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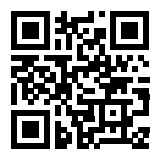
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Thank You for Helping Sustain Our Jewish Community

by SANDY SLOAN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

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Your gift touches all ages beginning with infants and their families in PJ library and Jmoms, youth in Camp Shalom, teens in BBYO and Midrasha, college students in Hillel, young Jewish professionals becoming our next generation of leaders, to adults attending Israel and Jewish cultural and educational programming. At each step of your Jewish journey, the Jewish Federation of Tulsa educates, builds, and grows your Jewish identity.

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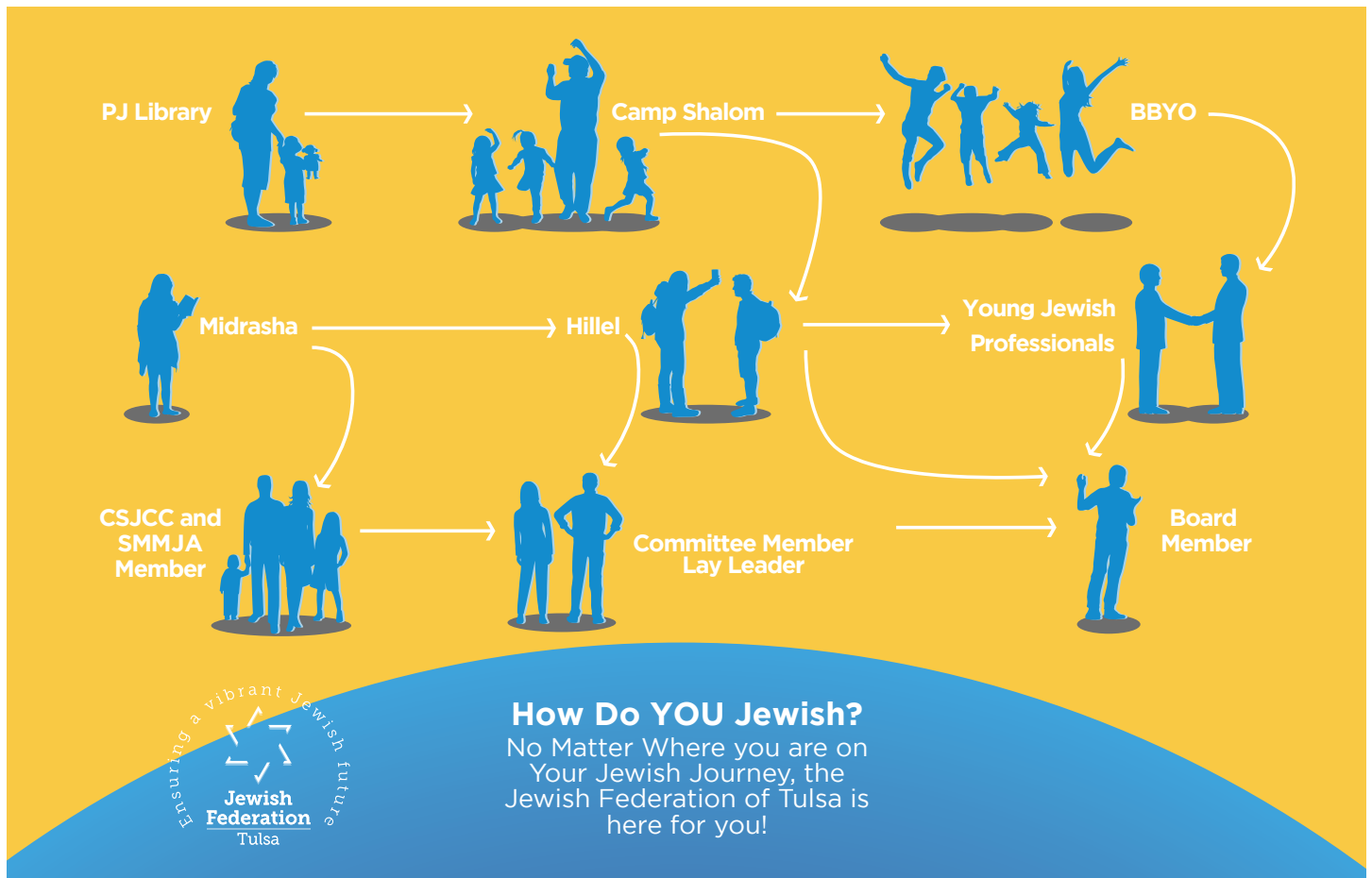
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Two Years in Review

by CHEN SHOVAL, ISRAEL EMISSARY

When I look back these past two years, I can say that time flies. Much of this is because my family and I are enjoying living in Tulsa and connecting to the Jewish community. Since arriving in Tulsa, I have discovered a special community that is welcoming and supportive, and because of this, I have been able to achieve my goal of bringing Israel to Tulsa.

We endured many changes during the pandemic. Some of the Jewish Federation programs have changed, new programs have been established and some older ones have ceased. When I first arrived, mid-pandemic, all my programs were on zoom while trying to get to know my new community and introducing myself, my family, and the perception of “our Israel”. As we continued to learn living with the pandemic, program planning took twice the amount of time as we planned for both scenarios—either an in-person program or a virtual one.

While dealing with this challenge, together with the Israel committee and its chair, Itzik Levin, lay leaders and staff, we created programs for different ages and interest groups, such as; a cooking class with our new alliance in the Tamar region, a geopolitics lecture series, virtual tours in Israel and establishing J moms (a new group for Jewish mothers with young children). My role as Shlichim (Israel Emissary) also had me collaborating with my co-workers on numerous programs including Feeding the Soul, Rosh Chodesh, Men’s Club, PJ Library, Young Jewish Professional’s, and Tulsa Tomorrow events. I have worked closely with the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art and the Council for Holocaust Education on various educational programs. During the past two years, I have worked with the Jewish institutions by teaching and lecturing at Midrasha, Sunday school, BBYO, and other programs sponsored by Congregation B’nai Emunah, Temple Israel, Mizel Jewish Community Day School, and Zarrow Pointe.

In January and February of this year, I taught a four-part lecture series on Israel 101 with 50 participants in each class, with attendees both in-person and virtual. Also, during the winter, the Israel Committee and Community Relations Committee (CRC) partnered up to present Comedy for Peace, bringing together the interfaith community for a night of laughs. The event was my first in-person event and was a huge success with 120 attendees.

This year’s annual Yom Ha’atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, was an enormous undertaking. Together with the Israel Committee and dozens of volunteers, we created an outdoor Israeli Market for more than 250 visitors.

In my role as Jewish Emissary, I also spend a good deal of time reaching out to the broader Tulsa community. I taught about Israel to more than 150 students at Tulsa Community College, Oral Roberts University, and University School. Perhaps my favorite teaching experience is each summer during Camp Shalom. My husband Tal and I led 3-weeks of outdoor adventure “Israel style” camp and taught Shabbat to more than 150 kids weekly, during the 10-weeks of camp.

During my second year on the job, the world re-opened and trips to Israel became possible. This past year, I was involved with four different groups that traveled from Tulsa to Israel. I helped plan itineraries, coordinate accommodations, and led a group of educators. I find it very gratifying to learn the participant’s impressions of the state of Israel and hear of the positive experiences they had on their trip.

This time of year, the Jewish tradition encourages us to reflect, thinking about our deeds and behavior and what we wish to accomplish in the coming year. I want to thank you for being there for me and my family—on weekends and holidays, and for attending programs and celebrations. And as I start my third and last year as the Israel Emissary, my goal is to be an educational source for Israel and the people of Israel that will serve the Jewish and non-Jewish communities in Tulsa and the surrounding area. My focus will be on working with different Jewish educational organizations and young students, stimulating them to dialogue about their Jewish identity and connection to Israel, and teaching them about the culture and story of Israel.

Missions to Israel will be a big part of my work as we are planning a Young Jewish Professionals trip in April. Last, but not least, this is the year Israel celebrates its 75th Anniversary, and the Jewish Federation of Tulsa celebrates 50 years of the Shlichim program—so get ready for a year full of celebrations!

Shana Tova and I hope to see in you soon at one of our upcoming events. ■



Chen Shoval leading Kabbalat Shabbat at Camp Shalom

Cross Continent Connections

by CHEN SHOVAL, ISRAEL EMISSARY

Members of the Israel committee and Tulsa Global Alliance received a warm welcome at Mayor Bynum's office on our visit this past June.

In our meeting, we discussed how Israel is a unique place—historical and modern—and agreed that it is a must-visit destination that is often life-changing. Itzik Levin, chair of the Israel committee, arranged the meeting to give mayor G.T Bynum a letter, written by the mayor of Tiberias, a Tulsa Sister City. During the meeting, Debbie Givens, the director of Tulsa-Tiberias Sister City with the Tulsa Global Alliance, and former Carver student, Conley Bolusky shared their recent experiences traveling to Israel. During this trip, a bison statue, a gift from Tulsa to celebrate Tiberias' 2,000th birthday was presented to the Tiberias' mayor and installed with a celebratory reception. Students and teachers from the Carver Middle School—Nof-Harim cultural delegation and representatives from Tiberias' municipality, including the mayor, attended the festive occasion. Photos and stories of the ceremony were shared with Mayor Bynum.

The connection of Tulsa with Israel, through the Tulsa Global Alliance (TGA), is important as it gives us the opportunity to educate and present Israel to the broader Tulsa community. Last August, I held a booth at the Central Library for a Tulsa Global Alliance program called World in a Box. During the program, participants visited different country's booths and had their "passports" signed. At the Israel booth, visitors wrote their names in Hebrew, made Hamsa decorations, and tasted local Israeli food. Ancient pottery and Judaica were presented alongside both a map of Israel and a world map, where visitors searched the world map to discover how small the country is. It was interesting to learn how each visitor knew something about Israel. We had TGA volunteers in the booth who had visited Israel a decade ago and still felt connected, and many visitors shared their personal connection to Israel or Judaism. This event made me appreciate—even more—the work of TGA and Debbie Givens, maintaining our excellent connection between Tulsa and Israel. ■

*The T-shirt that the mayor is holding says in Hebrew "Tulsa Oklahoma" and are available for purchase at the Jewish Federation of Tulsa.



(from left to right): Bob Lieser (TGA), Debbie Givens (TGA), Itzik Levine (JFT Israel Committee Chair), Chen Shoval (JFT Israel Emissary), Mayor G.T Bynum, Conley Bolusky (former Carver MS Student), Kristine Merchant (Carver MS Teacher), and Aida Nozick (JFT Executive Director).



What Was Israel?

by RACHEL BERKOWITZ, PARTICIPANT IN THE EDUCATOR'S TRIP TO ISRAEL

I was offered the opportunity to travel with a group of educators to Israel. I had no idea exactly what that entailed, but when given opportunity to do something amazing, you make the time. I had not been to Israel since I was sixteen, and it made a huge impact on my life. I needed to go rediscover what Israel was and is.

Fifteen strangers met for the first time in the Tulsa International Airport with one goal in mind: travel to Israel. We each had our own ideas of this trip: food, shopping, beaches, culture and history. We excitedly milled about waiting for our flight. What actually happened is we etched a bond into our hearts and minds that helped us throughout our journey.

After landing and gathering luggage Chen Shoval introduced us to our amazing guide, Ilan. Ilan took us back in time. We went from the time of King David to present day. As we traversed the country we had guided discussions. During the discussions, Ilan never told us what to think. He asked us what we thought. He asked us to think. He encouraged discussion. Each of us were able to share our views of how Israel has



Educator's trip participants pose for a photo in the City of David, Jerusalem.

shaped the world and our Jewish identity with conviction and without judgment. As we shared our perspectives, we gained a deeper understanding and respect of each other. This respect was not formed because we agreed, but because of how we disagreed. While we became a cohesive group, we also learned, or re-learned, how to learn. In rediscovering how to learn we also took in new information about how to better educate our own students.

A group of educators visit Israel not to teach, but to learn. An amazing part of this trip was experiencing the education system. Albert Einstein encapsulates the educational premise of Israel with his quote, "Education is not the learning of fact, but the training of the mind to think." We watched children, pre-k through high school, learn to think. They did not realize it since they were cooking, discussing, building, creating, and playing. For example, every school we saw had a kitchen in the classroom. Starting in pre-k children participated in their own meals, from planning through clean up. This made them work together, problem solve and have open dialogue. Children discussed everything, including the taboo topics of

Happy New Year!

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religion and politics. We saw that open discussions leads to acceptance because they worked through their disagreements. The future generations we met already know how to emotionally navigate personal issues while traversing traditional education topics.

While learning history and education we had plenty of fun. Israel has its own heartbeat; think New York meets the serenity of botanical gardens. There is diversity in both the people and the land they inhabit. We had fun exploring the hustle and bustle of Israeli markets. The art was magnificent. We excitedly spoke with all the vendors and made deals on the streets. It is a perfect atmosphere for those who love to argue and banter. The scenery changed rapidly from city to forest and orchards to sandy desert as we moved from place to place. The food was amazing and fresh. Restaurants cater to every walk of life. It is very easy to be a vegetarian, vegan, or eat meat and keep kosher. The irrigation innovation is magnificent. We watched surfers tackle waves while others played on the beaches of the Mediterranean. We woke very early to catch the sun as it awakened the land on the top of Masada. As the sun rose, our spirits rose with it as every group there encouraged each other to just keep going. After our rigorous hike, we relaxed in the Dead Sea. There was music seemingly everywhere. I danced in the street as a violinist played beautifully. We listened to a special concert performed by teenagers who had been studying music for years at a specialized school for the arts; like Julliard. We also marveled as Tel Aviv slowed down to observe Shabbat. We were welcomed to the Kotel by a Bar Mitzvah celebration. The celebration was an exuberantly loud proclamation to welcome this boy into the community. Everyone was

welcome to join. That celebration was a juxtaposition to the deeply personal prayers by individuals at the Western Wall. The diversity in all the experiences is a reminder that Israel symbolizes growth, diversity, compassion, spirituality and a sense of being. Israel reminds us that we are constantly both where we came from and who we will become. This is not a battle, but a perpetual chain.

What we do with our experience is yet to be seen. We know that we formed deep bonds. We know that we learned. We know that we had an adventure. Where we go from here seems to be a very Jewish theme. Throughout our trip we asked ourselves several questions: How do we perpetuate the spirituality to our congregations? Do we implement our education endeavors to our respective classrooms? Do we lobby to change the entire education system? These questions were not meant to be answered then. They were to be pondered for later. I am excited to see the “what now” aspect of this trip. I am glad I was a part of this experience and that we, those fifteen strangers, are now a micro community.

Now the question is, what is Israel? Israel is not one thing, but we know Israel is unequivocally innovation. It teaches, learns, and evolves to persevere. One of the biggest lessons we can take from this experience is that the only way to be is to keep reaching, growing, and questioning. I invite you to take three simple questions from our journey to yours, “What? So what? Now what?” ■

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SUPER SUNDAY FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, September 18, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

@ CSJCC, Barbara and Dave Sylan Auditorium



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Super Sunday Family Fun Day will coincide with
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arts and crafts, games, challah making, ice
cream sundae bar, and more.

Please sign up in advance so we have enough
food: www.JewishTulsa.org/FamilyFunDay

Upcoming Events



Campaign Kickoff Event | Sunday, September 11 | 6:00 pm | Jewish Federation of Tulsa

Campaign season is officially here and it is starting with a super unique event! Mentalist and musician, Sidney Friedman, is kicking off our annual campaign! Our theme for this year's campaign is United Jewish Tulsa. We are ONE community, united and sticking together to continue planning amazing programs throughout the year for groups of all ages, donating to causes around the world that our community supports, educating the future through Holocaust and Israel education classes, and so much more! Join us for a one-of-a-kind event by purchasing your ticket.

Register at jewishtulsa.org/campaignkickoff



The Lunch Bunch | Wednesday, September 14 | 12:00 pm | Oklahoma Aquarium

Our second edition of The Lunch Bunch is here! In March 2019, the Oklahoma Aquarium announced its Sister Aquarium partnership with the Gottesman Family Israel Aquarium in Jerusalem. Following the presentation about this partnership, we will have a behind the scenes tour of the aquarium. Join us for this unique Lunch Bunch. RSVP required by September 9th.

Register at jewishtulsa.org/lunchbunch-sept14



Super Sunday Family Fun Day | September 18 | 2:00 pm | Jewish Federation of Tulsa

Calling all families and community members! Please join us for an afternoon of family fun on Sunday, September 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Super Sunday Family Fun Day will coincide with our annual Super Sunday phone-a-thon and will include guided Rosh Hashanah activities for families, games, ice cream sundae bar, and more.

Register at jewishtulsa.org/familyfunday





Super Sunday Phone-a-Thon | September 18 | 2:00 pm | Jewish Federation of Tulsa

Volunteers are needed for our annual Super Sunday phone-a-thon! Join your Jewish community as we gather to make calls. Our annual Super Sunday phone-a-thon will coincide with our Super Sunday Family Fun Day event.

Register at jewishtulsa.org/supersunday22



Young Jewish Professionals | Israel Trip Info Dinner | Wednesday, September 21 | 6:00 pm

Come learn about a young Jewish professionals Israel trip happening in 2023. Information meeting with free dinner at the Jewish Federation of Tulsa. Learn about what to expect on the trip.

Register at jewishtulsa.org/yjpisrael



Family Shabbaton | September 30 – October 1 | Sequoyah State Park

Enjoy Shabbat while bonding with young families from the Tulsa Jewish community! Rest and recharge around the campfire on Friday night and learn about the gorgeous land and nature at Sequoyah State Park and how nature connects to Judaism.

Register at jewishtulsa.org/familyshabbaton

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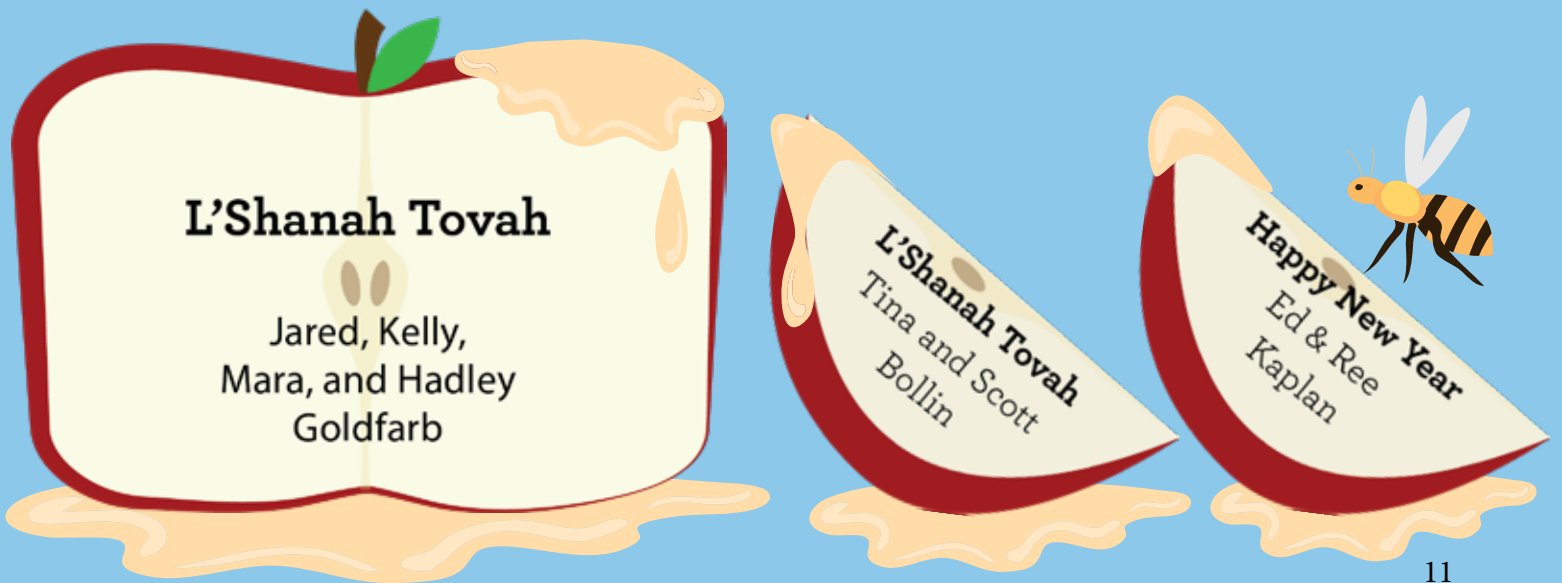
Lunch Bunch in the Sukkah | October 12 at 12pm

Lunch Bunch for Veteran's Day | November 9 at 12pm

Kristallnacht Remembrance | November 10 at 7pm

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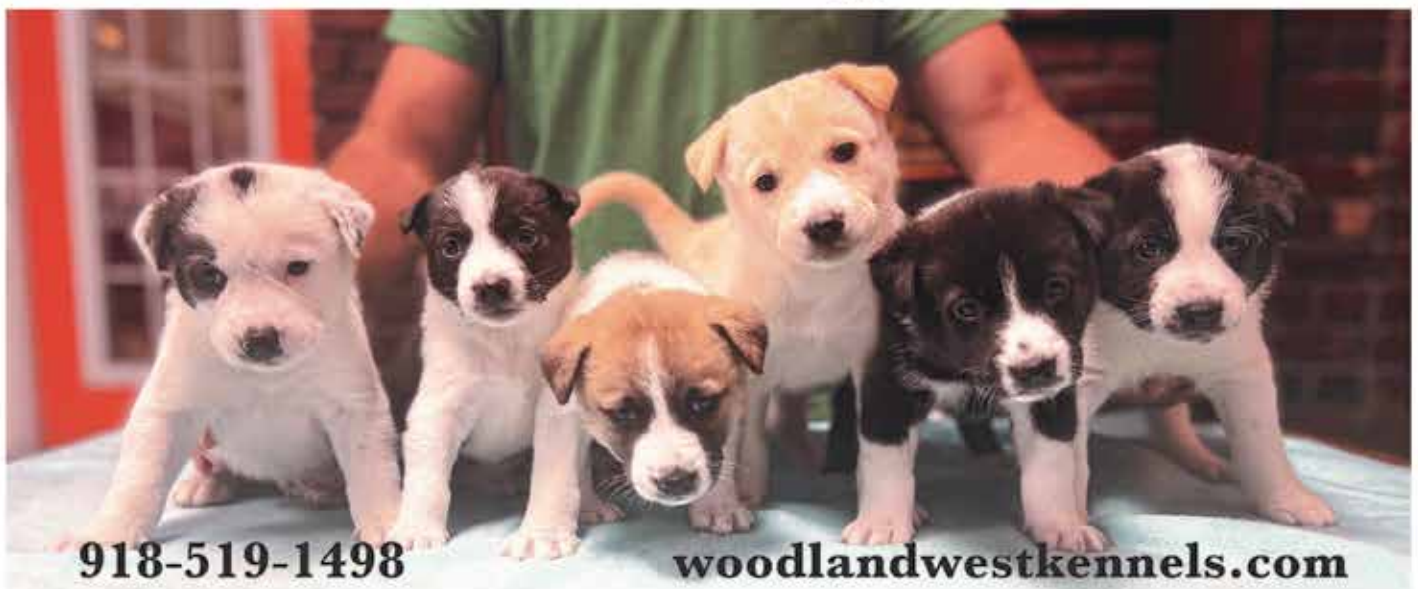
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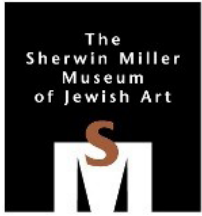
September Fitness Challenge : Slept-ember!

Happy Slept-ember! Sleep is just as important to our health and wellness as physical activity. For this month's fitness challenge, you will create a sleep goal for the month of September. Every week you will try to hit your goal and catch some Z's. Track your progress at the fitness center's front desk and submit your tracker every week to win some prizes!

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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
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Earth, Hand & Fire: Ceramics by Lisa Goldfarb
September 8, 2022—February 20, 2023

Lisa makes contemporary pieces using the raku glazing skill with a variety of glazes. Her signature technique creations are slab built reliquaries. Although a ceramic piece may be created with a particular emotion in mind, Lisa loves the mystery and unpredictability of her end products.

Opens with a reception September 8 at 6:00 p.m. including a gallery talk with artist Lisa Goldfarb.



Biblical Micro Calligraphy Art by Ellen Miller Braun
September 8, 2022—January 9, 2023

Calligraphy, writing, that is very small, micro. Using this tiny lettering, Ellen creates her flowing designs. The final creation is a picture completed entirely with words. This art style is also known as micrography. Ellen chose the term “micro calligraphy” to express her exacting work: tiny letters and words blending together to form the designs and figures on paper.

Opens with a reception September 8 at 6:00 p.m.

CATCH IT BEFORE ITS GONE

White on Black, Linoprints by A. Raymond Katz, 1933 | Now—December

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Mickel Yantz at OKPop

Originally from Seattle, Mickel Yantz has a BA in Fine Arts, a BA in Anthropology with a Museum Studies focus, and an MA in Museum Studies. He has worked in museums since 2004 in Washington State, the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC, and in Oklahoma. He has been an OU graduate professor teaching museum studies and Native Cultures since 2010, as well as SMMJA's Director of Collections and Exhibitions from 2015 to August 2022.

His work on the Sanditen/Kaiser Holocaust Center was nothing short of miraculous. His dedication and teamwork created our Holocaust Center that rivals many larger institutions. In his words, "I have also been blessed to work with a team that jumped on board from day one. Blending all our strength and experience, we strive each day to bring this center to life by creating a visual and emotional impact unlike any other in the world." He also was quoted, "Never Again! Never should anyone, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender, be a victim of discrimination or lose their life because of bias. I hope that each guest walks away with the education and confidence to stand up against hatred when it occurs around them. We want upstanders to make this world a better place."

We wish Mickel great success at his new position at OKPop Museum as their new Curator. He has left the SMMJA a better place than it was before he came. He is a great talent that OKPop is lucky to have. Thank you Mickel for your years of dedication, talent, and artistic genius.



Nancy Pettus (middle), poses for a photo with state representative John Waldron (left) and State Senator Jo Anna Dossett (right)

Nancy Pettus

Nancy Pettus will be leaving her position as Director of Holocaust Education on September 2. Prior to transferring to Jenks High School in 2000, she was the English department head at Jenks East Middle School for 4 years where she was in charge of a six-week Holocaust Unit for 520 8th grade students. This involved a reading of the play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, a research paper and 3-D project, a museum to display the projects and provide school-wide tours, a Holocaust survivor testimony, and a commemorative memorial service. She then spent the next 22 years working on Holocaust education through the Jenks public school system, as a volunteer on this campus, and then, in 2018 as an employee of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa. She has been a valuable volunteer, a great educator, an impassioned employee and a friend. We are sad to see her go but know that she has made an indelible mark on the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, Jewish Federation of Tulsa, the Council for Holocaust Education and the many students and teachers she educated about history and taught the importance of not being a bystander. Thank you so much Nancy for your passion, hard work, and dedication. ■



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Eighth Annual Eva K. Unterman Conference for Holocaust Educators Inspires and Informs

by NANCY PETTUS, DIRECTOR OF HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

What a pleasure it was to host the participants of this year's two-day Holocaust Educators Conference. Dr. J.E. Wolfson, Director of Education for the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission, led a discussion of guidelines for teaching about the Holocaust, to help teachers avoid common pitfalls in classroom instruction. Next, Jenny McConnell's interactive historical timeline established a basis for the progression of hate upon the Jews in the 1920s through 1940s.

During break-out sessions, Penny Crofford provided practical resources and methodologies that allowed teachers to incorporate the Holocaust into their classrooms while meeting the new state standards. Elizabeth Hudson's "Hitler's Other Victims" allowed participants to investigate the millions of often "forgotten victims." Dr. Wolfson's session included a criterion for selecting resources with practical recommendations and title suggestions.

Donna Berryhill, retired teacher and active museum docent, was presented the 2022 Ruth Ann Cooper Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education. We congratulate her as a past and present innovator in the area of Holocaust education. Finishing off day one was a presentation on how art helps students understand and navigate the complexities of the Holocaust by expressing their impressions in artistic creations.

A visit by Senator Jo Anna Dossett and House Representative John Waldron began day two as they discussed the recently-passed bipartisan Senate Bill 1671 which stresses the importance of providing Holocaust education in all Oklahoma schools grades 6-12. The remainder of the day was filled with presentations on Nazi propaganda, the Armenian Genocide, the use of Holocaust literature, and the role of Nazi legislation in the victimization of Jews.

Cathy Kass, whose grandfather and father were both Holocaust survivors, graciously told her story of three generations facing antisemitism and what it was like to be the child of a Holocaust survivor.

What more fitting end to a conference filled with countless educational opportunities but a question and answer session with child Holocaust survivor, Eva Unterman. Eva has been involved in promoting Holocaust education for 40 years as an international and local speaker (especially in Tulsa area classrooms), a Holocaust program organizer, a museum docent, and the most ardent supporter of teachers one could ever know. It was an honor to have this remarkable lady in our midst.

Last, but certainly not least, to all who presented and helped make this event possible, and to all who participated and joined us in person for this educational opportunity, I offer my sincerest thanks! ■



Eva K Unterman Conference for Holocaust Educators participants pose for a group photo with child Holocaust survivor, Eva K. Unterman

Oklahoma Senate Bill 1671 Signed

by NANCY PETTUS, DIRECTOR OF HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Although Holocaust education has appeared in the Oklahoma Social Studies standards since 2014, the need for enlarging the scope of this study in our times of hatred and division has been recognized and dealt with. Started as a grassroots effort from the community with Tulsan Charlotte Schuman at the forefront, the Jewish Federations of Tulsa and Greater Oklahoma City worked for over nine months with committee members and Oklahoma legislators to achieve the overwhelming bipartisan passage of Senate Bill 1671 on May 16, 2022. By passing SB 1671, our governor and state legislators acknowledge the responsibility we all have to prevent bullying, discrimination, antisemitism, and the hatred and prejudices that dehumanize our fellow citizens.

We refuse to stand by and allow the memory and lessons of the Holocaust to fade in our collective minds, be subjected to those who deny that it ever existed, and, worst of all, permit the voices of the millions whose lives were ended by this state-sponsored industrial killing to be silenced.

On August 10, 2022, members of the Tulsa and Oklahoma City Jewish Federations were invited to the Oklahoma State Capitol to attend the ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 1671. This bill further solidifies our commitment and pride to be among the 22 other states who have passed legislation promoting Holocaust Education. ■



State Senator Adam Pugh, Edie Roodman (Executive Director, Oklahoma Israel Exchange), Mike Kornbilt (President of the Greater Oklahoma City Jewish Federation), Governor Kevin Stitt, Nancy Pettus (JFT Director of Holocaust Education), Charlotte Schuman (JFT Chair, Council for Holocaust Education)

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Nathan's Famous ©

by PHIL GOLDFARB

American Jewish food is most typically defined as pastrami sandwiches, chocolate babka, or bagels and lox. However, the greatest American Jewish food may actually be the humble hot dog. Sausages of many varieties have existed since antiquity. The closest relatives of the hot dog are the frankfurter and the wiener, both American terms based on their cities of origin (Frankfurt and Vienna, respectively).

Nathan Handwerker was born June 14, 1892, in Narol, Austria-Hungarian Galicia, one of 13 children of a poor Jewish shoemaker, Jacob Handwerker (1852-1937) and his wife Reisel (Rose) Giewessenhajt Handwerker (1868-1926). He immigrated to the United States arriving at Ellis Island on April 7, 1912, on the SS Campanello. His wife, Ida Yetta Greenwald was born in Lomza, Poland and had immigrated to the United States in 1906. They were married in Manhattan, NY and eventually had three children: Leah, Murry, and Sol.

Handwerker initially found work as a delivery boy and later obtained a job slicing bread rolls at Feltman's German Gardens, a restaurant in Coney Island, Brooklyn. The restaurant sold hot dogs for 10 cents each. Beginning in 1870, German Jewish immigrant Charles Feltman had sold Frankfurt-style pork-and-beef sausages out of a pushcart on Coney Island, Brooklyn. Sausages not being the neatest street food, Feltman inserted them into soft buns. This innovative sausage-bun combo grew to be known as a hot dog (though Feltman called them "Coney Island red hots" or a "dachshund sandwich"). On a good summer day, Feltman might sell 40,000 hot dogs.

In 1916, Nathan Handwerker along with his wife Ida, who created the hotdog recipe using her grandmother's "secret spice recipe," spent their life savings at the time of \$300 (\$8,000 in 2022 dollars) to start the business. They opened a small hot dog stand with a two-foot grill on the corner of Surf and Stillwell Avenues in Coney Island and sold them for a nickel.

While Feltman's had grown into a large sit-down restaurant charging 10 cents, Handwerker charged half the price by making his eatery a "grab joint." (The term fast food had yet to be invented, but it was arguably Handwerker who created that ultra-American culinary institution).

In 1921, Handwerker named his previously unnamed hot dog stand Nathan's Hot Dogs after Sophie Tucker, then a singer at the nearby Carey Walsh's Cafe, and who made a hit of the song "Nathan, Nathan, Why You Waitin?"

Nathan's Famous conquered the hot dog world. Like so many of his American Jewish contemporaries, Handwerker succeeded via entrepreneurship and hard

work. At a time when food regulation was in its infancy and the components of the hot dog particularly suspect, his innovative marketing stunts included hiring people to eat his hot dogs while dressed as doctors to reassure potential customers to overcome public fears about low-quality ingredients. While his all-beef dogs were not made with kosher meat, he called them "kosher-style," thus underscoring that they contained no horse meat, catering to his Jewish clientele, while also putting up a sign that said: "No horse meat." The hot dog also highlights the explosive growth of the kosher supervision industry ("industrial kashrut"). The business proved immensely popular.

The kosher-style moniker was another American invention. American Jewish history, in part, is the story of a secular populace that embraced Jewish culture while rejecting traditional religious practices. All-beef hot dogs with Ashkenazi-style spicing yet made from meat that was not traditionally slaughtered or "kosher," sum up the new Judaism of Handwerker and his contemporaries. He called them "Nathan's Famous Beef Hot Dogs."

The expansion of the chain was overseen by Nathan and Ida's son, Murray Handwerker (July 25, 1921-May 14, 2011) from a family-owned hot dog stand to a nationally franchised fast-food chain. As time went on, Nathan's expanded his operation to include burgers, seafood, knishes, french fries, and even roast beef sandwiches. Murray often visited and worked at his father's hot dog stand as a child and served in the United States Army during World War II. In 1947, he received a bachelor's degree from New York University. A second branch on Long Beach Road in Oceanside, New York, opened in 1959, and another debuted in Yonkers, New York, in 1965. Murray Handwerker was named the president of Nathan's Famous in 1968, the year the company went public and also the same year that he wrote a cookbook, Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Cookbook. The company reached ten franchises, with 43 restaurants directly owned by the company, by 1977.



Nathan's storefront

All locations were sold by the Handwerker family to a group of private investors in 1987, at which point Nathan's was franchised and a great number of establishments were opened around New York City and beyond.

As of 2022, the original Nathan's hot dog stand still exists at its first 1916 site, having been open for business every day, 365 days a year. Service is provided year-round inside, and during the summer additional walk-up windows are opened to serve the larger seasonal crowds. The original location still features fried frog legs, which have been a Nathan's menu item since the 1950s. It is not offered at any other Nathan's locations.

The Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest has been held annually at the original location on Coney Island since 1972 on the 4th of July. Contestants (both men and women) try to consume as many hot dogs as possible in 10 minutes. As of July 4, 2022, the record is 76 hot dogs for men and 48 for women.

On March 23, 1974, Nathan Handwerker suffered a heart attack at his home in North Port Charlotte, Florida. He died on March 24, 1974, while Ida died in Miami Beach, Florida on December 24, 1976. Murray Handwerker died of complications from dementia at his home in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, at age 89. All three are buried at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in Glendale, Queens, New York. In 2016, the corner of Surf Avenue and Stillwell Avenue was co-named Nathan & Ida Handwerker Way – to honor Nathan and Ida.

Today, Nathan's operates over 243 company owned and franchised restaurants in 20 states and 12 foreign countries, while Nathan's brand products are found in some 79,000 locations across the United States. Nathan's Famous stock (NATH) can be found on the NASDAQ stock exchange. Finally, just in time for the 4th of July 2022 Manischewitz announced gefilte fish hot dogs calling it "An American tradition your Bubbie will love."

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The Power of Making Mistakes

by AMANDA ANDERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MIZEL JEWISH COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL

Every August we open our doors to eagerly meet our amazing students of Mizel JCDS. They immediately begin working on critical thinking, collaboration, and building character and compassion within our community. Our engaging faculty start the year educating and preparing the students for the high holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It can be a challenge to teach such important subjects and content, but Mizel JCDS has a special way to make it meaningful for our students and families.

Of course, using children's books to encourage students to make connections is always helpful. Some of our favorite books for learning about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, are *Tashlich at Turtle Rock*, *New Year at the Pier: A Rosh Hashanah Story*, and *Happy New Year, Beni*. One of the most significant parts for our students and families is understanding Tashlich, or casting off.

During this ceremony, Jews symbolically cast off their sins from the previous year by tossing stones or bread crumbs into a body of water, like a river or lake. At Mizel, we let students make mistakes and even encourage them, so they can learn from their actions. According to neurological research, "Mistakes are not only opportunities for learning, as students consider their mistakes, but also a time when our brains grow. The goal is to normalize mistakes and help children understand it's okay to make mistakes, especially when they are learning something new." Therefore, we provide an opportunity for our students to reflect, say sorry, accept apologies, and become better humans. We do not expect our students to be perfect, but dealing with mistakes is

an important life skill necessary to their growth. With these experiences, we hope to teach our students how to recognize when they are wrong, how to apologize appropriately, and then complete a Mitzvah, or a good deed.

For the past 12 years, it has been a Mizel tradition for our students to reflect on the past year and choose a time, moment, or action when they completed a sin, a very personal mistake. We have them think of a situation and write their wrong on a small piece of paper with a washable marker. Then the students reflect and cast their sin in the water. The students are able to see their mistakes literally washed away! This year, we are able to experience this tradition at the Gathering Place, making the event even more exciting.

We end the experience by encouraging our students to think of a two-sided weight scale. Sometimes we make mistakes that could pile up and that's okay. But, we keep everything in balance by contributing to the other side of the scale by doing good deeds, or Mitzvot – plural of Mitzvah. This helps the students visualize keeping life "in balance."

"Throughout a lifetime, learning from mistakes helps develop wisdom and good judgment."

Our students are a work in progress, and we help them along the way to take responsibility for their mistakes and overcome setbacks. We also impart a sense of doing good. This helps our students recognize that, with kindness, we show respect for others and for the community!

(some information taken from rootsofaction.com) ■



Mizel students posing for a first day of school photo.



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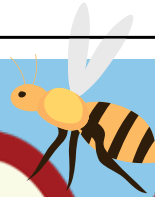
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BBYO Summer Journeys

Each summer Tulsa teens involved in our local BBYO chapter embark on journeys to gain leadership skills, discover new interests, explore community building and service, grow their understanding of Judaism, and make meaningful friendships and Jewish connections. This summer (8) teens traveled to the Pocono Mountains in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Israel and Italy. Below each teen gives us a glimpse into their experiences and lessons learned.



The Jewish Federation of Tulsa administers the funds allowing our teens to attend these incredible Jewish intensification programs. Appreciation and thanks go to the following funds and scholarship opportunities: Ellen Singer BBG Fund, David Finer BBYO Scholarship Fund, Marj & Herschel Rubin BBYO Leadership Endowment Fund, Dave and Barbara Sylan BBYO Fund, and the Scott Sanditen BBYO Scholarship.

Something I found very meaningful about my experience on Israel XPR was the ability to meet and be around such a large and diverse Jewish population, as well as learning from the Jewish teens on the trip their different customs and experiences. This was very new to me because of the finite population of the Jewish community here in Tulsa.

Being able to go on Israel XPR allowed me to experience many new and exciting opportunities. I hope to share my unique adventures with other members of my chapter and help those that may be interested in joining a summer trip of their own.

Attending Israel XPR allowed me to connect to my Jewish heritage by letting me travel to the historical sights I had only heard about, such as Masada and the Western Wall. It was an entirely new feeling to understand that the place where I was standing was the same historical landmarks that have represented the Jewish people and created traditions that would last generations.

—Lauren Weil, Israel Journey XPR



Attending CLTC this summer was an amazing experience I will never forget. It was meaningful because I connected with other Jewish teenagers from all over the country and learned about the BBYO chapters where they live. This connection taught me new traditions and fun activities that I can bring back to my own chapter in Tulsa. I learned a strategy called MRIHA. MRIHA stands for Meet, Record, Invite, Host, Ask. Using MRIHA when talking to someone is a great way to get them interested in joining BBYO. This strategy is especially helpful because of my role recruiting 8th graders to join the Tulsa AZA BBYO chapter. Additionally, attending CLTC helped connect me more to my Jewish heritage. At camp, each morning we had Shacharit services, where we would come together to pray. During our two-week stay, I led the Shacharit services twice in small groups. As Shacharit

leaders, we chose the theme and accompanying prayers and then led the service. This experience helped connect me to my Jewish heritage because I was able to learn about different prayers and hear how teens interpreted the meaning of each prayer. All in all, my experience at CLTC was life-changing!

—Jaden Sloan, CLTC (Chapter Leadership Training Conference)



CLTC (Chapter Leadership Training Conference) was a very educational yet meaningful event. At CLTC I learned many leadership skills such as MRIHA (Meet, Record, Invite, Host, Ask) and the “Why, How, What” strategy. In addition to the educational aspect, CLTC provided opportunities for me to deeply connect with my Judaism such as during Shacharit and when I led Shabbat morning services the day before we departed from camp. Lastly, opportunities such as separates and chofesh allowed for me to connect with Alephs from across the country.

—Adam Arbital, CLTC (Chapter Leadership Training Conference)



My BBYO summer trip, Italy Discovery, was very meaningful to me because it was an experience that not many people get to have. The friendships I made and the places I had the privilege to go to are something I am extremely grateful for. It meant a lot to me that I had the opportunity to learn so much about Italy while being surrounded by other Jewish teens. Something

I learned on my trip that I will bring back to my Tulsa chapter is to learn more about what Judaism means to others. Learning about how other people connect to Judaism is a way to connect and deepen our sisterhood. Attending the BBYO summer program helped me connect to my Jewish heritage because I was surrounded by other Jewish teens who, like me, are trying to figure out what Judaism means to them. Personally, doing Shabbat and going to services on Shabbat made me feel more connected to my heritage.

—Mia Weinstein, Italy Discovery



CLTC taught me ways to help lead my chapter and make improvements. I met a lot of Jewish teens from around the country and this gave me insight on how their chapters are run. I learned a lot on how to build fun, creative programs that engage teens in embracing their Jewish roots. I also learned a lot about how different BBYO chapters are run.

—Jacob Barnes, CLTC (Chapter Leadership Training Conference)



BBYO Summer Journeys Cont.



I only knew one other teen going on the three-week BBYO trip to Israel. Yet when the group arrived at JFK Airport immediately we all connected. What I found meaningful was that I was able to become friends with people from all over the country in just one day. We played Jewish geography and were surprised how many connections we all had.

My goal from this trip was to bring back a deeper connection to Jewish heritage and pride. On our last Shabbat in Israel, we went to the Western Wall. There were hundreds of people celebrating the end of Shabbat. During this time, my friends and I decided to dance with strangers in front of the wall. Up to this point, I believed I had a strong Jewish Identity—but at this moment—I finally understood that I still had much more room to grow. This will live with me forever. This strong connection to many Jewish women from all over the world celebrating our religion freely, is what I want to bring back to my chapter.

Dancing in front of the Western Wall was the epitome of me connecting to my international Jewish identity. However, leading up to this point I had incremental growth in my Jewish self when I learned how other people on the trip connected to their Jewish faith. For some teens, it was their first-time celebrating Shabbat, while others practiced it weekly. The Shabbat celebrations were my favorite parts of the trip. I wanted to open the idea of celebrating this weekly holiday into my own life. Every time the group sang together, I would get chills, and it made me feel like I was at home. This trip made me grow in so many unique ways, and I am beyond grateful for all the memories and friendships I have created because of BBYO and Israel.

—Conley Bolusky, Israel Journey

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BBYO Cont.



Something that was meaningful to me about attending ILTC (International Leadership Training Conference) is that I met teens all over the world ranging from the US, Spain, Canada (and even Austria!) and learned how to use my leadership abilities to not only become a stronger leader within my chapter, but how to be a strong and confident leader in my life.

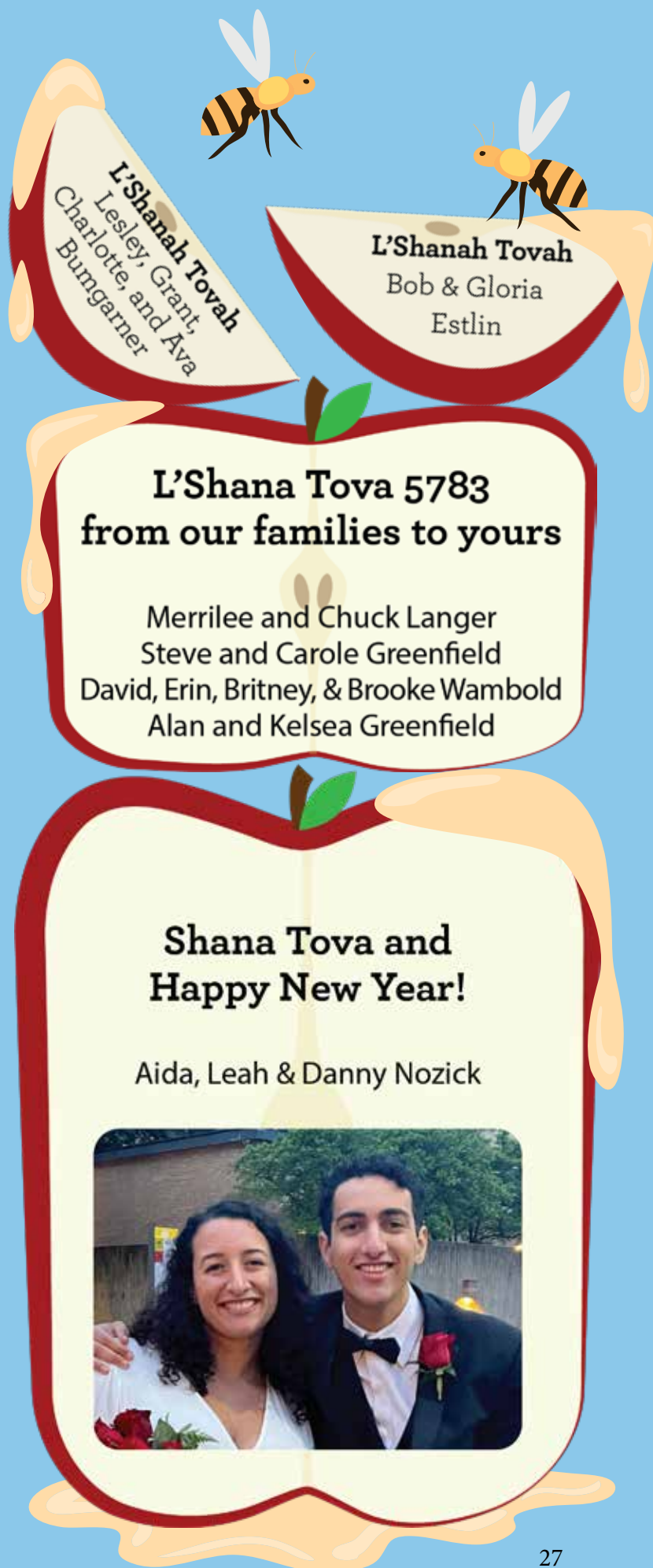
Though my time was cut short due to Covid, one thing that I learned during at ILTC that I will use here with my Tulsa BBYO chapter is “Strong Calendaring Drives Healthy Membership.” Not only do I want to use this method to its full potential, I plan to create fun, upbeat programs throughout the chapter and make sure they are not only strong but also healthy!

I usually don’t put much thought into my Jewish heritage, but every BBYO summer program or just BBYO program in general brings me back to my Jewish heritage. BBYO truly reminds me that we all may be different on the outside but on the inside, we share the same Jewish heritage and “Jewish-ness” all around!

—Micah Pierandri, ILTC (International Leadership Training Conference)

Attending CLTC was not only fun but also impactful. For me the most meaningful thing was having the opportunity to make more Jewish friends and learn about other people’s Jewish experiences. I learned a lot about planning programs and unique ways to engage both new and continuing BBYO chapter members. Attending the 10-day leadership camp helped me remember that there are multiple ways to be and express your Judaism/Jewish heritage—and all of them are valid.

—Arielle (A.J.) Auerbach, CLTC (Chapter Leadership Training Conference) ■



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Rosh Hashanah (Day 1): September 26, Monday Daytime 9:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah (Day 1): September 26, Monday Evening 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

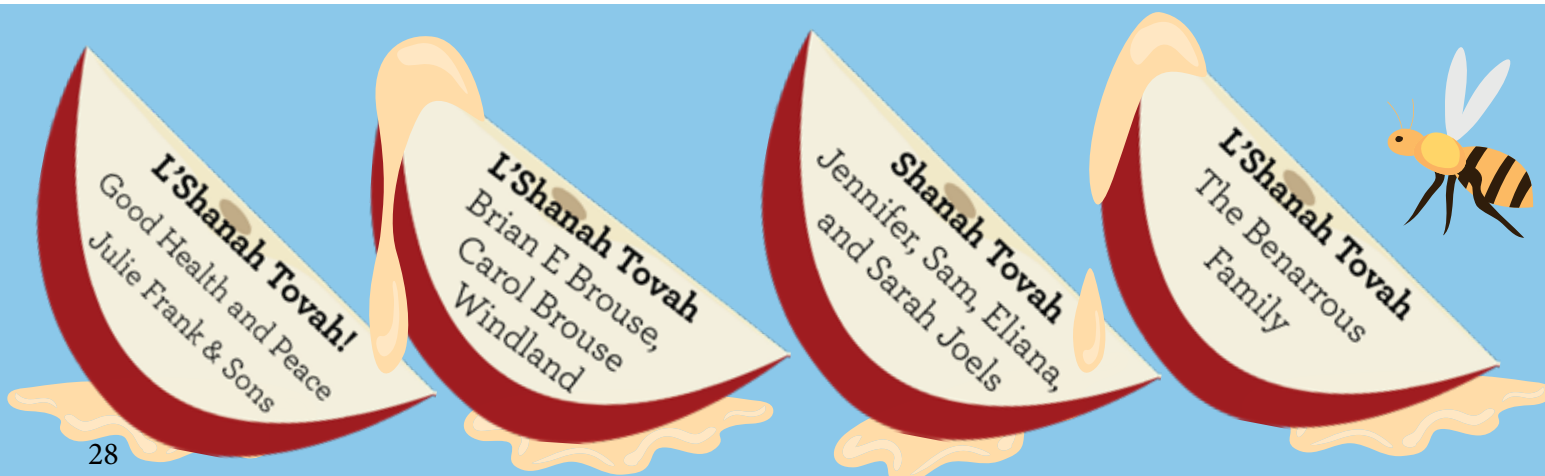
Rosh Hashanah (Day 2): September 27, Tuesday Daytime 9:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah (Day 2): September 27, Tuesday Evening 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

ALL services for Yom Kippur will be held at the JCC - 2021 E 71st Street

Yom Kippur: October 4, Tuesday Evening 6:15 - 9:15 p.m.

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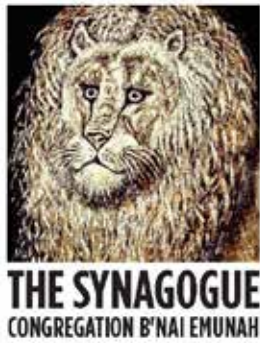
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Each week, we gather together to experience traditional daily prayer and establish a quiet space for those who are mourning a loved one or observing the anniversary of a loss (yahrtzeit). All use these opportunities to recite a communal Mourner's Kaddish. 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
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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. Members and friends can access the Synagogue Zoom Room at 918 583 7121.

**Lifelong Learners
Wednesday, September 7 • 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 or emailing programs@bnaiemunah.com.

**Blatt and Blue: Fig Tree
Thursday, September 8 • 7:00 p.m.**

Mina is 16 years old. The Ethiopian Civil War has been underway her entire life. The family is Jewish and is planning to flee Ethiopia for Israel, where Mina's mother awaits their reunion. But this plan leaves out the person Mina loves most: Eli, her Christian boyfriend. Mina hatches a scheme to save Eli, but everyone and everything seems set against her. This will be a digital experience in the Synagogue Zoom Room at 918 583 7121. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

**Shabbat for Everyone
Friday, September 9 • 6:15 p.m.
Dinner • 7:00 p.m. Celebration**

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. 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. Make your reservations in advance on the Synagogue website, www.tulsagogue.com.

**INTRO to Judaism Begins
Sunday, September 11 • 10:00 a.m.**

Looking into Judaism? Born Jewish and want to know more? Sharing your life with a Jew and want to crack the code? INTRO explores Jewish culture, history, and wisdom in a setting where questions are more important than answers. Classes are joined with beautiful Shabbat celebrations, supportive discussion groups, and many opportunities for interactive, experiential learning. On Sunday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. we'll kick off our 18-session Introduction to Judaism Course which is affiliated with the Miller Intro Program at American Jewish University. For more information or to register, visit tulsagogue.com/intro

**Talk Saves Lives
Sunday, September 11 • 10:30 a.m.**

Our tradition teaches us that there is no greater priority than saving a life. As we continue to navigate the consequences of pandemic, the need to address mental health issues more frankly has grown tremendously. All are invited to attend "Talk Saves Lives," a training dedicated to understanding the scope

of suicide, prevention, and what people can do to fight suicide and support those in need. This session will be led by Dr. Cheryl Delk from the Mental Health Association of Oklahoma and will be the first of many offerings at the Synagogue to shed light on the important issue of mental health in our community. Interested in joining us? Please be in touch with Sara Levitt at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com

**Rosh Ha-Shanah: Entering the New Year
Sunday, September 25 - Tuesday, September 27**

No tickets, just you. All you have to do is walk through the door. There are no admission requirements of any kind for High Holiday services at Congregation B'nai Emunah. Sit where you like and bring friends who might appreciate a spirited observance of this Jewish New Year. We'll be waiting for you just inside. A variety of services and celebrations highlight the holiday. The daytime services begin at 9:30 a.m. Sermons will be delivered around 10:45 a.m. Music, big ideas, and spending time with community combine to create a powerful way to start the New Year. We hope to see you there. As is now always the case, all programs and services will be available on Zoom for hybrid participation. For a full calendar and detailed description of events visits: tulsagogue.com/high-holidays

**Bibi-Dibi B-Day bash
Monday, September 26 • 8:30 a.m.**

We're bringing the sweetness and joy of our Bibi-Dibi experience to Rosh Hashanah. Families with children five and under are invited to join us for our celebration of the Jewish New Year as the birthday (b-day) of the world. We'll gather at 8:30 a.m. at the Synagogue to wear beautiful birthday crowns, sing, move our bodies, listen to the shofar, read a story, and celebrate with a sweet treat. Please be in touch with Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com with your questions and to let us know you're coming.

BLATT + BLUE : *FIG TREE* ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Despite our general familiarity with the story of Ethiopian Jews, we haven't yet scratched the surface of family life and the complications of individual experience. A generation of triumphant relocation and communal trauma has already passed, but we are just getting started.

Enter writer and director Aalam-Warqe Davidian. Her film, *Fig Tree*, focuses on Mina, sixteen years old. The Ethiopian Civil War has been underway her entire life. She lives with her brother and grandmother in a humble house with newsprint for wallpaper. The family is Jewish and is planning to flee Ethiopia for Israel, where Mina's mother awaits their reunion. But this plan leaves out the person Mina loves most: Eli, her Christian boyfriend, who lives in the woods so as to evade being drafted into Mengistu Haile Mariam's army. Mina hatches a scheme to save Eli, but everyone and everything seems set against her.

Participants who would like to screen the film in advance can easily locate it on Amazon Prime or TubiTV. The film scooped up multiple awards at the Seattle, Toronto, and Jerusalem Film Festivals, along with several others. The discussion session will take place on Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Blatt + Blue is one of the longest-running projects at the Synagogue during the period of the pandemic. Born in March 2020, it has run without a break for twenty-seven 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. No single institution can exhaust the rich possibilities of Jewish life. 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 discussion in the Synagogue Zoom Room with two dozen regular participants. 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 Rabbi Marc Fitzerman at marboofitz@bnaiemunah.com. ■



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Challenges of Reform Judaism on Zoom Thurs., Sept. 1, 8, 15, & 22 • 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we look at the societal challenges the Reform Movement has faced throughout American history. From the ethical question of slavery during the Civil War era, to Interfaith Marriage in the synagogue; from the early foundations of Zionism, to the Jewish response to LGBT in the latter 20th century; from the 1950's Encouragement to seek out the Convert, to the 1970's Rabbinical Ordination of Women. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Shabbat Learning Through the Ages on Zoom • Sat., Sept. 3 • 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.

Tot Shabbat • Fri., Sept. 9 • 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. RSVP by Tuesday, September 6 to rsvp@templetulsa.com. Contact Rabbi Jasper at rabbitzvia@templetulsa.com for more information.

Shabbat Service w/Torah in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., Sept. 9 & 23 • 7:30 p.m.

Join the Temple Israel Clergy Team in person or online as we welcome in Shabbat with the chanting of Torah. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Sisterhood Lunch and Learn • Sun., Sept. 11 • 12:30 p.m.

Please join us for a Sisterhood Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Tzvia Jasper on

Sunday, September 11th at 12:30 p.m. We will also provide pizza, activities and baby-sitting for Shorashim children. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com or call the Temple Israel office at (918) 747-1309.

Zamru L'Shabbat • Fri., Sept. 16 • 6:00 p.m.

Join Cantor Weinstein, Cantorial Soloist Jenny Labow, and Elijah's Minor Prophets, in person or online as we welcome Shabbat and celebrate with joyous songs! RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Leil Selichot • Sat., Sept. 17 • 7:30 p.m.

Join us during the month of Elul for our Selichot service, as we prepare ourselves for the magnitude of the Days of Awe.

Sisterhood Pop Up Jewelry Sale • Sun., Sept. 18 • 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Start the New Year with a sparkle at the Sisterhood Pop Up Jewelry sale! Choose from a variety of items to add to your collection.

Zarrow Pointe Shabbat Service in person • Fri., Sept. 23 • 6:45 p.m.

We cordially invite all those who wish to join us for this meaningful Friday evening service with music, held in the Burnstein Auditorium. We welcome not only Temple members and Zarrow Pointe residents, but all other friends in our community who would appreciate being together on Shabbat.

Havdalah in person & on Facebook Live • Sat., Sept. 24 • 7:00 p.m.

Join the Temple Israel Music Team in person and on Facebook Live, as we separate the sacred from the sublime and begin the week anew with Havdalah. Sing along as they offer the prayerful songs of Havdalah. <https://www.facebook.com/TempleIsraelTulsa>

High Holy Days at TI

Erev Rosh Hashanah • Sun., Sept. 25 • 7:30 p.m.

Everyone, including members and guests, are welcome to worship and celebrate the New Year 5783 starting with Erev Rosh Hashanah. There is plenty of parking with additional parking across the street at Utica Square. For your convenience, the service will also be broadcast via Zoom, for those who cannot, or choose not to attend in person. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Rosh Hashanah • Mon., Sept. 26 • 10:00 a.m.

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

Rosh Hashanah Young Family Birthday Party at the Zoo

Mon., Sept. 26 • 3:00 p.m. • Young families are invited to meet at the Tulsa Zoo for this special Birthday of the World party including a children's service with songs, stories, and animal guests! Our afternoon concludes with the sounding of the shofar and birthday cake.

Shabbat Shuvah Service • Fri., Sept. 30 • 6:00 p.m.

Join your Temple Israel Clergy Team in person or online for this special Shabbat during the Days of Awe. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Kever Avot Memorial Service • Sun., Oct. 2 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us as we honor our ancestors with Yizkor at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Tashlich • Sun., Oct. 2 • 3:00 p.m. • The Gathering Place

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

Young Adult Happy Hour • Sun., Oct. 2 • 4:30 p.m. • Sandbar •

Young adults are invited to attend a festive Happy Hour at the Sandbar restaurant on Riverside near the 21st street bridge. If you're already at Tashlich, hop on over and join the fun!

Kol Nidre • Tues., Oct. 4 • 7:30 p.m.

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

Yom Kippur • Wed., Oct. 5 • 10:00 a.m. Return to Temple Israel as we continue our Yom Kippur worship with a morning service. From 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. join in for study, music and meditation, Yizkor and Neilah. For your convenience, the service will also be broadcast via Zoom, for those who cannot, or choose not to attend in person. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

Break Fast • Wed., Oct. 5 • 6:00 p.m. Compliments of the Sharna and Irvin Frank Foundation Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 directly following Neilah Service on Yom Kippur. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com

Please go to www.templetulsa.com or call the Temple office for the full schedule of High Holy Day Services.

2022 5783

Celebrate the High Holy Days

Erev Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 25, 7:30pm
Rosh Hashanah Service - Sept. 26, 10:00am
Rosh Hashanah Family Event at the Tulsa Zoo
 Sept. 26, 3:00pm
Shabbat Shuvah - Sept. 30, 6:00pm
Kever Avot at Rose Hill Cemetery - Oct. 2, 11:30am
Tashlich at Gathering Place - Oct. 2, 3:00pm
Young Adult Event - Oct. 2, 4:30pm
Kol Nidre - Oct. 4, 7:30pm
Yom Kippur - Oct. 5, 10:00am
Yom Kippur Afternoon Learning - Oct. 5, 1:00pm
Music and Meditation - Oct. 5, 2:30pm
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, Yizkor, and Neilah -
 Oct. 5, 3:30pm
Yom Kippur Community Break Fast - Oct. 5, 6:00pm
Erev Sukkot - Oct. 9, 6:00pm
Simchat Torah - Oct. 17, 6:00pm

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Temple Happenings for All Ages

by RABBI TZVIA JASPER

There are many new things happening at Temple Israel! We have two new programs for parents/guardians and for the students in the hopes of building a stronger community.

Are you an adult? Are you wondering how you can get involved with the Jewish community...maybe without your kids? Temple Israel is proud to introduce Adults Only! This is a youth group type of space for parents and guardians to socialize, learn, and play. As we explore this time together, it will occur once a month, during Shorashim. At our first event, we learned why you cannot say Kiddush over Bloody Mary's (even if tomatoes are a fruit of the vine). For information on upcoming events, please contact Lesley at lesley@templetulsa.com.

Are you a kid? Are you wondering how you can hang out with your Jewish friends...maybe without your parents? Now introducing, TJs! Temple Juniors (grades 2-7th) will be invited twice a month after Shorashim for youth group events. Some of the events will be in-house, while others will be throughout the city. This is your chance to spend time with your Jewish friends outside of class. There will always be lunch served, and the events are heavily subsidized. The plan for September 18th is to go to Urban Air Adventure Park! For information on upcoming events, please reach out to Rabbi Jasper at rabbitzvia@templetulsa.com

I am excited to share these offerings at Temple Israel and I look forward to connecting with all of you.

L'shalom,
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Tulsa Tomorrow - Welcoming New Tulsans

by REBEKAH KANTOR, TULSA TOMORROW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For the past three years as Executive Director at Tulsa Tomorrow, we have been able to highlight the Tulsa Jewish community with diverse exposure to the establishments and organizations (both Jewish and not) our community has to offer. A few of our non-Jewish partnering organizations, include Tulsa Remote and Tulsa Young Professionals. On a smaller scale—but not smaller impact—Tulsa Tomorrow continues to make the intended difference of growing the Jewish community. These people are passionate about what's happening here. They see the changes taking place in Tulsa and appreciate the chance to be a part of it.

As we reach the middle of another undisputedly strange year, we should all pat our backs for our continued perseverance. In May, Tulsa Tomorrow was fortunate enough to host another great group of individuals. Over the last three years, I feel honored to have hosted a total of three cohort-style recruitment weekends with many independent travelers in between. Since 2020, Tulsa Tomorrow has moved over 50 people to Tulsa and has held

a retention rate over 85%. These are individuals, men and women, couples, and families, each with a different need yet finding what they're looking for right here in Tulsa. This truly goes to show that even through the most peculiar of times, the Tulsa community has continued to grow and thrive, and not without the support of The Jewish Federation of Tulsa, Temple Israel, Congregation B'nai Emunah, Chabad, and beyond.

This year alone, we have welcomed about 20 Tulsans. Whether those have decided to make the move as a direct result of our initiative or decided to because of our partnering organizations, this number is made up of both couples, families, and singular relocators who now call Tulsa home. Curious to hear from a few of our most recent relocators? Join me in welcoming some of our newest Tulsa Tomorrow-ans who are now active Jewish community members by reading their stories below.

SARAH WINKELMAN AND DAVID HOWMAN



We are Sarah Winkelman (24) and David Howman (26). We moved to Tulsa from Phoenix, AZ in June of this year. David is a native to Phoenix, but Sarah is originally from Chicago.

How has Tulsa Tomorrow supported your transition or influenced your decision to move to Tulsa?

Taking an individual trip and being able to tour all the amazing diverse neighborhoods was very special. We loved getting a sense of what is important and all the opportunities here in Tulsa. It was a shocking trip because we didn't know anything about Tulsa, so we were very surprised by how much there is to do and how much we were able to see in our short trip here.

Why were you drawn to Tulsa?

The number of outdoor activities. There is so much to do here and something for everyone's interests! Also, I (Sarah) have family here, so it was an easy decision to be closer to reconnect with family!

What you are doing here (ex: school, job, etc.)?

Sarah is the new digital marketing associate at the Jewish Federation. David works remotely as a marketing coordinator for a law firm based out of New York.

Favorite spot in Tulsa (ex: park, restaurant, event, etc.)?

Sarah loves walking around Cherry St, Utica Square, and Philbrook. David loves the Gathering Place. Grabbing pie at The Common Tart is a combined favorite and we live down the street!

What you are looking forward to most about being in Tulsa?

I (Sarah) can't wait for the change of seasons! We didn't have that in Arizona, so it's exciting to experience different weather! David is excited to get connected in the community.

ANDREW NETZER AND SEAN ZHYVAHOLD



Hi! I am Andrew Netzer (27), and my boyfriend, Sean Zhyvahold (20). We moved from Palm Beach, Florida in early June.

What brought you here?

Originally, Tulsa Tomorrow provided us with two trips to come out and visit the area. Rebekah went above and beyond to answer all my (Andrew) trivial questions and really helped provide me with the pulse of the community. I was so inspired and could already picture myself here, which excited me to come back and start my new life in Tulsa.

Why you were drawn to Tulsa?

The Jewish community was the primary attraction. Though it is small, it is mighty and was exactly what I was looking for. For such a small community, I was inspired by the volume of community action and the development they were bringing to the area.

What are you doing here?

I (Andrew) work at Mizel Jewish Day School as the Executive Assistant. My boyfriend works at Triad Eye Institute. We are building the first chapters of our lives as independents and are so happy to be doing it in Tulsa!

Favorite spot in Tulsa?

Cookie, Cake, and Jews - We spent so much time there during our first few weeks. We also enjoy any park in Tulsa! Riverside and the Rose Garden are our top two.

What are you looking forward to most?

Watching and helping our community grow in strength and numbers. We are hoping that the future holds the opportunity for us to settle here and potentially own our first house!

Happy New Year!

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MAX MERZIN AND ELANA WEINSTEIN



Elana Weinstein (34) and Maxwell Merzin (33), originally from Metro Detroit, and moved here July 4th weekend 2022.

How has Tulsa Tomorrow supported your transition or influenced your decision to move to Tulsa?

If it weren't for Tulsa Tomorrow randomly coming across my (Elana) social media page, we would never have even explored the idea of Tulsa. When we visited Tulsa on the group trip in May we saw Tulsa in a whole other light than we would have imagined! We felt like we found what we have been searching for, a like-minded community and southern Jewish hospitality was also a plus!

Why you were drawn to Tulsa?

When the opportunity came regarding the Tulsa Remote initiative, it was almost fate. We would have never known about the program without Tulsa Tomorrow. Tulsa has provided us with the opportunity to make a difference and "chart our own paths" in our professional and personal lives.

What you are doing here (ex: school, job, etc.)?

Max currently works remote at ACI Transport, a logistic and supply chain company that specializes in the transportation of automobiles. Max is currently looking at graduate programs too.

Elana currently works remote for JCRC/AJC (Detroit chapter) as an engagement associate; managing outreach, increasing awareness and working on branding and development overall for the organization.

Favorite spot in Tulsa (ex: park, restaurant, event, etc.)

We love the underground jazz spot, LowDown! We love live music and can't wait to go to Cain's Ballroom soon!

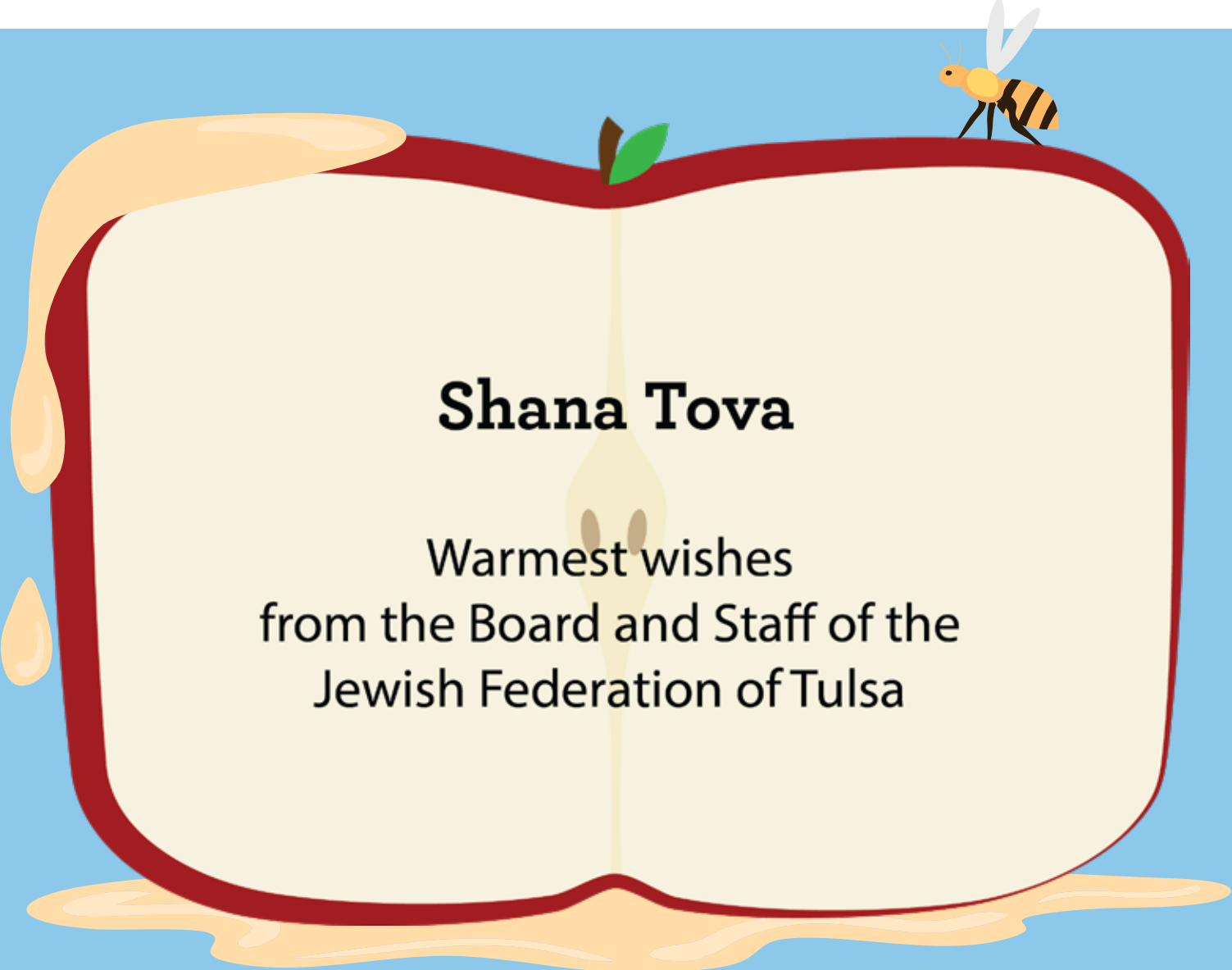
What are you looking forward to most about being in Tulsa?

We're excited to have this opportunity to take this time to focus on our careers and journey ahead. Also, we are beyond excited for the fall and OktoberFest! See Y'ALL around! ■





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The illustration shows an open book with a dark red cover. The pages are a light cream color. Honey is dripping from the top and bottom edges of the book, with a single drop falling from the left side. A small green leaf is attached to the top edge of the book. A cartoon bee with a yellow and black striped body and white wings is perched on the top right edge of the book. The background is a solid light blue color.

Shana Tova

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