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“Pickleball Palooza” Supports Wendy and Avron B. Fogelman Jewish Family Service at the MJCC



The Memphis Jewish Community Center held its 2nd Annual “Pickleball Palooza” series to benefit the Wendy and Avron B. Fogelman Jewish Family Service. The event was an overwhelming success, raising over \$50,000 benefiting the Fogelman Jewish Family Service!

Breaking in the new pickleball courts, the series included Pickleball cardio classes, beginners and advanced clinics led by Pickleball pro Mike Balcom from Naples, Florida, along with assorted tournaments. Although everyone who participated was a winner, the tournament champions included two-time winners Margo Gruen and Karen Karmel in Women’s Doubles, Charles Jalenak

and Barry Pelts in Men’s Doubles, and Paige Carruth and Ben Pop in Mixed Doubles.

A highlight of the weekend was the “Dinks & Drinks” social event on Saturday night, which was attended by over 100 people in the Judy and Larry Moss Pavilion. While listening to delightful live music performed by local band Memphis Soul Remedy, attendees were able to eat, drink, socialize, and bid on wonderful items in a silent auction, which included a signed Ja Morant Grizzlies jersey.

In addition to the over 30 sponsors and many in-kind donations of silent auction items and raffle prizes from lo-

cal businesses, special thanks are due to Robin and Billy Orgel who once again facilitated and coordinated bringing in the pickleball professional and to Baptist for their support as presenting sponsor.

“After the response last year, we knew this was something that had potential to grow,” said MJCC Assistant Director Rosalyn Knox. “It was inspiring to see our community come together to support Fogelman Jewish Family Service, under the direction once again of co-chairs, Karen Franklin and Betsy Libby.” Karen and Betsy gave similar praise to Rosalyn Knox, the MJCC staff, and their wonderful committee of vol-

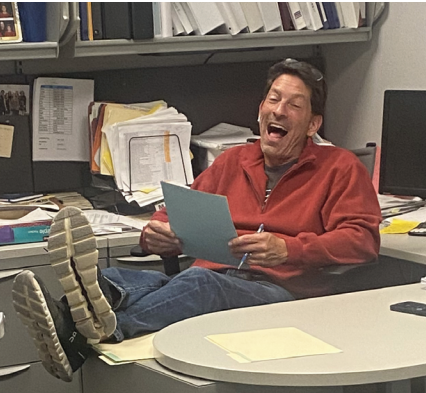
unteers: Wendy Lindy, Karen Karmel, Lisa Frisch, Jody Shutzberg, Risa Baer, Lisa Levi and Allison Parker.

The Wendy and Avron B. Fogelman Jewish Family Service provides services and support to the most vulnerable individuals and families in the Memphis community through a variety of social service programs including: special needs support, senior case management, transportation, counseling, meal delivery, and emergency financial assistance. If you or a loved one is in need of help, please call Wendy and Avron B. Fogelman Jewish Family Service at 901-767-8511. [HW](#)



Memphis Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign in Full Swing

Sunday, November 13 and Monday, November 14, lay leaders and professionals representing every Jewish organization in town joined Memphis Jewish Federation in the Belz Social Hall of the MJCC and the offices of Jewish Community Partners, which manages Federation, for the annual fundraising phone-a-thon Leadership Sunday. These volunteers closed over 300 gifts from generous Annual Community Campaign donors, bringing in almost \$190,000 to meet Jewish needs in Memphis, in Israel, and



Steve Libby



around the world. Federation’s Campaign Co-Chair Steve Libby helped set the tone for the impactful two-day effort, reaching out to dozens of Jewish Memphians. This year, there was also a tremendous turnout

from young adults, who tapped their wide network of peers to make gifts, many for the first time. In all, 55 gifts were made to the 2023 Annual Community Campaign by donors who did not donate last year. [HW](#)

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BBYO Fall Convention



During the weekend of October 21-23, 2022, over 75 teens from around Delta Region gathered for a weekend of fun with their Jewish friends at Fall Convention. Themed “Fall in Love with Tradition,” Fall Convention was held outside of Nashville at Camp Hillmont. Our regional board thought it would be a great idea to reintroduce BBYO traditions since many teens had joined BBYO during the pandemic. We wanted our Delta teens to feel the BBYO magic! The weekend was full of traditions like AZA BBG and siblings hood separates, cheers (cheer offs even!), formal business meetings with legislation, inducting our new 9th graders into Delta

Region and much more! Delta Region voted on a new mascot, the bears, and a new Delta cheer! The BBG’s favorite part is always spooey during programs! The AZAs loved having a flag football game and other sports with friends. Carly Abrahams, youth director from Temple Israel in Memphis, joined in the event and helped the teens plan Shabbat! We had a great group of teens singing during Shabbat services and gathering for Havdalah. It was so great to be back in person and building lifelong friendships! The teens can’t wait for Spring Convention in April in Memphis! **HW**

Mazel Tov

Dovid and Ashley Thomas

Ashley Jordana Gabelman and Dovid Avraham Thomas were married on Sunday, July 10, 2022, at Temple Emanu-El Synagogue in Closter, N.J. The proud parents are Debbie and Mark Gabelman of Closter, N.J. and Pam and Stuart Thomas of Livingston, N.J., formerly of Memphis, Tenn. Their grandparents are Thelma, z”l, and David Gabelman, z”l, of Bronx, N.Y., Anna, z”l, and Stanley Lonn, z”l, of Montreal, Canada, J. Joseph Blotner and Selma Blotner, z”l, of New Orleans, La., Jennie Lee, z”l, and Donald, z”l, Thomas, Memphis, Tenn. Ashley wore a custom beaded soft Chantilly lace gown with floral appliques and scalloped eyelash lace designed by Ines DiSanto from the Bridal Couture Collection. The gown featured an illusion tulle full length veil along with a stunning cathedral length train. Pre-wedding celebrations included a bridal shower given by the parents of the bride at their family synagogue, Temple Emanu-El, in Closter, N.J. The Aufruf weekend held at the Marriot Park Ridge in Park Ridge, N.J. was hosted by the groom’s parents. An intimate family Shabbat dinner was hosted by Dovid’s grandfather, J. Joseph Blotner and his wife, Lee, along with the groom’s uncle and aunt, Rebecca and Adrian Blotner. Shabbat lunch was given by Dovid’s paternal aunts and uncles, Eileen Exelbierd, Amy and Mike Epstein, and Wendy and Morris Thomas. The wedding celebration began with a ketubah signing, tisch and bedeken,

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Memphis Candlelighting Time

Erev Shabbat, Fri. November 25, 2022 / 1 Kislev, 5783.....4:31 p.m.

Havdalah, Sat. November 26, 2022 / 2 Kislev, 5783 5:29 p.m.

Weekly Torah Portion: Toldot

followed by a beautiful ceremony officiated by Rabbi Shai Finkelstein, former head Rabbi of Baron Hirsch Congregation, Cantor Ricky Kampf of Baron Hirsch Congregation and Cantor Israel Singer of Temple Emanu-El. The couple celebrated and danced the night away with their friends and family at the reception held in the beautiful venue within Temple Emanu-El. One of the highlights of the evening was their first dance to “Colder Weather” by the Zac Brown Band. Ashley graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in elementary education with a concentration in special education and received her master’s in literacy education from Hunter College in NYC. She currently teaches at The Lehman School in Miami Beach, Fla. Dovid graduated from The University of Maryland and is currently managing a number of private ventures. The couple spent their honeymoon in France and Greece and presently live in Miami Beach, Fla. **HW**

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Marlee Matlin Wows at Let's Talk... More! Kickoff at MJCC



Marlee Matlin with Judy Bookman

On Sunday afternoon, November 13, Marlee Matlin was the featured speaker at the MJCC's "Let's Talk... More!" opening event and reopening of the newly renovated theater at the Orgel Family Performing Arts Center. The series is aimed at getting people back to a place of respectful dialogue without judgement. Matlin shared her story with us from childhood through her career in Hollywood to show us what can happen when you don't pre-judge and put people in boxes. When you give people the chance to show who they are and what they are about, the results will be much more positive. Jeremy Weiser, MJCC Chief Operating Officer, in his opening remarks highlighted that while we are in a time of divisiveness, we need to get back to the basics of communication. That we need to be better about listening to and understanding the person on the other side of the conversation without judging. Matlin's story highlighted this and went a step farther to say that

you also must never be quiet. She didn't accept people's prejudgment of her and in doing so broke down barriers leading to her success throughout her career and her accomplishments as an activist. One teen in our community asked a question during the Q&A that Matlin paused before answering to give the best answer she could. The question: What is the best advice you were ever given? Part of that answer, look people in the eyes when you talk and listen to them. The question asked by that teen and the answer given by Matlin reminded people of how the smallest things can make such a big difference in our interactions with others.

Bruce Feldbaum was present and on behalf of the Bornblum Foundation stated he "was very impressed with the program and the presentation by Marlee Matlin. Bert and David Bornblum, the original benefactors of the Foundation were sensitive and always reaching out to be inclusive and welcomed diversity in both their business and charitable endeavors, so it was fitting that the Foundation would be a sponsor of a program dealing with these subjects, as well as Marlee's support of Jewish traditions and Israel, other important issues for the Bornblums."

Another attendee said "She was truly amazing. More importantly, what a great message! Excited for the follow up programs! I know there were some di-hards from both sides of the spectrum, and for that one hour, there was no us vs them."

This is the goal of the "Let's Talk... More!" series: breaking down barriers and finding common ground, language,



Marlee Matlin (center) with Hillary and Jacob Samuels

and experiences for us to come together around. Just because we disagree on some items, doesn't mean we can't respectfully debate those things or focus on the things we can agree on, but we must take the time to invest in each other, understand each other, and be willing to listen.

Following the Q&A, MJCC Board Vice Chair of Programs Judy Bookman gave closing remarks reiterating the theme of the night saying, "Probably, the most important and most difficult of these [communication] skills is being able to listen and to avoid our inclination to be judgmental." Bookman then encouraged everyone to attend the follow up events to continue this move towards more productive and respectful conversations. The follow up events are geared at getting to know each other first. These events will have opening and closing remarks but will spend most of the time with attendees in small group discussions.

Thursday, December 1 at 7 p.m.
Topic: What does being Jewish mean to me, how has it shaped who I am, and how does it play out in my daily life?

Opening remarks: Rabbi Abe Schacter-Gampel (Director for the Center for Jewish Life and Learning at the MJCC)
Closing remarks: Rabbi Jeff Dreifus (Temple Israel)

Sunday, December 11 at 4 p.m.
Topic: How does my Jewish identity influence me as an American?
Opening remarks: Rabbi Sarit Horwitz (Beth Sholom)
Closing remarks: Judy Bookman (MJCC Vice Chair of Programs)

Sunday, January 8 at 4 p.m.
Topic: How do I relate to Israel as someone living in Memphis?
Opening remarks: Rabbi Shmuel Fromowitz (Memphis Kollel)
Closing remarks: Rabbi Abe Schacter-Gampel

You can register for these events at www.jccmemphis.org/letstalkmore or by calling the Member Services Desk at 901-761-0810. **HW**

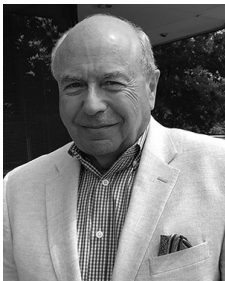
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FBI to investigate death of Shireen Abu Akleh as Israel calls probe 'serious mistake'

(JNS) – The Federal Bureau of Investigation has launched an investigation into the killing of Palestinian-American Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in May, Israeli media reported last Monday.

In September, the IDF concluded its own investigation into the death of Abu Akleh, who was killed during a firefight between Israeli forces and Palestinian gunmen in Jenin. The IDF stated at the time that "it appears that it is not possible to unequivocally determine the source of the gunfire, which hit Ms. Abu Akleh. However, there is a high possibility that Ms. Abu Akleh was accidentally hit by IDF gunfire that was fired toward suspects identified as armed Palestinian gunmen, during an exchange of fire in which life-risking, widespread and indiscriminate [fire was directed] toward IDF soldiers."

The IDF had added that the possibility of Abu Akleh being hit by Palestinian fire "remains relevant."

Last Monday, Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz said Israel would not cooperate with the FBI's probe or any external investigation into the killing of Abu Akleh.

"The U.S. Justice Ministry's decision to investigate the unfortunate death of Shireen Abu Akleh is a serious mistake," Gantz said in a statement. **HW**

Acoustic Sunday Live! 4th Annual Benefit for Protect Our Aquifer, Set for Dec. 4

Tom Paxton, Crys Mathews, Susan Werner, the Accidentals and Terry “Harmonica” Bean to perform

Two of Memphis’ greatest natural resources – water and music – come together yet again this holiday season as Acoustic Sunday Live! presents The 4th Annual Memphis Concert to Protect Our Aquifer at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, at First Congregational Church, 1000 Cooper St.

Acoustic Sunday Live! has been curated and produced by Bruce and Barbara Newman for three decades now and always for a cause, and will feature GRAMMY Life Time Achievement Award winner Tom Paxton, Crys Mathews, Susan Werner, the Accidentals and Terry “Harmonica” Bean.

The concert will feature two sets with each artist performing two songs per set, and then will end with a big finale sing along.

“I love this time of year as we are able to bring world class music together with an amazing cause like Protect Our Aquifer,” Newman says. “Bring a friend and

show them what this show is all about.”

Formed out of necessity in 2017, Ward Archer founded Protect Our Aquifer thinking it would be a short-lived legal fight. It soon became apparent there is no entity working to protect the source of drinking water for Shelby County, Tennessee, and much of the Mid-South. Protect Our Aquifer is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a force of citizen advocates challenging threats to the Aquifer. In five years, Protect Our Aquifer has become a leading voice in the science-based protection of the Aquifer and the people that depend on it.

“We are excited to be the beneficiary again this year,” said Archer.

“This concert has become our largest fundraiser and will help cover the cost of some new and exciting initiatives.”

Acoustic Live Sunday! Tickets start at \$50 and are tax deductible. They can be purchased at acousticsundaylive.com or by calling 901-237-2972. **HW**

Jewish Historical Society Presents Local Perspectives About Ukraine



Dr. Lana Yanishevski



Professor Dan Unowsky



Professor Andrei Znamenski



Greg Siskind
MODERATOR

Presented by the Jewish Historical Society of Memphis and the Mid-South as part of the Sumner Levine Speaker Series

On Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 2 p.m. (CST) Greg Siskind, a local immigration attorney, will moderate and participate in a panel with Dr. Lana Yanishevski and University of Memphis Professors Daniel Unowsky and Andrei Znamenski on Local Perspectives About Ukraine. There will be an additional panelist who recently came to Memphis from Ukraine who will talk about her experiences during the war.

This program will be held in the Orgel Family Performing Arts Center at the Memphis Jewish Community Center, and it will be free and open to the public. This event will be in-person only; the post-event recording will be available on jhsmem.org.

Greg Siskind will talk about the Unit-ing for Ukraine refugee program in which he is involved. His firm has filed cases for a number of people including several dozen families who have come to Memphis from Ukraine under that program.

Greg said, “A lot of people think the Ukraine conflict is on the other side of the world and not something that affects us in Memphis. But it does in many ways. For example, sanctions against Russia and the blockade of wheat from Ukraine (one of the world’s largest exporters) are big contributors to inflation at the gas pump and the supermarket. And Ukrainians who have fled the war are in our community. We’ll be talking about how these new refugees navigat-

ed the legal system to get here and what life in Memphis has been like for them.”

Dr. Lana will talk about her and her husband, Yuri’s, amazing work in translating the medical documents of Ukrainian children needing medical assistance at St. Jude as well as their immense volunteering effort to help Ukrainian families acclimate to life in Memphis. She and Yuri serve as the liaison between the families and the Ukrainian community.

Professor Daniel will help us understand the fallacious ethnic/national and historical claims made by Putin and other actors concerning Ukraine and Ukrainians used to justify the war.

Professor Andrei will discuss: “Going Horizontal vs. Vertical Power: Sources of the Ukrainian Success.” He will briefly outline why, in addition to the natural drive to defend their homeland, Ukrainians are able to fend off and even defeat Putin troops – it is their horizontal network organization (the army and their volunteers in contrast to the Russian heavily centralized Soviet-type organization).

David Ross, president of the Jewish Historical Society of Memphis and the Mid-South, said, “There is a lot to grieve over with the war in Ukraine. Obviously, the loss of innocent life is paramount. But there’s also the loss of history in the crossfire, and Jewish history specifically. From the homes of Shalom Aleichem and the Ba’al Shem Tov to Babyn Yar and the memorials to other atrocities against the Jews during the Holocaust.” **HW**

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Please RSVP to gwen@baronhirsch.org or 901-683-7485. [HW](#)



Baron Hirsch Rabbi Ian Lichter speaks to So-Shuls luncheon participants on November 2, 2022.

Conference of Presidents condemns 'one-sided' UN resolution on Israel

(JNS) – The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations blasted a resolution that the U.N. General Assembly Fourth Committee passed last Friday, in a 97-17 vote, with 52 abstentions.

The committee, also known as the Special Political and Decolonization Committee, is one of six main committees of the General Assembly.

“The Conference of Presidents condemns the Palestinian resolution at the United Nations, which grossly distorts reality and unfairly demonizes Israel, as it seeks to weaponize the International Court of Justice,” it said in a statement last Sunday.

The resolution asks the International Court of Justice to immediately weigh in on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Israeli “annexation.”

“The resolution fails to address critical security concerns on the ground and its deliberate attempt to exploit the role of the Court will further exacerbate tensions,” the Conference of Presidents said. “This one-sided, unilateral attack by the Palestinian delegation begs the question as to their true intentions, or lack thereof, to meaningfully advance the peace process at the international body.”

This resolution encourages those who want to use violence against innocent Israelis and Palestinians, especially when there is an uptick in terrorist activity in the region, the Conference of Presidents said. [HW](#)

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Plough Towers:
Giving Thanks



Resident Ruth Diamond plays bingo with Rhodes Hillel member Robbie Musicante

By Harleen Tague

November stands out as the month of daily holidays and observances. Plough Towers is grateful for the help of the community that gives it the daily opportunity to make the lives of its residents happy, healthy and meaningful.

Plough Towers is grateful to the entire Board of Directors who volunteer their time and efforts in order to enhance the quality of life for its residents; from sponsoring and participating in activities to encouraging and welcoming the entire community to participate.

Plough Towers is grateful to the students from Rhodes College Hillel, Goldie Margolin Hebrew Academy and River City BBG who have all participated in activities for the residents this month. Thank you to the United Methodist Church for sponsoring gleaning from several grocery stores and to Temple Israel Sisterhood for sponsoring gleaning from the Agricenter for the residents.

Thank you to all the rabbis from every congregation who have joined us this year to support our monthly Fedovation Shabbat services.

Plough Towers is grateful to Memphis Jewish Federation, which provides support and opportunities to Plough Towers and the entire Jewish community through its human services, philanthropy, financial grants to refugees, humanitarian and disaster relief. The Federation hosts leadership conferences and fellowship opportunities for men, women and children, has charitable drives, and helps those in need, especially to those in need in the Jewish community and around the world. Giving Thanks to the Federation on “Super Sunday” and during the month of Giving is the opportunity for the entire community to show how grateful it is for the help the Federation does for us all.

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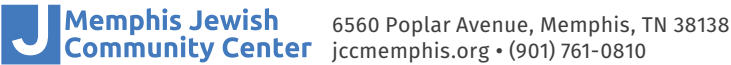
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John D. Rockefeller, one of the wealthiest Americans in history, loved receiving stock dividends. “Do you know the only thing that gives me pleasure?” he once asked. “It’s to see my dividends coming in.”¹

There may be many things other than money that give you pleasure, but you can still appreciate the stabilizing role that dividends might play in your portfolio.

Steady and Dependable

Dividends can be a dependable source of income for retirees and others who want an income stream without selling their underlying investments. If you do not need your dividends for current income, reinvesting these relatively small payments can become a powerful growth engine (see chart). Because dividends are by definition a positive return, they can boost returns in an up market and help balance declining stock prices in a down market.

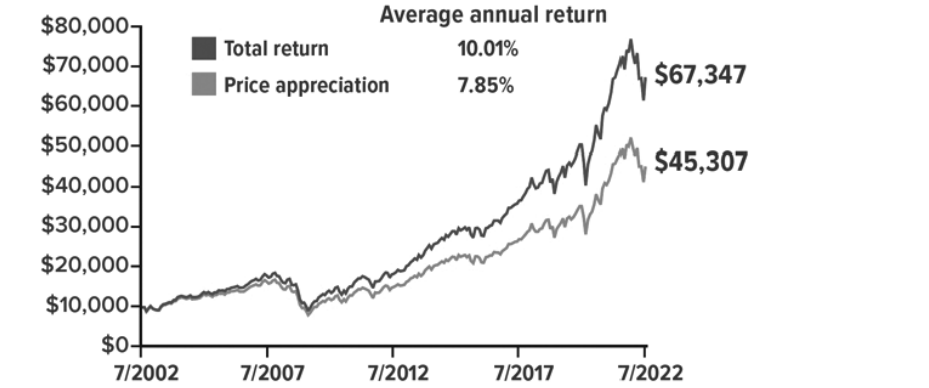
Whereas stock prices are often volatile and may be influenced by factors that do not reflect a company’s fiscal strength (or weakness), dividend payments tend to be steadier and more directly reflect a company’s financial position. Larger, well-established companies are more likely to pay dividends, but many midsize and smaller companies do as well. Stock funds usually pay dividends based on the dividends of the stocks held by the fund. Some funds focus specifically on dividend stocks.

Quarterly Payments

Dividends are typically paid quarterly but quoted by the annual dollar amount paid on each share, so your annual income from an individual stock can be estimated by multiplying the dividend payment by the number of shares you

The Power of Reinvestment

Growth in value of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the S&P 500 index for the 20-year period ending in July 2022, comparing price appreciation and total return, which includes reinvesting dividends.



Source: Refinitiv, 2022, for the period 7/31/2002 to 7/31/2022. The S&P 500 index is an unmanaged group of securities considered representative of U.S. stocks. Expenses, fees, charges, and taxes are not considered and would reduce the performance shown if included. The performance of an unmanaged index is not indicative of the performance of any specific investment. Individuals cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Rates of return will vary over time, particularly for long-term investments. Actual results will vary.

own. Of course, the income will change if the dividend increases or decreases, or you obtain additional shares.

Dividends are also expressed as yield – the annual dividend income per share divided by the current market price. By this measure, the yield increases as the share price decreases, and vice versa, assuming the dividend payment remains the same. Current dividend yields can be helpful in deciding whether to invest in a stock or stock fund, and historical yields can provide insight into what you might expect from dividends over the long term.

At the end of July 2022, the average yield of dividend-paying stocks in the S&P 500 (about 79% of companies) was 2.04%, but the yield of the S&P High Dividend Index, which focuses on 80

stocks that pay higher dividends, was 4.05%.²

Some Caveats

The flip side of dividend power is that dividend-paying stocks may not have as much growth potential as non-dividend payers that plow their profits back into the company. And there are times when dividend stocks may drag down, not boost, portfolio performance. Dividend stocks can be particularly sensitive to interest-rate changes. When rates rise, as in the current environment, higher yields of lower-risk, fixed-income investments may be more appealing to investors, placing downward pressure on dividend stocks. As long as a company maintains its dividend payments, however, lower stock prices could be an opportunity to buy shares with higher

dividend yields.

Investing in dividends is a long-term commitment. Dividends are typically not guaranteed and could be changed or eliminated. The amount of a company’s dividend can fluctuate with earnings, which are influenced by economic, market, and political events. The return and principal value of all investments fluctuate with changes in market conditions. Shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Investments offering the potential for higher rates of return also involve higher risk.

Stock funds are sold by prospectus. Please consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses carefully before investing. The prospectus, which contains this and other information about the investment company, can be obtained from your financial professional. Be sure to read the prospectus carefully before deciding whether to invest.

1) BrainyQuote.com, 2022

2) S&P Dow Jones Indices, 2022

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The MJCC Larisa and Ben Baer Senior Adult Club Happenings

Lunch is Monday–Friday at 11:30 a.m. All programs start at 12:15 p.m.

Monday, November 28
Yogurt Social
Join us for a field trip to TCBY. The yogurt or ice cream was donated anonymously. Sprinkles, waffle cones, nuts and other toppings included!

Wednesday, November 30
Healthy Eating
Carol Devine with Right at Home will discuss how to eat healthier. As seniors we feel like we deserve to eat whatever we want. Unfortunately, there are consequences to not eating right. Come learn some dos and don’ts about eating healthy. Mrs. Devine just finished a fun talk in November that was well received. Come have fun and learn some practical advice.

Join us Monday through Friday for a delicious Kosher lunch from the kitchens at the Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab. The cost is only \$2 for seniors. Reservations are required the day before by 1 p.m. To make a reservation, please contact Adult Services Coordinator Steve Kaplan at 901-259-9220 or stevekaplan@jccmemphis.org or call the MJCC front desk at 901-761-0810. **HW**

Monday, December 5
The Real Chanukah! with Rabbi Joel Finkelstein
As the Festival of Light quickly approaches, Rabbi Finkelstein will entertain with a different take on this fun holiday!

Wednesday, December 7
Unexpected Heroes of Hanukkah
Rabbi Sarit Horwitz will talk about some of the Unexpected Heroes of Hanukkah. Hanukkah starts on December 18.
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Leatrice Struminger Bernatsky

Leatrice Struminger Bernatsky passed away peacefully on November 7, 2022, at the age of 96. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Robert (Bob) Bernatsky, her sons, Bruce Bernatsky, Mitch Bernatsky (Sylvia) of Tampa, Fla., her daughter, Amy Bernatsky Shusterman (Daniel) of Dallas Texas, her grandchildren, Brian (Molly), Adam (Lara), Rachel (Mike), Sydney, Max, and great-grandchildren Blake, Brett, Eve, Miles and Layla.

Lea was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and moved to Memphis when she married Bob in 1954. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She always had a smile on her face and love for everyone. Lea was an amazing wife,

mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, cook and baker, well known for her famous rum cakes. She enjoyed hosting family gatherings and participating in activities such as tennis, water aerobics, dancing and walks around the neighborhood. She delivered MIFA Meals on Wheels for many years, and she and Bob loved travelling the world extensively.

Lea was preceded in death by her parents, Mae and Abe Struminger, her brother, Marvin Struminger, and daughter-in-law Mary Bernatsky. Memorial contributions may be made to Anshei Sphard-Beth El Emeth Synagogue and Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab where she was treated so well by everyone. **HW**

Paula Jacobson to Lead Trezevant Foundation



Paula Jacobson

Paula Jacobson has joined Trezevant as the senior living community's Interim Executive Director of the Trezevant Foundation.

A career-long nonprofit leader, Paula previously served the Memphis community in various fundraising and leadership roles. Most recently she was president of the Methodist Healthcare Foundation, and prior positions include the Jewish Foundation of Memphis and Rhodes College. In addition, Paula's civic service includes serving as board chair of Memphis Interfaith Association (MIFA), board chair of Girls on the Run Memphis, president of Temple Israel, and as a member of the Trezevant Foundation Board.

"A steward of the community, Paula has selflessly served the Trezevant Foundation as a Trustee since July 2019, learning about our organization and what it needs to succeed," says Kent Phillips, CEO of Trezevant. "We are truly excited to further leverage her expertise to expand the Foundation's reach so that we may continue to provide meaningful support to those we serve."

Paula is equally as enthusiastic about her new role.

Israeli-Led Study Finds Oldest Evidence Yet of Cooked Food

(JNS) – Fish remains discovered at Israel's Geshen Benot Yaakov archaeological site appear to show that humans were cooking their food hundreds of thousands of years ago.

Until now, the earliest evidence of cooking is claimed to date back about 170,000 years. However, these findings, published in Nature Ecology and Evolution, indicate that the practice is much older, dating back as far as 780,000 years.

Researchers from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University and Bar-Ilan University collaborated with the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History, Oranim Academic College, the Israel Oceanographic and Limnological

Research institution, the Natural History Museum in London and the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz on the research that produced this new theory.

Dr. Irit Zohar, a researcher at TAU's Steinhardt Museum of Natural History and Dr. Marion Prevost at HU's Institute of Archaeology, stated: "This study demonstrates the huge importance of fish in the life of prehistoric humans, for their diet and economic stability. Further, by studying the fish remains found at Geshen Benot Yaakov we were able to reconstruct, for the first time, the fish population of the ancient Hula Lake and to show that the lake held fish species that became extinct over time." **HW**

Farrakhan on Kyrie Irving, Kanye West Antisemitism Scandals: Jews Never Apologized for Slave Trade, Raping, Killing, Castrating Blacks



In a speech livestreamed on The Collective 9 YouTube channel on November 10, 2022, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan spoke about the accusations of antisemitism that NBA star Kyrie Irving and rapper Kanye West have been facing recently.

(JNS) – Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan addressed the recent antisemitism allegations leveled against NBA star Kyrie Irving and the antisemitic comments of rapper Kanye West in a speech live-streamed on "The Collective 9" YouTube channel on Nov. 10, saying that the Anti-Defamation League should investigate the "horror" that their parents have inflicted on Blacks in America and around the world.

According to the report and video posted by MEMRI, Farrakhan also stated that Jews consider 1,000 black lives to be worth less than one Jew's fingernail. In addition, he claimed that Jews have never apologized to African Americans for the transatlantic slave trade or for the murder, rape, castration and enslavement of Blacks.

Farrakhan said, "I'm saying to the ADL: Sir, we know you. And we know that we know you. And you know that we know you. Don't talk to Kyrie by

himself: 'he can go and look at the horror of the Holocaust.' Why don't you come and look at the horror of what your parents have done to Black people in America and throughout the world. Why don't you come and study and repent of your evil to us."

He continued, "We have never done to you and your people what you and your people have done to us. We don't need to go see the Holocaust. We feel your pain. Because we are really human being. You don't feel ours, because to you, a thousand Blacks ain't worth the fingernail of a Jewish man. I've read these things."

Farrakhan then said: "Tell me something. How many of you would sit down and apologize to us for the transatlantic slave trade? You come now. Bring your wife and your children and tell us you're sorry for killing us, raping us, castrating us, enslaving us, and making us chattel. Will you come and apologize?" **HW**

Antisemitic Graffiti Depicting Jews Hanging from Gallows Discovered in Maryland



The anti-Semitic graffiti discovered last Monday in Bethesda, Md. Credit: Courtesy of Laura Rosenberg Hosid.

(JNS) – Antisemitic graffiti was found at the Bethesda Trolley Trail in Maryland last Monday, including stick figures hanging from gallows alongside the words "no mercy for Jews," as well as a swastika.

Commenting both on last Monday's graffiti discovery and the recent distribution of antisemitic flyers in the Kalamazoo neighborhood of Washington, D.C., Jewish Federation of Greater Washington CEO Gil Preuss said in a statement, "These antisemitic and hateful symbols and materials have no place in our society."

"Federation continues to work closely with our security team and local law enforcement to learn more about these incidents and continue to keep our community safe," said Preuss. "Our Jewish community continues to stand strong and resilient in the face of hatred and antisemitism in all forms, and we ask the greater community to stand with us

in this fight against hate."

Alan Ronkin, director of the American Jewish Committee's office in Washington, called the graffiti "a sickening reminder of the rise of antisemitism in our county."

"The Jewish community will not be intimidated by these vicious messages," Ronkin said. "We stand together with our friends and allies as a proud and strong community. We thank local law enforcement for their attention to this incident and to local officials who facilitated having the graffiti removed."

In the same region, George Washington University has recently seen several antisemitic incidents, including posters targeting Zionists with obscene language and protests calling for terrorism targeting Jews. Leaflets were found around the school's main campus in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood of Washington, with text reading "Zionists F*** Off." **HW**



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