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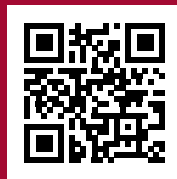
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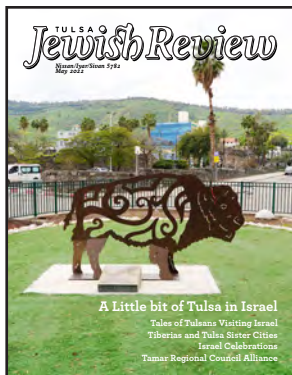
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Bison Sculpture designed by Lisa Regan of Garden Deva celebrating 30 years of Tulsa Global Alliance's Tulsa-Tiberias sister city relationship. Photo by Itzik Levin

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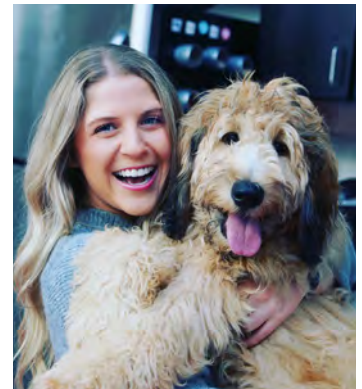
Spring Programming

by ISABELLA SILBERG, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

Spring programming is in full swing! On Thursday, April 7th the women of the Federation's Rosh Chodesh Sisterhood program met at the Succulent Shop on Main Street in Broken Arrow for an evening of planting while focusing on the moon's counterpart – the sun. We learned from our plant coach that that plants need night and darkness as much as they need light. While the sun shines, plants perform photosynthesis. In this process, the plants convert sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide into stored energy in the form of long chains of sugar, called starch. At night, the plants burn this stored starch to fuel continued growth. As humans, we need both light and darkness in our lives for balance, recharge, and development.

On Sunday, April 10th we had a fun, interactive, and educational chocolate and candy Seder with our PJ Library families. We gathered outdoors in the beautiful sunlight for a fun “practice run,” family activity designed to acquaint children with the order, songs, and customs of the Seder before the fact. The Seder had 15 steps, substituting sweet treats for the traditional foods served. Every year on Passover, we tell the story of the hardships the Jewish people faced in their escape from slavery to freedom. Our chocolate Seder was a special way to get ready for Passover and reminded us that freedom is sweet. If you are a family raising Jewish children in Tulsa, be sure to contact Isabella Silberg at isilberg@jewishtulsa.org to ensure you're receiving free PJ Library books and information about upcoming family programs.

In commemoration of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), the Tulsa Young Jewish Professionals gathered on April 26th at the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art to meet with Tali Nates, founder and executive director of the Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre. She spoke to the group about lessons for humanity for the 21st Century and created a space for participants to share their personal familial relation to the Holocaust. Following the discussion, young Jewish professional, Chloe Kirk led a tour of the Sanditen/Kaiser Holocaust Center. Not only was this the first time for all the attendees to be inside the museum, but it was their first time viewing the new Sanditen/Kaiser Holocaust Center. The group discussed the importance of Holocaust education for younger generations because unfortunately, antisemitism continues to this day. A recent Anti-Defamation League (ADL) report found that the antisemitic incidents in the U.S reached an all-time high in 2021 increasing by a staggering 34% since the year before. During Yom HaShoah, we remember the atrocities of the pure hate and antisemitism so that we never forget. ■



Isabella Silberg



PJ Library Interactive Seder



Rosh Chodesh Sisterhood “The Moon and The Sun” planting workshop



Young Jewish professionals visit Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art

The Community Garden

by LORI FRANK, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2013, funds were raised to build a Community Garden on the Jewish Federation Campus. The garden in its entirety is 6500 square feet. Planting space is a total of 6000 square feet. If you use Google Maps and look at the Federation you can see the beautiful structure from space. Over the years, we have donated 2000 pounds of produce to the Tulsa Food Bank.

Over the last few years, Covid and staff changes have made it difficult to maintain the original standards we had set for our community garden. We are now at a point where we want to bring the community garden up to par, and then some.

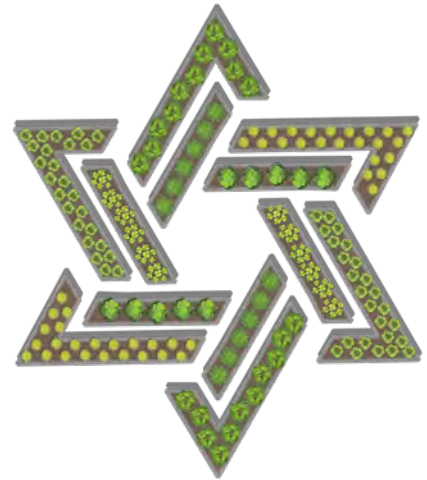
Community member Lori Lieb has developed a plan that will make it easier to bring in teams to cultivate our garden. The idea is there are 12 spaces to cultivate. The larger beds are 4020 square feet. The smaller beds are 1980 square feet. We are offering the beds to any parties interested in helping to cultivate the gardens. This way, the garden can be tended to in a cooperative manner and we can maximize the use of all garden beds.

Mizel Day School has opted for bed 1. They will be prepping it for crop yield next fall. The Junior League has planted beds 7 thru 9. Young Jewish professionals are also participating in growing this project.

We are contacting various organizations around town who are looking for projects to participate in. A Veteran Group, Tulsa Food Bank (they have lost their gardens resulting in their new construction). BBYO, Sisterhoods, Retirement Center, Changemakers.

If you are interested in working on our community garden, please get in touch by emailing federation@jewishtulsa.org with subject, "community garden involvement."

Tikkun Olam
Lori Frank



plan view rendering of the community garden depicting the 6 small beds (1980 square feet each) and 6 large beds (4020 square feet each)



Volunteers working in the community garden.

OKLAHOMA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Oklahoma Jewish Film Festival—That’s a Wrap

by SANDY SLOAN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

The 8th (not quite annual) Oklahoma Jewish Film Festival took place March 27 – 31. Thanks to our generous film festival sponsors, Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies, Brian Brouse, and Barbara Sylvan we were able to bring some exciting and diverse films to the Circle Cinema. Over 200 community members attended the 6 films in 5 days and, in partnership with the Circle Cinema, the Jewish Federation and the Council for Holocaust Education provided free, educational screenings of Holocaust film Big Sonia to over 500 middle and high school students in the Tulsa area. The festival included themed events including Young Jewish Professional night, Sisterhood night, Midrasha/teen/family night and Men’s Group lunch. Here’s a quick run-down of the films you may have missed at this year’s OK Jewish Film Festival.



Opening night interview with “Here We Are” actor, Shai Avivi.

Here We Are—An Israeli drama exploring the relationship of a devoted father and his young adult autistic son. Sensational acting set within a moving story. Post film Israeli actor Shai Avivi, who portrayed the father, zoomed in live for a Q&A. Both lead actors, Shai Avivi, and Noem Imber (who portrayed the son with autism), won awards for their acting in the film.

Persian Lessons—Inspired by true events, this German drama is a powerful and harrowing story of survival set amid a concentration camp. A young Jewish man pretends to be Iranian to avoid being executed. One mistake and his lie will be exposed. Persian Lessons was

an official selection at numerous international festivals, and a submission for the 2021 Best International Film Oscar. Kiss Me Kosher —This Israeli movie portrays two women navigating clashing cultures — and families—when their relationship brings chaos in this romantic comedy.

On Broadway —An all-star cast tells the inside story of the Broadway theater, and how it came back from the brink thanks to innovative work, a new attention to inclusion and a sometimes-uneasy balance between art and commerce.

Abe—Twelve-year-old Abe is an aspiring chef who wants his cooking to bring people together—but his half-Israeli, half-Palestinian family has never had a meal that didn't end in a fight.

Thou Shalt Not Hate—Intense drama about the son of a Holocaust survivor who lives in Italy as a surgeon and begins to doubt his actions of refusing to help a victim of a traffic accident that he encountered on his day off. Event included a post film talk with Jill Wenger M.D. who discussed encountering swastikas and other hate symbols while providing medical care in Tulsa.



Circle Cinema entry marquee

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Upcoming Events



Yom HaZikaron | Tuesday, May 5 | 6:30pm | CSJCC

Join us on the JCC campus' circle drive where we will commemorate all the soldiers, victims of terror, and people who lost their lives during the struggle to defend the State of Israel.

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Register at: www.jewishtulsa.org/yomhazikaron2022



Men's Club | Wednesday, May 11th | 12:00pm | CSJCC Dan Room

We will be joined by Allison Thomas and Caitlin Beasley to learn about the DVIS agency. DVIS is the only nonprofit agency in Tulsa and Creek counties providing comprehensive intervention, prevention, and education services to families and individuals affected by domestic and sexual violence.

Register at: www.jewishtulsa.org/mensclub-may11



Taste of Israel | Yom HaAtzmaut | Sunday, May 15th | 12:30-3:30pm

Celebrate the 74th birthday of the State of Israel with us! Inviting the Tulsa community to a sensational Israeli shuk (market) experience filled with aromas, flavors, sounds, and special sights. A festive afternoon of live music, fresh Israeli food, shopping, treats, free activities, and an atmosphere so Israeli, you'll feel like you're practically there!

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More info at: www.jewishtulsa.org/taste-of-israel



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Men's Club | Wednesday, May 25th | 12:00pm | CSJCC Dan Room

We will be joined by young Jewish professional, Rebekah Geiselman, who is the Education and Community Enrichment Director with the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra. Before moving to Tulsa, she worked at the Virginia Symphony Orchestra where she designed and implemented their first Sensory-Friendly concert series and oversaw the transition to virtual learning for all programs.

Register at: www.jewishtulsa.org/mensclub-may25



Yom Yerushalyim | Wednesday, May 31st | 7:00pm | Virtual Event

In observance of Yom Yerushalyim, Hadas Cohen will speak about the development of the current events in the middle east regarding Jerusalem, Israel and Palestine.

Register at: www.jewishtulsa.org/yom-yerushalyim

Save the Dates—June Events

Maimonides Society: IsraAID - Rebuilding Hope Amidst Crisis: Responding the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis | Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm | Virtual Event

Pearl Society: Healthy Homes, Healthy Planet | Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 pm

Young Jewish Professionals - Taco Tuesday | Tuesday, June 21st

Rosh Chodesh Sisterhood | Wednesday, June 29th

**Please contact Director of Programs Isabella Silberg with any questions.
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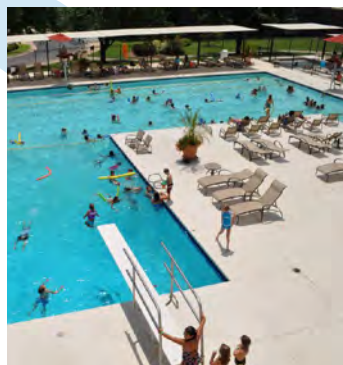


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Thursday, June 9—Trivia Night at the Pool

Saturday, June 11—Celebrating 30 Years of Soccer Magic Camp

Saturday, June 18—Family Fun Night

Saturday, July 16—Dive-in Movie Night

Friday, August 5—Last day of Camp Shalom

Saturday, August 6—End of Summer Bash

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Thursday, June 9, 2022

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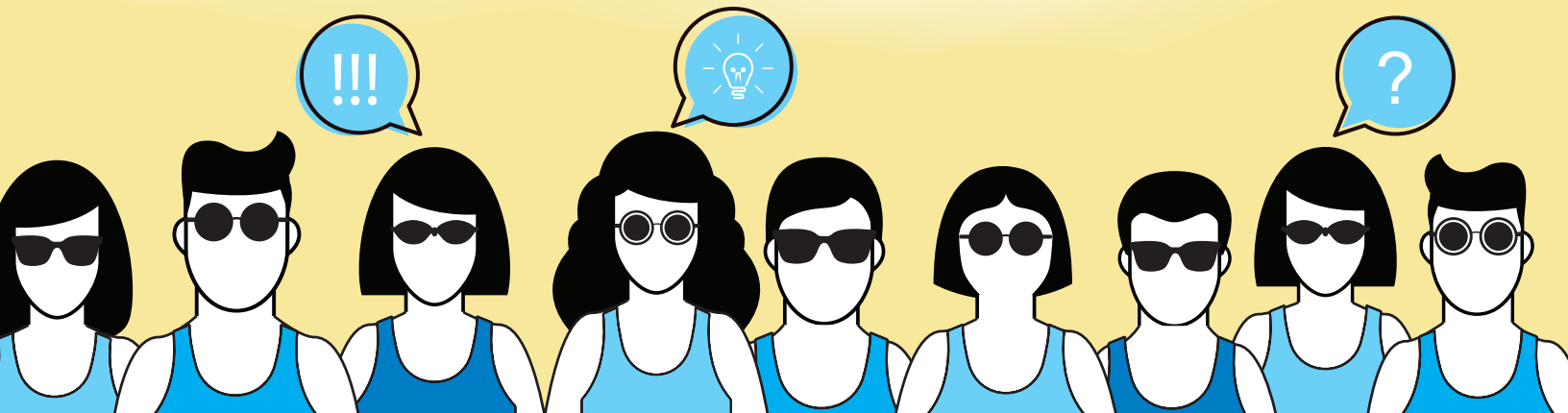


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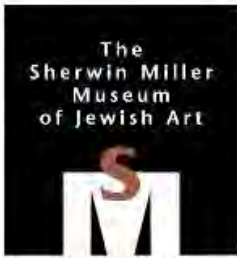
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A new exhibit featuring fifteen Jewish golfers and artifacts from around the globe. We will also have original documents and objects in partnership with Meadowbrook Country Club to honor the original founders.

Special opening reception
Tuesday, May 24 at 11:00 before
the Jewish Federation of Tulsa
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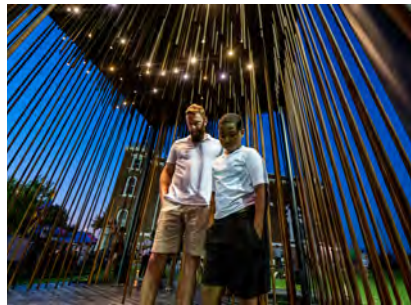
Besa: Code of Honor
Now—August 14, 2022

Muslim Albanians Who Rescued
Jews During the Holocaust

In 1933, Albania, a small and mountainous country on the southeast coast of the Balkan peninsula, was home to a population of 803,000. Of those only two hundred were Jews. After Hitler's rise to power many Jews found refuge in

Albania. No accurate figures exist regarding their number; however, different sources estimate that 600-1,800 Jewish refugees entered that country from Germany, Austria, Serbia, Greece and Yugoslavia, in the hopes to continue on to the Land of Israel or other places of refuge. The remarkable assistance afforded to the Jews was grounded in Besa, a code of honor, which still today serves as the highest ethical code in the country. Besa means literally "to keep the promise." One who acts according to Besa is someone who keeps his word, someone to whom one can trust one's life and the lives of one's family.

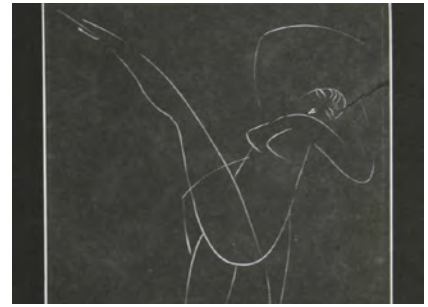
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Society's Cage Photo Retrospective
Exhibit | Now — June 2022

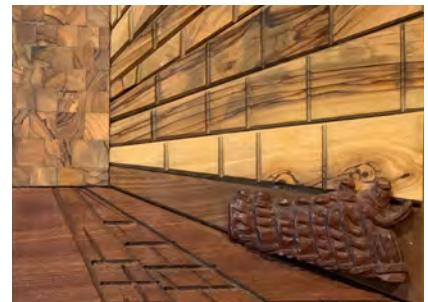
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Society's Cage experiential installation was exhibited in Tulsa, Oklahoma to coincide with the centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre from Sunday, May 30, through Juneteenth on Saturday, June 19, 2021. The pavilion was exhibited on the grounds of the 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
Now—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
Now—December

From the Museum's collection is Next Year in Jerusalem (L'Shana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim) The Western Wall Through Art Exhibit. Be sure to stop in and take a look through the Museum's collection to find artistic impressions of the Western Wall expressed in media that includes wood, paint, photography, metal and more. There will be a live feed from the Western Wall in Israel and an interactive component for guests to leave prayers and thoughts at our wall.

New Exhibit Showcases Jewish Golfers

by MICKEL YANTZ, SHERWIN MILLER MUSEUM OF JEWISH ART
DIRECTOR OF COLLECTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

Many professional fields are full of Jews changing the world and becoming household names. Physics has Einstein, Bohr and Oppenheimer while comedy has Benny, Brooks and Seinfeld. But golf...?

With the PGA Tournament returning to Tulsa's Southern Hills this May, it is time to spotlight Jewish golfers globally as well as share our own local golf history.

The PGA and LPGA have a couple legendary players. Bruce Fleisher won the U.S. Amateur championship in 1968. This carried him into his professional career winning both individual and team gold medals at the 1969 Maccabiah Games and winning the PGA Club Professional Championship in 1989. Fleisher had 35 wins in his five decades in the game. He stayed active coaching for the USA Open Golf Team at the 1989 Maccabiah Games and the 2013 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

On the lady's side, self-taught Amy Alcott's simple swing won her the State Amateur at 14 and broke Babe Didrikson Zaharias' record at Pebble Beach by one stroke. She won the USGA Junior Girls' national championship in 1973 and once shot four 69s in a tournament at the age of 14. After winning the LPGA Rookie of the Year in 1975, she gathered 34 professional wins, including the Vare Trophy for lowest seasonal scoring average in 1980, before being inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame in 1999. Following the end of her touring days, Alcott worked in golf course design while writing instructional books and coaching.

Other professionals include, Duke grad and Israeli Laetitia Beck, who wears the Israeli flag not on her sleeve but on her shoes. David Lipsky, a Californian of Korean descent who won the Asian tour's Order of Merit in 2014 and competed at the World Golf Championship in 2015. Daniel Berger whose father Jay, was a former pro tennis player and inducted into the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, has four PGA victories and will hopefully be in Tulsa. Another current golfer we hope to see in town in May is Max Homa. He



1950's Meadowbrook Social Event Promotional Picture

won the individual 2013 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship in college and as a pro, has won the 2019 Wells Fargo Championship, the 2021 Genesis Invitational and the 2021 Fortinet Championship.

Speaking of Tulsa, let's talk about our own golf history. Phil Goldfarb, President of the Jewish

Genealogical Society of Tulsa, had a great article in 2018 sharing the history of Meadowbrook Country Club. He shared: "At the time, Jews were not permitted membership at other clubs including Southern Hills, The Oaks or Tulsa Country Club. The charter members had their first organizational meeting on December 1, 1946 at the Mayo Hotel. There were 26 of the 100 men invested \$2,500 each (\$33,900 in 2018 dollars) while the other 74 each provided \$1,000 (\$13,500 in 2018 dollars) in the Country Club project for shares of stock and a proprietary interest in the land. The 26 major members were: Mike Froug, Ray Kravis, Ohren Smulian, Moe Gimp, Herb Gussman, Isadore Nadel, Gershon Fenster, Morris Sanditen, Julius Sanditen, Sam Miller, Mike Miller, Pug Myers, Herman Kaiser, Morris Solow, Morris Goltz, Al Greenberg, Meier Greenberg, Julius Livingston, Al Cohan, Jerry Watt, Dave Jacobson, Meyer Moran, Jay Newman, Ad Eichenberg, Morris Sitrin, and L.B. Klar. The first official meeting of the Board of Governors of Meadowbrook Country Club (MCC) was held on June 11, 1947 with the first Club President being Louis "Pug" Myers. June 22, 1947 was designated as the "official opening day" of Meadowbrook Country Club.

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Meadowbrook Tee Puller

The “new” Meadowbrook Country Club on 81st between Memorial and Mingo (also called by some people “The Jew Club”) initially had nine holes of golf and the course was designed at a fee of \$57,364 by Pres Maxwell, son of the great golf course architect Perry Maxwell (who ironically designed the non-Jewish Southern Hills Country Club) and opened to play on March 1, 1956. The clubhouse was completed on May 5, 1956. In the initial year, there were 181 members paying monthly dues of \$30.50. The second nine holes designed by Don Sechrest opened in October 1969.

Programs such as a day camp (Camp Shalom started at Meadowbrook), water ballet, athletic events, archery, tennis and swimming instruction, men’s and women’s golf tournaments were the norm. Club Nights which happened once a month brought in the big bands as well as entertainment such as Henny Youngman, Steve Lawrence, and Totie Fields.”

The Jews and Golf Exhibit opens May 12 with a **reception May 24 at 11AM**. It runs through August 29 featuring fifteen Jewish golfers and artifacts from around the globe. We will also have original documents and objects in partnership with Meadowbrook Country Club to honor the original founders. ■



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Putin's War is an Effort to Rewrite History

Op-ed by NILS ROEMER, DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS' ACKERMAN CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES
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He distorts memory of Holocaust in attempt to erase Soviet Russia's failures.

One of the many recent Russian missile strikes in Ukraine hit near the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center where in 1941, under orders from Adolf Hitler, the Nazi Army shot more than 30,000 Jews in two days in the Babi Yar ravine.

The strike was one of hundreds to rain down on the Kyiv region, and it is not clear whether the memorial center was targeted by the Russians. However, this particular attack, along with other attacks on museums and cultural sites, demonstrates not only violence and cruelty, but a desire to erase the past. One can see that desire in the bombings as well as in Russian President Vladimir Putin's speeches, where he completely rewrites history.

This disdain for the past should cause the rest of society to use the past to prepare for a better future

The current conflict between Russian and Ukraine, like much of contemporary politics, follows in the fault lines of the past. In this instance, it is the disintegration of the Russian, Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman empires in the first World War. Just as Germany attacked Poland at the outset of the World War II in an attempt to overturn World War I, Putin is now attacking Ukraine to change political boundaries that have come about through wars and uprisings.

In doing so, Putin is attempting to erase the failures of Soviet Russia by restoring borders that more closely resemble that of 18th and 19th century imperial Russia.

Putin has portrayed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky as a Nazi, and the Ukrainian government as fascist, despite Zelensky identifying as Jewish as well as being

the grandson of a WWII Red Army veteran. By using the words "Nazi" and "fascist," Putin is trying to capture the anguish of WWII for his own warped political purposes. Instead, however, he is spewing hatred and lies and casting a blind eye to the truth of the past.

In 2014, when Russia previously invaded, Ukrainian troops assumed positions outside their country's newly-occupied eastern territories. They fought in the dugouts and trenches carved out during WWII. Because of Putin's large-scale, unprovoked military attack on a sovereign Ukraine, today's Ukrainian soldiers are fighting in some of those same trenches, in both the figurative and literal ruins of the previous conflict, adding yet another layer of devastation and suffering.

As Putin seeks the elusive promise of a greater Russia in the future, his rhetoric and the Ukrainian war provide clear examples of brutality, an attempt to erase Ukrainian history, and to distort the memory of the Holocaust.

The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at the University of Texas at Dallas---along with similar centers around the world---exists to ensure that the lessons of the past are not lost. It is far too easy for individuals or countries to lose their way and end up engaging in genocidal, racist or violent behavior. ■



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Tyranny Rises with Unregulated Militias

Op-ed by DREW DIAMOND, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF TULSA
PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED IN THE TULSA WORLD

History teaches when democracies fail, tyrants reign. At the end of the Cold War, author Francis Fukayama argued that we had reached the “end of history” – that man’s imagination could not invent anything beyond democracy because there could be no better system. Therefore, the challenge became making democracy work. Our democracy has always been a work in progress. Over our 246 years as a democratic republic, we have struggled as a nation with systemic inequality. Persistent inequality remains the major fault line that shakes democracies from their foundations. This struggle is as intense today as at any time in our history. A collective sense of political and economic uncertainty permeates our daily lives.

Key to preventing tyranny is gaining an understanding of the characteristics of a tyrant. Archetypal tyrants believe themselves to be the center of the universe. They are filled with anger, dismissive of facts, maneuver to suppress all opposition, and surround themselves with their own personal security force.

Tyranny thrives on criminality bolstered by violence. To this end, the tyrant relies on extending their personal security force into national paramilitary organizations. Modern history is ripe with these groups: Mussolini’s black shirts, Hitler’s brown shirts and the white robes and hoods of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).

The KKK, founded in 1865 in the wake of the failure of the Confederacy to overturn our Democracy, extended throughout southern states and beyond by 1870 and became the instrument of white supremacist resistance to the reconstruction-era policies aimed at establishing political and economic equality for Black Americans. Today, the KKK is part of the ever-growing American militia movement threatening our constitutional Democratic Republic. One does not have to look too far from home to see the groundwork for a paramilitary organization that could easily endanger every Oklahoman. Just read Senate bill 1251 proposed to the 2nd Session of Oklahoma’s 58th Legislature.

The language of the legislation is music to the ears of any emerging tyrant. Titled: An Act relating to militia; creating the Oklahoma State Guard and Militia Revitalization Act. Imbedded in this act is the enhancement of an “Unorganized Militia” consisting of any armed Oklahoman between the age of 17 and 70. It would be easy to dismiss this Act that recently failed (by a narrow vote) at the Senate committee level as nonsense, except that the concept is inherently dangerous.

In his book *On Tyranny*, Professor Timothy Schneider writes “when the men with guns who have always claimed to be against the system start wearing uniforms and marching with torches and pictures of a leader, the end is nigh. When the pro-leader paramilitary and the official police and military intermingle, the end has come.”

During my professional life in the military and the police force, I had many opportunities to witness the real criminal threat of various militia organizations, both at home and abroad. I found that so many individual members of these militias fall under the sway of authoritarian leaders because they share the same characteristics. Tyrants are bullies and their behavior is consistent, whether they are acting out in the schoolyard, inciting division in the workplace, or trying to overthrow a democracy.

Tyrants can be delt with the same as bullies. One must recognize them for what they are, intervene whenever possible, call them out publicly, and hold them accountable for their actions.

As Dr. Benjamin Franklin walked out of Independence Hall after the 1787 Constitutional Convention, a lady asked, “Well, Doctor what have we got--- a republic or a monarchy?”

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The question for all Americans is, will we be able to? ■



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Ryan Levine will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on May 7, 2022 at B'nai Emunah Synagogue where he will be leading the morning service.

Ryan is the son of Dr. Jonathan and DeeDee Levine. He is the grandson of Dr. Martin and Laura Levine of Norman, OK and Chela Pedrozo of Tulsa.

Ryan is a proud graduate of Mizel Jewish Community Day School here in Tulsa. He is currently a 9th grader at Holland Hall. Ryan enjoys sports, especially basketball, as well as spending time with family, friends, and his dogs Lulu and Willow.

Ryan's Bar Mitzvah training has been led by Alin Avitan. We would also like to mention Elliott Wulff who led training up to the point that Ryan's original Bar Mitzvah date was postponed due to the pandemic in 2020.

Ryan will be volunteering his time and collecting sports equipment, e.g. basketballs, footballs, tennis rackets - any and everything sports related for the boys at Tulsa Boys Home.

The service will be available to all to view on Zoom.


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Connecting With Israeli Students

by AMANDA ANDERSON,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MIZEL JEWISH COMMUNITY DAYSCHOOL

Mizel JCDS students have been building relationships with their new Israeli pen pals! In September 2022, Herzog—a Unique School in the Montessori Spirit opened its doors in Ashkelon, Israel—a coastal city in the Southern District of Israel, 30 miles south of Tel Aviv. Since January, Mizel’s first and second graders have exchanged correspondence with Herzog’s first and second-grade, multi-cohort class.

Our students, as well as our pen pals, benefit from this writing program by honing-in their reading and writing skills, examining various perspectives, and learning patience as each group eagerly awaits their letters. The students also gain first-hand knowledge and meaningful interest in geography and social studies as they develop and improve their social skills.

Some of our current parents at Mizel JCDS have coined our school as being a “Jewish Montessori” school, where our students learn at their own pace, while the teacher facilitates learning, so students have a hands-on, collaborative approach with a Jewish lens. So, when Alin Avitan, our Hebrew and Judaic Studies teacher befriended a Herzog teacher, it was a perfect match!

Herzog educational institution promotes a bi-discovery experience inviting collaborative learning that allows for personal space in a variety of social roles, interactions, and cognitive settings. They believe learning occurs anytime and anywhere!

All the students are learning and experiencing the celebration of Yom Ha’atzmaut, Israel’s Independence Day, or as the students say—Israel’s Birthday— as they compare and contrast this celebration to the 4th of July. This has provided Mizel’s students with more of an appreciation for the holiday. Not only is our amazing teacher, Alin, someone our students know who is passionate about Israel, but they are also continuing to connect to Israel by making friends with their same age pen pals.

Our students are expanding their Hebrew vocabulary while mastering reading, writing, and listening of the language. Our teachers are sharing various activities, both in Hebrew and English, through videos and letters received from Herzog students. Each week, our

students eagerly anticipate if a new video or letters arrived from their dear friends in Herzog.

Our goal is to continue these friendships through technology and letter writing year after year, so by the time the students are at the end of their elementary years, they will have a true friendship with someone in Israel, their age. Thus, giving our students at Mizel a deeper and meaningful connection to Israel. ■



Mizel students write to their Israeli pen pals.

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Tragedies and Triumphs

by CHEN SHOVAL, ISRAEL EMISSARY



Feelings of sadness mixed with joy are typical emotions for this time of the year. It is no coincidence that in the State of Israel we mark the national days near each other. They are connected and rooted with each other. Yom Hazikaron is a national day of remembrance in the State of Israel for the fallen soldiers of the Israeli Armed Forces and for the victims of terror throughout the years of the new settlement in the Land of Israel. This date falls on the 4th of Iyar, a week after Yom HaShoah and the day before Independence Day. To celebrate, be proud, and enjoy the existence of the state of Israel, we must stop and remember. Remember those who sacrificed their lives.

While living in Israel stopping life on this day was not difficult. As a child, I accompanied my mother to the big ceremonies in the IDF. Later as a young girl, I would take an active part in organizing the ceremonies in the youth movement and at school. Life in Israel is not normal on this day. All the restaurants and entertainment centers are closed. Two sirens are sounded—one in the morning and one in the evening—and at that time everyone stops and stands; even cars and trains stop. On each Yom Hazikaron, I think of my friend who fell in battle in Lebanon a day before the ceasefire, I think of the women who lost their husbands, the moms who lost their sons. It's a moment to acknowledge the children growing up without a parent, or the ex-soldiers who have nightmares from the sights they have witnessed.

Unfortunately, in Israel, each of us has someone they are thinking about on this day. And sadly, while the people of Israel stop every year on Yom Hazikaron to remember the people who sacrificed their lives, the loss of life continues. As I write these words, the number of victims we remember on Yom Hazikaron has increased by at least 11 people from recent terrorist acts.

The following day is a total shift in tone, as Israel celebrates the 74th anniversary of its birth as a modern nation on

Yom HaAtzmaut, Independence Day. When the State of Israel was created, it was founded as a miracle, as a wonder of the Jewish people. Despite the differences of opinions and the views of the various groups, since the end of the 19th century, Jews around the world united, to carry out this great Zionist enterprise called the State for the Jewish people—the State of Israel. Jews from all over the world contributed to this effort in many ways. Each with what they could. Some raised money, some joined a political campaign, some made Aliyah (immigrated to Israel) and joined the labor force or became a soldier, and some prayed. All with one united purpose. To build a national home for the Jewish people. This is an important lesson that our grandparents left us, lessons of unity, teamwork, and willpower and for me, this is one of the reasons to celebrate this day.

Although the State of Israel was founded only 74 years ago, its impressive achievements in the field of technology, sustainability, agriculture, and even the economic and social fields cannot be ignored. The work is not yet complete. Every day, especially in the past year, we see ongoing antisemitism and hatred towards Jews around the world. My job here in Tulsa is to educate about Israel, connect people to Israel, and promote Jewish culture and heritage. I invite you to join me for two special days to commemorate and celebrate Israel. On Tuesday, May 3 we commemorate Yom Hazikaron with a ceremony at 6:30 pm on the CSJCC campus circle drive and on Sunday, May 15 we come together to celebrate Israel Independence with A Taste of Israel, a family-friendly event filled with the aromas, flavors, sights and sounds of Israel. I hope you can join us! ■



Chen Shoval

Agam Shoval enjoying a cupcake at the 2021 JFT Yom HaAtzmaut celebration





Tulsa-Tiberias Sister City

by DEBBIE GIVENS, TULSA GLOBAL ALLIANCE SISTER CITY CHAIR FOR TIBERIAS

Sending a 400 pound bison sculpture from Tulsa to Tiberias was not an easy feat. Successful completion involved teamwork and determination.

In 2018 the Tulsa-Tiberias Sister City Committee, led by Debbie Givens along with Tulsa Global Alliance, endeavored to honor the 2,000 year anniversary of Tiberias as well as celebrate the 30 year anniversary of our sister city partnership.

Through Tulsa Global Alliance, the two cities have been partners since 1989. During the course of our friendship, our communities have taken part in exchanges such as education, emergency services, culinary arts, sports, and performing arts.

The idea of a sculpture of a bison was just the beginning of an arduous journey funded mainly by Tulsa Global Alliance and our Tulsa-Tiberias Committee. The steel was donated by Insulation Specialists of Tulsa. Garden Deva designed and created the sculpture. The Jewish Federation of Tulsa also helped with the funding.

Once it arrived at the port of Haifa, Yael Eran, Director of Foreign Affairs in Tiberias, worked diligently with customs to release the bison and even rode in the back of the truck with it from Haifa to Tiberias.

Just as the sculpture was to be installed and dedicated, the pandemic arrived and brought everything to a screeching halt.

In February of 2022, Itzik Levin began the difficult task of retrieving the bison from storage, having it installed, and finally leading the dedication ceremony in March 2022, allowing students and teachers from Carver Middle School and Nofarim Junior High to participate. They were joined by Mayor Boaz Yoseph and other Tiberias representatives. Itzik's leadership on this project is greatly appreciated.

The dedication sign is written in both Hebrew and English. The wording is below.

American Bison

This sculpture of the great American Bison, Oklahoma's state animal, is a gift to the City of Tiberias in recognition of its 2,000th anniversary, and the 30th anniversary of the Tulsa-Tiberias Partnership with Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S.A.

Dedicated 15 March, 2020

With special thanks to Tulsa Global Alliance, Jewish Federation of Tulsa, Garden Deva, and the City of Tulsa

G.T. Bynum, Mayor, City of Tulsa ■

Carver student group with Tiberias Mayor Boaz Yosef and Itzik Levin at the Bison Dedication Ceremony on March 16, 2022



Jewish Federation of Tulsa Israel Committee



by ITZIK LEVIN, ISRAEL COMMITTEE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER

I was born in Israel and served 4 years in the IDF and in the reserve years after. I lived in kibbutz Ein Gedi (Dead Sea) for 13 years and additional 3 years in the area before relocating to Tulsa in the summer of 1995 with my wife Donnie. I have been active in the Tulsa Jewish community for many years.

What role does the Israel Committee have in our community?

We are developing, coordinating, and providing resources for educational programs to the Jewish community relating to the state of Israel. We are overseeing programs associated with our partners in Israel (Sea of Galilee in the past) and now the newly formed alliance with Tamar Regional Council (Dead Sea area). We are supporting and working with our Shlichah program (Chen Shoval), creating programs and activities related to Israel and supporting any programs that our institutions (B'nai, Temple, Chabad and Zarrow campus) present related to Israel.

Currently, our committee is working hard to prepare for several large, community wide programs including the annual Yom Hazikaron Ceremony on Tuesday, May 3 at the CSJCC campus circle drive, where we will be commemorating the soldiers and individuals who lost their lives during the struggle to defend the State of

Israel. Yom Hazikaron is Israel's Memorial Day, a day to mourn and remember our fallen soldiers of the State of Israel and also to honor the civilians who have lost their lives due to terrorism.

Following Yom Hazikaron, on Sunday, May 15 we are celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day with an Israeli skuk (market) filled with the aromas, flavors, sounds, and special sights of Israel. The CSJCC circle drive will be transformed into an open-air bazaar for the whole family featuring live music, dancing, fresh Israeli food, art projects for adults and children, and a kid's zone. This community wide celebration is open to all for an afternoon to see, smell, taste, and hear Israel. We hope to see you there!

Special thanks go to Chen Shoval and her family for bringing unique programs to our community related to Israel. I also want to thank our members of the committee: Romi Kaplan, Mark Lobo, John Sieler, Alin Avitan, Jeff Bonem, Debbie Givens, Gloria Estlin, Ofir Bar, Larry Feldman, Linda Brown, Silvi Renberg, Mariel Neth, Bob Dormont, and Randy Charney.

Also, thanks to Ed, Aida, Isabella, Jasmine and the rest of the Federation staff and Board of Directors that continue to support the Israel Committee and the Shlichim program. ■



Chen Shoval leads an Israel 101 class, a program organized by the Israel Committee



Itzik Levin shakes hands with Tiberias Mayor Boaz Yosef during the Bison Dedication Ceremony



After Two Years, Former Carver Students Visit Israel

by KRISTINE MERCHANT

What happens when you take a middle school in Tulsa and match it with another middle school in our sister city in Tiberias, Israel? Magic! It's called the Carver-Nofarim Exchange, and our connections have continued to grow through the past 24 years. What started as simple pen pals, has now developed into an actual exchange of students with six delegations in the past eight years. Thanks to the support of the Charles and Lynn Shusterman Family Philanthropies and the Jewish Federation of Tulsa, these delegations of students and teachers are able to travel to Israel and visit our friends at Nofarim in Tiberias, Israel in person.

Here's the story of the latest delegation. In December of 2019, a group of six students and two teachers from Nofarim, our partner school in Tiberias, came to Tulsa for a ten-day visit. They stayed with host families from Carver and got to experience life in Oklahoma. Imagine these young people arriving halfway across the world and meeting their pen pal friends for the first time! They had an amazing visit! Not only did they give presentations to classes at Carver, the delegation also got to see the sites around our state. Strong bonds were quickly developed, and, while there were tears as they left to go back to Israel, promises were made to see each soon. It was just supposed to be three months as our students would be visiting them in Tiberias during Spring Break. With bags packed and passports in hand, Covid hit, and the trip was canceled. To say the students were devastated is an understatement, but they kept in contact throughout the pandemic.

This Carver-Nofarim Exchange began with the tireless work of Debbie Givens, a teacher at Carver Middle School at the time. Currently Debbie is the Tiberias Sister City Chair with the Tulsa Global Alliance. She had the vision and developed the connections to make her dream a reality. Was she going to let Covid weaken our partnership with Tiberias? No! She was determined this group of students were going to keep their promises of seeing

each other again. We got vaccinated, Covid numbers started dropping, and travel began to somewhat resume. Debbie quickly reassembled the group of students, now sophomores at Booker T. Washington High School, and coordinated with the teachers of Nofarim. The exchange would now be happening two years later.

I was fortunate enough to be a part of this latest delegation as one of the teachers traveling with our students to Israel. To see these students, now high schoolers, reconnect with their Tiberias brother/sister after two years of a world-wide pandemic—it was amazing! There was so much joy as they saw each other once again halfway across the world. We discovered life wasn't much different from ours as we faced Covid hardships and struggled with distance learning too. The teachers and host families of Nofarim spoiled us with their hospitality. The bonds grew even stronger as our Tulsa students and the Tiberias exchange group visited important sites of Israel. Highlights of this trip included visiting the Western Wall, floating in the Dead Sea, hiking at Mount Meron, experiencing Yad VaShim, seeing the mystical city of Tzfat, and participating in Purim celebrations. Our students also gave presentations to classes at Nofarim and answered questions about their lives here in Tulsa. Students can now see while we have our differences, we also have so much in common. Their appreciation of sports, eating great food, and love of families is no different than ours. Although, they were excited to discover our students do ride in those big yellow school buses they watch in movies!

With the support of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa and the Charles and Lynn Shusterman Family Philanthropies these exchange trips have helped to expand Debbie's mission of opening the world for Carver students into something even more important. It has developed into lifelong friendships and true understanding of Judaism and Israel. It's not just a tiny country on a huge map of the world, but a real place with people just like us. ■

former Carver Middle School students finally tour Israel after their trip was postponed two-years ago



A New Alliance with Tamar Regional Council



When the Jewish Federation of Tulsa departed from the Sovev Kinneret Partnership, Itzik Levin started to explore a few leads for a new partnership in Israel. Those leads didn't develop into a new connection until Itzik spent a weekend at Neot Hakikar visiting old friends (who served together in IDF). There he met members of a newly formed foundation that was established in the south part of the Dead Sea area. For the last 2 years, Itzik and other lay leaders and professionals from the community had several visits and conversations with the Dead Sea foundation and Tamar Regional Council and we are happy to share that recently we signed an agreement to create a new Alliance between JFT and Tamar Regional Council.

We are looking forward to the opportunities this agreement will bring to our community, building a new bridge between residents of the Dead Sea region and our Jewish community here in Tulsa. ■

The Tamar Region and the Dead Sea

by ALISON RON, TAMAR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIP DEPARTMENT

The Dead Sea is one of the most beautiful attractions in Israel and the world. The Dead Sea and the Judean desert encompass a unique blend of dramatic landscape, historical and archaeological sites, mineral industry, advanced agriculture farming and exceptional tourism.

Currently 15 hotels with 5,000 beds sit on the shores of the Dead Sea with another three hotels to be built over the next few years. The Dead Sea Works (one of the largest industries in Israel) occupies a large area at the southern end of the Dead Sea. The kibbutzim and moshavim (6 separate communities) have large agricultural farms for vegetables and date plantations. Indeed, the name Tamar (Region) was chosen due to the bountiful date orchards cultivated throughout the region.

Ein Gedi, Ein Tamar, Neot HaKikar, Ein Hatzeva, Har Amasa and Neve Zohar are the communities that are spread over the region from the most northern point to the most southern point. These neighborhoods are growing annually and support themselves through tourism, agriculture and entrepreneurship.

In 2016 the Tamar Council together with Tel Aviv University opened the Dead Sea Research Institute situated at the base of the famous heritage site—Masada.

In addition to providing all the necessary services to the 1,500 residents in the area the council also maintains services to the two million tourists who visit the area each year and to the industrial factories in the vicinity.

Mr. Nir Wanger has been Mayor of the Tamar Regional Council, Dead Sea, since 2019. Nir was born in Kibbutz Ein Gedi and spent his entire life working either in the kibbutz or in the region whilst, together with his wife, raising their four children. Nir's passion is his homeland and he strongly believes in preserving the international treasure—Dead Sea—in expanding the demographics of the area and in providing quality services in education, employment and culture for all the residents.

The International Relations Department of the Tamar Regional Council lead by Ms. Ofra Gazit and her assistant Mrs. Alison Ron are proud of the international relations that they have built up over the past five years. Sister Cities include Bad Kissingen in Bavaria, Germany and Daying County, China and Nepal. "We welcome Tulsa, Oklahoma, to our international family and look forward to years of friendship, project co-operation and exchange of ideas and information" says Ofra. "The future is up to us, and living apart doesn't change the fact that we grow side by side and our lives will always be entwined". ■



Nir Wanger



Ofra Gazit



Alison Ron

Representatives from the Tamar Region will be visiting Tulsa in August. Keep an eye out for updates on the new Tamar alliance through Federation emails, Jewish Review, and social media.



Tulsa Meets Tamar

Temple Israel Tours Our New Allied Region in Israel

by MARK LOBO, PARTICIPANT ON THE TEMPLE ISRAEL TOUR OF ISRAEL 2022



Temple Israel cohort with their hosts at Ein Tamar

Our tour bus had been on the mostly level road for about an hour when we paused at a rest stop for a brief break somewhere near Dimona. Darkness had crept in, but for sixteen Tulsans our bodies thought it was 11 a.m. Awake but tired from 20 hours of travel Eli Ilan, our tour guide, prepared us for the final leg. There would be twists and turns, descending a quarter mile to the lowest place on earth, moshav Ein Tamar in the Jewish Federation of Tulsa's new allied region in Israel.

Our final stop was at the small dining hall for the moshav guest houses, where we were greeted by an energetic group of women. Korin, familiar to us from her Turkish/Israeli cooking class zoomed last November, had organized an extensive menu for our very late "lunch". The weary travelers marveled at the assortment of quiches, breads, salads and juices before us, pictures were taken and we had our first fabulous taste of Israel.

How Tulsa became allied with the Tamar Region is the result of years of work that began when JFT ended our affiliation with the Jewish Agency for Israel's Partnership program with the Galilee region. Tulsa's nearly 50-year sister-city relationship with Tiberias continues to strengthen, and JFT has the lay and staff resources to expand our connections. The region all along the Dead Sea to the northern Arava valley welcomed our invitation to get to know Tulsa and in turn grow our knowledge of Israel.

Day 1 in Israel our hosts introduced us to breakfast, Israeli-style with omelets, cheeses, breads and more varieties of salads followed by a ceramic class at the studio where

a world-class artist instructed us in decorating ceramic hamsas. From there we visited a nearby memorial to IDF soldiers who died in 1970 when their dining hall was crushed by fallen rocks weakened by heavy rains. Then we went to the border with Jordan to understand the peaceful relationship closely monitored by Israel. Finally we toured greenhouses with endless rows of tomato plants, pollinated by "Bees in a Box", and got a sense of the huge scale of agriculture providing all sorts of vegetables to the open air markets we would later visit in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

That evening we were treated to a dinner hosted by members of the Tamar regional council and a program introducing us to the fascinating area that includes the oasis of Ein Gedi, Masada, a high tech research facility, huge mineral refinery, miles of date palms, and the many greenhouses of peppers, watermelons and more, fed with water from deep wells managed by sophisticated drip irrigation systems. Not only did modern Israel make the desert bloom but it coaxed the formerly lifeless area to provide abundant crops destined for export.

We left the region after a full two days with an understanding of the key role it plays in the complex society and culture of Israel. The ancient history of the area is dramatically remembered as the last vestige of Jewish life succumbing to Roman domination. The past is now reflected by the inventive and industrious Tamar communities ready to connect to Tulsa for exchanges that will increase our understanding of the diverse and fascinating land of Israel. ■

A Shabbat Experience to Remember

by JEFF BONEM, PARTICIPANT ON THE TEMPLE ISRAEL TOUR OF ISRAEL 2022



As a conservative Jewish person I was thrilled to attend the Temple Israel tour of Israel, March 26 to April 6. This was not my first trip to Israel as I have been many times as a member of the Israel committee of The Jewish Federation of Tulsa.

This trip included a Shabbat visit on Friday April 1st to Kehilat Ma'alot Tivon. This is a reform synagogue located 45 minutes drive from coastal Haifa. We drove from our Hotel in Haifa to arrive at Kehilat Ma'alot Tivon. Upon exiting the bus, we were welcomed by the synagogue president and Rabbi Amnon Ribak.

Upon entering a fairly modern building we were informed that face masks were required due to COVID-19 restrictions. The 16 members of our group were welcome to take seats anywhere in synagogue. Upon walking to our seats, various members of the congregation welcomed us and wished us a Shabbat Shalom.

For those who have never attended a Friday Shabbat service in Israel, it is a special connection. Personally, as I become more deeply connected to the Jewish people and with the songs of Kabbalat Shabbat I enter my festive and spiritual place as ,I have made it to another Shabbat.

The services started with a warm welcome to our group from the Rabbi. We then proceeded to sing Mah Tov which led me to enter my time and space. The service included most of the traditional Shabbat songs and prayers. Our group, led by Mark Lobo presented several gifts to the congregation. This included a Temple Israel

Mezuzah, a beaded Native American Mezuzah, and some Tulsa brochures. These exchanges will only strengthen the bond between Tulsa and Tivon another partnership being formed for future generations.

Towards the end of services the Rabbi introduced a family of an upcoming Bar Mitzvah. The grandparents passed the Torah to their daughter who then passed the Torah to the son. This clearly showed the Idor V'dor tradition of the Jewish people and was a very special and symbolic act of handing down the teachings of the Torah.

After the services a beautifully prepared meal was ready for us as the invited guests of the Synagogue. I sat at a table with a couple and their two daughters. The oldest daughter who is in her last year of university, wants to go into local government. (I look forward to seeing her run for Prime Minister of Israel in about 15 years). She is a very intelligent and vibrant person whom I feel could be a fantastic leader of Israel. This was a great meal with food a plenty and great conversations. Before we knew it our time was up and we had to depart. At this point, several songs of Shabbat were sang in unison as we concluded our visit to Kehilat Ma'alot Tivon.

This evening, like most Shabbats in Israel, was one to remember. ■



Queseria Haifa city view

Jewish Superstitions ©

by PHIL GOLDFARB

Like all cultures, Jews have developed numerous superstitious practices applicable to a variety of occasions. Often they defy logic and some long-held superstitions are truly *bubbe meises* (old wives's tales). It all comes down to one thing: the evil eye. Called *ayin ha'ra* in Hebrew, the evil eye is the idea that a demon or a person can bewitch someone just by looking at them. This superstitious belief isn't just folklore — The Evil eye (Hebrew: עין הרע) features prominently in rabbinic writings,

The 25 most common and long held Jewish superstitions are:

1. **Red string:** One of the more well-known Jewish superstitions is to wear a red string on your left wrist to ward off evil. Other superstitions tied to the red string bracelet is that once it falls off a woman's wrist naturally, she'll meet the person she'll marry. It's also associated with increased fertility and protection from bloodshed in war.

2. **“Pu pu”** What better way to get the big bad evil eye off your back than to spit directly into it? For centuries, after seeing, hearing, or learning of something absolutely awful, it's customary to spit three times (a mystical number) to ward off the evil eye and prevent such a tragedy from happening or recurring. Spitting was long considered a potent protector against magic and demons. Ancient and medieval physicians, including Maimonides, described the positive values of saliva and spittle. On the flip side, Jews also “pu pu” after receiving good news, also to make sure the evil eye doesn't spoil a good time. Some precede it with “kein ayin hara,” which means “no evil eye.”

3. **Chewing on thread:** A popular *bubbe meise* is chewing on a piece of thread whenever one is wearing a garment upon which someone is actively sewing—such as attaching a button or repairing a seam. This practice may relate to the Yiddish phrase “*mir zollen nit farnayen der saychel*,” meaning that one should not sew up the brains (or common sense). Actively chewing while another is sewing on one's garments is a clear indication that one is quite alive and not yet a candidate for the grave. If you are wearing clothing while someone is sewing a button or mending a tear, put a piece of string in your mouth to guard against misfortune.

4. **Tugging on your ears when you sneeze:** The practice of pulling on one's ears when sneezing has caused heated arguments. Should one ear or both be pulled (or tugged) and should one pull up or down? Originally, it was performed if the sneeze occurred when speaking about one who was dead. However, tugging has long been extended to all sneezes and is usually accompanied by reciting the Yiddish phrase “*tzu langehmazaldikker yohrn*” (to long, lucky years).

5. **Sneeze on the truth:** Midrashic legend maintains that a sneeze is used to announce impending death. Some ancient peoples believed that the “little explosion in the head” ensured approaching eternity. Rather than a mere irritation of the nasal passages, a sneeze was deemed a grave omen. This may be the underlying reason for the custom of saying “long life” and “good health” to one who has sneezed. A traditional belief is that when a person sneezes during a conversation, whatever has just been said will occur, based on the concept of “sneezing on the truth.”

6. **Close open books:** Always make sure to close your book before you leave it, or the evil powers of devils and demons will steal the “holy knowledge” and use it for evil plans. Closing prayer books is a common practice in synagogues and study halls.

7. **Put salt in your pockets and corners of the room:** Jews used



to be so scared of demons living in their houses that they'd pay people to move in first to make sure the coast is clear! They also used to put salt in areas of the house such as corners of a room where evil creatures hid, because salt is believed to have powers against evil spirits. The same reasoning applied to new clothes,

where smaller goblins and elves could secret themselves in pockets. By placing a small amount of salt in the pockets, the owner of the clothing hoped to drive these beings away and foil their evil designs.

8. **Metal pin on clothes for new trip:** Jews regard metal as a protective substance, so naturally, it is customary to wear a metal pin on clothing for a new trip. The power of metal comes from the idea that it's a product of civilization, and therefore metal can ward off evil spirits of a less sophisticated society. Another reason why metal is so meaningful to Jews: *Barzel*, which is “iron” in Hebrew, is an acronym for the names of the mothers of the Children of Israel (*Bilhah, Rachel, Zilpha, and Leah*).

9. **Never put a hat or shoes on your bed:** If you toss a hat or shoes on your bed, those pesky evil spirits will target you. However, the rationale could be in physics (a shock from static electricity released when removing a hat from your head and tossing it) or hygiene (preventing an infestation of parasites).

10. **Eat fish on Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah:** Fish are impervious to being affected by the evil eye, mostly because they're the only animals to survive Noah's flood. Eat fish on Shabbat evening and Rosh Hashanah, because “a fish's eyes go up, and you should position yourself with your eyes heavenward.”

11. **Bring jam to a housewarming party:** Strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, or any flavor jam is more than just a tasty gift to bring to a new home — it also serves as a distraction. While guests celebrate a new beginning, demons nosh on sweet jam instead of wreaking havoc. It's a sign of blessing, a sign of sweetness.

12. **Smashing glass at a wedding ceremony:** The groom smashing a glass wrapped in cloth at the end of a wedding ceremony is one of the most recognized Jewish customs. There are several explanations behind it. One has to do with the Jewish demon, *Lilith*, otherwise known as the incarnation of lust. The second accepted reason for breaking the glass is to commemorate the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. The destruction of the glass is a reminder that there is destruction even in moments of happiness.

13. **Circling the groom:** At a Jewish wedding, the bride will usually circle around her groom under the huppah three or seven times. Why? Some say it builds a magical wall of protection against temptation, other women, and the evil eye.

14. **Cover mirrors after a death:** When Jews sit shiva it's traditional to cover all mirrors in the household. There are some practical reasons behind this, like focusing on mourning the dead as opposed to our physical appearance. When someone dies, evil spirits come lurking to fill the new void. These demons can only be seen through a mirror, so Jews cover them as to not be alarmed by the spirits. Traditionally, the real reason is the mirror image of the person who has died is trapped in the mirror and you must cover it over or the spirit will cause damage or harm you."

15. **Wash your hands after a funeral:** Or the evil eye will bring death into your house.

16. **Don't take a direct path home from the cemetery:** Cemeteries are filled with evil spirits, so after visiting a loved one don't go directly home. You wouldn't want the demons to follow you back to your house! To get the demons off your trail, walk all over the grounds to shake them off. The object is to avoid alerting demonic offspring who will try to steal your inheritance.

17. **Change your name when you're sick:** Every time you get sick is like an alarm clock for the angel of death. Change your name and you'll be safe as a misdirection to fool the angel of death.



18. **Hamsa:** The hamsa is a hand shaped charm with an eye in the center, is perhaps the most recognized Jewish amulet. Some Jewish hamsas have images of fish and the Star of David, two icons that also serve as protection against the evil eye.

19. **Touching the mezuzah on the doorpost when you enter:** It has protective qualities and protects whoever goes into the house, keeps out what is not good. The fact that the mezuzah has protective qualities is part of the holy books.

20. **Saying the opposite:** To protect others from the evil eye, many Jews will say the opposite of what they mean. For example—"break a leg" before going onstage means good luck.

21. **Place a prayer book under the mattress of an infant:** To keep the child from harm.

22. **Don't boast about your good health or great wealth:** lest you be stricken with an illness or see your investments take a nosedive.

23. **Don't Sit At The Corner Of The Table:** If an unmarried girl sits at the corner of the table, she won't get married for the next seven years.

24. **Don't Step Over Someone:** If someone is sitting on the couch with their legs propped up on the coffee table, do not step over their legs. If you do, you will cause them to stop growing. To reverse this curse, just step back over them.



25. **Only Bring An Even Number Of Flowers.** While flowers are a great way to commemorate a special occasion, make sure that bouquets are filled with an odd number of flowers. Bouquets with an even number of flowers are reserved for funerals only.

A scientist would likely scoff at them, but why not follow tradition — just to play it safe. Even the Sefer Hasidim ("The Book of the Pious") offers this sage advice: "One should not believe in superstitions, but it is best to be heedful of them."

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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, May 7, 14, 21, 28 • 9:30 a.m.

Each week, our community gathers together 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, either in person or on Zoom. 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 access the Synagogue Zoom Room at 918 583 7121.

Lifelong Learners
Wednesday, May 4 • 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. and 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. It's our pleasure to provide this service in cooperation with our fellow Jewish institution. Please reserve your spot by calling the Synagogue at 918-583-7121.

Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Levine
Saturday, May 7 • 9:30 a.m.

We are happy to announce the coming celebration of Ryan Levine, son of DeeDee and Jonathan Levine on Saturday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please see Ryan's profile elsewhere in the Review.

Blatt + Blue
Thursday, May 12 • 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 Brazilian Jewish Film "The Year My Parents Went on Vacation. By turns light and serious, the film will be platformed on the Synagogue website from May 1 forward to the night of the discussion. Join us on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. for a lively discussion in the Synagogue Zoom Room at 918 583 7121.

Two Rabbis And...
Friday, May 13 • 7:00 p.m.

Join us for the new format of, "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 a special guest. 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.

Shabbat for Everyone - BBQ B'Omer

Friday, May 20 • 6:15 p.m.

From the second day of Passover until Shavu'ot, we mark each day with a ritual practice called Sefirat ha-Omer. The thirty-third day of this practice is called Lag ba-Omer and is traditionally marked with bonfires and cookouts. To celebrate, we're partnering with a local BBQ team to provide an authentic, kosher, BBQ platter and Shabbat picnic. We'll follow with our Shabbat for Everyone musical celebration at 7:00 p.m. The service will be broadcast live on Zoom at 918 583 7121. Make your reservations in advance on the Synagogue website, www.tulsagogue.com.

Millennials: Seasonal Sips
Monday, May 23 • 6:00 p.m.

We mark the time between Passover and Shavuot with the Counting of the Omer, a tradition that originated in connection with the annual offering of barley in the Temple. It's a short step from grain offerings to beer. To celebrate, we're partnering with Heirloom Rustic Ales to host a sampling of our favorite modern beverages. Join our young professional community for a one-of-a-kind beer tasting and delicious catered vegetarian meal. To register, please visit www.tulsagogue.com.

Bibi Dibi: Babies, Blessings, Dinner, Bedtime
Friday, May 27 • 6:00 p.m.

Babies, babies, and more babies! Our monthly session for our youngest members and their families resumes with an in-person session beginning at 6:00 p.m. With toys, songs, and sweet activities, we introduce concepts of rest, Shabbat, and Jewish values. It all culminates with a delicious family picnic. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Please visit www.tulsagogue.com.

BLATT + BLUE : *THE YEAR MY PARENTS WENT ON VACATION*
ON THURSDAY, MAY 12



We do not usually see films from Brazil, but Jewish cinema is a worldwide phenomenon, and it takes in the whole of the modern Jewish experience. This month's selection, *The Year My Parents Went on Vacation* by director Cao Hamburger deals with a period of special turmoil in the 1970, when the World Cup and political repression converged.

Despite the heavy sound of these circumstances, this is not a documentary. Hamburger focuses on the experience of twelve-year-old Mauro, played by Michel Joelsas, who is the child of left-wing activists. Mauro's parents go underground to escape arrest, torture or worse. Though they try, anxiously and somewhat ineptly, to shelter their son from what is

happening, their only choice seems to be to abandon him. But their plan to leave the boy with his grandfather in São Paulo goes awry, and Mauro winds up in the grudging, grumpy care of his grandfather's neighbor Shlomo (Germano Haiut), a member of the city's Orthodox Jewish community.

Participants who would like to screen the film in advance may do so on the website of the Synagogue (www.tulsagogue.com), where we will be hosting the film from May 1 forward to the date of Blatt + Blue. There is no charge for this experience and we hope that it makes it possible for many people to access the film.

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-six 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, May, 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. ■



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Kate Schecter, Ph.D.

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Challenges of Reform Judaism on Zoom • Thurs., May 5, 12, 19, & 26 • 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.

Shabbat Service Farewell Event for Rabbi Kowalski in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., May 6 • 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Rabbi Kowalski and wish her well as she embarks on a new journey. Stay tuned for more details about this service and event. Masks are optional for all vaccinated individuals; required for unvaccinated individuals. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Shabbat Learning Through the Ages on Zoom • Sat., May 7 • 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.

Temple Israel Annual Fundraiser & Benefit for Ukraine in person & on Zoom • Tues., May 10 • 7:30 p.m.

Kate Schecter, Ph.D. is the President & CEO of World Neighbors (www.worldneighbors.org), an international development organization based in Oklahoma City. World Neighbors inspires people and strengthens communities to find lasting solutions to hunger, poverty, and disease and to promote a health environment.

Before Dr. Schecter joined World Neighbors in 2014, she worked for the American International Health Alliance (AIHA) for 14 years. As a Senior Program Officer in AIHA, she had responsibility for managing health partnerships throughout Eurasia and Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). She also managed a blood safety program in Ukraine, Central Asia and Cambodia from 2012-2014. In the early 2000s she managed a program on the prevention of mother-to-child-transmission of HIV (PMTCT) in Ukraine and numerous pilot sites in Russia and Central Asia.

Prior to AIHA, Dr. Schecter worked as a consultant for the World Bank specializing in healthcare reform and child welfare issues in Eurasia and CEE. She taught political science at Tel Aviv University in Israel for a year and at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Schecter has written extensively about the Soviet specialized healthcare system and was a principal investigator for the Carnegie Corporation's Russia initiative where she researched the issue of social cohesion in Russia. She is the co-editor of Social Capital and Social Cohesion in Post-Soviet Russia. She also has made three documentary films for PBS about the former Soviet Union.

Dr. Schecter holds a Ph.D. in political science from Columbia University in New York and an M.A. in Soviet Studies from Harvard University.

*Funds will be distributed through the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Lag BYOB'Omer Zam'ru L'Shabbat Service in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., May 20 • 6:00 p.m.

Join Temple Israel for an abbreviated Kabbalat Shabbat on Dorothy's Plaza. We will have a campfire and 'Smores. Bring your guitar or other instruments, as we will have music around the fire. Also, Bring Your Own Beverage, and perhaps something to share! Outside events do not require masks. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Reunion Shabbat Service in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Sat., May 21 • 10:30 a.m.

At this special Shabbat service we will honor Temple Israel's 2015 Adult B'nai Mitzvah! Everyone is welcome! Masks are optional for all vaccinated individuals; required for unvaccinated individuals. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Teacher Appreciation Havdalah in person • Sat., May 28 • 7:30 p.m.

Temple Israel invites you to join us as we celebrate our teachers with Havdalah and a delicious dessert reception. Masks are optional for all vaccinated individuals; required for unvaccinated individuals.

Donors to this year's fundraiser are invited to a dessert reception to hear an expert analysis of the current crisis in Ukraine. Join us in person or via Zoom. Your gift this year will be matched by the Burnstein Foundation with a like amount to Ukrainian Jewry. Masks are optional for all vaccinated individuals; required for unvaccinated individuals. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Tot Shabbat in person • Fri., May 13 • 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we create a sacred space for our young families with songs, prayers, and an activity with our short monthly Tot Shabbat Service. Stay for the complimentary pizza dinner. Masks are optional for all vaccinated individuals; required for unvaccinated individuals. RSVP by Tuesday, May 10. Contact Rabbi K at rabbikay@templetulsa.com for more information.

Sisterhood Shabbat Service in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., May 13 • 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to Temple Israel's Shabbat Service honoring our Sisterhood. This lively service features Sisterhood board members. Masks are optional for all vaccinated individuals; required for unvaccinated individuals. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Turn It, Turn It Again: A Torah Which Brings Us Full Circle

by RABBI MICHAEL WEINSTEIN

Allow me to share with you a bit of a story, in some ways, my story. In some ways, this is our story. In 1883, my maternal great-great grandfather, Alex Vigransky, emigrated from Lazdijai, Poland (now Lithuania) with his wife and infant son. They were fleeing the brutal pogroms across Russia and eastern Europe. Immigration led them through Ellis Island, ultimately landing them in Cincinnati, Ohio. Less than eight hundred miles away, in Mykolaiv, Ukraine, lived my paternal ancestors. A generation later, in 1905, my great grandfather, Harry Roher, fled Ukraine, to avoid being impressed into the Russian army. He ended up in Brooklyn, New York.

The oil boom began in Tulsa. Many Eastern European and Ukrainian Jews, with stories very similar to my ancestry, made their way to the Boom Town for the opportunity of a better life. Temple Israel was founded in 1914. The congregation held its first Holy Day service in the Elks Club building at 3rd and Boulder in 1915. Student Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman traveled in from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. The following year, Rabbi Feldman was engaged to return for the Holy Days. When the leadership learned that Feldman would be returning to Tulsa, they asked him to purchase a Torah Scroll, funded by the Ladies Aide Society of Temple Israel, and bring it to Tulsa. Feldman bought a scroll in New York City during his summer at home and brought it to Tulsa by train with him in the fall.

Student Rabbi Feldman came from a traditional Jewish background; the idea of putting a Torah Scroll in the baggage compartment of a train was unacceptable. Rabbi Emeritus Charles Sherman recounts a conversation with later-in-life Rabbi Feldman in which he recalled how he sat on the train for three days with Temple Israel's Torah Scroll in his arms. Tulsa received its first Torah Scroll.

Eight decades later, following the Dissolution of the Soviet Union, the Jewish communities of the Former Soviet Union began to, once again, find their Jewish identities. The city of Minsk was one of those communities. There were reported to have been one million Jews in Minsk when my great grandfather, Harry, was living in Ukraine. In 1998, there were less than 28,000 Jews left in Minsk, less than a century later. At that time, The Board of Trustees of Temple Israel decided to provide an emerging World Union of Progressive Judaism community, Congregation Simcha of Minsk with one of our six Torah Scrolls, on permanent loan.

In my mind... you guessed it... the "Feldman Scroll" immigrated to the former Soviet Union. (The truth is, we really do not know which scroll was which.) What is interesting, is how that scroll made its way to Minsk. In that year, the Jewish Federation of North American asked the presidents of the major Jewish Federations in the United States to go to Israel on a mission to see the projects funded by our JFT campaign dollars and then to travel to Minsk, Belarus with the then Israel Minister of Finance, Shimon Perez. Andy Wolov was the president of Jewish Federation of Tulsa at the time. As synchronous as our world can be, Rabbi Sherman asked Andy to deliver the scroll; Mr. Wolov was delighted to have the honor.

Now for the interesting bit. Three days on a train is nothing compared to what came next. How do you get a Torah Scroll halfway across the world? Rabbi Sherman had a custom box designed and built by a packaging business in Utica Square. Imagine a box which is roughly 40 inches tall and 30 inches across; when fully packed with Torah Scroll and packing materials, it would well exceed the 50-pound weight limit to which most modern airlines restrict us.

Mr. Wolov explained that, upon reaching the El Al terminal at JFK in New York, the world changed dramatically. The individual working in El Al security, upon learning of the scroll and its destination, broke into a huge smile, praising Andy for the blessing of Torah he was bestowing upon a community. Andy quickly realized the significance of this mitzvah; this was more than making a delivery, this was changing lives for good.

El Al responded in kind. Mr. Wolov and the rest of his Federation president colleagues were provided with a VIP treatment, even promising to store carefully and safely the Torah Scroll at the airport in Israel, during their visit.

Several days later, the mission returned to the airport for their charter flight to Minsk. The "Feldman Scroll" (as I like to believe) had its own seat on the plane right next to Andy Wolov. According to Andy, "At a banquet dinner, I sat with members of the emerging [WUPJ] congregation. [The community members] were thrilled; I had a translator since they spoke no English. [That evening,] I asked Mr. Perez to present the Torah with me to the members at the end of the dinner... It was a thrilling experience for me."

Along with the "Feldman Scroll" on permanent loan, the Board of Trustees of Temple Israel, in partnership with JFT Foundation, provided \$10,000 for Congregation Simcha.

On May 10, Temple Israel will be having our annual fundraising event. In light of the continued need to support Ukraine, connecting to our previous generations, Temple Israel is partnering with the Sanford and Irene Burnstein Foundation for a dollar-for dollar match. Any monies donated to the Temple Israel fundraiser will be matched by the Burnstein Foundation in the form of a donation to the World Union for Progressive Judaism in support of Ukrainian Jewry.

What began as a significant moment for Ukrainian and other immigrant Jews to Tulsa, on the part of Temple Israel's Sisterhood, has turned into a mitzvah spanning a century, returning blessings of thanksgiving from whence we came.

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