined by what the people who love us say about us. We are defined by the values that we know characterize our tradition. This is a time for us to show our Jewish pride and not hide. Because together we are stronger, and together we will overcome these challenging times.

B'bracha,
Rabbi Claudio

Very Funny!

Schwartz, an elderly man, is resting peacefully on the porch of his small hotel outside Boca when he sees a cloud of dust up the road. He walks out to see who could be approaching: It is a Southern farmer with a wagon.
"Good afternoon," says Schwartz.
"Afternoon," says the farmer.
"Where you headed?" asks Schwartz.
"Town."
"What do you have in the wagon?"
"Manure."
"Manure, eh? What do you do with it?"
"I spread it over the fruit."
"Well," says Bernstein, "you should come over here for lunch someday. We use sour cream."

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conflict and his compassion for Saskatoon's Jewish community predates the events of October 7th. Additionally, the tremendous attendance and volunteer turnout for the Silver Spoon Dinner is evidence of the respected connection Congregation Agudas Israel and our Jewish community have with Saskatoon's great community.

Despite the distressing environment, Congregation Agudas Israel has not shied away from celebrating our Jewish holidays. We recently hosted two very successful community events where over 120 people came to the synagogue for a Purim party and over 70 people attended our community Passover Seder. What's more, and as mentioned earlier, the Silver Spoon Dinner was a huge success. Thank you to the Shaw and Simpson families and thank you to the countless volunteers for your community building efforts.

At the onset of the war in Israel, Congregation Agudas Israel raised significant funds for the Jerusalem Foundation. As promised, that money was used to help all residents in Jerusalem for their urgent needs post October 7th. Nomi Yeshua, from the Jerusalem Foundation, will be in Saskatoon on June 10th to share the positive accomplishments of that campaign. Your generosity also supported Congregation Agudas Israel because of the sharing agreement that have with the Jerusalem Foundation. Thank you!

Finally, the Prime Minster of Canada visited Congregation Agudas Israel while he was in Saskatoon. During his visit, he learned about the Passover holiday from our Hebrew School children. For me, the Prime Minister's interest in our synagogue was a clear indication of the PMO's respect for Congregation Agudas Israel and our Jewish community.

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Support for the Canada Community and Culture Fund will be recognized along the Canada Pathway, located in the centre of Jerusalem and linking Canada House from Shivtei Yisrael Street to Ein Chet below and the Naggar Musrara School of Art and Society on the new Harary Campus. The Canada Pathway is adjacent to Jerusalem City Hall and the Old City and the Jerusalem Inukshuk sculpture stands at the entrance to the Pathway.

PROJECTS

Some of the other projects that have been identified by Congregation Agudas Israel and the Jerusalem Foundation that may speak to you as a donor include:

Caf Europa

Caf Europa helps to fight poverty and loneliness among elderly Holocaust survivors. Independent and home-bound survivors benefit from Caf Europa's activities, either by participating in weekly activities at the local branch or receiving vital assistance at home, provided by social workers, therapists and volunteers.

Coffee and cake are served to the elderly at Caf Europa along with cultural programs such as musical performances, lectures, entertainment and educational enrichment. The programme also provides the survivors both vital information about services at their disposal and assistance exercising and accessing their rights.

The extensive cultural and community programmes conducted at Jerusalem's five

Caf Europa branches provide a crucial sense of community, recognition and the support. As isolation and loneliness are key quality-of-life challenges to elderly, Caf Europa activities advance their wellbeing and empower them to be social and active.

Mental Health through Nature Therapy at Yaelim

Yaelim is a mental health therapeutic programme for at-risk youth, children and families.

It is based at the Ein Yael Living Museum, a 40-acre site, which is an outdoor experiential museum of farming, crafts and life in Roman times. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected people's mental health on a global level. For those struggling with mental health, it has impacted them all the more.

Yaelim provides a unique programme using nature therapy, employing a creative technique that perceives nature as a partner in constructing a therapeutic setting and process. Yaelim works with vulnerable populations such as youth coping with special needs, psychological disorders, loss of family members, those that have been involved in criminal activity, and their families. Yaelim works to strengthen participants' self-confidence, building their dayto-day life skills and sense of achievement, imparting in them the capacity to return to their

educational and community frameworks as models of success.

Muslala

Muslala is a collective of artists, social activists, educators, and entrepreneurs in the heart of Jerusalem. Muslala is a greenhouse for initiatives that take place at the intersection of art, community and sustainability. They operate on the premise that the power of art and creativity can alter ways of thinking and the conduct of both society and the individuals that constitute it. Art is a multi-cultural and international language; a communicative and key tool in establishing effective dialogue between

people and communities and, therefore, must be accessible to all. Offering a platform for artists from various fields to work and create in Jerusalem, emphasis is placed on the creation of art in the public domain and on establishing and maintaining an open dialogue with local communities.

In 2014, Muslala created a 'home' on the dilapidated rooftop of the Clal Commercial Centre near Machane Yehuda. Many of their events take place there, in collaboration with other cultural bodies. This terrace rooftop is a new kind of public space with a mission to combine urban nature, farming, creative workshops, art production and gatherings that bring together various groups, all on one big roof.

Muslala has grown and flourished and today are the initiators and organizers of the Rooftop Festival (Gag Eden) that sweeps across the entire city. Based on Muslala's vision of rooftops being a solution for more open, green and collaborative spaces in Jerusalem, the festival encourages the use of rooftops throughout east and west Jerusalem for cultural events and activities in an open space where people can create, inspire and come together.

The Jerusalem Foundation believes that Muslala is Jerusalem's largest people powered engine for creative engagement and social change.

Shared Living HUB and Tolerance Coalition

The challenges of building bridges, trust and communication between diverse population groups has been one of the mandates of the Jerusalem Foundation since its establishment. To this end, the Jerusalem Foundation founded the Jerusalem Tolerance Coalition which comprises organizations that work to advance shared living in the city.

To accompany this enterprise, we have also created the Shared Living HUB inside the offices of the Jerusalem Foundation, in order to provide a physical space to support these activities encouraging networking and creating new partnerships which promote tolerance, diversity, understanding and dialogue in Jerusalem. The HUB has become a place for the organisations to work, conduct meetings, discussions and events, learn from one another and to plan and conduct a variety of activities. The HUB hosts a number of organizations which promote shared cultural events for Jews and Arabs, and it provides a space for learning and developing ideas, for professional forums, activities and more.

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so after 4 years, my father decided to look elsewhere.

He accepted the role of rabbi at Ohev Shalom in 1960 and stayed in Orlando ever since. For the first several years, he was the principal of the Hebrew school, chazzan, Hebrew teacher, Torah reader, Shofar blower, Navy chaplain and represented the Jewish community at Inter-faith events and television programs, including "Moral Issues of Our Times." I recall my father discussing moral issues with priests and ministers on TV, while he was sitting next to me in our living room. It was quite amazing at that time. He was respected by his peers as well as his congregation. My father served as president of the Southeast region of the Rabbinical Assembly and presented divrai Torah at rabbinical conventions in New York and elsewhere from 1970-1990.

When he was in Germany, he promised himself that he would try to help build synagogues to somehow make up for the ones that were destroyed during the Holocaust. He did succeed in helping the communities in Saskatoon and Orlando in that respect. Not only was he involved in the fundraising, but he provided the moral leadership to grow Ohev Shalom from approximately 100 families in 1960 to several times that amount today. My father also participated in the creation of Ohalei Rivka, the congregation in Southwest Orlando, where he served as part-time rabbi after retiring in 1990.

My father was a prolific author of books and articles. I remember that he always wanted us in bed early – around 7 or 8. After we were in bed, I could hear him typing on his typewriter until I fell asleep. He wrote 3 books: A Tree of Life – sermons and essays, an unpublished Commentary on the Mishnah, which he donated to Hebrew University in Jerusalem and an unpublished book on Archaeology and the Bible, which he gave to me for safe-keeping. He also wrote hundreds of articles for Jewish magazines and newspapers, including The Torch (Men's Club monthly), Southern Israelite (Jewish weekly) and The Heritage (Orlando).

My father taught us everything from Hebrew to fishing, from loving to teach others, to Jewish customs, prayers and holiday celebrations, from caring about the elderly and sick, to making a positive impact on our families and community. He taught us how to ride a bike, swim, play baseball, tennis and football as well as his favorite sport, soccer. He taught us to respect people of all faiths and backgrounds and to care deeply about the State of Israel. He encouraged me to attend Hebrew University in Jerusalem where I met my dear wife, Parinaz, in math and physics classes. He taught Jewish studies at Rollins College and sociology at CFU. Teaching for my father was one of the best aspects of his adult life. While a student at the University of Toronto, he learned Arabic well enough to teach an introductory course there.

My father was my close friend and advisor. He wanted me to follow in his footsteps, but understood that I was more interested in becoming an astronaut or a project manager than a rabbi. His advice was always encouraging and positive. He also encouraged Allan and Rae to follow their dreams and aspirations in every aspect of their lives. He loved talking to and playing with his grandchildren. Family visits and holiday celebrations were major highlights in his life. We always looked forward to our Pesach seders with Mom and my father in Orlando and later with Rae and Paul in Tampa.

After retiring in 1990, my father and Mom visited us in Ottawa where my father served as rabbi with our congregation Adath Shalom for High Holiday services for multiple years. Our members fondly remember them for their friendship and warmth as well as my father's sermons, divrei Torah and enthusiastic leadership of our High Holiday services.

My father taught Talmud to members of Ohev Shalom in his retirement years. He continued to read Torah and present divrei Torah, he taught Bible class to seniors at Kinneret. He provided his services at funerals, weddings, name-givings and community meetings.

My father wrote in his autobiography that Mom "was held up as a role model for a Rebbetzin and many agreed that there were no equal to her. We have shared everything and do not have to renew our vows because we never forgot them." I would add that Mom and Dad were the role models for rabbinical spouses. They were always supportive of each other in every way and at all times.

My father wrote an article 25 years ago entitled, "If I Only Had One More Year to Live."

"I would use the time I have to be at peace with my God. I would do the same with all my relatives and friends. I would welcome their visits, serious or light conversations, holding them close and sharing with them the thoughts which are on the mind of someone who knows his limited time.

If friends would talk to me about the future in the here-after, I would listen even if I was not certain of it. However, I would recall the words of our Jewish tradition, "The dust returns to the earth whence it came and the spirit returns to God who gave it." I would probably agree with Rabbi Joshua Liebman when he wrote: "When a man has established a confidence in life and the God of life, he is prepared serenely to accept what happens after death even as he does not worry about what took place before birth."

When I leave this earth I know that my family and disciples will take up my torch and march together with my people till the end of time. We Jews serve an eternal God and thus are an eternal people. Can I ask more than that?"

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Ido's Famous Falafel and Tahini Recipe

Mix all together:
1 cup dried chickpeas
1/2 large onion, roughly chopped (about 1 cup)
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro
1 teaspoon salt
4 cloves of garlic
1 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon baking powder
4-6 tablespoons flour
Mix together in a food processor until slightly lumpy. Form mixture into balls (if too thin add more flour) and fry in frying pan.

Tahini
Mix all together:
1/2 cup tahini (sesame seed paste)
3 gloves garlic, crushed
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon parsley, finely chopped (optional)

Additional:
Pitas, cucumber, tomato, lettuce, onion, any other toppings you want.
Put falafel, toppings and tahini into a pita and enjoy!

Also Funny!

The rabbi was angry about the amount of money his congregants were giving to charity. He prayed that the rich should give more charity to the poor. "And has your prayer been answered?" asked his wife. "Half of it was," replied the rabbi. "The poor are willing to accept the money."

Quarterly QUIZ! *Answers*

1, Beth Chayim Chadashim reform synagogue opened in 1972 in Los Angeles
2. Reconstructionist, in 1984
3. 2006. The position in favour of this (and permitting Conservative rabbis to officiate same-sex marriages) received majority support with 13/25 votes. Two alternative opinions in support of maintaining previous restrictions were also accepted, leaving Conservative rabbis free to choose which ruling to follow.
4. 2012
5. The Central Conference of American Rabbis
6. Joy Ladin, at Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University. She came out as transgender in 2007, shortly after she received tenure.
7. 2012
8. Rabbi Steven Greenberg officiated a wedding between two men in Washington, DC in 2011.
9. Mibeit (meaning "from the house of")
10. 2022

Yahrzeits

May 25 **Iyar 17**
Helen Singer
Clara Golumbia May 26 (18)
Lewis Horwitz
Sidney Panar
L. Strayer
Marion Vickar
Michael Davidner May 27 (19)
Joseph Winestock
Minnie Katz Schell May 28 (20)
William Laimon
Anthony Burtnick May 29 (21)
Tillie Scharfstein
Feiga Shendelzon
Lena Sugarman
Sam Davidner May 30 (22)
Goldie Kassen
Benjamin OIiman
Sadie Smith
Solomon Dragushan May 31 (23)
Herman Green

June 1 **Iyar 24**
Mildred Berlow
Cherna Friedman
Leah Gladstone
Sam Hock
David Rabinovitch
Gladys Rose
Edith Roth
Sylvia Sandbrand
Esther Solsberg Jun 2 (25)
Fred Mendel Jun 3 (26)
Rachel Muscovitch
Ruth Shear
Eliezer Goodman Jun 4 (27)
Broche Minovitz Jun 5 (28)
Fanny Rapaport
Ethel Spector
Frank Gertler Jun 6 (29)
Jack H. Litman Jun 7 (Sivan 1)
Jack Kaslow
William Kutz
Bernard Sharzer Jun 7 (1)

June 8 **Sivan 2**
Abraham Bruser Jun 9 (3)
Rita Epstein
Jacob Mazer
Arthur Rose
Abram Hoffer Jun 10 (5)
Ben Tartar
Albert Epstein Jun 11 (6)
Joe Katzman
Anita Lefebvre
Bernard Lehrer
Harry Cohen Jun 12 (7)
William Grobman
Ruth Gonor Jun 14 (9)
Libba Korbin
Rose Litman
Rose Manolson
Paul Swartz

June 15 **Sivan 9**
Goldie Braunstein
Semyon Furman
Lloyd Hock Jun 16 (10)
David Taras
Ida Dorney Jun 17 (11)
Samuel Golumbia Jun 18 (12)
Florence Russell
Sophie Cornfield Jun 19 (13)
Abraham Prober
Clare Richman
Bessie Golumbia Jun 20 (14)
Rose Levinton
Nettie Steiger
Harry Hillman Jun 21 (15)
Samuel Schacter

June 22 **Sivan 16**
Seda Margolis
Bathsheba Baron Jun 23 (17)
Marlene Ditlove
Jack Mallin
Amelia Sandbrand
Zoltan Fenyes Jun 24 (18)
Selma Green
David Trachtenberg
Clarice Buckwold Jun 25 (19)
Sonia Churchill
Sam Landa
Lottie Levitt
Bertha Adler Jun 26 (20)
Bessie Gladstone
Bessie Ames Jun 27 (21)
Frances Bernbaum
Anna Lehrer
Sophie Drabinsky Jun 28 (23)
Sheila Krolik
Myron Melamede

June 29 **Sivan 23**
Bert Gladstone
Clarice Schwartz
Jacob Claman Jun 30 (24)
Welver Beryl Flikshteyn
Grace Goluboff
Ruth Bondar Jul 1 (25)
Herman Levine
Sam Zaitlen
Vera Barsky Jul 2 (26)
Benjamin Rachamim
Israel Ragoff
Kathryn Cooper Jul 3 (27)
Robert Floom
Solomon Cramer Jul 5 (29)
Leo Lipkovic
Bernie Reznick

July 6 **Sivan 30**
Anna Braun
Sara Charach
Nathan Gropper
Max Hock
Rosa Jerman
Max Gropper Jul 7 (Tammuz 1)
Bert Dr. Schwartz
Sidney Wolfe Shacter
Ben Shiffman
Stella Hearn Jul 8 (2)
Irma Altschul July 9 (3)
David Baltzan
Nathan Richman
Samuel Forgan Jul 11 (6)
Zakhar lsaakov
Rabbi Louis Jacobs
Bessie Switzer
Chaim Tzalkovich
Sidney Buckwald Jul 12 (6)
Patricia Holtslander
Evelyn Ross
Pearl Trute

July 13 **Tammuz 7**
Beatrice Adilman Jul 13 (8)
Mary Lifshen
Etta Tadman Jul 15 (9)
Toba Waldman
Anna Dragushan Jul 16 (10)
Irving Jacobson
Nathan Adilman Jul 18 (12)
Sarra Furman
Walter Merchant Jul 19 (13)
Ralph Sugarman

July 20 **Tammuz 14**
Louis Epstein
Minnie Filer
Reva Mathews
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Ann Diament Jul 22 (16)
Dorothy Livergant
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July 27 **Tammuz 21**
Etta Gross
Louis Pollock
Sarah Schacter Jul 29 (23)
Sam Shafer
Valerie Geeregat Jul 30 (24)
Abraham Kassen
Abraham Katz
Gerald Gitlin Jul 31 25)
Ciprian Prevost
Joseph L. Brans Aug 1 (26)
Sarah Goodman
Joseph Purkin
Daniel Weitzman

August 3 **Tammuz 28**
Lena Kassen
Nekhama Stone
Ruth Buckwold Stoffman Aug 4 (29)
Frances Ruth Dashefsky
Nina Fogel
Farhad Hebron
Helen Teskey
Ettie Wiss
Vera Helfgott Aug 5 (Av 1)
Lloyd Landa
Dolphy Neuman
Frances Paul
Margret Poplack
Lucille Katzman Aug 6 (2)
Wilma Katzman
Joseph Volansky
Barney Kutz Aug 7 (3)
Ruby (Ruth) Rosenberg Aug 9 (5)

August 10 **Av 6**
Etta Sonnenschein
Ian Buckwold Aug 11 (7)
Clara Epstein
Ben Ackerman Aug 12 (8)
Hy Buller
Edward Caplan
Leah Chertkow
Jacob Dragushan
Gussie Sass
Sura Kolominsky Aug 13 (9)
Helen Resnick Aug 14 (10)
Betty Sklar
Jacob Charach Aug 15 (12)
S. "Peter" Schachter
Samuel Kassen Aug 16 (13)
Albert Kay
David Sheckler
MaxWormann

August 17 **Av 13**
Ezra R. Avol
Claire Mendel
Lillian Claman Aug 18 (14)
Rita Collins Aug 19 (15)
Estella Ginsburg
William Landa
Nettie Rabinovitch
Anthony Lehrer Aug 20 (16)
David Sonnenschein
Moses P. Berekson Aug 21 (17)
Edward Churchill
Anna Rabkin
Louis Gelmon Aug 23 (19)

August 24 **Av 20**
Sidney Israel Chapman
Louis Goluboff
Jack Sklar
Rose Baltzan Aug 25 (21)
Fay Ditlove
Saul Scharfstein Aug 26 (22)
Aron Foulkes Aug 27 (23)
Pearl P. Adilman Aug 28 (24)
Simon Minovitch
Solomon Livergant Aug 29 (25)
Chaim Wolfe
Freda Claire Blank Purkin Aug 30 (260

August 31 **Av 27**
Jack Sandbrand
Mikhail Gersher Sept1 (28)
Miriam Lily Green
Mollie Shafer
Harry Sklar
Samuel Shore Sept 2 (29)
Lori-Lynn Abbey-Laliberte Sept 3 (30)
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Harry Landa
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Gertrude Weiner
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David Diament
Neil Livergant

September 7 **Elul 4**
Fanny Feigenbaum
Anna Feldman Sept 8 (5)
Sydney Fogel
Rena Shatzer
Masha Zaitlen
Joseph Sandbrand Sept 9 (6)
Max Berenbom Ssept 10 (7)
Betty Aarons Sept 11 (8)
Pauline Macarthy
Mary Pollock
Eva Teplinsky
Rabbi Saul Diamant Sept 12 (9)
Josef Goldstein
Philip Raichman
Sarah Richman
Rebecca Tabachnicoff
Anne Shechtman Sept 13 (10)

Community Passover Seder

Prime Minister at the Passover Table

Community members meet Justine Trudeau

Wheel of Fortune

Hebrew School Israeli Folk Dancing

Elle Delaney and Joseph Siqueira sharing about Israeli culture at Centennial Collegiate's Multicultural Day

Throwback Photos: Family History

- Provided by Debbie Broudy-Dubinski, of Medicine Hat, Alberta.

(Photo 1- people in front of the Edenbridge synagogue) "I grew up in Melfort, Sask. My parents were Albert and Rhoda Broudy (nee Davidner) who lived in Melfort for years and moved into Saskatoon in 2017. My dad passed in 2019 and my mother in 2023. My father grew up at Edenbridge and the Broudy family farmed and has a farm at Edenbridge. The photos at Edenbridge were taken on Sept 25, 2015."

(photo 2 - people at a dinner)
"The second picture is that of Dr. Joe Golumbia and Mrs. Colleen Golumbia along with my parents Rhoda and Albert Broudy. The picture was taken on June 25, 2018, at Preston Park 1 , in Saskatoon (near Market Mall) , a retirement residence where the folks were living at the time. The folks had moved into Preston Park 1 in 2017 after having lived in Melfort for 61 years. The Golumbias had lived in Melfort as well as Saskatoon " back in the day". Mrs. Golumbia just turned 90 on May 10th."

June 2024 / Iyar / Sivan 5784 — July / Sivan / Tamuz — August / Tamuz / AV

sun	mon	tues	wed	thurs	friday	saturday
May 26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1 Iyar 24 **Bechukotai** *Michael Scharfstein
2 Iyar 25	3 Iyar 26	4 Iyar 27	5 Iyar 28	6 Iyar 29 **Pirkei Avot Class 7:00 pm**	7 Sivan 1 Rosh Chodesh	8 Sivan 2 **Bamidbar** *Zoe Litmann
9 Sivan 3 **Introduction to Judaism 10:30 am**	10 Sivan 4	11 Sivan 5	12 Sivan 6 **OFFICE CLOSED**	13 Sivan 7 **OFFICE CLOSED**	14 Sivan 8	15 Sivan 9 **Nasso** *Jan Gitlin
16 Sivan 10	17 Sivan 11	18 Sivan 12	19 Sivan 13	20 Sivan 14 **Pirkei Avot Class 7:00 pm**	21 Sivan 15	22 Sivan 16 **Beha'alotecha** * Marsha Scharstein
23 Sivan 17 **Introduction to Judaism 10:30 am** **Colour Counsel with Leah Rosenberg 2-5 pm**	24 Sivan 18	25 Sivan 19	26 Sivan 20	27 Sivan 21	28 Sivan 22	29 Sivan 23 **Shlach** *Kevin Sharfe
30 Sivan 24	Jul 1 Sivan 25 **OFFICE CLOSED**	2 Sivan 26	3 Sivan 27	4 Sivan 28	5 Sivan 29	6 Sivan 30 **Korach** **ROSH CHODESH** *Seth Schacter
7 Tamuz 1	8 Tamuz 2	9 Tamuz 3	10 Tamuz 4	11 Tamuz 5	12 Tamuz 8	13 Tamuz 7 **Chukat** * Steven Simpson
14 Tamuz 8	15 Tamuz 9	16 Tamuz 10	17 Tamuz 11	18 Tamuz 12	19 Tamuz 13	20 Tamuz 14 **Balak** * Nicky Gitlin
21 Tamuz 15	22 Tamuz 16	23 Tamuz 17	24 Tamuz 18	25 Tamuz 19	26 Tamuz 20	27 Tamuz 21 **Pinchas** *Robert Engelbert
28 Tamuz 22	29 Tamuz 23	30 Tamuz 24 **Book Club 7 pm**	31 Tamuz 25	Aug 1 Tamuz 26	2 Tamuz 27	3 Tamuz 28 **Matot-Masei** * Jan Gitlin
4 Tamuz 29	5 Av 1 **OFFICE CLOSED**	6 Av 2	7 Av 3	8 Av 4	9 Av 5	10 Av 6 **Devarim** **SHABBAT CHAZON** *Grant Scharfstein
11 Av 7	12 Av 8	13 Av 9	14 Av 10	15 Av 11	16 Av 12	17 Av 13 **Ve'etchanan** **SHABBAT NACHAMU** *Seth Schacter
18 Av 14	19 Av 15	20 Av 16	21 Av 17	22 Av 18	23 Av 19	24 Av 20 **Eikev** *Steven Goluboff
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