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Celebrate Israel 75!



MONDAY, MAY 8 | 6:30PM
YOM HAZIKARON
ISRAELI REMEMBRANCE DAY
CEREMONY AND DINNER HONORING ITZIK LEVIN

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THURSDAY, MAY 18 | 7:00PM
ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT

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FRIDAY, MAY 19
JERUSALEM DAY SHABBAT WITH FORMER SHLICHIM
AT CONGREGATION B'NAI EMUNAH AND TEMPLE ISRAEL

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SUNDAY, MAY 21 | 4:00 –7:30PM
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(ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY)

4:00–6:00PM
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6:00–7:30PM
OMER NETZER
LIVE IN CONCERT
ISRAEL'S HOTTEST SINGER-SONGWRITER



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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ISRAEL

by Isabella Silberg

The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) represents 146 Jewish Federations and over 300 network communities strengthening one another and building unbreakable bonds within our kehillah—our global community. The Federation movement protects and enhances the well-being of Jews worldwide through the values of tikkun olam (repairing the world), tzedakah (charity and social justice) and Torah (Jewish learning). The Jewish Federation of Tulsa is proud to be one of the 146 Jewish Federations who strives to strengthen Jewish life for our community.

As we celebrate the Jewish Federation of Tulsa's 85th year, we are also celebrating 50 years of our Shlichim program, and 75 years of the State of Israel. As part of our mission to educate the next generation of Tulsa Jewish leaders, a group of seven young adults are attending the JFNA General Assembly in Israel, April 23-25. The goal of the General Assembly is to discuss complex issues facing our communities and collaborate on the shared communal agenda for the year ahead. Our Tulsa cohort are strong leaders locally and

are committed to assisting the Jewish Federation of Tulsa enhance our greater Tulsa community. We are excited to connect with other Jewish leaders across North America and return with the intention of an even stronger Jewish Tulsa! ■

There is much to be excited about regarding the upcoming General Assembly - Israel at 75 Celebration. Not only will this be my first-time visiting Israel, the trip will also commemorate one year of service as Chair of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa. Through this assemblage, I will have the opportunity to engage with and befriend Jewish leaders from across North America, and of course, I am anticipating the Voices of Israel Concert taking place under the open sky in Caesarea!

Vyacheslav "Stan" Khrapak, M.Ed.
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JFT Board Member

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75 years of independence.
75 years of partnership.
75 years of connection.

Israel at 75
General Assembly
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FRONT COVER



Seder plate, made in Israel, circa 1970's.
Part of The Sherwin Miller Museum of
Jewish Art's permanent collection.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Yom HaShoah Commemoration | Thursday, April 20 | 7:00PM | Temple Israel

The "Ritchie Boys", an elite division of the U.S. Army, greatly aided Allied forces in their fight against Germany and other Axis nations. These soldiers, who trained at Camp Ritchie in Maryland between 1942 and 1945, numbered nearly 20,000 with about 2,000 being Jewish German-speaking immigrants who fled Nazi-controlled Germany.

Come to honor six Oklahoma Jewish Ritchie Boys at this very special event, featuring keynote speaker, Landon Grove, director and curator of the Ritchie History Museum.

RSVP required at jewishtulsa.org/yomhashoah2023



Lunch Bunch with Yaakov Klein | Wednesday, May 24 | 12:00PM | Jewish Federation of Tulsa

Former Shaliach (1980-1982), Yaakov Klein will be back in Tulsa for Emissary Alumni Week and will be our next guest speaker for the lunch bunch series. His topic of conversation is Jewish humor and what it tells us.

Optional lunch purchase of sandwich and salad is required in advance by May 22.

RSVP required at jewishtulsa.org/lbmay

SAVE THE DATES

J Mom's Spa Day | May 16

Please contact Director of Programs Isabella Silberg with any questions.
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PASSOVER SMOKED SALMON "BAGEL"

by Chloe Kirk

Ingredients:

- 1 matzah
- cream cheese (softened)
- 2 oz smoked salmon, sliced
- everything bagel seasoning

Instructions:

1. Carefully spread your desired amount of cream cheese on the matzah
2. Add everything bagel seasoning to desired taste
3. Top with smoked salmon slices



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CELEBRATING AND REMEMBERING

by Chen Shoval, Israeli Emissary



More than a decade ago I led a group of teens on an exchange program from Israel to Orlando, Florida. We were traveling between different congregations, hosting families, and of course Disneyworld parks. It was April and the time to celebrate Israel's "Yoms" (days). I will never forget

the Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha'Atzmaut) celebration at the JCC in Lake Mary, Orlando. Many people from the community arrived to celebrate with us. There was Israeli music, Israeli food, a huge blue and white cake, and many Israeli games. I think that was the moment I started to wonder about the beautiful relationship of Israelis with the Jewish communities in the diaspora.

Currently, the Jewish Federation of Tulsa staff, the Israel engagement committee, and myself are working on the "Yoms"—beginning with Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day) on May 8 and ending with Yom Ha'Azmaut (Israel Independence Day) on May 21—on the year of Israel's 75th birthday. Although this is my third year of Yoms in Tulsa, I am still intrigued and wanted to learn more why Tulsans celebrate Israel's Independence Day. To find my answers, I started asking community members, "why?" The answers were surprising to me:

"Creating a Jewish state was a miracle, we should celebrate this miracle."

"This is our homeland and our people."

"The feeling of Jews before Israel existed was completely different, we should celebrate it."

These answers told me we needed to celebrate big! Currently, while Israel is facing many internal issues of concern, there is a bigger picture to look at—the Jewish people and our unity. The Jewish community in Tulsa made an impact for the Israeli people a long time ago, helping raise money to build the Jewish state. Beginning 50 years ago, The Jewish Federation of Tulsa ensured that the local Jewish community would gain from this investment in Israel and its people, by participating in the Jewish Agency Emissary program. In 1973, the first shaliach (emissary) Yossi Sasson, arrived in Tulsa, to strengthen these connections and to

bring the diversity of Israel to Tulsans.

This year we are celebrating not only Israel's 75th birthday, but also the 50th year of the emissaries program in Tulsa. For this special occasion Itzik Levin, Chair of the Israel engagement committee, reached out to all of the previous shlichim and invited them to come to Tulsa to celebrate Israel's 75th birthday with us! I am happy to share that they were very happy and excited to hear from our community, and we are expecting to host at least 5 former shlichim in May.

The Yoms begin on May 8, marking the somber occasion of Yom Hazikaron, a day honoring fallen soldiers and citizens who lost their lives to terror. This year, are honoring our own Israeli-Tulsan Itzik Levin for his service in the IDF during the Yom Kippur War 50 years ago.

Kicking off a week of celebration, on Thursday, May 18 we will host a free, Israeli movie night at the CSJCC. On Friday, May 19, we will celebrate Shabbat and Jerusalem Day at Congregation B'nai Emunah and Temple Israel. Sunday, May 21 includes our huge Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration with an Israeli Family Fun-Fest and a live concert featuring Omer Netzer, an Israeli singer-songwriter blending country-pop, blues, and rock 'n roll. We will conclude the celebration during our Lunch Bunch series on Wednesday, May 24 with guest speaker, Yaakov Klein, a former shaliach!

Although Israel's 75th birthday is on April 25 we are celebrating in May for good reason. From April 23-25 I will be attending the General Assembly (GA) in Israel along with staff and lay leaders. After the conference, I will be guiding a group of 19 young Jewish adults from Tulsa on an amazing trip throughout Israel. As we are planning the trip the phrase, "the good, the bad, and the ugly" comes to mind. I wish to show Israel in the beautiful light I see it. Having a Jewish state is a miracle, I know it is not perfect. Israel is a young country with much weight on it—from external and internal forces. My goal for the trip is for participants to explore their own connection to Israel, understand the complexities and significance of the country, and learn from and connect to each other.

75 years ago, many miracles occurred to establish a Jewish state. The first of them was the unity of the Jewish people, Jews from different sects and locations, united in the goal to create a Jewish state. And that alone is worth celebrating! ■

UKRAINE— A YEAR OF IMPACT

by Jewish Federations of
North America

This last year has been proof of the impact that our greater Jewish community has when we come together to support those in need around the world. On February 24, 2022 while bombs began flying over Ukraine, Jewish leaders nearly 5,000 miles away began advocating and raising tens of millions of dollars to support the Ukrainian community. It's moments like this that we are reminded of the power of our community.

To support Ukraine, every single Jewish Federation, in all 146 communities, came together and raised \$85 million – that's nearly a quarter of a million dollars per day. The Tulsa Jewish community raised \$83,000 of that amount! Thank you!

These dollars ensured:

- 500,000 people received humanitarian assistance, relief, or support
- 700,000 meals distributed
- 65,000 people supported in making aliyah
- 130,000 received medical care
- 4,000 medical and mental health professionals trained
- 180,000 Ukrainian newcomers supported by our advocacy

And while we know there is more to do, in this moment as we look back we thank you—for your leadership, your commitment, your impact. ■

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2023 INTERFAITH HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION "MORAL COURAGE: THE STORY OF THE WORLD WAR II RITCHIE BOYS

by Jackie Hill and Janet Dundee

During World War II, an elite division of the U.S. Army known as the "Ritchie Boys" greatly aided Allied forces in their fight against Germany and other Axis nations. These soldiers, who trained at Camp Ritchie in Maryland between 1942 and 1945, provided about 60 percent of the advanced intelligence on Germany's war plans and tactics, which contributed to ending the war.

This year, the Jewish Federation of Tulsa's Council for Holocaust Education will honor the Ritchie Boys' contributions to ending World War II by featuring their story as the theme of the 25th Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 PM at Temple Israel. Featured speaker Landon Grove, director and curator of the Ritchie History Museum in Cascade, MD, will present "Moral Courage: The Story of the World War II Ritchie Boys."

Grove, a historian who studied at Indiana University, will discuss the Ritchie Boys and their commitment to defeat the German aggression at great risk to themselves. Of the nearly 20,000 Ritchie Boys soldiers, about 2,000 of them were Jewish German-speaking immigrants who fled Nazi-controlled Germany. In 2022, The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum recognized the Ritchie Boys with the Elie Wiesel Award, the highest award given by the museum, for the "unique role they played serving the United States and advancing our victory over Germany."

The commemoration will also feature an exhibit of entries from the 2023 Yom HaShoah Art Contest created by Oklahoma middle and high school students. The contest's theme is "Moral Courage," which is the courage to take action for moral reasons despite the risk of adverse consequences. Prizes and certificates will be awarded to student



Ritchie Boys soldiers Guy Stern, Walter Sears and Fred Howard. Photo from The Ritchie Boys 2004 documentary

awarded to student winners and their teachers for their hard work on this important project.

The commemoration will include a candle lighting ceremony in honor of six Oklahoma Jewish Ritchie Boys. A new candelabrum designed by local artists Bob Bulick and Seth Martenus will be unveiled at the commemoration.

In addition, Elliott Wulff, outreach artist with Tulsa Opera; Kara Staiger, owner of Overture Music Theatre Training; and Rick Fortner, music director for All Souls Unitarian Church, will perform a selection of theme-related music. The Tulsa City-County Library will be in attendance with many Holocaust books and media available for checkout.

To complement the commemoration, Circle Cinema, 10 S. Lewis Ave., will screen the 2004 documentary The Ritchie Boys on Sunday, April 16 through Wednesday, April 19. At the April 16 film showing, Keith Meyers, a World War II veteran, will be present with his "Traveling

Military Exhibit," a collection of World War II artifacts, before and after the screening.

Show times are:

- April 16, 2:00PM
- April 17, 10:00AM, 2:00PM, and 7:00PM
- April 18, 10:00AM, 2:00PM,
- April 19, 2:00PM

Admission is \$5; students, teachers, military and seniors will receive free admission.

This Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration is presented by the Jewish Federation of Tulsa's Council for Holocaust Education, in partnership with the Tulsa City-County Library, The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, Circle Cinema, Congregation B'nai Emunah, and Temple Israel. ■

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The Ritchie Boys

In Commemoration of Yom HaShoah
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Tue 4/18 10:00a, 2:00p | Wed 4/19 2:00p
Free for middle & high school students, teachers, military, and seniors. Other tickets just \$5.
The film is the riveting, untold story of a group of young men who fled Nazi Germany and returned as soldiers in U.S. uniforms.

Don't miss all the great Circle Cinema films and events this month, scan the code for up-to-date listings and showtimes.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Grab a tracker from the fitness desk to fill out each week. Put your completed tracker in the bowl on the fitness desk for a chance to win a new water bottle to continue your hydration goals!



Member Appreciation Day | Monday, April 3

The first Monday of every month is Member Appreciation Day! Join us on April 3rd for this exciting program with healthy treats as we say thank you to our awesome community members!

Stop by the fitness desk to grab a snack, and write your favorite thing about the JCC on our new dry erase boards!

New View Presentation with Low Vision Services | Wellness Series | Friday, April 21 | 10:30AM | Dan Room



New View Oklahoma serves people with low vision and/or blindness in Oklahoma. The goal of New View is to provide independence for those with visual impairments. Terry Rairdon, Manager of Related Services COTA/L will be presenting on common visual impairments such as glaucoma, macular degeneration, and ways to manage visual impairments in your home and in the greater Tulsa community.

Register at jewishtulsa.org/csajccwellness



Featured Fitness Class | Indoor Water Aerobics | Tuesdays and Thursdays | 2:30 - 3:00 PM | Waters Aquatics Center at Zarrow Pointe

This 30-minute gentle water aerobics class is a low-impact exercise to improve endurance and build muscle mass. The class is held in the 91° degree indoor pool at Zarrow Pointe (adjacent to the CSJCC). Water aerobics is excellent for people rehabbing or with arthritis or other joint pain. Class taught by CSJCC Fitness Staff.

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AVOCADO EGG SALAD

by Hannah Bakewell, Fitness Manager

Ingredients:

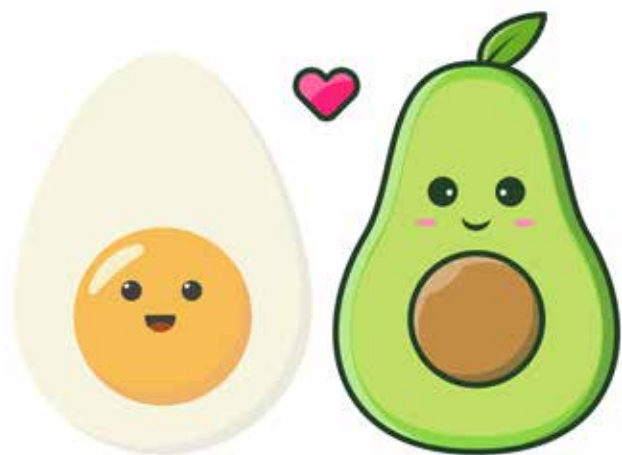
- 2 avocados
- 5 hardboiled eggs
- 2 tbsp. plain yogurt
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. chopped chives
- 1 tsp. mustard
- salt, pepper, fresh dill to taste

Instructions:

1. Cut each avocado in half and use a knife to slice the flesh in a crosshatch pattern. With a fork, scoop out the flesh into a medium-sized bowl. Mash the avocados with your fork, keeping some chunks.
2. Add the lemon juice, yogurt, mustard, chives, optional dill, salt, and pepper. Mix thoroughly.
3. Add peeled and diced hard-boiled eggs. Stir into your avocado mixture until well-incorporated.

4. Serve immediately.

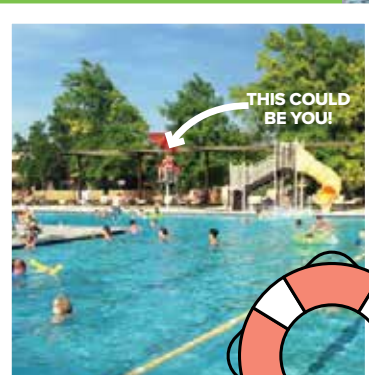
5. To assemble the salad into a sandwich, toast bread or bagel and add any greens or veggies you wish. Some great options are spinach, lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, bell peppers, and arugula. Spoon the Avocado Egg Salad onto the toasted bread and enjoy!



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6TH ANNUAL WILL EISNER COMIC FEST

by Tracey Herst-Woods, Deputy Director of SMMJA

The 6th Annual Will Eisner Comic Fest was held at The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, and it did not disappoint. In partnership with OKPOP Museum, this year's festivities brought back past supporters and new faces to the Zarrow Campus. The event was visited by T-rex, Storm Troopers, Anime characters, Disney/Marvel characters, and so many more. The OKPOP Museum had coloring tables set up for children and adults alike. They also set up an amazing exhibit that featured graphic novelists from Oklahoma. This comprehensive exhibit spanned the Jewish Federation's lobby, Barbara and Dave Sylvan Auditorium, and the Museum's lobby. The Museum also featured a wonderful exhibition of the history of Will Eisner.

Comic Fest featured over 30 vendors showcasing their many talents. There were cartoonists, button and furniture makers, comic book selections, wands, and Funko pops booths to name a few. We even had a few special guests from under the sea, in the form mermaids and princesses ready for a photo op! The event concluded with a Cosplay contest hosted by Nerd Alert Customs. The participants were fun to watch as they strolled across the stage showing off their unique creations.

The Will Eisner Comic Fest is one of a series of events celebrated worldwide. These events focus on graphic novels, sequential art, free speech, and the incredible legacy of Will Eisner, one of the most innovative and influential figures in the history of comics and graphic novels. Will Eisner Week's central theme, "Read a Graphic Novel!" continues to be the underlying message for all the events.

Will Eisner (1917-2005) grew up during the Great Depression in the tenements of the Bronx, to two Jewish parents who immigrated from eastern-Europe. He was a pioneer in the creation of comics during the "Golden Age" of the 1930s and '40s, achieving fame with his noir crime-fighting hero, The Spirit. Many comic greats worked with Eisner including Jules Feiffer, Wally Wood, Jack Kirby, Al Jaffee, and Mike Ploog. 2015 marked the 75th anniversary of "The Spirit". After "The Spirit" ceased publication, Eisner, with his strong business

acumen, turned to creating educational and instructional "sequential art" (a term he coined), for business, educational, and industrial use. In 1978, Eisner once again reinvented himself—and the medium—with his seminal graphic novel, "A Contract with God." Will Eisner's more than 20 graphic novels and three textbooks are still in print, in 15 languages, all over the world. The prestigious Will Eisner Comic Industry Awards, the "Oscars of the Comics Industry," are presented annually at the San Diego Comic-Con.

Thank you to all who came out and celebrated this amazing day filled with color and whimsy. Thank you to all the vendors. You made this event shine. With the help of the SMMJA's new collaborative partner, OKPOP Museum, dedicated to the creative spirit of Oklahoma's people and the influence of Oklahoma artists on popular culture around the world, this event was a success! Showcasing a Jewish legend like Will Eisner, conveys that Jewish history is Oklahoma history! ■



above: cosplay contestants
below: vendor booths



NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM

The exhibition, *Next Year in Jerusalem (L'Shana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim) The Western Wall Through Art* was displayed from December 2021 through December 2022. This exhibition took viewers on a journey through the museum's collection to find artistic impressions of the Western Wall through mediums including wood, paint, photography, metal, and more.



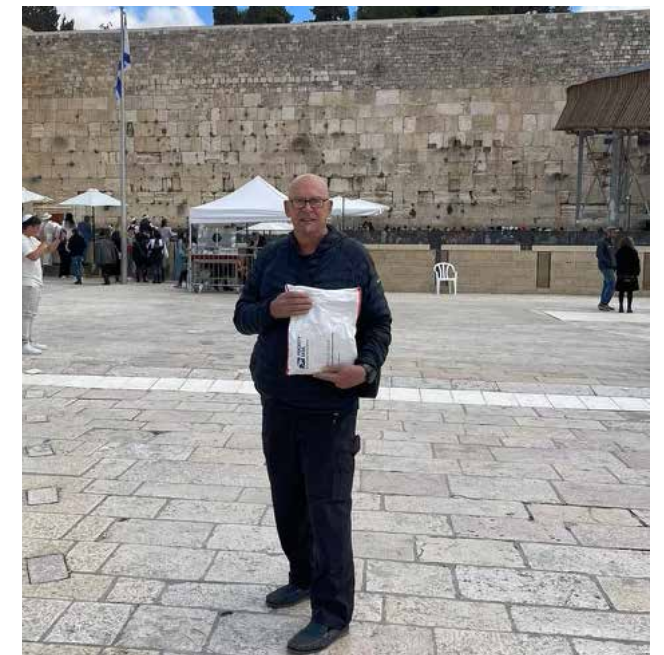
Notes on display in the exhibition

There was a live feed from the Western Wall in Israel and an interactive component for guests to leave prayers and thoughts at our wall.

This last component was very popular and hundreds of private notes were left in the box. The Museum realized that those notes needed to go to the Western Wall.

But how do we get them there?

The Museum enlisted the help of Itzik Levin, longtime community member, who was traveling to his homeland in March. He made the special trip to the Western Wall and put the notes in their rightful place. Thank you Itzik for your dedication to the Museum and ensuring those visitors wishes, prayers, statements, and more are heard! ■



Itzik placing the notes in Western Wall

FEATURED EXHIBITION

DONNA MATLES RETROSPECTIVE MARCH 12, 2023 - MARCH 1, 2024



Donna Matles, of blessed memory, was a genuine artist. As a respected artist, jewelry designer, wood turner, and conservator of Judaica, she helped launch the Fenster Gallery, which later became The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art.

Although Donna lived in Tulsa, she was known nationally through her featured work in books and magazines. Her talents were shared within our community and could be found at Congregation B'nai Emunah, Temple Israel, Zarrow Pointe, and The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art. When it came to Fine Art, whether to create it or care for it, there was no one better than Donna. Her big heart spread her joy and passion for the arts to everyone she encountered. Her legacy will continue, spreading beauty through her artwork.

The Donna Matles Retrospective exhibition is on display in the Mildred and Julius Sanditen Gallery of the The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art.

THE IMPORTANCE OF "ESSENTIAL CLASSES"

by Amanda Anderson, Executive Director of Mizel JCDS

*Information is taken from: 10 Reasons Why Kids NEED Art & Music; Healthy Food Choices in School; Why Learn Languages

Classes like art, music, and physical education (PE) are often classified as special classes or extracurricular, but they are critical to providing students with a well-rounded education. There has even been a shift to categorizing these classes into "essential" classes. When kids are exposed to these classes, they have a greater ability to show sides of themselves that might not emerge in a traditional classroom. They also provide a plethora of benefits:

1. Art develops critical thinking, creativity, and improves academic achievement.
2. Music supports math, language development, boosts young brains, helps to improve memory and social skills.
3. Developing social and emotional wellness through physical education.
4. Music and Art enhances creativity, improves language and reading skills, and develops critical thinking skills
5. Art and Music builds confidence, creates cultural and personal connections, and teaches discipline.

Essential classes can bring some much-needed release time. Combined with academics, these classes encourage greater success, personal growth and well-being, in addition to being a bright spot for students during a busy school day.

At Mizel JCDS we offer these essential classes and more. All our students experience art, music, PE, cooking, and yoga in addition to social-emotional learning weekly, for all grade levels. Our teachers extend the learning opportunities from the students' core classroom instruction to foster a meaningful, hands-on learning experience in the other classes as well. Our culinary program offers many benefits to students:

1. Children can try new and healthy foods.
2. A kitchen is a learning lab for children that involves all their senses.
3. Children learn lifetime skills through practicing basic math in the kitchen, such as counting, weighing, measuring, and tracking time.
4. They also gain social and communication skills by working together and communicating in the kitchen.

Through our programs offered at Mizel JCDS, we empower our students. Cooking is a life skill and supports math, science, language, social-emotional development, physical development (fine motor skills), and cognitive development. Students learn the entire cooking process, from start to finish.

All our students attend daily Hebrew & Judaic Studies classes. Research shows that learning a second language:

1. Boosts problem-solving, critical-thinking, and listening skills.
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THE JEWS WHO FOUGHT FOR NAZI GERMANY©

by Phil Goldfarb

What was the safest place for a Jew in Hitler's Germany? A cellar or an attic? A forest? At home with a well-connected Aryan spouse? For some, the answer was in Hitler's military...in the Wehrmacht, the Kriegsmarine, or the Luftwaffe, at least until the tide of war turned and all three began to suffer staggering losses. Whichever branch, wearing a uniform was like slipping into a coat of armor, or invisibility.

According to Hitler's Jewish Soldiers by Bryan Mark Rigg, thousands of full Jews and more than 150,000 men of some Jewish descent served in the German armed forces during World War II. Some of the Jewish men who fought in Hitler's military had been drafted. Others were patriots whose fathers, grandfathers, and uncles had served in the Imperial Army in WWI, and dutifully enlisted. One survivor described himself as a German first and a Jew second.

Many of these Jews believed the Nuremberg racial laws and the rising tide of anti-Semitism did not apply to them. They were not Ostjuden, whom they perceived as uneducated and superstitious. German Jews were cultured. They were patriotic as many could trace their roots in Germany back for generations. One officer who served in the Waffen-SS was the descendant of Jews who had fled the Inquisition and settled in Germany four centuries earlier.

However, to Hitler, a Jew was a Jew. It didn't matter where he came from, how well-educated he was, what he wore, how, or even if he worshipped. In April 1940, the directive came down to purge the military of all Jewish blood. Jews and part-Jews were told to turn themselves in. Many did. Some commanding officers told their Jewish soldiers to remain quiet and go on as they were. The officers wanted their best and most experienced men for the imminent invasions of Western and Northern Europe. World conquest trumped racial purity. One gentile lieutenant, a member of the Nazi Party, who tried, unsuccessfully to save one of his half-Jewish soldiers, was disbelieving that the Wehrmacht would drum a man with an Iron Cross out of its ranks.

A few Jewish soldiers who were forced to leave were thrown farewell parties and sent off by their colleagues with the regretful comment that the departing soldier was a lucky so-and-so to be getting out of it! One such soldier who was envied by his colleagues took a darker view of matters. He had a fairly good idea of the future he faced with roundups, work camps and concentration camps. The dire consequences of some confessions of Jewish blood were more immediate. One commanding officer, infuriated at having his ranks "sullied and himself hoodwinked," took out his service pistol and shot the offending Jewish soldier dead on the spot.

Other Jewish men falsified their papers, but forged

documents still left the problem of the telltale circumcision. Living in constant terror of exposure, many were ready with a story of a childhood infection that resulted in the removal of a foreskin.

How did those Jewish men rationalize serving a regime that was out to destroy them and their families? Most of them, especially those who were only part Jewish, didn't feel as if they were masquerading at all. Even those whose Jewish parent had remained Jewish had often been brought up as Christians. They did not identify as Jewish. They knew nothing of Jewish practice or observance, custom or law. They had married gentiles and were raising their own children as Christians. For many of them the discovery of Jewish blood came as a shock, and not a pleasant one.

But what of the Jews who served in Hitler's military and not only identified as Jewish but remained observant? Many of them, like another Waffen-SS officer, continued to say prayers and observe other rituals secretly in the barracks or, more desperately, on the battlefield.

How did they justify fighting for a regime that was taking away their rights, murdering their families, and labeling them subhuman? Some believed they could save their families by serving. One told of going to a Gestapo jail to help his Jewish father only to learn that the man had been sent to Dachau. He then volunteered in the Wehrmacht hoping it would help his father's plight. It didn't. Two brothers, whose gentile father had divorced their Jewish mother when the racial laws were declared, made a point of wearing their uniforms when they visited her. She was nonetheless sent to a camp.

A few, especially on the Russian front, would claim later that while they served in Hitler's army, they helped save the lives of other Jews in lands where they fought and conquered. An Orthodox Jewish Wehrmacht lieutenant told of giving secret passes to Jews and food to starving Jewish children who'd been rounded up by the SS in Lithuania, Latvia, and Russia.

Though fighting for the Fuehrer often didn't save family members or the soldier himself, the odds of surviving the Russian front weren't much better than those of surviving Hitler's concentration camps. For a man who feared for his loved ones, many did not know where their families were or what had become of them, the unit in which he served could be a surrogate family.

Another painful, perhaps unanswerable question arises: Did those men who served know of the camps? Clearly many of them did. Witness the claims that they were trying to save their relatives or themselves from that fate. One officer, who later moved to Canada, joined a synagogue, and was circumcised at the age of 40, spoke for many when he said rumors of the facts were too outrageous to be believed.

After the war, the Jewish men who had fought for Hitler had to wrestle with the cost of their survival. They went on to good careers. Among them were a founder of a German publishing house, a successful Berlin businessman, and a NASA engineer. Some wrestled with their pasts. One half-Jew speaks of being an outcast, misunderstood by both Germans and Jews. Another veteran declared himself lucky to have survived but admitted to years of traumatic memories.

After the war, one Mischlinge Wehrmacht soldier, perhaps in atonement for his service, immigrated to Israel to fight for its independence. To the Nazis, he had been a Jew because his father was. To the Israelis, he was a gentile because his mother was a Christian, and Jewish law traces religion through the mother: He could fight for the new state but not be a member of its people. Another soldier, German-born Shlomo Perel, a survivor who hid in the German army ranks, disguised his Jewish identity, became a Wehrmacht translator, moved to Israel after war and his story inspired the acclaimed film 'Europa Europa.'

Heartbreak, however, was a more common fate. Many of the men who had served in Hitler's military were met with fury and ostracism. An officer, hoping to put his past behind him by emigrating to South America, asked a Berlin rabbi for help, but when the rabbi found out about his military service, he turned his back

on the "Jew killer." Another was told by his aunt in Palestine that it would have been better if he'd died in a camp. Then there are those who cannot speak of the cost of their choices. Many of them perished on the Russian front or in other hellholes of the war, more than a few ended as suicides.

Condemn or condone? In Hillel the Elder's words: "Do not judge your fellow human beings until you have stood in their shoes."

Phil Goldfarb is the president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tulsa and can be e-mailed at: phil.goldfarb@cox.net ■



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An extraordinary discussion and lecture along with a question-and-answer session conducted by Internationally acclaimed genealogist and **speaker, Miriam Weiner, on Sunday, April 30 at 2:00PM** in the Barbara and Dave Sylvan Auditorium at CJCC.

Some of her achievements include:

- Founder and president of The Routes to Roots Foundation- one of the most outstanding genealogical sites on the web.
 - Creator of the Consolidated Eastern European Archival Database which includes Jewish and civil records from archives in Belarus, Lithuania, Poland, Moldova and Ukraine.
 - Syndicated columnist of Roots and Branches published in over 100 newspapers and periodicals.
 - Executive Director of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.
 - A Collaborator with Alex Haley of "Roots" fame on a PBS Series.
 - The first Recipient of The National Genealogical Society Individual Achievement Award in 1991; and also from the NGS, the prestigious President's Citation Award in 2019.
 - Recipient of awards (in 1999 and 2000) from the IAJGS for "Outstanding Contribution to Jewish Genealogy via Print" for each of her two books Jewish Roots in Poland and Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova.
 - Recipient of "Lifetime Achievement Award" from International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS), 2003.
 - Recipient of The Malcolm H. Stern Humanitarian Award from the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), 2020.
 - Miriam also has a Tulsa connection as her grandparents Alexander and Miriam "Minnie" Rabkin (who she is named after) lived and worked in Tulsa, and are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery. Her mother, Helen Rabkin Weiner grew up in Tulsa as did her aunt and uncle.
- Miriam will discuss her website which includes:**
- Town name list of archive holdings from Belarus, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland & Ukraine.
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Miriam is a knowledgeable, dynamic, and enthusiastic speaker, please join us for this free program that promises to be informative, stimulating and thought-provoking.

For questions, please contact Phil Goldfarb, President, Jewish Genealogical Society of Tulsa at: phil.goldfarb@cox.net ■

TULSA BBYO ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

by Lydia Lapidus, BBYO Advisor

On the eve of BBYO's 99th anniversary, ten teens from Tulsa's Feenberg-Rubin AZA and Nona Bloch Salomon BBG chapters had the incredible opportunity to attend the BBYO International Convention in Dallas. This year's convention was the largest in BBYO history, with over 3,000 attendees from 425 chapters and 44 countries worldwide.

The four-day event began with a theatrical welcome from the cast of Hamilton during the opening ceremony, followed by inspiring speeches from Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff and Former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett.

The array of unique and creative activities was like nothing I'd ever seen. To highlight just a few, attendees participated in LEADs day, where they supported the local Dallas community through various volunteer projects. Tulsa's own world-class song leaders, Happie Hoffman and Eric Hunker led a meaningful Shabbat service followed by late-night songs and a chance to order food from the BBYO marketplace with their roommates. The teens also got to attend Limmuds, where they heard from a variety of prominent speakers, including dance star Maddie Ziegler, Tik Tok star Chris Olsen, Olympic gold medalist Gabby Douglas, and the cast of the hit Netflix TV show, All American.

On International Board election day, the Tulsa members had a chance to bond with the rest of our North Texas Oklahoma region and meet regional boards from across the world. We were excited to have a member of our region elected to the International Board and were even more thrilled to see chapter members Micah Pierandri and Eliana Joels receive prominent awards for their contributions to the BBYO movement.

The convention also included a Block Party, where everyone enjoyed fun activities, including arcade games, a full-service music studio, pickleball, cowboy hat decorating, a Just Dance room, karaoke, and much more. The weekend concluded with a massive finale concert featuring amazing performances from Nicky Youre, 24kgoldn, and Cash Cash.

However, this experience was not just about fun and games. Attendees participated in stimulating round tables, leadership training, and Jewish enrichment activities. When it was time to drive home, the kids were buzzing with excitement about the new friends they made, the skills they gained, and the connection they felt to this global Jewish movement.

Tulsa BBYO members returned from Dallas with reenergized spirits and newfound motivation to use this as an opportunity to bolster their impact in our community. As a BBYO advisor, I am proud of the remarkable group of teens we have this year, and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for these up-and-coming leaders. ■



Nona Bloch Salomon BBG chapter members (left to right): Mia Weinstein, AJ Auerbach, Eliana Joels, Conley Bolusky, Maren Hettler, Gabby Raskin-Irwin, Micah Pierandri

Feenberg-Rubin AZA chapter members (left to right): Jacob Barnes and Jaden Sloan



TAMAR REGION MARATHON

by Itzik Levin, Israel Committee Chair

The Jewish Federation of Tulsa has an alliance partnership with the Tamar region of Israel, located near the Dead Sea. Itzik Levin spearheaded this partnership with the Dead Sea Foundation and the Tamar Regional Council in 2019, and the alliance was made official earlier this year.

What does this partnership mean for the Jewish Federation of Tulsa? We are an international family with relationships with Tamar's other sister cities and alliances, including cities in Bavaria, Germany, China, and Nepal. This international family of sorts encourages and enables the exchanging of ideas, information, project initiatives, and overall partnership. It is a way to have continual communication with our Jewish homeland. We have sent many groups to Israel over the last few years since the idea of the partnership first began. Coming up this month, in April 2023, a group of 20 young Jewish professionals from our Tulsa community are heading to Israel on a life changing trip of connection with fellow participants from Tulsa as well as young adults from our alliance, Tamar Region! Participants will tour the region's agriculture research and development center! We look forward to a continuing partnership with the Tamar Region for many years to come! Continue reading to hear about one of the many amazing events of the Tamar Region.

At first light on the morning of February 3rd, thousands of runners stood at the starting line, at Ein Bokek—in the Dead Sea—ready and willing to run the Dead Sea Marathon (the only one of its kind in Israel) either the 50 km or 42 km run. The atmosphere was electric, and runners and spectators alike were filled with excitement. As time went on the 21 km half marathon took off to a great start with the 10 km and 5 km close behind. Something for everyone at the Dead Sea Land Race, families, runners, walkers, and parasport men all travel to the lowest place on earth, rich in oxygen, ideal weather conditions (usually) and take part in any of the track options. An event that has grown from one single family, members of Kibbutz Ein Gedi (situated just down the road), over 27 years ago.

Eli and Rutie Ron, founding members of Kibbutz Ein Gedi, raised their four boys on the kibbutz and dedicated themselves to sport and music which they passed onto their children. Eli thought it would be fun and fitting to hold a half marathon event at the Dead Sea between the Ein Gedi Spa and the famous Masada heritage site and so with help from volunteers from the kibbutz a running event was born. Tragically, after the

first event, Giora, the eldest of the four boys, fell in the first war with Lebanon. So, the event then became in memory of Giora and was held annually, growing in number of participants each time. But then another devastation befell the family with the death by accident of Tomer the second of the four boys. Tomer was also a dedicated runner and a great jazz musician and so the race then became dedicated to the memory of both boys. The race became well known in Israel and gained recognition globally with runners arriving from various countries across the globe.

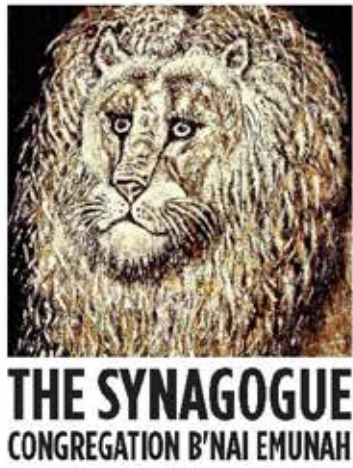
After 20 odd years the event had grown to proportions that it had to change. The Tamar Regional Council, not wanting to see this event disappear, took control and turned it into a major event on the global marathon schedule. This year, 2023, the council hosted the 4th Dead Sea Land marathon with participants of almost 7,000, a record number, from 40 different countries across the globe and 55% of the runners were women.

The event is simply stunning! The race runs along the ramparts towards the border with Jordan, providing the participants with views that are second to none. The mayor of the council, Mr. Nir Wanger cut the ribbon to start the race by saying, "We continue developing the area and breaking records at the lowest and most beautiful marathon in the world. The demand for the Dead Sea Land Marathon as a tourist attraction has put the event firmly on the world's marathon schedule. The public is invited to visit and enjoy the Israeli winter at this stunning location."

Tulsa is also known as a running region with numerous races throughout the year. Perhaps, 2024 is the year the Tulsa Jewish running community will deepen this experience by participating in an unique run in the homeland? ■



*Runners participating in Dead Sea Land Marathon
Photo taken from worldsmarathons.com*



OPASSCO: Passover Store

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

Second Seder at The Synagogue Thursday, April 6 • 6:00 p.m

We are delighted to host for our annual community Passover Seder. Join Synagogue members, friends, and newcomers to Tulsa for a joyful celebration of the most important event in Jewish history. The seder will feature singing, storytelling, and moving music from the Synagogue's Klay Kodesh ensemble. In-person reservations are limited. To register, please call Cheryl or Shawna at (918) 583-7121 during regular business hours. Starting time is 6:00 p.m. We'll close at 9:00 p.m. The Zoom Room access number is 918 583 7121.

Blatt + Blue: The Fablemans Sunday, April 16 • 7:00 p.m.

This month's selection is The Fablemans, the semi-autobiographical film by Steven Spielberg. It's a deeply felt look at disruption in a mid-century Jewish family and a young

filmmaker's aesthetic and moral choices. The film is available on Amazon Prime for a small fee and will be the point-of-departure for our conversation at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom (918 583 7121). Newcomers are welcome to join the dialogue. Please note that this event will take place on Sunday evening, April 16. It's a departure from our usual Thursday slot because of the April holiday schedule.

Passover Yom Tov Services

April 6, 7, 12, and 13 • 9:30 a.m.

Our tradition speaks of the extraordinary power that exists when a group of people gathers for prayer. On holidays we gather in a traditional form that mirrors our Shabbat observance. Each morning will begin at 9:30 a.m. These services will include Torah readings tied to the season, messages associated with the Holiday and Passover friendly sweet-treats at the conclusion. A Yizkor (Memorial) service will be added to our observance at 11:00 a.m. on April 13. As always, all our services are available for hybrid participation on Zoom (Meeting ID: 918 583 7121)

Lifelong Learners Wednesday, April 19 • 11:30 a.m.

Ageless seniors from every corner of the community are invited to join Rabbi 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 leaves from Zarrow Pointe at 11:00 a.m. each time. No charge for transportation (you may, of course, come in your 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.

Shema: Music Class for Babies Sunday, April 16 • 10:30 a.m.

Join us for the next gathering in a series of Jewish music classes for babies and their adults! We'll blend the best of what we know about early childhood education and the joy of Jewish music for this class geared towards kiddos 2 and under with their adults. This will center around gratitude as we sing, dance, move, and explore together at the Synagogue. Interested in joining us? Starting time is 10:30 a.m. Please be in touch with Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com.

Afternoon/Evening Services

Every Wednesday and Friday • 5:30 p.m.

Each week, we gather to experience traditional daily prayer and establish a quiet space for those mourning a loved one or observing the anniversary of a loss (yahrtzeit). All use these opportunities to recite a communal Mourner's Kaddish. Both gatherings take place in the Synagogue's Davis-Goodall Chapel, with full participation available both in-person and through the Synagogue Zoom Room. We ask that in-person attendees register in advance on our website. Friday gatherings always occur in the Synagogue Zoom Room at 918 583 7121.

Shabbat Morning Services

Every Saturday • 9:30 a.m.

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

Expressions of Thanks:

A Weekend Celebrating Rabbi Marc Boone Fitzerman

Gratitude is a powerful catalyst for happiness. And who makes us happier and more grateful than the beloved Rabbi Marc Boone Fitzerman? In the first weekend of May, we join together to celebrate an esteemed and dedicated career of service to our congregation at Expressions of Thanks: A Weekend Celebrating Rabbi Marc Boone Fitzerman.

At 7:30 pm on Friday night May 5, we invite the community to a Shabbat service in the sanctuary full of music and tributes. Pack your dancing shoes to seamlessly migrate from the service to the Oneg for dancing, schmoozing, and more cookies than you could ever imagine. The sweet sounds of Klay Kodesh, the swells of circle dances, and the warmth of decades of MBF memories will electrify the halls of the auditorium.



All are invited back to the Synagogue on Sunday, May 7, at 4:00 pm for FitzFest Sing-a-long and Supper, a spectacular musical program of both Jewish and secular favorites with sure-to-be entertaining anecdotes and rousing rounds of communal singing. A Sunday Supper modeled after Break Fast immediately follows the sing-a-long concert offering us all the opportunity to share our expressions of thanks to Rabbi Fitzerman.

The inclusive meal is open to our entire community. Rabbi Fitzerman's beloved Altamont Bakery cookies will be available for purchase.

Please indicate your attendance at www.tulsagogue.com/thank-you. ■

CLEANING UP OUR CHAMAYTZ

by Rabbi Dan Kaiman

One of the great pleasures of living a life connected to Jewish rituals and observances are the many layers of meaning embedded in our practices. Passover is filled with such moments. One ritual many are familiar with is the practice of eating Matzah on Passover. We tell the story that this "bread of affliction" is the result of the speedy baking time needed as the Israelites fled Egypt, and we eat these crackers to remind us of that moment in our shared story.

But another level of observance related to Passover is the practice of abstaining from "chamaytz," a technical category of food that is related to matzah, but represents something different. Chamaytz is pervasive and ubiquitous. Some of us become so obsessed with chamaytz that we empty our pantries and clean every pot, pan, and spoon. We avoid this category of food for an entire week in service of spiritual cleaning, connecting ourselves to the Passover narrative, and personal reflection. Every year when I eliminate chamaytz from my life, I am reminded of my consumption, my body, and the

need to constantly be renewing myself for the better.

This year, we want to help more people experiment with the idea of eliminating chamaytz by adapting a common food trend to our ritual moment. Juice cleanses are a popular method of examining our consumption patterns and experimenting for a short period with a modified diet. In partnership with Inheritance Juicery, experts in juice cleanses, we'll be offering a Passover Juice Cleanse for the intermediate days of the holiday (Sunday, April 9 to Tuesday, April 11.) We'll provide a series of crafted Juices and intentions connected to the Holiday for this adapted experience of avoiding chamaytz. If you'd like more information or to sign up for this program, visit the Synagogue website: tulsagogue.com/cleanse. All juices will be prepared under my supervision and will be Passover-friendly. We hope this interpretation of Passover rituals creates more opportunity to be engaged in this all-encompassing holiday. Happy Passover! ■



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

Temple Israel celebrates Passover with a second night seder. Join us as we tell our story of our Exodus out of Egypt. Please stay tuned for more information.

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Pesach Yizkor Service • Wed., Apr. 12 • 10:30 a.m. •

Join Temple Israel clergy for a meaningful service as we honor our Yizkor. Stay for a complimentary luncheon.

Zarrow Pointe Shabbat Service • Fri., Apr. 14 • 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 at Zarrow Pointe. We welcome not only Temple members and Zarrow Pointe residents, but all other friends in our community who would appreciate being together on Shabbat.

Shabbat Service w/Torah in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., Apr. 14 • 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.

Young Adult Soul Bowl • Sat., Apr. 15 • 7:00 p.m. •

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

Zamru L'Shabbat • Fri., Apr. 21 • 6:00 p.m. •

Celebrate with Cantor Weinstein, Cantorial Soloist Jenny Labow, and Elijah's Minor Prophets, in person or online as we welcome in Shabbat with joyous songs! Arrive at 5:30 p.m. for a pre-oneg. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

The Marcia Jankowsky Memorial Cantorial Concert • Sun., Apr. 23 • 7:00 p.m. •

This year's theme will be Anything Goes featuring Cantor Laurie Weinstein and special guest Cantors. A dessert reception will follow the concert.

Sociable Seniors • Sun., Apr. 30 • 12:15 a.m. •

Temple's Sociable Seniors will meet at 12:15 p.m. for a full sit-down lunch in the Burnstein Auditorium at Zarrow Pointe. After visiting during our meal, we'll move next door to the Sylvan Auditorium at the Jewish Federation of Tulsa to hear acclaimed genealogist Miriam Weiner speak at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Reservations for lunch are required prior to April 24. RSVP to tulsatemple.com/rsvp.

ANYTHING GOES
by Cantor Laurie Weinstein

Spring has sprung in Tulsa, and with it comes the newness of life lifting from dormancy. The days grow longer, and we shake of the chill of winter with outdoor gatherings in the warmth of the sun...at least until summer hits in Oklahoma! Yet, this rebirth is an exciting time not just for nature but for our community, too. At Temple Israel, we have much for which to be grateful. We have our Community Passover Second Night Seder on April 6, at 6:00 pm. Our Temple family will come together to retell the story of the Exodus from slavery through our Haggadah, song, and laughter. Later in April, our wonderful Marcia Jankowsky Cantorial Memorial Concert occurs

for the 22nd year. On Sunday, April 23 at 7:00 pm, seven voices will grace our bimah with showtunes, stunning liturgical music, and secular Israeli song in this year's production Anything Goes. Our talented cantorial guests will be flying in for the weekend from New Jersey, NYC, Chicago, and Naples, Florida. While our Second Night Seder requires an rsvp, the Cantorial Concert is free thanks to the generosity of Mr. Jan Jankowsky. So, shake off your winter blues to enjoy the sweet sun shower of life renewed. We hope you will join us for these wonderful events with your Temple Israel Family. ■

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