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How do we regain our social capital?

BY Marvin Botnick

Judiasm — its principles, concepts, and teachings — exists in perpetuity; however, it seems as though it is only at this time of the year that many of us focus down and actively show that we are, in fact, Jews, a people whose religion is Judaism.

Yes, we do read about current events affecting us as individuals and those matters dealing with Jews in general, including the state of Israel, but these actions are motivated primarily by an interest in and concern about current events. A non-Jew, Mary Ann Evans, writing under the name of George Eliot, in her book Daniel Deronda, reminds us of the true import of what makes us Jews when she wrote, “It was Judaism, the religion and the people, that created the Jew.”

We all know the changes that have taken place in the economy since last year and the impact this has had. Many questions have been asked, and many fingers have been pointed at the civil institutions, the people in public office, the business practices that have been part of private industry, and the self-dealing that has been revealed. I think that it has become patently clear that the motivation for many actions was to acquire without regard to the method, responsibility, or need.

Not only has the financial capital of the system been materially compromised, but also, as stated in “Cartus In Veritate,” the 2009 encyclical letter of Pope Benedict XVI, the “’social capital’: the network of relationships of trust, dependability, and respect for rules, all of which are indispensable for any form of civil coexistence,” has suffered an almost mortal wound. In this same writing, the Pope also stated that “The primary capital to be safeguarded and valued is man, the human person in his or her integrity.” Immediate gratification was gained, but now we are faced with a pain of cleansing the economic organs of the infection that seriously challenged their health.

Most people have some familiarity with the civil code, which they factor in when they make the decision to do business. The laws of our society, some people, either through ignorance or apathy, choose not to put too much emphasis on the religious dictates. At this season of the year our tradition reminds us of our obligation to follow the tenets of Judaism, and we are told to review our actions over the past year so that we can assess those transgressions in which we have been involved. Having catalogued these, we are directed to change our ways to eliminate these in the future, to seek forgiveness for those wrongs we have done to our fellow humans, and to look to God for forgiveness for wrongs that we have done to society in general and to His commandments.

It seems that the societal mores have become so skewed that the acquisition of material possessions and wealth has assumed the position of an end unto itself. We have reached a point where the business ethic has been reduced to acquiring for the sake of acquiring. Certainly, individuals and business are entitled to and should be compensated for the risks that are taken, the effort put forth, the benefits derived by investors and employees, and the overall success or failure of these actions. But there should be some value rationale by which to judge the compensation, which should not be because of what someone else is being paid. We have seen the emergence of the ugly picture of people who are like the glutinous eater who so overconsumes that he has lost the ability to savor the taste or satiate a nutritional need.

Such actions are not in concert with Judaism. As we head into this season in which we are commanded to contemplate our actions and dealings, think about the following two people who are examples of Jews whose lives are object lessons.

Gerald Grinstein moved into the CEO position at Delta Airlines in 2004 as it was struggling to exist. He promised open, honest communications and accepted an annual salary of $450,000, with no bonuses or stock options of any kind, well below the multimillion-dollar compensation packages paid to Leo Mullins, the former CEO, and his top executives at a time when Delta was losing billions of dollars. In 2005, Grinstein was forced to lead the
HAPPY 54TH ANNIVERSARY TO SUSIE AND JERRY WARSHAW. They are one of our favorite couples, and they seem so happy — we just hope the marriage works out, and they stay together.

For those of you who know and love them — and who doesn’t — here’s what they’ve been up to lately, beginning at the beginning.

Thirteen-year-old Susie Blass, of the distinguished old Atlanta family, first met Jerry, then 14, in the driveway of Laura Lee Weinman’s house on Merton Road, in that great old neighborhood, Morningside. (Laura Lee is now married to Myron Dwoskin.) They continued their romance at The Progressive Club swimming pool and through high school, she at North Fulton, where she was captain of the cheerleading squad, and he at Grady, along with most of the people we grew up with, being a star athlete.

They were married at Ahavath Achim Synagogue by Rabbi Gold on August 1, 1965, with Jerry still two years away from graduating from Georgia Tech. But if you knew Susie, you’d understand why he was in such a hurry to marry her, before she came to her senses.

What Jerry and Myron Dwoskin have in common, along with Richard Alterman, husband of Susie’s sister Marty, is they all married way over their heads. But at least we can say they have better taste than their wives.

Jerry founded and runs Warshaw Properties, a real estate firm specializing in multi-housing properties. Which is great, but not nearly as important as Susie’s career as a pre-school teacher at the MJCCA, at both Zaban and Cobb County, and Temple Sinai, Epstein, and Temple Emanu-El, all in Sandy Springs.

We tried to get more info out of her, but all she wanted to talk about was their kids. Their eldest, Todd, graduated from UGA and is partner in @BellOaks, an executive search firm. Jeff, the middle son, graduated from Georgia Tech, then earned his law degree from the University of Georgia. He is now co-owner of a real estate development firm, 360 Residential.

The youngest son, Lane, lives in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, with his family. He graduated from the University of Texas, where he later earned his Ph.D. in computer science, and received an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management. He is now a director in the Midwest for Deloitte, one of the world’s leading management consulting firms.

The five wonderful grandchildren — Caitlin, Mathieu, Jackson, Isabel, and Walker — are already showing great promise. And how could they not?

Susie stays busy with her many friends and family, including her close friends Claire Peck and Bonnie Wolloff, with whom she gets together for dinner once a month or so. They even let the guys come along, as long as they don’t talk too much. Bonnie says she loves being with Susie and Jerry: “It makes you happy just being around these special people.”

GROWING UP JEWISH IN SOUTH GEORGIA. We were chatting with our old pal David Herckis and his gorgeous, delightful wife, Gladys, whom he knew in college and re-connected with after the passing of his wonderful wife, Elaine.

At a recent party at Seasons 52 restaurant, Gladys told us exclusively all about growing up Jewish in the small, South Georgia town of LaGrange.

She may not have been able to get up a group to go get Chinese food on a Sunday night, but, otherwise, life there was petty enjoyable.

As Gladys fondly remembers, “Growing up in the small country town of LaGrange helped to pave the path for my life even today. I learned about generosity and prejudice.”

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“...My parents, Mildred and Jack Moskowitz, were in the ladies apparel business and owned several stores. I was raised with two sisters and a brother, Dorothy, Judy, and Martin.

“My father, along with a couple of Jewish men, bought a very small church and made it their synagogue.

“It is still there today, and the remaining Jewish families use it with pride. Sunday school was in Columbus.

“The few Jewish families that were there were very close. Everyone was referred to as ‘Aunt’ or ‘Uncle.’ We shared many happy times together. I’m not sure our children and grandkids would understand life in a small town, where you could walk everywhere and everyone knew you were the Moskowitz kids.

“At elementary school, I was called, at times, ‘Jew Babe’ or asked, ‘Do you have horns?’ I didn’t understand what it meant. I knew I was Jewish, but I was too young to know about there being prejudice. Sometimes, there were birthday parties that I wasn’t invited to, or sleepovers. My parents wanted to build a larger home in a part of town where, at that time, no Jews were allowed.

“Finally, we moved to Atlanta, where Dad successfully expanded his business, and the rest is history! “Now that I live in Atlanta again, I go back to LaGrange for Rosh Hashanah. I sit in the small pews, and I can remember where we all sat with our parents. These memories always bring tears to my eyes, especially when I realize that the old guard is now gone. “Life was simple but loving!”

Note: The ancient stereotype of Jews having horns originates from the Bible’s account of Moses descending from Mount Sinai and holding the two tablets of the Law (Exodus 34:29). There, it says, according to some translations, Moses “did not know his face had become horned.” But this may have been a mistranslation of the Hebrew word for “ray of light,” or “radiant.”

It did not help that Michelangelo’s famous sculpture of Moses has two horns protruding from his head.

TWO DECADES OF GREAT FOOD, FUN, WINE, AND WORTHY WORK. The Tasting is an annual, fun, festive, elegant affair that raises funds for the Zimmerman Horowitz Independent Living Program (ZIL-P) of Jewish Family & Career Services. The program serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities — as well as their families and caregivers — so they can work, live, and thrive in their communities as independently as possible.

Z-ILP was founded by Pearlann and Jerry Horowitz, who are grateful for the funds raised by The Tasting and the programming it enables. “Thanks to the program, our daughter Michele enjoys a life that does not have to revolve around her parents,” says Pearlann. “She can plan her own parties and invite her friends over for dinner and enjoy such things as the Super Bowl and New Year’s Day, [now that] she has her own home to which to invite friends.”

The Tasting, now in its 20th year, has become one of Atlanta’s most popular galas. On this significant anniversary, we are reminded that it took a lot of hard work and dedication by some great people to make this landmark celebration what it is today.

In the spring of 1999, Joan Brown was asked to host one of the small, home-based fundraising dinners that were then the main way to raise funds for the program. Joan and husband Don owned the Wine Shop at Parkaire in East Cobb and were well connected with the hospitality community. Joan called the food and beverage director at The Grand Hyatt in Buckhead and, with her good friend Janet Selig, met with the management and chef of the Hyatt. All agreed they would put on a lavish affair in one of the posh dining rooms there. Joined by Dr. Jeff Bernstein and all their kids, the event founders went to work.

“We went down a list of everyone we knew whom we thought liked wine and would enjoy an event like this,” Joan told us exclusively. About 130 people showed up for the first event. “We were thrilled,” said Joan. Every year, more people came, and The Grand Hyatt soon had to move the event into a ballroom to handle the overflow crowds of supporters.

Joan and Don’s son, Mark, who now runs the Wine Shop at Parkaire, has been instrumental in recruiting the distributors who supply the Wine Shop to participate, and later, with Jerry, getting some of Atlanta’s finest restaurants to offer their favorite dishes.

Joan and Mark Brown stress that the early success of the event was largely due to The Grand Hyatt’s generosity over the years. Mark’s tireless wife, Debra, has been indispensably involved with Mark every step of the way, while also being a super-mom — raising their kids, driving them to their sporting events — as well as working with her mom on interior design.

Mark also supports local school and parent groups and other organizations in East Cobb, saying modestly, “I enjoy doing my little bit; if everyone did theirs, this would be a better world.” A national championship tennis player while at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, he just served as a commissioner of the Maccabi Games held recently in Atlanta.

Mark got much of his commitment to the community not only from his parents, but also his “mentor” growing up, Doug Hertz. With wife Lisa, Doug, who runs United Distributors, is also a major supporter of The Tasting and so many other worthy events, along with Ann and Jay Davis of National Distributing Company, and many other dedicated members of our community.

Mark also says he has attended almost every local performance by comic Jerry Farber and knows all his jokes, which is not difficult, since Jerry always repeats the same material. When people say Jerry does a lot of “adult material,” they mean the jokes are at least 21 years old. Mark fondly remembers Jerry calling to speak to his dad (they both attended the University of North Carolina), pretending to be an Orthodox rabbi.

Jerry says, “I always knew Mark would grow up to be a great pillar of our community, despite being Don’s son.”

Guests at this year’s Tasting had the opportunity to sample more than 200 wines and spirits from United Distributors, National Distributing Company, Atlanta Wholesale Wine, Prime Wine & Spirits, Empire Distributors, and Quality Wine & Spirits; to savor dishes from 20+ acclaimed Atlanta restaurants, including 10 Degrees South, 1Kept Kitchen and Bar, Amara, Aria, Batter Cookie Dough Counter, C & S Seafood, Fox Brothers BBQ, Grana, Il Giallo Osteria & Bar, Kaiser’s Chophouse, La Grotta Ristorante Italiano, Serpas True Food, South City Kitchen, Tabla, Whiskey Bird, The White Bull, and more; and splurge on exclusive silent auction items including experiences, travel, dinner parties, sports memorabilia, vintage wines, and other treasures at bargain prices.

For more information on The Tasting, call 770-677-9300 or visit JFCSatl.org.

FUNDRAISERS, GALAS, AND REUNIONs. Although acclaimed event planner Martha Jo Katz is supposed to be retired, she is busier than ever, she tells us exclusively.

She has been getting ready again to serve as the lifetime honorary chair for the Wine and Shoes event for the Northside Hospital Foundation, September 15, at the Grand Hyatt, benefiting Northside’s Leukemia and Women’s Cancer programs.

Then there’s the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival’s 20th Anniversary Opening Night Gala; this will be her eighth great year chairing the event.

And in mid-August came the summer Luncheonata (named after Rich’s legendary fashion show called Fashionata), at Zafra, in Sandy Springs. Martha Jo plans two Luncheonatas a year to help the former stars of the event stay in touch with each other — the former models and directors from all the fashion stores, as well as the fashion writers. As you can see from the photo, they are all
just as gorgeous and youthful looking as they were way back then.

An upcoming Georgia Public Broadcasting segment on Fashionata features an interview with Martha Jo — check it out at gpb.org/television/shows/ri.

And of course she always takes time to keep her husband Jerry happy and feeling like “the luckiest guy in the world,” as he understandably describes himself with no fear of successful contradiction.

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Betty Elsas (from left), Helen Regenstein, and Sally Elsas

Beth Ann Taratoot, JoAnne Donner, Sheila Gerstein, Deanne Whitlock, Linda Nash, and Martha Jo Katz

SALLY AND BETTY ELSAS VISIT ATLANTA. In our last column, we told you about the visit to Atlanta of two really popular old Atlantans: Betty and Sally Elsas (now surnamed Manell and Weintraub, and living in Sarasota). They were here to visit with their good friend Elice Dittler Haverty, whom they have known “since birth.”

They are all still just as gorgeous and youthful as they were back in the mid-1950s, when we carpooled with Betty and Sally to and from Druid Hills High and Elementary schools.

But, as so many of you have pointed out, we neglected to include a photo of our visitors from Florida, so here it is. Enjoy!

Jewish HomeLife appoints new executive director for Weinstein Hospice

Cheryl Johnson

Jewish Home Life Communities (dba Jewish HomeLife) has appointed Cheryl Johnson, RN as the new executive director for Weinstein Hospice, following the transition of former Executive Director Cory Shaw to a corporate-level role within the Jewish HomeLife network.

Beginning her career as a clinical supervisor, Johnson quickly discovered her passion for hospice and became a hospice nurse manager. Since relocating to Atlanta from Utah in 2014, she served as clinical manager with Hospice Atlanta and most recently as director of Patient Care Services and quality assurance performance manager for Bristol Hospice.

Johnson has a proven track record of improving hospice programs and serving in multiple capacities, including financial management, team building, quality and customer satisfaction scores, census development, and staff competency.

“Weinstein Hospice has a tremendous reputation for quality care,” said Johnson. “I am honored to lead such a compassionate and knowledgeable team of professionals who bring such passion to their work.”

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company into filing for protection under the bankruptcy law, where it remained until 2007. When Delta emerged from bankruptcy, he announced that he would accept no bonus, but instead he directed the company to use these funds to establish a scholarship fund for Delta employees and their children and a hardship fund for Delta families.

In 2008, Leonard Abess, Jr., sold his majority stake in Miami-based City National Bancshares. Of the monies he personally received from the sale, he took $60 million out of his own pocket and handed it to his tellers, bookkeepers, clerks, everyone on the payroll. All 359 workers on the staff received bonuses, and he even tracked down 72 former employees so they could share in the windfall.

As we know, the shehitl was somewhat self-governed under the dictates and control of the government of the country in which it was located. As a result, in addition to the synagogues, communal services were operated and funded within the community, usually under the direction of the rabbis or tzadiks (people who have achieved especially outstanding piety and holiness), who operated them under biblical principles. Much of the communal-service functions are still performed by central agencies within the community, but in towns with larger Jewish populations the agencies are operated by people who have been trained in social services. The professional operators of these organizations, while not rabbis, have continued to use biblical concepts in their agencies and have operated with menschlichkeit in their dealings with their clients. But it is synagogue that is the repository of the moral and religious concepts, and it remains the duty of the rabbinic community to be in the leadership forefront. It is the rabbis who must speak out with the Jewish vision, and it is the rabbinic community that must assume its historical leadership position in guiding our actions as Jews.

So as we gather as a community of Jews during this holy season, let us listen to the challenges put forth by our rabbis, and let our rabbis challenge us to live our lives under the dictates of Judaism. It’s not talking the talk, but it is walking the walk, both for us and for our rabbis.

The poet Robert Frost, after participating in the inauguration of John F. Kennedy as the 35th president of the United States in 1961, presented the president with a book of his poems in which he wrote: “Be more Irish than Harvard.” Maybe there is a message in this that we should modify and apply to us as Jews.

Shana Tovah!
A weekend of Israel and leadership for teens

The Center for Israel Education (CIE) and the Emory Institute for the Study of Modern Israel (ISMI) invite Jewish 10th-, 11th-, and 12th-graders to apply to attend the next Teen Israel Leadership Institute in Atlanta, during the weekend of December 6-8.

The institute features a series of engaging learning activities to expand students’ knowledge and understanding of Israel and Zionism while they sample Jewish life on the Emory University campus and forge friendships with peers from across the country.

“I have a lot of Jewish friends,” said past institute attendee Eli Roberts of Marietta, Georgia. “Every one of them supports Israel, but I don’t think a lot of them know about Israel too much. I feel like I’m going to be able to teach them and also talk to my friends in Israel.”

CIE and ISMI launched the teen institute with spring and fall sessions in Atlanta in 2018, then took the weekend experience on the road to Newark, New Jersey in January 2019, and to Seattle, Washington in May 2019.

The roughly two-dozen participants in each Atlanta institute learned about Israeli history, politics, innovation and culture, the Israeli-Arab conflict, and Zionism. They participated in Shabbat services and had Friday dinner at Emory Hillel, a partner in the program along with the Jewish Teen Education and Engagement Network (JTEEN) and JumpSpark. They simulated a Knesset debate, competed at making “Chopped”-style hummus, and discussed what Israel means to them.

Noa Libchaber, of New York, who attended in October 2018, said she was amazed when the high-schoolers joined more than 100 Emory students at Hillel for Friday dinner and services. “It just made me feel really lucky to be a part of a religion that comes together with so much strength and power.”

The institute shows students how to apply their knowledge to the benefit of their communities. Each participant creates an Israel learning program to present back home — anything from an event on Israel’s Independence Day to an Israeli film series to a website helping teens engage with Israel.

“We learned some very cool programming ideas that helped us brainstorm different ways to educate others about the history and culture of Israel,” said Ilan Weiss, of Huntington Woods, Michigan, who attended in October 2018. “There was a lot of excitement about Israel and learning real facts about the country that give you ideas to bring back to your school.”

The institute is part of a CIE initiative to provide Jewish teens more impactful education on Israel. Leading the program are CIE Vice President Rich Walter, a former director of Hebrew high schools in New Haven, Connecticut and Providence, Rhode Island, who was the New England regional director of March of the Living for a decade, and Steve Kerbel, an educational consultant in the Washington area who spent 14 years as a synagogue education director. Other educators include CIE founder and President Ken Stein, teen educator and JumpSpark Director Kelly Cohen, and CIE Israel specialist and Emory instructor Eli Sperling.

“The really big thing that Jews have always done is make choices, and I never realized that,” Libchaber said about what she learned. “I have a choice of what to do, what I believe in, what I want to do, and this choice will impact generations to come.”

Gavi Kollin of Los Angeles, who attended the April and October 2018 seminars, said he took away a belief that “Israel is the embodiment of freedom and the embodiment of Judaism. When I talk to other people about Israel, I’m going to try to come from a much more collected point of view.”

This three-day program costs $100, which includes double-occupancy lodging and kosher food. Travel subsidies of up to $200 are available. Space is limited, so students are encouraged to apply online through israeled.org/teens as soon as possible. The application requires a description of a proposed Israel learning project and a letter of support from a rabbi, a cantor, an educator, or someone else who can explain why the student would be good for the program.

“Everyone should apply,” said Aliza Reinstein of Potomac, Maryland, an April 2018 participant. “I got so many awesome experiences out of it. It was amazing.”

For more information on CIE, visit israeled.org; for more information on ISMI, visit smi.emory.edu.

Find more comments from institute participants and their parents at israeled.org/educators/youth-and-teen-israel-enrichment-projects/youth-program-comments, or visit youtube.com/watch?v=Q4HJZ7pXIx4 to see teens describe their experiences.

For more information, contact Walter at rich.walter@israeled.org or 404-727-2921.

Teens work together to figure out what parts of Israel are represented in a series of photos during one of the educational games at the Israel leadership weekend in Atlanta.
MJCCA News

A PANOPLY OF PROLOGUES. A Prologue to the Book Festival of the MJCCA invites the community to several upcoming events.

On September 26, at 7:30 p.m., laugh and learn with Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist Dave Barry and New York Times bestselling author Adam Mansbach, authors of A Field Guide to the Jewish People.

Why do random Jewish holidays keep springing up unexpectedly?

Why are yarmulkes round? Who was the first Jewish comedian?

These baffling questions and many more are answered in A Field Guide to the Jewish People: Who They Are, Where They Come From, What to Feed Them, What They Have Against Foreskins, How Come They Carry Each Other Around on Chairs, Why They Fled Egypt by Running Straight to a Large Body of Water, and Much More. Maybe Too Much More.

This hilarious tome from three comedy legends — Dave Barry, Adam Mansbach, and Alan Zweibel — contains the sweetness of an apricot rugelach, all the wisdom of a matzoh ball. It deflates every holy day, rite of passage, and tradition, unravels a long and complicated history, and tackles the tough questions that have been plaguing the long-suffering Jewish people everywhere for centuries. Gather round your chosen ones, pop open a bottle of Manischewitz, and get ready to laugh as you finally begin to understand the inner workings of Judaism.

Dave Barry is a Pulitzer Prize-winning humor writer and bestselling author whose work has appeared in hundreds of newspapers. The New York Times has pronounced him the funniest man in 20th-century America, but to his eldest daughter, Jamie, he was the man in the scratchy brown bathrobe who smelled of cigarettes, the jokester and compulsive teacher who enthused about Beethoven and the Beatles, and the incongruent whose 4:00 a.m. composing breaks involved spooning baby food out of the jar. He taught his daughter to love the world’s beauty and complexity.

Leonard Bernstein, the composer of On the Town and West Side Story, chief conductor of the New York Philharmonic, television star, humanitarian, and friend of the powerful and influential, was the life of every party. He was an enormous celebrity in 20th-century America, but to his eldest daughter, Jamie, he was the man in the scratchy brown bathrobe who smelled of cigarettes, the jokester and compulsive teacher who enthused about Beethoven and the Beatles, and the incongruent whose 4:00 a.m. composing breaks involved spooning baby food out of the jar. He taught his daughter to love the world’s beauty and complexity.


Tickets for this event are $35 for MJCCA members and the community, and include one hardcover copy of the book.

All events take place at the MJCCA, 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody. To purchase tickets, visit atlantajcc.org/bookfestival, or call the MJCCA Book Office at 678-812-4002. There is a $1.25 service fee per ticket.

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Lori and Kevin Rubin’s 12-year-old son, Beck, has been diagnosed with mood dysregulation disorder and significant ADHD, making it difficult to self-soothe or calm himself. He attends the Hope School in Roswell, Georgia.

Several months ago, Lori received a call from Atlanta JCC Maccabi Games Inclusion Co-Chair Samantha Kurgan. “With the help of The Coca-Cola Company’s sponsorship, the Atlanta MJCCA/Delegation was able to support the inclusive athletes with our buddy program. With the support of Beyond the Playroom, specialists were hired to help build, train, and support our inclusion team. Working together, our buddies, specialists, coaches, and the leadership team ensured success for all the athletes involved in the 2019 Atlanta Games.”

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“Our athletes enjoyed every part of the Games — from competing, participating in all the evening events, and socializing with fellow athletes, to even meeting the Manhattan elite, the trailblazing Candace Bushnell delivers a new book on the wilds of sex and dating after 50.

Set between the Upper East Side of Manhattan and a country enclave known as The Village, Is There Still Sex in the City? follows a cohort of female friends — Sassy, Kitty, Queenie, Tilda Tia, Marilyn, and Candace — as they navigate the ever-modernizing phenomena of midlife dating and relationships. There’s ‘cubbing,’ in which a sensible older woman suddenly becomes the love interest of a much younger man, and what it’s really like to go on Tinder dates as a 50-something divorcee. From the high highs (My New Boyfriend or MNBs) to the low lows (Middle Age Madness, or MAM cycles), Bushnell illustrates with humor and acuity today’s relationship landscape and the types that roam it.

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**September is Tay-Sachs Awareness Month**

JScreen (jscreen.org), a national, not-for-profit education and genetic carrier screening program, reminds us that as we prepare for the holidays, we should keep in mind that September is Tay-Sachs Awareness Month and encourage people to have carrier testing for genetic diseases so they can make informed decisions about family planning. JScreen’s expanded screening panel tests for Tay-Sachs and more than 200 other diseases through at-home DNA testing on saliva.

While anyone can have a child with Tay-Sachs disease (TSD), Ashkenazi Jews are at significantly higher risk. Founded in 1957 by parents, National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association (NTSAD) was a pioneer in the prevention of Tay-Sachs in the Ashkenazi Jewish community through carrier screening programs and education. “While the utilization of Tay-Sachs carrier screening has been impactful and regarded by many as a model public health genetic screening initiative, affected babies are still being born to Jewish, interfaith, and non-Jewish couples who are not offered testing,” said Staci Kallish, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, NTSAD board.

Historically, Tay-Sachs carrier testing was done through enzyme testing on blood samples. A new journal article recently published in Molecular Genetics and Genomic Medicine shows that next generation (NextGen) DNA sequencing of the Tay-Sachs gene has a higher carrier detection rate than blood enzyme testing done through enzyme testing on blood samples. Since DNA testing can be performed on saliva samples, these findings provide reassurance that screening for Tay-Sachs disease can be done accurately and effectively through NextGen sequencing testing on saliva.

“Based on the results of this study, people can feel comfortable accessing carrier screening for many diseases at the same time through NextGen sequencing on saliva, and can be reassured that the Tay-Sachs results from this screening are highly accurate,” said Karen Arnovitz Grinzaid, executive director of JScreen.

“Overall, the data we present provide evidence and support for NGS—based screening as the optimal method to identify TSD carriers, irrespective of ethnicity,” concluded the study recently published in the Molecular Genetics and Genomic Medicine journal.

Visit onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1002/mgg3.836 for more information on the study or to review the entire article.

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**MASH**

By Erin O’Shinskey

RABBI JESSE. During July 12 Shabbat services, Rabbi Jesse Charyn was installed as the new religious leader of Temple Beth David (TBD), Snellville. Before college, he served in the Israel Defense Force. He graduated from Arizona State University, enrolled in the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, and was ordained at the Jewish Spiritual Leaders Institute. Rabbi Jesse, as he likes to be called, has begun several adult education programs at TBD, has met with community and religious leaders, will work with TBD’s young people in the fall, and is implementing adult b’nal mitzvah, grief counseling, and Hebrew language programs.

FRANK TALK. Atlanta based Jewish Fertility Foundation Executive Director and Founder Elana Frank spoke about the prevalence of infertility in the Jewish community at Hadassah’s International Conference, in New York City, on July 17. “The Power of Women Who Advocate” panel included Frank; Dr. Connie Baum Newman, past president, American Medical Women’s Association; and Karen Paikin Barall, director of Government Relations, Hadassah, Women’s Zionist Organization. Hadassah national delegates approved a new policy statement in support of expanding access to infertility diagnosis and treatment. Jewish Fertility Foundation hopes to continue the partnership with Hadassah to help educate policy makers about infertility.

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BUD SELIG INTERVIEW. I got to the “J” (Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta) about an hour early before TV personality Jeff Hullinger was to interview Bud Selig about his book For the Good of the Game, which I planned to cover for “Schwartz on Sports.” I enjoyed sitting in the lobby, reading the latest Jewish publications and people watching.

Before I got comfortable, I saw Gene Benator coming down from his late afternoon workout. We always talk about softball and baseball. Gene’s getting ready to start another year on the pitching mound and continues to officiate in the Men’s Basketball League.

I settled into a comfortable chair and it wasn’t long before I saw Jeff Kess walking by. I hadn’t seen him in a while, especially since our twice yearly Basketball Bunch at Lunch meetings have ended. Jeff was my favorite captain when I played in the Basketball League. He gave everyone on his team a nickname. Mine was “Cagey Vet.” I had a lot of fun playing on his team, and he’s still going strong. He was there for a workout session with Jack Vangrofsky, who used to work in the Physical Education Department and is now a personal trainer. Jeff said that this was the first time he actually worked out seriously rather than just playing basketball. Jack’s got his work cut out for him... (ha ha)

Bruce Weinstein came by shortly afterwards — I figured he’d be here. In 2009, I wrote a column about him and his basketball collection. Tonight’s presentation was tailor-made for Bruce.

Ed Feldstein, who coordinates the ushers at many of the JCC book events, passed by and told me that they were expecting a full house and I had better get in the room and secure a seat. Ed is a major baseball fan, so I knew he was looking forward to hearing Selig, who was the commissioner of Major League Baseball for 20 years and also was owner of the Milwaukee Brewers.

What a storehouse of memories Selig shared with the group. He talked frankly about player strikes in 1994, the steroid scandal, major league expansion, instituting video replay, and adding wild card teams to the playoffs. He ushered in some of the most important and controversial innovations in the game — modernizing a sport that had remained stagnant since the 1950s.

My favorite question was from Dave Cohen, ex-New York Yankees announcer, who pointed out that, when Selig was commissioner, football and basketball had Jewish commissioners as well. When he asked if Selig could give a reason why, Selig replied, “I don’t know. I’m not a rabbi.”

It was really a great program. I’m glad the MJCCA honors its sports fans by featuring personalities such as Bud Selig. One important thing he addressed was how he came up with his book’s title — he remarked that when he was an owner and commissioner, a person he respected greatly told him, “You don’t vote for one team or the other, but what’s best ‘for the good of the game.’” And that’s how Selig’s always tried to operate.

While I was writing this article the next day, I got a call from my son, Michael, who was in Orlando, having lunch with a close friend of mine, Al Schlazer, and his wife, Basha. It was ironic, because Al is one of the biggest baseball fans I have ever known, and he would have loved to hear Selig’s talk. I hope Al buys and reads his book.

THE MACCABIAH EXPERIENCE.

The Maccabiah Games are held in Israel every four years. It is the third-largest sporting event in the world, with the largest delegation of U.S. athletes sent anywhere in the world, including the Olympics. During the four-year span, there are Regional Games, Pan American, and European.

My son-in-law, Marc Backal, attended both the Pan Am, in Mexico City in July, and European Games, in Budapest in early August. We were visiting the Backals in New Jersey when Marc came home. His story and experiences were so interesting that I thought, “Here’s my next topic for ‘Schwartz on Sports.’” What qualifies him for The Jewish Georgian? Well, he is married to our daughter, Cathy, who is a true Jewish Georgian.

Marc, a pediatrician, participated in his seventh consecutive games in a variety of volunteer roles. In Mexico City, he was in charge of the Lev L’Lev (Heart To Heart) eyeglass project. He has run the project, which provides vision screening and glasses for those in underserved areas, for three of the last four years. He was prepared to serve more than 700 people of all ages, provided more than 100 pair of glasses, and ordered another 300 pairs of glasses that arrived in August.

Marc’s group of volunteers included athletes, coaches, parents, and members of the organization. Cadena, which provides disaster relief all over the world. In the three projects Marc has led, more than 2,100 people were screened and 1,000 glasses were donated.

In addition, Marc was the lead physician of the U.S. medical team, which he also served in Budapest in August, as well as being the soccer chair. He’s a busy man!

Marc told me that the Mexico City games were the most organized he attended, from beginning to end. The opening and closing ceremonies, in both attendance and performance, were amazing.

We also talked about Kenny Silverboard’s involvement with the Georgia delegation and called him at home in Atlanta. In Mexico City, Kenny was accommodations manager for masters athletes (35 years and older). Kenny told me about the Georgia athletes who participated in Mexico City: Quintin Alterman and Jaren Holzer, under-16 boys basketball gold medal; Jim Benjamin, 55-plus soccer bronze medal; and David Schnipper, 45-plus basketball, who earned no medal but did make the winning three-point basket at the buzzer in the first game.

This edition of Schwartz on Sports has covered a lot of territory. I hope you enjoyed the ride. Until next time, drive for the bucket and score.
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  - 7:30 pm
  - Adam Rippon
  - Beautiful on the Outside

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  - Chris Edmonds, No Surrender
  - Alice Hoffman,
  - The World That We Knew
  - 7:30 pm
  - Jo Nin

### Tuesday Speakers
- **12:00 pm**
  - Melanie Benjamin,
  - Mistress of the Ritz
  - Jennifer Cody Epstein,
  - Wunderland
  - 7:30 pm
  - Julie Satow,
  - The Plaza
  - Shawn Levy,
  - The Castle on Sunset

### Wednesday Speakers
- **12:00 pm**
  - Myla Goldberg,
  - Feast Your Eyes
  - Lisa Barr,
  - The Unbreakables
  - 7:30 pm
  - Cheri Hubmacher & Dawn Hubmacher,
  - A Bond That Lasts Forever

### Thursday Speakers
- **12:00 pm**
  - Lynne Stewart,
  - A Passion to Serve
  - Sherry Frank,
  - A Passion to Serve
  - 10:00 am
  - Lynn Garson,
  - Sex and the Single Grandma
  - Robyn Spizman,
  - Loving Out Loud
  - 12:30 pm
  - Jillian Walzer Perry,
  - The Legacy of Anne Frank
  - Meg Wells Clayton,
  - The Last Train to London
  - 6:30 pm
  - Kristallnacht Commemoration
  - Besser Holocaust Memorial Garden

### Friday Speakers
- **7:30 pm**
  - Adam Rippon,
  - Beautiful on the Outside
  - 8:00 pm
  - Ben Mezrich,
  - Bitcoin Billionaires

### Saturday Speakers
- **7:30 pm**
  - Tziporah Salamon,
  - The Art of Dressing
  - 8:00 pm
  - Preet Bharara,
  - Doing Justice

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Jewish Women’s Fund of Atlanta selects 20 women for inaugural ACT class

ACT — Agents of Change Training — is the Jewish Women’s Fund of Atlanta’s (JWFA) new initiative designed to give women in the Jewish community the necessary tools to use their voices to truly effect change — to get involved in causes they are passionate about and to make a difference in impactful and meaningful ways. Twenty women have been selected for the first class of this nine-month program.

Through strategic, interactive seminars led by accomplished leaders, activists, and influencers, ACT seeks to challenge and engage while providing networking and mentoring opportunities designed to foster a sense of growth personally, professionally, and communally.

“The core of our mission at JWFA is to promote social change and to create positive opportunities for Jewish women and girls,” says JWFA Executive Director Rachel Wasserman. “It is our hope that participants will go on to make an impact in initiatives that advance a variety of causes that are meaningful to them. The goal is to equip these women with the tools to literally act on their own, whether their cause is gender equality or something else significant to them.”

The women of ACT 2019-2020 represent a wide cross-section of ages, experiences, and Jewish involvement. They are: Amy Fox, Andi Neiman, Beth Sherman, Caren Cohen, Dr. Eve Wexler, Felicia Marable, Gabby Spatt, Hannah Spinrad, Jan Jay, Jennifer Mosbacher, Joanna Israel, Julie Mokotoff, Lauren Sturisky, Leslie Reitman, Dr. Lynn Bahr, Melissa Kaplan, Rabba Melissa Scholten-Gutierrez, Sheryl Lyss, Susie Greenberg, and Tracy Rosenbluth Howard. Visit jwafatlanta.org/act for additional biographical information.

“I am excited to join ACT for many reasons,” says Julie Mokotoff. “First, I look forward to learning from and engaging with other like-minded females in the Atlanta Jewish community. Second, the cornerstone of my Judaism is the principle of L’dor V’dor. If, as a society, we want to create a pipeline for the next generation of female leaders, my peers and I must act as a bridge that connects the past, present, and future generations. Third, as a volunteer at my synagogue, the MJCCA, and my children’s schools, I would like to strengthen my network and improve my advocacy skills.”

One of the qualities that sets ACT apart from pre-existing leadership programs is the fact that it actively engages women in Atlanta’s Jewish community at many different stages of their lives. Unlike similar programs focused on convening both men and women primarily in their 20s and 30s, ACT applicants for the pilot year ranged in age from 30-68. Many applicants were women who had not previously engaged in any formal capacity within the Jewish community, while others were seasoned activists looking to connect with new organizations and causes on a deeper level.

The program will expose participants to a variety of opportunities to get involved and make a difference in both the Jewish and secular communities. ACT also includes a mentor element that will pair participants with JWFA trustees.

“I think ACT is a very unique program,” says participant Joanna Israel. “I have been a part of several leadership programs and have volunteered in the Jewish community for years, and I’m always looking for new ways to deepen my engagement in the community and feel like I have the tools to truly make a difference.”

ACT will kick off later this month with an orientation and continue with monthly seminars that explore themes including networking and communication; women, money, and power; moving beyond #metoo; and advocacy in action. In addition to the scheduled sessions, ACT participants will have the opportunity to engage with JWFA trustees on a regular basis and will be connected to other organizations that provide opportunities to delve further into their personal interests.

“We were blown away by the quality and quantity of the applicants for the pilot year and are so proud to have ignited such excitement in the community,” says Wasserman. “While we hope all of the participants will continue to be involved with JWFA for years to come, our ultimate goal is to funnel leaders throughout the community, not just to our own organization. This sets ACT apart from many other leadership programs.”

Founded in 2012, Jewish Women’s Fund of Atlanta promotes social change and expands positive opportunities for Jewish women. Each year, JWFA accepts funding proposals and makes allocations according to a group decision-making process. In its first seven years, the organization has invested $915,300 in 44 partner organizations, collectively providing a more safe, healthy, and equitable future full of possibility both directly and indirectly to countless women and girls. No other organization is as exclusively and passionately dedicated to the advancement of Jewish women and girls in Atlanta and around the world. JWFA is a proud partner of Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta.

JWFA is part of The Jewish Women’s Funding Network (JWFN), a collaborative of 18 member funds engaged in social change fundraising, advocacy, and grant-making to change the world for women and girls. The JWFN has collective assets of $43 million and has awarded more than $53 million in grants to support gender equality in the Jewish community.

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hand backstage at Closing Ceremonies,” said Tracey. “With medals in hand, they left the week of the Games feeling every aspect of being a part of this incredible Atlanta community — they experienced it all!”

Beck Rubin at the JCC Maccabi Games (photos: courtesy of Lori Rubin)

Beck Rubin with one of his medals

JSU News

RECORD BREAKING. Twelve years after its debut, Jewish Student Union (JSU) can now lay claim to being the largest Jewish youth organization in the South. JSU connects more than 4,000 members at more than 18 Atlanta-area high schools.

A fun outlet in which the teens can explore their Judaism, JSU offers many teens their first-ever opportunity to engage in Jewish activities. And those who have lost their connection to Judaism since their bar or bat mitzvahs are afforded the opportunity to reestablish that connection.

Two integral components of being a JSU member are getting involved in local communities and learning about one’s Jewish heritage.

Rabbi Chaim Neiditch, the charismatic leader of JSU, makes his presence felt every JSU club running activities before and after school and during lunch. Rabbi Neiditch has created engaging interactive Jewish programming, such as making Hebrew name bracelets, challah braiding, and making Seder plates to introduce teens to Jewish holidays and traditions.
Yamim Noraim

Now September had arrived and the Amen.”

Vikeemanu, Vehigianu, Lazman Hazeh a chance for a new life. Together we recite those who have suffered so, but now have be filled with Torah. God watch over our read from the remitted us that

Navi Amos

“On this day, the Haftorah we have freedom.

the war did not make its way to our shores. massacred by the tyrant. Here in America many of our dear ones in Europe were a Jewish homeland for our people. So “We turn to God in thanksgiving for

Since the 1930. Friedman captured my spirit as a teenager Atlanta. Leon Tuck put it this way: “Rabbi Friedman captured my spirit as a teenager and changed my entire life. The synagogue has been my home because of the davening and learning that he imparted to me.”

On that Selichos night in 1948, what I recall initially was the walk to the synagogue with my father, Washington Street was then the only locale in Atlanta where a goodly number of Jews resided, possibly close to 2,000 people, young and old. We lived in the 700 block of Washington Street, my grandparents at 593 Washington; the shul was at 500 Washington.

That Saturday night, the street was abuzz; not that only Jews lived there, but it also seemed that night the sidewalks were bursting with Yidden — unsere leit. At the main intersection, Georgia Avenue and Washington Street, you could smell the challah baking for yomtov at Manhattan Bakery, along with the lekach — honey cake — and, once in a while, teiglach.

Since Shabbas was over, the ovens at the bakery had been fired up, and people lined the sidewalk on Georgia Avenue, waiting to buy their baked goods. Since Rosh Hashanah was still a few days away, people were still buying rye and pumpernickel breads. I have heard at times that Mr. Novack, the baker, made bagels. My father and I took a good schmeck — smell — and moved on.

At the next corner on Washington Street was Kaufman’s Kosher Chickens; close by was Max Siegel’s Deli. At 10:30 p.m., both were filled with customers. “Louis,” Bessie Kaufman called to my father, “when are you coming to pick up Anna’s order?”

Bessie, I will be in tomorrow morning — make sure it is ready.” Wondrous smells floated out into the night air. We passed by Siegel’s quickly and went on to the next corner.

At Crumbley and Washington, one could see Piedmont Hospital, my place of birth. Even at night, as my father walked on the sidewalk, I played my game of jumping from stoop to stoop. We were now accompanied by 20 or so men heading to the shul. At the corner of Richardson and Washington, we crossed over and stopped at Stein’s Butcher Shop, where my father said hello to one of his clients, Ben Stein. He and his wife were busy selling fleisch — meat — of all types. In those days, there were still a number of Shochetim in Atlanta, who killed kosher meat two or three times a week. Kosher meat was still all fresh, which is what the people wanted. Stein’s was one of four kosher meat markets at the time. We passed the store, a little house where I once sliced my arm severely, and then we were at Shearith Israel.

The little shul, as it was known, had been at this particular location for 18 years. When Rabbi Geffen first arrived there in 1910, the shul was located on Hunter Street (now MLK drive), down the block from the State Capitol. The Eastern European Jewish community was concentrated in that area, led by Ahavath Achim, the big shul, on Gilmer Street. In 1921, it moved to Washington Street.

Shearith Israel was having financial problems and could not move. Then, a leader of the “Deitscher Yidden,” Harold Hirsch, r”l, saved the day. The property at 500 Washington Street was bought in 1928; first, the Beis Medrash was constructed, then the sanctuary. This 1930 note in the Southern Israelite captured the spirit of the shul: “The small but determined group at Shearith Israel finished their new building. The rich Hebrew Benevolent Congregation, The Temple, is still waiting around to finish its structure on Peachtree Street.”

I can still see that building today. There were three large columns in the front, all lit up for this evening. The light reflected on the passing cars. The Washington Street streetcar line stopped near the shul, and the passengers looked at the building in wonderment.

When my father and I passed through Shearith Israel’s large wooden doors, we saw two tables with plates of money, along with tickets for the High Holidays. “Louis, come on over and sit down,” Abe Auerbach, the congregation president, called out. “You have the list of the members, which we need so the seats can be assigned.”

Before and after World War II, my father was shul secretary, in addition to doing all of the legal work pro bono. My father quickly sat down, opened the big ledger that he brought from home, and went to work. I, of course, went to play with my friends.

People came in and bought their tickets. They also put money in the plates — pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and a few bills — for yeshivos, for arme leit — the poor — in the United States and Israel. Some people also made contributions for shul. We now know that Rabbi Geffen regularly forwarded contributions of $10 and $20 taken from these collection plates to help institutions all over the world. He kept meticulous records of the amount and locale where every contribution was sent.

What do I recall about first Selichos service? Maybe 75 men and 25 women were present. The men sat in the center of the main sanctuary; the women were on the raised sides. My grandfather and Rabbi Friedman were in their white kittels sitting on the bema next to the aron kodesh. The chazzan, in for a tryout, wore his white robe and davened from the center bema. My friends and I played inside and outside. We played catch a bit, then my father came and got me. “David, you wanted to be here for Selichos, I strongly suggest that you come inside.”

I did not learn too much that night, but I now know that Selichos has several musical highlights. One is the repetition of the words “Hashem Hashem” — words found in the Torah right after the incident of the golden calf. The Chazzan recited these words five or six times. The Ritual Committee members seemed to like his voice and his nusach, so he would probably daven for the Yamim Noraim.

My eyes were closing fast. I was trying to stay awake. I could no longer follow the words in the Selichos book, though my father kept pointing at them. There was one melody I knew. Where was it? Where was Avinu Malkenu? Would I make it to that point? Then the ark opened. Avinu Malkenu started. Next thing I knew, my father was waking me up to walk home.
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Through September 30, applications for Jewish Educational Loan Fund’s (JELF) interest-free loans to Jewish students for higher education (college, graduate school, and vocational programs) will be accepted on jelf.org. Applications are for school expenses for the period from January through August 2020.

While there are many organizations that provide interest-free loans, JELF is distinct in that it is the only Jewish organization in the U.S. focused solely on higher education.

Qualification requirements:
- a permanent resident of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, or Virginia (excluding metro D.C.), although loans can be used at any U.S. accredited school;
- enrolled full time in a program leading to a degree or certificate and in good academic standing;
- a U.S. citizen or have lawful immigration status;
- have a designated co-signer; and
- able to demonstrate financial need.

(2019 FAFSA application is required.)

Loans provided by JELF help pay the necessary living expenses that other financial aid doesn’t cover, such as travel, rent, food, and books. JELF’s no-interest student loans save borrowers thousands of dollars in high-interest-bearing debt.

“This is the only type of organization I know of that, when I write a check, I know exactly where it’s going, and it keeps going,” says Stan Lowenstein, a long-time JELF volunteer and current president of the board. “My dollars never die.”

The strength of the longstanding “free loan” model is that funds are lent to those in need, yet once the borrower can repay, the repayment goes to the next student — and so on. Thus, the same funds are recycled indefinitely, and the organization can help future students in need. In addition, donors can see their donations continue to help Jewish students reach and achieve their full potential far into the future.

For more information about JELF in Atlanta, contact Yael Stein, at 770-677-9305 or ystein@jfcsatlanta.org.

A Story of Jewish Experience in Mississippi

By Janice Rothschild Blumberg

What happens when a Professor Emeritus of English writes the story of his family’s settlement in America? In the case of A Story of Jewish Experience in Mississippi we get a modest size book with huge insights to important factors of American — especially Southern — Jewish history. It whets the appetite for three separate books on the major subjects he confronts.

Beginning with family stories from the old country and his parents’ letters to each other before they married, author Leon Waldoff followed his scholarly instinct to research beyond his own family’s arrival in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. His small volume reveals American Jewish history emblematic of many experiences throughout the South. It parallels that of innumerable others who settled in rural America following the Kishinev pogrom and other horrors perpetrated on Jews in Eastern Europe in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The second story woven through dealing with it to become a recognized respected presence in the community, and finally navigating the treacherous waters of the Civil Rights struggle within that culture.

I believe that the greatest gift Professor Waldoff gives us in writing this book is in laying the foundation for understanding why the majority of Southern Jews remained silent in the face of racial injustice and atrocities. Certainly there were those who had acculturated to the point of agreeing with the racist views of their neighbors, as there were also the courageous few who, like Hattiesburg’s Reform Rabbi Charles Mantinband, forged ahead speaking and doing whatever they believed feasible or dared to risk toward the achievement of justice. The vast majority, however, were basically good people who supported their synagogues, believed the truths that they recited each year at the Passover Seder, and prioritized above all the welfare of their family. That meant among other things refraining from any word or action that might lead to anti-Semitic conversation around their neighbors’ dinner tables thus giving the neighbor’s children the idea that it was okay to abuse your children on the school playground; and most of all, it meant maintaining your income so as to send your children to a top-rated institution for higher education.

In cities like Atlanta it was reasonably safe to pursue Civil Rights actively, although not without the notable exception of the Temple bombing in 1958 and not without some of us having our lives threatened. One of the things I most enjoyed personally in Professor Waldoff’s book was the mention of his brother-in-law “B” Botnick whom I remember from his work in Atlanta. I especially recall “B” telling my husband, Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, that the Anti-Defamation League had discovered the rabbi’s name on a racist “hit” list. We were not terrified or immobilized by such information because we knew and trusted Atlanta’s leaders. In other cities, smaller and less fortunate in their leadership, there was good reason to be afraid. Rabbi Rothschild often spoke of Hattiesburg Rabbi Mantinband as his hero, the most courageous of them all.

I recommend A Story of Jewish Experience in Mississippi especially for the insight it gives to this aspect of American history. After reading it, for anyone caring to pursue detailed information about the involvement of rabbis in Deep South congregations during the Civil Rights period, I recommend To Stand Aside or Stand Alone by Rabbi P. Allen Krause, edited by Mark K. Bauman with Stephen Krause.
Henri Dauman —
the man behind the camera

According to Time magazine, Henri Dauman created “photos that play like a slideshow of some of the biggest moments in American history, and popular culture.” From JFK to Brigitte Bardot, Henri Dauman’s iconic photography defined the 20th century.

Henri Dauman on set with Brigitte Bardot, Spoleto, Italy, 1962

No matter whom Dauman shot, an innately alluring aspect exists within his work. His sensitivity to his subjects allowed him to capture unguarded moments with precision and beauty. Artistically, he admits a debt to the visual language of cinema, and by closely observing cinematic techniques — sequences, short cuts, close-ups, contrasting backlight — he created a powerful technical arsenal where image, caption, and text became one. For Dauman, the layout of magazines often echoed the sequential efficiency of American films.

Dauman’s poignant vision of the world around him was the driving force in his ability to tell the stories of socio-political unease, shifting cultural values, and glimpses into the day-to-day life of the latter half of 20th-century America. His vision is that of a man whose life experience and subsequent triumph over many of life’s hurdles put him in a privileged position to tell the story of a multi-faceted American Dream.

Henri Dauman with multiple cameras (Photos: ©Henri Dauman/daumanpictures.com / KP Projects Gallery)

Dauman was born in 1933, in Montmartre. His early childhood, during World War II, was plagued by tragedy. In the face of extreme adversity, Dauman found purpose and solace behind the lens of a camera. Following a photographic apprenticeship at Courbevoie and entertainment photography at Radio Luxembourg and the Bernard Agency in Paris, Dauman immigrated to New York at the age of 17.

Henri’s early fascination with film taught him how to tell a story. Without a formal photography education, Dauman started working for France-Amérique, and expanded his horizons to European publications Paris-Match, Jours de France, Epoca, and Der Stern. Bigger American publications took note of Dauman’s work in these publications, and, in 1959, at the age of 26, he received the first of many assignments from Life magazine.

While on assignment, Dauman captured poignant images of celebrities, musicians, politicians, pop culture icons, and a myriad of pivotal moments in American history. His wide range of subjects included film sirens Brigitte Bardot and Marilyn Monroe, music legend Elvis Presley, pop icon Andy Warhol, John and Jacqueline Kennedy, and writers Truman Capote and Tennessee Williams. He also travelled internationally to bring the Castro revolution in Cuba and Buddhist protest in Vietnam to international media.

Henri Dauman with Prints

Henri Dauman’s photographs have been exhibited at institutions such as the Tate Liverpool; the German Historical Museum, Berlin; the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the National Gallery of Canada; and the National Portrait Gallery, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. His “Manhattan Darkroom” exhibition of more than 200 prints has been shown at venues including the Palais d’Iéna in Paris (2014) and the Nicéphore-Niépce Museum of Photography in Chalon-sur-Saône (2017). A feature-length documentary entitled Henri Dauman: Looking Up is currently screening at film festivals throughout the U.S. and Europe. Inquiries about his photographs can be directed to KP Projects Gallery, Los Angeles, at info@kpprojects.net or 323-953-4408.

Henri Dauman: Looking Up: Iconic Photography that Defined the 20th Century

Henri Dauman — the man behind the camera

“The Henri Dauman Looking Up: Iconic Photography that Defined the 20th Century” exhibition featuring the iconic images of Henri Dauman opens at the Breman Museum in Atlanta on Friday, September 13. The exhibition encompasses Dauman’s work from 1959 to the present and is on display through December 30. Henri Dauman’s photographs are on display at The Breman Museum for the opening on September 15.
Recently, I had the honor and privilege of spending a Sunday afternoon with a group of women, some of whom I had not connected with in more than 38 years. It was a beautiful day; the sun was shining, and I was feeling happy and excited all at the same time. Who would be there? What if I didn’t recognize someone? What if I inadvertently had said something 38 years ago, I didn’t remember?

You might be wondering how we knew each other, and here is a little background. I was born and raised in Atlanta and in high school I joined a Jewish youth organization called B’nai B’rith Youth Organization (BBYO). The girls were divided into sorority-like chapters of B’nai B’rith Girls (BBG) and the boys into fraternity-like chapters called Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA). Every Sunday afternoon, we congregated for chapter meetings, sporting events, and dances at the community center (or “the center”) in mid-town Atlanta. It was a special place and one that I believe had a huge impact on my life because it gave me a real sense of belonging. We were the class of 1981.

Entering the front door holding my potluck dish, I had no idea who would be in attendance. Instantly, I was greeted with warm hugs, big smiles, and it felt so amazing! The food smelled delicious. There were scrapbooks of old pictures, some Tab soda on display, and the most amazing Bloody Mary Bar. The conversations just started to flow — mostly one-on-one catching up and hearing about what life had transpired since we last saw each other. Surprisingly, most people still lived in Atlanta. A few traveled from Boston and New Jersey.

After we talked, ate, and took some pictures, we gathered in a circle. One of the women set the stage — “tell us your name, about yourself/family, and what is your inspiration for the coming year.” Lots of pressure but no worries — I was somewhere in the middle of the pack, so it gave me plenty of time to gather my thoughts. I was so intrigued by the honesty and authenticity of the discussion that took place. There was a comfort level with each other that I had not experienced in a very long time. Was it because we experienced those formative years together, because we simply have a unique bond, or because we are all yearning for sisterhood again? While I don’t have the answers, I can say that it was a very impressive group — social workers, leaders, managers, medical professionals, teachers, entrepreneurs, college counselors, jewelry designers, moms, caretakers, lawyers, wives, consultants, accountants, partners, real estate developers, recruiters, travel agents, and more. We shared details about our families, partnerships, marriages, children, grandchildren, hobbies, interests, and desires to experience life to the fullest going forward. Most of all we left with the intention of seeing each other again and staying in touch.

From high school to mid-life — 38 years and just getting started!

BY Alison Schneider

The event lasted about four hours, and I was shocked when I reached my car and realized a big part of the day had passed. During the time, I must confess that I did check my phone a couple of times and took a bunch of pictures, but I was in no hurry to leave, to get back to my day, or even to think about what else I should be doing. I was present, engaged, and connected. It was glorious, and I loved the feeling. So that is my inspiration for the coming year — be present, engaged, and connected.

JNF welcomes new consul general of Israel to the Southeast

Beth Gluck, executive director of Greater Atlanta JNF, welcomes Consul General Anat Sultan-Dadon

Jewish National Fund (JNF) hosted an event to welcome and meet Anat Sultan-Dadon, who was recently appointed to the position of consul general of Israel to the Southeastern United States.

Consul General Anat Sultan-Dadon

Consul General Sultan-Dadon joined the Israeli diplomatic corps in 2004 and has extensive experience working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has previously served at the Israeli embassies in Cameroon, Germany, the Netherlands, and most recently in Canberra, Australia. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem, she has held positions in the Euro-Asia Division and the Asia-Pacific Division.

Consul General Sultan-Dadon has a bachelor’s degree in psychology and education from The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, as well as a master’s in criminology from the same institution. She is joined by her husband, Yaron, and their three daughters.
Deborah E. Lipstadt honored with Gottheil Award

Zeta Beta Tau fraternity named Deborah E. Lipstadt as the recipient of the 2019 Gottheil Award for humanitarian service.

Dr. Lipstadt accepted the award on August 3, at the 2019 Zeta Beta Tau International Convention in Denver.

The Gottheil Award was named for the founder of Zeta Beta Tau. It is awarded to individuals and organizations for humanitarian services and activities that best promote better understanding in relationships among all people. Past recipients include Felix Warburg, Franklin Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, Morris Abram, Doctors Without Borders, Special Olympics International, Coca-Cola Foundation, Jewish Federations of North America, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, and the USO.

Dr. Lipstadt, the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, has published and taught about the Holocaust for close to 40 years. However, she is probably most widely known because of the libel lawsuit brought against her by David Irving for having called him a Holocaust denier. Irving was at that time arguably the world’s leading denier. After a 10-week trial in London, in an overwhelming victory for Lipstadt, the judge found Irving to be a “neo-Nazi polemict” who “perverts” history and engages in “racist” and “anti-Semitic” discourse. *The Daily Telegraph* described the trial as having “done for the new century what the Nuremberg tribunals or the Eichmann trial did for earlier generations.” According to *The Times*, “History has had its day in court and scored a crushing victory.” According to *The New York Times*, the trial “put an end to the pretense that Mr. Irving is anything but a self-promoting apologist for Hitler.”

Dr. Lipstadt’s TED Talk, “Behind the Lies of Holocaust Denial,” has received more than 1.3 million hits. The movie Denial, which tells the story of this legal battle, is based on one of her books.

Dr. Lipstadt is a world-renowned author of many books. At Emory, she received the Emory Williams Teaching Award, selected by alumni as the teacher who had most influenced them. Dr. Lipstadt was a historical consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and helped design the section of the museum dedicated to the American response to the Holocaust. She has held Presidential appointment to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council (from Presidents Clinton and Obama) and was asked by President George W. Bush to represent the White House at the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. She was part of a committee that advised Secretary of State Madeline Albright on matters of religious freedom abroad. She has a B.A. from the City College of New York and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Brandeis University.

“Deborah Lipstadt is committed to the fight against hate, a cause that is a priority at ZBT,” ZBT Chief Executive Officer Libby Anderson, CAE said. “We are honored to present this award and recognize Deborah for all of her work in the hate-prevention and Holocaust-education space.

Gifts in honor of Deborah Lipstadt may be made to the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation. Learn more about the foundation at zbtfoundation.org.

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Calling all book lovers! From October 30 through November 18, 2019, the Book Festival of the MJCCA will celebrate 28 years of bringing culture and conversation to the greater Atlanta community. This year’s Book Festival repertoire of 45+ authors has something to offer all festival-goers. More than 13,000 people from across the Southeast will come to engage with and listen to their favorite local, national, and international authors. All events will be held at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta (MJCCA), 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody.

Headlining authors include: Preet Bharara, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton, Akbar Gbajabiamila, Nikki R. Haley, Jodi Kantor, Adam Rippon, Bari Weiss, Henry Winkler, and many more!

Local authors include: Perry Brickman, Zoe Fishman, Sherry Frank, Lynn Garson, Andy Lipman, Bev Saltzman Lewyn, Pat Mitchell, Brent Pease and Kyle Pease, I.J. Rosenberg, and Robyn Spizman.

“We are thrilled about this year’s lineup,” said Book Festival Co-Chair Deena Profis. “The 28th Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA features everyone from acclaimed actors and renowned political figures; to authors presenting award-winning cookbooks and riveting memoirs. We truly have something for everyone.”

“Included in our exciting lineup are some of Atlanta’s best local authors presenting their work,” explained Book Festival Co-Chair Susie Hyman. “Additionally, I am thrilled that we will bring back our ‘In Conversation’ interviews between authors and local journalists; as well as various events with book clubs from throughout the city.”

To purchase tickets for each individual event, or, for a better value, purchase a series pass for access to most of the November events. Some events are free. For more information, schedule of events, and tickets, visit atlantajcc.org/bookfestival, e-mail bookfestival@atlantajcc.org, or call the MJCCA Box Office at 678-812-4002.
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Israeli Election Analysis. Friday, September 20, 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm, NCJW office. Light lunch will be provided. Israeli Election Analysis Guest Speaker: Dov Wilner, Regional Director, American Jewish Committee

Frankly Speaking: Looking at the News Through a Jewish Lens. September 26, October 24, and December 19. 12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm, NCJW Office, 6303 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs. This monthly discussion is led by Sherry Frank. Beverage and dessert provided.

“Voting Rights: Where We Are and Where We Are Going”. Thursday, November 7, Noon – 1:30 pm, Maggiano’s Buckhead. Speakers: Jerry Gonzalez, Sean Young, Moderator: Libby Gazansky. Cost: $36. RSVP to christineh@ncjwatlanta.org

Lunch and Learn: 2020 Georgia Legislative Perspective. Tuesday, December 3, Noon – 1:30 pm, NCJW Office. Speaker: Georgia Senator Jen Jordan. A light lunch will be provided.

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A SUPER WELCOME. At the Atlanta Jewish Academy (AJA), the first day of school for students in early childhood through eighth grade was exciting. Getting back into the swing of things after a fun, relaxing summer took some super efforts. Teachers and staff welcomed the students with balloons, music, and "superhero" ruach (spirit) created by AJA's shlichim (Israeli teachers).

AMAZING FIRST DAY. AJA's high-school students were greeted on their first day with a coffee cart, music, and cookies.

NEW BEGINNINGS. AJA sports teams played their first game of the year. High School Girls Volleyball started off the season with a win, while other teams practiced for the start of their seasons. A new program launched this year, the Junior Jags, in which lower school students practice with high-school mentor athletes.

1ST TOUCHDOWN. The Weber School’s Flag Football season opener was a huge success. School spirit soared and the energy was intense, as a huge crowd of students, parents, and faculty cheered the Weber Rams to their first victory. The scoring kicked off with Weber’s first-ever touchdown coming on a 40-yard pass completion from senior Joey Rubankenro to junior Jason Seagraves.

A LESSON IN HISTORY. Weber students in Mike Nance’s AP U.S. History class recently attended a program at the Atlanta History Center, where author Richard Gergel discussed his book Unexampled Courage, which details the case of Sergeant Isaac Woodard, the racial awakening of President Harry Truman and South Carolina judge J. Waties Waring, and their influential roles in changing the course of America’s Civil Rights history.

INNOVATION. Makey Makey, a new addition to The Epstein School’s InnovationSpace, powered by 20Chai, is an invention kit that allows students to turn everyday objects into touch pads and combine them with the Internet. With the Makey Makey, students can make any conductive material act as the input device for a computer. Because it comes pre-programmed, students with no coding experience can use it and learn to experiment with it as they learn to code. It allows students to become hardware engineers and solve real-world design challenges by providing a landscape that fosters curiosity and creates vibrant learners.

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD. The Epstein School encourages reading and emphasizes the importance of literacy. Epstein’s pre-KA and KB students were excited to test their skills in independence as they checked out their first library books of the school year. There are two literacy specialists who focus on the Elementary School students. One concentrates on working with students utilizing the Orton-Gillingham approach; the other supports teachers and students in implementing Epstein’s literacy initiatives, the Daily 5 and Café, which foster in students a love of reading, while helping them develop individualized goals.

COMMUNICATE, COLLABORATE, AND COOPERATE. TDSA's sixth-grade boys discuss and debate Talmudic passages in a cooperative, collaborative environment.

LATITUDE, LONGITUDE, AND COORDINATES. Working in teams, TDSA seventh-graders reviewed the concepts of latitude and longitude on the first day of school. They learned it’s a language of numbers and that every place on Earth has a global address.

MAKE IT A GAME. Creating a learning game builds excitement in the classroom, as these TDSA fourth-graders identify nouns within a sentence.

GET CREATIVE AND MAKE LEARNING FUN. At TDSA, learning how to write one’s
name involves more than just paper and pen. Here, Kindergarten students get creative with salt, Play-Doh, and more.

L.O.V.E. The Davis Academy embodies Menschlichkeit values of community, respect, spirit, wisdom, and righteousness, through L.O.V.E. — Living Our Values Every Day. In this spirit, the faculty and staff kicked off the year with a tzedek project benefiting Aurora on Wheels, an extension of Aurora Day Camp, a camp for children with cancer and their siblings hosted on The Davis Academy’s campus. The team prepared activity bags with cards, toys, and games for Aurora’s in-hospital programs for children awaiting treatment in pediatric oncology units in Atlanta. From left: Faculty members Sharon Bolnick, Hallie Rosenberg, Stacy Schleicher, Dana Rifkin, and Joanne Bucovetsky.

STRAWS NO MORE. After learning about the alarming effects plastic straws have on oceans and marine life from the StrawNoMore project, an Australian initiative encouraging schools globally to abandon single-use plastic straws, Davis fifth-graders (from left) Iake Tessler, Hannah Rosenberg, and Jackson Powers took a stand. Students pitched the idea of implementing the initiative to the school’s food services director and shared information about the long-term harm created by single-use plastic straws and the positive impact of ceasing to use them. After this persuasive presentation, The Davis Academy took the StrawNoMore pledge, further enhancing the school’s environmental efforts.

EIGHTH-GRADE LEADERSHIP RETREAT. In anticipation of their final year at The Davis Academy, eighth-graders (pictured) participated in an overnight leadership retreat at Camp Coleman, in North Georgia. Throughout the retreat, students strengthened individual skills and built community, while deepening their grade-level connections with activities ranging from tzedek-focused tikkan olam study sessions and reflections to culinary team-building challenges and campfire ruach (spirit). With an overall theme of “Know Your Why,” the retreat encouraged students to think about their passions, how they can fulfill them, and, ultimately how they can increase their impact of action.

EXPLORING FAUVISM. After learning about Fauvist artists from the early 1900s and their use of bold colors to portray emotions, students in The Davis Academy’s sixth-grade visual arts class created Fauvist self-portraits. For the project, students thought of an emotion to portray in their portraits, examined the color wheel, and chose light, medium, and dark colors they associate with the selected emotion for their portraits. As students created their portraits, they developed their own color/emotional associations and explored color subjectivity, while building upon their oil pastel skills. Here, Ava Peck works on her self-portrait.

COMMUNITY OF LEARNING. Davis Academy faculty members are partnering with faculty from Emory University’s Emory-Tibet Partnership for cognitively-based compassion training (CBCT), a unique form of mindfulness that focuses on increasing compassion, while promoting resiliency and other healthy dispositions. Emory is an ideal partner because of the school’s extensive experience in school-based mindfulness and its proximity, allowing for greater impact and continued partnerships in the future. The training was initially offered to faculty members, and its effect is felt in every classroom and across the school community. Pictured: Davis faculty members are introduced to the program.

The days leading up to Rosh Hashanah are exciting ones across the Jewish world and especially at The Davis Academy. Among the many and varied ways that our school community anticipates the holiday is through our daily shofar blowing during morning announcements over the loudspeaker. Take a moment to picture in your mind dozens of young children of all ages carrying shofars of all types. Some with shofars that are as tall as they are, others with plastic shofars tied with string around their necks. Imagine the bulging cheeks and cacophony as each child blows their own best horn or her ability. It’s a beautiful sound. It’s the sound of our Jewish diversity heralding our Jewish solidarity. It is the sound of the many becoming one, and the sound of the One reaching the ears of the many. Throughout the centuries, the sound of the shofar has come to symbolize many different things. At The Davis Academy, the sound of the shofar resonates with ancient and modern messages. The shofar calls us to be fully present as we proudly proclaim that we are here, confident in our Jewish identity. It also reminds us of our past as it beckons us to honor our personal past and collective history and all that has led up to this moment. In addition to the present and the past, the shofar calls us toward our future by reminding us of our commitment to tikkan olam and social action. It evokes for us the spirituality that permeates all aspects of Jewish life and practice. It challenges us to L.O.V.E. as we Live Our Values Everyday — the values of wisdom, spirit, respect, righteousness, and community.

Our shofar ritual, because of the many children that participate and the many meanings that the shofar conveys, is a reminder of the special diversity that resides at The Davis Academy and in all of our Jewish communities. Each child who sounds the shofar is unique. Each of us that hears the sound of the shofar hears it in our way. And therein lies its power — whether we are Jewish by birth, new to the faith, part of a Jewish family, but not ourselves Jewish; whether we are religiously observant or culturally Jewish, from a small town or a large urban center. Our unique faces, voices, stories, hopes, and dreams are an amazing testament to the strength, resolve, and enduring mission of the Jewish People.

A High Holiday message from Davis Academy’s Rabbi Micah Lapidus
**JF&CS News**

**LA KIER NAMED CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.** Amanda Arnowitz La Kier is the new chief development officer for Jewish Family & Career Services (JF&CS) Atlanta.

In this role, La Kier will lead the agency’s development efforts, which include grants, fundraising events, and volunteer activities. She brings more than 25 years of experience in fundraising and development to the human services agency.

“Amanda’s experience in this critical role for our agency,” said Terri Bonoff, CEO of JF&CS. “Her knowledge and development expertise will enable JF&CS to generate the resources needed to support our mission and our continued growth and impact.”

La Kier most recently served as vice president of Individual Giving, Donor Relations and Grants for WABE/ATL PBA. Prior to that, she was the nationwide director of Corporate Initiatives at the American Cancer Society and has also served as the director of development at the American Jewish Committee.

She earned a bachelor of science in communications from Ohio University and is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) from CFRE International. La Kier resides in Dunwoody.

**BRONSTEIN NAMED CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER.** Lisa Bronstein has been named chief human resources officer for JF&CS.

In this role, Bronstein will oversee the agency’s human resources programs and functions, which include recruiting and retaining top talent, providing leadership development training and education, as well as technical assistance to JF&CS management and executive staff; and managing the human resources team.

Bronstein joined the social services agency in 2011 as director of human resources and has worked to elevate the department’s recruitment and retention efforts.

“Lisa has been a huge asset to the agency over the past eight years, and her promotion is a well-deserved reflection of her important contribution,” said Bonoff. “She brings invaluable experience and knowledge to this role, which is critical to the future success of JF&CS as we strive to deliver best-in-class services to those in need.”

A seasoned human resources executive, Bronstein was attracted to JF&CS because of its compassionate care and service of individuals and families. She has worked in corporate human resources positions for more than 25 years in New York, New Jersey, and Atlanta, Georgia. She earned a bachelor of science in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University. Bronstein and her husband, David, reside in Dunwoody, have two daughters and one son-in-law, and are proud grandparents.

**RESOURCES OFFICER.** Lisa Bronstein

**HAMS A — A JEWISH LIFELINE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE.** Every day, clients and their loved ones come to us at Helping Atlantans Manage Alcohol and/or of Substance Abuse (HAMS A) because they deeply wish to change their lives. Everyone has a different experience with drugs and alcohol that they don’t see a way out. We help them see that there is a way out — and that we can help. We offer a Jewish response to addiction.

This was how the story began for Barbara and her son, David: [Note: All names have been changed to protect privacy.] Barbara was shocked when her adult son revealed that he had become addicted to opiate painkillers, which had led him to using heroin. He had a graduate degree and a thriving career, a relationship with a significant other, and a close bond with his family. He had attended good schools, and the family was actively involved in their synagogue. Barbara just couldn’t understand how this was possible. Sure, he had seemed a little “off” lately, but Barbara attributed it to the depression and anxiety he had struggled with his whole life and which seemed to run in their family.

Never could she have imagined that her son was using heroin daily; he didn’t fit the image she had in her mind of an “addict.” But he was addicted and realized he couldn’t stop on his own. Feeling helpless and not knowing the first thing about an SUD (substance use disorder) treatment, Barbara remembered the HAMSA ad in her synagogue bulletin and gave us a call.

HAMS A was able to help her navigate every step of the process for her son, starting with getting him on the phone so he could engage in his own recovery. We completed an intake interview to help determine David’s level of care, financial resources, and the type of program that would work best for him. We made direct referrals to coordinators at treatment centers that fit his specific needs, so he and his family could determine what felt right. David chose a residential program that offered detox and an outstanding clinical team, where he could utilize his in-network benefits, engage in a family program, and become active in a peer recovery support group. HAMS A had previously worked with this program to deliver our Jewish Sensitivity Training — it’s an immersion in cultural competency and inclusion of clinical staff so that they are equipped to meet the needs of their Jewish clients. This gave David and his family an extra level of comfort, knowing that his Jewish identity would be honored and respected.

Following David’s time in treatment, we collaborated with his case manager to coordinate aftercare, including sober living (what was once called a “halfway house”) and outpatient counseling. We helped his parents find much-needed family support for themselves, making sure they had Narcan (opioid overdose antidote nasal spray), and taught them how to look for the signs of overdose in case David relapsed.

We’re happy to say that, while it’s important to be prepared, Barbara hasn’t needed it — and David now has almost five months in recovery from heroin addiction. We’re truly hopeful for his future and so proud of the progress he’s made.

**AGEWELL WEBSITE.** JF&CS has launched its AgeWell Atlanta website. AgeWell Atlanta’s mission is to enable older adults in the community to age well through improved independence, quality of life, and social connection.

A collaborative partnership between Aviv Older Adult Services of JF&CS, Jewish Home Life (JHL), Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta (MJCCA), and Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta (JFGA), AgeWell Atlanta was created to help older adults and caregivers navigate the aging process.

AgeWell provides guidance, information, and referrals; support for older adults who wish to age in place; and coordinated programs and services ranging from social support and wellness to housing, home care, transportation, and medical services.

Visit the new AgeWell Atlanta website, agewellatl.org, or call 1-866-AGE-WELL.

**LaVita welcomes new associate regional director**

LaVita Tuff is the new associate regional director of the Anti-Defamation League’s (ADL) Southeast (ADL). Tuff’s portfolio will include legislative advocacy and coalition building, incident response, and the Civil Rights Committee.

“LaVita brings energy and expertise to ADL’s important work around policy and partnerships,” said ADL Regional Director Allison Padilla-Goodman. “We are so excited to have her elevate our civil rights work and community response in the South, where this work is crucial and front-and-center.”

An Atlanta native, Tuff has spent the last decade working to empower marginalized communities and serving as a policy change agent. Tuff brings immense expertise in civil rights advocacy, legislative strategy, and coalition building. She has managed the development and design of legislative trackers, worked in Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake’s administration, led coalition work in Louisiana (criminal justice reform) and Washington, D.C. (environmental justice and health), and leveraged key partnerships with professional athletes for economic equity.

Tuff is the daughter of Antoinette Tuff, who was named Atlanta of the year in 2013 after her son, a fourth-grade student, was an arm-and-leg amputee who entered the Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy to surrender his weapon. LaVita holds a B.A. from Tennessee State University, a master’s in urban and regional planning from the University of New Orleans, and a J.D. from the University of Baltimore.
ALMOST CHOPPED 2ND HELPING. Hadassah Greater Atlanta is hosting “Almost Chopped. 2nd Helping,” a fundraiser for the awareness, research, and treatment of ALS, Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s, and multiple sclerosis at the Hadassah Medical Organization. This event, which entertains audiences as teams compete to create dishes from a basket of mystery ingredients, takes place this year on September 22, 2:00-5:00 p.m., at Spring Hall, 7130 Buford Highway, 30340.

“We’re so excited about this event,” said Barbara Lang, event co-chair. “I love seeing the community come together, making a difference in the lives of people with neurological diseases.”

Celebrity judges are Mimmo Alboumeh, Red Pepper Taqueria; Jesse Kaufman, Ten Bistro; Jenny Levison, Souper Jenny; and Suzanne Vizethann, Buttermilk Kitchen.

Four Chef-testant teams, all non-professional, will compete in two 30-minute rounds of cooking to create something that will wow the celebrity judges. Teams will be judged on creativity, plating, taste, and use of ingredients.

Tickets are $36 and can be purchased by visiting hadassah.org/atlanta and accessing Almost Chopped. Admission includes sushi from High Roller Sushi, desserts from Seasons 52, Edible Arrangements, and more, plus beer, wine, and soft drinks. For more information, contact Barbara Lang, bphlang@gmail.com, or Marni Hoffman, mhr869@msn.com.

Hadassah Greater Atlanta’s Metulla Group and associates at the Atlanta History Center

Visit bit.ly/2zdSvu3 to learn more about what Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) is doing for BRCA and breast cancer research.

EXPLORING ATLANTA’S HISTORY. Hadassah Greater Atlanta’s Metulla Group recently visited the Cyclorama at the Atlanta History Center. The group of 30 Metulla members and associates enjoyed a full 360-degree view of the painting, enhanced by technology and a 12-minute theatrical, larger-than-life presentation projected onto the painting, followed by a history of the battle presented by the tour guide.

The 360-degree painting has been restored so visitors can see the artifact as it was meant to be viewed, and the exhibit encourages visitors to think about the “big picture” of cultural context, myth, memory, and more. The painting itself is magnificent, beautifully returned to its original 1880s dimensions. The 1930s diorama figures, too, have been meticulously restored, including “Clark Gable.”

After viewing the Cyclorama, the group visited other exhibits at the history center.

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Regard for B’nai Brith spans decades, continents

BY Balfoura “Bo” Levine

The first time I missed being part of the B’nai Brith annual Pinch Hitters program was on Christmas Day in 2003. For many years, I had volunteered, along with hundreds of other Atlantans, to help out at area hospitals and nursing homes. My collection of Pinch Hitters T-shirts will attest to that.

My commitment to B’nai Brith is deep. I retired after working for 17 years in the District Five office, and I am a life member. Many of the current officers and members of Achim-Gate City Lodge are the young men’s lodges back in the ’80s.

My history with the organization dates back even further, though. One of the first lodges, No. 1102, had a strong presence in Shanghai. Looking at a group photo, which I am guessing is circa 1935, of the lodge officers, one of whom was my father, I am amazed at how formally they are all dressed, each in a tux with a gold-thread overlay collar. On one trip to Washington D.C., I visited the Klutznick Museum at B’nai Brith International. While there, I saw a copy of the Shanghai Lodge No. 1102 Charter, and it brought a lump to my throat.

B’nai Brith was very active in Shanghai and operated the B’nai Brith Polyclinic there. It was staffed by Jewish doctors and Russian nurses. They came to my rescue when I was about 12 and had contracted typhoid fever. There were no drugs to cure the fever, perhaps just some aspirin. The strict diet of bouillon and Jell-O brought me down from my normal, skinny self to skin and bones. I had to take complete bed rest. My hair fell out in clumps. However, I lost them again the next year when I contracted paratyphoid, which put me back in the Polyclinic.

Truly, I am a survivor. Thankfully, after a bout with malaria — I wasn’t a pretty sight with my yellow skin and eyeballs — the clinic doctors visited me at home. Remember those house calls? (Of small comfort, I was chosen that year to be a Roman soldier in our school play. Sans long hair, I looked like a real boy.)

This is not an advertisement for B’nai Brith, just a note of gratitude for all the work they have done in the past century, and their ongoing good work in Atlanta and all over the world, including an orphanage in Israel.

Thank you all, and may you go from strength to strength, from generation to generation — l’dor v’dor — doing all the wonderful things that you do so very well.

Have a happy New Year, and God Bless America.
Senior police and public safety executives return from police leadership training in Israel

Thirteen Georgia police chiefs and command staff, two sheriffs, a Georgia Bureau of Investigation inspector and executives from the Georgia State Patrol, Stone Mountain Park, and the Georgia Command College have returned from Israel after an intensive two weeks of public safety leadership training with Israel’s top police executives.

They made up a 21-member delegation of senior law enforcement officials from Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina who participated in the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange’s (GILEE) 27th annual peer-to-peer training program in partnership with Israel. While there, they were shown best practices and the latest technologies in policing and public safety.

Community policing, “a policy and a strategy aimed at achieving more effective and efficient crime control, reduced fear of crime, improved quality of life, improved police services and police legitimacy, through a proactive reliance on community resources that seeks to change crime-causing conditions,” was the focus again this year.

Community policing assumes a need for greater accountability of police, a greater public share in decision-making, and a greater concern for civil rights and liberties, according to Robbie Friedmann, who formulated the definition in 1992 in his book on community policing. A Georgia State University professor emeritus and GILEE’s founding director, he led this year’s delegation.

The delegation saw several manifestations of community policing in the Israel Police that are worth noting. The first was an innovative effort to recruit more Arabs to the force. This initiative is headed by Jamal Hakroosh, the first Muslim major general in the Israel Police, who is also a 2010 GILEE graduate. The members of the delegation had the opportunity to meet with the Arab cadets, understand their family and community pressures, and discuss their experience and how they cope with the challenge of serving in the Israel Police.

The second was a unique meeting between the imam of the El Jazzar Mosque in Akko and the chief rabbi of Akko. The delegates witnessed an inspiring dialogue between two important religious leaders who understand the needs of their communities, understand the needs of other communities, and operate in tandem to attenuate conflicts and avoid escalation when frictions arise in their own communities or between their communities.

In GILEE’s 27 years, close to 800 public safety officials — most from Georgia — have participated in the program in Israel. Nearly 35,000 have attended additional GILEE trainings, briefings, seminars, and workshops in Georgia and around the world.

“Our GILEE delegates return with new ways of developing, collaborating on, and using strategies to minimize the production of crime and terrorism,” said GILEE Executive Director Steve Heaton. “In GILEE’s 27 years, many of these graduates have gone on to serve in key leadership roles in Georgia and beyond.”

GILEE is a research unit within Georgia State’s Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. It enhances public safety by nurturing existing and new partnerships within and across public agencies and the private sector. It has received multiple awards and honors, including the Special Service Award from the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and the Georgia Governor’s Public Safety Award.

“I believe GILEE offers one of the best leadership development training programs globally,” said Donald De Lucca, who has served as police chief in three different cities and is a past president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), in a recent letter to GILEE. “The inside look and hands-on learning provides executives with a broader view of some of the best practices available to the police profession.”

In fact, several U.S. and international professional policing associations and academic institutions have written this year in support of the many contributions GILEE has made to the field’s professional development. Learn more about the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange at gilee.gsu.edu.
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Kosher Affairs

BY Roberta Scher

The hot, hot summer of 2019 is but a memory. Time to think falling leaves, cool nights, and fall foods. Here come the holidays and all of the preparations — physical, spiritual, and, of course, food.

NEW PRODUCTS

I have recently tasted some new varieties of honey, and I think they are lovely for the Jewish holidays. Waxing Kara is a company based on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, at Chesterhaven Beach Farm. Each jar of Waxing Kara honey is bottled and packaged by hand in the U.S. This raw, unpasteurized, Star K certified kosher honey can be shipped anywhere in the U.S. Varieties are seasonal, with differing floral and fruit sources. What wonderful hostess gifts!

After tasting and learning about the different varieties, it will be very difficult for me to just pick up a jar at the supermarket. By the way, according to honey mavens worldwide, honey is much more than a sweetener. It is a sweet, curative, natural, ancient food that feeds the mind, body, and soul. Current varieties available from Waxing Kara are listed at waxingkara.com; they include blueberry, blackberry, spring, sweet clover, wildflower, orange blossom, buckwheat avocado, and autumn. As I have learned, some varieties are artisanal and some are varietal. Varietal honey, also known as mono-floral, is honey from the nectar of a single plant variety. Artisanal honey exemplifies the adage, “Variety is the spice of life.” I now think of beekeepers as I do winemakers.

Experienced beekeepers consider local plant flowering patterns when planning hive location, the timing of blossoms, and each honey harvest. When I asked Kara which honey would be best for baking challah, she suggested the autumn or spring honey, which is farmed and packaged right at Chesterhaven. The honeys have been featured in Food & Wine magazine and The New York Times.

WHAT GOES WITH HONEY? — APPLES, OF COURSE

Martinelli’s sparkling apple beverages are KSA kosher certified and make a lovely addition to the yom tov table, especially since the cider is packaged in a festive champagne bottle. Martinelli’s has been in the juice business for more than 100 years, and, according to the company, still presses apples the traditional way to retain that unique, fresh apple flavor. Its apple juice and cider are made from only 100% U.S.-grown fresh apples, with no concentrates, added water, preservatives, sweeteners, or other additives.

I particularly like the gold medal sparkling apple cider, and I’ll be on the lookout for the organic apple-pomegranate sparkling apple cider, which I could not yet locate in the Atlanta area.

Fun idea: you can use the miniature-sized cider (8-ounce bottles) as place cards.

MORE FOOD AND LOCAL NEWS

Need challah? I love to make it when time allows, but we have some good choices for store bought challah. Spicy Peach has a non-label brand, which tastes as good as homemade; Kosher Gourmet offers Zomick’s; Costco sells Beigel’s; and both Kroger and Publix offer several choices. If you buy challah and want to add a homemade touch, try my frosting recipe, or consider making monkey bread with Rhodes frozen rolls, available at Kroger and Walmart.

I have recently tried the Wayfare non-dairy products. The products are vegan-friendly, gluten-free, cholesterol-free, soy-free, parve, and kosher. My favorites so far are the non-dairy sour cream for baking and adding to recipes when I want a parve, creamy sauce. I am also now a fan of the meltable dips, such as the jalapeño dip, which makes a perfect “nacho pizza” when melted over tortilla chips, corn, olives, and ground beef. You can find this brand at The Spicy Peach and Whole Foods.

In July, we had the pleasure of hosting some of our out-of-town granddaughters and a friend of theirs, and we did some food-related activities. We visited Jan Siegelman’s backyard chicken “farm,” which is in the Toco neighborhood. Jan raises chickens and sells the eggs. If you’ve always wanted to taste freshly laid eggs, here’s your chance. Contact Jan at emailcoachsiegelman@gmail.com.

The girls also enjoyed cake-decorating lessons with the talented Tova Eidex. In just one hour, they learned how to decorate cakes that look professionally done. Tova can be reached at eidx.tova01@gmail.com.

Jan Siegelman’s backyard chickens

Our granddaughters enjoyed cake decorating with Toval Eidex

Later in the summer, I was proud to attend the Atlanta-based Maccabi games to watch how our wonderful Jewish community came together to host this international event. More than 1,500 athletes competed and were hosted by hundreds of Jewish Atlanta families, including our daughter and son-in-law, Marcy and Neil Kalnitz. How exciting when our grandson Noah Kalnitz and his basketball team took home the gold!

If you are searching for an appropriate child’s gift for yom tov, I recommend Ann Koffsky’s latest picture books, Creation Colors. The words and illustrations are

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Shana Tovah

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Kosher Korner

BY Rabbi Reuven Stein

On behalf of The Atlanta Kashruth Commission, I would like to wish the community a happy, healthy, sweet New Year.

HONEY

There is a rule that the byproducts of non-kosher animals are not kosher. Carmine red food coloring, used in numerous products, comes from the cochineal beetle and is therefore not kosher.

The question is asked in the Talmud: How can honey be kosher if it comes from a bee? There are two answers.

1. Honey is not a bee secretion, which would not be kosher. The bees process the nectar and convert it into honey, but it is not actually from the bee itself.

2. Even though one might think it is still forbidden, there is a verse in the Bible that permits it. Ultimately, it is the rules that G-d gives us, not particular logic, that define what is kosher.

Other bee products, such as royal jelly and Apis Mellifera (a homeopathic remedy), are not kosher.

Bee pollen, bee bread, and beeswax are acceptable.

Honey in the comb is acceptable, but one should not squeeze the honey from the comb on Shabbos. Bee parts found in unfiltered honey should be removed.

Pure honey is acceptable without a hechsher. Clover honey and orange blossom honey are acceptable without a hechsher, as they are just the names of the flowers from which the honey comes. Orange honey with added flavor should not be used without a hechsher. Flavored honey requires a hechsher.

Some companies will sweeten their honey with additives such as corn syrup and sell the product as pure honey. This does not pose a kashrus problem during the year, but on Passover it would be a kashrus concern. For Passover, one should use only honey with a KFP symbol.

Local certified honey producers include Blue Ridge Honey, Georgia Honey Farm, and Weeks Honey Farm.

Challah is a type of braided bread eaten on Shabbos. It is also a biblical term used to describe a special mitzvah: whenever a person bakes bread (even matzah, flat bread, or cake), he has a mitzvah to separate a piece of the dough. In biblical times, this piece was given to a Cohen.

Any flour made into dough derived from the five species of grain — wheat, barley, spelt, rye, and oats — requires the separation of challah. Rice, corn, and soy flour are exempt.

When one makes dough (bread, cake, or cookie dough) of 2.6 pounds or more (more than 4.95 pounds) as solid dough, a blessing is made.

If one accidentally discarded the challah before burning it, nothing further is required, as the separation (which constitutes the main part of the mitzvah) has been performed. In this case, one may eat the bread as usual.

If one forgot to separate challah until after baking, one may do so on fully baked goods. A blessing is recited (if enough flour was originally used) and one pulls off a piece of bread from a roll or loaf of bread and burns it.

A rabbi should be consulted if challah was inadvertently mixed back into the regular dough if one is unable to burn the dough that was separated.

Frozen dough that is purchased (this requires kosher certification) does not require separation of challah.

On Shabbos and yom tov, we do not separate challah.

The piece of challah that is separated is forbidden to be eaten. In effect, it is a non-kosher food. Care should be taken that it does not touch the rest of the baked goods, either in or out of the oven. If the challah is burned inside the oven (in which other items are being baked), it should be tightly wrapped in aluminum foil so that steam from the non-kosher challah does not penetrate the oven walls.

The challah may be separated with a utensil, but one must be careful to clean the utensil thoroughly without hot water. Any remnants of dough coming in contact with hot water could render the utensil non-kosher.

The piece of challah should be burned until it is inedible. Under extenuating circumstances, when the challah cannot be burned, some poskim permit carefully wrapping the challah in a bag and throwing it in the garbage.

However, if it was not wrapped, the oven does not need to undergo a koshering process. If the challah comes into physical contact with other baked goods in the oven, the baked goods may become non-kosher. A rabbi must be consulted.

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A rabbi should be consulted if challah was inadvertently mixed back into the regular dough if one is unable to burn the dough that was separated.

Frozen dough that is purchased (this requires kosher certification) does not require separation of challah.

On Shabbos and yom tov, we do not separate challah.

The piece of challah that is separated is forbidden to be eaten. In effect, it is a non-kosher food. Care should be taken that it does not touch the rest of the baked goods, either in or out of the oven. If the challah is burned inside the oven (in which other items are being baked), it should be tightly wrapped in aluminum foil so that steam from the non-kosher challah does not penetrate the oven walls.

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Recipes to welcome fall and a sweet New Year

French Apple Cake
Adapted from a recipe by Jennifer Segal of Once Upon a Chef (onceuponachef.com)

With chunks of sweet apples nestled in a tender loaf and buttery crumb cake, this French apple cake is the essence of simplicity, says Chef Segal. The recipe has more than 700 reviews and 5 stars!

1 cup all-purpose flour, spooned into a measuring cup and leveled-off
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter or margarine, at room temperature
2 1/2 cups granulated sugar, plus more for sprinkling over cake
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 tablespoons dark rum
1 cup all-purpose flour, spooned into a measuring cup and leveled-off
1/4 cup pomegranate juice
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup brandy
1 cup hot water
1/3 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons garlic powder
2 cups panko bread crumbs
3 teaspoons water
3 eggs
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2 tablespoons garlic powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/3 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 cup olive oil
1 cup hot water
1/3 cup honey
3/4 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1 bag cut butternut squash
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
4 ounces melted butter or margarine

Toss all ingredients, place on a parchment covered sheet pan, and roast at 375 degrees, until squash is cooked through and syrup is bubbly. This can be used in the simanim salad, or as a side dish. If using on salad, serve warm.

Frosting for Challah
This frosting is delicious on any challah — even store-bought! It is simple to make and a showstopper, especially with the optional garnishes.

1 cup confectioners’ sugar
A few drops of orange juice

Whisk ingredients together until smooth and spreading consistency. If too thick, add a few more drops of orange juice.

Spread on a completely cooled challah, not a warm one. It is best to frost the challah just before serving.

Optional: After frosting challah, garnish with raisins, dried cherries, dried cranberries, chocolate chips, and pecans. Be creative!

If you would like to browse some challah recipes, visit my website koshergey.com and search for challah. Check out the article “20 great big beautiful challah recipes.” You will find scrumptious choices, from a “cheater” pull-a-part round challah made from Rhodes rolls to the fabulous Czernowitz challah by Atlantan Maggie Glazer.

Caramelized Onion Brisket

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
Beat eggs with 3 teaspoons water. In another bowl, mix panko crumbs with salt, garlic, and pepper.

Dip chicken into eggs and then crumb mixture.
Heat the oil in a heavy sauté pan and brown chicken on all sides. Drain on paper towels.
Combine the hot water, honey, orange juice, soy sauce, and ginger. Pour over chicken.
Cover and bake for 45 minutes. Delicious over rice!

Apple Cider Sangria

1 (750 ml) bottle white wine, such as pinot grigio or sauvignon blanc
1/4 cup brandy
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup pomegranate juice
2 cups each chopped apples, chopped pears, and orange segments
32 ounces sparkling apple cider, chilled

Optional: cinnamon sticks for garnish

Combine all ingredients except sparkling cider in a large pitcher. Refrigerate 8 hours or overnight. Add cider about 1 hour prior to serving.

Easy Candied Butternut Squash
Adapted from a 1999 Bon Appetit recipe

In an oven-proof casserole dish, layer the onions and the brisket on top. Four in all bits and juices from the browning pan. Spread tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce, and chopped garlic over the brisket. Scatter the carrots around the edges of the roasting dish. Cover the dish very tightly, and roast for 2 hours. Remove and let cool or refrigerate.

Slice brisket into 1/4 piece, against the grain. Return to roasting pan; add 1/4 cup water, dry red wine, or tomato juice; cover tightly and roast for 1 to 2 hours more, until the meat is fork tender.

Yes, it’s true, brisket and other slow-roasted meat cuts always taste better on the second day. This brisket can be frozen. Wrap well to avoid freezer burn. To reheat, defrost in the refrigerator for 24-48 hours, then cover tightly with foil and reheat in a 300 degree oven for about 30-45 minutes, until warm.

Honey Orange Chicken

A very appropriate dish for holiday tables
Serves about 8-10
2 chickens, cut up
3 eggs
3 teaspoons water
2 cups panko bread crumbs
2 tablespoons garlic powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/3 teaspoon black pepper
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From Generation to Generation: BRCA and your family’s health

BY Jackie Weiss

L’Dor V’Dor. “From generation to generation.” The words of this prayer ring throughout shul services across the world. L’Dor V’Dor holds special meaning to some families on the High Holidays, as these are times when the whole mishpacha (family) comes together. We learn from the past in order to ensure a Jewish future.

Jewish people continually face perils that threaten their ability to sustain their customs and cultural identity “from generation to generation.” One of these challenges need not be genetic disorders.

Some genetic diseases manifest in certain ethnic groups more than others. Ashkenazi Jews are at heightened risk for specific genetic disorders due to the small, concentrated Jewish population and the common ancestry many Jews share. For example, Ashkenazi Jews experience a higher disease frequency and carrier frequency of Tay-Sachs disease, cystic fibrosis, and Gaucher disease. A carrier of a genetic disease has a mutation in that gene and can pass it down to their children.

A force with the goal of tackling this grim reality is JScreen, a non-profit screening program for Jewish genetic diseases. Located at Emory University School of Medicine’s Department of Human Genetics, JScreen provides reliable, affordable, and convenient genetic testing and counseling to lessen the uncertainty that comes with family planning. The panel tests for more than 200 genetic disorders prevalent in Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews and in the general population. Participants collect a saliva sample at home and ship it to the testing laboratory. Geneticists sequence the DNA in the saliva and participants hear back with their results after only a few weeks.

JScreen is continually at the forefront of genetic testing due to its accessibility, non-invasive methods, and targeted Jewish population. After years of research and planning, in July 2019, JScreen launched a groundbreaking, free-of-charge screening initiative called the PEACH (Program for Evaluation of Ashkenazi Cancer Heritability) BRCA Study.

Mutations in the BRCA genes are associated with a significant risk for developing cancers of the breast, ovaries, prostate, and pancreas. Women with a BRCA mutation are up to seven times more likely to develop breast cancer and at 50 times greater risk for ovarian cancer. The PEACH BRCA Study can give participants peace of mind by providing results, explaining cancer risks, and providing options for risk reduction and prevention. Those who test positive for a mutation are given comprehensive counseling, referrals to appropriate cancer specialists, and information about precautionary health measures.

The PEACH BRCA study is testing for cancer risk in male and female Atlantans of Ashkenazi descent who are at least 25 years of age. At a one-in-40 risk, Ashkenazi Jews are 10 times more likely than non-Jews to have a mutation in a BRCA gene. Eligible participants cannot have a personal or close family history of BRCA-related cancers or prior BRCA testing. Depending on the success of the Atlanta-based study, JScreen’s BRCA initiative may expand.

The PEACH BRCA Study promotes health awareness and allows individuals to take an active and pre-emptive role in their healthcare. Other outlets for BRCA screening are sometimes costly, may involve a trip to a medical facility, and often involve blood work. The PEACH BRCA Study is revolutionizing genetic screening by merging accuracy with participant convenience.

As an intern at JScreen this year, I am extremely excited to be taking part in this initiative. I am a junior at Emory University studying Human Health and Political Science. I plan to attend law school and ultimately practice in the field of healthcare law. I am interested in patients’ rights, disease prevention, and healthcare reform and accessibility. JScreen is committed to each of these aspects, which attracted me to the organization. I look forward to educating the Atlanta community on BRCA cancer risk, and JScreen’s new study.

BRCA screening gives people an opportunity to take an active role in their own health. As you sit in services during the High Holidays and recite the words of L’Dor V’Dor, be reminded of this simple screening that may save you and your future generations.

Visit jscreen.org/brca/ for more information about JScreen and the PEACH BRCA.

Shana Tova.

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beautiful, meaningful, and tell the story of creation. What could be more appropriate at this time of year? It is suggested for ages three to seven.

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Finally, if your family or company is searching for a kosher reunion location or retreat near Baltimore and the tri-state area, the grounds and accommodations of Camp Chaverim, in Fannettsburg, Pennsylvania, have just become available. Featuring rustic cabins and a beautiful lakeside location, it can house up to 99 guests, and you can bring your own food or chef. For more information, visit Homeaway.com and search for property 7935463. My source is my son Mitchell, Rabbi Yitzchak Scher, who is the camp rav when camp is in session.

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As the New Year approaches, we reflect on past generations, family, and friends. Our festive yom tov tables, complete with food memories and traditions, inspire us to pray for a new year filled with joy and blessings. May 5780 be a year of good health, peace, kindness, simcha, prosperity, and spiritual growth for the Jewish people and for all good people everywhere.

May it be Your will, Hashem, our G-d and the G-d of our forefathers —

• Apple dipped in honey — that You renew for us a good and a sweet year.
• Carrots — that our merits increase.
• Leeks — that our enemies be decimated.
• Beets — that our adversaries be removed.
• Dates — that our enemies be consumed.
• Gourd — that the decree of our sentence be torn asunder, and may our merits be proclaimed before You.
• Pomegranate — that our merits increase as the seeds of the pomegranate.
• Fish — that we should be fruitful and multiply like fish.
• Head of a fish — that we should be as the head and not as the tail.
Even in retirement, Barbara Lang continues to reach new audiences

BY Helen Scherrer-Diamond

Barbara Lang has called Atlanta home for more than 41 years. From the time she came here from Long Island in 1978, after the infamous blizzard that hit the Northeast that year, Barbara has dedicated her life to family, friends, and volunteer work. She has also gained bragger rights about her highly motivated, successful sons and daughter, their wonderful spouses, and her six university-educated grandchildren, ages 19-26.

After moving to Atlanta, the first thing Barbara looked for was a shul and an organization to join. “After deciding to join Congregation Beth Shalom, which, at the time, held services at a storefront in Clarkston, Georgia, I became their first sisterhood president,” she said. At the same time, she joined ORT, in Dunwoody. The friends she met and made there are still friends today.

In her new Southern home, Barbara worked at Turner Broadcasting System (TBS) from 1978, just prior to the launch of CNN, until 1994. She left her position at TBS as VP of Traffic Operations, where she was successful at managing programming elements such as commercials, features, and public service announcements. This opportunity gave Barbara additional exposure and experience working in the public eye.

At age 75, Barbara continues to earn respect, and her capacity to be productive and share her many skills is non-ending. The pace she sets for herself is truly amazing. She has worked non-stop in tikun olam and is “still cooking,” helping create and develop the popular Hadassah program called “Almost Chopped.”

Barbara and Hadassah member Holly Strelzik launched “Almost Chopped”—what Hadassah refers to as its iner “Edible” cooking competition—in 2018, as a fundraiser to further awareness, research, and treatment of ALS, Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s, and multiple sclerosis at the Hadassah Medical Organization. The event entertains audiences as teams compete to create dishes from a basket of mystery ingredients. Thanks to Barbara and her committee members, Hadassah Greater Atlanta has had the opportunity to entertain and teach some specialized cooking skills with the public’s help. Through this unique competition, everyone participates in some skilled way, while competing and having fun.

“Almost Chopped” has appeared in the Atlanta Jewish Times and been featured on Peachtree TV’s “Atlanta UnPlugged.” This event returns for a second year, on September 22.

Barbara volunteered for 30 years at the Shearith Israel Night Shelter, which is now known as Rebecca’s Tent. She helped with fundraising and training other volunteers, as well as staying at the shelter overnight when necessary.

“I worked at the women’s shelter at Shearith Israel after receiving a call from Helen Spiegel,” said Barbara. “You couldn’t turn down a request from Helen, and I’m glad I didn’t.” Rebecca’s Tent shelters up to 13 women, who are provided with support, love, and acceptance and receive three healthy kosher meals daily, as well as a place to shower and sleep. The shelter provides job training, help with resume preparation, and computer coaching. The shelter, which is available November-March, always needs volunteers to serve food. It always needs toiletries for the women, as well. Barbara was a loyal volunteer and enjoyed her work with the other volunteers.

Barbara joined the Hadassah Metulla group in 2004 when a friend asked her to help with a fundraising project. She loves meeting different friends at events. As time passed, Barbara became deeply involved in various programs such as Breast Strokes, in 2015. She started a mah jongg tournament, held at St. Marlo’s Country Club, in 2017. “I have been playing mah jongg since I was 10 years old, because I love it,” said Barbara. Both of these events were very successful and the programs continue today.

Barbara is never bored. “On Wednesday night for the last 12 years, I play trivia with some friends at Dagwoods,” said Barbara. “I know nothing about video games or sports, but I have a great team, have fun, and sometimes we win.”

Currently, one of Barbara’s favorite volunteer efforts, which she does through the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), is being a reading tutor at a charter school once or twice a week. “I want to make a difference in these children’s lives and help them so they don’t drop out of school,” she said. “I tell the students I work with that reading is everything. When the student asks why, I try to remind them that they need to know how to read for instructions when they put things together and to read road signs when they drive. It’s so important.”

Barbara has a passion for the theater, attending plays on Broadway and in Atlanta. She has been a panelist and judge for Atlanta’s Suzi Bass Awards, reviewing plays in Atlanta for the past 11 years. On any given day, you may see Barbara among about 50 volunteer judges who review an average of 50 plays for the season, which runs July 1-June 30. The Suzi Bass Awards for that season are then presented on the first Monday in November.

“We have the most marvelous theaters here in Atlanta.” Barbara says. “The Suzi Bass awards are Atlanta’s answer to the Tony awards. We go to most theaters and get to pick out the best plays based on the technical aspects of the play, whether it’s the acting, directing, scenery, or design, plus other criteria. We have the opportunity to judge the best plays of Atlanta. If you miss reviewing a play, it is not reassigned to a new judge.”

Barbara also works with the Theatre for Young Audiences, reviewing various children’s plays. “We have 13 volunteers on a panel reviewing the plays young children will see,” Barbara said. “I love being on this panel of judges. I have been going to see plays since I was eight years old. I never wanted to act, but always wanted to be part of theater.” Center for Puppetry Arts, Alliance Theatre, Georgia Ensemble Theatre, Synchronicity Theatre, and the Aurora Theatre all offer plays for children.

She has always been an avid traveler and sightseer and still loves to go to New York where she visits family and friends. Barbara reads a lot, keeps busy going to museums, and loves the arts. “I enjoy seeing people’s creativity,” Barbara added. “My favorite piece at The High Museum is called The Velvet Rebecca.” Perhaps a true connection with Rebecca’s Tent, she asked her. “Perhaps,” she replied.

“I always tell my grandchildren, whatever you do in life, take responsibility for it, whether good or bad,” Barbara said. “Take responsibility for your actions and decisions, and do it with compassion. Everyone handles things differently. Be true to yourself.”

Despite a recent fall, in which she fractured her knee, Barbara is back on track in all her roles as a mom, grandmother, and volunteer. She apparently has a never-ending list of adventures, which includes helping ill friends. A friend recently had eye surgery and Barbara drove her to her doctor appointments. I remember when my car exhaust was smoking as I drove on Peachtree Parkway, near Barbara’s home in Norcross. I was scared, and the first person I thought of was Barbara. My car needed to be towed the next day. It was early evening. When I called Barbara to ask if I could stay with her, she said, “Come on over and stay overnight at my house and call them in the morning.”

You could not have a better friend than Barbara. She is filled with compassion and has a heart of gold.
Thought you’d like to know

By Jonathan Barach

VOICES IN PERFECT HARMONY. Celebrate the fall season with Shir Harmony, Atlanta’s only adult Jewish women’s a cappella group, Sunday, September 15, at 2:00 p.m. They will present “Sheer Pleasure;” a collage of ethnic, popular, Broadway, and jazz musical styles — all with a Jewish connection. The concert will be held at Congregation Shearith Israel, 1180 University Dr. N.E. Admission is $5. For more information, contact Adam Klein or Jodi Salomon at 404-873-1743.

ACCESS ATLANTA KICK-OFF. The Kick-Off Party for ACCESS, American Jewish Committee’s young professionals’ group, is September 19, 6:45 p.m., at Establishment, located at 1197 Peachtree Street NE. Tickets are $10. For more information, contact Zach Bernath at bernathz@ajc.org.

SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS. Join the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta’s (MJCCA) Adult Cooking Night, featuring Knife Skills 102, at MJCCA at Zaban Park, 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, on Thursday, September 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Chef Howard will guide participants through dishes such as black bean and mango salsa, Moroccan carrot salad, avocado toast, and artichokes. The cost is members/$55, non-members/$65. For more information, contact Howard Schreiber at howard.schreiber@atlantajcc.org or 678-812-3993.

TAKE A HIKE. MJCCA’s Hiking Club, for adults 21 to 40, visits different trails around metro Atlanta. Enjoy the outdoors with other nature lovers, while meeting new people. On Sunday, September 22, 9:00 a.m.-noon, the club will visit Sweetwater Creek. Participants can meet at the MJCCA at 8:00 a.m. to carpool. (Due to the distance, carpooling is strongly encouraged.) Power bars will be provided; however, bring your own snacks and lunch. Advanced registration is required. The cost is $5, and the community is welcome. For more information or to register, contact nomi.mitchell@atlantajcc.org.

THE CLASSICS FILM CLUB. Ever wanted to know what goes into the films you watch? Join the Jewish Film Society of Atlanta Community Mikveh (MACoM), 700 Mt. Vernon Highway, NE, Sandy Springs. This gathering fosters deeper connections to a supportive network of colleagues, tools, and resources. There will be hands-on workshops, one-on-one peer consulting, speakers, MACoM Cars, networking with mikveh leaders, and mikveh lab collaborative projects. The cost is members/$275, non-members/$475, and students/$125. Register by October 25. Visit risingtideopenwaters.org/event/rising-tide-annual-gathering/?blm_aid=19825 for more information and registration. For overnight accommodations, call 404-250-0110.

ROTHSCHILD LECTURE FEATURES LILLIAN FADERMAN. On November 18, at 7:30 p.m., Emory’s annual Rothschild Lecture, sponsored by the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, will feature Dr. Lillian Faderman, speaking on the topic of “Harvey Milk: A Jewish Lens.” The lecture takes place in Emory’s Oxford Presentation Auditorium, 1390 Oxford Road, followed by a reception and book signing of Faderman’s award-winning book, Harvey Milk: His Lives and Death. The Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild Lecture, now in its 11th year, features a distinguished speaker on a topic related to social justice and Judaism. Visit js.emory.edu for more information.

SAVE THE DATE. Having a gala, supporting the PAL Program, Jewish Family & Career Services’ Big Brother/Big Sister program, will take place January 25, at Sweetwater Brewery. Visit havinagala.com for details.

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP. Temple Beth David, 1885 McGee Road, Snellville, offers a grief and loss support group Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The sessions are led by Rabbi Jesse Charyn, who has completed a clinical pastoral education program. Attendees are encouraged to participate at their own comfort level, engage in self-care, and know that they are not alone as they gain spiritual resilience. For information, call 770-978-3916.

LUNCH ‘N LEARN. Enjoy an interactive, casual get-together at the Temple Beth David social hall, on Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Topics will vary. A light dairy, pareve lunch will be provided; participants can bring a dish to share. The fee is $5/non-members. For information, call 770-978-3916.

Second Helpings Atlanta Receives $20,000 Grant from The UPS Foundation

Second Helpings Atlanta (SHA) has received a $20,000 grant from The UPS Foundation, which drives global corporate citizenship and philanthropic programs for UPS. The grant will be used to offset costs to run SHA’s front-line food rescue operations as well as technology enhancements.

SHA’s mission is to reduce hunger and food waste in metro Atlanta by rescuing healthy, surplus food and delivering it free of charge to its more than 50 partner agencies who feed the hungry. SHA’s volunteers use their personal vehicles to rescue large volumes of fresh, perishable, and frozen prepared food and deliver it to partner agencies that serve a broad range of individuals, including battered women, veterans, homeless, at-risk LGBTQ youth, at-risk children, and individuals with alcohol and/or substance abuse problems. All food rescued by SHA is donated, which enables partner agencies to redirect money they previously spent on groceries to provide additional core services — without having to raise more funds.

“We are very grateful to The UPS Foundation for this generous donation that helps us to continue to ‘drive out hunger, one mile at the time,’” noted Sheri Labovitz, president of Second Helpings Atlanta. “Together, we make a true difference: SHA is on track to exceed our 2018 performance of rescuing 1.64 million pounds of food, enough to provide almost 1.37 million healthy meals to the clients of our partner agencies.”

“The UPS Foundation is honored to support Second Helpings Atlanta’s efforts to fight hunger and food waste in an effective and efficient way,” said Eduardo Martinez, president of The UPS Foundation and chief diversity and inclusion officer at UPS. “Our goal is to fund powerful programs that make a lasting difference to the global community.”

To learn more about becoming a food donor or partner agency or to join Second Helpings Atlanta’s volunteer drivers, visit secondhelpingsatlanta.org.
As we usher in 5780 –

May your blessings for the coming year be as plentiful as the seeds of the pomegranate;

May the life of you and your family be like the sweetness of the honey;

May “nation not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more,”* and

May you be inscribed in The Book of Life for a year of health.

* Micah 4:3
Flash These Baby Blues!
DAY 1.

A bright new sunrise brings its greetings.
So gather the apples, all fresh and sweet.
Now a perfectly round challah to welcome a king.
Add the honey, and that’s a feast so sweet.
A bright new sunrise brings its greetings.

Happy new year from all your friends at Publix.