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2012 Jewish Community Campaign raises \$615,502 *First year-to-year increase in more than a decade!*

Federation Board Chairman Al Katz announced that the 2012 Jewish Community Campaign raised \$615,414. The total was 4.5 percent more than the 2011 Campaign. This was the first year-to-year increase in the fund since the 1990s.

Federation President Tammy Mitgang credited two major reasons for the increase. "Our dynamic team of Co-Chairs, Howard and Victoria Hafetz and Sandy Solmon and Douglas Messinger, invested a great deal of time and effort into this campaign and helped pave the way for its success. In addition, a small group of anonymous donors who stepped forward in April with a \$30,000, Dollar-for-Dollar

Match Challenge for new or increased gifts added excitement and momentum to the Campaign."

"Because of the higher degree of personal involvement by our leadership team and the match for new and increased gifts we had a wonderful response this year" said Paul Landry, Director of Development, for the Federation. "Of our 461 total donors, 59 were new donors and 131 previous donors increased their gifts. The full \$30,000 amount of the Challenge was reached — and surpassed", he continued.

A complete list of donors to the 2012 Campaign is found on pages 4 and 5.



From left, Howard Hafetz, Sandy Solmon, Douglas Messinger and Vicki Hafetz, Co-chairs of the successful 2012 Jewish Community Campaign

2013 Community Campaign gets off on the right...and left foot!

The 2013 Jewish Community Campaign, which began with the Leadership Gifts Dinner on Dec. 2, was "booted off: with a Challenge to the community.

A few weeks prior to the dinner, the country was captivated by an act of kindness performed by a young New York police officer, Larry DePrimo. You most likely remember the cellphone picture snapped as the young officer knelt down and helped a barefoot, homeless man put on a warm pair of socks and boots that Officer DePrimo had personally purchased — a kindness that went viral and quickly spread around the world.

Inspired by that generosity, an anonymous donor has pledged to provide footwear (boots/shoes/sneakers) for Reading's Opportunity House for every new gift or increase in giving of \$250 or more to the 2013 Campaign — Operation Boots on the Ground!

That Challenge was announced at the dinner, and the response was enthusiastic. To date, 14 new/increased gifts have been received, and they will result in 14 pairs of footwear for clients at our local Opportunity House that provides critical housing and supportive services for those in need. The increases have resulted in a total of \$165,672 in pledges to the campaign so far, an increase of \$35,000 over the amount given by the same donors last year. But let's not stop at 14 pairs of much needed footwear!



"Last year's challenge, a dollar-for-dollar match of new/increased gifts, was a great success and helped the 2012 Campaign to achieve the first year-to-year increase in over a decade," said Federation President Tammy Mitgang, who went on to say that she "hopes that this new challenge will prove equally compelling, especially since it will not only help the Jewish Community and many that we serve through Jewish Family Service but also benefit those in need being served by Opportunity House."

During the 2013 Campaign donors will be reminded regularly of the Challenge and the Federation Board and Staff hope to see many times the current number of donors making qualifying gifts.

The footwear will be provided in the form of Boscov's gift cards, allowing the

Opportunity House staff to purchase the correct sizes and styles for their client's needs — boots, shoes, sneakers.

The Jewish Community Campaign provides about half the funds that support the Federation's programs throughout the year.

- Jewish Family Service provides social services to hundreds of local Jews in need and supports more than 100 families per month with food through the Food Pantry at Kesher Zion.

- The Friendship Circle program provides a weekly lunch and social outing for about 30 senior members of the community.

- The Jewish Community High School of Gratz College provides post Bat/Bar Mitzvah Jewish religious education to the community's youth.

- The Jewish Cultural Center provides an ongoing series of Jewish themed lectures/trips/movies/activities throughout the year to enrich the life of the Berks County Jewish community.

- Our subsidized bus/taxi coupon program helps community members with transportation needs: travel to medical and dental appointments, grocery shopping, trips to the pharmacy, and social activities.

All of these programs, and more, are supported by the Campaign along with endowment support and community partners. Please give generously when you are contacted.

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- Explore what the HRC is doing to educate and promote awareness about the Holocaust and modern day genocides.
- Find out how you can get involved!

Light refreshments will be served.



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Big events are coming up in the spring as we remember the Holocaust. Check out the ad on the back page to learn more about our annual Yom Hashoah observance and to note the date of the Richard J. Yashek Lecture.

Federation News

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012!

By Paul L. Landry

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 became law Jan. 1 of this year. It had a number of provisions that affected estate planning, so I thought I would cover some of the most important ones.

Probably the most important provision retained the estate tax exemption (the amount of assets that can be passed on to your heirs without paying estate tax) at the \$5 million level, rather than having it revert to \$1 million as it was slated to do. That's a very big change, especially for those with a farm or business that they hope to keep in the



family. Unfortunately, the rate at which amounts above \$5 million will be taxed rose to 40 percent from 35 percent.

Another change that can affect estate planning is that the annual gift tax exclusion was raised from \$13,000 to \$14,000. This is the amount that anyone can give to each of any number of other people without paying a gift tax. If you give more than that amount, you either have to pay a gift tax of 40 percent on the excess, or claim it as part of the \$5 million estate tax exemption amount. That would lower the amount you can pass to your heirs at death without paying estate tax.

In addition to the \$14,000 that you can give to anyone without tax, there

are other ways to benefit another person without incurring tax.

- You can give any amount to your spouse at any time.
- You can make a gift to a political organization for its use.
- You can pay another person's tuition as long as you write the check to the school.
- You can pay another person's medical expenses as long as you write the check to the medical provider.

In many cases these options can lower the amount of your estate without incurring taxes. Especially if your estate is not too much larger than the \$5 million level, you might be able to get it below that level over a few years with lifetime

gifts as listed above.

Contact your legal or tax advisors if you think that you might benefit by using some of these options. And for gifts to the Federation, please call me for a confidential, no obligation exploration of your options. Phone: 610-921-0624/E-mail: paull@jfreeding.org.

Now for the answer to last month's brain teaser: What's the name of the tallest mountain on Earth?

Answer: Mauna Kea, the highest point on the island of Hawaii! That's because a mountain's height is measured from ground level, even if ground level is below sea level. Mauna Kea is 33,465 feet high, about three-quarters of a mile higher than Mount Everest.



Pizza and bowling a tasty combo

Lena Ure, Danielle Radosh, Eliana Alweis and Talia Spillerman enjoy pizza at a special JCC youth group outing at Berks Lanes in Sinking Spring Jan. 13. Watch the Centerpiece and JCC mailings for more exciting, fun activities for kids



Exhibit celebrates community member's work

Ted Thomas and Linda Thompson Saknit enjoy Judith Kaneff's Opening Artist's reception. Exhibit runs through March 13 at the JCC.



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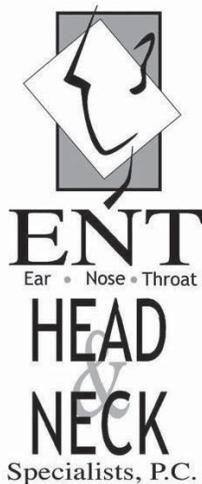


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Your Federation

By Alvin Katz
Chairman

The Mission of the Reading Jewish Federation is to plan for the philanthropic, physical, social, cultural and educational advancement of the Jewish community and to foster cooperation among local Jewish organizations directed toward that end.



Our Annual Campaign enables us to meet our mission.

Two major recipients of the Campaign are Jewish Family Services and the Lakin Early Education Center. Family Services provides counseling, outreach, information

and referrals to those in need. It also has a monthly Food Pantry in conjunction with the Greater Berks Food Bank. JFS offers a taxi service which enables seniors and the disabled to get to doctor appointments, social activities and remain independent. The Lakin Early Education Center's goal is to help each child develop a positive self-image in a safe, happy and nurturing environment. It offers morning and afternoon classes. Children of all religious backgrounds are welcome, and all Jewish holidays are observed.

In addition to the Jewish Family Service and Lakin Early Education Center, the Federation offers the Jewish Community High School of Gratz College. It is a comprehensive Hebrew high school open to teens from the eighth to 12th grades.

This is a Jewish learning experience taught by Gratz College personnel.

Also offered is the Friendship Circle for Seniors. This program offers our seniors companionship and weekly activities.

Some of the communal cultural activities include the Annual Leo Camp Lecture series held in conjunction with Albright College. Some notable lecturers have been Abba Eban, Gloria Berger (CNN), Elie Wiesel, Daniel Gordis and Wolf Blitzer (CNN). A number of art exhibitions and Jewish book events have been hosted at the Jewish Cultural Center.

The Holocaust Library and Resource Center is located at Albright College and is a venture of the College and the Federation. The Center provides local educators, community members and college students

a resource for the study of the Holocaust. The stories of a number of our community's Survivors are documented at the Center as well as a treasure trove of reference material.

Finally, the Federation subsidizes a number of communitywide programs provided by Keshet Zion Synagogue, Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom and Chabad Lubavitch of Berks County and provides partial subsidies for teens going on organized youth trips to Israel, the Lakin Early Education Center and Birthright trips for young adults to age 26.

If you would like any further information regarding any of the above activities or any other Federation sponsored program, please contact the Federation office at 610-921-2766.

From the President's Desk

Akhsanie Kuba

By Tammy K. Mitgang
President

It is a big world out there and although I am well aware that Jewish communities are found almost everywhere, the history of our migration or, in many cases, "our escape to..." has always been of interest to me. I am



sure many of you join me in seeking out Jewish communities wherever you travel and incorporate tours of weathered synagogues, attend Shabbat services and make an extra effort to experience Jewish life in even the most 'far-flung' corners of the world.

So when JFNA's Small Federation Executives Conference was announced in Cuba (only a 45-minute flight from Miami), I became what I typically do — a student, currently majoring in Akhsanie Kuba (Yiddish, "Hotel Cuba") and the people that make up its small, vibrant Jewish community. And, with Fidel Castro permanently leaving the presidency four years ago and officially yielding the office to his more pragmatic and "user friendly" younger brother, Raúl, Cuba seems poised for change without revolution.

This past October, a month that marked the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis, Cuba announced that it would lift travel requirements and allow Cubans to travel freely in and out of their country — the first major change to the travel restrictions in over half a century ago. "Viva Cuba Libre"? Well, perhaps. But, in the meantime, the people of Cuba live in dire poverty — literally falling off a fiscal cliff in the early 1990s when the suspension of Soviet subsidies unraveled the country's economy. note:

this is a highly simplified explanation of Cuba's economic decline.

The good news is that among the societal changes of these two decades is the rebirth of religious life — including a Jewish renaissance — encouraged by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's (JDC's) re-entry into Cuba in 1991 to help the community rebuild itself from the ground up and offer its neediest members vital assistance. Other humanitarian efforts bring supplies and missions to the island including Stanley Falkenstein, the Founder of Jewish Cuba Connection, who helps to subsidize many missions to the island and will host my colleagues and me in February.

Today, in collaboration with the local Jewish community, JDC and partner agencies provide medicines to the community pharmacy and Shabbat chicken dinners and holiday food shipments, which offer much-needed nutritional support as well as an opportunity for communal celebration. Centralized in Havana, with smaller, active communities in Camaguey, Cienfuegos, Guantanamo, Sancti Spiritus, Santa Clara, and Santiago de Cuba, Jewish leaders are being developed by operating the country's only Jewish Sunday School, equipping Jewish educators to teach religious studies to the next generation, and training local Jews to lead religious services. Jewish life is being revitalized by bringing in a visiting rabbi to conduct life cycle events; operating informal education activities such as camp programs and Israeli dance festivals; and facilitating Jewish holiday celebrations.

Every fifth year or so, small Federations hold their Small Federations Executives' Institute overseas in order to learn firsthand what our community's campaign

A timeline of immigration to Cuba

1492 — "Conversos," Spanish Jews who were forced to convert to Catholicism or were banished from Spain during the Spanish Inquisition. The first converso to settle in Cuba is thought to be Luis De Torres, who traveled with Columbus.

1898 — After the War of 1898, the first practicing Jews arrived in Cuba with the start of American postcolonial domination.

1904 — Sephardic Jews arrived from Turkey and continued to come in growing numbers after the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire and the Balkan Wars.

1921 — Ashkenazi Jews, mostly Poles escaping the pogroms, anti-Semitism and terrible economic conditions, settled in Cuba when the US imposed immigration quotas and sealed its borders with the Immigration and Nationality Act in 1924.

1924 — Hungarians, Belgians and Jews escaping Nazi Germany began arriving. Due to the presence of mainly Polish Jews, Cubans used the term Polaco (Pole) to refer to Jews in general and Yiddish — el idioman Polaco (the Polish language).

Mid-19th century — Chinese migrant laborers were brought to Cuba to work alongside African and Creole slaves.

1900-1910 — Cuba was flooded by new immigrants meant to "whiten" a country that Cuba's elite feared had become "too black" after its independence. Arab immigrants came from Syria, Palestine, and Lebanon, Hindu immigrants from Delhi, Japanese immigrants from the province of Fukuoka. Swedes and Finns came, and Galicians from Spain and the Canary Islands. Attracted by farms and labor, black workers from Jamaica and Haiti also tried to immigrate to Cuba, but were turned away.

1959 — In 1959, it is estimated that 15,000 Jews lived on the island. Cuba was considered by Yiddish-speaking Jews to be a temporary stop on their way to the United States. But the US quota system soon turned the temporary stay in "Hotel Cuba" into a permanent tropical home. Although the majority of the Jewish community supported the revolution and the promise of a democratic society, more than 90 percent fled the island shortly after Castro came to power.

1961 — By 1961, most businesses had been seized by the government militia and the Jewish exodus left few behind — roughly 1,500 Jews in a place they call home.

dollars are providing and to learn with and from another Jewish community. I promise a full report, lots of photos and many new experiences to share.

¡Hasta la vista!

Tammy

PS — A must read and a guide in creating the timeline above — "An Island Called Home, Returning to Jewish Cuba" by Ruth Behar.

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JDC World War II-Era records now available online

Collection highlights from the JDC Archives' major 1933-44 collection, documenting JDC's global rescue efforts in the Nazi era, are now available online. The collection comprises more than 1,100 files that chronicle the years between Hitler's rise to power in 1933 and the end of World War II.

These records describe the Joint Distribution Committee's extensive efforts to sustain individuals and communities struggling for survival in Europe and across the globe and to provide lifesaving emigration aid for tens of thousands of Jews fleeing the Nazis. In addition, JDC supported local welfare committees and communal organizations and collaborated with government agencies and other international organizations to establish programs and relief operations in over 70 countries. JDC is still active today around the world and is supported by

local Federation dollars.

These collection highlights testify to the crucial role JDC played during this period of crisis in Jewish history. Subjects covered in these records include:

- the punishing conditions Jewish communities faced in Germany and in German-occupied countries;
- the expulsion of Polish Jews from Germany and the plight of the homeless in "no-man's-lands" along the Czech frontier and on the Polish border;
- the saga of the S.S. St. Louis after being denied entry into Cuba;
- conditions in Shanghai for Jewish refugees from Europe;
- emigration from Lithuania and Poland to Vladivostok via the Trans-Siberian railroad and Japan;

Go to archives.jdc.org and click on Photo Galleries to see samples from the World War II archive.



Jewish Agency program promotes solidarity during Chanukah

Hundreds of educators from around the world participated in The Jewish Agency for Israel's School Twinning Conference in December. During the conference, which was held under the auspices of Israel's Ministry of Education and support by the Jewish Federations of North America, an international candle-lighting ceremony took place where students from Hong Kong, England, Turkey and Ashdod each lit the third night of Chanukah candles in their own city.

The international candle-lighting ceremonies were followed by a live broadcast of prayer notes — written by students from around the world—being placed in crevices at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

The Partnership2Gether (P2G) International School Twinning Network connects educators and students at more than 200 schools in Israel with their peers at more than 200 schools in

Jewish communities around the world. It provides participants the opportunity to learn from one another and to create ongoing partnerships between their communities.

Jewish Agency Chairman Natan Sharansky described the importance of this event and ceremony with those present, saying "Direct engagement with Israel creates vibrancy and rich content for Jewish day schools overseas. The Partnership2Gether Network is the main platform for these connections to happen."

At the ceremony, Ilana Shel, 15, from Ashdod, lit the third Chanukah candle on behalf of her Israeli peers. Shel's parents immigrated to Israel from the Ukraine in 1990. Shel shared that being picked to light the Chanukah candle at this ceremony helped strengthen her sense of belonging, "It's a great honor for me to represent Israel at this international

candle-lighting event. It helps me feel a part of our big, Jewish family."

Andrea Arbel, Director of the Agency's Partnerships Unit, added "The strong connection between these P2G School Twinning Network students was affirmed during the recent Operation Pillar of Defense. Jewish day school kids showed their strong support and were in direct contact with their peers in Israeli schools that were under fire. Now, during the holiday of Chanukah, we're able to light a different kind of fire — one of solidarity and hope and partnership."

Investing in a vibrant Jewish future, The Jewish Agency for Israel continues to address the greatest challenges of our People in every generation. We connect the global Jewish family, bringing Jews to Israel- and Israel to Jews. We build a better society in Israel- and beyond- energizing young Israelis and their worldwide peers to rediscover a



Israeli high school student Ilana Shel, right, lights candles for the third night of Chanukah with Karen Pali, a Jewish educator from Argentina, at The Jewish Agency for Israel's School Twinning Conference in Israel. (Photo: Lior Daskal)

collective sense of Jewish purpose. At the same time, The Jewish Agency continues to be the Jewish world's first responder, prepared to rescue and bring Jews home to Israel from countries where they live at-risk. More information can be obtained at www.jewishagency.org.

The Jewish Agency receives substantial support for its programs from the Jewish Federations of North America.



February 20, 2013

7:00 pm

**Alvernia University
McGlenn Conference Center**

Who is God? An Inter-Religious Dialogue

Please join us for an engaging panel dialogue sharing the perspectives of the Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths toward God. This special panel presentation will include time for audience questions and answers.

Panelists:

Rabbi Brian Michelson

Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom

Rev. Philip Rodgers

St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church

Dr. Khalid Blankinship

Professor of Religion - Temple University

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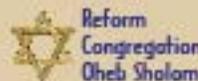
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BBYO event brings home message about making a difference

By Johanna Ure

This November I had the privilege of taking part in an amazing experience called BBYO's Voice Your Vote: Teen Summit. This event, like most in BBYO, was inspired and



organized by teens and open to any Jewish high school student. In the end, almost 100 teens from all over the country and political spectrum gathered in Cleveland in November to learn about the 2012 presidential election, political views, and most importantly, to make a difference, even without casting a vote.

The first day of the summit was devoted to learning about each candidate

and their political party's platform. My favorite activity was when we were broken into groups and shared our views on issues ranging from the economy and gay marriage, to gun control and foreign policy. The goal of our discussions was to find a solution that would suit everyone. I learned political compromise is very hard but, if we kept our eye on the common goal, definitely possible.

The second day was Election Day, and we worked from sunrise to sunset on the campaign of our choice. Romney/Ryan supporters worked in a call center organizing rides for voters and getting people out to vote. These teens even received a surprise visit from the candidates! Obama/Biden supporters spent the day battling the weather, knocking on doors and in the end could

claim they were part of the ground troops that won Obama the election. After 10 long hours both teams gathered back at the hotel for an election night party. There was food and drinks while we socialized and watched the election results on CNN, FOX and MSNBC simultaneously. Emotions ran high that night, but we all supported each other and knew that no matter what team we backed we had all made a difference.

On Wednesday, the last day of the summit, Cleveland's Juvenile Court judge and BBYO alumna spoke to us about political life and maintaining Jewish values. Our final program was called "taking it home" and focused on all we had done and how to stay civically involved in our communities. The main theme of the Summit — Compromise and coming

together — or Bipartisanship as it is called in politics, was reiterated and we all agreed is the key to a successful future.

BBYO's Voice Your Vote was an experience I will never forget. I made friends, from both sides of the aisle, learned to listen and compromise with those of opposing views and most importantly left my mark. I plan to continue learning and making a difference. My next adventure in politics will be BBYO's Panim Seminar March 17-20 in Washington. I am looking forward to meeting and lobbying members of Congress, learning from advocacy experts on topics such as Israel, healthcare, and the environment, and participating in local service projects. It will be busy and I will be learning but with BBYO it is always FUN!! Maybe you can join me!

Program backed by JDC helps troubled children in Israel

Odelia knew her 5-year-old daughter "Tamar" was different. After learning she'd been a victim of abuse at the first day care she attended, Odelia was reluctant to enroll her in kindergarten full time. Then she heard about the New Beginnings program at a local kindergarten in Netanya.

An early childhood initiative launched by the government of Israel and coordinated by the Federation-backed Joint Distribution Committee nationwide, New Beginnings offers early-intervention and treatment programs designed to improve the prospects of at-risk Israeli children. Among these programs is an early childhood center that brings together a variety of services. Seeing an opportunity for her daughter to get an exceptional level of care at the early childhood facility near her home, Odelia enrolled Tamar.

When Tamar entered the program, her classroom was staffed by two teachers, a psychologist, a physiotherapist, a social worker and various volunteers, all of whom were invested in her success from day one.

This staffing matrix chosen by the early childhood center in Netanya is just one of the myriad services offered by New Beginnings to help communities meet the unique needs of their local populations. By giving communities autonomy to choose which services to implement, New Beginnings is making a bigger

impact in enhancing the preventative services/practices in health centers, schools, and community institutions across Israel.

This approach, first developed by JDC in working with specific populations (PACT — Parents and Children Together for Ethiopian-Israelis, and ECHAD for Israeli Arabs), was endorsed and adopted by the government of Israel in its initiatives for the country's most disadvantaged babies, toddlers, and preschoolers through New Beginnings.

In Tamar's case, it was the classroom speech therapist who noticed that she did not react in the same way as other children to what was happening around her. Upon recommendation, Odelia took Tamar to get tested and learned she had limited hearing — 40 percent in one ear, 25 percent in the other. Diagnosing the problem was the critical first step to getting this child on a better path.

Targeting children from birth to age 6, the New Beginnings program is reaching and tracking the progress of 14,000 children in 72 locations across Israel, with plans to expand to a total of 164 communities — many of them distressed — across Israel over the next three years. In each location, a variety of accessible, quality, community-based services promote positive social, emotional, and behavioral development among young at-risk children; increase support for families, and ensure culturally adapted

training for staff.

When Tamar went back to school the specialist in the classroom who'd helped identify the issue then created plans to assist Tamar and monitor her progress and development.

Ida, an educational psychologist at the center explained, "We know assessment and intervention are most effective when they're carried out in an environment that is familiar to the child." That's why the program brings psychologists into the classrooms to identify special needs, plan and implement interventions, track the children's development, aid the teachers professionally, and provide the parents with counseling. That's how Tamar got help at her new kindergarten.

Mabel, the Netanya Center's Director, says her facility offers "rich services for poor people." Here 150 kids benefit from services, workshops, and the care of her diversely qualified staff. "Every child has the potential to develop and thrive in a healthy and enriched environment—they just need someone who believes in them," says Mabel. "The foundation of our program is that early intervention is critical to helping kids develop and progress through successive phases to becoming successful adults."

To date, New Beginnings has identified some 48,000 Israeli children (from birth to age 6) as being at-risk. The factors that challenge their development

include lack of proper parental care, inadequate early intervention for special needs, and mounting poverty. While Israel boasts many early childhood services, socioeconomically distressed communities — homes to many of the kids who need them most — often do not fully benefit. Services are either insufficient to meet community needs or inaccessible for those who need them. New Beginnings was designed to rectify this situation and give Israel's neediest kids a chance for a brighter future.

Odelia could not be happier with her daughter's progress and the parenting skills she learned from the program, too. "I went to speak to a psychologist and got helpful tools I utilize every day at home, such as how to set boundaries with my child," she says. "I went to a storytelling workshop with the speech therapist and learned new ways to play with her—things I never could have done before."

This is a hallmark of the program: Children receive the tools and support they need to succeed, while parents and educators learn how to foster children's growth and development.

"I trust the specialists here because they approach my child with love and warmth and are invested in her success," Odelia says of the center's staff. "Even without corrective surgery, Tamar is developing and prospering here."

An evening of beautiful music...

The Friends of Chamber Music say "Thank You" to Dr. Thomas B. Souders. Join celebrated musicians **Amit Peled & Alon Goldstein** for a very special concert event on March 22

Ticketed event benefits WCR Center for the Arts

Details - <http://friendsofchambermusic.homestead.com/concerts.html>

**The link to the Penn State book
"A History of the Jewish Community in Reading and Berks County"
is now on the Federation website — www.readingjewishcommunity.org.
Check it out and help make history!**

Community News

Teens find A Common Heart

Rebecca Balchunas, a senior at Wilson High School and member of the Jewish community, wrote the following piece for the Voices teen section of the Reading Eagle. Thanks to the Eagle for permitting us to republish it and to Scott Stein for his photography.

By Rebecca Balchunas

On Dec. 12, around 40 teens from Berks County and surrounding areas got together at the McGlinn Center at Alvernia University to talk about the differences among their religions.

Called A Common Heart, it's a group that works to increase tolerance, understanding and respect among the interfaith community. It was begun by Margaret Tully, a member of St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church in Robeson Township.

The teens came from St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church, the Jewish community of Reading and the Islamic Center of Reading.

Although this was a new program for teenagers, the idea behind A Common Heart has been around since December 2009. That is when Rabbi Brian Michelson of Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom; the Rev. Philip Rodgers of St. Benedict's; and Elsayed (Steve) Elmarzouky of the Islamic Center first got together to start an annual program where adults would come and find their similarities in religion.

This year, the faith leaders decided to make a youth version of A Common Heart, and each leader got a group together. I was part of the Jewish group.

The program began with regular socializing, and of course food,



followed by icebreakers to meet each other and see how similar we really are. Then, all the teenagers got into groups with three or four from each religion. Anyone could ask questions, and we got to discuss things we all have in common. Finally, the evening ended with any final questions for everyone and talking about what we learned. The rabbi said, "We picked this date because it falls in the middle of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah." Then we lit candles and ate doughnuts, a tradition on the holiday.

The reaction to the night's events was overwhelmingly positive.

Julia Coppa, a sophomore at Regina Luminis Academy in Downingtown and a member of St. Benedict's said, "I really like this, I wish we could do this every night."

As for what was learned, Khadija Sillan, a freshman at Exeter, said, "The Jewish book is called the Torah. It is the Old Testament. I learned that all three religions are discriminated against."

Max James, a sophomore at Berks Catholic, said, "We are all separate people but we have similar beliefs, We all have a common hope in the world."

All Around the Town

Congratulations to **Alaina Renee Natale** on her graduation from Albright College Dec. 15. Alaina earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fashion Design and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fine Arts. While attending Albright, she was a member of The National Society for Leadership and Success and Sigma Alpha Pi. She was also involved in the planning and participated in Albright's Annual Fashion Show. Alaina is the daughter of Cristina Natale, granddaughter of Joe and Renee Natale and great-granddaughter of Sylvia Sulman, all of Reading.

Samuel B. Lupowitz, an Ithaca, NY-based composer, musician, and bandleader and son of Robin and Jeffrey Lupowitz, returns to his formative ground at Genesis Theatre for two benefit performances March 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. with a retro evening of rock and soul.

Songs to Make You Wealthier and

More Attractive: An Evening of Rock 'n' Soul with Samuel B. Lupowitz & The Ego Band will raise money for the theater that helped cultivate Lupowitz's talents and launch his career. The 2008 Wilson High School grad acted and played in pit orchestras in numerous Genesis productions.

Genesis Theatre is located at 153 Walnut St., (10th and Walnut). To purchase tickets with all major credit cards and get more information please visit www.genesiustheatre.org or call 610-373-9500 to purchase tickets with credit cards only. If you need more information please contact the theater at 610-371-8151. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door - credit card fees apply.

Until next time: Shalom!

Please e-mail all your simcha news to joan@friedman.net.

Obituaries

Ruth K. (Katz) Cohn, 84, formerly of Wyomissing, passed away at Phoebe Berks Village, Wernersville. Ruth enjoyed playing tennis, golf and bridge. She is survived by her husband, Dr. C. Harold Cohn and her children: Paul D. Cohn and his wife, Jo, of Fleetwood, David and his wife, Carol Borloff, of King of Prussia and Susan C. Evans and her husband, Daniel, of Pasadena, Calif. She is also survived by her four granddaughters: Abigail and Tessa Cohn of Fleetwood and Sarah and Andrea Evans of Pasadena.

Linda (Leiber-Reichman) Josepher, 63, of Reading. She is survived by her son Matthew Josepher of New York and an aunt, Phyllis Murray in Florida.

Robert L. Lawit, 88, Wyomissing. Robert was a World War II veteran. He enjoyed playing tennis and golf. He is survived by his wife, Roberta (Bobbie) Lawit and his two daughters, Andi Tamposi and her husband, Stephen, and Robin Sodomsky and her husband, Allan. Other survivors include his grandchildren: Lou, Joe and Jake Tamposi and Ariel and Sam Sodomsky, his nephew Alan Lawit, his niece Nina Lawit and his brother-in-law Jerry Blavet.

Learn more about Gratz



Students of Gratz Jewish Community High School take a snack break, catch up with mail and socialize during a break between classes

The Gratz College Branch of the Jewish Community High School will host an Open House Feb. 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the JCC for any Jewish teens and their parents in the community. The event is open to children in seventh through 12th grades. Synagogue affiliation is not a requirement for attending.

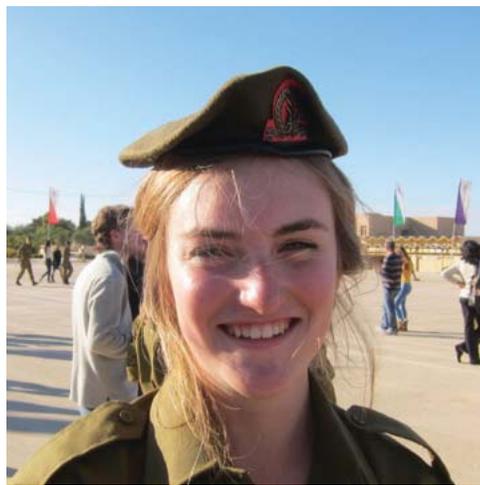
Participants will have a chance to meet the teachers, enjoy light refreshments and learn about the plans for the second semester which is open for registration, and for next year. Interested youth and parents may sit in classes after the program.

Second semester courses

include Survey of the Bible, Jewish Pop Culture, History of the Jews, Video Values Through Recent Films, and Finding Meaning in Worship. One course is offered for college credit: Contemporary World Religions.

Also note that Gratz students will have an incredible opportunity to travel to the new Museum of American Jewish History March 10. The Federation's Rubin Educational Fund will pay for all Gratz students to attend.

Questions may be directed to Rabbi Barry Dov Lerner at bdlerner1@gmail.com, or to Jayne Kleinman at the JCC at jaynek@jfreeding.org.



IDF soldier with local roots reaches military milestone

Mika Fox, shown above with her father, Don, has been assigned to one of the IDF's most coveted army instructor jobs. She will be an infantry instructor for an anti-tank guided missile system called Gil, also referred to as the Spike missile. Her students will be elite soldiers in every division and she will be training them in two to four-week courses. Mika received her beret, a major rite of passage in the life of an IDF member.

Mezuzah of the month



Thanks to Lois and Irv Cohen for sharing a photo of a mezuzah made out of carved stone. It was purchased in Israel. We invite everyone to share their interesting mezuzahs as well. Just email a photo to marknem@aol.com or contact the Federation office.

Newtown, January 2013

Laurie Kilchevsky, formerly of the Reading area, now resides in Newtown, Conn., with her family. She offered her view of the town in the wake of the recent tragedy there.

By Laurie Kilchevsky

The white snow covered the flower arrangements, the small teddy bears and the candles which were placed in various locations around Newtown. People, braving the cold weather, stopped by to look at the makeshift memorials, some wiping a tear, others just watching with disbelief. Newtown, the small, quiet, hidden Connecticut town of 27,000 residents, will now join a long list of other sites of mass killing — Columbine (Colorado), Aurora (Colorado), Oak Creek (Wisconsin), Wakefield (Massachusetts), and others.

At meetings of Newtown residents one could hear repeatedly that “if it happened here it can happen anywhere;” after all Newtown is a quaint New England town to which people move because of an excellent school system, community activism, maintenance of character by discouraging fast food restaurants from moving in. At the bagel store the owners know most people by their first name, the Dunkin Donuts is the site where teenagers gather on Friday evening, and the 100 foot high Flag Pole in the center of a busy intersection is a landmark. The Labor Day Parade attracts people from all over the region who watch politicians marching and waving, high school bands performing their routines and floats sponsored by local businesses pass by and distribute candies to the thousands of children lining the streets. It was a town taken out of a Currier and Ives print or from a Grandma Moses painting.

When we moved from Pennsylvania to Connecticut we evaluated the towns

around Danbury: Redding, Ridgefield, Brookfield, Newtown. After assessing various details, which were important for us the choice was clear — Newtown. We settled down, Amichai and Raquefette went to school and continued to college and graduate schools, we and our children created friendships, and it became clear that selecting Newtown was the right move. Life continued in a routine, which in spite of seeming boring provided what we were searching for.

Until December 14, 2012, when a disturbed young man went into the Sandy Hook Elementary School and murdered 20 kids and six teachers, changing our town forever. Not that Newtown became a dangerous town — crime reports in the local weekly newspaper will still mention DWI, an accident on Highway 84, a theft from a local supermarket... But the notion that “if it happen here it can happen anywhere” will cast a shadow over life here.

And from a small, almost unknown New England town hidden between rolling hills with small lakes and ponds scattered all over, the whole world now knows where we are. The amount of good wishes and donations, which flooded the town from virtually every corner of the world, suggests that the bullets which put an end to promising beautiful life have shattered the hearts of literally billions, from Asia, to Africa, to Europe, to South America, to Australia.

And the reason for this global recognition makes us sad.

“It is nicer in Newtown” was the town’s motto. One anchorman described Newtown after the massacre as the “saddest place on earth”.

The town’s residents are a united group; our strength is now brought to the test.



LOCAL CONGREGATIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

NOTE: COMMUNITY SHABBAT RESCHEDULED TO FRIDAY, FEB. 1 at 6 p.m., Keshet Zion Synagogue. All invited to service. Dinner by reservation only.

CHABAD CENTER OF BERKS COUNTY

Saturday mornings: 9:30 a.m.

Friday evenings: 6:30 p.m.

REFORM CONGREGATION OHEB SHOLOM

Saturday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 8, Third-grade Shabbat and dinner, 6 p.m. service, 7 p.m. dinner

Saturday, Feb. 9: Tot Shabbat, 10 a.m.

Fridays, Feb. 15 and 22, 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23: Community Purim Celebration, 7:30 p.m.

KESHER ZION SYNAGOGUE

Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Babysitting available upon request with one week’s notice.

CONGREGATION SHOMREI HABRITH



Snowbird gathering

A group from Reading enjoyed a fun get-together at a Florida restaurant in January.

Standing, from left, Itz and Joanie Friedman, Diane and Howie Schreiber,

Michael Frosch (Baltimore) with Jane Blumberg, and Jack and Betty Hafetz.

Seated, from left, Dana and Bill Salzberg and Linda and Mickey Roebert.

Adult Education with Rabbi Minna Bromberg

1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Keshet Zion Library

“Walking with God” series on Wednesdays

Feb. 6 – God in Halakhah

Feb. 27 – God in Medieval Jewish Philosophy

All are welcome to join!

Healing Service at Keshet Zion

Healing services are designed to bring more wholeness and peace into our lives, the life of the community, and beyond. All are welcome to join!

Healing services will be held

Tuesday,

Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.

in the KZ Chapel.

“Something for Everyone Shabbat” at Keshet Zion

Saturday, Feb. 23

9:30-10:20 a.m. —Torah Study in the Library

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. — Traditional Minyan in the Chapel & Learning Service in the Main Sanctuary

Noon — Kiddush for everyone!



Jerusalem Winter

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Art imitates life

Recently I read an article on the Internet about a rape video gone viral. It involved some high school students in Steubenville, Ohio, shown on camera joking about a gang rape that occurs on camera.



Apparently the one boy commentating makes reference to the girl looking dead. And comments about certain sexual acts performed on her without her even moving or indicating she felt anything. Apparently she is so drunk that she is passed out during most of it. In the article I read it is noted that two football players have already been arrested and are awaiting trial in February.

The Ohio Attorney General's office is investigating, and there may be many arrests including those of adults who tried to cover up the rape in the interest of protecting the football team. This is beyond sick, and I don't even have words to express what it is. The town is divided on the guilt of the boys versus it being the fault of the girl. There is question of the football team being treated differently than the rest of the town's citizens.

I have my opinion that can be debated and will be criticized by some. No means no and a passed out girl, whether of her own imbibing or not, does not deserve to be raped. There are many facts I do not know but of that much I am certain. Recently I read a book called "Testimony" by Anita Shreve. It was basically the same story with the differences being that it happened at a private school, the boys involved were basketball players, and the girl appeared to initiate and consent to what took place. In both circumstances many lives have been ruined and underage drinking is directly related.

I saw a movie that was written about me. Well not only me, but definitely it was a parody of me as a mother. Ellice thought

it was about her too. It's called "Guilt Trip" and stars Barbra Streisand as the Jewish mother. It is primarily about a mother and adult son relationship and a trip across country, but it is really about more. It's about the complicated push-pull we have with our children, and how we really may know better than they if only because we have had more years of life experience. Since seeing the movie I have told all three of our sons to please see it so they would see that I am not the only one who says these things, and I really didn't even think them all up. (our sons to me "Do you lay awake all night thinking these things up?") Truly I laughed so hard during the movie, which means that I am still able to laugh at myself, also a good thing. It was poignant and the ending was upbeat after they took each other's advice. Yes, sometimes our children offer good advice too. If you haven't seen this movie, definitely do. Everyone could use a good laugh.

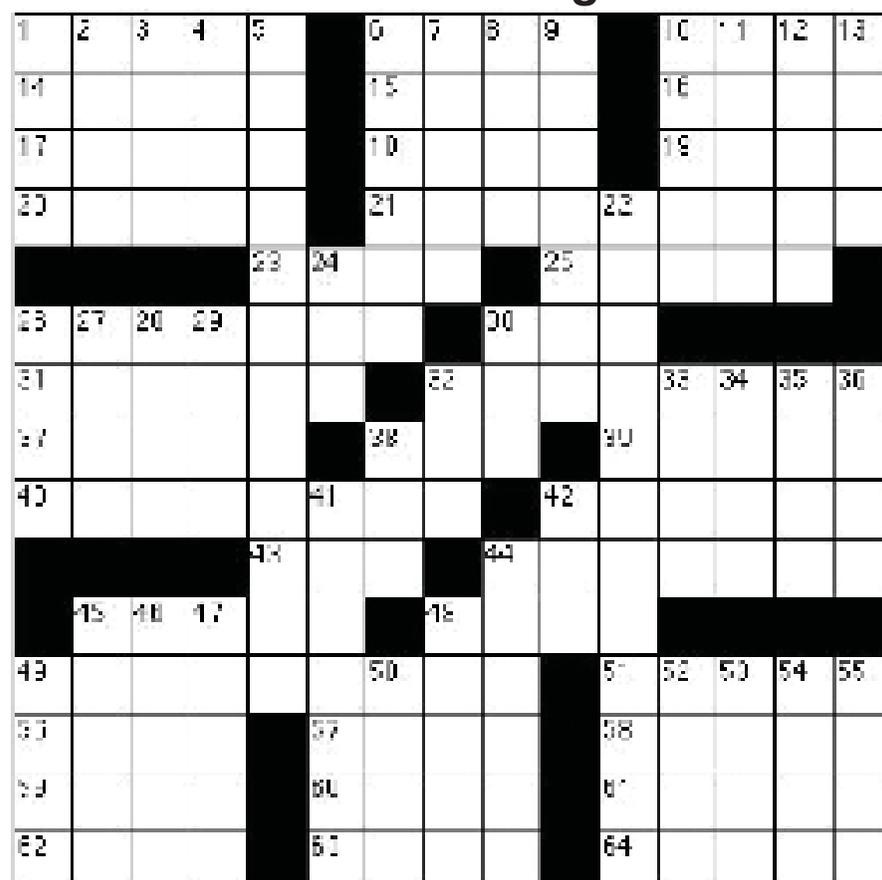
And since baking cookies is one of my motherly functions, here is a new one.

Pecan Sandies

- 1 c. pecan halves
- ½ lb. (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temp.
- 2 c. all purpose flour, divided
- ½ c. demerara or turbinado sugar
- ¾ tsp. kosher salt 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- 24 whole pecan halves

Toast the 1 c. pecan halves at 350° for 5-10 minutes. Cool. Process cooled pecans and flour in food processor until nuts are finely ground. Place in bowl and add remaining 1 ¾ c. flour, salt, and baking powder. Stir. Cream butter and sugar in mixer on medium for 2 minutes, until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and flour mixture slowly while running mixer until just combined. Form batter into small balls and place on parchment paper lined pans. Press a pecan half into the center of each ball, pressing halfway down into the cookie. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes, until cookies turn golden brown around the edges. Cool. Enjoy!

Purim's here again



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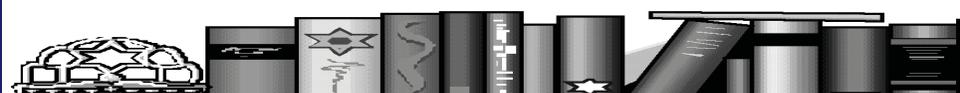
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Across

1. Truth, in Anglicized English transliteration
6. French river, valley
10. Truth, in Yiddish pronounced English transliteration
14. Russian name for rose, popular also in Israel
15. A name for the Irish language
16. Conde-_____ publications
17. "Beat it!"
18. Acronym for an art museum, say in Austin
19. Compil. of laws
20. Not here but _____
21. THE HERO OF PURIM
23. Close
25. "That ___ ___ much!"
26. Post on a ship used with lines for hauling or moving
30. Emmet or pismire
31. Lasso
32. Before bedtime drink
37. Three-time Israel's Minister of Defense Moshe _____
38. The "You've Got Mail" folks
39. Weird, spooky
40. Fishing boats' wagon, used to haul those webs
42. Characteristics
43. Otto's realm, abbr.
44. Leaving not even the smallest of embers
45. Sculpture, peinture, etc.
48. What the number 18 stands for
49. Nimoy, as Spock, wore them
51. Sword favored by horsemen
56. Betelgeuse, for example, or our sun
57. Name start of Tempe restaurant, ending in 'nter'
58. _____ Myrtle, flowering tree
59. "Hills" in which cultural-historic ruins are found
60. Gladi-
61. A way of saying an apple lacks its iconic hue
62. Cockney's steed
63. The _____ Lenape Indians of the Delaware River valley
64. Delineated areas

Down

1. Previous, archaic
2. Start of a supersonic speed designation
3. Ireland
4. Ivan or Nicholas
5. THEY'RE DELICIOUS!
6. Sailor
7. Defensive wear
8. Decade, in Hebrew
9. _____ THE MEGILAH WILL GET YOU THE STORY
10. Legislate
11. Chest-beating masculine
12. One religious lesson in China ____ (2 words)
13. Imperative of 'stare' in Italian
22. THE HEROINE OF PURIM, AS RELATION OF 21 ACROSS, SLANGILY
24. CONSUME, AS WE HAPPILY DO WITH 5 DOWN
26. Unit of a tribe, normally
27. River of Berne
28. Ready, in Rouen
29. Khata'eem
30. Sicken
32. Negative
33. Certain waterfowl or its color
34. Scream, in France
35. Islets
36. Opposite of optim.
38. Exist
41. Storage building or campus for arms or armored ships
42. U.S. airport security agency
44. Start of Irish expression, anticipating good things
45. Modify
46. Currency of the modern, evil-ruled land of Persia
47. Concise
48. Sing in the style of Crosby or Tormé
49. In re:
50. Part of a play in Paris
52. River of Florence
53. Home to horses, cows, and hay
54. Fencing weapon
55. Crimson, russet, and such



Reader's Market

The Spirit of Jewish Children's Music, The Spirit Series Volume 11, Voices of the Conservative Movement, A joint project of the Cantors' Assembly and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Produced by Hazzan David Propis, remixed and mastered at Sonic Sound Studios in Houston, Texas.

In this very special CD, you will have the words included. It is easy to follow along

and I will list my own favorites: Mr. Tov, I'm Proud to be a Jew, Toda Raba, Ashrei, L'Dor Vador, Adon Olam, Twinkle Twinkle, Oyfn Pripetshik and, at the top of my list, We Sing Shabbat, We Sing Shalom.

The children will love it and the very young will catch on quickly to these easy melodies and lyrics. This CD should be in everyone's home. The parents and grandparents are sure to love it, too!

Jewish Family Service

Berks Area Agency on Aging — an important resource



By Sari Incledon
The Berks County Area Agency on Aging is an important resource not only for Jewish Family Service workers trying to assist the community, but for all seniors in Berks County.



Founded in 1974, the B.C.A.A. on Aging is one of 52 county agencies in Pennsylvania responsible for coordinating a comprehensive service system to meet the needs of older residents.

To better acquaint you with some of the services this agency provides I have consulted its website. The agency's

largest and most visible program is as a provider of information and referral services. The trained staff fields hundreds of calls each week on every subject that concerns seniors. Assistance is available with the following programs: PACE, property tax or rent rebates; Social Security, Medicare and SSI; health insurance (through the Apprise program). The agency can provide information about long-term care facilities, housing options, health services, recreational activities and more.

The Agency of Aging coordinates a wide range of services and programs throughout the community. These community-based programs include specialized transportation, noncriminal legal services, employment counseling and older worker programs, veterans

services, health information and screening programs and senior centers. The senior centers serve as the base where meals are packaged and sent out with volunteer drivers for The Meals on Wheels program. The agency provides other volunteer opportunities for those who want to work with seniors as Apprise health insurance volunteers, Ready Ride Program drivers and as Volunteer Ombudsman.

In-home Services are provided and coordinated by the Agency on Aging to meet the needs related to changes in physical and emotional health that older citizens face. These services are based on need and access begins with a "needs assessment" conducted by a care manager. Based on that evaluation, specific services

are recommended, arranged and monitored through a formal care plan. The agency also coordinates protective services, to safeguard older adults who are at risk of abuse, exploitation or neglect.

The Family Caregiver Support program offers a variety of services, including respite and financial assistance to ease the task of providing care for a family member.

This is just a brief summary of some of the programs and services that Area Agency on Aging offers. More in-depth information can be found on the agency's website (www.co.berks.pa.us/aging/) or by calling 610-478-6500. As always, JFS social workers are available to discuss any issue on your mind. You can call us at 610-921-0624.

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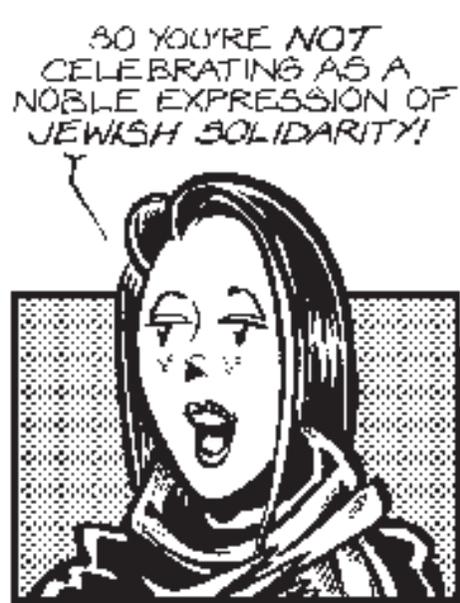
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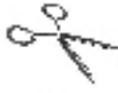
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The family of Ruth K. Cohn would like to thank everyone who provided our family with spiritual and emotional support during our time of loss.

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Rachel is a freelance Jewish education consultant specializing in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education.

Until 2008 she has been the Academic Director of Distance learning programs at The Jewish Agency of Israel, Department of Education.

Born in Israel, she had served in the I.D.F. as an officer in the central training base for women and was later, a member of the Israel Defense Forces. delegation to Niger(West Africa). She is a graduate of Haifa University with a PhD in Jewish education. Rachel has vast experience in Jewish education both in Israel and the Diaspora. As one of the founders and directors of a special program for soldiers from disadvantaged backgrounds, she was responsible for creating the educational framework and training teachers for the implementation of the program.

Since her first Shlichut to Canada where she was the head of JAFI delegation from 1985-1988, she is involved with Jewish education worldwide; creating and implementing in-service training programs for educators, writing educational materials, counseling and teaching. Rachel is familiar, through many visits, with the Jewish education communities of the U.S., Canada, Latin America and Europe. Since 1990 she has invested a lot of her time and energy in helping the emerging Jewish schools of Hungary.

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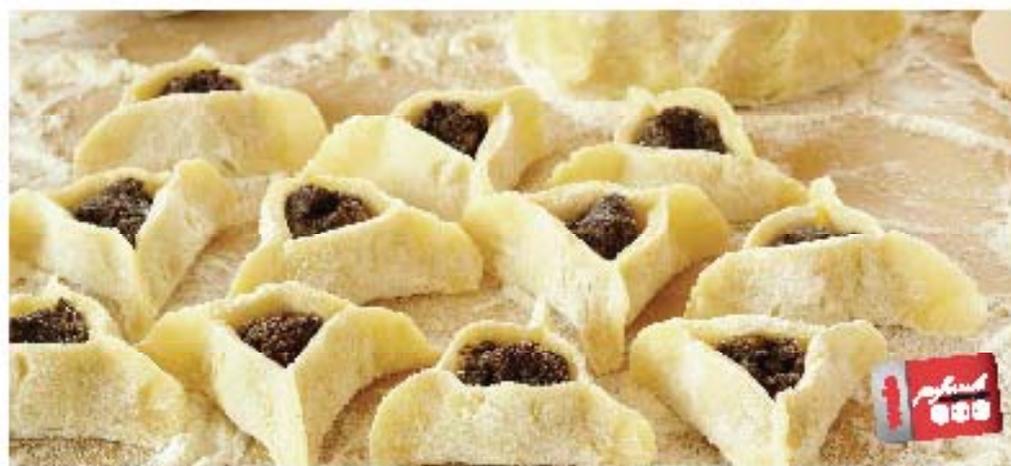


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