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Local Jewish Ukrainian Couple Helping Kids Through St. Jude Hospital





Yuri and Dr. Lana Yanishevski have spent countless hours helping bring young patients from Ukraine to St. Jude Children's Research Hosptial



By Shoshana Cenker

As the world watches in horror at the tragedy that continues in Ukraine, a local couple is providing lifesaving assistance from here in Memphis. Yuri and Dr. Lana Yanishevski, Jewish immigrants from Kyiv, are using their native language to format and translate medical records of children with cancer fleeing war-torn Ukraine.

Partnering with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Yuri and Lana spend countless hours at all hours of the day and night working as quickly as possible



kids' lives hang in the balance amid violence and devastation all around them.

"What's happening in Ukraine is unbelievable – to see such cruelty," said Lana during our Zoom interview. "A cousin with an open U.S. visa escaped Kyiv, and she's on her way to us here in Germantown after staying with my brother in Washington, DC. Other cousins, who'd been hiding in a Kharkiv basement, escaped with family to Lviv. They're still there, without passports. And Yuri still has friends in Kyiv. It was all so unexpected."

"The Russian and Ukrainian people have been brothers for hundreds of years – for this to happen just because of politics is incomprehensible," added Yuri. "It would be like if Tennessee declared war on Mississippi and sent rockets and destruction, killing Mississippians."

Soon after the war in Ukraine broke out, Lana, a pediatrician, heard about the desperate need for translators at St. Jude and joined immediately. She runs each medical record through Google Translate, and then carefully reviews it, making needed adjustments and ensuring it's accurate, which includes translating medical terms and abbreviations the digital translation service can't decipher.

Yuri, who's a senior technology leader at ALSAC – the fundraising and awareness organization for St. Jude – provides technical support, converting documents into more readable versions for better translation. He also uses optical character recognition (OCR) software to convert JPGs and PDFs into Word documents, which can then be run through Google Translate and Lana.

"Medical records arrive in all shapes and sizes – doctors have to move fast in Ukraine, they don't have time to type up discharge papers, so they often snap a pic with their cell phone," explained Yuri, who also translates immigration documentation when needed. "OCR is good, but it can be hit or miss, so we check everything. It has to be 100% accurate. There is no room for errors."

There's also the incredibly complicated logistics process of safely getting the kids and their families out of Ukraine for treatment. St. Jude Global, in partnership with ALSAC, began working through its global network of more than 182 institutions in 61 countries.

'When the war started, St. Jude and ALSAC reached out to our partners," said Yuri. "The Hiroshi Foundation (which means 'heroes' in Polish) in Poland is now the main contact for Kyiv - it's become a rescue organization to identity children and transport them by bus or ambulance from Ukraine" to the Unicorn Marian Wilemski Clinic, a Polish triage center, where the patients are stabilized and medically evaluated to ensure they can safely manage the trip. From there, the children are sent to either European or Canadian oncology hospitals or to St. Jude. Of course, medical records, which contain details about diagnosis, tests, treatment, are necessary for those critically ill kids.

ALSAC chartered medical transport aircraft from the U.S. Department of State to fly the families coming to St. Jude from Krakow to Iceland for refueling, on to Washington, D.C. for more

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British Company Produces 1 Million Kosher-for-Passover Matzahs for Ukraine

(JNS) – A British kosher-food manufacturer devoted its entire factory this week to produce a million matzahs for Ukraine's Jewish community and refugees in time for Passover following a request from the Orthodox Union, reported Jewish News.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has resulted in extreme shortages of matzah for Passover for both Jews in the country and those who have fled, the OU told the news outlet. To help with the issue, the OU contacted KLBD – the kashrut

division of the London Beit Din – and asked if the Leeds-based company Rakusen's would be able to produce extra kosher-for-Passover matzah.

Roughly 70,000 boxes were ordered, which comes out to nearly 1 million matzahs; the packages will be sent to Hungary and then transferred to Ukraine. All the costs for the extra flour that Rakusen's had to buy, plus packaging for the boxes and hiring of extra staff, was covered by the OU and Va'ad Hakashrut, according to Jewish

News

"Rakusen's finished their main matzah run two weeks ago, but given the huge suffering in Ukraine, we knew we had to help out to ensure Jewish refugees and those still in Ukraine have matzah for Pesach," said KLBD's Rabbi Moshe Royde.

"Despite the huge time pressure, we have managed to achieve a very high standard of kosher-for-Passover production. We were able to recruit enough mashgichim [kosher supervisors] to help

us oversee the baking," he explained. "We have also been able to label each box manually so it's clear the matzah is for Jewish refugees."

Simon Taylor, the OU's national director for community projects and partnerships, said "Rakusen's stepped up to the challenge and couldn't have been more helpful; they closed down their factory in order to make this happen. Otherwise, I simply don't know if we would have been able to do this time." HW

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(Continued From Page 1) refueling and to go through customs, before finally landing in Memphis. It's typically a 24-hour journey. Other families arrived on Boeing 737 Max aircraft that St. Jude chartered through a medical evacuation company - imagine just 15 people on those huge planes. And, doctors from St. Jude are with the families from the very beginning – they travel to Krakow to pick them up and fly back with them. Plus, ALSAC has boots on the ground in other countries to help coordinate.

"It's an incredible effort," said Lana. "At the start of the war, we felt helpless. But with this translation opportunity, it's an awesome feeling to be involved in saving lives. Though, I wish we could do more."

"We are action-oriented people, when there's a problem, we figure out a solution," added Yuri. "We were sitting here and could do nothing before. Now, this translation work lifted us from the terrible darkness and into the light."

The couple, who emigrated from Ukraine in 1991, has translated records for 25 patients and counting.

"The Jewish community in Memphis welcomed us with open arms," said Lana. "There was a massive volunteer effort for our arrival - Rabbi Micah Greenstein met us at the airport and put mezuzahs on our doors, people donated food and furniture to us - you name it, we had it. I was eight months pregnant when we came here, and when the baby was born, people even came to change diapers. All those people who helped us are now our friends, especially Scott and Barbara Klazmer, they're like family. Everyone set a great example for us to follow 31 years ago. We would not change Memphis for any place."

The Yanishevskis, who have two sons - David and Andrew - suggest other ways anyone can get involved in supporting Ukrainians: send money for humanitarian aid; organize, participate or donate to drives collecting medical, baby and food supplies; and of course, donate to St. Jude.

The Yanishevskis, who are warm and brilliant, actually have a remarkable family legacy connection to the children's research hospital: Lana's mother worked there for 25 years; Lana did residency rotations; her brother worked

there for seven years, and their son David also worked there.

As St. Jude began welcoming patients and their families from the ravages of the war in Ukraine, First Lady Jill Biden visited the hospital at the end of March to see the important work firsthand as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's Cancer Moonshot initiative. Dr. Biden spent time with the Ukrainian families during her visit.

So far, eight children and 25 family members have safely arrived at St. Jude, the first U.S. hospital to receive patients from Ukraine. As of this writing, through its new humanitarian effort called SAFER Ukraine - Supporting Action For Emergency Response - St. Jude has helped more than 730 Ukrainian children move to other institutions across Europe and Canada, with more potential patients and families to arrive at St. Jude in the future. The St. Jude Global SAFER Ukraine collaborative is where Yuri and Lana are involved with their translation help.

At St. Jude, the patients are receiving the comprehensive medical care they need for free, as well as housing, psychological support, and counseling to help address social, emotional, and cultural needs.

"St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, through our Global Alliance of 182 institutions in 61 countries, is uniquely positioned to bring the world together to address this humanitarian tragedy," noted St. Jude President and CEO James R. Downing, MD. "Our ongoing commitment is to ensure children with cancer around the globe have access to lifesaving care. We are honored to help these families resume their children's lifesaving treatment in safety."

Yuri and Lana are pushing through the exhaustion to continue their important translation work. Yuri met the first group of Ukrainian kids at the airport, and Lana visited the second group at St. Jude. "It was incredible, those kids are so cute," she said, "I loved playing with them."

"The translation work is very fulfilling. And we're not stopping," said Yuri of their passionate commitment. "Most importantly, St. Jude is doing amazing work. It's such an incredible effort. St Jude is a machine that converts dollars into saved lives. It's the best application of money." HW

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University Of Memphis' Hooks Institute to Premiere Documentary on Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells on April 19

The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis will host the premiere film screening of "Facing Down Storms: Memphis and the Making of Ida B. Wells" on April 19 at the Halloran Centre for Performing Arts and Education. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the program and film screening at 7 p.m.

Rita Coburn, Peabody and Emmy-Award-Winning director, writer and producer of radio, television and film will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the premiere event.

To purchase tickets or inquire about individual sponsorships, visit memphis. edu/facingdownstorms. Proceeds support the programs of the Hooks Institute. Organizational and corporate sponsorships are also available. To inquire, contact bhievents@memphis.edu.

About Facing Down Storms: Memphis and the Making of Ida B. Wells

The feature-length documentary explores how the unique cultural and so-

cial atmosphere of late 19th-century Memphis indelibly shaped Ida B. Wells as a journalist and activist. The 1892 lynching of three men, including a dear friend of Wells, fueled her zealous efforts to combat the widespread acceptance of the lynching of African Americans in the United States. Wells used the power of journalism to expose to international audiences the injustices of the rising practice of lynching – a form of extralegal execution often taking the form of mob violence against African Americans.

"Facing Down Storms: Memphis and the Making of Ida B. Wells" is executive produced by Daphene McFerren, Hooks Institute executive director, and Nathaniel Ball, Hooks Institute assistant director of media initiatives and program support; and produced by Fabian Matthews, founder and owner of Spotlight Productions, LLC.

"'Facing Down Storms' highlights Wells' courageous and inspiring actions as she challenged white supremacy in the late 19th century and early 20th century while navigating the complicated politics of race and gender of the time," said McFerren. "Today, the nation continues to struggle with issues of race, class and gender. This film shows how Wells navigated those times and inspires us to learn from her activism to address the same issues in our lifetime. We are very proud that this documentary is produced by Memphians about a legendary Memphian, and we are very excited to share Ida B. Wells' story with the world."

About Rita Coburn

Beginning her career as a producer and writer for various news outlets, Rita Coburn went on to produce local PBS documentaries, field produce for "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and Walt Disney Productions. Coburn was the production coordinator for "Apollo Live!" and a producer for Oprah Radio.

In 2016, "Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise," which was co-directed and co-produced by Coburn, premiered at the 2016 Sundance Festival, aired on American Masters and went on to win a Peabody Award in 2017. Currently, the director, producer and co-writer of "Marian Anderson: The Whole Wide World in Her Hands," her documentary premiered nationwide on Feb. 8 on "PBS American Masters" and is currently on PBS online. Through her work, Coburn addresses African American culture from a multi-generational lens with a passion for the untold stories of prominent figures that enlighten our world history.

"I believe African American history is best viewed through the life and times of individuals as our history was seldom written down, discussed, taught or acknowledged," said Coburn. "During her time, Ida B. Wells broke that mold and embodied the courage of a true journalist investigating and reporting our history. Risking her own safety and becoming an early leader in the Civil Rights Movement, she is one of the few women we hear about as a founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"As we stand on the shoulders of her strength, determination and grit, we are just now seeing one of the fruits of her labor with the passing of the Anti-Lynching Bill. I'm honored to be a part of sharing her story with an institution, producer and director who advance the cause of social justice."

About the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change

The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute implements its mission of teaching, studying and promoting civil rights and social change through research, education and direct intervention programs. Institute programs include community outreach; funding faculty research initiatives on community issues; implementing community service projects; hosting conferences, symposiums and lectures; and promoting local and national scholarship on civil and human rights. The Hooks Institute is an interdisciplinary center at the University of Memphis. Contributed revenue for the Hooks Institute, including funding from individuals, corporations and foundations, is administered through the University of Memphis Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Visit memphis.edu/benhooks for more information. HW

Kentucky Man Charged With Attempted Murder

For Firing At Jewish
Mayoral Candidate
(JNS) – A Kentucky resident has

been indicted on one count of attempted murder and four counts of first-degree wanton endangerment for firing multiple rounds at Jewish mayoral candidate Craig Greenberg, reported the Associated Press.

A grand jury in Louisville indicted Quintez Brown, 21, last Monday for the shooting on Feb. 14. He was arraigned on April 4.

Greenberg was not hit in the shooting that took place at the Democratic mayoral candidates campaign headquarters, though a bullet grazed his sweater.

Four of Greenberg's staffers were also nearby when Brown appeared at the campaign office and began firing off a handgun. After a staffer managed to shut the office door, which they then barricaded using tables and desks, the suspect fled the scene but was arrested about a half-mile from the office, the AP noted.

Brown, who was running for Louisville Metro Council at the time of the shooting, was later released on bond, placed on home incarceration and given an ankle monitor. The suspect's lawyer said at a hearing in February that Brown has "serious mental issues."

A group called the Louisville Community Bail Fund, which was co-founded by a Black Lives Matter organizer, paid Brown's \$100,000 cash bond. Greenberg said it was "impossible to believe" that his attacker could be released from jail following the shooting. **HW**

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Blues City Bagels Opens in Memphis



Louise Paz

By Shoshana Cenker

Bagels. Few things are as synonymous with Jews as the delicious, carbtastic staple. The round bread originated in the Jewish communities of Poland. Traditionally shaped by hand into the form of a ring, they're first boiled in water briefly and then baked. Now that we're all craving them, allow me to introduce you to someone who's serving up fresh-made bagels here in Memphis.

Louise Paz recently opened Blues City Bagels. (Cue the cheering.) She has lots of experience in the food industry. Louise first started with a successful muffin business in Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo – the tasty treats were organic, wheat-free and sugar-free, sweetened only with fruit. They were sold in places like coffee houses and health

food grocery stores. Later, she made dairy-free, vegan ice cream while living in Salt Lake City. She was planning to open a shop when her husband's job transferred the family to Memphis.

When they moved here five years ago, her passion came calling once again. "I knew I eventually wanted to open a food business in Memphis," she said." "I love muffins, but I wanted to do something different. Since I missed the bagels and Jewish bakery items from Detroit, my hometown, I decided to go with that."

Louise spent a solid three years testing out countless bagel recipes and watching video after video about how to make bagels. No complaints from her teenage kids though, as son, Gabriel, and daughter, Lauren, became taste testers. "They were really into it!" Louise said with a laugh. "And Lauren has gotten really good at rolling the dough."

Finally nailing down a winning recipe, Louise is beginning her newest food venture with just bagels. Vegan flavors include plain, poppy seed, sesame, everything, garlic, onion, salt, and non-vegan cheese, with more flavors to come like cinnamon raisin and cinnamon sugar. Louise describes her handbatched, rolled, fresh-baked bagels as "chewy and delicious with an authentic boiled crust." She plans to add Jewish Eastern European baked goods later: 7-layer cake, hamantaschen, Danishes, babkas and more.

"I'm renting a commercial coop kitchen in Cordova for now," she said. "Ideally, we want our own space, so we're currently shopping around for locations to get settled. Once we have our own kitchen, Blues City Bagels will be kosher."

Louise is offering catering and wholesale accounts. She's been proactively taking samples to businesses, some of which have already put in requests for product, and she's already established a presence at some regular corporate meetings. "We certainly want to serve the Jewish community, but also the greater Memphis area," she said of her plan. "People have been super supportive"

Orders can be placed on her website: BluesCityBagels.com. And Louise is working on a pickup location in Germantown. A delivery option will be available after Pesach, starting on May 1. She already offers bagels' best friends – lox and vegan cream cheese – and she'll add more dishes like tuna salad and egg salad, when she's in a new kitchen. "My husband, Meir, has been a plant manager for over 20 years for large food manufacturing companies like Frito-Lay and Kellogg's," she added. "I'm going to try and tap into his skills to help

things run efficiently."

Blues City Bagels isn't open on Friday and Saturday, though. Louise is on a religious journey to become shomer Shabbos. It was important to her to have a business where she could set the days and hours. A large board in her office reinforces her spiritualty, it reads: "Have Emunah." Emunah means faith in Hebrew.

Louise's goal is to make Blues City Bagels a pleasant endeavor. "I'm at a stage in my life now where I want this to be enjoyable, not stressful. Yes, I need to make a living, but I want this to be a source of joy," she said in her delightful, soft-spoken tone. "I hope it's a big success and people enjoy it, while it eventually brings me into retirement. I'm so excited to make the bagels and bring them to the community!" HW

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To me it raises a fascinating question. Imagine we could travel back in time and meet the great Pharaoh himself, Ramses II. I know what I'd say. Ramses, there's good news and bad news. The good news is that one people alive now will still be alive in thousands of years' time. The bad news is: it won't be yours. It will be that group of slaves out there, building your great temples, the people you call the habiru or Hebrews, the children of Israel.

Nothing could sound more absurd. The Egypt of the Pharaohs was the greatest empire of the ancient world; and the Hebrews were nothing - slave labor, powerless, not even yet a nation. Yet it was they, not the Pharaohs, who survived, and still do to this day. How did it happen? The answer, I believe, is this.

Ancient Egypt and ancient Israel were two peoples who asked the most fateful question of all. How, in this all too brief span of years, do we create something that will endure? How do we acquire a share in immortality? The Egyptians gave one answer. Build great monuments of stone - temples, pyramids - that will outlast the winds and sands of time. And they did. What they built still stands. But only the buildings, not the civilization that once gave them life.

The Israelites gave a different answer. You don't need to create monuments. All you need to do is tell the story, generation after generation. You need to engrave your values on the hearts of your children, and they on theirs, so that you live on in them, and so on to the end of time. You need to build a civilization around the home, the school, and education as a conversation between the generations. You need to put children first. That is what Jews did for thousands of years; and it's why we're here today.

The Pesach story, more than any other, remains the inexhaustible source of inspiration to all those who long for freedom. Freedom is a moral achievement, and without a constant effort of education it atrophies and must be fought for again. Nowhere more than on Pesach, though, do we see how the story of one people can become the inspiration of many.

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Memphis Jewish Federation's young adult division, FedLED, partnered with three members of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis' Professional Advisory Group (PAG) Planning committee - Scott Bendure, Jason Salomon, and Lawson Arney. The advisors and Sarah VanderWalde presented on various topics relating to financial planning and charitable giving to an audience of young professionals, with a welcome from Melinda Lejman, Federation's Director of Outreach and Leadership Engagement.

On Sunday, March 27, Memphis Jewish Federation's young adult leadership, engagement, and development program (FedLED) partnered with members of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis (JFOM) Professional Advisory Group (PAG) Planning committee to host a seminar on Financial Planning for Young Professionals.

For people in their 20s, 30s, and 40s, many can't find the time to plan for the future and often underestimate the power of charitable giving dollars. Knowing this, FedLED Co-Chair Jaclyn Marshall and FedLED Advisor Emily Lennon wanted to provide an opportunity to help inform this demographic in our community. Federation and Foundation, both operated by Jewish Community Partners, played to their strengths and coordinated a meeting for Federation's young professionals to learn from Foundation's PAG network of advisors skilled in specific areas such as estate planning, insurance, finance and accounting. Three of its members presented at the event in partnership with FedLED; Scott Bendure, Jason Salomon and Lawson Arney.

Over the course of the morning, the professional advisors addressed a variety of topics relating to financial planning. They described the benefits of different types of insurance, explained in detail exactly how assets can be transferred upon death, compared investing for in-state and out-of-state college tuition, and how to effectively invest for the future. Sarah VanderWalde, Director of programs at JFOM, also presented on Campaign and Legacy giving.

"The event was very informative in sharing ways to best protect and grow your assets. It was extremely beneficial to learn about the many tools available to help build a more secure and productive future," said Jaclyn.

Throughout the session, audience members found plenty of opportunities to present questions of their own to the speakers.

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"What a great program to stir some action," said Amy Collier, an attendee during the morning session. "Thanks to this event, I feel better prepared to plan for my family's future and support meaningful organizations through charitable means."

"Sunday's program included a broad array of financial information and connected us with multiple knowledgeable professionals," said Natanel Brakha, who also attended.

By the end of the event, audience members left with a better understanding of the benefit of working with a qualified advisor and to begin financial planning early. Everyone in attendance felt grateful to the presenters, and to staff members Melinda Lejman and Sarah VanderWalde for making this event happen.

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If You Don't Have a Will, You Probably Should

By Mike Stein, Managing Director - Investments, Wells Fargo Advisors Have a question for Mike? Reach him at 901.761.8151 or michael.stein@wellsfargo.com

A 2021 Gallup poll found that only 46% of U.S. adults have a will – similar to the results of other Gallup polls over the last 30 years. It's not surprising that older people are more likely to have a will, as are people with higher incomes.1

Regardless of age or income, having a will is an essential step to pass your assets to your heirs with clarity and confidence.

Distribute property. A will enables you to leave your property at your death to anyone you choose: a surviving spouse, a child, other relatives, friends, a trust, or a charity. Transfers through your will take the form of specific bequests (e.g., heirlooms, jewelry, furniture, or cash), general bequests (e.g., a percentage of your property), or a residuary bequest of what's left after your other transfers. It is generally a good practice to name backup (secondary) beneficiaries.

There are some limits on how you

can distribute property using a will. For instance, your spouse may have certain rights with respect to your property, regardless of the provisions in your will. Also, assets for which you have already named a beneficiary pass directly to the beneficiary (e.g., life insurance, pension plans, IRAs).

Name an executor for your estate. A will allows you to select an executor to act as your legal representative after your death. An executor carries out many estate settlement tasks, including locating your will, collecting your assets, paying legitimate creditor claims, paying any taxes owed by your estate, and distributing any remaining assets to your beneficiaries.

Appoint a guardian for children. In many states, a will is the only way to specify who you want to act as legal guardian for your minor children if you die. You can name a personal guardian, who takes personal custody of the children, and a property guardian, who manages the children's assets. This can be the same person or different people. If your children are grown and have children of their own, you might want to emphasize the importance of a will for your grandchildren.

Various software programs enable you to create a will, but it is generally better to consult an attorney who is familiar with the laws of your state. If you do use a software program, be sure it has been updated for your specific state laws, and make sure your heirs and executor have a copy of your will or know where to find it.

1) Gallup, 2021

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Young Israel of Memphis Celebrates its First Purim in New Shul



Yossi Horowitz reading Megillah for YI's second Minyan on Purim morning









Scenes from YI's pre-Purim kids' Hamentashen bake and children enjoying YI's Purim night Youth Megillah Experience

By Rabbi Akiva Males

Purim 5782 / 2022 saw much activity at YIOM. With a variety of Minyan and Megillah leining options, our Shul was once again the hub of Purim excitement that we know and love! YI extends its sincere appreciation to Yossi Horowitz, Ari Rashkin and Rabbi Dovid Safier for each sharing their Megillah reading expertise with us again this year.

On Purim night, YI held its second annual Youth Megillah Experience. This program enabled boys and girls up to age 8 to attend a funfilled abridged Megillah reading. This program was brought to life – and made so enjoyable – by Ari Rashkin's unforgettable rendition of several sections of Megillas Esther. Ari's unique reading had the children (and parents) entertained and paying close attention throughout his leining.

Furthermore, our extra space allowed us to create exciting new children's programming opportunities that we were not able to explore in the past. Please see the delicious pictures from YI's pre-Purim Hamentash Bake that took place on Sunday, March 13.

Thanks to the efforts of Havah Schneider, Sarah Bracha Wogan, Elana Kahane, Sarah Ardestani, Penina Morris, Yocheved Naftel, Talia Schneider, Jamie Gibber and Shoshi Ryp, this delightful program was a huge success!

It was beautiful to see the Shul's Moss Grand Foyer bursting with so many happy children enjoying each other's company. All the kids had a great time, and everyone went home with pans full of beautiful Hamentashen to bake. YI thanks everyone who helped organize, set up, run and clean up after this event.

May the excitement of celebrating Yom Tovim in our Shul's beautiful new facility never fade!

Young Israel of Memphis' Rabbi Akiva Males can be reached at rabbi@ yiom.org **HW**

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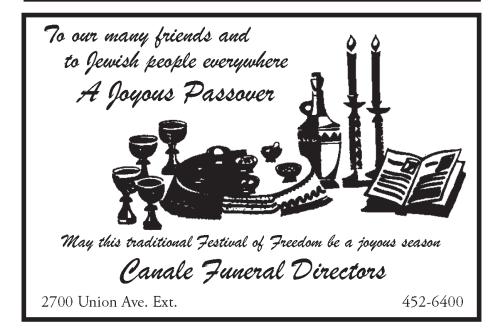


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Baron Hirsch Matan Mother-Daughter Bat Mitzvah Program

Baron Hirsch completed its Matan Mother – Daughter Bat Mitzvah program this past week. The 10-week program culminated with a beautiful banquet for the bat mitzvah girls, their families and the teachers. The banquet was a wonderful way for the participants to conclude the classes they had attended.

The Mother - Daughter Bat Mitzvah Program was led by women in the community. Eight women from the community volunteered to teach the classes, and every teacher brought her unique style to the program. Each class focused on a woman from Jewish history and consisted of mother-daughter learning and an experiential activity. The first classes explored women from Tanach including Rivka, Devorah, Miriam, and Chana, while the later classes examined the lives of Dona Gracia, Avital Sharansky and Nechama Leibowitz. The participants gained a deeper appreciation for each woman and her contribution to Jewish history.

After completing the curriculum, each girl had the opportunity to prepare a project about a woman she admired.

At the banquet the girls presented their projects to their families and teachers. It was very meaningful to hear the girls discuss the different women they viewed as role models. At the conclusion of the program, Aviva Frieden expressed her appreciation, "the bat mitzvah program was one of the best programs I have ever participated in. It was extremely organized, interesting, fun and allowed for such special mother daughter time. I am thankful to all the teachers who took the time each Sunday morning to inspire us and teach us more about the amazing Jewish woman we covered."

Baron Hirsch would like to thank Emily Lennon for spearheading and Dina Selter for coordinating the program. A special thank you to all of the teachers: Mrs. Chani Fleishhacker, Mrs. Anat Kampf, Rebbetzin Bluma Finkelstein, Dr. Ellen Tavin, Mrs. Charna Schubert, Mrs. Barbara Radinsky, and Mrs. Rochelle Kutlifroff.

Congratulations to each bat mitzvah girl on completing the program!

Baron Hirsch looks forward to continuing this wonderful program in the coming years. **HW**

The MJCC Larisa and Ben Baer Senior Adult Club Monthly Luncheon Features Diana Stein



Diana Stein

Diana Stein, well-known local pianist and vocals, will entertain seniors during lunch on Wednesday, April 27 at noon.

Diana has been one of the most requested performers for the senior lunches. She has been playing piano

professionally for about 30 years. Her repertoire includes standards, blues, jazz, ragtime, theater music, and some boogie-woogie. Her greatest pleasure is reaching out with music, and touching those who listen, or just making them feel happy. She enjoys having audiences sing with her or getting up to dance!

The lunch catered by the Kitchens of the Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab is always a crowd pleaser. Reservations are REQUIRED and can be made by calling or emailing Steve Kaplan, Adult Services Coordinator, at 901.259.9220 or stevekaplan@jccmemphis.org, or call the MJCC front desk at 901.761.0810. The cost is only \$5.00 for the lunch and entertainment. Reservations are limited so please call or email your reservations. **HW**

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MJCC Larisa and Ben Baer Senior Club Upcoming Activities

The MJCC Larisa and Ben Baer Senior Adult Club has two exciting weeks of programs coming!

Starting on Tuesday, April 19, Rabbi Joel Finkelstein, will present, "Passover, Which Child are you?"

Rabbi Finkelstein has been the head rabbi of Anshei Sphard – Beth El Emeth Congregation since 1997. Following his presentation, attendees will have an opportunity for questions and answers.

On Thursday, April 21, Rabbi Jeff Dreifus, Temple Israel's First Director of Innovation, Engagement, & Strategic Partnerships, will talk about "The Fun of Passover!" This will also have a question-and-answer period following his talk.

On Tuesday April 26, Ginny Oceguera, from SRVS, will talk about "What Does Self Direction Mean?" Mrs. Oceguera has made several presentations to the group and is always well received.

On Thursday April 28, seniors may participate in the first "Senior Team Trivial Pursuit Game!" The teams will be separated and compete for prizes!! No experience necessary. Come join in this fun afternoon.

For more information and to register, contact Steve Kaplan at 901.259.9220 or stevekaplan@jccmemphis.org. You may also contact the MJCC front desk at 901.761.0810. **HW**

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Jack Steven Magids

Jack Steven Magids, prominent retired attorney, passed away on April 5, 2022, at the age of 74.

Jack was very devoted to his family, his clients, and his community.

A native of Houston, Texas, Jack moved to Memphis in 1972, where he built a law practice focused on corporate reorganizations, real estate finance, and complex business transactions, serving clients across the country.

He was a graduate of The University of Texas and The University of Texas School of Law. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of The United States and the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee.

Reputed as a consummate problem solver with the utmost integrity, Jack was recognized by his peers as one of Memphis' top corporate lawyers, and honored several times as a Super Lawyer and by Best Lawyers in America. Jack was a frequent mentor to other lawyers, who called upon him for advice, and he was truly a "lawyer's lawyer."

Jack is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Jan Krivcher Magids; his daughter, Ashley Magids Gaines (Jeremy) of Potomac, Md.; his son, Scott Alan Magids (Alexis) of Frisco, Texas; four grandchildren; sisters-in-laws Reba Magids and Judy Magids of Houston, Texas, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Fannie Magids, and brothers, Samuel Magids and Barnett Magids.

A private burial was held. A memorial service was held on April 10 at Temple Israel Synagogue.

Donations in Jack Magids' memory may be made to Temple Israel Synagogue or the American Cancer Society. **HW**



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