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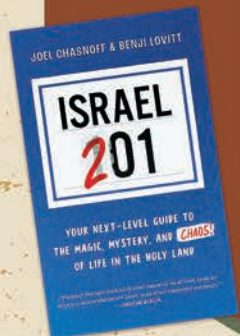
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Benji Lovitt

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MISSION:

The mission of the Jewish Federation is to preserve and enhance Jewish life and well-being in Eastern Oklahoma, Israel, and the entire world. The mission is being addressed by pursuing charitable, humanitarian, cultural, educational, health, and social service needs of the Jewish community as well as by engaging in community relations, outreach, and providing a variety of services to the broader Tulsa community. The Jewish Federation supports the Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center, The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, and Mizel Jewish Community Day School.

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DIRECTOR’S CORNER

by Aida Nozick, Executive Director

As we approach the New Year, I often reflect on my year personally and professionally. Last year, my twin children flew off for their first year of college. While this is an exciting time, it also brings a longing for days gone by when my home was filled with the giggles of small children. The high holidays makes me look forward to small moments of time, especially with my children, when the holidays make us slow down and spend time with family.

There is something exciting and fresh about starting a New Year. The idea that we can do better seems achievable once we start anew. Our Federation kicks off the New Year with a new shaliach (emissary) and new playground structure for Mizel Jewish Community Day School and Camp Shalom. I hope you will take the opportunity to meet our new shaliach, Shahaf Feinkuchen, at the September lunch ‘n learn series, the Lunch Bunch. Shahaf will share his goals while in Tulsa and we will learn about him and his wife Hadas, also an educator.

September is also the month we begin our Annual Campaign season. Annual Campaign supports everything we do here at the Federation—from providing innovative programs building Jewish identity in our youth, Israel engagement, community relations events within the wider Tulsa community, and Holocaust Education—annual campaign keeps these services flourishing each year. We hope to see you at our Campaign Dinner and Show on Thursday, September 7 featuring Israeli-American comedian and educator Benji Lovitt. Laughter is the best medicine in these crazy times we are living and Benji’s show is sure to provide gut wrenching belly laughter with his insight into the lighter side of Israel—as seen from his American perspective. Many thanks to event chairs Rebekah Kantor-Wunsch and Brae Riley (see inside cover for more details).

Finally, I wish to congratulate all the staff at The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art for their hard work and diligence in securing the Museum’s accreditation for another 10 years. Less than 10% of the nation’s museums are accredited and this distinction solidifies our Museum as world-class with a commitment to excellence. Mazel Tov!

Shanah Tovah! May you have a sweet New Year!



Jewish New Year calendars are in!

Pick up your complimentary copy at the Jewish Federation of Tulsa lobby.



The idea that we can do better seems achievable once we start anew.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Campaign Dinner & Show | Thursday, September 7 | 5:30 PM | Barbara and Dave Sylvan Auditorium

“The crowd was laughing the whole time, and we practically had to force them out the door at the end of the night.” —Julia M., JFNA

Join us as we kickoff our Annual Campaign with Israeli comedian and educator, Benji Lovitt. Benji’s observations on Israeli society, combined with his lifelong involvement in Jewish education, create a hilarious narrative that has brought laughter all over the world. The evening includes dinner catered by local Jewish chef, Joel Bein. Ticket price includes cocktails, dinner, dessert, and entertainment. Purchase a table or a single ticket — you decide. Chairs: Rebekah Kantor-Wunsch and Brae Riley.



Register by September 4 at: JewishTulsa.org/campaigndinner23



Super Sunday Phone-a-thon | Sunday, September 10 | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Jewish Federation of Tulsa

Join our team of fantastic volunteers to make Super Sunday calls at this annual Federation tradition. The team will meet at the Jewish Federation and party “tailgate” style! Wear your “game day” jerseys for prizes, food, beverages, and yard games (in addition to making calls)! Help us reach our Super Sunday goal of \$50,000! Chairs: Hillary and Ben Aussenberg



Register at: JewishTulsa.org/supersunday23



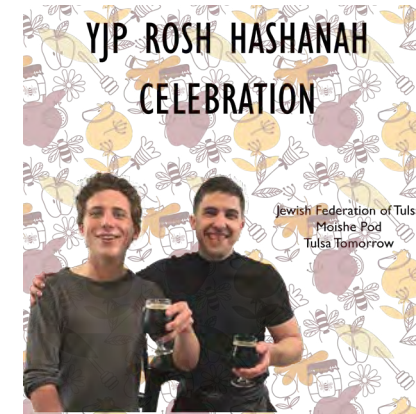
Lunch Bunch: Meet Our New Shaliach | Wednesday, September 13 | 12:00 PM | Barbara and Dave Sylvan Auditorium

Our new shaliach, Shahaf Feinkuchen has arrived! Please join us to learn about Shahaf and his wife, Hadas and their journey to Tulsa. Shahaf was born and raised in Beer Sheva, Israel. Shahaf and Hadas enjoy hiking, spending time in nature, and going to the beach. Over the past year, Shahaf was the head of the IDF programs and activities department. He worked for the Chagim Center, ensuring IDF soldiers received resources to celebrate Jewish holidays while in the field. Previously, he was an educator for Beit Berl Academic College and Hamahanot Haolim Youth Movement; he also was a project manager and city coordinator for Tikkun, organizing projects in the local municipality by recruiting, building, and training teams. Hadas is also an educator, and head of Shnat Sheirut, a pre-army gap year program that places teenagers in a year of volunteer service.

Optional lunch is \$13. Menu: vegetarian fajitas with all the fixings, sides, and dessert.



Register at: JewishTulsa.org/lb-sept



YJP Rosh Hashanah Celebration | Wednesday, September 13 | 5:30 PM

The Jewish New Year is almost here! The Jewish Federation of Tulsa, Moishe Pod Tulsa, and Tulsa Tomorrow are partnering on a drop-in evening for our young adult community to build their own Rosh Hashanah bag. You’re invited to stop by anytime from 5:30-8:00 pm. You will prepare for the new year by building your own bag—including resources and information to celebrate with your community and at home, along with tasty and meaningful odes to the new year. The evening will include sweet treats and time to reflect with friends. This event is hosted by Rebekah and Travis Wunsch. Please RSVP by September 8.



Register at: JewishTulsa.org/yjp-newyear



PJ Library Shabbaton | Friday, September 22 - Saturday, September 23 | Sequoyah State Park

A Shabbat celebration for the whole family! This event is for families raising Jewish children (10 years old and younger). We will gather at Sequoyah State Park (70 minutes from Tulsa) on Friday evening. We will enjoy Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinner together. On Shabbat morning, we will have breakfast, take a short hike, and participate in Shabbat-inspired activities and discussions around the High Holidays. Families will head home in the afternoon. The cost is \$150/family which covers your family’s individual cabin space and food. Each cabin holds four people.



RSVP required by September 15 at JewishTulsa.org/PJ-Shabbaton

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COMMITTING TO OUR JEWISH FUTURE

by Rebekah Kantor-Wunsch and Brae Riley

In honor of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa's upcoming Campaign Dinner and Show, we, Rebekah Kantor-Wunsch and Brae Riley, would like to introduce ourselves. As the co-chairs of what will be an unforgettable evening of laughter and learning, we think it's important you know about our personal investment in the community.

Rebekah, a Tulsa native, quickly re-immersed herself in the Jewish community after returning home in 2018. From being welcomed back into life at Temple Israel and taking advantage of several volunteer opportunities, deciding to stay in Tulsa long term was an easy choice. Through her role at Tulsa Tomorrow, she has glorified Tulsa in all that it has to offer, including the ability to live a Jewish life. After living in big cities with larger Jewish communities, it quickly became apparent that there's truly something special in Tulsa. For a community our size, we are fortunate that the Jewish Federation of Tulsa houses a state-of-the-art Jewish Museum, a Jewish Day School, and a high-end community center. Whether you're new to the city or have lived here a while, it's clear that this campus has come a long way. The commitment our community has shown to ensuring a strong Jewish future in Tulsa is incredible to witness.

Brae relocated to Tulsa in the autumn of 2013 to continue his career at BOK Financial. As exciting as a move to a new city can be, it can also be difficult to make connections as an adult, but the Jewish Federation of Tulsa, along with Tulsa's other vibrant Jewish institutions, provided a welcoming entry point. The JFT campus is a hub for an amazing variety of programming options, and through his participation, Brae built lifelong friendships and deep ties to the Tulsa Jewish community. These days, he serves on the Board of Directors for both the Jewish Federation of Tulsa and Congregation B'nai Emunah, as well as the Federation's Community Relations Committee and Young Jewish Professionals Programming Committee. He recently returned from the YJP trip to Israel and participated as part of the Tulsa delegation at the Jewish Federation of North America's General Assembly. During the Assembly, attendees from other cities frequently commented on the size and enthusiasm of the Tulsa delegation compared to other cities with larger Jewish populations. The level of commitment and investment from our community is something we can be proud of.

We are all the beneficiaries of that commitment and investment, and we should never take it for granted. The responsibility and the requirements are massive: long-term and careful planning; a dedicated group of staff, lay leadership, and volunteers; and significant funding. From generation to generation for 85 years,

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the Tulsa Jewish community has recommitted to this responsibility, and this campaign season, we ask you to share the responsibility with us. As committed advocates for sustaining and growing Jewish Tulsa, we encourage you to join us on Thursday, September 7th, for a special evening dedicated to this mission. The Campaign Dinner and Show will feature Benji Lovitt, an Israeli-American comedian, educator, and entertainer. As a dual citizen, he often humorizes cultural differences and Jewish institutions in his jokes and in *Israel 201: Your Next Level Guide to the Magic, Mystery, and Chaos of Life in the Holy Land*, the book he co-authored with friend and fellow comedian, Joel Chasnoff. Having performed in front of a diverse range of audiences, this event will appeal to all ages. Surrounded by your family, friends, peers, and fellow Jewish community members, we invite you to enjoy a fun and engaging evening to help kickoff JFT's annual campaign. We can't wait to see you there! To reserve your seat or table, go to: JewishTulsa.org/campaigndinner23. ■



Brae Riley and Rebekah Kantor-Wunsch

L'SHANA TOVA!

This year may we commit to:

- Caring for and protecting our neighbors and community.
- Learning from our past as we strive to shape a better future for our children, families and future generations.
- Building a vibrant and equitable Tulsa that promotes health, safety and belonging for all our community members.

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- September 4 – JFT, SMMJA – CLOSED
– CSJCC Fitness open 12-5 pm
– Pool open 12-8 pm *
- September 16 – ALL CLOSED
- September 17 – CSJCC Fitness open 12-5 pm
- September 25 – ALL CLOSED
- September 30 – ALL CLOSED
- October 1 – CSJCC Fitness open 12-5 pm

*Last day of pool this season



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Fitness Challenge: Slept-ember Challenge



Our September Fitness Challenge focuses on the importance of sleep. You will create a sleep goal for the month of SLEPT-ember. Each week you will try to hit your goal by catching the right amount of zzz's. Additionally, we have added a sleep routine tracker. Bedtime routines for adults can prevent insomnia, in addition to providing time for self-care and reflection. Each week you achieve your sleep goal and routine, you can enter your sleep tracker into our drawing for a CSJCC themed sleep bundle. That's four chances to win! Pick-up your paper tracker from the fitness desk each week. Let's create healthy sleep habits this month to fuel our bodies and minds!

Aging Well: A Matter of Balance Series (8 weeks)

Wednesday, September 6 | 10:00 AM | Dance Studio



Would you like to learn ways to improve your balance? Join us for an eight-week, cumulative series on Wednesdays beginning September 6 through October 25. All sessions will be from 10 – 11 am. Class size for the series is limited to 12 participants. Instructors Laura and Hannah will talk about ways to improve balance, specific exercises for all levels of ability to increase strength and balance, environmental hazards, and more. The program is geared towards anyone concerned about falls and anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength. Because each class will build upon the previous one, it is important that participants attend all sessions. **Sign up at: csjcc.org/balance**

Wellness Series | Fall Prevention Month: Better Balance presented by Randy Cogburn

Thursday, September 14 | 10:15 AM | Dan Room



Randy started his career out as a Physical Therapist and has been the Activities Director at Zarrow Pointe for over 20 years. Randy knows the importance of balance as we age and is passionate about sharing tips and tools to keep or improve your balance as you age. Balance is key to our overall health as it consists of lower body strength in addition to being aware of your surroundings. Additionally, Randy will talk about the importance of vision checkups, as vision functionality can significantly improve your balance. Please join us for this informative and fun presentation. **Sign up at: csjcc.org/wellness-sept**

Fall Hiking Series | Fridays, September 22, October 20, November 10 | 11:00 AM



Join your CSJCC staff for the kickoff event of a Fall Hiking Series! Our first hike will be on Friday, September 22 at 11 am at Turkey Mountain. This is the perfect time to check out the newest additions to the improved trail system at Turkey—the largest rock staircase in Oklahoma! This will be a beginner friendly, short hike with some uneven surfaces but manageable for most CSJCC members. We will meet at the Lower Level Parking Lot at Turkey Mountain and plan to be out for one hour. Hannah, Benny, and Laura will lead you through the trails to discover Tulsa's unique and newly renovated hiking trails. September is Fall Prevention Month and this is a great way to challenge your balance. When we challenge and strengthen our balance we become stronger and safer on our feet. Hike your way towards better health! **Sign up at: csjcc.org/sept-hike**

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SWIM FOR ALL

by Laura Allen, Director of Outreach

Swimming lessons are an important life skill. Drowning is the leading cause of death in kids ages 4 and under and the second leading cause of death in kids 14 and under. Teaching this skill at an early age not only saves lives, but also builds confidence.

Last summer we launched *Swim for All*, a program teaching swimming lessons to 36 kids from low income families in the surrounding neighborhood. The program filled up immediately and we had a huge wait list. This year, we more than doubled sign-ups with 85 kids from Marshall and McClure Elementary schools. 64 kids graduated, attending all 8 lessons, receiving a certificate and free family pool membership for the remainder of the summer. Offering a pool membership was key to helping kids practice their swimming skills and a great way to engage with our neighbors. We are grateful to our partners, The Opportunity Project and the George Kaiser Family Foundation, for supporting this important lifesaving program.

My conversations with parents were impactful. Not only were they thankful of this opportunity for their children, but they also expressed a desire to learn how to swim. We are already working on ideas on how to expand *Swim for All* next summer and include an adult lesson component as well! ■



UKRAINE REFUGEE SWIM LESSONS

by Ahylin Arce-Ramos, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Congregation B'nai Emunah Refugee Resettlement

On July 24th Congregation B'nai Emunah and the Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center partnered for Ukrainian Swim Day, an opportunity for Ukrainian families to come together for community, enjoy a break from the summer heat, and be educated on the importance of sun protection and water safety. The program developed when Refugee Resettlement at B'nai Emunah received a grant from the State of Oklahoma to increase Ukrainian mental health resources and reduce isolation for Ukrainians in Tulsa. Although Refugee Resettlement has provided traditional classes such as educational resources, this was an opportunity to think outside the box on how to provide educational resources while also building community in a family-friendly environment, specifically mothers and their children, who often spend a lot of time at home. A former Russian-speaking client, who is a tennis coach and swim instructor, was hired to ensure attendees felt comfortable and allowing the client to utilize his expertise! The opportunity



also showcased his skills as a coach as he seeks new employment opportunities. The CJSCC provided certified lifeguards to oversee the event, and a crew of Refugee Resettlement volunteers helped by making goodie bags with snacks, sunscreen, and goggles, and setting up tables with complimentary beach towels, flip flops, inflatables, and toys! There were eleven kids in attendance, ranging from the age of 1 to 16. The children had a wonderful time learning to blow bubbles and float, snacking on cookies, watermelon, and snow cones provided by the CSJCC. At the end of the event, the children and mothers were very happy to take toys and bubbles home. This partnership between Congregation B'nai Emunah's Refugee Resettlement and the CSJCC was an incredible event building community for our Ukrainian neighbors. The families are already requesting another community swim program next year! ■

THE SHERWIN MILLER MUSEUM OF JEWISH ART RECEIVES HIGHEST NATIONAL RECOGNITION

by Tracey Herst-Woods, Deputy Director of The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art

The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art has again achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums, the highest national recognition afforded the nation's museums. Accreditation signifies excellence to the museum community, to governments, funders, outside agencies, and to the museum-going public. The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art was initially accredited in 2012. All museums must undergo a reaccreditation review at least every 10 years to maintain accredited status.

Alliance Accreditation brings national recognition to a museum for its commitment to excellence, accountability, high professional standards and continued institutional improvement. Developed and sustained by museum professionals for 50 years, the Alliance's museum accreditation program is the field's primary vehicle for quality assurance, self-regulation and public accountability. It strengthens the museum profession by promoting practices that enable leaders to make informed decisions, allocate resources wisely, and remain financially and ethically accountable in order to provide the best possible service to the public.

Tracey Herst-Woods, Deputy Director of the SMMJA states, "I was part of the team 10 years ago when the Museum first went through the process of accreditation. I know the gravity of the work that needed to be done but also knew that the Museum had been putting in the work for the last 10 years, so I was confident that everything we were doing was in the best interest and practices of the AAM, the Museum Board, staff, membership, donors, and the collection. As a team we demonstrated that The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art is a world-class museum and belongs in this exclusive group."

Of the nation's estimated 33,000 museums, over 1,100 are currently accredited. The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art is one of only 4 museums accredited in the Metropolitan Tulsa area and one of 14 in the entire state. Accreditation is a very rigorous but

highly rewarding process that examines all aspects of a museum's operations. To earn accreditation a museum first must conduct a year of self-study, and then undergo a site visit by a team of peer reviewers. AAM's Accreditation Commission, an independent and autonomous body of museum professionals, considers the self-study and visiting committee report to determine whether a museum should receive accreditation.

"Accredited museums are a community of institutions that have chosen to hold themselves publicly accountable to excellence," says Laura L. Lott, Alliance President and CEO. "Accreditation is clearly a significant achievement, of which both the institutions and the communities they serve can be extremely proud."



A few words from museum staff about the process of accreditation-

I was honored ten years ago to be tasked with overseeing the Museums first accreditation. Now ten years later, we have come so far and continue to be a shining example of what hard work, dedication and passion from staff, lay leadership, membership, donors, and supporters can do for an organization. Together we have shown that not only is the Museum special but the dedicated people surrounding it contribute to making our Museum great!

In the coming months, the Museum has some excellent programming and I hope you will join us for the ride.—Tracey Herst-Woods, Deputy Director of The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art

I am pleased to be a part of the Museum's re-accreditation submission to AAM this year.

The inspectors were both long-time museum experts who were a joy to speak with about both our museum and theirs. I was grateful to have the completed archives mentioned by AAM as a boon to the museum. I am glad to have joined the team at the Sherwin Miller



Museum of Jewish Art in time to be useful during the re-accreditation process. I cannot express enough the satisfaction I received from working towards and achieving a shared goal of such importance with the exquisite group of museum professionals at the SMMJA. I am honored to be a part of this team and to be this community's librarian and archivist.

— Greg Falconetti, Director of Education and Library Services

We have received American Alliance of Museums accreditation status for the second time. This places the SMMJA in company with the institutions that follow the highest museum standards. This is a very important factor when dealing with other institutions and can affect funding opportunities in a positive way. We strive for quality over quantity in the experience we provide for the community. I am very proud of what we contribute to the Tulsa community and look forward to new opportunities to educate and enrich our patrons. — Charles Taylor, Director of Exhibit Services ■

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Upon Thy Gates: The Winik Mezuzah Collection | Now through December 2023

An exciting new exhibition presenting 73 mezuzot showcasing a wide range of styles, materials, and Jewish symbols. The mezuzot were created in places all over the world, including Israel, the United States, Denmark, England, Ethiopia, Germany, the Netherlands, India, Iran, Italy, Morocco, Poland, and Yemen, and date from the late 18th to the 21st century. On loan from the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education in Portland, Oregon and collected by Elaine and Norman Winik on their worldwide travels. Wherever Jewish people live—so too are mezuzot!



Humans of The Holocaust | Now through December 2023

After growing up with the Holocaust hammered into his Israeli education, photographer Erez Kaganovitz, a third generation, grandson of a Holocaust survivor, wanted to change the paradigm of "dark and gloomy" to a human story of optimism. Humans of the Holocaust engages the viewer with striking and sometimes whimsical images of people who've triumphed by living well.



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NEW YEAR—NEW PLAYGROUND

by Amanda Anderson, Director Mizel Jewish Community Day School

The Flo and Morris Mizel Jewish Community Day School announces the construction of a new playground space on the Jewish Federation Campus. The new playground will add 11,000 square feet of custom-made play huts, playground tracks, music play panels, a splash table, and playground grass designed with children's safety in mind.

Forever Lawn, the inventor of this special surface for children's playgrounds, is the designer of playground spaces across the country, as well as locally. Construction began on August 7 and should be completed in September. The addition of the new playground is the first significant school project leading up to the 50th Anniversary of Heritage Academy/Mizel JCDS which will be celebrated in 2025.

Thanks to 90 individual donors and several lead donors, we will have a state-of-the-art playground space for Mizel JCDS, Camp Shalom and School's Out Campers.

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JFT AND TAMAR REGIONAL COUNCIL ALLIANCE NEWS:

THE DEAD SEA MARATHON 2024

by Itzik Levin, Chair Israel Engagement Committee

Plan your vacation now and check this spectacular running event off your bucket list! The exhilarating Dead Sea Marathon—the Lowest Point on Earth—returns for its fifth edition on Friday, February 2, 2024. Renowned for its unique location, awe-inspiring landscapes, and exceptional race experience, the marathon attracts participants from around the globe who are seeking an unforgettable running adventure.

The main highlight of the race is running across the sea over the famous gravel dikes amidst the turquoise-colored water with its unique salt formations on either side. These remarkable gravel dikes, stretching 6-8 meters wide, create an exhilarating and incomparable experience for runners of all courses. Available distances for beginners and seasoned marathoners include: 5km Fun Run, 10km Race, Half Marathon (21.1km), Full Marathon (42.4km), and the ultimate test of endurance—The 50km Course.

The therapeutic properties of the Dead Sea itself are a significant highlight of the marathon. The Dead Sea's salt concentration and mineral-rich waters have numerous health benefits. Runners can enjoy a post-race recovery by floating in the buoyant waters

or indulging in a revitalizing mud bath, which is renowned for its ability to promote skin health and soothe muscle soreness.

The Dead Sea Region is a bustling area with a range of amenities, including hotels, a bustling shopping center, a beautiful beach, and a new promenade. The Ein Bokek resort region complements the Dead Sea Marathon as an all-encompassing destination. Last year the Federation signed a new alliance agreement with the Tamar Regional Council (Dead Sea region). Several local Jewish groups have since visited the area and are slowly developing new and exciting joint projects. The Dead Sea Marathon 2024 will be another opportunity to visit the region.

- ☑ Registration for the Dead Sea Marathon is now open and race slots are expected to fill up quickly.
- ☑ For more information visit: <https://deadsea.run/en>.
- ☑ To join a group of Tulsa marathoners, contact Israel Engagement Committee Chair, Itzik Levin at sclvn88@gmail.com or CSJCC Director of Engagement, Laura Allen at lallen@csjcc.org.



FIVE PRINCIPLES OF HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

by Representative John Waldron, Oklahoma House of Representatives

The Holocaust was one of the darkest episodes of the twentieth century, and it has left enduring marks on our own time. Now the last members of that generation are fading away, and soon their memories will be lost. Keeping the history and learning its lessons will be the responsibility of teachers. So how will we keep the lessons alive for generations to come? Here's a model that comes from Oklahoma, where politicians, community volunteers and educators have worked together to come up with answers.

In 2021 Oklahoma passed HB1775, a ban on so-called critical race theory in Oklahoma k-12 education. The law raises questions about teaching difficult subjects such as the Tulsa Race Massacre and the Holocaust. But the following year the Oklahoma State Legislature passed SB1671, expressing support for Holocaust education in Oklahoma. As a result, the Oklahoma 1671 Holocaust Legislation Coalition was formed, a nonprofit group dedicated to promoting Holocaust education in line with this legislative action.

In these challenging times, teachers may have cause for confusion. As a former teacher, and a state legislator, I have a few ideas about how to navigate these waters. Here are five principles for teaching about the Holocaust in modern classrooms.

1. The Holocaust is not just a matter of Jewish history. It is of critical importance to the entire human race, as one of the worst and best-documented examples of man's inhumanity to man.

2. The Holocaust should not be taught as an isolated event, but as

part of a larger history, both of Jews and other Holocaust victims, and the places and societies in which the Holocaust occurred.

3. Teaching the Holocaust is not about indoctrination or critical race theory, but an important way to teach the dangers of hate and the need for greater compassion and understanding. It can open the door for constructive discussion of other difficult topics, and this is a valuable teaching opportunity. Letting students learn about the Holocaust and then ask their own questions about bigotry and injustice is an excellent way to explore a critical subject area.

4. When teaching difficult subjects, it's important to have good guidance. The material and guidelines provided by the Holocaust Museum in Washington provide an important foundation and baseline for developing a consistent program on the Holocaust. Other resources are also available, from places like The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art here in Tulsa, Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, and the Schusterman Center for Judaic and Israel Studies at OU.

5. In Oklahoma, SB1671 signaled legislative intent that the Holocaust should be taught in Oklahoma classrooms, not just in the standards laid out implicitly under social studies but also where applicable in the arts and language arts. The OSDE website includes detailed guidelines, written by Oklahoma-based Holocaust education experts, on how to incorporate the topic into various disciplines and classes in grades 6-12. Furthermore, the Oklahoma 1671 Holocaust Legislation Coalition

provides quality workshops for Oklahoma teachers each year, in Tulsa, Oklahoma City and elsewhere around the state.

To this I would add a couple of cautions. Oklahoma recommends starting the subject no sooner than the 6th grade. Before that age, it may be too much for many students. Moreover, simulations of the Holocaust are discouraged, or should be carefully considered. Dividing your students into Nazis and Jews is likely to end badly. On the other hand, I conducted a mock Nuremberg Trial in my junior world history class each year. Students were given detailed instructions on research and trial parameters, and the focus was placed on evidence and legal arguments. Some of the cases would focus on the concentration camps. Later, students would reflect in writing on what they had learned, and we would use the occasion as an opportunity to discuss the need for international laws to protect human rights.

What if students or parents object to the subject? In my twenty years of teaching I never had a complaint, but in an age of CRT concerns



Representative John Waldron

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teachers need to be prepared. First of all, teachers are always protected when they teach the standards. In Oklahoma, the new guidelines written after the passage of 1671 in 2022 are designed to reassure teachers and insulate them from complaints. The subject is too important to be canceled by a momentary political hysteria.

The Holocaust is a relevant and rewarding topic for the classroom. Students are naturally drawn to the subject and have often heard about Anne Frank or Sophie Scholl before they come to the classroom, and

many want to know more. It's a great opportunity to open the minds of students and to teach them resilience, compassion and the need to fight against hatred and intolerance. But pay attention to the details when discussing something like this in class. Through careful planning, sensitivity to the needs and abilities of your students, and prudent use of curriculum materials and supports, a teacher in art, language arts or social studies can make a very big difference in the way their students think about the world. And in so doing, they might make it a better one. ■

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NEW STUDENT TO STUDENT PROGRAM ENGAGING TEENS—BUILDING BRIDGES

by Chloe Kirk, Director of Community Relations and Holocaust Education



Shofar demonstration at Student To Student program.

addressing difficult questions and topics.

Small groups of Jewish teens will develop their own presentations with guidance from myself and Be the Narrative staff. Students explain the different branches of Judaism as well as what Judaism means to them personally. Students speak about the Jewish life cycle, Shabbat, kashrut, antisemitism, the Holocaust, Israel, and Jewish holidays. On the topic of Israel, students discuss what Israel means to them personally. When it comes to antisemitism, students explain the meaning of the term and share personal stories of how it feels to receive negative stereotypes.

Presentations include props that illustrate Jewish practices, such as kippot, Shabbat candles, a kiddush cup, and challah for students to taste. Students then share how they celebrate Shabbat. Sharing their own individual observances highlights diversity in the Jewish community. Instead of passive learning (having a teacher lecture to students about Judaism), this program puts someone more relatable in front of the class, a peer, sharing their own personal story.

A longitudinal study conducted by independent evaluators has shown that the Student to Student program succeeds in breaking down stereotypes, educating those unfamiliar with Judaism, and even encouraging participants to act when they observe antisemitic incidents. I am thrilled to bring this program to Tulsa area schools and for teens to play an integral part in the CRC mission! I look forward to developing community relations to be proactive in the fight against antisemitism. I also look forward to strengthening Jewish identity and boosting Jewish pride in our young adults. I am excited to see what our Jewish teen participants accomplish! ■

How do we stop antisemitism? What if we could prevent antisemitism before it begins? This is the mission of Student to Student, a program that empowers high school students to share their experiences of Judaism and being Jewish, to non-Jewish students. I am excited to be coordinating the Tulsa chapter of the Student to Student program, launching this fall.

Student to Student began 30 years ago as a program of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of St. Louis. Student to Student currently exists in 18 cities across the country and has expanded to operate independently under the umbrella of Be the Narrative, an organization that develops interactive educational programs to teach about Judaism. Be the Narrative's CEO, Rabbi Andrew Terkel, grew up in Broken Arrow and attended Temple Israel. Living in an area with a small Jewish population, Rabbi Terkel found kids and teachers were always asking him questions about Judaism. He became an ambassador and representative from a very young age, taking their questions back to his rabbi. This experience ignited his passion for Student to Student and he was thrilled to receive Tulsa's application.

So how does the program work? Jewish high school students in their junior or senior year, visit high schools with little to no Jewish presence, and share what their own personal Judaism looks like. The goal is to approach antisemitism proactively, through contact hypothesis—reducing prejudice through interpersonal connection. Student to Student counters antisemitism by demystifying Judaism, breaking down stereotypes, and giving a face to

Student to Student counters

antisemitism by demystifying Judaism, breaking down stereotypes, and giving a face to real Jewish people.

real Jewish people. When students explain their Jewish experiences to non-Jewish peers, they build bridges between communities. This is a goal of the community relations committee! Student to Student also positively impacts the Jewish student participants, helping them build strong Jewish identities and gain confidence



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THE JEWISH BLUES BROTHERS... LEONARD AND PHIL CHESS ©

by Phil Goldfarb

Lejzor Szmuel Czyż born March 12, 1917, best known as Leonard Samuel Chess and his younger brother Fiszal Czyż, known as Philip Chess born March 27, 1921 were Jewish Polish-born American record producers, company executives, and the founders of Chess Records

They were born to Józef (1893-1984) Czyz and Cryla (Celia) Pulik Czyz (1891-1978) in Motol, Poland (now in Belarus). Józef was a carpenter and came to the United States in 1923 looking for work. He initially operated a small junkyard in New York and after five years he was able to bring the rest of the family over to the US. Lejzor and Fiszal along with sister, Malka and mother Cryla arrived at Ellis Island aboard the RMS Mauretania on October 12, 1928. The family moved to Chicago, among thousands of Polish immigrants and changed their name to Chess.

Leonard Chess initially invested in a liquor store and then became involved in the black nightclub scene on the South Side of Chicago in 1938 running a series of jazz clubs. When Phil returned from army service in WWII, they opened a music club called the Macomba Lounge, which became one of the city's most popular venues. While running the club, the brothers discovered a niche in the music industry. Jazz bands playing bebop and jump blues got all of Macomba's locals dancing, but the music labels themselves were not interested in black musicians as racial segregation was still in force. Because of this, in 1947 Leonard became associated with Aristocrat Records and eventually he and Phil would acquire complete control.

When in 1950, the Macomba burned down, the brothers focused on their music label, changed the name to Chess Records and began concentrating on rhythm and blues music. From their experiences in the nightclub business, the Chess brothers understood the preferences of their predominantly African American

audiences, but also saw the marketability of blues music to a broader audience.

In the beginning Phil oversaw the offices of Aristocrat/Chess while Leonard scouted talent, produced the sessions, and hand delivered new recordings to radio stations in the Chicago area. The Chess brothers moved the company away from black pop and jazz and other genres into down home blues music.

The first release from Chess was a 78 RPM single, "My Foolish Heart" by Gene Ammons issued in June 1950, which became the label's biggest hit of the year. Promoting black musicians, wasn't always an easy sell on radio in the 1950s, so Phil and Leonard hit the road to get disc jockeys to play their records. They effectively promoted their musicians, even if sometimes that meant bribing a white radio operator who was reluctant to play black music during his shows.

In 1951, the Chess brothers began an association with Sam Phillips, of the Memphis Recording Service, the forerunner of Sun Records. One of the most important recordings that Phillips gave to Chess was "Rocket 88", by Jackie Brenston and His Delta Cats (the band was actually Ike Turner's Kings of Rhythm) which is often called the first true rock 'n' roll single and topped Billboard magazine's R&B Records chart that year.

Another artist that came out of Memphis was Howlin' Wolf, who stayed with the label until his death in 1976. Chess also signed Bo Diddley, Chuck Berry, Rufus Thomas, John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, Sonny Boy Williamson, Bobby "Blue" Bland, and others who were the basis of their rock and roll music. Some of the other artists who contributed to the legacy of Chess Records were the Flamingos, the Moonglows, the Dells, and the Ramsey Lewis Trio.

In 1952, the brothers started Checker Records with its trademark chess piece logo, called the "Home of the Electric Blues" as an alternative label for radio

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play as radio stations had a policy of only playing a limited number of records from any one imprint. They released some of the most important blues and rock-and-roll tracks ever written, transforming popular music worldwide.

Chess discovered Etta James: the "mother of rhythm and blues," while Muddy Waters created a new sound of Chicago-based blues with the help of his electric guitar. Chuck Berry's single Maybellene in 1955 also became an instant hit as he introduced original inspirations from country music. The audience loved his concerts because of his freedom on the stage. He invented his so-called 'Duck Walk', a distinctive guitarist move.

In December 1955, they launched a jazz and pop label, Ter-Mar, a name created from the first names of Leonard and Phil's sons, Marshall and Terry. This was quickly renamed Argo Records, but the name was changed again in 1965 to Cadet Records. It expanded into soul music, gospel music, early rock and roll, and jazz and comedy recordings, released on the Chess and its subsidiary labels Checker and Argo/Cadet.

In 1958, Chess began producing their first LP records which included such albums as The Best of Muddy Waters, Best of Little Walter, and Bo Diddley.

As the 1960s progressed, Chess's recording enterprise branched out into other genres including gospel, traditional jazz, spoken word, comedy, and more. In the early 1960s, Chess became involved in the broadcasting business as part owner of WVON-AM radio and later acquired WSDM-FM, both in Chicago.

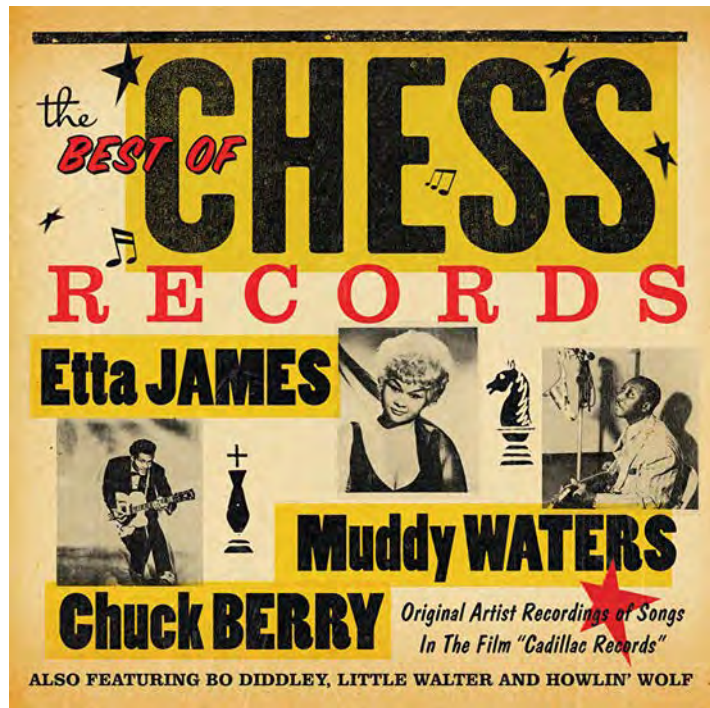
Chess was based at several locations on the south side of Chicago with the most famous being 2120 S. Michigan Avenue, from May 1957 to 1965, immortalized by the Rolling Stones in "2120 South Michigan Avenue", an instrumental recorded there during the group's first U.S. tour in 1964. The band's

name is in itself a tribute to Muddy Waters and his song titled Rollin' Stone.

In 1969, the Chess brothers sold the label to General Recorded Tape (GRT) for \$6.5 million. Following the sale of Chess to GRT, Phil left the label to run radio station WVON.

On October 16, 1969, a few months after selling his namesake label to General Recorded Tape, Leonard Chess died of a heart attack. He was buried at Westlawn Cemetery in Norridge, Illinois.

Phil Chess retired to Tucson, Arizona in 1972 and died on October 18, 2016. Leonard Chess was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987 while both Phil and Leonard Chess were inducted to the Blues Hall of Fame as non-performers in 1995. In February 2013, Phil Chess attended the ceremony to receive one of The Recording Academy's Trustees Awards for non-performers presented to him and his brother. ■



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Exploring Jewish Identity... AT BBYO SUMMER PROGRAMS

Each year, teenagers from around the world come together to celebrate their Jewish heritage during BBYO's transformative summer programs. This season, seven Tulsa BBYO members embarked on national and international experiences to improve their leadership skills, explore new interests, expand their understanding of Judaism, and build meaningful friendships with other Jewish teens.

The Jewish Federation of Tulsa manages the funds that allow our teens to attend these incredible Jewish experiences.

I attended CLTC at Camp Poyntelle in Pennsylvania. I spent 12 days learning different leadership skills to bring back to my community and get in touch with my Jewish identity. I participated in many different activities that allowed me to gain a new understanding of what being Jewish really means. I led a Ma'ariv service with my mock chapter for the camp. Participating in daily services and even leading one helped me learn more about what each prayer truly means. We also held programs where we spoke about our experiences as Jewish people and the challenges we face. This allowed me to see that there are so many other teens that go through many of the same things as me. My mock chapter also taught me different ways to contribute to my local community and chapter through new skills like budgeting, and creative ways to engage younger members. From weekly Shabbat services to midday walks with my new friends, every moment of CLTC was meaningful. I learned so much about myself and different ways I can express my Judaism. Thank you to the Tulsa BBYO staff, David Finer, and North Texas Oklahoma BBYO staff for giving me this experience that has taught me so much and that I will never forget. I am beyond grateful. —Pacey Brody

I attended the BBYO summer program CLTC. This was a truly special experience where I made so many new friends with other Jewish teens from around the country. I also learned a lot about my own Jewish identity and about how other people from different parts of the country practice Judaism. Coming from a city with a small Jewish population, my experiences with the religion were very different and limited compared to people coming from cities with larger Jewish communities. I learned how other people celebrated their culture and heritage and found new practices that I can bring home to Tulsa BBYO and incorporate into my daily life, such as new ways to celebrate Shabbat and different prayers and formats for services. I went into CLTC thinking it would just be a fun thing to do over the summer, but it was so much more than that. I am so glad I had the opportunity to have such a life-changing experience and I hope every BBYO member has the chance to go on a summer program like CLTC to help them develop their leadership skills and get in touch with their Jewish identity. —Ogden Farr



Left to right: Sara Joels, Pacey Brody, Ogden Farr, Sam Galoob

My time at CLTC was truly remarkable. The experience was a blend of fun and enlightenment, allowing me to grasp new leadership concepts and learn how to successfully run a BBYO chapter. I gained so many new skills, from money management to program planning, and I plan on using what I learned in FRAZA this year. The friendships I made with Jewish teens from other regions will last a lifetime. CLTC also gave me a greater understanding of Jewish pluralism and the importance of embracing diverse viewpoints. CLTC sparked so much personal growth and equipped me to bring a wealth of tools and ideas back to Tulsa BBYO and I am excited to share them with my fellow members.

—Sam Galoob



Sara Joels (left) with Pacey Brody second from right and fellow participants

This summer I attended BBYO's Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC) in the Poconos and had so much fun. I was a little nervous at first because I had never been to a sleep away camp before, but after being there for a couple of days it felt like home. I made so many amazing new friends. At CLTC we participated in mock chapters, which helped me develop new leadership skills that I am excited to bring back to the Salomon chapter here in Tulsa. Since going to CLTC, I've felt a much greater connection to Judaism than ever before. Thank you so much Tulsa BBYO for the wonderful scholarship that gave me this opportunity. I am truly thankful.

—Sara Joels

PROGRAMS

I spent three weeks in Israel with BBYO this summer. It was an amazing experience that truly strengthened my Jewish identity. One of my favorite parts of the trip was being able to immerse myself in Israeli culture and history. Visiting sites like the Western Wall and Masada brought stories I had heard so many times to life. I was able to float in the Dead Sea, ride camels, and so much more. I also loved being able to engage with locals at the kibbutzim we stayed on. It was amazing to be able to meet other BBYO members from around the world. During the three weeks, I visited Druze, Bedouin, and Beta Israelite communities. Being able to interact with people from different cultures made me more aware of different perspectives and traditions. The trip motivated me to stay informed about current events in Israel and the Arab-Israeli conflict. My experience in Israel has shaped my Jewish identity, gave me the chance to learn about other cultures, and gave me a personal connection to Israel. I'm so grateful for this trip and all the other opportunities that Tulsa BBYO has given me.

—Maren Hettler



Maren Hettler on left with attendee

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Jacob Barnes on left with Ogden Farr (center) and fellow attendee

I attended the International Leadership Training Conference (ILTC) and International Kallah, two summer programs at Camp Perlman with BBYO. While at ILTC, we had daily classes where I learned how to grow my BBYO chapter. These skills will allow me to enrich other Jewish teens by planning thoughtful BBYO programming. I was able to further develop my Jewish identity. While at camp for 40 days, we only ate kosher foods. After ILTC, Intl. Kallah was all about Jewish education and expanding our Jewish identities. The program allowed me to become well-versed on many topics in Judaism, including the great diversity that exists across communities around the world. We attended daily Shacharit (morning) services and Ma'ariv (evening) services that were held in different traditions (reform, conservative, orthodox, etc.) and it was great to see that most campers showed up each day even though services were optional. Kallah taught me a lot about Judaism and made me more confident about integrating Jewish practices into my life. I am so grateful to Tulsa BBYO and David Finer for their support, so I could have this life-changing experience.

—Jacob Barnes

This summer I had the opportunity to attend the Mediterranean Discovery summer program through BBYO. It was a fantastic experience where I made some new friends, but also made a deeper connection with myself. When I saw the Grand Synagogue in Florence, Italy I was in awe of how intricate the details were in the building. I felt such a strong sense of community when I sat in the synagogue. It was a feeling that I will never forget—a sense of peace and knowledge of our shared global Jewish history. Witnessing the difference in cultures was a great experience but seeing that we celebrated the same way brought me joy. Wherever we are, Jewish people are connected through prayer and celebration. This trip opened my eyes to a deeper Jewish identity and gave me the chance to become closer to other Jewish teens. I want to thank David Finer and Lydia Lapidus for the opportunity. I also would like to thank my mom for supporting me while I was away. If you have a child in BBYO, I strongly encourage them to take one of these trips. It will change their life for the better!

—Gabby Raskin-Irwin



Gabby Raskin-Irwin far right.

Selichot Services

Saturday, September 9 – 7:00 p.m.

A traditional prelude to the Jewish New Year, we gather this night to sing a service that highlights the themes and ideas of the holiday season. The evening culminates with blasts from the shofar as we make our final preparations for Rosh Ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur.

Sisterhood Book Club

Sunday, September 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Sisterhood members will be discussing, *People Love Dead Jews*, by Dara Horn. This book asks why there is so much fascination with Jewish deaths and little respect for Jewish lives. Exploring the stories of Anne Frank, a traveling exhibit entitled *Auschwitz and Horn's own family tree*, this book is rated by the *New York Times* as an outstanding book with a bold mission.

Blatt and Blue

Thursday, September 14 – 7:00 p.m.

Visit www.tulsagogue.com for more information regarding the movie selection and viewing options. Join us for our conversation at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom (918 583 7121). Newcomers are welcome to join the dialogue.

Rosh Ha-Shanah: Entering the New Year

Friday, September 15 – Sunday, September 17

No tickets, just you. All you have to do is walk through the door. There are no admission requirements of any kind for High Holiday services at Congregation B'nai Emunah. Sit where you like and bring friends who might appreciate a spirited observance of this Jewish New Year. We'll be waiting for you just inside. A variety of services and celebrations highlight the holiday. The daytime services begin at 9:30 a.m. Sermons will be delivered around 10:45 a.m. Music, big ideas, and spending time with community combine



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to create a powerful way to start the New Year. We hope to see you there. As is now always the case, all programs and services will be available on Zoom for hybrid participation. For a full calendar and detailed description of events visits: tulsagogue.com/high-holidays

Kapparot | Releasing the Doves
Sunday, September 24 • 11:45 a.m.

Kapparot is an ancient practice through which we symbolically transfer our transgressions from the year past in preparation for Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). Our version of this ritual requires we release one hundred doves from the Synagogue's front door. You won't want to miss out on this once-a-year event.

Yom Kippur: Seeking Forgiveness

Sunday and Monday, September 24 and 25

Just like on Rosh Ha-Shanah, all you have to do is walk through the door. There are no admission requirements for High Holiday services at Congregation B'nai Emunah. Sit where you like and bring friends who might appreciate a spirited observance of this holiest day. We look forward to being together. Kol Nidray inaugurates the holiday at 7:00 p.m. on Sept. 24. The following day, daytime services begin at 9:30 a.m. with a sermon and Yizkor taking place around 11:00 a.m. Programming will

continue throughout the day culminating in the Neilah closing service at sundown. A community break-the-fast will follow. Come as you are and feel the strength of community. As is always the case, all programs and services will be available on Zoom for hybrid participation. For a complete calendar and detailed description of events, visit tulsagogue.com/high-holidays.

Shabbat for Everyone: Sukkot Edition

Friday, September 29 • 6:00 p.m. Dinner • 7:00 p.m. Celebration

It's the single most ginormous Sukkah celebration in Oklahoma. We'll gather in the sukkah on the south lawn for an inclusive Sukkot Shabbat Dinner. The experience will be supported as always by a gift from Harry and Carol Brouse Windland and Brian Brouse. A joyful Shabbat Sukkot celebration led by the members of Klay Kodesh, B'nai Emunah's vocal and instrumental ensemble, will follow the meal. Special games, toys, and experiences await! No reservation is necessary for the celebration, which begins at 7:00 p.m. But please call the Synagogue Offices or visit our website to make reservations for the 6:00 p.m. dinner. The service will be broadcast live on Zoom at 918 583 7121.

Sukkot | The First Days
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 • 9:30 a.m.

Sukkot occupies an unparalleled place on the Jewish calendar. It's a great harvest festival; after weeks of introspection, we go outside to celebrate in our beautiful surroundings. Yom Tov services will take place on September 30 and October 1, beginning both mornings at 9:30 a.m. Assuming beautiful weather, we will chant services in the sukkah. We'll shake lulav and etrog and connect with the world beyond the confines of a permanent structure. In-person and on Zoom.

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Afternoon/Evening Services
Every Wednesday and Friday • 5:30 p.m.

Each week, we gather to experience traditional daily prayer and establish a quiet space for those mourning a loved one or observing the anniversary of a loss (yahrtzeit). All use these opportunities to recite a communal Mourner's Kaddish. Both gatherings take place in the Synagogue's Davis-Goodall

Chapel, with full participation available both in-person and through the Synagogue Zoom Room. We ask that in-person attendees register in advance on our website. Friday gatherings always occur in the Synagogue Zoom Room at 918 583 7121.

Shabbat Morning Services
Every Saturday • 9:30 a.m.

Each week, we convene on Saturday morning to sing the

liturgy of the tradition, study the weekly Torah portion, and spend time amongst family and friends. All are welcome to participate in this experience in person or on Zoom. Members and friends can access the Synagogue Zoom Room at 918 583 7121. ■



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COMING UP ON SEPTEMBER¹

by Rabbi Michael Weinstein

White butterflies, with single black fingerprint eyes on their wings, dart and settle, eddy and mate over the green tangle of vines in Labor Day morning steam.

The year grinds into ripeness and rot, grapes darkening, pears yellowing, the first Virginia creeper twining crimson, the grasses, dry straw to burn.

The New Year rises, beckoning across the umbrellas on the sand. I begin to reconsider my life. What is the yield of my impatience? What is the fruit of my resolve?

I turn from my frantic white dance over the jungle of productivity and slowly a niggun slides, cold water down my throat. I rest on a leaf spotted red. Now is the time to let the mind search backwards like the raven loosed to see what can feed us. Now, the time to cast the mind forward to chart an aerial map of the months.

The New Year is a great door that stands across the evening and Yom Kippur is the second door. Between them are song and silence, stone and clay pot to be filled from within myself.

I will find there both ripeness and rot, what I have done and undone, what I must let go with the waning days and what I must take in. With the last tomatoes, we harvest the fruit of our lives.

Here we are. September is, once again, upon us. Labor Day and back to school. The sense of structure, calm, and return. The same should be said for our Jewish lives and Hebrew calendar. We have begun the work of Elul; that self-reflective period wherein we take a *cheshbon hanefesh*, a critical assessment of the soul. In just a week, on the evening of September 09, we will begin to recite the prayers, gaining a *ta'am*, a taste of the *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe. The sights and sounds will be before us.

With trepidation, excitement, and joy, we will fill the halls of Temple Israel for the High Holy Days. We take notice; who is not in their seat, as they are no longer with us? Who are those new faces, the ones I am yet to know? I am different; a year older, a year wiser; a year has passed since last we were all together. What is it you are looking forward to with these High Holy Days 5784? What will the New Year bring for you?

Your Temple Israel Family, staff, and leadership have all been hard at work, as we prepare for the coming weeks of reflection, growth, renewal, and celebration. All are welcome, no tickets, no fees, no expectations. Please join us. Our doors are open, the Gates of Repentance are open, all we need do, is step through.

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah, may you have a sweet New Year.

¹ Marge Piercy (b. 1936)

Join our Temple Israel Family for the High Holy Days

We invite you to begin your New Year with meaningful messages and melodies.

Everyone is welcome.

No tickets or reservations necessary.

Your Temple Israel clergy, leadership, and staff.



Shana Tova U'Metukah! Temple Israel Clergy and Staff.

Days of Awe in the Babylonian Talmud: Preparing for the High Holy Days with Rabbi Weinstein on Zoom • Thurs., September 7, 14, 21 & 28 • 2:00 p.m. • As we make our way through the summer months, our High Holy Days are quickly approaching. Let's prepare for the Yamim Noraim, together by exploring what our rabbinical texts inform us on the journey of Teshuvah. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Birthday Shabbat Service in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., Sept. 8 • 6:00 p.m. • Join us as we welcome in Shabbat. During this service, we will honor August birthdays. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. for a pre-oneg. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

High Holy Days at TI

Leil Selichot • Sat., Sept. 9 • 7:30 p.m. • Join us during the month of Elul for our Selichot service, as we prepare ourselves for the magnitude of the Days of Awe.

Erev Rosh Hashanah • Fri., Sept. 15 • 7:30 p.m. • Everyone, including members and guests, are welcome to worship and celebrate the New Year 5784 starting with Erev Rosh Hashanah. There is plenty of parking with additional parking across the street at Utica Square. For your convenience, the service will also be broadcast via Zoom, for those who cannot, or choose not to attend in person. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Rosh Hashanah • Sat., Sept. 16 • 10:00 a.m. • Join the Temple Israel family as we continue Rosh Hashanah worship in the morning. Come to hear the mystical sounds of the shofar as we rejoice in the New Year! For your convenience, the service will also be broadcast via Zoom, for those who cannot, or choose not to attend in person. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Rosh Hashanah Young Family Birthday Party at the Zoo • Sat., Sept. 16 • 3:00 p.m. • Young

families are invited to meet at the Tulsa Zoo for this special Birthday of the World party including a children's service with songs, stories, and animal guests! Our afternoon concludes with the sounding of the shofar and birthday cake.

Kever Avot Memorial Service • Sun., Sept. 17 at 10:30 a.m. • Join us as we honor our ancestors with Yizkor at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Tashlich • Sun., Sept. 17 • 3:00 p.m. • **The Gathering Place • Tashlich**, meaning "to cast away",



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Celebrate the High Holy Days

Tikkun Leil Selichot Sat 9/9 - 7:30pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah Fri 9/15 - 7:30pm

Rosh Hashanah Service Sat 9/16 - 10:00am

Rosh Hashanah Family Event at the Tulsa Zoo Sat 9/16 - 3:00pm

Kever Avot at Rose Hill Cemetery Sun 9/17 - 10:30am

Shorashim in the City Sun 9/17 - 12:00pm

Tashlich at Gathering Place Sun 9/17 - 3:00pm

Shabbat Shuvah Fri 9/22 - 6:00pm

Kol Nidre Sun 9/24 - 7:30pm

Yom Kippur Mon 9/25 - 10:00am

Yom Kippur Afternoon Learning Mon 9/25 - 1:00pm

Music and Meditation Mon 9/25 - 2:00pm

Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, Yizkor, and N'eilah Mon 9/25 - 3:30pm

Yom Kippur Community Break Fast Mon 9/25 - 6:00pm

Erev Sukkot Fri 9/29 - 6:00pm followed by a

Congregational Dinner - 7:30pm

Scotch in the Sukkah Sun 10/01 - 6:00pm

Simchat Torah Fri 10/6 - 6:00pm

L'Shanah tovah u'metukah

May you have a good and sweet New Year!

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is a ceremony in which we symbolically rid ourselves of the wrongdoings we committed during the previous year. We will meet at The Gathering Place to cast our transgressions into the water as we reflect upon how we may be better in the coming year. Join in the warmth of community as we usher in the New Year with personal reflection and song.

Shabbat Shuvah Service • Fri., Sept. 22 • 6:00 p.m. • Join your Temple Israel Clergy Team in person or online for this special Shabbat during the Days of Awe. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link

Kol Nidre • Sun., Sept. 24 • 7:30 p.m. • Join us at Temple Israel to hear a stirring rendition of Kol Nidre as we begin the process of repentance on the evening of Yom Kippur. For your convenience, the service will also be broadcast via Zoom, for those who cannot, or choose not to attend in person. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Yom Kippur • Mon., Sept. 25 • 10:00 a.m. • Return to Temple Israel as we continue our Yom Kippur worship with a morning service. From 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. join in for Afternoon Learning, Music and Meditation, Yizkor and Neilah. For

your convenience, the service will also be broadcast via Zoom, for those who cannot, or choose not to attend in person. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Break Fast • Mon., Sept. 25 • 6:00 p.m. • Compliments of the Sharna and Irvin Frank Foundation directly following N'eilah Service on Yom Kippur. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com ■

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rub, smoked, and then steamed, which transforms the meat into a rich, tender, and seasoned meat so it is a different process than anywhere else in town. The oven baked brisket is also very different from a smoked brisket. Gambill's offers an array of Spanish-influenced coffee drinks as well as about two dozen wines from around the world including Israel, France, Spain, South Africa, and Australia.

Gambill also owns the OK Distilling Company that roasts its own coffee (which can be purchased at his restaurants) and plans on opening Gambill's Tex-Mex later this year at 1927 S Harvard, next to the Pastaria. Future plans are for a Taco Bar and Brewery at his 1724 E. Seventh Street OK Distillery location as well as a "kids friendly coffee shop."

Because of space limitations, all the food at the deli is currently prepared off site at his Pastaria location. The deli's menu will slowly begin to expand, especially once the up-scale apartment complex, Noma, opens across the street. They plan to be open for breakfast and will have house made bagels and lox along with breakfast sandwiches and burritos.

Gambill's Jewish Deli is currently open from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Hunter invites you to come and have a Nosh! ■



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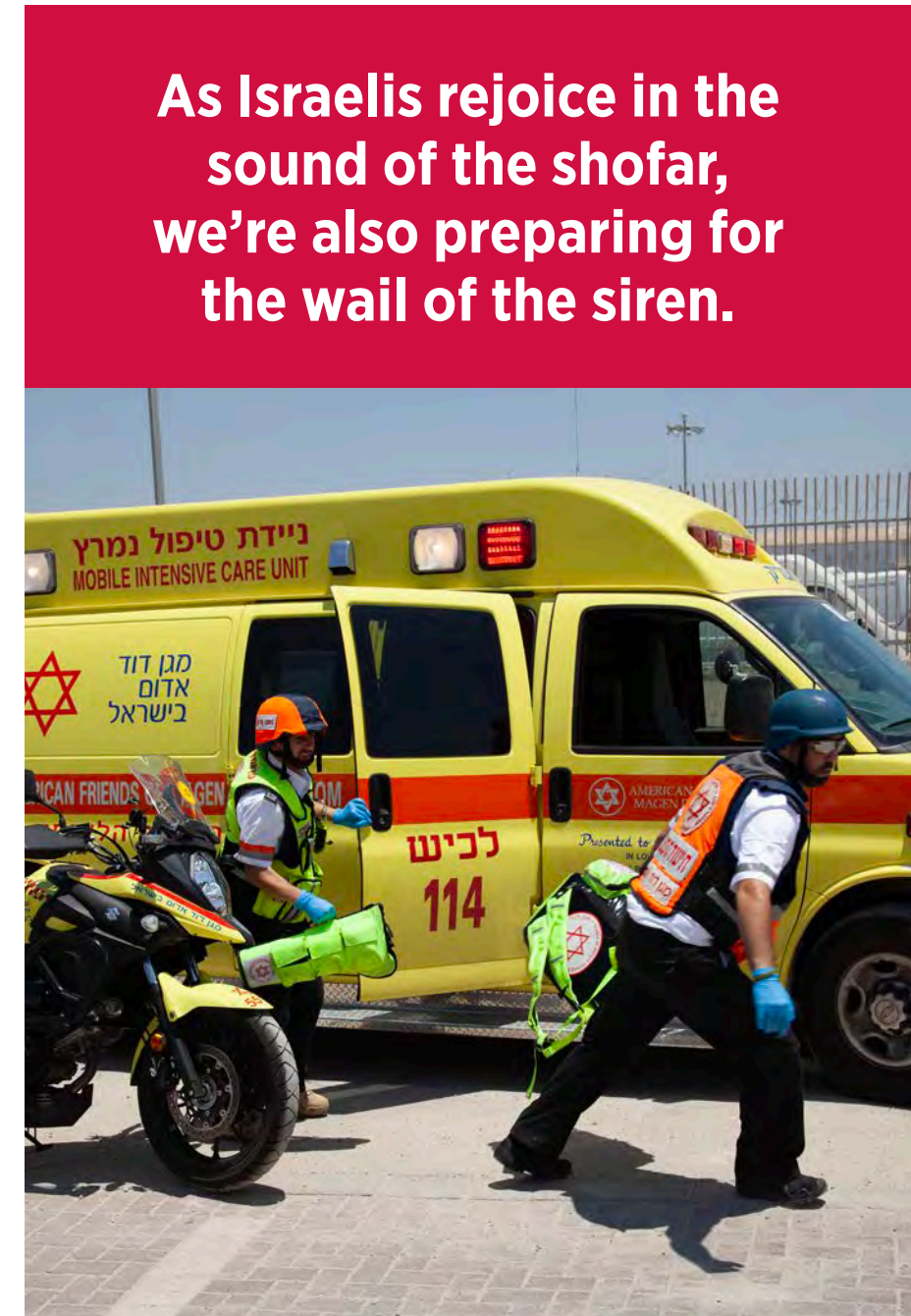
NEW JEWISH DELI OPENS IN TULSA

by Phil Goldfarb

Gambill's Jewish Deli and Wine Bar has recently opened in Tulsa and is located at 1102 S. Lewis Ave. The owner, Hunter Stone Gambill is a 4th generation Jewish Oklahoman on his maternal Loeffler side. His great great grandparents, Samuel and Rose Loeffler immigrated to the United States in 1887 from Minsk, Belarus. His great-grandfather Louis Loeffler, grandfather David Loeffler, and mother Pauli Loeffler were all attorneys. Keeping it in the family, besides a degree in accounting, as well as an MBA, Hunter is also an attorney!

Hunter was raised in Edmond and was a Bar Mitzvah at Temple B'nai Israel in Oklahoma City. His first job working in a kitchen at age 14 in Oklahoma City started him on his path to opening a restaurant of his own. He worked in Oregon, Guatemala, and China before finally settling in Tulsa. Hunter, his wife Anna and their two children ages 3 ½ and 2 are members of Congregation B'nai Emunah.

Hunter's first restaurant venture in Tulsa was Gambill's Pastaria and Grocery at 1921 S. Harvard, which has done very well and boasts a high percentage of repeat customers. This new deli restaurant has a limited menu to start with using his pastrami recipe as well as his mother's brisket recipe. At Gambill's Jewish Deli, the pastrami is a labor intensive process of being dry cured, spritzed with red wine vinegar, given a Rabbi Dan Kaiman's special



As Israelis rejoice in the sound of the shofar, we're also preparing for the wail of the siren.

With the growing threat of a war with Hezbollah, we can't ensure this Rosh HaShanah will usher in a peaceful year. But with a new campaign to add 300 urgently needed ambulances to MDA's fleet, we can save lives no matter what 5784 brings.

Make a donation today or contact us about how you, your family, or synagogue can provide the ambulances MDA will need.

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Shanah Tovah!
Warm wishes for a Happy New Year!



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