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Event coordinators (left to right) Rabbi Lily Kowalski, Isabella Silberg, Rebekah Kantor, and Natalie Shaver welcoming YJP Purim guests.



Jake and Hannah Bakewell contributing to the "Matanot L'Evyonim" (gifts to those in need)



Romi Basch taking her careful turn on a Jenga match.



Chen Shoval and Tal Yogev in their flashy Purim costumes



Natalie Shaver and Adam Brimer gearing to race in the forty feet long inflatable obstacle course.

Young Professionals Purim–Community Event Recapped

by **ISABELLA SILBERG**, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

The programmers from The Synagogue Congregation B'nai Emunah, Jewish Federation of Tulsa, Temple Israel, and Tulsa Tomorrow come together quarterly to discuss opportunities for collaboration. Keeping the Federation theme of Unity 2022 in mind, we were excited to brainstorm a collaboration for a Spring program. The idea of a young Jewish professionals Purim party was presented, and we began to collaborate how we could creatively fulfill the four mitzvot of Purim. The mitzvah we focused the majority of our efforts and attention on was Matanot L'evyonim, or giving to those in need. We gathered supplies needed to make personal hygiene packs, which would not have been possible without our incredibly generous community members. We had over 30 contributors through the Amazon registry link and several local shopper's dropped off items which helped us complete our goal of 200 hygiene packets donated to the Tulsa Day Center.

The other mitzvot of Purim includes listening to the public reading of the Book of Esther (k'riat megillah), sending food gifts to friends (mishloach manot), and partaking in a celebratory meal (se'udat Purim). We were creative in our ways of completing these mitzvot by putting together a trivia competition about the story of Purim, enjoying a carnival themed meal with lots of food, drinks, and snacks and finally, after the party ended, each participant was given a goody bag with a hamantaschen to enjoy.

After two years of the Covid-19 roller-coaster, this successful in-person collaborative event was a great kickoff to our theme of

Rickoff to our theme of incorporating unity and community. We are so thankful to all those who contributed to our service project, came to our event, and sent their feedback following the program.



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Passover in Israel

by CHEN SHOVAL, ISRAELI EMISSARY

For Israelis, the synonym for Passover is order and cleanliness. It is indeed a religious tradition, which comes from the idea of cleaning the house of chametz. Chametz is food with acidic substances that are forbidden on the Jewish Passover holiday. According to Halacha,



Jews are not allowed to hold, eat or enjoy Chametz on Passover. Chametz is a product that is made from one of five types of grains—wheat, barley, rye, oats, and spelt—and has been combined with water and left to stand for more than eighteen minutes (according to most opinions). Therefore, anything that could have come in touch of chametz, is not Kosher for Passover. This is why in Israel people are entering the time of cleaning and organizing—ensuring that not a single crumb of chametz remains in the house.

Some Israeli's will clean the whole house including the kitchen cabinets, the refrigerator, rugs, walls, floors, closets, and even sofas. The leftover chametz is removed from the house, either thrown away or burned. Some people freeze the chametz and wait for Passover to pass, then they thaw and use again, and others will let their non-Jewish neighbors, mostly Muslims, "keep" the chametz, which is mostly bread, pitas, and any food that does not have a Passover kosher stamp.

If you visit Israel during the Passover holiday, you would see an entire supermarket's shelves covered with a white sheet, simply hiding non-Passover kosher

cleaning. Many people take advantage of this time to purge unused items, donate clothes and housewares to charities, or just put the items outside of their home for someone to take and reuse. Many people also mark the holiday by purchasing new household items and furniture. All one must do is drive down a residential street and see the furniture at the curb during Passover to understand how widespread this phenomenon is. This is a very busy season for the phenomenon is. This and Bone Man!"

closed — especially bakeries—because their

main ingredients include

chametz and therefore,

they have no reason to

every corner of the house,

office, and store, it has

also become the holiday

of organizing and not just

clean

Because people

stay open.

During Passover, the landscape is beautiful. Spring has begun, the ground is green and flourishing, the weather is warming up, and the flowers are everywhere. That's why the other name for Passover is Aviv, which means Spring. The atmosphere of the home and the environment is clean and fresh. To learn more about organizing during the holidays the next J Moms meeting on April 3rd is a Chametz Brunch, with Aubry and Lauryl of Stay Golden Organizing who will talk about keeping our homes organized and clean, focusing on the decluttering your children's room and/or play area. For more information please contact me at: emissary@jewishtulsa.org

foods. A large inventory of chametz products would not be replenished until after the holiday, and all the groceries that are displayed and available for purchase will have a "kosher for Passover" stamp. Restaurants put out a special menu for Passover or remain



Chen Shoval

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JFT Upcoming Events



JMoms | Sunday, April 3 | 10:00am | Terrie's House

Mark your calendars! We'll be gearing up for Passover. JMom, Terrie Shipley, will host a chametz-heavy brunch and we'll all learn decluttering tips from professional organizers Aubry and Lauryl with Stay Golden Organizing. We can't wait to see you there!

Register at: www.jewishtulsa.org/homeorg101

Rosh Chodesh | Thursday, April 7 | 6:45pm | The Succulent Shop

Spring is here! This new moon, the ladies of Rosh Chodesh will focus on not only the moon, but also the sun-the moon's counterpart. We will gather at The Succulent Shop, where we will plant our own creations and learn about the miraculous growth that happens when plants use both light and dark to sustain life.

Register at: www.jewishtulsa.org/sunandmoon

PJ Library Interactive Passover Celebration | Sunday, April 10 | 2:00pm | CSJCC

We will have the perfect fun, interactive and informative Seder with chocolate, crafts, and more for PJ library families. We ask that parents register their families before the day of the event for \$10 per family. We welcome all parents to join in this celebration with us.

Register at: www.jewishtulsa.org/pj-passover

Men's Club | Wednesday, April 13th | 12:00pm | CSJCC Dan Room

We will be joined for a lunch & learn session with Mimi Tarrasch, Chief Program Officer of the Women in Recovery & Women's Justice Programs. We will offer this program as a hybrid, in person or virtual. An optional lunch is available for in-person participants for \$10.

Register at: www.jewishtulsa.org/mensclub-april13

Men's Club | Wednesday, April 27th | 12:00pm | CSJCC Dan Room

We will be joined for a lunch & learn session with the author of Lost Restaurants of Tulsa, a book by Rhys A. Martin that takes us on a gastronomic journey through time, from the Great Depression to the days of "Liquor by the Wink" and the Oil Bust of the 1980s. This program will be offered in hybrid form and an optional \$10 lunch is available upon RSVP to those who join in person.

Register at: www.jewishtulsa.org/mensclub-april27

Yom HaShoah | Thursday, April 28th | The Synagogue|Congregation B'nai Emunah

24th Annual Interfaith Yom HaShoa. When silence led to persecution and death of millions. With Keynote speaker Tali Nates.

See flyer on page 14

More info at: www.jewishtulsa.org/yomhashoah2022

Please contact Director of Programs Isabella Silberg with any questions. isilberg@jewishtulsa.org 918.495.1100

Go to **www.JewishTulsa.org/events** to view a full calendar of events.



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Save the Dates!

Yom Hazikaron Tuesday, May 3rd Yom Haatzmaut Sunday, May 15th Feeding The Soul Tuesday, May 24th Men's Club Wednesday, May 11th and 25th

Introducing Executive Assistant Holly Hughes



Holly Hughes moved to Tulsa with her 13-year-old son recently to be close to her family who all relocated here from Central Oklahoma. Holly received her Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology where she focused on the research section of the field. Holly minored in Fine and Performing Arts because she has a love for fine arts, musicals, and photography. Before becoming the executive assistant to the Director of the Jewish Federation she worked in management for two small Eastern Oklahoma libraries. In her management role she focused on bringing cultural, educational, and informative programs to the communities she served. Since February, Holly has been learning about the Federation, her job duties, and the Jewish culture. She is excited and happy to continue to learn about both further. Holly enjoys knitting, hiking, and spending time with her family. ■

Holly Hughes



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Saturday	noon-5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am-5:00pm

APRIL PESACH HOLIDAY HOURS:

Pesach- April 15th (Fri) JFT Closes at Noon SMMJA Closes at Noon JCC Closes at 5pm

Pesach- April 16 (Sat) ALL CLOSED ALL DAY

Pesach- April 17 (Sun) JFT Closed SMMJA Closed JCC Fitness Open Noon- Pesach- April 23 (Sat) 5pm Pesach- April 21 (Thur) JFT Closes at Noon SMMJA Closes at Noon JCC Closes at 5pm

Men's Monday Night Open Pick Up Basketball Games 7pm-9pm

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Contact Benny at 918-495-1111 or Bortiz@jewishtulsa.org

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1. Pick up an April Showers Water Tracking Sheet

2. Fill in a drop for each glass of water you drink (eight glasses a day)

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Contact Hannah or Benny with any questions fitness@jewishtulsa.org

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Pesach- April 22 (Fri) ALL CLOSED ALL DAY

JFT Closed SMMJA Closed JCC Fitness Open Noon-5pm



Benny Ortiz

Q & AWith New JCC Fitness Employee Benny

My name is Benny. I'm from Tulsa, I'm a big basketball fan, and I love Disney movies. I am a fitness instructor here at JCC. I have a Bachelors in Recreation Administration and a Master's in Sports and Leisure Service Management from Pittsburg State University. I will be teaching fitness classes, personal training, and starting up sports programs.

Q: How long have you been working at the JCC?

I have been working at the JCC for 6 months. The summer of my senior year of college I worked at Camp Shalom, so I was a little familiar with everything here before I took the fitness desk position.

Q: What do you love about the JCC?

I love that this place is so friendly. The community here is so welcoming and kind. I would recommend it to anyone because of how amazing everyone here is. There is also always something new and fun to do all the time from events to fitness challenges and so much more.

Q: What classes do you teach?

I do not currently teach any classes but I am planning on having a dumbbell class as well as another bootcamp class. I hope to add some more along the way.

Q: What makes the JCC different from other gyms?

This gym is so amazing. The community atmosphere is unbelievable. It also offers everything any gym would and then some. It is such a such a safe and friendly place to get in a good workout. The staff, along with the members, are so supportive while you go through your fitness journey.

Q: What do you see in the future for Tulsa's JCC Fitness?

I see more sports programs, more fitness classes, more members, and a whole lot more fun. We have fun, but I'd like to see it expand into even more fun. I'd like to get everyone more active and about in all different ways and make JCC home to even more people.



Let's Eat!

by **AMANDA ANDERSON,** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MIZEL JEWISH COMMUNITY DAYSCHOOL

This month at Mizel Jewish Community Day School we celebrate Passover! While this particular holiday commemorates our exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage, like many of our other holidays, we celebrate it by gathering around the table and sharing a good meal. Whether it's through Passover's matzo ball soup, Rosh Hashanah's apples and honey, or my favorite, Shabbos' challah, we get to learn about our collective story through food!

And at Mizel Jewish Community Day School we take our food seriously! New for the 2021-2022 school year, we are introducing a culinary program designed to engage and educate students about traditional Jewish dishes and a balanced diet. Our student chefs have dubbed themselves the Mizel Makers! Depending on the day of the week, our Mizel Makers of all grade levels can be seen in the kitchen cooking up everything from hamentashen to quiche, blintzes, hummus, and even the very traditional... chocolate mousse cake... good for a breakfast or bar/bat mitzvahs. Shout out to our taste-tester, Board Member Brian Brouse, who also ensures everything is 5-stars before it leaves the kitchen!

What's more, this program isn't just about strengthening our Jewish identities through food creation. It's also about strengthening our community and Jewish roots through food giving. Thanks to some great conversations with our Israeli penpals, our Mizel Makers have made it their mission to regularly donate to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. With this tzedakah we are learning more about our responsibilities to help many of our fellow Tulsans know exactly where their next meal will be coming from.

This culinary program is still young, though, and we need your support to ensure it continues to grow and get stronger. We need more recipes, donations, ingredients, volunteers, and most importantly, we need more Mizel Makers!

Chag Sameach and B'Shalom!

Amanda Anderson



Mizel students strengthen their Jewish identities through food creation.



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The schools featured are Jenks Public School, Union 8th Grade Center, Mizel Jewish Community Day School, and All Saints Catholic School. Students for the Annual Purim Mask Invitational created wearable masks recognizing Purim, a joyful holiday that occurred on March 17, 2022 (Jewish Year 5782).



Society's Cage Photo Retrospective Exhibit | January-May 1

Photographs by Jamie Glisson -*Society's Cage* experiential installation was exhibited in Tulsa, Oklahoma to coincide with the centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre from Sunday, May 30, through Juneteenth on Saturday, June 19, 2021. The pavilion was exhibited on the grounds of the historic Vernon A.M.E. Church at 311 N. Greenwood Avenue.

Society's Cage has previously been exhibited in Washington, DC, on the National Mall and in Baltimore, Maryland, on War Memorial Plaza.



White on Black, Linoprints by A. Raymond Katz, 1933 January – December

Following his studies at the American Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Academy of Arts, Raymond Katz was employed by Balaban and Katz Theater Corporation to decorate movie palaces. His mural commission, *Ten Commandments* at Chicago's Century of Progress exhibition in 1933 was based on the Hebrew alphabet. Subsequent murals and stained-glass window designs commissioned by synagogues throughout America display symbolic images interpretive of Jewish traditions.



Next Year in Jerusalem (L'Shana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim). The Western Wall Through Art Exhibit January – December

Take a look through the museum's collection to find artistic impressions of the Western Wall through mediums including wood, paint, photography, metal, and more.



Jews Rock

This permanent exhibit is now open featuring photographs of music's Jewish icons through the lens of photojournalist Janet Macoska. Also featured are handpainted guitars by Oklahoma artists showcasing Jewish musicians.



Oklahoma WWII Veterans Memorial

The Memorial is now open to the public and honors the men and women who served in World War II.



Sanditen/Kaiser Holocaust Center The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art

Sanditen/Kaiser Holocaust Center doubled the size of the Museum's Holocaust Center space and provided for new state-of-the-art displays, greatly enhancing the Museum's Holocaust education capacity. The new Holocaust Center is the cornerstone of what goes on at The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art and will continue to bring in new visitors every day to learn why and how the Holocaust occurred and how to ensure it never happens again. The center showcases over 250 artifacts from soldiers and survivors never before seen by the public. The horrifying events are told through the experiences of five Holocaust survivors who made Oklahoma their home. Their first-hand accounts, along with the artifacts and documents, will help you walk into the history and lessons learned during the Holocaust. Also featured in the only Holocaust Center in the region is a one-of-a-kind art installation from local Oklahoma artists. The Museum's Sanditen/Kaiser Holocaust Center honoring Mildred and Julius Sanditen & Herman and Kate Kaiser showcases the effects of hate locally and worldwide.



2022 Cosplay Winners

Comic Fest Returns!

by MICKEL YANTZ, DIRECTOR OF COLLECTIONS & EXHIBITIONS

In 2020, The Will Eisner Comic Fest (WECF) was the last comic convention held in Oklahoma before the state and country shut down. After taking 2021 off for the pandemic, the only free comic con in the Midwest returned. Although things were a bit different this year with the safety precautions and mask requirements, it felt like Tulsa was ready to come back together and share our love of pop culture with each other. We are pleased to bite we had over 700 people in attendance throughout the day.

Nerd Alert Customs has cohosted the WEFC since the first year, and they bring in experts for the cosplay contest. This year was no different. This year's judges were Ethylives Cosplay, Alison of Divine Creations, and Dwayne of Kadalo Props. We had the largest field of cosplayers, making the judging very difficult. Congrats to this year's winners! Along with cosplayers and dinosaurs roaming the floor, the comic book vendors were busy all day giving collectors a chance to grab finds for their personal collections from the Golden Age of comics through modern day. After seeing all the goodies in the vendor section, guests ventured over to the museum and walked through the Will Eisner Exhibit loaned directly from the Will Eisner Studio, Inc. featuring 83 giclées from scanned or photographed original art by Will Eisner spanning from 1936 to 2017.

WECF is focused on local artists, writers, and vendors to promote the theme of "Buy Local" in a fun welcoming environment while bringing guests to the museum that may not have thought about visiting. We are grateful for everyone's participation and are already planning for 2023. ■



SMMJA staff ready to sign guests in



We had dinosaurs walking the floor!



Amazing local artists were vending



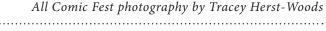
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Cosplay Judges had a tough job this year



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Local vendors stayed busy



Aerial shot of our amazing vendors and guests



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ALSO FEATURING

- Violinist Maureen O'Boyle of Signature Symphony at TCC performing musical score of theme from *Schindler's List*
- Yom HaShoah Student Art Contest display
- Candle lighting in honor of seven Holocaust upstanders
- Mobile library with Holocaust resources available for checkout from Tulsa City-County Library

Thursday, April 28 • 7 p.m. Congregation B'nai Emunah 1719 S. Owasso Ave.

(Email npettus@jewishtulsa.org for virtual option.)



Moses Turner, Tali's father



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Chanoch (Henryk) Turner, Tali's uncle





24th Annual Interfairh Yom HaShoah Commemoration

by NANCY PETTUS, DIRECTOR OF HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

During the Holocaust so much was known by people who could have made a difference, but the silence was resounding. Please join us for the 24th Annual Interfaith Yom HaShoah Commemoration as Tali Nates, Executive Director of the Johannesburg, Africa, Holocaust & Genocide Centre, addresses the many instances during the Holocaust when people's silence led to the persecution and death of millions. Ms. Nates will also share the story of her father and uncle whose lives were saved by Oscar Schindler, a man who refused to remain silent in the face of atrocity. Her powerful message will clearly highlight not only the tragic consequences of being a bystander, but also the life-giving results that occur when one acts as an upstander.

The event, presented by the Council for Holocaust Education of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa, is in partnership with the Tulsa City/County Library, the Circle Cinema, B'nai Emunah Synagogue and Temple Israel. This year's Commemoration will be held in person at B'nai Emunah Synagogue on Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm. There will also be a virtual opportunity available. A musical score of the theme from Schindler's List will be performed by Signature Symphony's violinist Maureen O'Boyle. Lighting candles in honor of seven Holocaust upstanders will be the student winners of our 2021 Kristallnacht Art Contest. Others participants will engage in welcome, prayer, and congratulations to the winners of the Yom HaShoah Art Contest.

Please join us for this important event to keep the memory and the lessons of the Holocaust alive in our minds and hearts.







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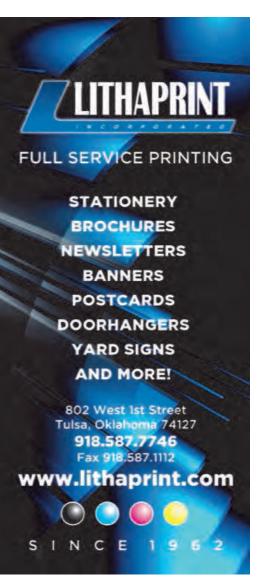
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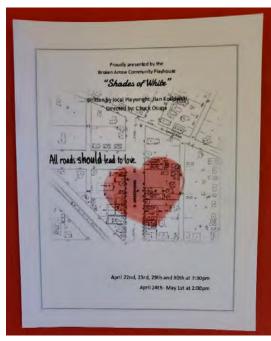
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Performances are scheduled for weekends April 22-May 1, 2022.

More information for this production can be obtained by calling the Broken Arrow *Community Playouse at 918-258-0077* or visiting www.bacptheatre.com

Israeli-born Tulsan, Ilan Kozlowski, is a playwright. His timely play, "Shades of White," will be presented by Broken Arrow Community Playhouse next month.

Connunity Corner We hope that many in our Jewish community, as well as the community at large, will attend. Set in 1990's Tulsa, Oklahoma, leading up to the 75th anniversary of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, "Shades of White" explores the relationships between an Israeli immigrant, a former member of the Ku Klux Klan, and their wives.

Narrow-minded Dr. Whitehill and his crone of a wife, Birdie, are set in their miserable ways until Dr. Whitehill encounters Yossi, an open-hearted musician, who loves life. As the characters confront one another and their pasts, truths are revealed that help lead to common ground in this dramatic comedy play where love triumphs over hate.

Uplifting, humorous, and ultimately hopeful, "Shades of White" is relevant for our world today.

ILAN KOZLOWSKI:

The son of a Polish Holocaust survivor, Ilan Kozlowski was born in Tel Aviv, Israel. At age 14, Ilan moved to New York City to study dance on scholarship at the Joffrey Ballet and Alvin Ailey schools. After dancing and acting professionally in New York City, he relocated to Tulsa to perform, teach, further his education and start his own business. Now a retired entrepreneur, writing is his passion.



Richy Arce, son of Miguel and Elvira Arce, will become a Bar Mitzvah on April 30th, 2022, at Congregation B'nai Emunah.

Richy is a seventh grader at Dove School of Discovery. He participates in gymnastics. Richy also enjoys painting.

Richy has two siblings, Ahylin and Miguel Arce. He is the grandson of Javier Hernandez and Aurora Alverez of Mexico and Vicente Ramos and Magdalena Camacho of Mexico.

He is thrilled to lead services in person surrounded by his friends and family. Preparations for his Bar Mitzvah have been made by Jackie Lasky and Sara Levitt. The community is invited to join the Arce Family for services at 9:30 a.m. in person or in the Synagogue Zoom Room. The meeting ID is 918-583-7121.

Have a Simcha or achievement to announce to the community? Contact Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Jasmine at jrikin@jewishtulsa.org for more information.

The History of Jewish Comedy Part 2 $^{\odot}$

by PHIL GOLDFARB

The Borscht Belt or the "Jewish Alps" in the early 20th century was born of physical needs in the tradition of the Yiddish Theater. Air conditioning had not yet been invented or been routinely installed in homes or cars while the New York mountains were cool.

While some hotels in the Catskill mountains restricted Jews, others promoted Friday

night services, holiday services, and had kosher food available in abundant portions. One advertisement stated "Endless Entertainment, Endless Food." Grossingers served borscht in a glass seven days a week, 52 weeks a year which led the Jewish editor of Variety to coin the region's unforgettable nickname.

The peak years of the Borscht Belt was between the 1920's and the 1960's as up to 150,000 guests a year stayed at the hotels. After WWII there were about 400 hotels in the mountains and not enough entertainers, especially comedians who many thought were the most important draws to the establishments. It was usually a tough audience for the comedians as they were heckled a lot as most comedians honed their skills in the Catskills. In some of the hotels, the comedians told the jokes in English and gave the punchline in Yiddish. In Las Vegas and other places, the Comedians warmed up the crowd for the singers, while in the Catskills, the singers warmed up the crowd for the Comedians!

Many of the most famous Jewish comedians of the 20th century launched their careers in the Catskill mountains including: Jackie Mason, Jerry Lewis (who also performed with his parents in the 1930's), Henny Youngman, Woody Allen, Joan Rivers, Lenny Bruce, Sid Caesar, Shecky Greene, Buddy Hackett, Rodney Dangerfield, Totie Fields, Joey Bishop, George Burns, Allan Sherman, George Jessel, Alan King, Mel Brooks, Phil Silvers, Jack Benny, Myron Cohen, Sam Levinson, Jan Murray, Jack Carter, Molly Picon and Don Rickles just to name a few.

Some of the more famous Borsht Belt hotels included: Grossingers, Concord, Nevele, Pocono Manor, Granit, Browns, Kutschers, Friar Tuck Inn, Fleischmanns, Brinkmans, Irvington, The Laurels, Raleigh, Tamarack Lodge, and the Overlook.

One of the first successful radio "sitcoms" was the Goldbergs which featured a Jewish Family with Gertrude Berg as the lead (See Nov 2018 TJR-Gertrude Berg). Other comedy radio shows included Jack Benny, Milton Berle, Sid Caesar, and Burns & Allen. Comedy radio stars were so popular that by the 1940's Jack Benny's voice was the mediums most recognizable voice in the U.S.! In second place? President Franklin Delano Roosevelt!

Starting in the early 1950's many of the radio comedy shows



Joe Simon, Jack Kirby/Marvel Comics

made the switch to television. "Mr. Television" was Milton Berle, Sid Caesar had "Your Show of Shows," George Burns had Burns and Allen, Groucho Marx hosted "You Bet Your Life," Phil Silvers stared in Sargent Bilko and of course, we had The Jack Benny Show.

Jewish TV show creators such as Alan David "Bud" Yorkin and his partner Norman

Lear created hit comedy shows such as: All in the Family, Maude, Sanford & Son, Good Times, What's Happening, The Jefferson's, Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman One of the longest running sitcoms was M*A*S*H created by Larry Gelbart. This begat comedies such as The Goldbergs, Seinfeld, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Shitts Creek, and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel.

Jews also built the comic book industry from the ground up as the situation was similar to that of the early motion picture industry, in which Jewish directors, producers, and studio executives who faced anti-Semitism built an industry of their own.

Popeye the Sailor was created by Jewish artist Elzie Crisler Segar. He first appeared in the King Features newspaper comic strip Thimble Theatre on January 17, 1929. (See TJR November 2019). In 1932, Max Fleischer (born Majer Fleischer) produced the Betty Boop character. An unemployed Jewish novelty salesman named Maxwell Charles "M.C." Gaines (born Max Ginzberg) and his colleague Harry L. Wildenberg at Eastern Color Printing published February 1934's Famous Funnies #1, Series 1, the first American retail comic book which consisted of newspaper "funnies."

The comic book companies were mostly run by Jewish publishers like Timely Comics (eventually renamed Marvel Comics) Martin Goodman or DC Comics Harry Donenfeld. Writer Jerry Siegel and artist Joe Shuster created Superman and in June 1938, DC Comics published his first adventure in the pages of Action Comics #1 (See May 2018 TJR Superman, The Mensch of Steel). Superman's creation heralded the beginning of the so-called "Golden Age" of comic books.

Jews Maurice Coyne (born Morris Cohen), Louis Silberkleit, and John L. Goldwater formed M.L.J. Magazines, Inc. and started publishing in September 1939. The Andy Hardy series was an inspiration for a teenaged Archibald Andrews aka "Archie" debuted in Pep Comics #22 (Dec. 1941) by MLJ Magazines.

On March 1,1941, Timely Comics superhero Captain America's Jewish creators Joe Simon and Jack Kirby (born Jacob Kurtzberg), pitted their warrior against the Nazi agent Red Skull. This became Marvel Comics #1 with Captain America clad in the American Flag knocking out Hitler on the front cover. Marvel Comics editor Martin Goodman stated that "The young American reading public must be made aware of the dangers of Nazis and fascism!"

Irving David Breger was a Jewish American cartoonist and while serving in WWII created G.I. Joe from the military term "Government Issue," while the character's full name was Joe Trooper. The cartoon appeared in the first issue of Yank, The Army Weekly on June 17, 1942, by Corporal Dave Breger.

In 1952, an innovative humor comic book created by one of the most influential Jewish satirists, Harvey Kurtzman often featured Yiddish words like "ganef," "feh," "oy," and "fershlugginer" in the stories. That humor book became MAD Magazine.

Stan Lee (born Stanley Martin Lieber) decided to develop a new type of superhero magazine. For 1961's Fantastic Four, Lee teamed with his frequent collaborator, artist Jack Kirby to create a group of superheroes. Some of Lee's other characters include Spiderman, The Hulk, X-Men, Captain Marvel

Jews also dominated the early comedy records with performers such as: Belle Barth, Alan Sherman, Sophie Tucker, Pearl Williams, Pesach Burstein, and Jackie Mason. In 1978, Time magazine estimated that 80% of professional American comics were Jewish!

Jews also founded comedy clubs such as: Second City-Chicago founded by Paul Sills (born Paul Silverberg). The Improv-NYC founded by Budd Friedman (born Gerson M Friedman), Catch a Rising Star-NYC founded by Rick Newman, The Comedy Store-L.A. founded by Sammy and Mitzi (born Lillian Saidel) Shore and The Laugh Factory-L.A. founded by Jamie Masada (an Iranian Jew).

What does all of this mean? Congratulate yourself for having a good sense of humor! In a 2013 Pew Research Center Study: "A Portrait of Jewish Americans: Overview," 42% felt that "having a good sense of humor" was part of being Jewish in America today. This was 14% more than "being part of a Jewish Community" and 23% more than "observing Jewish Law."

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We asked community members to share their favorite family Kosher-for-Passover recipes. You're going to want to try these this Pesach!

Meringues Leab Clayman -

Our family doesn't love "made for Passover" foods. However, there are some foods that we make almost exclusively for Passover!

Our Passover and springtime staple foods are:

Asparagus, strawberries, meringues, and Rice Krispies Treats (RKT). I know most people wouldn't eat Rice Krispies during Passover, but they are made of rice, which we eat during Passover. So... RKT, with mini M&Ms on top, are another beloved Passover food.

Condemn us if you wish, but we believe that the Jewish holidays should be celebrated and enjoyed, not just endured, in whichever way is meaningful to the celebrant. And really, the men who wrote the rules didn't know from meringues, cream of tartar, marshmallows, or Rice Krispies!

Happy Passover, from the Clayman Family!

Ingredients

¹/₂ cup egg whites at room temperature (3 or 4 whites, depending on size of eggs)
Scant ¹/₄ tsp salt
¹/₄ tsp cream of tartar
1 cup sugar
1 tsp vanilla

Optional: 1 cup mini chocolate chips 1 or 2 tsp instant espresso powder Toasted chopped pecans Other desired flavorings

Directions

Adjust 2 racks to divide the oven into thirds. Preheat oven to 225 F.

Line 2 large cookie sheets with parchment paper.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, using the whisk attachment, at moderately low speed, beat the whites for about 30 seconds or until they are just foamy.

Add the salt and cream of tartar.

Increase the speed to moderate and beat for almost a minute more until the whites hold a soft shape.

Continue to beat and start adding the sugar, 1 rounded tablespoon at a time – beat about 30 seconds between additions. When half the sugar has been added, add

the vanilla (and espresso powder, if desired), and then continue adding the sugar as before.

When all the sugar has been added, increase the speed to high and beat for 7-8 minutes more or until the meringue is very stiff and the sugar is dissolved – test it by rubbing a bit between your fingers.

Using a spatula, gently fold in the mini chocolate chips or other optional flavorings.

Do not let the meringue stand.

Plop large tablespoons of meringue about an inch apart on the parchment paper.

Bake for 1 hour, or a bit longer depending on size, until meringues may be lifted easily from the paper and the bottoms are firm to the touch. The longer they bake, the drier they are – and the better – but they should not be allowed to color. Turn off the heat, prop open the oven door and let them cool in the turned off oven.

Store the meringues in an airtight container. They are fragile.

Serve alone, with berries or eat them straight out of the oven!!!



Potato "Kugel" Jillian Roberts

I remember I first had this potato kugel at a friend's house for Passover seder in graduate school. I was so grateful there was a dairy-free kugel dish that was not just dietary friendly, it was delicious and so easy to make! I have eaten it every year since. Doesn't get much better than this!

Ingredients

1 1/3 sticks butter (can use margarine or non-dairy butter to make dairy-free)
About 10oz (or 1 whole) chopped onion
1 chopped green pepper
About 12 oz (or 3 whole) grated carrots
2 packages (10 oz) frozen chopped spinach
6 eggs, lightly beaten
2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
3 grated, peeled potatoes

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°

Saute peppers onions, and carrots in butter. Set and let cool.

Defrost and drain spinach very well.

Beat eggs with salt and pepper. Mix in spinach. Add potatoes to mixture.

Add cooled sauteed vegetables. Add to 9 x 12 greased or nonstick pan.

Bake for 1 hr. Let cool for 15 minutes.

Pareve Iced Dessert Tobie Bresloff

This has been a family favorite going back to when I was in Rochester, NY, my hometown.

I make it out of the Rochester Hadassah Cookbook. My mother was President of a local Hadassah chapter the year I was born and then several times in the 70's and 80's.

The recipe is from Esther Silverstein who was a family friend and a cateress. She used this as a pareve dessert for Passover or after a heavy meat meal garnished with fresh berries.

Ingredients

1 -10 ounce pkg frozen berries or peaches, partially thawed
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg white
1 banana cut up

Directions

Put all in food processor and mix until fairly smooth and thick. (1972 recipe said use mixer.) Freeze in freezer containers or ice cube tray.

Serves 6.

Fossolia Aida Nozick

A traditional Ethiopian dish that can also be enjoyed during Pesach!

Ingredients

2 large potatoes (golden) -cubed ½ lb. (4 cups) fresh green beans –ends snapped off and cut or snappedinto halves or thirds 3 carrots – cut into stick shapedpieces 2 cloves of garlic –minced 1 tsp. grated ginger 1 tsp. turmeric salt 3 large, chopped tomatoes (or 1 28 oz.can crushed tomatoes) 1 large, diced onion ¼ cup olive oil 1 small chopped jalapeno

Directions

In a large pot, heat the olive oil, add the diced onion and sauté until soft.

Add the garlic and ginger and stir until fragrant for about 1 minute.

Add the tomatoes and turmeric and cook for 5 to 8 minutes on medium lowheat.

Add the carrots and cook until semi-soft, then add the potatoes and cook untiltender, about 12 minutes.

Add the green beans and cover the pot. Allow them to cook for another 10 minutes.

Add salt and the jalapeno for the last 2 minutes of cooking. B'teavon!!

Originally presented at Small Federations' Ethiopian Israelis Learning Zoom Series on January 10, 2022.

Vegetarian Matzah Ball Soup Mariel and Brandon Neth

My Chicagoan family eats, sleeps, and breathes meat, but when nine-year-old-baby (me) found out where meat came from, that was that for me. Finding vegetarian restaurant options and cookbooks in the early 90s was harder than finding a Jew in the NFL Hall of Fame, so I had to come up with my own recipes. Matzo ball soup, being Jewish Penicillin, was first on my list to veggie-fy.

Ingredients

1 cup matzo ball mix

4 eggs

4 tbs olive oil for matzo balls

extra olive oil for sautéing vegetables

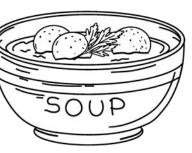
3 carrots

3 onions

2 celery stalks

1/2 lb mushrooms

- 3 sprigs of parsley
- 3 tbs vegetable bouillon
- 10 cups water



Directions

Cut up and set aside carrots, onions, celery, and mushrooms. I like a small dice (1/4 inch) because you can fit several pieces of vegetable in each spoonful. Any size is fine though!

In both your soup pot, and in one large pan, heat olive oil on medium high. Once hot, add all onions

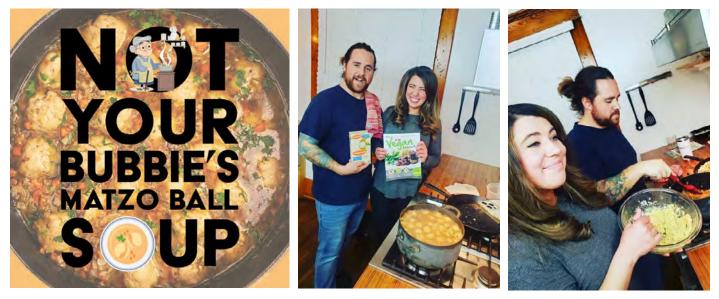
to your pan and sauté. At the same time, add carrots to the pot and sauté for a couple minutes before adding the celery to the carrots. When the carrots and celery appear to be around halfway done, add the mushrooms.

While the vegetables are sautéing, using a fork, blend eggs, four tablespoons of olive oil, and matzo ball mix in a bowl until evenly mixed. Place in fridge

Once onions are caramelized, or as close as you have patience for, add ten cups of water to their pot along with veggie bouillon and the carrot/celery/ mushroom mixture. Bring to a boil

While the water is heating up, wet your hands and start rolling one-inch matzo balls. I like to roll them really loosely.

Drop matzo balls into boiling soup. Chop parsley and add to pot. Keep the pot at a gentle boil for the next 20 minutes. I like to carefully push the top matzo balls down every few minutes to make sure they're all thoroughly cooked. Add salt/pepper to taste. I know it's impossible to leave leftovers, but it truly tastes best the next day!



Originally presented as a Jewish Federation of Tulsa Zoom cooking workshop, "Not Your Bubbie's Matzo Ball Soup" On November 18, 2021.



Meet Our Newest Tulsa Transplant, Tara Levy!



riginally from South Florida and most recently residing in South Carolina, Tara comes to Tulsa with Tulsa Tomorrow and Tulsa Remote and brings with her a passion for creating radically inclusive Jewish spaces and values-based Jewish life. Tara is an experienced Jewish educator having worked in Hillels on Campus at University of Miami and University of Michigan. Currently, Tara supports young adults across the country to create Shabbat dinner experiences in her role as a National Field Specialist at OneTable (onetable. org). Inspired by ancient Jewish wisdom, OneTable is a national non-profit that empowers folks (21-39ish) to find, share, and enjoy Shabbat dinners, making the most of their Friday nights. Tara loves hosting Shabbat dinners in her home and looks forward to welcoming her new Tulsan friends to her Shabbat dinner table!

In her free time, Tara enjoys searching for treasure in thrift stores and makers markets, spending time with her cat Bialy, and exploring locally around Tulsa!

If you are interested in hosting your own Shabbat dinners or would like to connect with Tara to learn more about her work at OneTable, you can reach her at tara@onetable.org.

About Tulsa Tomorrow

Our goal is simple at Tulsa Tomorrow. We want to create opportunities that help grow our Jewish community here in Tulsa by offering programs and resources to young adults interested in relocating. We welcome new prospective Tulsans who are considering a life change and would like to spend a curated weekend getting to know Tulsa. We find that a curated weekend trip with other prospective Tulsans is the best way to open the door to opportunities here and get a feel for the real Tulsa. Through a cohort-style experience, other young adults can explore a prospective city and develop a relationship with a community who welcomes them. In fact, this is the exact way Tara was introduced to Tulsa when she first visited in the Spring of 2019. Tulsa Tomorrow designs each visit to touch on all aspects important to the life of most of our candidates. While each weekend trip is tailored to the specific interests and needs of our candidates, all trips include components of professional networking, meeting local Tulsans with similar interests, seeing the Jewish community, and touring the city. In addition to the

\$2,000 we subsidize for all our transplants, Tulsa Tomorrow supports new and current Tulsans by connecting them with local opportunities, experiences, and individuals who can help them pursue their interests and goals.

As we begin putting the chaos of the past few years behind us, Tulsa Tomorrow looks forward to hosting its second recruitment weekend since October of 2019. This coming May 5th-8th, we will be welcoming our next cohort, showing prospective Tulsans the city through our eyes! What makes this particular weekend special? MayFest! We invite you to refer any friends or family who you think could see Tulsa as their future home. Any and all who are interested can learn more at TulsaTomorrow.com, or by contacting Rebekah Kantor at TulsaTomorrow@gmail.com



Philanthropist George Kaiser giving the Tulsa Tomorrow group a private Philanthropist George Kaiser giving the Tulsa Tomorrow group a private tour of The Gathering Place. (Courtesy of Dan Brotman)

Beyond 120 by RABBI YEHUDA B. WEG, CHABAD

This April 12, Jewish L communities will mark the 120th birthday of the Rebbe ____ Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, M. of righteous memory, the most influential rabbi in modern history. Tulsa's Rabbi Yehuda Weg shares his thoughts on the milestone.

The traditional wish one gives a birthday celebrant is in Hebrew "Ad Me'ah V'esrim", or in English "May you live

until 120 years." That number is chosen because that was the lifespan of Moses. The Jewish people have been blessed with Moses-like figures throughout our history: leaders who stepped up when their nation needed them most. After the horrors of the Holocaust, the Rebbe was such a leader.

The Rebbe was born in 1902 in Mykolaiv in modernday Ukraine, where he experienced the terror of antisemitic pogroms as a child. In 1941, the Rebbe fled occupied Europe before another wave of antisemitism, and arrived to a New World whose Jewish community was filling with broken, devastated refugees who had lost everything.

Upon succeeding his father-in-law, the Sixth Rebbe, as the leader of the Chabad movement, the Rebbe stated that one's love for G-d and for the Torah could not be complete without also showing love towards one's fellow Jew. The Rebbe inspired thousands to do so: moving to cities and countries across the globe to establish Chabad centers where Jews would be sought out in love as they were once sought out in hatred.

The Rebbe was more than a leader of followers, the Rebbe inspired others to themselves become leaders. Today there are more than 3,500 Chabad institutions directed by more than 5,000 Chabad emissary couples in all 50 U.S. states and in more than 100 countries.

We have just seen an example of the leadership the Rebbe taught in war-torn Ukraine — the Rebbe's native land. The nearly-400 Chabad emissaries in that country moved mountains to come to the aid of their brothers and sisters. They brought food and medicine to people in besieged cities, organized buses and trains to shepherd thousands to safety and—in



many cases, having only recently escaped with little more than the clothes on their backs continued to toil day and night to aid their fellow Jewish refugees. Because their love for their fellow Jew was as important as their love of G-d and of Torah as their mentor and inspiration, the Rebbe, showed them.

The Rebbe was first and foremost a worldclass scholar. Dozens of

volumes of his original thoughts have been published to date. But the analogy to Moses does not only extend to age and scholarship. Moses famously led the Jewish people out of Egypt to freedom, helping change the mindset of an entire nation from downtrodden slaves to a proud people. The Rebbe took a battered, post-Holocaust generation and lifted them, too, from despair to hopefulness, and eventually to great dignity and success.

His kindness touched young and old and those between. His belief in the innate goodness of people gave them a reason to believe in themselves and to share what they knew with others. The Rebbe's sincerity was matched only by his humility. His leadership continues to inspire us more than 25 years after his passing.

So, where do we go from here? We can learn. We were fortunate to have someone to learn from. The Rebbe was perhaps more than anything a superb teacher. Mostly, he taught by example. Each of us can incorporate something of his wisdom and character into the way we go about our daily lives. If we do, the world will be a happier and better place.

We are, as the Rebbe so gently demonstrated, capable of limitless growth. We are able to improve both ourselves and those we come in contact with. We can set aside our own hardships and focus on helping others to the best of our ability. Ultimately, by learning these lessons and making them part of who we are, we will live in a world transformed and redeemed.

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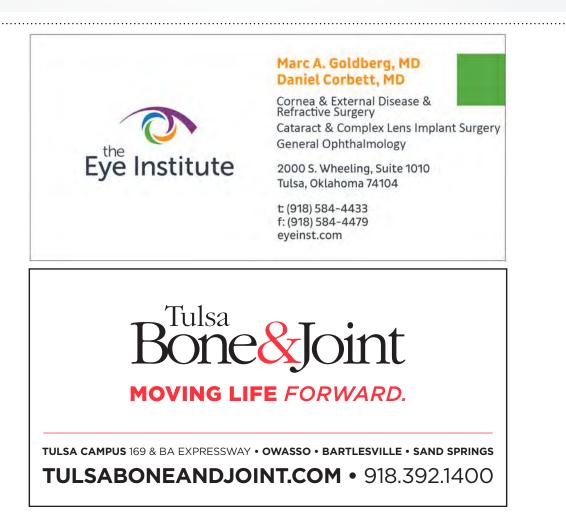
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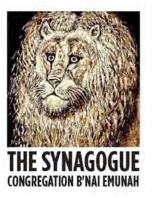
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Afternoon/Evening Services Every Wednesday and Friday • 5:30 p.m.

Each week, we gather together to experience traditional daily prayer and establish a quiet space for those who are mourning a loved one or observing the anniversary of a loss (yahrtzeit). All use these opportunities to recite a communal Mourner's Kaddish. Wednesday gatherings take place in the Sanctuary and we ask that in-person attendees register in advance. Friday gatherings always take place in the Synagogue Zoom Room at 918 583 7121.

Shabbat Morning Services Every Saturday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 9:30 a.m.

Each week, our community gathers together at the Synagogue 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. Please remember that all people entering the building are required to be masked and all eligible individuals should be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Members and friends can also participate in this experience by signing on to Zoom at 918 583 7121.

Baker's Dozen Every Monday • 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

We continue to collect cookies, bars, and single-serve baked goods and deliver them immediately to frontline workers around the city. Every member of the community is invited to participate and any gift in any amount is appreciated. Please wear a mask and deliver your cookies to the front desk at the Synagogue entrance on Mondays from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Shaver at nshaver@ bnaiemunah.com.

OPASSCO Monday, April 4 – Friday, April 15

Tulsa's one-stop-shop for all things Passover is back! From matzah to maror, OPASSCO, the Oklahoma Passover Supply Company has everything you need for your seder and day-to-day Kosher-for-Passover staples. Visit opassco.com for a product list, details on ordering, and hours for in-person shopping.

Lifelong Learners Wednesday, April 6 • 11:30 a.m.

Ageless seniors from every corner of the community are invited to join Rabbi Dan Kaiman at the Synagogue for lunch and rabbinic storytelling from the literature of our civilization. The session will begin at 11:30 a.m. A bus will leave from Zarrow Pointe at 11:00 a.m. each time. No charge for transportation (you may of course come in your own vehicle) and lunch from Queenie's will be provided. Please reserve your spot and/or your meal by calling the Synagogue office at (918) 583-7121.

Two Rabbis And... Friday, April 8 • 7:00 p.m.

Join us for the new format of our podcast, "Two Rabbis And..." After Shabbat dinner at home, log on to Zoom at 7:00 p.m. for a live conversation featuring Rabbis Kaiman and Fitzerman speaking with Dr. Brad Carson, president of the University of Tulsa. The Zoom sign-in number is 918 583 7121. "Two Rabbis And" an ongoing conversation about our shared journey in a diverse, multicultural world. As always, the resulting podcast is available on Spotify, iTunes, and the Synagogue website.

We hope this new format brings stimulating conversation to your Friday evenings.

Blatt + Blue Thursday, April 14 • 7:00 p.m.

Our ongoing film and television series, Blatt + Blue, spotlights the discussion-leading skills of film and television enthusiasts David Blatt and Alice Blue. This month, they will lead an exchange about Curb Your Enthusiasm and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel. Both are easily available on the Internet. Join us on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. for a lively discussion in the Synagogue Zoom Room at 918 583 7121.

Second Seder at the Synagogue Saturday, April 16 • 6:30 p.m.

We are delighted to be back inperson for our annual community Passover Seder. Join Synagogue members, friends, and newcomers to Tulsa for a joyful celebration of the most important event in Jewish history. The seder will feature singing, storytelling, and moving music from the Synagogue's Klay Kodesh ensemble. In-person reservations are limited. To register, please call the Synagogue at 918-583-7121.

Passover Morning Services April 16 and 17 and April 22 and 23 • 9:30 a.m.

tradition speaks of the Our extraordinary power that exists when a group of people gathers for prayer. Hybrid services for Passover 2023 will be lead Rabbis Kaiman and Fitzerman. Rooted in our in-person morning service, we will spend time singing, reflecting, studying Torah, and connecting as we observe the holiday. On April 16, the celebration will be hybrid, and on April 17 it will be on Zoom. On April 22 will be on Zoom once again and on April 23 we will celebrate a hybrid service. The Synagogue Zoom Room access number is 918 583 7121.

Shabbat for Everyone Dinner and Celebration Friday, April 22 • 6:15 p.m.

It's not just for you and it's not just for me. It's Shabbat for Everyone at CBE! Join us for a festive Shabbat dinner in the Synagogue at 6:00 p.m. With indoor and outdoor seating options available, we hope this setting can be safe and comfortable for all who choose to participate. We'll then move to the Sanctuary for our musical celebration highlighted by song, dancing, and storytelling at 7:00 p.m. The service will be broadcast live on Zoom at 918 583 7121. In-person capacity is limited, and we'll be attending to our regular protocols including masks, vaccinations, and preregistration for everyone entering the building. Please register in advance on our website, www. tulsagogue.com.

Bar Mitzvah of Richy Arce Saturday, April 30 • 9:30 a.m.

We are happy to announce the coming celebration of Richy Arce, son of Miguel and Elvira Arce on Saturday, April 30 at 9:30 a.m. Richy has been a student in our education program for many years and exemplifies seriousness of study. For more information, please see the article on Richy's celebration elsewhere in the "Community Corner" of this edition.

BLATT + BLUE : CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 14



If this is the new golden age of television, then shows dealing with Jewish themes and imagery occupy a special place in critical acclaim and viewer loyalty. *The Marvelous Mrs. Maizel* perfectly captures a moment in time: postwar affluence and aspiration, emerging feminism, and the irresistible décor and fashion of the Fifties. *Curb Your Enthusiasm* is something else. Focused on the full-cringe Larry David, it reveals the crotchets of the Jews, our idiosyncrasies and obsessions.

Both shows have their admirers and detractors. Their main characters have a way of getting under our skin and forcing us to confront uncomfortable questions. What do these projects communicate about Jewish culture and kinship. Do they model essential behaviors and preferences, or do the

storylines hover at the level of sidebar concerns. In the eternal phrase of Jewish self-examination, are these programs good for the Jews.

Participants are invited to come as they are, but we will be focusing on two episodes in particular. For those who's like to view in advance, first click you way to the HBO website, find the button that leads you to *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and choose Season 11, episode 4 ("The Watermelon"). For *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, go to Amazon Prime and choose Season 4, Episode 1 ("Rumble on the Wonder Wheel").

Blatt + Blue is one of the most consistent projects at the Synagogue during the period of the pandemic. Born in March 2020, it has run without a break for twenty-five months, spotlighting a diverse and provocative roster of films and television. The series expresses the Synagogue's own commitments to an inclusive and pluralistic vision of the Jewish world. No single endeavor can capture the whole of the Jewish experience. Film and television enthusiasts David Blatt and Alice Blue begin each session with a summary of the featured material. It means that you'll be able to follow the conversation even if you have to delay your viewing of the episodes themselves. After that, it's questions and comments from the Zoom Room audience.

Join the Zoom discussion on Thursday evening, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom meeting ID is 918-583-7121 and the session will conclude at 8:00 p.m. Please note that security protocols are always in place during Synagogue events.. If there is a film you'd like to see in these sessions in the future, please reach out to Natalie Shaver at nshaver@bnaiemunah.com.



Shabbat Service Honoring TI's 2020 & 2021 Amudim Award Recipients in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., Apr. 1 • 6:00 p.m.

Temple Israel will honor our 2020 and 2021 Amudim Award recipients at this special Shabbat service. The Amudim Award is given to those who are recognized as "pillars" of our Temple and our community. Vaccine requirements, masks, and social distancing practices will be adhered to at all services. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Shabbat Learning Through the Ages on Zoom • Sat., Apr. 2 • 10:30 a.m.

Borrowing from our Temple Israel monthly Shabbat morning experience, we will join to study and learn from one another. We will explore Torah and Traditional Rabbinical texts based on themes of this week's Parsha, Torah Reading. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Challenges of Reform Judaism on Zoom • Thurs., Apr. 7, 14, 21, & 28 • 2:00 p.m.

"Repairing One's Character" through the study of Jewish values. Join us on Thursday afternoons, as we unpack our Jewish values, creating an awareness; a better understanding of who we are as Jews and as people. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Camp Shabbat with Greene Family Camp in person & on Zoom • Fri., Apr. 8 • 6:00 p.m.

In place of our regular Tot Shabbat, join us for a special Greene Family Camp Shabbat at Temple Israel! Vaccine requirements, masks, and social distancing practices will be adhered to at all services. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com to save your spot & for the Zoom link.

Shabbat Service w/Torah in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., Apr. 8 & 22 • 7:30 p.m.

Join the Temple Israel Clergy Team as we welcome in Shabbat with the chanting of Torah. Vaccine requirements, masks, and social distancing practices will be adhered to at all services. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Young Family Passover Event in person • Sat., Apr. 16 • 4:00 p.m.

Young families are invited to join Rabbi Kowalski for a special, family friendly Passover Event at Temple Israel. Vaccine requirements, masks, and social distancing practices will be adhered to at all in person events. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com.

Second Night Passover Seder • Sat., Apr. 16 • 6:00 p.m.

Temple Israel celebrates Passover with a second night seder. Stay tuned for more details and information about this event.

Zarrow Pointe Shabbat Service in person • Fri., Apr. 22 • 6:45 p.m.

For our Temple friends and family at Zarrow Pointe, we hope you will join us for this meaningful Friday night service on the Zarrow campus. We look forward to seeing you there! Vaccine requirements, masks, and social distancing practices will be adhered to at all services.

Young Adult Soul Bowl • Sat., Apr. 23 • 7:00 p.m.

Young Adults are invited to close out Passover at Dust Bowl Lanes and Lounge 211 S Elgin Ave. Bring your best game and enjoy pizza once again!

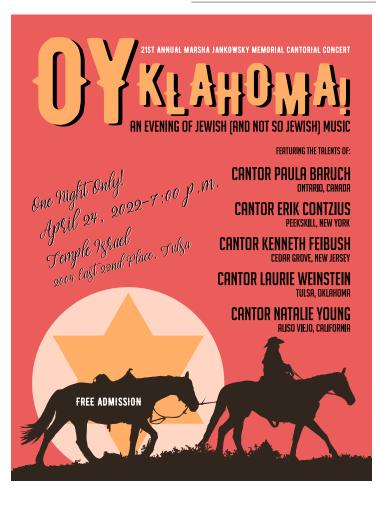
Zamru L'Shabbat in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., Apr. 29 • 6:00 p.m.

Join Cantor Weinstein and Elijah's Minor Prophets, in person or online, as we welcome Shabbat and celebrate with joyous songs! Vaccine requirements, masks, and social distancing practices will be adhered to at all services. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.





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h, What a Beautiful Morning in Tulsa, as we anticipate the coming of Spring in March and the coming of Temple Israel's Marcia Jankowsky Memorial Cantorial Concert. With the generosity of Jan Jankowsky, this year's concert is "Out of My Dreams." We have invited cantors from California, Canada, New York, and New Jersey. Our ensemble will include Cantors Paula Baruch, Erik Contzius, Kenneth Feibush, and Natalie Young. I am honored to share our bima with these very talented musicians, as we entertain you, our community. The program contains both Jewish and secular music, including a brief intermission. Our musical offerings include liturgical, Yiddish favorites, Broadway hits, and some original compositions. We will weave them together for an incredible night of song. "People Will Say We're in Love" with this concert by night's end. The toe-tapping tunes will share the joy, the humor, the seriousness, and the hope that life brings to us. I assure you, "I Cain't Say No" will be your answer when asked "will you go?" "This All Er Nothin" show will take place on Sunday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. It is free for all who attend. So please join us at Temple Israel for the 21st Annual Marcia Jankowsky Memorial Cantorial Concert, OY-klahoma! (I could show up in a Surr With the Fringe Non-stop.)



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