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The trappings of their roles are shed, and they have time to contemplate and review their actions as individual actors out of the spotlight. Sometimes members of the troupe will critique their performances, the director will comment, and reviewers will evaluate them. But it is up to the individual actor to modify his presentation to strive for the best.

As individuals, we do not have a series of times when we have completed a performance and can retire to our dressing room. Human lives and times are not structured to provide a time and place for this. Human nature being what it is, in most cases we do not take time to step back from our daily routine and search inwardly as to where we are, what we are doing, and the values by which we live. We do not seek to identify and confront our shortcomings. We do not always seek to correct these by changing our ways; and we do not reflect on the transgressions we have committed.

But our Judaism provides this time of the year for the merry-go-round of life to stop and bids us to look within and evaluate who and what we are. How fortunate we are to have in our lives this period of the High Holy Days to remind us that we truly need to understand life. We need to strip away the makeup, discard the costumes, and contemplate the subject of these holy days — return and repentance.

Unlike the stage, the verbal delivery is not the key. What is required is to see our faults and admit our wrongs. In addition, while admitting our wrongs and asking for forgiveness is critical, what is even more important is to strive to change our ways so that we do not repeat these flaws.

So as we approach the Days of Awe, we need to take some time and really think about the intent of these holy days. If I realized that I had on a soiled shirt, I would want to change it. In a like manner, this is the time dedicated to looking at our true self to see if there is within us issues and values that are soiled, and, if so, we need to admit these shortcomings.

May the world leaders make 5776 the year of introspection and understanding that will lead to peace and health.
What’s HAPPENING

BY Reg Regenstein

ART HARRIS INVESTIGATES. Journalist Art Harris, the renowned veteran of CNN, The Washington Post, The Atlanta Journal Constitution, and The San Francisco Examiner, is now offering his extraordinary services to victims in personal injury cases and their lawyers. His video exposés documenting catastrophic injury and wrongful death have helped victims’ lawyers win tens of millions of dollars for their clients.

As Art’s brochure puts it, “His documentaries change minds, change damage awards, and change lives for the better... What makes his videos so compelling? Emotionally powerful, they never waver from the truth... The best storyteller wins, and no one tells a story like Art Harris... When Art investigates, no defense can ever rest.”

Every case he’s worked on has settled for seven or eight figures, most often in confidence, but he has several he can show. Think “20-20,” “60 Minutes,” or CNN, and you can understand why defense lawyers are eager to settle at mediation, after watching Art on camera humanize the underdog and demonize the negligence in 20-45 minute documentary exposés.

“It’s the smallest audience I’ve ever had, but more personally satisfying than almost anything I’ve ever done,” Art said. “It’s humbling to be able help innocent victims fight back and win, to get to make a difference in someone’s life.”

We hope you never need Art’s help, but if you do, visit artharrisinvestigates.com, or contact him at art@artharrisinvestigates.com or 404-861-8989.

Over three decades, Art’s investigative reporting has won two national Emmys, 11 National Headliner awards, and three Cine Gold Eagles. He has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and a Peabody Award.

He is married to the delightful Carol Martin, cosmetic surgery consultant and inventor, and he has two great sons, Josh and Adam.

SAM MASSELL JOINS HALL OF FAME. We thought Sam Massell had received every honor there was, but we overlooked the Georgia Municipal Association, which recently honored the former Atlanta mayor by naming him to its Municipal Government Hall of Fame, at its annual convention in Savannah.

Sam served as Mayor of Atlanta—and boy, do we miss him—from 1970-74. He currently serves as “Mayor of Buckhead”, or, more formally, as president of the Buckhead Coalition, which GMA describes as “a nonprofit civic organization operating like a chamber of commerce, a tourist bureau, and a Community Town Hall.”

The Municipal Government Hall of Fame noted that it “recognizes current and past municipal officials who exemplify the very best in public service and who, throughout their careers, have made extraordinary contributions to their cities.”

Sam seems to know everybody. After Theodore Bikel died, Sam told us, “Theodore was a big man with a big heart. My wife, Doris, and I entertained him a couple of times, when he visited us in Buckhead, and quickly learned how proud he was of his Judaism and his obvious support of civil rights reforms.”

MEDIATOR JERI BREINER. One of Atlanta’s top psychologists, Dr. Jeri Breiner, in addition to her private practice, is now a mediator, with Atlanta Divorce Mediation Services. This group offers its clients guidance in helping to navigate the always-difficult process of getting a divorce.

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By avoiding “the typical adversarial approach to divorce,” the group says, mediation can eliminate much of the trauma and financial burden and can help spare the children involved much heartache.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY AT LARRY TAYLOR’S. Captain Melissa Matthews and U.S. Marine Corp General (ret.) Larry Taylor’s annual 4th of July party, in Ansley Park, was, as usual, a great event, an interesting gathering of their friends, patriots, combat heroes, and veterans of recent wars.

Melissa’s kimchi, the fiery Korean cabbage dish, was, as always, a big hit, along with her sushi, salsa and chips, pickled veggies, and other such delights.

Lou Lenart R.I.P. Larry was friends with the legendary Lou Lenart, one of the Founders of the Israeli Air Force, who passed away in July at the age of 94.

As a pilot in Israel’s fledgling, rag-tag Air Force, Lenart, on May 29, 1948, led a heroic attack, with three other pilots, on more than 10,000 Egyptian troops and tanks, which had advanced to within 16 miles of Israel’s largest city, forcing them to withdraw and creating his reputation as the “man who saved Tel Aviv.”

Lenart later said, “We had never flown the planes before. We didn’t know if they would fly or the guns would work. We lost one-fourth of our Air Force that day. It was like a piece of your heart being broken off.”

He once told The Jerusalem Post, “This was the most important moment of my life, and I was born to be there at that precise moment in history. I was the luckiest man in the world that my destiny brought me to that precise moment to be able to contribute to Israel’s survival.”

Larry calls him “a hero to two different countries in two different wars.”

Born Layos Lenovitz, in a small Hungarian village near the Czech border, on April 21, 1924, Lenart grew up in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He joined the United States Marines at age 17, participating in the Battle of Okinawa and flying in bombing raids over Japan.

After World War II, having lost 14 family members in the Holocaust, Lenart went to Palestine to fight in Israel’s War of Independence and began smuggling fighter aircraft into the newly formed Jewish State, thereby becoming a Founding Father of the Air Force. As one of the first four pilots in Israel’s Air Force, Lenart went on to help airlift thousands of Iraqi Jewish refugees to Israel and to serve as one of the first pilots for Israel’s national airline, El Al.

Larry gave us a picture of himself, Lou, and other Marines. They were in a waterfront bar, in Tel Aviv, in 2009, behind the U.S. Embassy, where its Marine guards like to hang out. Larry says, “That’s Lou in the middle, the youngest-looking guy among us, with the full head of gray hair. He was 88.” Larry is on Lou’s immediate right. He says he last saw Lou when they were both at a wedding, in Jerusalem, in May 2014.

Semper Fi, Lou and Larry, and thanks for your Service.

HADASSAH TURNS 100. From her bed in the hospital where she was undergoing ankle surgery, fiery redhead Judy Viness told us exclusively that the Atlanta Chapter of Hadassah will be 100 years old next year and there will be celebrations galore in Atlanta. They will peak with a fantastic gala, in October 2016. The National Hadassah Convention 2016 will be held in Atlanta, at the Marriott Marquis.

Phyllis Cohen will chair Hadassah Atlanta’s 100th Birthday. Plans are underway to honor former chapter presidents and special guests, including National President Ellen Hershkin.

A former president of the Atlanta chapter, Judy is vice president of the Tower Campaign for the SE Region and chairs the Former Presidents Council for the Greater Atlanta Chapter. When we spoke earlier in the summer, she said, “I am undergoing more ankle surgery July 29, which will be the third this year, and I have only two ankles. Next day, July 30, I will be celebrating a very special birthday—75.”

Happy Birthday, Judy, and thanks for all your valuable work.

Savannah at The Breman Museum

The Savannah Jewish Archives (SJA) has arrived at the Cuba Family Archives for Southern Jewish History.

Measuring 200 linear feet and containing scrapbooks and artifacts, as well as hundreds of manuscript collections and thousands of photographs, the SJA has increased the holdings of the Cuba Family Archives by approximately 20 percent. The SJA, which documents the Jewish history of Savannah and Chatham County, completes the Georgia Jewish history collection at the Cuba Family Archives. In other words, the Cuba Family Archives is now the central repository for Jewish history in the state of Georgia.

To help arrange and describe the SJA, the Cuba Family Archives has hired Lindsay Resnick. Lindsay is a recent graduate from the Master of Heritage Preservation Program at Georgia State University. Lindsay also holds a bachelor of science in history, technology, and society from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Her interest and expertise in Jewish history in Georgia are guiding her as she processes one of the most significant collections in the SJA, the Minis Family Papers, which document one of the first Jewish families in Georgia and contain material dating back to the mid-18th century.

The Cuba Family Archives’ goal is to process, catalogue, and eventually digitize the SJA, so that the world can explore its amazing collections. The archive is always looking for new documents and objects from Jewish organizations, families, and businesses to expand its Southern Jewish history collection. For more information, contact Jeremy Katz, at 678-222-3700.

Larry Taylor and Lou Lenart with friends in Tel Aviv

Lindsay Resnick and Jeremy Katz
Delta Airlines and Atlanta prospered together

BY Leon Socol

Atlanta became a town (Terminus) when the location was chosen as a railroad line terminus. Delta Airlines became a world-class airline, recognized everywhere, after locating its headquarters in a growing Atlanta. If Atlanta had not been such a transportation hub, Delta may never have achieved such status.

The Delta Airlines story is a fascinating one that sparks the interest of most everyone, whether they are aviation buffs or not. The story of the airline is beautifully told at the Delta Flight Museum, located in two of the original hangars that served as service centers for the maintenance and repair of Delta’s fleet.

Delta began its life as a crop-dusting company, headquartered in Macon, Georgia. When the valuable cotton crop, mainly centered in Louisiana, was faced with extinction because of the boil weevil infestation, it was decided that spraying the cotton fields from the air was the best solution. The company was moved to Monroe, Louisiana, and managed by C.E. Woolman, an agriculture expert who was keenly interested in aviation and its future.

After a time, it was decided to expand beyond crop dusting, and the company inaugurated air passenger service between Ft. Worth, Texas, and Birmingham, Alabama. The company acquired a fleet of seven Travel Air monoplanes; they carried five people swiftly across the skies, at 90 mph, but required several stops before reaching their destination.

Because of the limited number of air travelers in the late 1920s and 30s, airlines had to supplement their income with U.S. Post Office airmail contracts. A number of the early airlines could not afford to stay in business, but Delta survived and grew.

The most successful Delta airliner was the Douglas DC-3, a twin-engine plane that carried 25 passengers, starting in 1935. The Delta Flight Museum acquired this early airliner and completely rebuilt it before putting it on permanent display.

The Delta Flight Museum is much more than a display of the aircraft that the company used. There are also interesting exhibits of aviation memorabilia, such as an extensive display of different types of uniforms worn by early flight attendants. The first in-flight meals consisted of items such as cheese sandwiches, apples, and Coca-Cola. Delta first employed stewardesses in 1935. They were forced to meet strict physical requirements and had to be licensed nurses.

The museum offers many hands-on exhibits, such as a real aircraft simulator; for a fee, visitors can book a one-hour experience and get the feel of what it’s like to fly a modern jetliner. There are also numerous spots to take great pictures, including a jet engine so large that several people can pose inside it.

There are also sections of real airliners that visitors can walk through and get the feel of today’s huge airliners.

The Delta Flight Museum first opened in 1995 and was completely renovated in 2014. It has become a popular destination, offering convention, party, and meeting space in the expansive hangars.

The museum is supported by Delta employees and contains a Boeing 767 jetliner that was given to Delta by its employees. For more information, contact the museum at museum.delta@delta.com or 404-715-7886.

Over the years, Delta has achieved many aviation firsts, including speed records and the addition of the latest jet airliners. I guarantee you will be awed by the wonderful Delta Flight Museum and happy to learn how Delta has impacted our city and region.

Delta Boeing 767 “The Spirit of Delta” in flight. Purchased by employees for Delta as a gift, the aircraft is now on display at the museum.

An open letter to the Jewish community

We want you to know about a devastating neurologic illness that afflicts an untold number of Ashkenazi Jews throughout the world, very possibly you or someone you know. Most physicians are unaware of APBD—adult polyglucosan body disease. As a result, APBD is commonly misdiagnosed and mistreated.

Sufferers are often told they have MS, ALS, prostate disease, peripheral neuropathies, cerebral vessel diseases, and other ailments that have symptoms similar to APBD. Lives become medical disasters filled with useless surgeries and inappropriate medications.

Now an unprecedented opportunity has arisen to test a cure. An Israeli startup company has offered to sponsor a drug initiative for us—but only if we can show them a registry with at least 200 APBD patients. Even though one out of 68 Ashkenazi Jews carries a genetic mutation that can lead to APBD, we don’t yet have 200 patients on our registry.

To help our at-risk community recognize APBD in its early stages, the APBD Research Foundation created a memory tool:

• A—Adult man or woman of Ashkenazi Jewish descent; Age 40-60
• F—Peripheral neuropathy (numbness, weakness, or tingling in the toes, fingers, hands, and/or feet)
• B—Bathroom frequency beyond the norm, or difficulty with bladder control
• D—Diminished energy (may develop later in disease process)

Any man or woman of Ashkenazi Jewish descent who is searching for a diagnosis and sees the A-P-B-D indicators in himself/herself should get tested for APBD.

It’s simple. A saliva sample is collected in one’s home and sent to a lab at Columbia University for analysis. The analysis is being underwritten by the APBD Research Foundation.

The Jewish community needs to be engaged as quickly as possible in order for this potential care to move forward. Please share this information with individuals you know who display the A-P-B-D symptoms. For more information contact Gregory Weiss, president, APBD Research Foundation, at Gregory@apbdrf.org, 646-580-5610 or visit APBDRF.org.

Sincerely,

Sheri A., APBD patient, Santa Barbara, CA; Sheila B., APBD patient, Minneapolis, MN; Robert L., APBD patient, Chicago, IL; Deborah G., APBD patient; New York, NY; Alma H., APBD patient, Berkeley, CA; David E., APBD patient, Silver Spring, MD; Avi G., APBD patient, Israel; Yossi S., APBD patient, Israel; Charles S., APBD patient, Portland, OR; and Dina A., APBD patient, Israel
Five ways getting screened makes you more attractive

By Amanda Satsky

The quest for a mate is not typically a quick fix, ask-and-you-shall-receive sort of adventure. There’s no “choose your own ending” safety net. In fact, it has the potential to be a veritable obstacle course of social standards, trial and error, perfect timing, first impressions, and understanding what it is you actually need (and want) in a partner. Daunting, we know.

A study revealed that humans take, on average, just 12 minutes to decide how they feel about someone. So here are five reasons genetic screening could help you out next time you’re face-to-face with someone and feeling those familiar butterflies in your stomach.

• You make health and well being a priority.

By getting screened for genetic disorders, you are proving to yourself and to others that health is a top priority for you. And health-oriented people glow. In fact, a study discovered that the “carotenoid glow” from a diet rich in fruits and vegetables makes people look more attractive than does a tan. Your inner health is just as important. Regardless of what clues lie in your genome, taking steps to know yourself thoroughly suggests a high degree of confidence and security.

• You’re kind.

Not only does getting screened demonstrate that you care about your health, but it shows you care deeply about the health of your family as well. That’s convenient, because science suggests kindness and compassion really do make a person more attractive.

• You’re curious.

Contrary to popular belief, curiosity didn’t kill the cat. It might have put it in the path of potentially perilous things, but it always gets away unscathed—and better off for having learned something new. When you learn your risk of passing a genetic disorder on to your future children, you’re making the bold decision to delve into your family history and background to learn things that could benefit your family in the future.

• You plan ahead.

You’re a planner, you take initiative, and you have goals. These characteristics provide a solid foundation for a relationship, and we all want to feel safe and secure with our mate. Getting screened proves your determination to take control of your future and ultimately live your life to it’s fullest.

• You’re prepared for just about anything.

There’s nothing more attractive than a steadfast person who effortlessly handles whatever life throws his or her way. Getting screened allows you to be educated, to understand the best approach for navigating your future, and to be prepared for success, regardless.

• Put down the perfume, switch off the curling iron, and choose flats over heels, because science says true beauty stems from our overall approach to life and how we prepare for a healthy future.

Holiday fast feeds Operation Isaiah

For the 25th year, as members of Ahavath Achim fast on Yom Kippur, they are made aware of the hunger of others. Barrels of nonperishable food fill the synagogue’s entryways, destined for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Operation Isaiah, the congregation’s annual food drive, is underway.

Operation Isaiah, which began at Ahavath Achim, has now grown to include not only the entire Atlanta Jewish religious community, but it has also “served as a prototype for food drives on Kol Nidre across the country,” says Dr. Nancy Canter Weiner.

Nancy Weiner has served as chair of the AA’s food drive for the past decade. She began as co-chair with her friend-since-elementary-school (and my daughter) Susan Gold Kahn and with both their sons: Nancy with son Daniel and Susan with son Kevin. Then Nancy continued with just Daniel, until he went to college.

“Daniel actually got me started volunteering at the food bank, because he had already been volunteering in the Product Rescue Center on Saturday while a Pace Academy student and ultimately as the executive service leader at Pace,” says Nancy.

Last year, Ahavath Achim collected 40,000 pounds of food, which went to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The food was then distributed to partner agencies, among them, the Kosher Food Pantry, at Jewish Family & Career Services.

Dr. Nancy Canter Weiner, who is a fulltime neuro-opthalmologist who is not cheerleading her fellow AA congregants to bring in more food, even involves her husband, Dr. Mark Weiner, in the process. When people donate money to Operation Isaiah, Mark and Nancy shop for them.

Because of the contribution of the Jewish community and Operation Isaiah, the Food Bank has asked the AA synagogue to pilot a program for sorting and packing food, one Sunday a month. This volunteer commitment has proved to be a success among the greater Atlanta Jewish community.

Here is a real interfaith collaboration, because on Kol Nidre, Community Food Bank volunteers unload heavy food donations from AA members’ cars in the synagogue’s parking lot. Chair Nancy Weiner likes to reflect on “how the Jewish community thinks of the hunger of others even when we are fasting. It is a real mitzvah to place others before yourself, and this is the primary focus of Operation Isaiah.”
JF&CS News

HOLIDAY MESSAGE. As a new year approaches, we at Jewish Family & Career Services are settling into several exciting changes. Our leadership has evolved over the past few months, at both the professional and lay levels, with several new directors, a new chief program officer, an enhanced role for our chief financial officer, a new board president and executive team, and, for the first time in 24 years, a new chief executive officer.

After being JF&CS’ chief operating officer for the past 11 years, I’m both excited and honored to be its CEO. JF&CS is our community’s premier provider of social services—a safety net for those in need and a true resource for all ages, faiths, and cultures. As we embark on an ambitious strategic plan to take us through the next five years, we will maintain our focus on maximizing health and self-sufficiency for all members of our community.

In the coming months, you will start to see some changes, as we work to adapt to shifting needs and trends in the community. But what isn’t changing is our fundamental mission. While the economic situation has improved since the recession ended and more people are finding jobs, many in our community are still facing difficult times. Demand for food and financial assistance remains strong. According to our most recent figures, in fact, our Emergency Financial Assistance program is falling short of demand. In the last fiscal year, we were able to fill only 40 percent of Jewish financial requests. Put another way, we were unable to meet 61 percent of the need. Clearly, the recession has not ended for all of our friends. As Jews, we have a special responsibility to help those around us, especially at this time of year.

JF&CS remains steadfast in its commitment to helping those who need help. We always will be a safety net for the community. But remember, you do not have to be in dire straits to receive services from us. JF&CS offers services that are among the best anywhere. From counseling to neuropsychological testing to care for older adults and a lot more, our clinicians are top tier—as good as or better than any clinicians anywhere. From counseling to neuropsychological testing to care for older adults and a lot more, our clinicians are top tier—as good as or better than any clinicians anywhere.

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Someone recently told me that she didn’t know about JF&CS until she needed it. We want people to know we are here before they need it.

Jewish Family & Career Services will continue to build on our legacy of strengthening our community, by assuring that no one is in need, alone, or without hope. With that in mind, and on behalf of our entire board and staff, I would like to wish you a Shana Tovah—a very happy, healthy and meaningful 5776. —Rick Aranson, CEO, Jewish Family & Career Services

BUILDING A HOUSE, STRENGTHENING TIES. JF&CS often looks for opportunities to partner with other organizations in the community. But the collaboration that has been fostered with Camp Twin Lakes over the past three years is unique.

Providing camp experiences for children with illnesses, disabilities, and other challenges, Twin Lakes is an obvious match for JF&CS. The partnership took hold in the spring of 2012, when discussions began about building a house together for people with developmental disabilities on land owned by the camp, in Rutledge, Georgia, about 45 minutes east of Atlanta. A group from JF&CS’ Tools for Independence WORKS prevocational program began going to the camp to clean, help out, and interact with the campers.

By the end of July, concrete was being poured for the driveway, all the fire systems had been put in place, and baseboards and electrical work were completed. The new house, which is fully compliant with the American with Disabilities Act, will be home to four individuals.

“This has been a long time coming, and we’re thrilled the house is just about ready,” said Rick Aranson, CEO of JF&CS. “There is a huge need for people with developmental disabilities to have residential and vocational services, and there’s nothing out there—until now.”

“This is an opportunity for someone to live the camp experience and be part of nature on a daily basis,” said Rena Harris, director of JF&CS’ Developmental Disabilities Services–Tools for Independence. “Camp Twin Lakes and JF&CS embrace the philosophy of person-centered services and are committed to being partners with the individuals and families. Camp Twin Lakes is committed to employing the people supported by JF&CS in the home and paying them commensurate wages. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for nature lovers.”

In addition, Camp Twin Lakes and JF&CS are collaborating with Hand-In-Hand Ministries, a local organization that orchestrates programs for adults with developmental disabilities within Morgan County. The collective goal is to help these adults realize their dreams of autonomy and include them in meaningful work at camp. Camp Twin Lakes will employ interested individuals in their choice of several jobs, including Twin Lakes’ sustainable teaching farm, food prep in the dining hall, administrative office work, housekeeping, maintenance, or programming.

“This home is an innovative feature to provide the adults with meaningful opportunities to live and be a part of Camp Twin Lakes Rutledge,” said Eric Robbins, CEO of Twin Lakes. “We envision this as a destination for some of our campers, as they age out of camp and enter the broader community. The unique collaboration will provide best-in-class services and a meaningful community for the residents.”

The four residents have not been identified. Residents must be 19 and older and will need to have a Medicaid waiver, as well as a diagnosed developmental disability. For more information, contact Jen Keir, at 770-677-9345.

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An Atlanta Jew who cared—Professor Abraham Geffen

BY David Geffen

Dedicated to Professor Abraham Geffen, 1916-2015, an Atlanta native, my beloved uncle, and the eighth child of Sara Hene and Rabbi Tobias Geffen, of blessed memory.

At the beginning of September 1916, the Brooklyn Robins, who became the Dodgers, played the Boston Red Sox in the World Series. I could list all the famous players from both teams, but I will let those who are baseball fans discover those names for themselves, by opening any one of the Major League Baseball websites. However, one—the Babe—did stand out, because, at 21, that left-hander was just completing his second year with the Boston Red Sox.

He was, of course, Babe Ruth, a pitcher then, and he won the second game of the World Series by a 2-1 score. Babe Ruth, when traded to the Yankees, became the great home-run hitter, whom we all admire. You may ask—how does this relate to my late uncle Abe Geffen? Please wait.

In 1916, Sara Hene Geffen was pregnant from January until she gave birth, on September 22, a week before Rosh Hashanah. Three events in that nine-month period are significant for American Jews. On January 26, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson declared a countrywide war for Jews. On September 22, a week before Rosh Hashanah, the four Atlanta newspapers and the Athens newspapers endorsed his candidacy. The first recorded use of a shofar by a fan at a game took place during the 1916 World Series. In The Boston Globe, this note is found: “The Red Sox are playing well and surely will defeat their National League Rivals. A little extra help was added in game five, when a Jew of the city brought his Ram’s Horn to the ballpark. Jews blew this ancient instrument every morning except the Sabbath in the month before the Jewish New Year. The local resident known for his deep faith is a big Red Sox fan so he took the ‘Chufar’ [sic] from the synagogue with him and sounded a charge as the game began.”

As his mother carried him in the womb, 99 years ago, Abraham (אברהם) could have been influenced by any of these incidents. Moreover, his seven siblings, Lottie, Joel, Louis, Samuel, Bessie, Annette, and Helen, did all they could to assist their mother, Sara Hene, and their father, Rabbi Tobias Geffen, so that the pregnancy would go well. Throughout their lives, his father Louis included, all came to depend on their baby brother, Abe, who grew to be Professor Abraham Geffen, chief radiologist at Beth Israel Hospital, in Manhattan, and professor of radiology at the Mt. Sinai Medical School, in New York. He was the medical consultant par excellence for his parents and siblings, as well as his nephews and nieces. Prior to my two surgeries, in 1996 and 2003, I forwarded him all the X-rays, and he gave me advice that was most helpful.

Now imagine how Abe’s life actually began. He was born on September 22, 1916, at the family home on Hunter Street. His mother, my grandmother Sara Hene, was assisted by her mother, Guetelle Rabinowitz, who came from New York to help. In later years, as I have written in earlier pieces, I remained and heard the shofar blown and then ran home to help prepare for the kedudah for the circumcision after the davening.

In his youth, Abe attended Fair Street School and taught himself to type at age nine on the family’s Underwood. He went on to Boy’s High School. His father, Rabbi Geffen, preserved his grades (now at MARBL Special Collections—Emory) from the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. They are handwritten by subject, with numerical grade listings. In high school, in the early 1930s, and then at Emory, where Abe was an honor student and member of Phi Beta Kappa, he became a noted debater in the SIJ Young Judea group. His partner was David Alterman, one of the well-known Alterman brothers, who was the president of the Ahavath Achim synagogue and a major leader in the Atlanta Jewish community.

His wife, Sara, thankfully, is still with us. I was fortunate to grow up with his daughter, Phyllis, and his husband, Dr. Richard Franco, both of whom were Phi Beta Kappa at Emory.

Since Rabbi Geffen also saved Abe’s debating notes, 1930s topics such as limiting munitions, the Arab-Jewish debate over Palestine, Atlanta public education, the importance of mitzvot, and the threat of anti-Semitism can be studied as they were presented by the teenage debaters, David Alterman and Abe Geffen. My uncle won a scholarship to Columbia Medical School, where he excelled in his studies. In 1942, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, as a physician, serving for more than two years in Iceland, where the German Luftwaffe bombed the Americans on a daily basis. Then he spent nine months at a base outside of London, before being released in the summer of 1945. After Rosh Hashanah that year, Rabbi Geffen wrote in his diary: “My wife and I were so pleased and thankful to God that our son Abraham could be with us after being in the American military. When the honors were sold at Shearith Israel, one of the members bought the maftir from the book of Samuel for the first day of yom tov. He gave it to Abe, who chanted it very well. We pray our son Louis, still in the Army and somewhere in the Pacific, will soon come back to his wife, Anna, his son, Moshe David, and to us safely.”

It is a real honor for me to share with the readers of The Jewish Georgian the eulogy given by Abe’s oldest son, Dr. David Barry Geffen, who is on the medical staff of the Soroka Medical Center and a professor of oncology at Ben-Gurion University Medical School, in Beersheva. In Professor Abraham Geffen’s devotion to the United States, Israel and the Jewish people and in the expertise he developed in the field of radiology, we can see a striking parallel to many Atlanta Jews. What they, men and women, have done for the United States and for the Jewish people in the last 100 years is truly extraordinary.
Excerpts from the eulogy for Abraham Geffen

By David B. Geffen, April 22, 2015

Dad was the youngest of the eight children of Rabbi Tobias and Sara Hene Geffen. He went to Boy’s High in Atlanta. An excellent student, he also was active in youth groups and music especially under the tutelage of his brother Sam. After obtaining a bachelor’s degree at Emory, he made the big move to New York, where he lived until 2005, when he moved to the Landau House in Rockville to be near Sara. He was accepted to medical school at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. I believe he was also accepted at Harvard. Admission to the Ivy League schools for Jews in those years of quotas was quite an achievement and a tribute to his outstanding academic ability that he showed in high school and at Emory.

He then went on to an internship at Beth Israel Hospital in New York. He never told me many details about that year—the young doctors lived at the hospital, were not permitted to be married, and were on call every other night, if not all the time.

Abe joined the Army after his internship as America mobilized to defeat the evil that threatened to engulf the world and was stationed in Iceland and England during World War II in the medical corps. He told me of an emergency operation he had to perform on a soldier in Iceland suspected of appendicitis. He was discharged at the end of the war from the Army with the rank of major.

On return to civilian life he continued his medical training with a residency in radiology at Mount Sinai Hospital. Radiology in those days included in addition to diagnostic radiology, the fields of nuclear medicine and radiation oncology. Today each of those three fields is a separate specialty. Dad mastered all three.

Around this time Dad met Mom and the wonderful combination of Geffen and Petegorsky was made. Thank you, Bertha and Sig Brahms for introducing Ethel and Abe. Abe was a loving, devoted husband to Ethel and father to us, their three children. But he was also a model for the respect, honor, and care he showed his mother-in-law and father-in-law Becky and Leon Petegorsky, as well as for Mom’s siblings Jeanette Pelcovits, of blessed memory, Beverly Chodikoff, may she live long, and David Petegorsky, of blessed memory. The supreme culmination of this love and respect for Mom’s family is that now Dad will be laid to rest not only next to Mom but also next to my Uncle Dodie, David Petegorsky.

Dad became chief of radiology at Beth Israel, where he remained for the rest of his illustrious career, caring for thousands of patients and training dozens of young radiologists. Over the years he developed professional relationships with Israeli physicians. They came to him at Beth Israel in New York for advice and training and he went to Israel in the early days of CT scanning to learn from their experience and about Israeli made equipment. The last professional talk that I remember him giving was at our Oncology Department at Soroka, where he recapped the history of radiology and radiotherapy to mark 100 years since the discovery of X-rays by Roentgen.

In 1955, we moved to New Rochelle, and, in the 50 years there, Dad served Beth El Synagogue with great devotion in many capacities. Among my earliest memories of New Rochelle was going to shul with Dad on Shabbat in the old white mansion at the site of the present-day synagogue building. Going to shul every Shabbat and holiday was a given with Dad. When it came time to say kiddush for Sara Hene, of blessed memory, and Rav Tuvia, of blessed memory, and later for his brothers and sisters, as long as he was able, he diligently performed his duty.

Dad symbolized the best of his generation, growing up in a home with immigrant parents who inculcated a drive for education; gratitude and service to their new country; and devotion to the Jewish people and tradition and Israel.

I remember Dad telling of his first time as a voter, casting his ballot for FDR, and watching him meet and chat with Adlai Stevenson, in 1957, when we crossed paths with him in the airport in New York, on the way back from Stanley Raskas’ bar mitzvah. (I was too shy to go with him to approach Stevenson and hang back with Mom.) Dad was very excited one Shabbat in 1964, when the candidate for U.S. Senate, Robert Kennedy, was scheduled to appear in downtown New Rochelle. He had me walk with him downtown to hear the candidate—we actually missed the rally but we had a nice walk. Politically, he was loyal—when Kennedy workers came around for support for RFK’s 1968 presidential bid, Dad politely declined, saying he was waiting for Humphrey, whom he had supported and admired for his support of liberal and Jewish causes and for whom he, of course, had voted for vice president in 1964.

Dad never wavered in his support for Jewish institutions and Israel.

Dad was a loving father, uncle, and son. I remember fondly many a Shabbat afternoon at the Roosevelt School playground, where Dad would patiently bat balls to me or run after the balls that I would bat. I remember the excitement of the Yankee games he took me to, sometimes with Peter. He was very proud of his nieces and nephews and always enjoyed their visits. I remember, but for the most part didn’t understand, the phone calls in Yiddish over the years that he had with Rav Tuvia and of course the letters that were exchanged between Dad and his parents. I remember the love and respect that both he and Mom showed Zeida Geffen, when he came in the 1960’s to cousins’ weddings in New York and to my Bar Mitzvah.

Dad, you have given us a wonderful example of how to live a good and caring life.

May his memory be blessed.
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Today, the Relay For Life program is a fundraising titan in the fight against cancer. Yet its roots are humble. Dr. Gordon “Gordy” Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, decided in 1985 to find out if his passion for running marathons could become a path to raise money for his local American Cancer Society office. He hoped people might pledge $25 to run or walk with him at University of Puget Sound. To inspire participation, Klatt himself circled the school’s track for 24 hours. His was able to raise $27,000 and cover almost 83 miles.

Dr. Klatt’s innovative idea, now known as Relay For Life, has since grown to encompass more than 5,000 events in communities as far as Soweto, South Africa, and Fukushima, Japan.

Relay For Life events traditionally run from Friday to Saturday, limiting the participation of many in the Jewish community. So, four years ago, members of Temple Beth Tikvah, a Reform congregation in Roswell, started Relay For Life of Ruach, which takes place on Sunday, giving members an opportunity to participate in a life-changing event and adhere to their religious beliefs.

Roswell resident Esther Shultz, one of the original organizers of Relay For Life of Ruach, recalled attempting to participate in her local Relay For Life on a Friday evening. “We invited everyone to participate in our Shabbat program at sundown. A few interested people would show up. After, we only would walk and talk at our campsite and not be involved with the fundraising part of the Relay experience.”

Temple Beth Tikvah Past President Sheryl Blechner determined that there was no precedent for Relay For Life of Ruach anywhere in the world. The American Cancer Society quickly embraced the idea to support Temple Beth Tikvah’s spirit, Ruach, to fight cancer. Several others congregations joined, including Congregation Ner Tamid, Temple Kol Emeth, and Temple Kehillat Chaim, a conservative congregation. Community support has come from Jewish Family & Career Services and the Sixth Point.

Participants form teams in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a loved one who has lost his or her battle. Participants raise money as individuals and at team fundraisers prior to the event. The day of Relay, many teams sell items to raise additional funds, in a carnival-like atmosphere. “I wish we could call the event Relay for Life of Ruach and Family Festival,” says one committee member. “It’s so much fun. There’s food, games, kids activities, and entertainment, in addition to the Relay ceremonies.”

Relay for Life of Ruach has all the elements of a relay event. The event starts with an Opening Ceremony, followed by the Survivor Lap. The survivors take the track to officially open the event. Participants cheer them to celebrate a battle won. They are joined by their caregivers, who have also battled alongside their loved ones. Later, at dusk, luminarias are lit around the track, honoring those who have passed from the dreadful disease. Participants walk the illuminated track to the sounds of bagpipes. “It is one of the most moving experiences,” says 25+ year survivor Mitchell Massaconi.

The Closing Ceremony wraps up the event, reminding everyone that their participation helps saves lives.

This year, the event will be held on Sunday, October 11, 1:00-8:00 p.m., at North Springs High School, in Sandy Springs. It is open to all religions, because it is about communities coming together to support each other and the work of the American Cancer Society. Locally and in Georgia, funds support:

- 1,225,814 visits to www.cancer.org,
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- 150,771 survivor sessions,
- 10,591 nights of free or reduced lodging,
- 6,231 rides to treatment, and
- 3,122 underinsured cancer patients.

Organizers hope the event will gain momentum in the community and grow to 25 teams, to raise close to $50,000.

For more information, visit www.relaysforlife.org/ruachga or contact holly.york@cancer.org.

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**MISH MASH**

By Erin O’Shinskey

GOOD DAY FOR A CLIMB. Mrs. Roslyn Klarman, age 97 1/2, recently tried out a climbing wall at the New Orleans Boulder Lounge, her grandson’s new rock climbing gym. Mrs. Klarman, both Weber School (Class of 2007) graduates who went to Tulane University. It is housed in a 125-year-old cotton press, just off the Mississippi river, next to the convention center, in the Warehouse District. New Orleans Boulder Lounge (www.climbnobl.com), the first climbing gym in New Orleans, was opened by Daniel Bressler and Eli Klarman, both Weber School (Class of 2007) graduates who went to Tulane University. It is housed in a 125-year-old cotton press, just off the Mississippi river, next to the convention center, in the Warehouse District. New Orleans Boulder Lounge (www.climbnobl.com), the first climbing gym in New Orleans, was opened by Daniel Bressler and Eli Klarman, both Weber School (Class of 2007) graduates who went to Tulane University. It is housed in a 125-year-old cotton press, just off the Mississippi river, next to the convention center, in the Warehouse District.

Mrs. Roslyn Klarman, who played tennis until the age of 92, is proof that age is just a number. This was her first trip to New Orleans.

Orleans Boulder Lounge (www.climbnobl.com), the first climbing gym in New Orleans, was opened by Daniel Bressler and Eli Klarman, both Weber School (Class of 2007) graduates who went to Tulane University. It is housed in a 125-year-old cotton press, just off the Mississippi river, next to the convention center, in the Warehouse District.

CENTENARIAN’S BIRTHDAY AND WEDDING VOW RENWAL. On Sunday, August 16, Norma and Irving Schiff celebrated Irving’s 100th birthday and their 73rd wedding anniversary with a renewal of their marriage vows at Berman Commons Assisted Living and Memory Care. Dressed in their wedding attire, family and friends filled the room as Berman Commons Chaplain Fred Glusman sang ‘Baruch Haba,’” and Rabbi Brian Glusman of the Marcus Jewish Community Center, officiated under the chuppah. Harley Tabak, president and CEO of Jewish Home Life Communities, sang “Sunrise, Sunset” a cappella as the happy couple made their way toward the chuppah. The celebration was complete with a bridal bouquet, a champagne toast, and cake.

**Norma and Irving Schiff**

BBQ COMPETITION. More than 30 teams from Metro Atlanta and beyond—including teams from the Dunwoody and Sandy Springs police departments—will participate in the 3rd Annual Atlanta Kosher BBQ Competition and Festival, October 18, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., in Dunwoody’s Brook Run Park. Competition food tastings will be available; other kosher food will be available for purchase. The third leg of the 11-city Kosher BBQ Circuit, this event, presented by the Atlanta Jдетes of the Hebrew Order of David, is a fundraiser for both Jewish and non-Jewish charities. For details, including donations, team registration, entertainment, and other information, visit www.TheAtlantaKosherBBQ.com.

**Keith Marks, Keith’s Corner Bar-B-Que, preps for the competition.**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. The Jewish Women’s Fund of Atlanta, which expands opportunities in the lives of Jewish women and girls via effective grant-making, advocacy, and education through a gender lens, has issued its 2016 Request for Proposals and is now accepting Letters of Inquiry from organizations or programs that further its mission and core values. Eligible applicants must have 501(c)3 status and address the goals outlined in the application. The grant application can be found at www.jewishatlanta.org/jwfa2016. Special funding is now available for pilot programs in Atlanta. Submit Letters of Inquiry on or before December 1, to rwasserman@jewishatlanta.org.
Catholic and Jewish communities celebrate 50th anniversary

By Dov Wilker

On Wednesday, October 28, the Atlanta Jewish community will join with members of Atlanta’s Catholic community to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate (“In Our Time”), the landmark document that inaugurated historic changes in the Catholic Church’s relations with other faiths.

The document’s 600-word section on Judaism (approximately one-third of the entire piece) rejects the longstanding canard leveled collectively against the Jewish People, that Jews are guilty of deicide by killing Christ. It also prohibits teachings in which Jews are seen asaccursed, condemns anti-Semitism, affirms Christianity’s Jewish roots, and validates God’s eternal covenant with the Jewish People. Although we have seen a rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and around the world, it is not now emanating from the Catholic Church. It is primarily coming from radical Islamist elements, as well as adherents to extreme left and far right nationalist beliefs. Following the signing of Nostra Aetate, the Church instituted significant reforms to root out anti-Semitism, and today we are able to see these reforms bear fruit.

However, in Europe, despite the fact that political leaders are outwardly condemning anti-Semitism, they have been slow to implement institutional reform. In France, for example, according to the Jewish Community Protection Service (SPCJ) and the French Minister of Interior, 508 anti-Semitic acts — an average of three per day — occurred during the first five months of 2015 alone. It was not until the fatal terror attacks on a kosher supermarket in Paris and a synagogue in Copenhagen earlier this year that European countries acknowledged that unchecked anti-Semitism is threatening the fundamental values of democracy and pluralism upon which the European society stands.

To raise consciousness, my organization, American Jewish Committee (AJC), convened a groundbreaking strategy conference, “A Defining Moment for Europe,” in Brussels this past May. The conference was attended by representatives of nearly every country of the European Union, as well as diplomats from the United States. At the conference, AJC released a “Call for Action,” a detailed plan for European governments to prioritize and fight the escalating problem of anti-Semitism. It specifies concrete steps for governments to assess the severity of the problem; provide for the security of Jewish institutions and communities; invest in education that imparts European values; take on purveyors of anti-Semitism on the Internet and in social media; and recognize that vilification of Israel is often a cover for expressions of anti-Semitism.

That is why, following-up on our Brussels conference, AJC launched the “Mayors United Against Anti-Semitism” initiative. It brings together the heads of municipalities across the U.S. in support of a clear and strong statement calling on their European counterparts to publicly address and take concrete action against rising anti-Semitism. “In a world of global communications where anti-Semitic ideas can and do spread quickly, the impact of the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe does not stop at Europe’s borders,” says the statement. Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed was among the first signatories to the clarion call. He joined New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio — the first to sign on — Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, who chairs the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the mayors of Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and many more. (The full statement and list of signatories can be found at www.ajc.org/mayors.) The list currently has more than 220 mayors representing more than 56 million Americans, but there are many more that can still sign on.

We are excited to celebrate Nostra Aetate with the Atlanta community. We hope that 50 years from now, we will be able to look back on this moment and celebrate positive actions taken by the political leadership of Europe to stem the tide of rising anti-Semitism which threatens us all.
I.J. Rosenberg TALKS ABOUT ATLANTA SPORTS. The Marcus Jewish Community Center’s Edgewise group came up with another winning presentation on July 2, when I.J. Rosenberg was a guest speaker.

I.J. is the founder of Score Atlanta, a fast-growing sports marketing company that specializes in high school sports, working with all the professional sports teams, and being a big contributor for media companies such as The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, AJC.com, FOX, and PlayOn Sports. He is also the president of Rosewood Productions, which produces 75 television events and 150 digital productions a year.

He is the author of three books about the Atlanta Braves. The first, Miracle Season, sold over 125,000 copies. He’s currently working on another book for Arthur Blank, about Atlanta’s new soccer team.

I.J. has been involved in the Atlanta sports scene since he started working as a sports reporter for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, in 1985. Thirty years of sport experiences involving the Braves, Hawks, Falcons, Georgia Tech, and the 1996 Olympics can result in a lot of great stories about sport personalities of the past and present.

I.J. grew up in Atlanta and has lived here all of his life, other than four years as a student at the University of Alabama. His parents, Charles and Bunny, are native Atlantans. I’ve known his father since the late ’60s, when we played softball and basketball together. He was one of the best softball captains for whom I ever played.

I.J. graduated from Lakeside High and then went on to play football at the University of Alabama, for Ray Perkins. He didn’t get much playing time, except for being a human tackling dummy during practice. His claim to fame, though, and the beginning of his journalism career happened during the spring of his junior year, when Coach Perkins allowed him to write a diary about Alabama football. His favorite part was when a mediocre Alabama team beat Auburn by two points and knocked them out of the SEC Championship. Auburn Coach Pat Dye passed up a go-ahead field goal late in the game for a touchdown try on fourth down from the one-yard line that was stopped by Alabama.

I.J.’s career, which began in 1985, included being the beat writer for the Falcons (1989) and the Braves (1991-1996, which included their winning the World Series in 1995), involvement in the 1996 Olympics, and covering the Georgia Tech basketball team for a period of time when Bobby Crennis was coach.

I.J. can tell an interesting story, and he had a great variety of them. He talked about the new Falcons’ stadium, which will open in 2017, with its roof and 360-degree replay screen. It will, as I.J. said, “change the face of sports in Atlanta, as well as revitalizing the area west of the stadium.”

I.J. knew Furman Bisher well and had a close relationship with him. He also talked about other sports celebrities over the years such as Lewis Grizzard, Lefty Driesell, Pepper Rodgers, Marquis Grissmo, Lenney Wilkins, Steve Barkowski, and Arthur Blank.

This year, he started writing column and stories three days a week for the AJC. These include “Whatever Happened To,” “Braves Recall,” and a series of 54 interviews with sports personalities. I look forward to reading them.

I asked him who the greatest Atlanta Jewish sports figure was in the last 50 years. He said Ron Blumberg, who could have played college football, basketball, or baseball—and then ended up signing with the Yankees and becoming baseball’s first designated hitter. It would be hard to argue with that choice.

I.J. and his wife, Beth, live in north Fulton County. Their two girls are graduates of the University of Georgia, where Ashley was a pole-vaulter and Lindsay was a practice player and manager for the Lady Dogs basketball team. Their son, Chase, is the starting quarterback for Hamilton College, which plays in the New England Small College Athletic Conference.

Another special guest of Edgewise in attendance was Atlanta Falcon great Tommy Nobis. Tommy was an All-American at Texas and the first Falcon draft pick. He deserves to be in the NFL Hall of Fame and was certainly one of the greatest linebackers of all time. Unfortunately, he played on a lot of bad teams for most of his career and didn’t get the accolades he deserved.

Tommy founded and has been involved with Nobis Works, a rehabilitation, training, and placement organization that has provided more than 25,000 jobs for people with disabilities. Tommy has had a longtime involvement with the Falcons and has been a positive and productive representative both off and on the field.

Thanks go to Barbara Vahaba, Sid Stein, and George Jordan for continuing to bring outstanding programs and speakers to the MICCIA Edgewise Program.

ALL IN THE FAMILY: HOCKEY AND THE KAMROSS FAMILY. Atlanta is not much of a hockey city. We’ve had two professional teams here, the Flames and Thrashers, and both left town without much of an outcry. I can’t say that I’ve followed hockey very closely. I did go to a handful of Flames and Thrasher games, but that’s about it. In fact, I’ve never been on ice skates in my life or shot a puck at the goal.

In spite of that, I still appreciate the skill and practice it takes to play hockey, a sport that involves great hand-eye coordination, skating ability, endurance, quick thinking, and the capability to take a hit and give one. So when longtime friend Dave Kamrass told me about his son, Steve, and his four hockey-playing sons, I thought this would make a great “Schwartz on Sports” story.

I remember Steve from playing against him in the Men’s Softball and Basketball Leagues, but knew little, other than what Dave had told me, about his involvement in the Atlanta hockey scene and his sons’ progress in the sport. I called Steve and asked him to tell me the story.

Steve’s introduction to hockey was in the early ’70s, when the Flames were in town. He had been a ball boy for the Hawks and spent time at the Omni, which had a skating rink. He was introduced to hockey by the son of a Flames executive and played hockey very closely. I did go to a handful of Flames and Thrasher games, but that’s about it.

Hockey was also started at a young age, playing on travel teams and working his way through various levels to college at U Mass Lowell, where he played with his brother Zack. What a thrill that must have been. Both Zack and Jacob also earned All Academic Honors—Zack for all four years of college and Jacob for his freshman year, which he just completed.

Fourth son Seth, age 20, is the baby of the family, which meant he had to serve as goalie for a lot of the brothers’ practice sessions. He left home at age 17 for Topeka and is playing for his brother, Josh, getting ready for college.

This is quite a story and involves lots of dedication, desire, hard work, and willingness to get up and practice hockey at 5:30 a.m. every day. Parents also play a big part in the boys’ achievement and make a major commitment by getting them to those morning practices, driving around the Southeast to various tournaments, and footing the bill for the expenses. I know Steve is proud of his sons’ dedication, discipline, and love for the game of hockey.

I hope you enjoyed this edition’s column. Until next time, drive for the bucket and score.
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BIG CHANGES FOR PARADIES. Paradies, the country’s most awarded airport concessionaire, has signed an agreement to be acquired by Lagardère Travel Retail, a global leader in travel retail operating in 150 airports across 30 countries. The closing of this transaction, which is subject to certain conditions, is expected to take place in fourth quarter of 2015. When the transaction is completed, Gregg Paradies will become president and CEO of the newly combined company and will be an investor. Gerry Savaria, current president and CEO for North America of Lagardère Travel Retail, will be his deputy.

RABBI BERNSTEIN SIGNS NEW CONTRACT. Congregation Gesher L’Torah has renewed Rabbi Michael Bernstein’s contract for an additional 10 years, ensuring longterm stability for the congregation, as well as continuation of its unprecedented growth. Since Rabbi Bernstein joined GLT in July 2009, the congregation has seen a 40% increase in membership. Additionally, Rabbi Bernstein, who is considered a leader throughout the community, was recently inducted into the prestigious 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College.

Hershberg AT AJC. Harold Herschberg is the new assistant regional director of AJC Atlanta. He will focus on interethnic and interreligious affairs and domestic diplomacy. Previously, he was director of Economic & Trade Affairs for the Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast U.S. Before that, he worked at the international law firm of Heskia-Hacman, in Tel-Aviv, Israel. Hershberg is a 2013 Zionist Thought and Statesmanship Jerusalem Fellow. He graduated from the Anti-Defamation League’s 2013 Glass Leadership Institute and received the American Zionist Movement’s Helyn B. Reich Memorial Scholarship. Hershberg holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Kennesaw State University.

NEW OU SOUTHEAST DIRECTOR. The Orthodox Union Department of Community and Synagogue Services has announced the appointment of Naftali Herrmann as its first southeast regional director to work with synagogues and communities in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida. He will be based in Boca Raton, Florida, along with his wife Shani, where they are members of the Boca Raton Synagogue, an OU-member shul. Naftali grew up in Suffern, New York, where he attended Congregation Bais Torah, led by Rabbi Berel Wein. Naftali credits his family and community in veering his interest towards communal work.

PARADIES AT TAMPA. Paradies received an award to operate 11 new specialty retail and travel essential stores at the Tampa International Airport. After conducting specific consumer research and testing, Paradies created the winning bid and will offer passengers several popular national brands, as well as locally themed concepts that highlight the personality and culture of the surrounding communities. The brands include: SPANX, Dylan’s Candy Bar, CORSA Collections, Tampa Bay Times, NBC WFLA Ch. 8 Travel Essentials, Tampa Life, Shades of Times, PGA TOUR and The Runway, The Body Shop, CNBC, Ybor City News, and Hyde Park News.

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INTAKE CONFERENCE. At Atlanta Jewish Academy Lower School, parents schedule intake conferences before the start of the school year; they meet with their child’s teachers and share their hopes and dreams for the coming year. But a recent conference was different from the others. Newly minted second-grader Yoni Pechenik stopped in at his old first-grade classroom, mom in tow, to share his feelings about moving on. (He’s a little nervous.) Teachers Jennifer Zindler and Debby Heltzer enjoyed seeing him and reminded him that he was always welcome to visit them any time.

STUDENT ADDRESSES AJA LOWER SCHOOL FACULTY. Teachers attending Pre-Planning Week at AJA Lower School were surprised by the first speaker to address them at a workshop on project-based learning. Seventh-grade student Noah Chen (pictured) was called in to share his persuasive essay, written last year, in which he explained what makes project-based learning so fun and effective. Noah was informative and charming, and teachers enjoyed a different perspective on professional development.

VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS. AJA opened its volleyball season with a workshop led by Coach Penny Eisenstein. Sixth-to-eighth-grade girls tried out for spots on her winning A and B teams. There has been much interest in volleyball this year, perhaps spurred by the team’s long-term success. Coach Penny has kept score of every volleyball game the school has ever played, and they have 264 wins and only 51 losses. Last year, the A volleyball team took second place in the division, and the B team took third. Here, Eliana Goldin, Aliza Moosai, and Aden Dori take a break after practice.

NEW STUDENT COUNCIL FOR UPPER SCHOOL. AJA Upper School’s new student council is eager to begin the 2015-2016 school year. Co-presidents Abby Stein and Daniella Sokol, Vice President Greg Shapiro, Treasurer Aharon Davidson, and Secretary Maayan Schoen have already welcomed the incoming freshman class at an orientation, and they have great plans for activities for the rest of the school as well.

BOWLING FRESHMEN. The first day of freshman orientation at AJA Upper School was informative and educational—plus, it involved pizza and bowling. The new students were welcomed by peer leaders Batel Mann, Greg Shapiro, Ariel Mordech, Nicole Nooriel, and Rachel Kahn; 10th-grade ambassadors Nate Linsider, Devorah Chasen, and Ben Ogden; and the new student council. Everyone had a great time showing off their bowling chops. Here, Summer Pitocchelli gets ready to knock down some pins.

TROOP BUILDS LITTLE FREE LIBRARY. AJA’s Haverim Cadet Girl Scout Troop 4025 has erected a Little Free Library at Northland Drive and High Point Road, in Sandy Springs, right outside AJA. The Scouts built the library from scratch, decorated and finished it, and stocked it with books to share with children in the neighborhood. Their handiwork and thoughtfulness are sure to be appreciated by kids in need of something good to read.

FIELD DAY. Last May, Davis Academy fifth-grader Anna Baylin got in the spirit of Field Day, in a wet relay race. The Davis Academy Parent Teacher Organization and volunteers made this annual event a fun day for students.

KIDS AT CAMP. Davis Academy’s Head of School Amy Shafron and Director of Jewish & Hebrew Studies Rabbi Micah Lapidus toured Camp Barney Medintz over the summer and were delighted to run into dozens of Davis Academy students. Shown here are (from left) Gracie Kirschner, Amy Shafron, Ava Moradi, Lia Toporek, Avery Friedman, and Rabbi Micah Lapidus.

CIRCUS ARTS. At Epstein’s Summer Adventure Camp, a counselor demonstrates how to use the silks during Circus Camp.

ESA CAMP IS TOPS. Epstein’s Summer Adventure campers and friends Levi Segal and Nathan Sarnat love playing together at ESA’s preschool camp.

GREETINGS FROM ISRAEL. The Class of 2015 (pictured) enjoyed one of the most anticipated experiences of their Davis Academy journey, during their two-week trip to Israel, in May. This life-changing adventure included exploring historical sites, appreciating the natural beauty and diversity of Israel, making new friends, and understanding the importance of Israel’s role as a Jewish homeland.
LEARNING WHILE DOING. ESA campers Jonah Beale and Asher Glenn learn about science and technology while putting together a LEGO Mindstorms NXT robotics kit.

SENIOR DEVELOPMENT MANAGER. Rabbi Elchanan Schulgasser (pictured) joins Torah Day School as the senior development manager. Originally from Monsey, New York, Rabbi Schulgasser holds an MBA from Florida International University. He also attended Yeshiva at Miami Beach’s Talmudic University and most recently was a member of the Kansas City Community Kollel.

A DRIVING FORCE. TDSA is preparing to start its 30th year of teaching, nurturing, and inspiring students. One of TDSA’s constant driving forces has been Mrs. Linda Rabinowitz (pictured), the school’s General Studies principal. Mrs. Rabinowitz has been with TDSA as either a teacher or an administrator for the last 28 years.

NEW AT TDSA. TDSA’s new middle school math teacher, Mr. Israel Gersten, confers with Mr. Lawrence Stroll, shown here, as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

DEAN’S OFFICE ESTABLISHED. Working with Principal Ms. Shlaima Van Dyke, The Weber School has established a Deans’ Office to enhance the quality of attention and support provided to students and faculty. The Deans’ Office comprises the following educators: Mr. Michael Bennett, dean of ninth and 10th grades; Ms. Michele Brown, academic dean; Ms. Barbara Rosenblit, dean of faculty mentoring; and Mr. Mitch White, dean of academic scheduling and dean of 11th and 12th grades.

NEW SCIENCE COURSES. Weber’s science department has added two new courses, astronomy and nutritional biochemistry, open to juniors and seniors who have completed a year of biology and a year of chemistry. They may be taken as electives or core classes and may also fulfill a Jewish studies requirement. Astronomy will cover topics including planets, stars, galaxies, and black holes in relation to the laws of physics, as well as the origin of the Universe and Jewish (lunar) calendar. Nutritional biochemistry students will cover chemical and metabolic processes, while investigating the origins, practices, and scientific relevance of Jewish dietary law.

AMERICAN HUMANITIES. The Weber School is offering a new academic elective to juniors and seniors, taught by humanities and Jewish studies teacher Barbara Rosenblit. American humanities will explore the social, cultural, artistic, and literary spirit of American society, studying fiction, nonfiction, and memoir; art and architecture; music; television; theater and film; and social and political movements of the last 150 years. Woven into the study of culture and society will be, at every juncture, an exploration of the Jewish American experience.

ATHLETICS AT WEBER. Weber’s Athletic Department will offer several new fitness and intramural options for students to fulfill their PE requirement. These options take advantage of Weber’s X Block schedule and align with the sports seasons, giving students a wide range of options in athletic teams, fitness, and intramural activities. The new options include intramural Ultimate Frisbee (fall), beginner to intermediate golf (fall and May), yoga (year-round), weight training and conditioning (year-round), and beginner to intermediate swimming (fall and spring).

READY FOR KINDERGARTEN. The TDSA kindergarten classroom, shown here, is ready to welcome the students and Mrs. Carla Hotz as their new kindergarten teacher.

AMBASSADOR VARNAI SHORER is new consul general

Ambassador Judith Varnai Shorer has replaced Opher Aviran, after his five-year term as consul general of Israel to the Southeast. "I am honored to begin working at the Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast," said Ambassador Varnai Shorer. "The culture, diversity, and warmth of this region of the U.S. is well-known, and I’m looking forward to learning more about each state, their communities, and officials."

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This year, when Cory’s birthday came up, I chose the restaurant. A popular one! I could not wait. Finally, the day came. But how disappointed we were when we arrived! This is not unusual in Atlanta, but it was so noisy—really a high level of noise.

We did not hesitate to ask if there was a quieter place to have our meal. The waiter immediately took us to a side area, and, thank goodness, it was great. This restaurant is known for its steaks, and they were indeed tender and juicy. They were delicious, and we did not hesitate to ask if there was a happy meal indeed. Would you like to know the name of this restaurant? I will not say Ambassador Varnai Shorer is a nearly 40-year veteran of the Israeli diplomatic corps. She is a former ambassador to both Hungary and Bosnia-Herzegovina, as well as a former minister of congressional affairs at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. Her most recent post was desk director at the Center for Policy Research.

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Vice President Joe Biden to speak at annual Eizenstat Memorial Lecture

Vice President Joe Biden will deliver remarks at the Fran Eizenstat and Eizenstat Family Annual Lecture, on Thursday, September 3, at 7:30 p.m., at Ahavath Achim Synagogue, in Atlanta. Biden will address “Challenges Facing the U.S. and the World in the 21st Century.”

The Eizenstat Lecture is an annual, free public event featuring well-known speakers addressing current and thought-provoking issues. Past speakers include national and international political, legal, and economic leaders, such as Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Henry Kissinger, Madeleine Albright, Shimon Peres, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Joseph Lieberman, Al Gore, Alan Dershowitz, Paul Wolfowitz, and Herman Wouk.

Biden is currently serving in his second term as vice president. Prior to his election to that post, he had a long and successful career as a United States senator from the state of Delaware. First elected to the Senate in 1972, he was reelected six times, before resigning in 2009 to become vice president. While in the Senate, Biden served in senior positions in several influential Senate committees. As chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and the Judiciary Committee, he led policy-making discussions on many of the nation’s most important domestic and international issues. As vice president, he has continued to provide leadership on social, economic and foreign policy issues.

This is the 27th installment of the Eizenstat Lecture. Established in 1987 by former Ambassador to the European Union Stuart Eizenstat, to honor the memories of his family members, the lecture features distinguished world figures speaking on national and international topics. Mr. Eizenstat served in key positions in President Jimmy Carter’s administration, including chief domestic policy adviser and executive director of the White House domestic policy staff, and in President Bill Clinton’s administration, including deputy Treasury secretary, undersecretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, and undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade. Mr. Eizenstat currently heads the international practice of the law firm Covington & Burling, in Washington, D.C.

No tickets or reservations are required for this free event. Parking is limited at AA; additional parking is available, with shuttle service, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3003 Howell Mill Road.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Seating is first come, first served. Security will be tight; all attendees will pass through metal detectors.

For additional information, contact the synagogue at 404.355.5222 or www.aasynagogue.org.

Beloved Book Festival of the MJCCA returns for its 24th Year

One of the community’s most anticipated cultural events, the 24th Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA, takes place November 5-22. From history to mystery, fact to fiction, politics to religion, and humor to political satire, the Book Festival’s exceptional repertoire has something to offer all book lovers. More than 10,000 visitors come together each year, to listen to, meet, and interact with their favorite authors, in a variety of forums, such as author meet-and-greets, book signings, a community read, panel discussions, children’s and teen activities, and more.

Featured authors include Arlene and Alan Alda; David Gregory; Faye, Jonathan, and Jesse Kellerman; Ted Koppel; Ambassador Dennis Ross; Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Alan Dershowitz, Judy Blume, and Mitch Albom. The festival is presented by Barbara and Ed Mendel, including chief domestic policy adviser and executive director of the White House domestic policy staff, and in President Bill Clinton’s administration, including deputy Treasury secretary, undersecretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, and undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade. Mr. Eizenstat currently heads the international practice of the law firm Covington & Burling, in Washington, D.C.

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Journey for Justice

Schwartz-Goldstein Hall, at The Temple in Midtown, is often filled with cheerful celebrations of wedding vows or the most recent bar mitzvah mix, but in August The Temple transformed from its usual bright and celebratory atmosphere to host a different kind of event. The NAACP’s Journey for Justice, an 860-mile march from Atlanta to Selma, is one of the most powerful events of the year.

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NEW SEASON. The Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta’s 2015-2016 Arts & Culture season includes offerings for audiences of all ages, with most programs taking place at the MJCCA, 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody. For more information, visit atlantajcc.org/boxoffice, or call at 678-812-4002. Programs are suitable for all ages, unless otherwise recommended, and take place at the Morris & Rae Frank Theatre, unless otherwise indicated. Programs include:

Comedy: Lenny Marcus, September 12, 2015, 8:30 p.m., $18-$25 (adults 18 and over); Upright Citizens Brigade, March 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m., $20-$25 (adults 18 and over)

Music: Jazz at the JCC Presents Joe Alterman, October 11, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., $17-$22; Andy Statman, January 10, 2016, 7:00 p.m., $28-$35; and Turtle Island String Quartet: BIRTH OF THE COOL, January 24, 2016, 7:00 p.m., $30-$35

Family Theatre: Play the Play with Cat the Cat (presented by Alliance Theatre for the Very Young), October 25, 2015, 12:15 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:45 p.m.; $5-$15 (ideal for children ages 18 months - 5 years); The Reluctant Dragon (presented by Birmingham Children’s Theatre), November 1, 2015, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., $7-$15; MJCCA Youth Ensemble Presents The Music Man Jr., December 13-14, 2015, 7:00 p.m., $5-$10; Bucket of Blessings (presented by Alliance Theatre for the Very Young), January 17, 2016, 12:15 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:45 p.m.; $5-$10 (ideal for children 18 months - 5 years); Moon Mouse (presented by Lightwire Theater), January 31, 2016, 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., $10-$20; Fancy Nancy (presented by Synchronicity Performance Group), March 20, 2016, 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m., $10-$20

Theatre: Jerry’s Habima Theatre presents Shrek the Musical, February 24-March 6, 2016 (show times vary), $15-$35

HOMESCHOOL EXTRAS. The MJCCA Homeschool Extras is entering its fourth semester offering extracurricular activities for homeschool families to its 52-acre, state-of-the-art Dunwoody campus to participate in hands-on group activities. Offered on a semester basis, Homeschool Extras programming is uniquely designed for three age groups: 4-6, 7-9, and 10-13.

The 16-week fall semester runs through mid-December, and offers classes such as swimming, tennis, and yoga. Cooking, dance, and art instruction will take place in the MJCCA’s new Kuniansky Family Center, and the Besser Gymnastics Pavilion will host gymnastics classes, including a boy’s-only class. Gymnasts who excel have the opportunity to feed into the MJCCA’s invitation-only, championship Perimeter Gymnastics program.

Homeschool Extras is open to the community and MJCCA membership is not required. Programs are offered between 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information, contact Ashley Cohen at 678-812-3867, homeschool@atlantajcc.org, or visit www.atlantajcc.org/homeschool

Visual Arts: “Jewish Cuba—Then and Now,” January 2016; “Bagels & Grits: Exploring Jewish Life in the Deep South,” March 2016; both exhibitions take place in the MJCCA’s Katz Family Mainstreet Gallery and are free and open to the community.

MJCCA News

Arlene and Alan Alda

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Turtle Island String Quartet

Children’s Theatre: MJCCA Youth Ensemble Presents James and the Giant Peach, May 8-9, 7:00 p.m., $5-$10

Homeschool Extras Outdoor Adventure cooking class (photo: Jennifer Beinstock)
I love history, especially the history of the Jewish people. When I came to Atlanta as a shaliach for the Jewish National Fund, I found a treasure trove of blue boxes in our office, all from different periods. Over time, from my meetings with the Jewish community, I was exposed to countless stories about the Blue Box and its significance for Jewish families over the last 100 years.

Hearing these exciting stories brought me back to my childhood in Israel, in the early ‘60s. The Blue Box served an important educational function for us as children. Every Friday at school, there was a ceremony, in which students would donate coins and insert them in the Blue Boxes. Educational activities followed, accompanied by songs and stories of the early Israeli pioneers, Zionism, and the Jewish National Fund.

The Jewish National Fund was established at the Fifth Zionist Congress, in 1901, as a means of collecting funds for Jews buying land in Israel, as well as for their training in the establishment of Jewish settlements in Israel.

Professor and Rabbi Zvi Herrmann Shapiro conceived the notion of contributing cash donations to be used by the Zionist movement. Shapiro, one of the most educated Jews in the 19th century, was an ardent Zionist activist. Already, in 1884, he introduced a tin can, which he called a pushke and which was used for collecting donations for the purchase of land in Israel. At the First Zionist Congress, in 1897, he raised the idea of a fund to redeem land in Israel.

His proposal was received only four years later by the Fifth Zionist Congress, which established the Jewish National Fund. At its inception, the fund raised monies only from wealthy Jews. It soon became necessary to raise funds from the general public.

Chaim Kleinman, a Jewish banker from Galicia, noticed the great success of the synagogues in collecting donations, and decided to put a Blue Box in his office. He covered it in green paint and added a Star of David with the symbol of a lion, representing the Tribe of Judah. He surrounded that with David with the symbol of a lion, representing the Tribe of Judah. He surrounded that with a map of Eretz Israel, the Star of David, and the letters JNF, is an updated version of the Blue Box first manufactured in 1934.

There is a collection of blue boxes at JNF headquarters, in Tel Aviv. Many feature exclusive designs and have fascinating stories. There is a box made of stone, weighing 25 kilos, from a Jerusalem synagogue. There is a 1913 box shaped like a beer mug and used to raise money from Jewish pub patrons throughout the Netherlands. There is another box that was discovered in the ruins of the Warsaw ghetto. Behind every box there is a fascinating personal story of a Jewish family’s history.

The 1934 Blue Box design had become a formal brand that is recognized in the Jewish community worldwide. Personally, I connected to this historic, symbolic box, which I feel is still relevant and characterizes the Jewish National Fund’s actions in the past and the future. To me, it symbolizes the goal of acquiring land, which then transformed into the cultivation of land and nurturing of forests and open spaces, with an emphasis on the environment.

Beyond the historical and sentimental value, the Blue Box connects men, women, and children around the world in building the land of Israel. Much remains to be done in building and strengthening our homeland.

One of the hundreds of moving stories related to the Blue Box is that of Dennis Rudnick. He came to visit Israel, from Australia, three years ago, at the age of 85. Dennis came to Israel as an illegal immigrant, with Holocaust survivors, joined the army, and fought against the invading Egyptian army. He was involved in the Israeli War of Independence. For most of his adult life, he devoted his energy and time to promoting the Blue Box among Friends of JNF Australia.

During his visit, Dennis and his family traveled to historic sites that formed the foundation for the establishment of Israel. His sentimental visit focused not just on the past and the establishment of the State of Israel. It also focused on the future, as he was exposed to the extensive activities of the JNF in the development of the desert, through the reservoir for floods, infrastructure in the desert hills, desert forestry, and the Beersheba Park river restoration and its dramatic impact on the city of Beersheba.

At the conclusion of his visit, Dennis felt he had seen the Blue Box’s success and the scope of its achievements. He felt that donations should come, once there was an understanding of the complexity and excitement of Israel and the lives of its citizens.

In 2014, the Blue Box was redesigned. The new design is based on the original Blue Box of 1934, but with the addition of colors that highlight the areas where JNF is engaged today in Israel—in forestry, building and strengthening communities in the Negev and the Galilee, research and agricultural development, Jewish education, heritage sites, water access, helping special-needs individuals, and more.

Around the world, including the United States, the Blue Boxes are collected, and the money is counted and sent to the JNF. It is not an easy job, and it is done by wonderful volunteers. An easy way to fulfill this task is to bring the box to a coin counting machine at Fidelity Bank, where the JNF has a special account.

In recent years, the Jewish National Fund has promoted widespread educational activities for children, to tell the story of the Blue Box and its heritage; the program’s slogan is “The Blue Box—Small but Large.” We say this because small donations can make a great impact on the land and people in Israel. They also allow the Jewish community to be part of building the State of Israel.

The Blue Box continues its relevance in today’s world, maybe even more than ever before.

Ezra Ravins is JNF-KKL Israel emissary to the Southeast USA.
Journey for Justice

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Selma, Alabama, to Washington, D.C., found rest and refuge at The Temple during its time passing through Atlanta.

The Journey for Justice mobilized activists in a march to protect the rights of every American to a fair criminal justice system, uncorrupted and unfettered access to the ballot box, sustainable jobs with a living wage, and equitable public education. Rabbi Peter Berg cites his own sense of social responsibility and passion for the project, saying, “It is the height of naiveté to continue to assume—as we have for so many years—that the injustices of society will correct themselves. It is the height of gullibility to hope that the truly democratic forces, if left to work on their own, at their own normal pace, will correct the inequities so prevalent today.”

Taking a stand for human rights has become the norm at The Temple. The Temple’s involvement in this march aligns with a long history of civil rights activism and social justice initiatives, dating back to its founding in 1867. From the bombing at the Temple, in 1958, to marching alongside Martin Luther King, Jr., to last year’s start of the Anti Human Trafficking project, The Temple has proven time and again that it is committed to righting injustices whenever and wherever it can.

By opening its doors to the marchers, The Temple performed a mitzvah that Martin Luther King, Jr., had dreamed would one day be possible. Rabbi Lydia Medwin echoes his reflection, saying, “Though we represent different faiths, we all share a dream of a more just tomorrow.”

Coming together to fight for human rights has come to feel natural to the various volunteers and congregants of The Temple who made the Journey for Justice a reality. During their time at The Temple, the marchers were provided with three meals a day and a comfortable place to rest. Finding the 100 volunteers needed was made simple by the congregation’s willingness to provide and Rabbi David Spinrad’s passion for the project.

“I do not know what it is like to be on the short end of injustice, nor do I seek to relive previous Jewish contributions to the Civil Rights movement,” Rabbi Spinrad stresses. “Instead, I am inspired to play a small part on a long Journey for Justice, because I have a personal stake: A more racially, economically, and educationally just society, in which my boy will become a man.”

It is for our children and our future that Rabbi Spinrad is motivated to make change, but he does not want this march to serve as a bookend for social rights advocacy at The Temple or for the Greater Atlanta community. “My wish is that this be the beginning and not the end. That not one person who marches goes home self-satisfied that they did what they could or is so self-congratulatory to believe that the work is done.”

The Journey for Justice is one step in a marathon of campaigns to inspire change and transform our community into a better place to be, and The Temple’s participation will not soon be forgotten. For more information, visit the-temple.org, or search JusticeSummer to follow the Journey for Justice’s progress across the nation.

Davis Academy debuts Nature Sanctuary

With plenty of warm weather still ahead, Davis Academy students can look forward to many opportunities to spend time in the school’s beautiful new Nature Sanctuary.

As The Davis Academy’s newest experiential learning space, The Nature Sanctuary, which opened late last spring, is designed for learning, reflection, and exploration. This park-like setting features stacked stone seating for more than 70 people, facing a circular flagstone stage (or bimah). A slate chip adventure path has five branches representing Davis Academy’s core values: spirit, community, respect, righteousness, and wisdom. Picnic tables sit beneath a cedar pergola.

Other sanctuary features were designed with inspiration drawn from Israel: a “treehouse” with a look-out platform, inspired by the climb of Masada; a 30-foot tunnel, modeled after the historic Hezekiah’s tunnel in Jerusalem; and brightly colored child-sized “birdhouses” for play, symbolic of a kibbutz or community.

Visitors who enter the garden from the front are greeted by a colorful hummingbird and butterfly garden and an artful entry gate, created by renowned Atlanta metal artist Corrina Sephora.

The project’s landscape designer, Karen Faulkner, said, “The project developed a lot like a painting. Everything in the garden needed to be meaningful, beautiful, natural, colorful, exciting, and adventurous.”

The Nature Sanctuary was open only for about a month before the end of last school year, but it didn’t take long before teachers and students found creative ways to use and enjoy this unconventional school space. During May, the Nature Sanctuary hosted grade level refilah, an Israeli feast, art classes, faculty learning, and more. It is also a community space; Davis Academy Coordinator of Curriculum and Innovative Learning Rebecca Catter recalled a morning last May when a group of visiting preschoolers, joined by their Davis 4th-grade book buddies, had a great time singing songs, reading together, and playing I Spy on the trails.

As the 2015-2016 school year gets underway, the area will be used as a catalyst for students to explore scientific and mathematical concepts found in nature, as an inspiration for music and art, and as a peaceful retreat where students find their own spot to read or write.

Located on a previously unused area on the south end of Lower School, near the fields, the development was made possible by dollars raised during a Science and Technology Initiative, a year ago.

“Our students love the new Nature Sanctuary,” said Davis Academy kindergarten teacher Julie Weiser. “It’s a wonderful environment, where we can learn outside of the classroom and feel a special connection to nature. We look forward to visiting it as the seasons change this school year.”
Sentimental journey

BY Balfoura “Bo” Levine

My neighbor and friend Caroline sold her car and gave me a bunch of CDs and cassettes that she enjoyed playing while driving. They took her back to another time, when she danced with her husband during the World War II days.

If you are under 50 years of age, this column will probably bore you. As for the rest of you, settle back and take this “Sentimental Journey” with me...

I was thinking of the days of World War II, when I was a teenager, and we socialized at the YMCA, in Shanghai, China. The Japanese had taken over our schools, and the Brits, Americans, French, and Belgians were all put in camps. That left the people from neutral countries—the Russians, the Chinese, and most of us so-called Russian Jews, many of whom, like myself, were born and raised in Shanghai. (Our parents had run away from the repressive Czarist regimes to the welcoming and kind Chinese.)

On the weekends, we congregated at the Y and swam in the pool. I have always been petrified of water, so I just used the showers, because at home the water was cold and the pressure was iffy. However, there was a lot of fun at the bowling alley, and I excelled at the small pins.

Saturday nights were for dancing to a bunch of 78s on the Victrola. Who can forget “Apple Blossom Time” by the Andrews Sisters, “Sentimental Journey,” “Star Dust,” “I’ll Walk Alone,” “It’s Been a Long Time,” “White Cliffs of Dover,” and the voices and sounds of the Glenn Miller Band, Vaughan Monroe, Perry Como, Charlie Spivak, Artie Shaw, Sammy Kaye, Margaret Whiting, Jo Stafford, Helen Forrest, Dick Haymes, and so many more?

We rode our bikes to the Y and wore cobby socks and saddle oxfords. And how wonderful it was to nestle up to some cute guy, who would swing and sway with you. I think the only refreshments were lemonade, and water was cold. It was wartime, and we cared about blackouts? Hopefully, the Americans were bombing us, so we felt that we weren’t forgotten and there would be an end to war someday. And in the darkness, we could smooch up a storm! In China, we called it necking; was it the same here?

Years later, when I was at the University of Georgia, I was thrilled to be dancing to the music of the Dorsey Brothers, Charlie Spivak, and other big bands at the interfraternity dances. I remember dipping and swaying to tangos and cha-chas as well, both in Shanghai and at the university. The war years were not the “good ol’ days,” except for the dancing. So right now, I’ll put on those CDs and go back in time, on a sentimental journey.

God bless America.

This story first ran in the January-February 2009 edition of The Jewish Georgian.

Hadassah News

Greater Atlanta Hadassah group gathers in lobby of the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

VISITING THE CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS. During the first nine days of the Hebrew month of Av, the Jewish people remember the destruction of the First and Second Temples, in Jerusalem, which led to two millennia of the Jewish struggle for civil rights. This was an auspicious time for Greater Atlanta Hadassah to organize a group trip to Atlanta’s new Center for Civil and Human Rights.

The July 19 trip, organized by Edie Barr, started at the Martin Luther King National Historic Site and continued with a trolley ride to Centennial Park, lunch at the CNN food court, and then a tour of the new center. The center addresses the story of Atlanta’s role in the Civil Rights Movement and the fight for human rights worldwide. Innovative displays present information about many of the world’s worst human rights violators, as well as the heroic efforts of many to overcome oppression.

TRAINING WHEELS. Training Wheels/Al Galgalim, a Jewish family education program created by Hadassah, lets parents and children (ages 3-5) become partners in discovering the joys of being Jewish.

The program is about families—parents and children participating in Jewish rituals and spending quality time together. Activities include songs, stories, crafts, games, and holiday foods, all of which enable adults and children to experience together the pleasures of celebrating Shabbat and the Jewish holidays.

In this program, families go around the Jewish year al galgalim (on wheels), from Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah through the year to Shavuot.

Training Wheels meets nine times throughout the year on Sunday mornings, from 10-12, and is led by trained Hadassah volunteers. There is a fee; space is limited.

For more information, visit hadassah.org/atlanta or contact the Hadassah office at 678-443-2961 or atlanta@hadassah.org.

Training Wheels begins August 30, with a Rosh Hashanah program. Remaining dates are: September 27 (Sukkot), October 25 (Shabbat), December 6 (Hanukkah), January 24 (Tu B’Shevat), March 20 (Purim), April 17 (Passover), May 8 (Yom Ha’atzmaut), and June 5 (Shavuot).

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Jewish National Fund’s Israel Photo Contest celebrates the beauty, diversity, and character of the land and people of Israel. JNF is partnering with Chuck Wolf’s photodesignbar, The Atlanta Jewish Times, The Jewish Georgian, Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast, and the Israel Ministry for its second annual Israel Photo Contest, which is open to all Georgia residents who wish to submit their original photos of Israel.

All entries will win a 5”x7” professionally printed photo, while the grand prize winner will receive a 24”x36” canvas print (a $200+ value). Entrants may also see their photos published in newspapers in both Georgia and Israel.

“We are excited to offer our community a means to share their passion for Israel through the creative outlet of photography,” said JNF Southeast Regional Director Beth Gluck. “Israel is a mosaic of cultures, environments, historic sites, and modern miracles. The camera captures all of these images in a second and creates impressions and memories lasting a lifetime!”

The contest runs through October 9. Entries can be made in the following four categories: landscape, people, modern Israel, and historical Israel. E-mail and attach your entry with the highest photo resolution possible to photocontest@jnf.org, with the subject line JNF Israel Photo Contest. Include your name, address, and phone number. There is a maximum of four entries per person.

Entries will be judged by a panel of professional photographers. Winners will be announced on November 1. For additional information, contact JNF Southeast Regional Director Beth Gluck, at bgluck@jnf.org or 404-236-8990 x 851.

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Kosher Affairs

BY Roberta Scher

NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR

Finally, Atlanta has a kosher destination for fresh bagels and breakfast. The new Broadway Café offers a breakfast menu until 11:00 a.m. each day. In addition to a full breakfast, the kosher dairy restaurant offers vegetarian entrees, pizza and real (yes, I said real) in-house boiled-from-scratch bagels and flagels. So, what’s a flagel? It’s my favorite type of bagel—one that’s flattened after it’s been boiled and before it goes into the oven.

Two new supermarkets recently opened in the Toco Hill community—Fresh Market and Earth Fare. When we visit new stores, we, of course, search for kosher products. Many supermarkets, however, still do not understand that the kosher shopper, for the most part, is not regularly searching for matzoh (except at Passover), borscht, or chopped liver. We are searching for fresh kosher pastries; sustainably raised fish; clean, organic meats and poultry; convenient, frozen, ready-to-eat foods; and delicious mainstream ingredients that happen to be kosher. I congratulate Whole Foods (especially the Briarcliff market) for actively working on this and hope that other specialty supermarkets come to better understand the kosher shopper.

Congratulations to the multi-talented Ande Baron. She has launched Yum, a new boutique catering and culinary gifts company. Along with general catering, she is available as a personal chef for in-home kosher catered parties. She will create a menu, shop for the meal, cook in her clients’ kitchen, and serve as well. As Ande says: “We promise that once you’ve tasted your first bite, your first word will be yum!” Reach Ande at 678-592-1783 or at Yum Culinary Gifts on Facebook.

Two new books to consider:

• The New Kosher (Simon & Schuster), Kim Kushner’s beautiful new book, is complete with contemporary recipes, stunning photography, and easy-to-follow instructions. Kim is a talented cooking instructor and personal chef in NYC. This is a new favorite of mine.

• Stir: My Broken Brain and the Meals that Brought Me Home by Jessica Fechtor (Avery, an imprint of Penguin Random House) is a moving, personal story with recipes. Jess Fechtor was a seemingly fit, healthy, and happily married 28-year-old, working on her doctoral dissertation at Harvard. Then, one day, everything changed. On a routine run, an aneurysm burst in her brain. She became a patient in an ICU, endured several return hospital visits, and had to work her way back to health to find a normal life again. The memoir takes us through her journey, the many setbacks, and her eventual recuperation, along with the recipes and cooking that helped her heal.

NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR—READER FINDS. We will be sharing our favorite kosher products and brands suggested by readers. We thank Leonard Goldstein for introducing us to a new kosher product: Morningstar Farms corn dogs. He enjoys this new kosher product topped with mustard and cheese.

KITCHEN TOOLS

I am a devoted Microplane fan. I have two of their rasp graters (I highly recommend rasp graters), and now I am the delighted owner of their dishwasher-safe Elite box grater. It is so easy to grate vegetables with 5 different stainless blades available on 4 sides, and the grater even has a catcher tray. I especially loved the texture of the potatoes and onions when I made my potato kugel using the ultra-coarse side.

And then there are the “must haves” for this time of year—my favorite apple corers, the OXO Good Grips apple corer/slicer and the Rosle apple corer. The former slices apples into 8 sections, while removing the core. The latter removes the core and allows the cook to slice the apples into any size pieces. I use both, year round.

AN APPLE GUIDE

Yes, it’s almost fall and apple time. As with wines and olive oil, different types of apples are best for different uses. The chart below is adapted from one provided by NPR host and kosher food writer Eileen Goltz. I keep a copy handy.

Apple Quantities:
• 1 lb. = about 4 small, 3 medium, or 2 large apples
• 1 lb. sliced apples = about 2 cups
• 1 lb. diced apples = about 3 cups
• 2 medium grated apples = about 1 cup

Tips:
• When you slice an apple, it has a tendency to brown quickly if you don’t use it right away. The best way to prevent this and not use lemon juice (which tends to change the flavor of the apple) is to mix a quarter cup of apple juice with a cup of water and pour over the sliced apples. Drain and use when needed.
• When selecting, look for firm and brightly colored apples. Apples do not ripen after being taken off the tree, so the color you see is the color you get. Wash them well.
Types of apples and what to do with them:
• Braeburn: Usually orange/red on a yellow background. Delicious raw in salads; good in pies, sauces, and baking.
• Cortland: Sweet/semi-tart red apple on green/yellow background. Delicious raw; great in salads. Not great in pies, sauces, and baking.
• Empire: A green and red apple that has a sweet/tart taste. Delicious raw, and good for pies, sauces, and baking.
• Fuji: A sweet, red/pink apple. Delicious raw and great in pies, sauces, and baking. Short shelf life.
• Gala: Has pink stripes on a yellow background. A very sweet apple. Delicious raw and salads. Also great for pies and baking.
• Golden Delicious: A sweet, yellow apple that is wonderful for just about anything you want to make.
• Granny Smith: This is a very tart green apple. Terrific for anything you want to make and available year around.
• Honeycrisp: This apple is best raw; it is okay for baking and sauces, but not for pies.
• Jonagold: A cross between a Jonathan and a Golden Delicious. Sweet and tart combined. Good for just about anything.
• Jonathan: A tart red/green apple. Good for just about anything you want to make.
• McIntosh: This green/red apple is mostly sweet, with just a hint of tart. Best raw or in sauces.
• Red Delicious: Sweet and popular; available year around. Best raw; not recommended for baking.
• Rome Beauty: One of my favorite baking apples. Not too sweet and can be used for just about anything.

As we approach 5776, we reflect on the past year. We pray for a sweet new year, a time to renew, reach, and rejoice in our spiritual lives, in our homes, in our relationships, and, of course, in our kitchens. May Rosh Hashanah usher in a year of good health and peace for each of us, for our brothers and sisters in Israel, and for all good people, everywhere!

What’s cooking? E-mail kosheraffairs@gmail.com.

This column is meant to provide the reader with current trends and developments in the kosher marketplace. Since standards of kashruth certification vary, check with the AKC or your local kashruth authority to confirm reliability.

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### Kosher Korner

**BY Reuven Stein**

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

This list of Atlanta’s kosher establishments includes three new developments: Berman Commons, The Spicy Peach Catering, and Broadway Café’s Breakfasts & Bagels. Some Kroger stores will expand their kosher departments in the coming year.

Please support your local kosher establishments.

#### Kosher Meat Restaurants—All Glatt

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#### Other Kosher Establishments

- **Berman Commons Assisted Living & Memory Care**
  - 735 Gatewood Road, Atlanta 30322
  - 404-963-2548

- **DiAnamo Chocolate—Dairy**
  - 770-370-9770, diamanococolate.com
  - Select products only

- **Griller’s Pride**
  - 770-454-8108, grillerspride.com
  - 3939 McElroy Road, Atlanta 30340
  - Home delivery of glatt kosher meat

- **Dolce Catering & Bakery**
  - 770-451-3065, cateringbydolce.com
  - 3130 Raymond Drive, Atlanta 30340

- **The Kosher Gourmet**
  - 404-638-6022
  - 2969 North Druid Hills Road, Atlanta 30329
  - Kosher fish, meat, and deli (glatt) departments

- **Kroger Fountain Oaks**
  - 404-834-3080
  - 4920 Roswell Road, Atlanta 30342
  - Kosher fish, meat, and deli (glatt)

- **Kroger Orchard Park**
  - 770-913-9055
  - 2090 Dunwoody Club Drive, Atlanta 30350
  - Kosher fish, meat, and deli (glatt) departments

- **Kroger Sandy Springs**
  - 404-256-3434
  - 227 Sandy Springs Place, Atlanta 30328
  - Kosher fish, meat, and deli (glatt) departments

- **Kroger Toco Hill**
  - 404-633-8694
  - 2205 LaVista Road, Atlanta 30329
  - Kosher fish, meat, and deli (glatt)

#### Kosher Dairy Restaurants

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<td>Vegetarian restaurant and pizza, dairy, Cholov Yisroel</td>
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#### Kosher Catering Options

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#### Whole Foods

- 768-996-9700
  - 1311 Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Marietta 30068
  - Various bulk items and groceries

- 404-460-1915
  - 500 Brookhaven Ave., Atlanta 30319
  - Under the supervision of the Circle-K

- 770-352-8660
  - 6350 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd NE, Atlanta 30328
  - Under the supervision of the Circle-K

- 770-971-8566, shipacookie.com
  - Ali’s Cookies
  - 1255-34 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068 (this location only)
  - Dairy and pareve baked goods and candy

### DONUT STORES

- **Krispy Kreme Stores**
  - 295 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Atlanta, 404-876-7307
  - 1255-34 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068
  - 770-971-8566, shipacookie.com
  - Ali’s Cookies
  - 1255-34 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068 (this location only)
  - Dairy and pareve baked goods and candy

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Recipes

Apple-Beet Herring
A KosherEye Signature recipe

Inspired by a traditional Russian dish
Serves 6-8 as an appetizer

1 jar borscht pickled herring in wine sauce, drained
2 jars pickled beets, drained and chopped
2 large peeled apples, chopped
1 cup parve (non-dairy) sour cream, such as Tofutti brand
1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Mix herring, beets, and apples. Add 2 tablespoons sour cream. Mix gently. Refrigerate at least 8 hours.

When serving, top with more sour cream. Garnish with walnuts, if desired.

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2nd Avenue Deli Brisket
Adapted from the book America’s Great Delis
Serves 6-8

3 tablespoons onion powder
3 tablespoons garlic powder
3 tablespoons paprika
1 teaspoon celery salt
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
3/4 teaspoon paprika
3 tablespoons garlic powder
3 tablespoons onion powder

1/2 cup water
1 four-pound brisket
2 tablespoons oil
2 tablespoons sour cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Butter and flour a 9” tart pan with removable bottom.

Whisk the melted butter and 1 1/2 cups sugar in a large bowl. Add one egg at a time, and whisk each until fully incorporated. Add the extracts and salt; whisk well. Fold in the flour until just combined.

Spread the batter in the prepared pan. Scatter the almonds, salt, and 1 tablespoon sugar on top. Bake for 35 minutes, until the cake is firm to the touch. Let cool in pan until room temperature; remove from pan and cool rest of way.

Note: This delicious tart can be made parve by using non-dairy margarine, such as Earth Balance.

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Simanim (Good Omen) Salad
Reprinting this recipe by request. This is a colorful salad incorporating many of the significant symbols to which we refer on Rosh Hashanah.

Serves 10
Salad Ingredients:
A combination of fancy bagged lettuces (romaine, butter, etc.) and spinach, enough for 10

2 1/2 pounds prepared challah dough
Pinch kosher salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon honey
1/4 cup granulated sugar
2 large apples, peeled, cored and diced

Dressing:
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
2 teaspoons minced leek, white part only
1/4 cup honey
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic
Pinch of cayenne pepper (optional)

Optional: add a new fruit, too!

Combine salad ingredients and dressing just before serving.

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Pan Fried Kreplach with Honey Sriracha Dipping Sauce
By Ande Baron of Yum!

From Ande: “This kreplach recipe was passed down to my mom from my Bubby.”

Kreplach Filling:
1 medium finely chopped onion
4 chicken breast halves, cooked
2 beaten eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons of canola oil

Optional: substitute 2 cups leftover brisket for 2 of the chicken breast halves.

Sauté onions until golden in color.

In a food processor, chop chicken breast and, if using, brisket. Remove from processor and place in a bowl. Mix with the sautéed onions, beaten eggs, salt, and pepper.

Kreplach Dough (or you can use wonton wrappers):
2 beaten eggs
1/4 cup of water
11/2 cups of all purpose unleached flour

Combine eggs, water, flour, and salt in processor. Dough will be sticky. Roll out as thinly as possible on a floured surface, and submerge it in the oil, using a spatula. Let kreplach fry pan with just enough oil to submerge the kreplach. Set the burner on high, and wait until the oil begins to boil. Add the kreplach, and submerge it in the oil, using a spatula. Let kreplach cook for 30 to 60 seconds. Remove the kreplach from the oil using a slotted spoon and submerge it in the oil, using a spatula. Let kreplach cook for 30 to 60 seconds.

Place the toppings on the kreplach, and serve immediately with the Honey Sriracha Dipping Sauce. Yum!

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Apricot Chicken
From Roberta Scher’s family recipe files
Serves 10

2 eight-piece cut up chickens
1 cup unbleached flour
2 tablespoons oil
Pinch of black pepper, garlic
11/2 cups of all purpose unleached flour

Dip chicken pieces in flour, then coat with flour mixture. Place on a rack.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with apricot sauce topped with sliced almonds and arugula.

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Marcey’s apple challah rolls

2 large apples, peeled, cored and diced
Juice of 1 lemon
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pinch kosher salt
2 1/2 pounds prepared challah dough
1 large egg
1 tablespoon sour cream
Granulated sugar for finishing

Sauté apples in a large pan, along with lemon juice, sugar, honey, cinnamon, and salt.

Cook right until apples are tender and then cool completely on a wire rack.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. On a lightly floured surface, cut dough into about 12 equal pieces, and roll into approximately 3” balls. Roll out each ball into a 4-5” disc. Place 2 tablespoons of apple filling in the middle of each disc. Bring all the edges up and around the filling. Pinch tightly to seal the filling inside. Place in greased parchment muffin papers, seam side down, and repeat with remaining dough. (1 use tulpip muffin papers.) Place papers on a baking rack in a muffin tin. Brush the tops with egg wash, and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool in the pan for at least 15 minutes, and then cool completely on a wire rack.

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Marcella’s Butter Almond Cake
Jessica Fechter, author of Stir (Penguin Random House), calls this the secret weapon in her kitchen and the inspiration for the title of her blog, sweetamandine.com.

Serves 8 to 10

Butter and flour for the pan
3 heaping tablespoons toasted, sliced almonds
3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted and slightly cooled
1 1/2 cups sugar plus 1 tablespoon for finishing
2 eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
Pinch of sea salt flakes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Butter and flour a 9” tart pan with removable bottom.

Whisk the melted butter and 1 1/2 cups sugar in a large bowl. Add one egg at a time, and whisk each until fully incorporated. Add the extracts and salt; whisk well. Fold in the flour until just combined.

Spread the batter in the prepared pan. Scatter the almonds, salt, and 1 tablespoon sugar on top. Bake for 25 minutes, until the cake is firm to the touch. Let cool on a rack, and then cool completely on a wire rack.

Note: This delicious tart can be made parve by using non-dairy margarine, such as Earth Balance.

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Recipes

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Apple Upside Down Cake

4 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
1/2 cup butter
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water

Dip chicken pieces in olive oil and coat with flour. Place in a large oven pan. Season with a pinch of black pepper and garlic. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Remove from oven.

Top chicken with sautéed mushrooms. Combine sauce ingredients and bring to boil; pour over chicken. Bake at 300 degrees for approximately 45 minutes or until done.

Apple Upside Down Cake

Adapted from The Kosher Baker by Paula Shoyer

Paula is a cookbook author and master baker who travels the world sharing her knowledge. “I already had several apple desserts in this book when Judy Lerner sent me this recipe, a favorite of hers and anyone who has tried it,” says Paula. “Judy says that she likes to share the recipe so she doesn’t always have to make it and bring it to friends; they can make it themselves and bring it to her.”

Serves 15 to 20

Spray oil, for greasing pan
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 cups plus 3 tablespoons sugar, divided
2 cups all-purpose flour
5 large eggs
1 cup canola or vegetable oil

Peel and core the apples, halve them and cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Place the slices on top of the cinnamon and sugar in the pan in 3 long rows of overlapping slices. Pour the batter over the apples and spread evenly.

Bake for 1 hour, or until the top is browned and a skewer inserted comes out clean. Let cool for 30 minutes, and then turn over onto a large serving platter or tray. Serve at room temperature. Just before serving, sift the confectioners’ sugar over the top. The sugar will seep into the apples and heighten the taste.

Freeze, wrapped in plastic, for up to three months.

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Flavored Honey

Adapted from The Jewish Holiday Cookbook by Jayne Cohen

Warm one cup of honey in a small saucepan. Stir in sprigs of fresh thyme, rosemary, or mint; fresh sage leaves; or 2 teaspoons dried lavender. Cool, and let steep for several hours. Warm once again and strain. Enjoy with sweet Yom Tov challah, or use for dipping apples.
ONE DAY, ONE CALL, ONE COMMUNITY. Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta’s Super Sunday will take place Sunday, October 18, at The Alfred and Adele Davis Academy, 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. This annual event is a highlight of the Community Campaign for participants and contributors alike. Super Sunday has moved from December to October to better plan for Federation’s allocations to 60+ affiliates and partners, who care for Jews in need and build strong Jewish community in Atlanta and around the world.

As part of the excitement, Federation will offer the Community Incentive program and the Golden Phone Award again this year.

Community Incentive Program: Every volunteer can choose one organization to represent on Super Sunday. Fifty percent of new gifts and net increase amounts up to $1,000 raised by that volunteer will go to the represented organization upon donor payment.

Golden Phone Award: $1,000 will be awarded to the day school, synagogue, and non-day school affiliate with the most volunteers in attendance throughout the day on Super Sunday.

Super Sunday has gone wireless. Volunteers will bring their cell phones.

PJ GOES TO CAMP. Are you thinking about sending your kids to Jewish camp? Want to explore options in the region? Or already sent your kids and want to give them a chance to see their friends again? The Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, in partnership with PJ Library and the Camping Initiative, will present PJ Goes to Camp, a family fun day for all generations and ages, Sunday, August 30, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., at the pavilion at Brook Run Park and Playground, in Dunwoody.

Participating camps (as of July 17) are: URJ Camp Coleman, Camp Barney Medintz, Adamah Adventures, Camp Judea, Camp Living Wonders, Camp Ramah Darom, 6 Points Sports Academy—A URJ Summer Camp, MJCCA’s Day Camps, and In the City Camp.

Limited food will be available for purchase, including pizza. Other treats are available, such as cotton candy from Cotton Cravings. Free snacks will be provided by GoGo squeeZ. The day will include games and activities, bounce houses, a balloon artist, and face painting. Music and camp sing-alongs will be provided courtesy of the Atlanta Jewish Music Festival.

This event is sponsored by Classic Tents and Events. Photography is sponsored by Scenesations Photography.

The cost is $5 per adult; children are admitted free of charge. To register, contact Community Camp Ambassador Sami Tanenbaum at stanenbaum@jewishatlanta.org or 678-222-3730.
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Matzo Ball • Chicken Noodle • Mushroom Barley
Extra Matzo Balls

APPETIZERS
Chopped Chicken Liver • Gefilte Fish • Chopped Herring
Meat Piroshki • Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

ENTREES
Goldberg’s Famous Brisket • Bubbe’s Roasted Chicken Quarters
Honey Roasted Turkey Breast • Two Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

SIDE DISHES
Sweet Potato Soufflé • Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
Roasted Redskin Potatoes • Rice Pilaf • Green Bean Almandine
Roasted Vegetable Assortment
Honeyed Baby Carrots • Squash Casserole

KUGELS
Goldberg’s Sweet Noodle Kugel • Spinach Mushroom Kugel

DESSERT
Seasonal Fruit & Berries • Honey Cake • Rugelah Assortment
Cinnamon Raisin Babke • Chocolate Babke • Poppy Seed Babke

CHALLAH
Plain Round • Decorated Round

Break the Fast 2015 Menu

SOUP
Matzo Ball • Chicken Noodle • Mushroom Barley
Extra Matzo Balls

APPETIZERS
Chopped Chicken Liver • Gefilte Fish • Chopped Herring

SALADS
Relish Tray • Coleslaw • Cream Pasta Salad • Tuna Salad
Egg Salad • Redskin Potato Salad • Cucumber-Tomato Marinade

SMOKED FISH
Nova • Salty Lox • Sable • Kippered Salmon • Whitefish
Sturgeon • Stuffed Whitefish

DAIRY ENTREES
Potato Latkes with Sour Cream or Applesauce
Blinizhes with Sour Cream • Sweet Noodle Kugel

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