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# The 9th Annual Morris and Mollye Fogelman International Jewish Film Festival Premiers January 27



This year's Morris and Mollye Fogelman International Jewish Film Festival in its nineth year, features 10 films ranging from thriller, to documentary, to comedy. The films selected to be shown at this year's festival represent a variety of genres from all over the world. All the films are diverse and engaging, with there being something for everyone.

The MJCC owes a special thank you to the Memphis and Shelby County Film and Television Commission, whose Film Commissioner Linn Sitler and Deputy Film Commissioner/Project Specialist Sharon Fox O'Guin has said, "Thanks to Marcy Stagner's direction, The Morris and Mollye Fogelman International Jewish Film Festival has added a much-enjoyed aspect to the Memphis film scene. This festival stands out in its unique celebration of Jewish culture."

This year's festival is a hybrid model and viewers can choose between attending opening and closing nights in-person at the Malco Paradiso, or viewing opening and closing night films virtually, from home. All films in between opening and closing night will be brought directly into viewer's homes with the

viewing during a set 72-hour window, except for opening and closing night, which are available for a 24-hour window. All films must be finished within 24 hours of starting.

On January 27, 2022, the festival kicks off with the award-winning film "Greener Pastures" and continues with a wide variety of award-winning national and international Jewish-themed films.

Details of the 2022 Jewish Film Festival offerings are as follows:

In "Greener Pastures," Dov (79), a widower, is forced by his family to move to a nursing home - and there's nothing he can do or say about it. He's broke since he lost his pension savings, and he blames the state for it. The nursing home feels like a prison, and all Dov can think about is getting out of there, buy his old house back and live there 'till he dies. When he notices that all his fellow residents smoke legal medical cannabis, he realizes that weed will be his salvation - selling it, not smoking it. When love, cops and gangsters come into play, Dov finds himself at a crossroads. Will he risk it all to make his dream come true?

January 27 at 7 p.m. or virtual viewing on January 27)

The festival continues with "Black Flowers." This is the story of five Holocaust survivors: the sculptor Saadya Bahat who lost his entire family in the camps; the multidisciplinary artist Tommy Brayer who was born in the ghetto and survived due to his mother's wit and strength; the painter Ruthi Goren who spent her childhood in a children's orphanage during the war; Jenny Rozenstein who reclaims her childhood, which was brutally taken from her, through her colourful, playful paintings; and Esther Goldman whose embroidery work enabled her and her mother to survive the

In "Powder Keg," the lives of four strangers intersect tragically in this dramatization of the February 2015 terrorist attacks that rocked Copenhagen. With Europe on edge following Al-Qaeda violence in France, a radicalized gunman reigns a night of terror, targeting a cultural center and synagogue. With gathering dread, the hours prior to the attack are told through the perpetrator's eyes, and two victims: a Danish filmmaker time, a burned-out SWAT officer (Game of Thrones' Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) is key in the manhunt to bring Omar to justice. Danish Academy Award-winning writer-director Ole Christian Madsen's gripping drama captures the shocking events that forever changed Denmark's views on homegrown terrorism.

(Viewing window: January 31-Febru-

The festival continues with the documentary "Mish Mish." In a basement near Paris a treasure-trove of Egyptian animated films has been found. The films show the work of the Arab world's pioneers in this genre, the Frenkel brothers: three exceptional young film makers, creators of Mish-Mish Effendi, the Mickey Mouse of the entire region, which disappeared from Egyptian screens when the State of Israel was

Through their animated images, we uncover the history of the Frenkel family, marked by exile, a trauma being repeated today. "Bukra fil Mish-Mish" is a common Arabic expression referring to something, which will never happen:

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### Police Officer Wounded as Bedouin Riots Proliferate in Southern Israel



Israeli police clash with Bedouins during a protest against tree-planting by the Jewish National Fund-Keren Kayamet LeIsrael outside the Bedouin village of al-Atrash in the Negev Desert on Jan. 13, 2022. Credit: Jamal Awad/Flash90

### By Ilya Yegorov

(Israel Hayom via JNS) - Rioting by Bedouin residents of the Negev that began last Tuesday night in protest of tree-planting by Keren Kayemet LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund continued overnight last Thursday. Masses of people threw rocks at the car of a security guard who was on his way to Tel Sheva. The guard managed to seek cover at a police checkpoint, but his car was set on fire.

In a separate incident, a police officer sustained minor wounds after rioters threw rocks at a police car on Highway 80, near the Nevatim air force base, breaking its windows. The officer was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Other reports said that rock-throwers had targeted drivers on Highway 60 and that some vehicles were damaged. Police were investigating. Throughout last Thursday night, police were also alerted to a few incidents of tires being set on fire on Highways 25 and 80.

Elsewhere that same night, thousands of Bedouin rioters blocked Highway

31 near the village of Mulada. Some of them pulled up the tree saplings planted by the JNF-KKL earlier the week prior.

Police were scrambled to the protest and used stun grenades to break up the crowds, who threw rocks at them. A total of 10 individuals were arrested on suspicion of disturbing the peace.

Three residents suffered minor injuries in the violence and were taken to the hospital for treatment. The eruption of violence led authorities to close Highway 31 from Shoket Junction to Tel Arad. A few hours later, the road was reopened.

Those who were arrested were due to appear in court last Friday for a remand

This article originally appeared in Israel Hayom. HW

## My Teen Israel Experience

Jonas Kannady, son of Rachel and Geoff Kannady, is a senior at White Station High School. Memphis Jewish Federation's Lemsky Endowment Fund provided him with a Teen Israel Experience grant to offset the costs of his BBYO program in Israel.

### By Jonas Kannady

First, I would like to start out by saying, thank you. I honestly would not have been able to go to Israel if I had not received Memphis Jewish Federation's Lemsky Endowment Fund scholarship. Israel was by far one of the best experiences of my life.

From when I first arrived at the airport in Newark until I left Newark after the trip, it was one of the greatest experiences of my life. During my time in Israel, I was able to have an experience not all Jewish teens have, let alone Jewish people have, which is just being in Israel. With that being said, it is an experience I will never forget.

The impact this trip had on me is everlasting. Israel gave me the experience to be able to connect with Jewish history I had been told about and heard stories about before I can remember. Being able to see these places in person was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. This trip also gave me more connections with young Jewish teens. I was able to spend three amazing weeks in Israel with people who live in California to people who live in Florida and all in between. Some of the people have turned into my best friends, some of whom I still talk to ev-

Having the experience to walk down streets like Ben Yehuda Street, the streets of Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem, along with seeing the beautiful country was amazing. One of my fondest memories while in Israel was when we stayed at a Kibbutz Menara, located in the upper Galilee close to the Lebanese border. While we stayed at the Kibbutz, we learned about life in the Kibbutz and witnessed it first-hand. While at the Kibbutz we heard amazing stories about growing up and life in the Kibbutz. Along with the Kibbutz experience, I visited the Golan Heights, Gaza Strip border, and experienced a jeep ride. Those experiences I saw and the threats I heard about were remarkable. Those experiences and visits honestly made me feel 1000% more connected to Israel, which is more connected in those moments to Israel than I had ever been. The thought of Israel being gone from one of those neighboring states made me realize and appreciate Israel more



With a grant from Memphis Jewish Federation's Lemsky **Endowment Fund offsetting cost** for his summer program in Israel, Memphis teen Jonas Kannady discovered 'everlasting impact' while exploring the streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, learning more about the tragedies of the Holocaust at Yad Vashem, experiencing life on a kibbutz, making life-long friends and more.

than ever.

Witnessing the Holocaust Memorial was one of the most impactful things of all especially being able to learn more about the most tragic event in Jewish history. The one thing I remember the most from all the memorials is walking through the Children's Memorial at Yad Vashem. Walking through the memorial and hearing the voice over the speaker saying name after name nonstop of the children killed during the Holocaust will forever resonate with me. Many of the names and ages of the children killed during the Holocaust were around the same age of my sisters. which gives me goosebumps even now as I type this essay.

Overall, Israel gave me a forever experience that I will never forget. I am incredibly thankful to Memphis Jewish Federation's Lemsky Endowment Fund for helping to make my BBYO Israel summer experience possible.

All rising juniors and seniors are eligible for grants of up to \$3,000 to attend a recognized teen summer or semester program in Israel. Teen Israel Experience applications for Summer 2022 are now available online. To learn more and apply, please go to: www.jcpmemphis. org/lemsky-endowment-fund. HW



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Film...

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"if pigs could fly." At the same time the extraordinary discovery of these films reveals a forgotten era gone forever, an Arab-Jewish golden age when the two communities could create things together. Not only has it disappeared, it has been erased from the pages of history.

(Viewing window: February 3-5)

In "Love It Was Not," this astonishing but true story, a Nazi officer falls in love with a Jewish concentration camp prisoner, a taboo romance with decades-long repercussions. A Slovakian cantor's daughter and aspiring performer, beautiful Helena Citron is among the first inmates to confront the dehumanizing conditions of Auschwitz. There, she captures the attention of Franz Wunsch, a high-ranking SS officer smitten by her singing voice. Risking execution if caught, their forbidden liaison continues until Helena's miraculous liberation. The pair don't meet again until Helena is a witness at his war crimes trial 30 years later.

(Viewing window: February 6-8)

In "Syndrome K," it might just be the only disease to have ever actually saved lives. And it didn't really exist. "Syndrome K" is a feature documentary in production that tells the story of three courageous Roman Catholic doctors who saved Jews by convincing the Nazis that these Jews were infected with a highly deadly and contagious disease that the doctors called Syndrome K.

(Viewing window: February 9-11)

The festival continues with the powerful film, "Tiger Within." The incomparable Ed Asner stars in this tender story that recounts the unlikely friendship between Samuel, a Holocaust survivor, and Casey, a skinhead teen runaway. Despite their respective traumas and initial mistrust of one another, they

manage to provide a sense of family and mutual support for each other. While Casey gives Sam a new purpose, Sam in turn gives Casey the guidance and courage she needs to start a new life. Gina Wendkos' (The Princess Diaries) sensitive script, as directed by Montreal-born indie filmmaker Rafal Zielinski, promotes empathy and understanding in the face of prejudice.

(Viewing window: February 13-15)

In "200 Meters," Mustafa and his wife, Salwa, live 200 meters apart in villages separated by the wall. One day he gets a call every parent dreads: his son has had an accident. Rushing to cross the Israeli checkpoint, Mustafa is denied on a technicality. But a father's love won't give up and he will do anything to reach his son. A 200-meter distance becomes a 200-kilometer odyssey, as Mustafa, left with no choice, attempts to smuggle himself to the other side of the wall.

(Viewing window: February 16-18)

Next up is the drama, "A Starry Sky Above The Roman Ghetto." Past and present meet upon the discovery of an old, mysterious photograph that will end up tying together Christian and Jewish students in search of the truth. Trying to unravel the mystery behind the portrait, the boys embark on a journey through a night of horror that cannot be forgotten: the raid of the Roman Ghetto. Retracing these painful events will give them the chance to take a collective stance towards personal, existential and cultural commitment.

(Viewing window: February 20-22)

Our closing festival event brings us the wonderful film "Kiss Me Kosher."

Sparks fly when two families from wildly different cultural backgrounds collide to plan a same-sex wedding, in this screwball romantic comedy that crosses all borders.

After a string of not-too-serious

ex-girlfriends, Shira (Moran Rosenblatt) has finally found real love with Maria (Luise Wolfram), a German who has uprooted entirely just to be with Shira in Tel Aviv. The two women plan to marry...eventually. But when Shira's family inadvertently discovers the engagement, wedding plans kick into high gear. Even Maria's parents insist on a big ceremony, and when they get to Israel, the two families awkwardly try to overcome their cultural and religious differences. All, that is, except Shira's headstrong and fiercely independent grandmother, Berta (Rivka Michaeli), who strongly disapproves of any marriage between Germans and Jews and will go to any lengths to break up the happy couple. But Berta's love life gets complicated after she secretly starts seeing a Palestinian man. As Shira's younger brother eagerly documents the family chaos for a school video project, Shira and Maria discover the road to happiness is more a minefield, littered with booby traps that could detonate at any time.

(Closing Night at the Malco Paradiso at 7 p.m. on February 24 or virtual viewing on February 24)

In-person films are available at individual ticket prices at \$10 (non-member)/\$7 (member) per person. Virtual film screenings are available with household prices at \$15 for (non-member) and \$12 (member). Festival series passes are available for \$130 for non-members and \$100 for MJCC members. Series pass includes one ticket to each in-person screening and all virtual screenings. Additional tickets may be purchased for in-person screenings. Virtual screenings are per household. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www. jccmemphis.org/film or contact Marcy Stagner, Program Director of Cultural Arts, Adult Services, and Special Events for questions at 901-259-9230 or at mstagner@jccmemphis.org. HW

# **Prince Charles Commissions** Holocaust Survivor Portraits for Buckingham **Palace**



Prince Charles, left, attends **Ephraim Mirvis' induction** ceremony as the chief rabbi of the **United Hebrew Congregations** of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth at the St John's Wood Synagogue in London, Sept. 1, 2013. Credit: Stefan Rousseau/WPA Pool/Getty **Images** 

### By Cnaan Liphshiz

(JTA) — The United Kingdom's Prince Charles has commissioned portraits of seven Holocaust survivors to be displayed at Buckingham Palace for International Holocaust Remembrance

Charles, whose title is the Prince of Wales, commissioned the portraits as part of his service as the royal patron of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, a position he took over from Queen Elisabeth in 2015. The portraits will be displayed in the palace's Queen Gallery ahead of Jan. 27, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz in 1945 and a date that the United Nations has designated as Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The paintings will later become a part of the Royal Collection, according to Vanity Fair. The survivors are all in their 90s, all survived Nazi camps and have all since lived in the U.K.

"As the number of Holocaust survivors sadly, but inevitably, declines, my abiding hope is that this special collection will act as a further guiding light for our society, reminding us not only of history's darkest days, but of humanity's interconnectedness as we strive to create a better world for our children, grandchildren and generations as yet unborn; one where hope is victorious over despair and love triumphs over hate," Charles said in a statement earlier this week.

The BBC has filmed the making of the portraits for a television program scheduled to be aired next month, the Royal Collection Trust noted in its announcement.

Last year, the Imperial War Museums in London displayed a series of Kate Middleton's photographed portraits of Holocaust survivors. Middelton, the Duchess of Cambridge, is the wife of Prince William, the oldest son of Prince Charles and his late ex-wife Princess Diana, HW

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# Andrew Magdovitz Helping Build a Better Memphis



Second-generation Jewish Memphian Andrew Magdovitz, with his wife, Marissa, and their two children, was guided in tzedakah by his family, parents and in-laws.

"Federation gives a lot of financial support to the Jewish agencies around town, whether that be Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab, synagogues, day schools, and more. It's nice that one central fundraising component is looking out for the whole Jewish community," said Andrew Magdovitz, one of the younger donors of Memphis Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign.

"It gives me a great feeling to know that I've helped people," said Andrew. "I'm appreciative of where I came from

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and who put me here and who helped me. My greatest examples of giving tze-dakah have been my grandparents, Barbara and Jerome Magdovitz, of blessed memory; my parents, Brad and Sally Magdovitz; and my in-laws, Larry and Judy Moss. Their example is why giving tzedakah is important to my wife, Marissa, and I. That's why I'm happy to be of support in any way, helping an organization that helps others."

Andrew, a 36-year-old second-generation Memphian, has lived most of

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his life in the city. While growing up, his parents helped instill in Andrew the Jewish values of helping others and being active in his community. As a child, he attended Beth Sholom Synagogue, had his bar mitzvah there and attended their weekly Wednesday minyans. During his free time, he and his friends would often be found hanging out at the Memphis Jewish Community Center.

"The Memphis Jewish community was very supportive of me growing up," said Andrew. "It's a tight-knit group, and we all come together to make all the different programming here have vibrancy. Compared to other communities, we offer so much more. It's nice to know that we have options and resources, and overall, it's great to have a strong Jewish community in Memphis where Jews know they can come and live happily.

"While I was growing up, from 1993-2003, the MJCC was the place where my friends and I always knew that we could hang out and play basketball, football, or go swimming," Andrew reminisced. "Some of my fondest memories are from my time spent there with friends."

During his high school years, Andrew was an active member in Israel H. Peres AZA #71, one of the BBYO chapters in Memphis, serving as its president for a time. He bonded with several of his closest friends through BBYO, and recently attended the wedding of one of his BBYO friends.

"It's cool stuff to have been involved with, at least for me, because some of these friendships go on to last a lifetime," said Andrew.

Andrew left Memphis to attend college at Indiana University, majoring in Business Management. He joined the Jewish fraternity, AEPi, and frequently attended the local Chabad. These experiences further strengthened his connection and commitment to remaining active within the Jewish community. Upon returning home to Memphis after college, Andrew continued his studies and received his real estate license.

For the past 10 years, he has worked as a licensed real estate agent and developer with Broad Avenue Realty. He enjoys building houses and taking properties "from grime to shine." When Andrew is not working, he finds joy in being with his wife and two young children. He also spends his free time attending Chabad in Memphis, rooting for the Memphis Tigers and Grizzlies, golfing and fishing.

"I know the importance of tzedakah and giving tzedakah is something to always keep in mind," he said. "I like the idea that by lifting up others, I can lift up myself. That's a common theme in what I try to do, and I've even brought that into my business model. It is why I focus my rehab and new construction projects in older areas of the city, maybe a location that time forgot - rather than the suburbs or higher-end areas. I enjoy a combination of improving an area while also achieving personal goals. I find it really rewarding to know that I'm involved in doing good things for the city and its residents.

"I also sponsor a basketball team in Whitehaven, and to me that is probably one of the most important things that I do," said Andrew. "Those are kids that, if I don't pay for their tournament, they can't play in it."

Andrew's kind spirit is truly a marvel and a product of growing up in a vibrant Jewish community. His work and philanthropic mindset are helping make Memphis a better place to live in and enjoy. **HW** 

### Jewish Businessman Offers to Buy and Blow Up 800-Pound Eagle and Swastika Crest from Nazi Ship



A security guard looks at the bronze eagle recovered from the stern of the German Graf Spee battleship, on display in Montevideo, Urugay, Feb. 13, 2006. Credit: Miguel Rojo/AFP via Getty Images

### By Juan Melamed

PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay (JTA) — A Jewish businessman has offered to buy an 800-pound eagle and swastika crest from a former Nazi ship that is sitting in a Uruguay warehouse and explode it into "a thousand pieces."

A private expedition recovered the 6-foot-tall Nazi swastika and eagle crest in 2006. It had been affixed to the front of the Admiral Graf Spee Nazi warship, which was scuttled by British ships in a Montevideo harbor in December 1939.

After its recovery, the eagle was briefly shown to the public in Montevideo, sparking controversy. Germany criticized the display of "Nazi paraphernalia" and the eagle was moved to a naval warehouse. It was nearly put up for auction, but the head of the Uruguayan Jewish Committee and others objected, arguing that it could end up in the wrong hands. It was reportedly offered to Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust museum, which rejected it.

In 2019, a Uruguayan court ruled that the government must auction the crest, and that the proceeds must go to the investors behind the team that recovered it. Past reports claimed that buyers had floated offers in the tens of millions of dollars.

Argentine Jewish businessman Daniel Sielecki, 64, who now lives in Uruguay, told a local news site that he wants to buy the eagle — and subsequently destroy it — to keep it out of the hands of neo-Nazis.

"Once I have it in my possession, immediately I will blow it into a thousand pieces," he said. "Every piece that results from the explosion will be pulverized... There will be nothing left."

Sielecki is one of the heads of the yacht club in Punta del Este, which is a popular summer destination for South American Jews.

German officials have since changed their posture, saying that they would allow the eagle's display in an educational museum context. The Simon Wiesenthal Center issued a statement in July, urging Uruguay to display the crest in a museum instead of selling it to an open market.

"Both the German authorities and the Wiesenthal Center have taken the position that such artifacts can not[sic] serve a growing extreme right market and white supremacists," wrote Shimon Samuels, the center's director of international relations. "We urge the Uruguayan authorities to ensure that the display of these symbols serve as a warning to future generations of what should never be repeated." **HW** 

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### Youth and Religiosity in the Middle East: Beth Sholom Lehrhaus Speaker Series Features Dr. Esen Kirdiş, Chair of Jewish, Islamic and Middle East Studies at Rhodes College



Dr. Esen Kirdiş will speak at Beth Sholom's Lehrhaus about religion's diminishing hold on younger generations in the Middle East. Her talk will take place on Tuesday, January 25, on Zoom. Visit bsholom.org for the

Read the news on the Middle East, and it appears that religion continues to dominate politics and culture from North Africa to Turkey and beyond. Yet this superficial impression masks a very different reality: religion's diminishing hold on younger generations in the region. Dr. Esen Kirdiş will address this apparent contradiction in her upcoming talk in the Lehrhaus Speaker series sponsored by Beth Sholom Synagogue on Tuesday, January 25 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Kirdiş' presentation is titled "Why are young people in the Middle East becoming less religious?"

In Turkey, the Justice and Develop-

ment Party, an Islamic political party with the stated goal to raise a pious generation, has governed since 2002. Yet, according to a recent World Values Survey, young people in Turkey have become less religious, less likely to engage in religious rituals and less likely to define themselves as religious conservatives in the last decade. Given the prioritization of religious education, the expansion of the Directorate of Religious Affairs' budget and reach, the rising visibility and influence of Islamic civil society organizations and businesses, and the continued electoral success of the Justice and Development Party in the last 19 years, this shift is a puzzling development. One might not expect religiosity to be in decline but rather to be thriving in Turkey. Similarly, while the first rounds of post-Arab Spring elections brought Islamic parties into positions of political power in Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco, according to the Arab Barometer, 10 years after the Arab Spring, Arab youth have become less religious and less likely to engage in religious rituals. It is also remarkable that this religious disengagement has taken place in contexts with very different experiences of Islamic party politics, including a steady coalition leader, a stable opposition party and a banned former incumbent party. These leaderships have taken place in a monarchy, a democracy and a military regime.

In her presentation, Dr. Kirdiş will consider the causes for such a secular

backlash in the region among Gen-Z, as they are popularly called. Comprising half the region's population, this generation will soon become a significant political group.

Dr. Kirdis' lecture will be all-virtual. Join on Zoom by going to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89698423362 or entering Meeting ID 896 9842 3362. You will also be able to find links to the event on Beth Sholom Synagogue's Facebook page and website.

Esen Kirdiş (BA, International Relations, Koc, University, Istanbul, Turkey; PhD, Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities) is an Associate Professor of International Studies and Chair of Jewish, Islamic and Middle East Studies at Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn. She is the author of The Rise of Islamic Political Movements and Parties: Morocco, Turkey and Jordan (Edinburgh, UK: Edinburgh University Press, 2019). Her articles have appeared in Democratization; Religion, State, and Society; Politics, Religion & Ideology and Turkish Studies. Her primary scholarly interests include Islamic movements and parties, Middle East/North Africa, authoritarianism and religion and politics.

Lehrhaus at Beth Sholom takes its inspiration from The Free Jewish House of Learning, the school for Jewish studies and adult education founded by Franz Rosenzweig in Frankfurt in 1920. Lectures in this series are free and open to the general public. **HW** 

### Memphis Course to Help People Find New Meaning in Their Daily Lives

This winter, Rabbi Levi Klein of Chabad of Tennessee in Memphis will offer Meditation from Sinai, a fascinating new six-session course by the acclaimed Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI), exploring the nature of Jewish meditation and the profound benefits it can bring to one's daily life.

Beginning Wednesday, February 2 at 7 p.m., participants in the course will discover what Jewish meditation is, the pivotal role it plays in Jewish tradition and the fundamental ideas it is based on. The course will teach crucial life tools that help us respond effectively to negative thoughts and emotions, recognize the value of each new moment and find purpose and spirituality even in life's most mundane tasks.

"Not many people think of meditation as a Jewish thing," said JLI instructor Rabbi Klein, "when in reality, Judaism has a rich and authentic tradition of meditation practices that, when implemented, can truly transform one's life for the better."

Meditation from Sinai is a revolutionary, empowering offering that unveils Jewish meditation and mindful awareness as the bedrock for a meaningful life. This course synthesizes extensive research from both the spiritual community and psychological research, forging a practical path to fully realizing life's potentials.

APA Continuing Education credit is available for mental health professionals. Meditation from Sinai is accredited for mental health professionals seeking to fulfill their continuing education requirements (CEU).

Like all JLI programs, this course is designed to appeal to people at all levels of knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship.

Interested students may call 901-754-0404 or visit www.JewishMemphis. com/JLI for registration and for other course-related information. **HW** 

# Memphis BBYO Sends Thanks For Giving BBYO Day 11.30.21

By Zoë Goldberg

In more than 700 communities around the world, BBYO is keeping teens grounded and providing a sense of community, connection and support at a time when it's needed more than ever.

BBYO provides teens with the opportunity to grow as leaders and explore their own Jewish identities in a safe, accepting and inclusive environment – building their character and confidence and providing a space where teens can truly be themselves.

Thank you for choosing BBYO Delta Region and Memphis BBYO when considering your charitable giving this year. With your help, we raised more than \$12,000. Your contribution makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of teens from across our entire Memphis community.

To make a donation to Memphis BBYO please contact Zoë Goldberg at zgoldberg@bbyo.org.









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### FedLED Networking Breakfast



Cara Greenstein talked via Zoom to members of FedLED at the first networking breakfast of 2022.

On Tuesday, January 11, Federation's young adult initiative, FedLED, kicked off Networking Breakfasts for the year with a virtual meeting featuring Cara Greenstein, local blogger and Marketing+PR specialist.

Goody bags filled with kosher breakfast items and swag provided by corporate partners Olymbec USA, Paragon Bank and Roadshow BMW were delivered to attendees prior to the event.

During the program, Cara shared valuable information about social media best practices and how to develop personal and professional branding.

Networking Breakfasts are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each







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## B'nai Mitzvah



Sydney Shefsky

Sydney Shefsky, daughter of Dana and Sanford Shefsky, will become bat mitzvah on January 22, 2022, at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Sydney completed her Jewish studies at Bornblum Jewish Community School and is now in the seventh grade at Dodgen Middle School in Marietta, Georgia, where the family recently moved.

For her mitzvah project, the 13-yearold created a fundraiser and a website to encourage COVID-19 vaccinations. With a \$5 donation, the recipient receives a bracelet.

"I'm on a mission to encourage everyone to get vaccinated for Covid-19," she states on her site vaxthesouth.com. "When you wear the #IGotVax wristband, you are celebrating your vaccinated status and encouraging others to follow. I'm donating all proceeds of my wristband sales to St. Jude and Le Bonheur Children's Hospitals in Memphis, Tennessee."

Sydney is the granddaughter of Sharon and Steven Goldstein of Herald, California, and Darlene and the late Oscar Shefsky of Memphis. She has an 11-year-old brother, Anderson. HW

### Federation's Camp Scholarships Enable Meaningful Jewish Experiences



At Jewish summer camps, children and teens find opportunities to engage in exciting activities, make longlasting friendships, and thrive in a setting where Judaism is felt more acutely. Memphis Jewish Federation camp scholarship applications are due February 15,

Happiness is a place, and it can be found at Jewish summer camps. There truly is something special about going to a place where children and teens are given opportunities to engage in exciting daily activities, experience a setting where Judaism is felt more acutely and make long-lasting friendships. At Jewish summer camps, religious activities like Shabbat and services are special events to look forward to and often become some of the camper's most cherished camp memories.

Memphis Jewish Federation helps strengthen Jewish identity and engagement by providing Jewish Camp Scholarships to eligible Memphis families. Funded from Federation's Annual Community Campaign, these Jewish Camp Scholarships are available to rising 4th grade through 12th grade students who will be attending Jewish overnight camps under Jewish auspices.

"I've been told for years that one of the greatest gifts a Jewish child can receive is the opportunity to go to sleepaway camp. Unfortunately, as a single mother, this is not something that I am able to provide on my own," wrote an anony-

mous parent. "I used to be of the mindset that if I can't afford it, then I have no business sending my child to camp. But I've been told by countless people that this is what Federation is here for. In a nutshell, my child loves camp and she counts down the days until the next summer each year. Camp is the place where she has conquered many fears and overcome anxiety. It is the place where she had her first opportunity to read Torah. Without the help of Federation, my child would not have these and so many other wonderful and unforgettable opportunities and experiences. And for this I will be forever grateful!"

"I never wanted to go to camp because I was so scared to be away from home for so long. But I went, and I loved it, and I've kept on going back," said an anonymous camper. "People think camp is all about having fun, and it really is. But Jewish camp is also a different kind of fun. I've met so many other Jewish kids from all over who I could have only met because of camp. I've learned more Hebrew and fun Hebrew music. I've learned cool stuff about Israel, and my favorite part of camp is Havdalah. I don't know if I would realize how much those things mean to me if I didn't go to camp."

Due to limited funds, camp scholarships are awarded solely on the basis of financial need. An anonymous scholarship committee reviews all applications, and all information is strictly confidential. Scholarship awards are paid directly to the camps, which then credit the camper's account accordingly.

The deadline to submit camp scholarship applications is February 15, 2022. If you are interested in this opportunity, visit jcpmemphis.org/what-we-do/ scholarships. For more information or questions, contact Carolyn Pruitt at cpruitt@jcpmemphis.org or 901-767-7100. HW



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### Plough Towers: It Takes a Village...



Laurie Scheidt became president of Plough Towers board of directors at their annual meeting on January 9, 2022.

### By Harleen Tague

The mission of Plough Towers is to provide safe, affordable housing for diverse and qualified elderly and mobility impaired persons in an environment that enhances self-worth, dignity and encourages their full use of skills, intelligence and experience.

With commitment and devotion to the mission of Plough, the board of directors, executive committee, staff and volunteers work to provide this safe, affordable and welcoming environment for the residents.

Plough Towers celebrated the beginning of their 42 year with their annual meeting held via ZOOM on January 9, 2022. The newly installed executive committee consists of President Laurie Scheidt, Vice-President Harleen Tague, Treasurer Steve Baer and Secretary Julie Boshwit. Jason Salomon became the Immediate Past President.

The board of directors consists of 18

members, each of whom is elected to serve up to (two) three-year terms. The executive board reviews the financial and physical existence of Plough Towers as written in the by-laws.

There are many opportunities for involvement of board members, who are vital to the daily happenings of the Towers. And residents look forward to the activities that those members provide.

In addition to monthly meetings of the executive board and quarterly meetings of the full board, the yearly meetings in January recognize individuals who move on to the executive committee as well as new board members. Those completing their service are also recognized.

This experience guarantees the ever-stable commitment it takes to keep Plough Towers the safe and committed housing facility it has been since Tillie Alperin and Ida Lipman envisioned it 42 years ago. **HW** 

# Hamas: 'IDF-Trained Dolphin' Equipped with 'Device' is Fishing for Information



**Dolphins. Credit: Pixabay** 

(JNS) – A representative from Hamas's military wing, the Al-Qassam Brigades, made an extraordinary claim in a video this week, stating that the terrorist organization discovered a dolphin trained by the Israel Defense Forces to track Hamas naval forces, according to a report by I24 last Wednesday.

Citing the Jerusalem-based Al-Quds Arabic newspaper, the report noted the spokesperson as saying that the dolphin was also equipped with "a device" that was subsequently displayed later in the video. It also stated that "dolphins have historically been used by the Russian and U.S. militaries to locate underwater mines."

In 2015, Hamas claimed that it uncovered a "spy dolphin" that was allegedly carrying "surveillance equipment" placed on it by the Israeli military, the BBC reported at the time.

Hamas said at the time that its commandos noticed the dolphin making "suspicious movements" near their training zone before capturing the animal.

In 2013, the Hezbollah-affiliated Al-Manar television channel claimed that a bird employed by Israel to spy on targets in Lebanon had been captured on its territory.

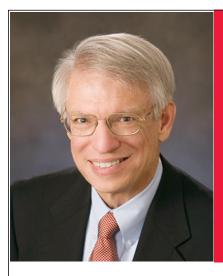
Germany's DW website stated that in 2010, unnamed Egyptian officials claimed that Israel's intelligence agency, Mossad, "trained sharks to attack tourists." **HW** 



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# **Balancing Medicare and Work-Based Insurance**

Provided by Mike Stein, Managing Director – Investments, Wells Fargo Advisors

The number of working Americans age 65 and older dropped by 1.1 million during the first three months of the pandemic and has been slower to recover than other age groups. Even so, more than 10.8 million workers are eligible for Medicare, and the number is likely to grow as 10,000 baby boomers turn 65 every day until 2030. 1-2

Some employers – especially small businesses – may require employees or covered spouses to enroll in Medicare when they are eligible in order to retain their employer-sponsored health insurance. But many workers who are eligible for both types of coverage can choose one or the other, or both. To make an informed decision, it's important to understand an array of rules and other considerations regarding costs and coverage.

# Primary Insurance vs. Secondary Insurance

If an employer has 20 or more employees, the employer health coverage is primary and would pay first for covered expenses. Medicare is secondary and may pay for some expenses not covered by the employer coverage. Employers with 20 or more employees must offer the same health insurance benefits to employees age 65 and older that are offered to younger workers. The same is true of spousal benefits, if offered.

If an employer has fewer than 20 employees (and is not part of a multi-employer group for health insurance), Medicare would be primary and the employer coverage would be secondary, which is why small businesses may require eligible employees or spouses to enroll in Medicare in order to have employer-sponsored coverage.

Ask your employer if you have questions about your coverage at age 65.

### Part A Hospital Insurance and HSAs

Medicare Part A helps pay for inpatient hospital care as well as some skilled nursing facility, hospice, and home health care. Because it is free for most people, consider enrolling in Part A even if you have employer coverage. It could be helpful to have both types of insurance to fill any coverage gaps. However, if you have to pay for Part A, you may want to wait before enrolling.

If you have a high-deductible health plan through work, keep in mind that you cannot contribute to a health savings account (HSA) after you enroll in Medicare. The HSA is yours, even if you can no longer contribute to it, and you can use the tax-advantaged funds to pay Medicare premiums, along with other qualified medical expenses. So it might be helpful to build your HSA balance before enrolling in Medicare.

Whether you should opt out of premium-free Part A in order to contribute to an HSA depends on what you consider to be more valuable: secondary hospital insurance coverage or tax-advantaged contributions. HSA funds can be withdrawn free of federal income tax and penalties provided the money is spent on qualified health-care expenses. HSA contributions and earnings may or may not be subject to state taxes.

If you claim Social Security benefits,

regardless of your work status, you will be enrolled automatically in Part A and will not be able to contribute to an HSA.

#### Part B and Part D

Medicare Part B medical insurance, which helps pay for physician and outpatient expenses, requires premium payments, so it would be wise to compare the costs and benefits of Medicare to your employer's plan. If you're satisfied with your employer coverage, you can generally wait to enroll in Part B. The same is true of Medicare Part D, which helps pay for prescription drug costs.

#### **Working After 65**

The percentage of working Americans age 65 and older decreased steadily after Medicare was signed into law in July 1965 and began to rise again in 1985, due to a variety of factors, including the decline of traditional pensions, more knowledge-based jobs, and longer lifespans. The percentage dropped sharply in the early months of the pandemic, and it remains to be seen whether it will return to its pre-pandemic high.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021

### **Enrollment Periods and Penalties**

You can enroll in premium-free Medicare Part A without a penalty any time after you become eligible. However, late-enrollment penalties may apply if you do not enroll in premium-based Part A and Part B – or a Medicare Advantage Plan in lieu of Parts A and B – when you are first eligible. These penalties do not apply if you are covered by employer-sponsored health insurance, as long as you enroll within eight months after the last day of employment, regardless of when the employer-sponsored coverage ends.

You can enroll in a Part D prescription drug plan during the two full months after your employer-sponsored coverage ends as long as it is "creditable prescription drug coverage." Most employer plans are considered creditable. If you do not enroll during this two-month period, you will have to wait until the open enrollment period from October 15 to December 7 each year.

Medicare rules are complex, and these are only guidelines. For more detailed information, visit medicare.gov.

1) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021

2) U.S. Census Bureau, 2019

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# Yad Vashem Partners with the Museum of Jewish Heritage and JewishGen to Expand Access to Yad Vashem's "Pages of Testimony" and the 4,800,000 names commemorated in the Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names Canadagy researchers on JawishCon can now tan into Yad

Genealogy researchers on JewishGen can now tap into Yad Vashem's collection of Pages of Testimony memorializing family and friends lost in the Holocaust

(January 11, 2022 – Jerusalem & New York) The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust and its affiliate JewishGen have announced a new partnership with Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, whereby researchers will be able to access Yad Vashem's Pages of Testimony data as part of a genealogical search on the JewishGen website – the largest online Jewish genealogy resource of its kind, which includes a Holocaust collection of nearly 3.8 million records.

"By making available these precious records via JewishGen, the broader Jewish community can more easily research names of family and friends who were murdered during the Holocaust," says Museum of Jewish Heritage President and CEO Jack Kliger. "The agreement facilitates access to the resources of our Museum and Yad Vashem, two of the most prestigious Holocaust memorial institutions in the world."

"Yad Vashem's Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names brings the millions of faceless victims into the light and returns to them their identity, so the world can remember," states Yad Vashem Chairman Dani Dayan. "This is part of Yad Vashem's mission to gather all forms of documentation from the Holocaust, including the collection of names of our brethren who were murdered during the Shoah. We owe it to them to know that they lived, what they looked like, what they dreamed about and at the very least – what their name was."

Since the 1950s, Yad Vashem has collected "Pages of Testimony," in which members of the public memorialize family members and friends who were murdered during the Holocaust. In many cases, these Pages - that comprise the names, biographical details and if possible, photographs - might contain the only evidence of what happened to their loved ones. Dr. Alexander Avram, director of Yad Vashem's Hall of Names, observes: "More than one million Holocaust victims have yet to be memorialized at Yad Vashem. It is our expectation that by widening the exposure of our endeavor through JewishGen, the genealogical community will be able to play an important role in helping us add a large number of Pages of Testimony in the years to come."

"Researchers will now be able to retrieve Pages of Testimony data through a direct search within JewishGen," notes JewishGen Executive Director Avraham Groll. "This common access to data from both institutions will directly benefit researchers by increasing the likelihood that they will find useful information. Without this new agreement, many Jewish genealogists may otherwise not have been aware of this vital resource."

Yad Vashem has been running their Names Collection endeavor for over six decades, with the aim of restoring the personal identities and recording the brief life stories of the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis and their accomplices. The names documented in Yad Vashem's Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names are sourced from many different sources, including Pages of Testimony. To date Yad Vashem has gathered some 2,700,000 Pages of Testimony. The Names Database currently commemorates over 4,800,000 Jewish men, women and children who were murdered in the Holocaust.

The records can be freely accessed via the JewishGen Holocaust database (https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/holocaust/).

#### About the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is New York's contribution to the global responsibility to never forget. The Museum is committed to the crucial mission of educating diverse visitors about Jewish life before, during and after the Holocaust. The third largest Holocaust museum in the world and the second largest in North America, the Museum of Jewish Heritage anchors the southernmost tip of Manhattan, completing the cultural and educational landscape it shares with the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

The Museum receives general operating support from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and New York State Council on the Arts.

## For more information, visit mjhnyc.org **About JewishGen**

JewishGen was founded in 1987 and serves as the global home for Jewish genealogy. Featuring unparalleled access to more than 30 million records, it offers unique search tools, along with opportunities for researchers to connect with others who share similar interests. There is no charge to access JewishGen's resources.

JewishGen is an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. www.jewishgen.org

### **About Yad Vashem**

Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, was established by the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) in 1953. As the world's largest and preeminent Holocaust institution, Yad Vashem's extensive collections of Holocaust-era artifacts, documentation and artworks serve as the foundation for its research, commemorative and educational activities both on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem and digitally worldwide. Yad Vashem's educational method integrates a multigenerational and interdisciplinary approach to telling the story of the Holocaust as a unique and unprecedented event perpetrated against the Jewish people, and as a cataclysmic event with universal significance. For more information, visit www.yadvashem. org. HW

# Spacex Launches into Orbit Eight Satellites Built by Israeli High School Students

#### By Shimon Yaish

(Israel Hayom via JNS) – Eight miniature satellites designed and created by Israeli students were launched into orbit last Thursday on board the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from the NASA center in Florida.

The satellites were built by junior high schoolers of various backgrounds from across Israel as part of the "Tevel" (meaning "world" and "strong" in Hebrew) program, in collaboration with the Israel Space Agency and the Science and Technology Ministry.

The students, who spent three years on the project, gathered with officials last Thursday to watch the live launch via video from NASA, which took place at 5:30 p.m. local time.

Control of the satellites, which will be used to carry out various tasks, will be possible from communication stations in Israel. Altogether, the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launched more than 100 satellites from different countries into orbit.

"This is one of Israel Space Agency, and Science and Technology Ministry's, most exciting programs," said Science and Technology Minister Orit Farkash-Hacohen. "It connects between different students and peoples, and leads to a social change."

Director-General of the Israel Space Agency Uri Oron said: "The participants, their families and the educational staff have achieved a tremendous accomplishment. We have all realized that space has the potential to connect and bring success. This is the first milestone of the program, but given its success, I am confident that more will follow."

This article originally appeared in Israel Hayom. **HW** 

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## NYPD Hate Crimes Task Forces Arrests Suspect for Attack on Two Jewish Men

(JNS) – Detectives with the New York City Police Department's Hate Crimes Task Force arrested Suleiman Othman, a 27-year-old man from Staten Island, N.Y., last Tuesday, for assaulting a Jewish man in Brooklyn, N.Y., late last month.

Othman is being charged with third-degree assault, along with aggravated harassment and hate-crime charges.

Blake Zavadsky and Ilan Kaganovic, both 21, were standing outside a store in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn on Dec. 27 when two men started yelling at them and calling them "dirty Jews."

According to police, Othman then struck Zavadsky in the face at least twice; Zavadsky was wearing a sweat-shirt with the emblem of the Israel Defense Forces on it at the time. **HW** 



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# A Wedding Story



Editor's note: This story is being reprinted in memory of Ted Roberts in appreciation of his longtime service as a newspaper columnist.

#### By Ted Roberts

I wonder when the wedding ceremony was mandated as the official seal of marriage. Don't laugh and call me uncivilized. You can open your Bible and wade through all of Adam and Eve's courtship and find not a single word of wedding ceremony.

Same for Abe and Sarah and Isaac and Becky. You won't see a single word about a rabbi, the wedding meal, or raspberry sorbet. Only the bare necessities are mentioned. "And he went into her and she conceived" Jacob or Simon, or whoever. What a commendable, simple system. A masculine delight, as I pointed out to my rabbi. Let's revive the good ol' days when.... He left the room slamming the door on his way out.

Parents, especially the bride's folks, would save a fortune. I'm sure they'd vote my way. Think of it; no thank-you notes. My lovely wife still claims the Rosenfelds hate us because I'm 30 years late on a thank-you note. I say a Walmart salt and pepper shaker doesn't

deserve a thank-you note.

But to be serious, which I am one hour of the 24, where are our historians when we need them? Who was the Hochem who obviously worked for the bride's family and somehow introduced all this wedding mishamagas as a prerequisite to the simple: "and he went into her and they conceived"? What wedding planner in Solomon's temple elaborated on this neat formula?

Though my own wedding was a few weeks after Abraham's, I negotiated madly with my in-laws. "Look, I'll run off with Gwendolyn thereby economizing on the 150-seated dinner, an out-of-tune band, and a couple of gardens worth of Calla Lilies. And we'll split the savings. The rabbi's study will be our wedding hall."

Everybody nodded agreement.

All was going well. Me and the wife-to-be are in the car bound for Honeymoon Hotel until my wife asked, "Where are we going?" "To our wedding," I replied matter of factly. The bride, however, immediately noted the lack of 12 bridesmaids, a 12-piece band, and only an assistant associate student rabbi in the back seat – I thought it'd be romantic to do the short simple ceremony at the Honeymoon Hotel (a sheet makes a fine Chupah).

Her nuptial instinct began ringing like a bookcase size cell phone. "This is no wedding," she bristled. "This is a 'he went into her and conceived'!!" Minimally, she insisted on a neutral third-party observer, what our Christian friends call a qualified preacher and we call a Rabbi.

No, of course I'm kidding. Well before my own imprisonment – sometime after Bible time and before Las Vegas wedding chapels – problems arose.

"What dya mean we're just great pals," said some marriage partner. "Not true – we are married. There's a ceremony and contracts, stuff like that.

Clearly, a sober third party, objective witness was required. And it so happened that unemployment was high at the time. And for a haunch of moose meat (Kosher, you know) or a cluster of grapes you could buy this service.

Furthermore, there are biblical scholars who connect this witnessing trend with the popularity of the prophets. It was their time. And renowned for their honesty, it was a perfect sideline to preaching for copper coins on dusty crossroads. If the prophet attended the service and said you were married, well, that settled it. And like all human affairs, the service grew from a six-word ceremony, "OK I guess you're married now" to various costuming, ceremonial marching around the groom, lacy veils so the groom wouldn't be constantly reminded that the bride had a bad wart two inches southeast of her right eye, and stompTED HAS A NEW REVISED BOOK

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ing glassware before dining on plastic chicken and green peas.

And you don't think lawyers were going to miss a pay day, do you? Some legal genius offered the bride a legal certificate proving beyond all doubt that the groom, the party of the first part, was committed to certain obligations.

Again, like all the affairs of humanity, marriage grew from the simple to the complex. Nobody walked into their bridal chamber without a blindfolded lawyer and a 10-page ketuba in triplicate. Nothing remains simple.

The syndicated humor of Ted, the Scribbler on the roof, has appeared in newspapers around the U.S., on National Public Radio, and numerous websites. **HW** 

# Employees Recognized for Reflecting St. Jude Values



Sanford Mann, MPH, CMPE, Administrative Director, Department of Pediatric Medicine at St. Jude

St. Jude employees Sanford Mann and Kathy Stauer were chosen this year by their fellow employees to be recognized for how they reflect St. Jude Values.

As administrative director, Sanford Mann ensures that the Pediatric Medicine department operates efficiently and stays on track to meet its goals.

Despite his busy schedule, he helps guide colleagues through hard days, contributes to the recruitment of rising stars and provides helpful feedback on



Kathy Steuer, Managing Counsel

– Health Affairs at St. Jude

institutional projects.

Mann approaches his work with a positive determination. His energetic compassion shines through – whether he's assisting a colleague with completing an annual budget or helping new hires obtain their proper licenses. He's well connected in the medical licensing arena and uses his skills to get licenses approved in a timely manner.

Mann is also a terrific steward of St. Jude resources. He works with vendors to ensure St. Jude receives the best equipment at reasonable prices. His

willingness to help others and his love of the institution are evident in his commitment to excellence.

"I was surprised, excited, honored and humbled to learn that I had been nominated, ultimately selected out of a pool of over 200 nominees and over 6,000 employees," said Sanford Mann, MPH, CMPE. "To think my coworker took the time out of her busy day to nominate me for this honor was very much appreciated and something I will always cherish. I feel truly blessed to have a phenomenal and supportive boss and to work with a group of talented and caring individuals as we work collaboratively to support the truly amazing mission and vision of St. Jude. It was also a great feeling to be honored by Dr. Downing, our President and CEO, along with such an illustrious group of well-deserving award winners who I know and respect."

Kathy Steuer is Managing Counsel in Health Affairs at St. Jude.

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As the overnight Legal Services attorney on call, Kathy Steuer, JD, fields the emergency call. She jumps into action. Steuer speaks with physicians, the on-

call social worker and the on-call ethicist.

Within 90 minutes, she connects with a juvenile court judge and receives a verbal order allowing the patient to receive vital treatment. Getting an emergency hearing during normal business hours is challenging, but Steuer's efforts allow the judge to hear testimony by phone before dawn.

For Steuer's colleagues, the result isn't surprising. Since joining St. Jude 10 years ago, Steuer has learned the nuances of health law to become a trusted expert for patient care and medical is-

Originally trained in environmental law, Steuer's dedication to developing expertise on medical-legal issues has made a tremendous impact on the hospital and on the lives of countless patients.

"The seven St. Jude Values function as touchstones to reflect on and to strive to achieve every day," said Kathy Steuer, JD. "So many people at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital epitomize one or more of these touchstones. To be recognized among so many exceptional colleagues as someone who as exemplified even one of these values is a high honor – and a challenge to keep trying harder!" **HW** 

# Torah Hid from Nazis Returns to Synagogue in Germany that Survived Kristallnacht

(JNS) – Four Torah-scroll fragments rescued from a synagogue that was on fire during Kristallnacht 83 years ago have finally been returned to the Jewish house of prayer in eastern Germany, reported The Jewish Chronicle.

When a fire broke out in the synagogue in Gorlitz during Kristallnacht on Nov. 9, 1938, an unknown person shoved the Torah-scroll parchments into the hands of a young German policeman, the father of now-retired pastor

Uwe Mader.

The policeman gave the parchments, which are believed to be around 300 years old, to a lawyer to keep them away from Nazis. The parchments were passed down to Mader "under the seal of secrecy" in 1969 when Görlitz was part of the communist German Democratic Republic (GDR).

Mader kept the parchments hidden in his office under wallpaper and later locked them in a steel cupboard. "I was very suspicious," said Mader, who is now 80. "Politics in GDR times had not been very friendly to Jews. Therefore, it was clear that I had to maintain official secrecy."

The synagogue in Gorlitz was the only Jewish temple in Saxony not destroyed during Kristallnacht because its fire was quickly put out, wrote the Chronicle. The synagogue, which was built between 1909 and 1911, was neglected and began to deteriorate during

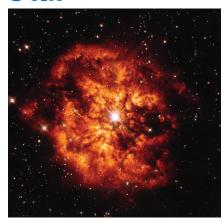
the GDR rule, but was eventually restored and reopened in July 2021 as a cultural center

Mador said the synagogue's reopening was why he decided it was the appropriate time to hand over the Torah scroll fragments. He said: "Now they are in good hands, no one will be careless with them."

The Torah fragments will be available for public viewing after being refurbished. **HW** 

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# Israeli **Scientists Discover** Supernova Explosion of Wolf-Rayet Star



A Wolf-Rayet star and the nebula surrounding it, captured by the Hubble Space Telescope. Credit: NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope.

(JNS) - Israeli scientists from the Weizmann Institute of Science have discovered a rare type of exploding star that has never been observed before, according to a report published last Wednesday in the peer-reviewed British weekly scientific journal Nature.

The discovery, led by Professor Avishay Gal-Yam of the school's Particle Physics and Astrophysics Department, was the observation of the supernova explosion of a Wolf-Rayet star.

"Supernovae is the scientific name for exploding stars, which may seem like colossal events happening far away but "are at the heart of life itself," he said. "These cosmic explosions launch the elements that were forged at the star's core to the far reaches of the galaxy, where they serve as the bedrock for the birth of new stars. Planet Earth and all its various and diverse lifeforms (including us Homo sapiens) are the results of such an occurrence."

Wolf-Rayet stars are those missing one or more of their external and generally lighter layers, and instead have outer layers made up of helium, carbon or other heavier elements.

The supernova explosion of a Wolf-Rayet star has yet to have been definitely observed until now.

"Spectroscopic analysis of the light emitted from the explosion - the electromagnetic wavelengths of light emitted from the blast – led to the discovery of spectral signatures that are associated with specific elements," according to a release by the Weizmann Institute. "In this way, the researchers were able to show that the explosion contained carbon, oxygen and neon atoms, the latter an element that has not yet been observed in this manner in any supernova to date. Moreover, the researchers identified that the matter spouting cosmic radiation did not in itself participate in the blast but rather originated from the space surrounding the volatile star."

"This is not the 'silent' collapse often referred to in the past," said Gal-Yam. "We study the origins of all matter, including that found on Earth, and search for explanations of many of the physical phenomena we tend to take for granted. This is what I am personally interested in –where did all of this come from? – and I want to be able to answer this question as best and as accurately as I can." HW

### **OBITUARIES**

### **Terry Leonard Prince**



Terry Leonard Prince passed away on January 8, 2022, after a long illness. He was born September 15, 1939, in Mobile, Alabama. He was the son of the late Rosalie and Sam Prince of Mobile and Dallas. Terry graduated from Murphy High School and The University of Alabama. He served in both the Army and the Air Force Reserves. After moving to Memphis, Terry got into the building business where he was president of Award Builders for many years. Later on, he turned his attention to residential rental properties.

Terry adored his wife, Franie, and daughter Lori. There was nothing that made him happier than seeing them happy. He also treasured his many friends. Each day, several would call him to see how he was doing. Terry will be missed and remembered for being eternally optimistic, kind, and generous of spirit.

Terry is survived by his wife, Franie, of nearly 47 years, and his daughter, Lori Prince, of Austin, Texas. He leaves his sister, Joyce Robins (Dr. Keith Robins) and nephews Dr. Darrell Robins (Melissa) and Craig Robins (Erica) of Dallas. In addition, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Doug Small, nephews Adam Small (Ashley) and Ryan Small (Kelly) of Nashville.

Graveside services were held in Nashville at the West End Synagogue Cemetery on January 11, 2022. Donations in memory of Terry may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children or the Memphis Humane Society. HW



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ber 22 and enjoyed his birthday with his

children, Debbi Shapiro (Phillip), Wen-

dy Thomas (Morris), Michael Lurie and

his six grandchildren Ashley Thomas, Sam Thomas (Tori), Sam Shapiro, Isaac

Lurie and Troy Lurie. He also leaves

his brother-in-law, Stanley Fainberg (Jeanne), and many loving nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by

his loving wife of 65 years, Barbara

Fainberg Lurie. He also leaves behind

his best friend, Teddy Bear the Shih Tzu.

huge smile, positive outlook, sincerity

and sense of humor.

Rehab. HW

Those he left behind will miss his

The hallmark of Chuck's career was

leading and managing ABC Manufactur-

ing in Ashland, Miss. working with his fa-

ther and brother-in-law for many decades.

Army during the Korean War and was

very patriotic. He loved his family, mu-

sic (particularly jazz), geography and

was very proud of his commercial pilot's

Services were held graveside Friday,

Memorials can be made to The Alz-

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# Bob Saget, Comedian and Actor Who Played Danny Tanner on 'Full House,' Dies at 65



Comedian Bob Saget performs at the Improv Comedy Club at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood, Fla., Feb. 24, 2006. Credit: Ralph Notaro/ Getty Images

#### By Shira Hanau

(JTA) — Bob Saget, the comedian and actor famous for playing a wholesome sitcom father figure but who never lost his flair for raunchy comedy, has died at 65.

Saget died shortly after performing in Orlando, where he had delivered a show with his trademark mashup of dark humor and dad jokes that he first developed while misbehaving in Hebrew school.

Saget was found dead in his hotel room in Orlando. The cause of his death is unknown but police do not suspect drugs or foul play.

As a performer, Saget alternated between the raunchy standup comic known for darkly funny bits peppered with curse words and the wholesome dad that he played on the 1990s sitcom "Full House," bringing together his audiences of children and adults in his role as host of "America's Funniest Home Videos."

Even before he got to Hollywood, Saget honed his comedy as a misbehaving Hebrew school student at Temple Israel in Norfolk, Virginia. "Well, a lot of it was rebellion," Saget told the Atlanta Jewish Times in 2014. "In my Hebrew school training, I would spend more time trying to impress the girls in the class. I remember the rabbi taking me up to his office and saying 'Saget, you're not an entertainer; you have to stop doing this.' I couldn't stop."

He never did.

After a short stint contributing to CBS' "The Morning Program," Saget was cast to play a morning show host on TV. As Danny Tanner on "Full House," Saget played a widowed dad and morning show host raising three daughters in San Francisco with the help of his brother-in-law and his best friend. Saget played the role until the show ended in 1995 and reprised it in the "Fuller House" reboot that premiered in 2016. In 1989, Saget started hosting "America's Funniest Home Videos," which he continued until 1997.

Saget was born in Philadelphia in 1956 to Jewish parents but spent much of his childhood in Norfolk. His father, a supermarket executive, and his mother, a hospital administrator, probably would have preferred to see their son follow through on his original plans to become a doctor. But Saget's plans changed in high school when his English teacher, Elaine Zimmerman, encouraged him to become a filmmaker. "To the next Groucho-Fellini," she wrote in his yearbook.

After studying film at Temple University, Saget moved to Los Angeles and became a regular at the Comedy Store, the legendary comedy club famous for launching the careers of comedians like David Letterman and Jay Leno. His comedic role models included Richard

Pryor, Rodney Dangerfield and Don Rickles, who, as Saget recalled in 2017, once said of him: "He comes out like a Jewish Clark Kent."

At the same time that Saget was becoming the most recognizably beloved father in America, he experienced his own share of tragedy within his real family. Saget lost both of his sisters relatively young; Andrea died of a brain aneurysm in 1985 and Gay of systemic scleroderma in 1994. Throughout his career, Saget frequently performed at events to benefit charitable causes and served on the board of the Scleroderma Research Foundation.

In 2021, Saget participated in a Purim spiel, or comedic reading of the Purim story, to benefit the Met Council, in which he played the villain of the story, Haman. "I'm self-loathing, too," he quipped as he and other members of the cast sounded groggers to drown out Haman's name.

Saget recalled his Jewish upbringing, including his Hebrew school experience and the Jewish foods his bubbe cooked, in the foreword he wrote for the 2011 book, "Becoming Jewish: The Challenges, Rewards, and Paths to Conversion," by Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben and Jennifer S. Hanin.

"I was born a Jewish boy. I was circumcised. Thank God by a professional. That is not something you want done by a novice. Or someone doing it for college credit. So I 'became Jewish' instantly upon birth," he wrote.

As a teenager and through college, Saget worked at a deli. Food was an important part of Saget's Jewish upbringing, especially his bubbe's stuffed cabbage and mandelbread cookies.

Speaking to Jay Sanderson of the "Jay's 4 Questions" podcast in 2018, Saget recalled the time he almost got fired from his deli counter job after he stuck a half-smoked cigarette in a carp's mouth and showed it to a customer who wanted to be sure the carp was fresh. Despite the years he spent grinding carp, Saget never lost his taste for gefilte fish, though he couldn't stomach the jarred variety. His preferred combination for gefilte fish, he told Sanderson in 2018, was a mix of carp, pike and whitefish.

"The food of the Jewish people stays within me. It is still within me. I am writing this with a matzah ball inside me from 1975. It is next to the kishka," he wrote in the foreword to "Becoming Jewish."

Saget did not consider himself to be very observant. But he did feel sense of spirituality on a trip he took to Israel with his parents in the 80s or 90s.

"It was quite a gift and there were many spiritual things that happened throughout and that I think is still the closest I've felt, because you can actually see it and feel it in the air in Israel," he said.

Having lost his sisters and both of his parents — his father in 2007 and his mother in 2014 — at the time of his conversation with Sanderson, Saget talked about the difficulty in feeling spirituality or belief in God after experiencing so much loss.

"I go back and forth with my belief system, by the way. I'm not the best, most observant Jewish person you've ever met or talked to, and yet I'm Jewish and proud to be," he said. **HW** 



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