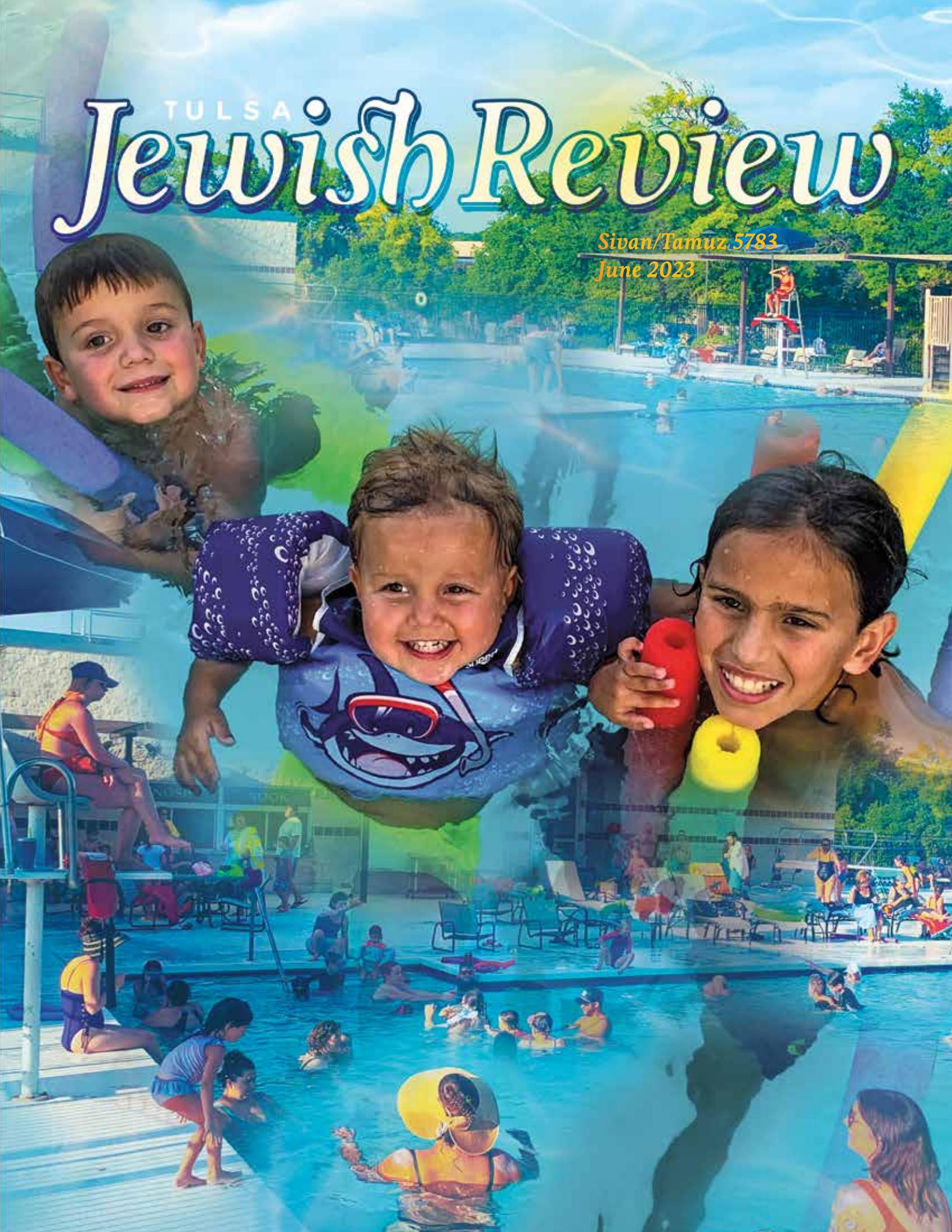


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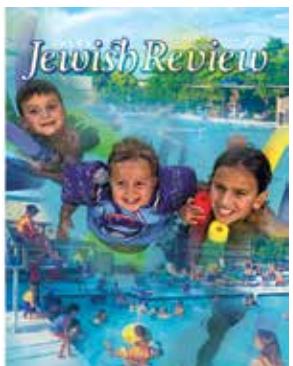
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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Aida Nozick, Executive Director

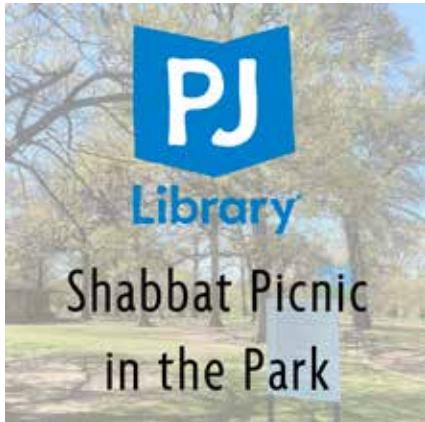
After a plane flight that felt like Mr. Toad's Wild Ride (my luggage arrived the day prior to my return), several lay leaders, staff members, and I arrived in Israel for the General Assembly (GA). The GA is the Jewish Federation of North America's annual conference for Jewish professionals. Over 3,000 North American Jews gathered at the conference, which was timed to coincide with Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. The experience was deeply meaningful. Seeing an entire country stop for 3-minutes, while sirens sounded, to honor the over 28,300 fallen Israeli soldiers and those that have been killed in acts of terrorism was profound. Cars, trains, busses, all aspects of life, stopped to honor those lost. Immediately following this somber occasion, the country turned jubilant, forcing itself to celebrate Israel's 75 years of Independence. The diverse range of feelings I felt during those few days was draining and rewarding! The love of Israel was everywhere. Israeli flags of support for protesters draped buildings, decorated cars, and was seen at every shuk stand. The GA was never disrupted, although there were constant pro-democracy protestors near the conference grounds. The feeling was peaceful, uplifting, and hopeful.

The most valuable part of attending the GA for me was my ability to meet with representatives from the Jewish Agency and our partners in the Tamar region. Among other things, our Tulsa Federation partners with the Jewish Agency for our Shlichot program, which is celebrating 50 years as part of our Tulsa Jewish community! Additionally, we team up with the Jewish Agency as our partner in helping establish our new relationship with the Tamar region. I was fortunate enough to spend the day in the region, learning about their communities and opportunities for our two cities to collaborate and provide ways to connect with one another. Be on the lookout for more information in the upcoming months about the Tamar region.

Arriving back in Tulsa, our staff is gearing up for a summer of fun. I look forward to our CSJCC coming alive with the laughter of children running up and down the halls during Camp Shalom. Our beautiful Sharna and Irvin Frank Aquatics Center is open for the summer, and the CSJCC is buzzing with family friendly activities, our first Try-athlon, and ongoing wellness programs. Read more about all these events in the CSJCC section of this issue and I hope to see you at one of our summer programs!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

PJ Library Shabbat Picnic in the Park | Friday, June 2, 5:30 pm | Woodward Park

PJ families are invited to a Shabbat picnic dinner at Woodward Park. Families are asked to bring their own picnic blankets. JFT will provide a picnic spread of yummy food! The meal will be served kosher-style and have vegetarian options. This program is geared towards families with children 10 years and younger, but all are welcome. We will meet near the playground at Woodward Park. RSVP required by June 1st and cost is \$10/family.

Register at: JewishTulsa.org/pjpicnic



Lunch Bunch with Ainsley's Angels | Wednesday, June 7, 12:00 pm | Dan Room

For this series of Lunch Bunch we will be joined by Jana Rugg, an ambassador for Ainsley's Angels in Tulsa. Ainsley's Angels is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to build awareness about the importance of inclusion through action, while transforming populations into all-inclusive communities that celebrate everyone. Jana will tell us about her role as an ambassador to recruit runners that are paired with individuals with special needs and participate in running and triathlon events all over the country.

Register at: JewishTulsa.org/lbjune



YJP Taco Tuesday | Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 pm | Private Residence

Back by popular demand—the 3rd annual YJP Taco Tuesday! Tulsa's young Jewish professionals are invited to join for schmoozing with taco bar dinner, chips and dips, and a pool-side social to kick-off summer. Hosted by young Jewish professional, Tyler Coretz and organized by the YJP programming board. Cost is \$10/person. RSVP required to attend!

Register at: JewishTulsa.org/yptaco



June 24 at
6:00PM

Pride Parade March | Saturday, June 24, 5:30pm | Dennis R. Neill Equality Center

Join your Tulsa Jewish Community in supporting the 2023 Tulsa Pride Parade. We will meet at 5:30PM at the Dennis R. Neill Equality Center where we will march from 13th and Boston to the Tulsa Pride Celebration. Stay afterwards for a meaningful Havdalah led by Rabbi Tzvia Jasper. This event is in collaboration with Temple Israel.

For more details, registration, and to order your t-shirt, visit: jewishtulsa.org/pride2023



Thursday, June 8, 2023

at the Sharna and Irvin Frank Aquatics Center

6:00PM – Cocktails, Burgers and Beers

7:00PM – Trivia

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CONNECTING TO ISRAEL

by Isabella Silberg, Director of Programming and Development

On April 21st, a group of six young Jewish professionals left Tulsa for the Jewish Federation of North America's General Assembly. Our travels were met with an intense 36+ hours of travel mishaps but nonetheless ended up safely in Tel Aviv and we joined with Executive Director, Aida Nozick, ready to attend the conference. The first day of the conference was pretty standard—breakout rooms, elective sessions, and time to connect with other professionals. The second day was an opportunity to visit various sites for Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day. This was a pivotal moment for many of the GA participants as we felt the sincere mourning of all Israelis. This day is one of grief, remembrance, and heartache for those lost in combat and terrorist attacks.

We visited Nefesh B'Nefesh, a nonprofit organization that promotes, encourages, and facilitates Aliyah (immigration to Israel) from the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. During our visit, we heard individual experiences of making Aliyah. The process of making Aliyah has changed over the years unfortunately due to emergency situations like the Russian invasion of Ukraine. At the end of the session, our speaker read a quote that will stay with me forever and one that I reflected on throughout our trip, "Yom HaZikaron shows us the cost of having a Jewish state. Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) shows us the cost of not."

The following day was Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, and a feeling of strength and pride was overwhelming. Specifically, as I sat on the Tel Aviv beach with the group of young Jewish professionals watching the IDF Air Force show, a sense of responsibility overcame me and reminded me of the importance of standing with our brothers and sisters who fight tirelessly day after day during their service to protect the Jewish state. Matan Poler, Israeli and fellow Tulsa young Jewish professional met up with us on the beach. He shared how he commemorated Yom HaZikaron, visiting gravesites of friends who died during their service. He was proud that less than 24 hours later, he was spending the afternoon watching the Tulsa group in awe of the strength of the Israel Air Force as we prepared to celebrate the state of Israel.

Throughout our week together in Israel, the young

Jewish professionals traveled to sites with a common goal—to explore the complexities of Israeli society. During our trip, we met with different people and groups that make up the minority communities of Israel. One of the most impactful people we spoke with was a Druze woman, who is ethnically Arab and spoke both Arabic and Hebrew. She graciously hosted us in her restaurant for lunch followed by telling her story of her son serving in the IDF and feeling fully immersed in Israel culture. We visited the Akko Center for Arts & Technology which hosts daily afternoon programs for Arab and Israeli students in effort to promote a shared society through programs and educational opportunities.

Later in the trip, we got the chance to meet with the Tamar Regional Council, the Jewish Federation of Tulsa's new partnership. We were welcomed with open arms when we stayed on the Ein Gedi Camp Lodge and toured the Kibbutz. I have hopes that next fall, they will send representatives to Tulsa for the Route 66 marathon, and we will send people to participate in the Dead Sea marathon. The similarities between our two communities, especially the goal to enhance and promote growth amongst the next generation of Jewish families, was inspiring.

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A pivotal moment of the trip was our visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. This was a first-time experience for a majority of participants on the trip. This part of Jewish history is difficult to process; Chloe Kirk, Director of Holocaust Education, led a session for the group following the visit. It became a time for walls to break down and have an open and honest conversation about being Jews in Oklahoma. I believe the group walked away from this conversation inspired to educate those around us about Jewish

culture and encourage our friends to be proud Jews and allies to other minority groups.

Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Tulsa and Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies for sponsoring this inspirational trip for Tulsa's young Jewish professionals. From our bonding, to unforgettable conversations, and forever friendships, I am confident that the future of Jewish Tulsa is strong with these dedicated upcoming leaders. I'm excited to plan programs and events that educate the greater Tulsa community on Jewish and Israeli culture to ensure we have the resources to proudly and confidently stand with Israel, the Jewish state from across the world. ■



Young Jewish professionals pose outside Ein Gedi Kibbutz in Tamar Region



Young Jewish Professionals sitting atop Masada. Tour led by Tulsa's Israel Emissary, Chen Shoval.



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Join us for

 **Saturday, June 17 | 6:00pm | Family Fun Night**
Picnic dinner - games - temporary tattoos
Movie: Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile

 **Saturday, July 15 | 6:00pm | Dive-in Movie Night**
Snow cones - glow party
Movie: Minions: The Rise of Gru

 **Saturday, July 22 | 8:00pm | Adult Dive-in Movie**
21+ event - beverages – RSVP REQUIRED
Movie: Jaws

 **Saturday, August 5 | 6:00pm | End of Summer Bash**
Ice cream sundae bar
Movie: Bad Guys

>> RSVP at www.csjcc.org/poolparties



UPCOMING EVENTS



Feed Your Brain to Wellness | June Fitness Challenge

June is the Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. This month we are focusing on sharpening your brain! Many parts of your brain can be improved by engaging in "brain games" daily. Performing cognitively stimulating activities and brain training over the course of your life can positively impact how well your brain functions, including memory, attention, thinking, language, and reasoning skills. Stop by the fitness desk for a new brain game packet every week in June. If you complete the packet and turn it in each week, you will be entered into our monthly drawing. Let's exercise our brain's together!



Family Fun Night | Saturday, June 17 | 6:00 PM | The Sharna and Irvin Frank Aquatics Center

All CSJCC members and their families are invited to Family Fun Night! This annual event at the Sharna and Irvin Frank Aquatics Center includes a picnic dinner, games, temporary tattoos, and snow cones. Plus glow party and movie, The Rise of Gru, begin at dusk.

Register in advance at: CSJCC.org/poolparties

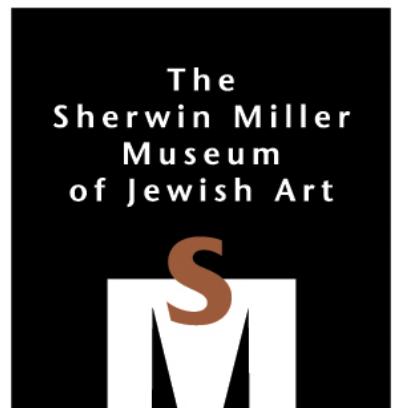


Wellness Series

Wellness Series: Healthy Living for Your Brain | Monday, June 19 | 10:15 AM | Dan Room

Learn how to keep your brain healthy with Jessica Vagin, Alzheimer's Association Program Educator & Volunteer. Jessica will speak about the importance of challenging your brain as you age, staying active, and healthy food choices for better brain health. Jessica has worked in the health care industry for over 16 years and specializes in cognitive engagement programs.

Register at csjcc.org/wellness-june



The
Sherwin Miller
Museum
of Jewish Art

Sherwin Miller Museum Docent Tour | Wednesday, June 28 | 10:15 AM

CSJCC members are invited to tour our sister organization, the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, located adjacent to the CSJCC. The SMMJA hosts the largest collection of Judaica Art in the Southwest and is home to the Sanditen/Kaiser Holocaust Museum. The museum's knowledgeable docents will expose you to art and history facts that may surprise you!

No cost to tour the museum, however, **please sign up in advance** at: CSJCC.org/museumtour.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Scout Caravan | Thursday, June 29 | 7:00 PM |

The Israeli Scout Caravan is returning to the CSJCC! This all-ages, family fun event is a night of song, dance, and high energy performances by the Tzofim (Israeli Scouts) Friendship Caravan. The Israeli Scouts consists of five boys and five girls ages 16-17, supported by two leaders, spreading the joyous side of Israel, peace, and brotherhood through their live performance and audience interaction. Israeli Scouts are chosen from thousands of applicants based on their maturity, leadership, English fluency, and of course talent in the performing arts. Expect a high energy evening of youthful spirit and positivity!

The event is free, but **please register in advance:** csjcc.org/israeliscouts.



CSJCC Mini Try-Athlon | Sunday, June 25 | 6:00 PM

Challenge yourself at our 1st mini Try-athlon! Test your mental and physical abilities with an 8-minute swim, 20-minute stationery bike ride, and 15-minute treadmill run. There is a 15-minute break between the swim and run to change clothes. If you do not wish to participate in the full mini triathlon, you can participate in our relay event. Registration includes a "Try-Athlon" t-shirt, meal, and pool party following the event at the JCC outdoor pool. We hope you join us for this fun and challenging Mini-Try! (Read more on page 13.)

Not up for the challenge? Join the fun by volunteering to help with the try-athlon! **Register to participate in the Try-athlon or volunteer at: JewishTulsa.org/triathlon. Deadline: June 14**

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BERRY BRAIN SALAD

by Sarah Winkelman

The CSJCC's Wellness Series this month is about brain health! To coincide with this theme, this recipe focuses on fresh, seasonal, summer ingredients that help slow cognitive decline. Eating fruits and vegetables in season is cheaper, more flavorful and offers a higher nutritional value because the produce is fresher! Berries are the star of the show in the summer time, so this recipe incorporates my favorites. Arugula, the green base of this salad, is rich in nutrients including vitamin A, a powerful antioxidant that improves immune function, cell growth, and eye health. The bright pigment that gives berries their gorgeous color has shown to improve memory. Better your brain health this summer with this refreshing berry salad!

Ingredients:

Base

- 10 oz package of arugula
- 1/4 cup diced strawberries
- 1/4 cup blueberries
- 1/4 cup raspberries
- 1/3 cup diced red onion
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 5 oz crumbled feta or goat cheese

Fresh mint leaves

Dressing

- Juice of 1 freshly squeezed lemon
- 1/4 cup oil – avocado or olive are my preference
- 2-3 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- Freshly cracked pepper and flaky salt

Instructions:

1. Mix all base ingredients together in large bowl. Toss to combine.
2. In a small bowl, whisk dressing ingredients. Tailor it to your taste, this is just a guideline! Pour dressing on salad, and toss to combine.



* Optional toppings: salt, balsamic glaze, honey, basil leaves, mint leaves

FEATURED CLASS:

OUTDOOR POOL WATER AEROBICS
TUESDAY/THURSDAY
9:00 – 9:30 AM (5/30–8/3)



This 30-minute gentle water aerobics class is a low-impact exercise to improve endurance and build muscle mass. The class is held at the Sharna and Irvin Frank Aquatics Center. Water aerobics is excellent for people rehabbing or with arthritis or other joint pain. Don't forget your sunscreen! Class taught by CSJCC Fitness Staff.

MEMBERSHIP:

Refer a friend and receive a \$25 QT card!



SWIM, BIKE, RUN

by Laura Allen, Director of Community Outreach and Membership

In May, Tulsa hosted a full and half Ironman. Many people traveled from all over the country to race as well as many locals, like myself, joined in the fun. This was a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful state as well as the wonderful hospitality of the Tulsa community. While training for a 140.6-mile race or 70.3-mile race might not be for everyone, triathlons, and races in general can be beneficial for all. Some of the reasons why I enjoy this sport are to stay active and healthy, to be a part of a community/fellowship, as well as to challenge myself.

Your CSJCC staff wants you to be a part of our first TRY-athlon this June. You can test your swim, bike, and run skills in the safety of a mostly indoor triathlon. All the events are timed, and you complete as many laps and/or miles as you can in each sport. This is a beginner friendly event and is all about having fun and "trying" something new. If you feel you aren't up for the challenge, volunteer and cheer on your fellow CSJCC friends! JewishTulsa.org/triathlon



CSJCC Director of Outreach and Membership Laura Allen participating in the 2023 Ironman Triathlon.

Classes for everyone:

Fitness Class Schedule - 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9AM Muscular Endurance	9AM Circuit Training	9AM Midweek Movement	9AM Circuit Training	9AM Jukebox Jams
	9AM Water Aerobics		9AM Water Aerobics	
	10AM Barre Belles		10AM Barre Belles	
Noon Core & Conditioning	Noon Spin	Noon Bootcamp	Noon Spin	Noon Bootcamp
6PM Bootcamp	6PM Hatha Yoga	6PM Bootcamp	6PM Hatha Yoga	
6-9PM Open Pickleball	6-9PM Circuit Training	6-9PM Open Basketball	6-9PM Circuit Training	

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NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE HOLOCAUST

by Sofia Thornblad, Director of Collections and Exhibitions

Within Jewish communities across the United States, and indeed across the world, there is much talk of growing antisemitism. We are reminded of the days leading up to the Holocaust. Will violence escalate? How can we convince those who do not recognize our shared Humanity before it is too late?

Humans of the Holocaust is a powerful exhibit that introduces Holocaust survivors as humans. You may be thinking “well of course they are humans”. But in the Holocaust remembrance world, we rarely focus on personalities. Instead the focus is on what Holocaust survivors overcame, and what they lost.

This collection of photographs by Erez Kaganovitz—grandson of a Holocaust survivor—invites the audience to confront the humanity of Holocaust survivors, and as a result, powerfully consider the humanity of those who were lost to the Shoah.

The new legislation in Oklahoma that requires Holocaust education in schools is a step towards a less hateful world. Hatred, after all is taught. As Anne Frank so poignantly said in her diary, “In spite of everything I still believe people are really good at heart”. I believe Anne Frank was right. Just like hate, compassion can be taught. The work we do here at the Sherwin Miller Museum is an important part of this teaching. It is a lifelong lesson.

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Join me on June 15th as I discuss the power of remembrance, and how Humans of the Holocaust helps us make “never again” a reality. ■



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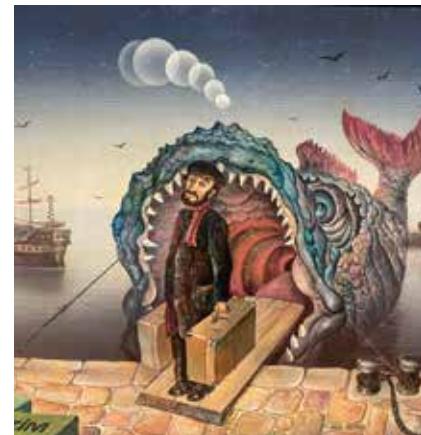


Humans of The Holocaust | June 15, 2023 - December 2023

As the grandson of a Holocaust survivor, Erez Kaganovitz created Humans of the Holocaust project to tell the human story of Holocaust survivors, their children and Jews around the world who are affected by antisemitism today. The project tells the story of the Holocaust in a wholly unique way: through the medium of digital storytelling. With inspiration and optimism, Humans of the Holocaust offers a fresh perspective about the experiences of Holocaust survivors, showcasing individual stories of how the human spirit can overcome even the most inhumane circumstances.

Opening Reception - June 15, 2023 at 6:00PM

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS



Greetings From Israel | May 8, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Take a trip with us to Israel! The best part is, you don't need to worry about packing any bags. The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art's new exhibition Greetings From Israel will showcase highlights from our collection by Israeli artists alongside beautiful depictions of the holy land.

On View in the Mezzanine Gallery - May 8, 2023- December 31, 2023.

Image: "Jonah at Haifa Port" by Israeli artist Eugene Abeshaus.



Humans of Israel

Through June 12, 2023

Stories of Survival

Through August 6, 2023

Donna Matles Retrospective

Through March 1, 2024

MEET THE NEW JEWISH FEDERATION OF TULSA BOARD PRESIDENT JARED GOLDFARB

by Phil Goldfarb

A native-born Tulsan, Jared Goldfarb, assumed the Presidency of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa on May 23. Jared grew up in Tulsa, attended Camp Shalom as a child, went to Undercroft Montessori School, was a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel, graduated from Cascia Hall Middle and High School and received his B.B.A Degree from the University of Oklahoma Price School of Business. Immediately after graduation, Jared entered the banking industry where he has worked for 20 years. He currently is Senior Vice President of Commercial Lending at BancFirst. Prior to assuming the JFT Presidency, Jared served as a board member since 2018, Treasurer since 2019, and serves as Chairman of the Budget and Allocations Committee. He also currently serves on the Investment, Foundation, and Campaign committees of JFT. Jared was a graduate of Leadership Tulsa and sits on the Board of Directors and is immediate Past President of the Circle Cinema Foundation.



Jared Goldfarb President of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa

for the St John's Hospital School of Nursing. Jared's Grandmother Rosetta Froug Mulmed was one of the founding members of the Tulsa Ballet, member of Friends of the Library, founder of the popular "Books Sandwiched In" at the Tulsa City County Library and was a volunteer for the Tulsa Medical Society Auxiliary, St John Medical Center, and the Tulsa Jewish Retirement Center. Not only was she a 50+ year Temple Israel member but she also taught Sunday School there in the 1940's. Jared's father Phil Goldfarb was a 10-year Board Member and Vice President for the Sherwin Miller Museum of Art, is the founding president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tulsa, writes a monthly genealogy/history column for the Tulsa Jewish Review as well as a weekly genealogy newsletter called the News Nosh for Jewishgen.org that goes to 170,000 Jewish Genealogists around the world. Jared's mother Lisa Mulmed Goldfarb was a teacher at Undercroft Montessori School for 35 years and continues in a consultant role in providing training for Montessori teachers. Lisa also recently had an exhibit of her art at Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art in 2022-early 2023.

Volunteerism and community

Leadership is in Jared's genes as it goes back four generations ...

Volunteerism and community Leadership is in Jared's genes as it goes back four generations beginning with his great great grandfather Abraham Froug who built the first two story brick building in Tulsa at 116 S. Main Street in 1904. The Froug Building was the initial home for Palace Clothing (Simon Jankowski) in 1904 and then Renbergs in 1913. Jared's great grandfather Mike Froug started the Froug's Department Store chain in 1929, was the President of Temple Israel from 1939-1941, served on the initial Board of Directors for the Tulsa Jewish Community Council (now the

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SHERI LEWIS, THE JEWISH PUPPETEER ©

by Phil Goldfarb

Shari Lewis, the puppeteer and creator of award-winning children's television shows starring her plush sidekicks Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse was born Sonia Phyllis Naomi Hurwitz in New York City on January 17, 1936 to Ann Ritz (1908-1994) and Abraham Hurwitz (1905-1981) who had immigrated from Oshmyany, Vilnus, Lithuania (now Ashmyany, Belarus) in 1911. She had one sister, Barbara, who was nine years younger. Abraham Hurowitz was one of the founding members of Yeshiva University and for 47 years taught education there.

Her parents encouraged Sheri to perform and her father, who had been named New York City's "official magician" by Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia during the Great Depression, performed at schools and hospitals and, according to his obituary, "began mixing magic with teaching as a guidance counselor at the Brooklyn Hebrew Orphanage." By the age of 13, Abraham taught her to perform specialized magic acts with Jewish themes such as one candle multiplying to become eight candles to illustrate Hanukkah and a torn newspaper that, when restored, had the design of a Jewish star. She also received instruction in acrobatics, baton twirling, juggling, ice skating, piano, and violin.

It was Hurwitz who discovered Lewis' innate talent for ventriloquism. According to her obituary: "When she was a girl, her father thought he heard a voice coming out of a closet in the Hurwitz's apartment. When

he discovered that his daughter had been able to throw her voice there, he found a former vaudevillian to coach her."

Before she became famous as a ventriloquist, Lewis worked as a singer and dancer on touring productions of musicals like "Bye Birdie" and "Funny Girl."

In 1952, Lewis and her puppetry won first prize on the CBS television series Arthur Godfrey's *Talent Scouts*. She hosted several New York children's series through the decade. On July 5, 1953, Lewis made her television hosting debut on *Facts N' Fun* on WRCA-TV. The program was a variety show in which she engaged her viewers and studio audience members in games, hobbies, craft making, songs, stories, informational segments, interviews with guest performers and personalities. She also performed witty comedy skits with two ventriloquist's dummies, Samson and Taffy Twinkle. The one hour show remained on the air until September 26, 1953.

She then moved to WPIX in 1953 to replace Ted Steele as host of the *Kartoon Klub*, which featured a variety format with a live studio audience. Lewis performed with Randy Rocket and Taffy Twinkle, and the program also featured reruns of Crusader Rabbit cartoons. *Kartoon Klub* later changed its title to *Shari & Her Friends* on September 23, 1956, and then to *Shariland* a month later. Lewis

won New York-area Emmy Awards for her work on *Shariland* and a succeeding series on WRCA-

TV, *Hi Mom* (1957-1959), which introduced Charlie Horse, Hush Puppy, and Wing Ding, a black crow. Lamb Chop, also appearing, had previously been introduced during Lewis's guest appearance on Captain Kangaroo in March 1956.

Lewis kept her surname from her first husband, Stan Lewis (1932-1958), but it was her second husband, Jewish publisher Jeremy Tarcher (1932-2015), whose sister was the novelist Judith Krantz with whom Lewis would spend most of her life. Lewis met Tarcher on the set of a radio show; they married a year later in 1958 and had a daughter together, Mallory Tarcher born in 1962.

NBC gave Lewis her first national network program, *The Shari Lewis Show*, which debuted on October 1, 1960, replacing *The Howdy Doody Show*. The show ran until September 28, 1963, and featured such characters as Hush Puppy, Charlie Horse, Lamb Chop, and Wing Ding. Lamb Chop, which was little more than a sock with eyes, served as a sassy alter-ego for Lewis. Hush Puppy had a Southern accent with a reserved, shy personality, while Charlie Horse was a slow-witted, goofy character.

In 1961, she played title character Dulie Hudson in *Watching Out for Dulie* and occasionally guest-starred in TV shows such as *Car 54, Where Are You?*, *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, and *Love, American Style*. An accomplished musician, she conducted major symphonies in the United States, Japan, and Canada.

From the late 1960s until the early 1980s, she appeared in a number of British shows, such as the *Val Doonican Show* and the *Royal Variety Performance*. In 1992, her show *Lamb Chop's Play-Along* began a five-year run on PBS, created as an audience participation "anti-couch potato" show.

When *Lamb Chop's Play-Along* ended, Lewis and her husband created *The Charlie Horse Music Pizza*. A third of elementary schools were skipping music classes from their curriculum at the time, and Lewis and Tarcher felt they could introduce children to music through the show.

Lewis and her husband also collaborated on many projects, including a *Star Trek* episode they wrote together called "*The Lights of Zetar*." Lewis wrote over 60 books in her lifetime, including *"One-Minute Jewish Stories"* and produced 17 home videos. Throughout her career, Lewis won 12 Emmys, a Peabody award and the Dor L'Dor award of B'nai B'rith.

Some of Sheri's Jewish themed shows included: *Lamb Chop's Play-Along*, a Hanukkah special, which won a 1996 Parents' Choice Award and in *Shari's Passover Surprise*, Lewis and her puppets retell the story of Pesach and have a diverse Passover seder.

Lewis was treated for breast cancer in 1984 and in June 1998, she was diagnosed with uterine cancer. She had a hysterectomy, but her doctors informed her that the cancer was inoperable and she was given six weeks to live. Prior to her death,



Sheri Lewis with Lamb Chop

Shari Lewis sold the rights to Lamb Chop to DreamWorks Classics. After her diagnosis, Lewis insisted on taping a final episode of *The Charlie Horse Music Pizza*. After recovering from the hysterectomy, she began chemotherapy at Cedars-Sinai Hospital. While undergoing chemotherapy, she developed viral pneumonia and died in the evening of August 2, 1998, at the age of 65. After her death, "*The Charlie Horse Music Pizza*" was canceled with the last episode airing on January 17, 1999, on what would have been her 66th birthday. On September 20, 2015, 17 years after her death, Shari Lewis's husband Jeremy Tarcher died from Parkinson's disease; he was 83.

Her daughter Mallory is continuing the Lamb Chop legacy and performs with the puppet around the world to this day. She had written for the shows *Lamb Chop's Play-Along* and *The Charlie Horse Music Pizza*. She legally changed her name to Mallory Hurwitz Lewis

and took over her mother's work with Lamb Chop in 2000 as she still owns the live performing rights to the Lamb Chop character. Growing up, Mallory used to sleep with Lamb Chop the puppet as she still calls the puppet her little sister! ■

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE — JUNETEENTH —

Juneteenth is a national holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, observed annually on June 19. The name "Juneteenth" references the date of the holiday, combining the words "June" and "nineteenth". The Jewish Federation of Tulsa's Community Relations Committee encourages you to be conscious of this important celebration of freedom by supporting Black owned businesses or even attending Tulsa's Juneteenth Festival.

Take part in the Tulsa Juneteenth festival. More info: tulsajuneteenth.org.



THE WORLD MUST KNOW

2023 Eva K. Unterman Conferences for Holocaust Educators

To satisfy the recommendations of Senate Bill 1671 in making Holocaust education available to every Oklahoma student in grades 6-12, The Jewish Federations of Tulsa and Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City will be presenting duplicate workshops for Holocaust educators. These workshops will be geared to both beginning and experienced teachers at no cost. Participants will receive 7 hours of professional development credit for attending. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The goals of these workshops are to:

- 1) emphasize that the Holocaust is not just a Jewish story. Its lessons apply universally to the destructive nature of hate, fear/mistrust of the "other", prejudice, and apathy, which is still creating chaos in our world. In turn, students will learn that resilience, respect, and acceptance could prevent inhumane acts within families, communities, and nations to end "Man's inhumanity to man."
- 2) encourage not only social studies teachers (whose standards require Holocaust education) but also ELA and Art teachers to implement Holocaust education in their curriculum.
- 3) provide participants with lesson plans that they may easily implement in their classrooms.

To provide an equitable learning experience for all teachers, the same workshop will be offered in two separate locations on two different days: June 15, Oklahoma City and June 16, Tulsa. At present, we have 180 people signed up, with room for only 20 more to reach our goal of 200. Our presenters include classroom teachers with years of Holocaust teaching experience who will share their successful lessons that can easily be implemented into classroom curriculum. On hand will be Oklahoma Senator Jo Anna Dossett and Representative John Waldron to answer any questions about SB1671. Please join us for a day of learning that will also include testimonies from a Holocaust survivor and a second-generation descendant of two survivors.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please email: HolocaustWorkshops@gmail.com.

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June 15

Oklahoma City

Venue: Belle Isle Library

5501 N. Villa Ave.

Time: 8:00 am -
3:30 pm

June 16

Tulsa

Venue: Jewish Federation

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3:30 pm

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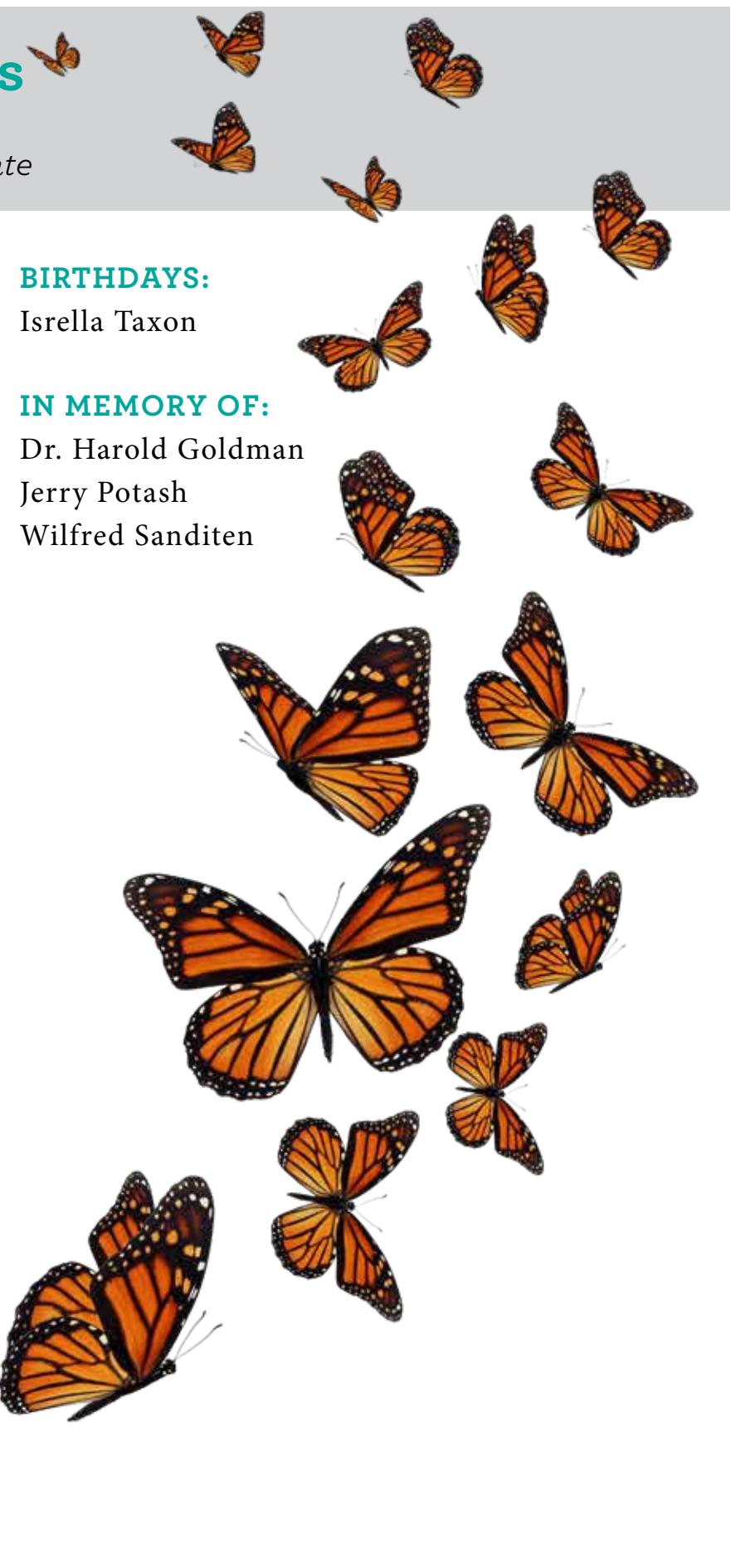
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by Amanda Anderson, Executive Director, Mizel JCDS

Mizel JCDS has joined the ranks of Metro Christian, Monte Cassino, Cascia Hall, and Lawton Academy of Arts as a school accredited by Cognia, a national organization that recognizes schools that best exemplify excellence in education, based on a rigorous accreditation process.

Cognia, formerly AdvancED, nationally recognizes schools that meet rigorous standards focused on productive learning environments, equitable resource allocation that meets the needs of learners, and effective leadership. Earning accreditation recognizes Flo & Morris Mizel Jewish Community Day School (Mizel JCDS) across the nation as a school that meets Cognia Standards of Quality and maintains a commitment to continuous improvement.

"School accreditation as conferred by the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission provides Mizel JCDS a nationally recognized mark of quality for our school," shared Amanda Anderson, executive director. "It demonstrates to our community our commitment to excellence, our openness to external review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can be on behalf of the students we serve."

In its accreditation evaluation, Cognia utilized a measurement of 4 key characteristics:

- * Culture of Learning
- * Leadership for Learning
- * Engagement of Learning
- * Growth of Learning

To earn Cognia accreditation, a school must implement a continuous process of improvement, and submit to internal and external review. Schools in good standing can maintain their accreditation for a



Mizel School Director Amanda Anderson

five-year term. Dr. Mark A. Elgart, president and CEO of Cognia, stated, "Cognia Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school and its community on the primary goal of preparing lifelong learners in engaging environments where all students can flourish. Mizel JCDS is to be commended for demonstrating that it has met high standards, is making progress on key indicators that impact student learning."

When you are considering where to send your pre-K (3-year-old) through 5th grade student for the 2023-2024 school year, take a good look at Mizel JCDS, an accredited school that upholds high standards of respect, fairness, equity and inclusion, along with a flourishing educational environment.

Mizel JCDS is now accepting applications for the next school year. Contact Amanda Anderson at 918-494-0953 or aanderson@mizelschool.org.



BUILDING A MODEL CITY FOR YOUTH-DRIVEN IMPACT

by Jake Lerner and Andrew Spector

When we moved to Tulsa through Teach For America in 2015-16—Jake from Philly and Andrew from the Boston area by way of Charleston—we recognized two things: first, that our respective 5th and 6th grade classrooms were filled with promising young leaders capable of driving positive impact in Tulsa right now, and second, although we (as TFA corps members) were being told by the Tulsa community that we were valuable community assets, our students were not always getting the same message. We started Tulsa Changemakers because we believe that long-term and sustainable community impact happens when youth are mobilized to drive change.

Since our first workshop in 2016, Tulsa Changemakers has grown from a “micro-pilot” of seven students and two volunteer teachers into a program of Leadership Tulsa that has hired, trained, and supported 104 educators to guide 1,485 students at 60 schools in Tulsa Public and Union Public Schools to plan, execute, and measure 191 community impact projects. We now have four full-time staff members and 60 independent contractors annually delivering programming for more than 600 K-12 students from across the city.

The vision of Tulsa Changemakers is a future where Tulsa is a model city for youth-driven impact. Our mission is to build capacity in youth, adults, and systems to support youth in driving positive impact in Tulsa right now and into the future. We achieve our mission and work towards our vision in several ways. When deciding where to focus our attention and resources, we are strategic about elevating youth voice, choice, leadership, and power in key spheres of our city that impact young people.

Our mission is to build capacity in youth, adults, and systems to support youth in driving positive impact in Tulsa right now and into the future.

Our flagship initiative is Listen, Listen, Act, which focuses on youth leadership at the school level. It's a semester-long, 25-session afterschool and in-school leadership development and action program that empowers elementary, middle, and high school



Jake Lerner and Andrew Spector with members of the Tulsa Changemakers Advisory Committee at Jackson Technical.

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students, primarily from Title I schools in Tulsa Public and Union Public Schools, to make meaningful change in their schools and communities. Through Listen, Listen, Act, we annually engage 500+ students from 40+ schools.

Our Power of Youth program focuses on the civic sphere, functioning as a crash course for 6th-12th graders in civic advocacy, annually engaging 90+ students from across 20+ schools. Monroe Philanthropists focuses on the philanthropic sector. It's a partnership with Monroe Demonstration Academy and Ed Darby Foundation that annually engages 10 Monroe 8th graders in designing and executing a philanthropic process with \$10,000. This year, in partnership with Tulsa Public Schools and the TPS Board of Education, we piloted a School Board Advisory Council that engaged 18 students from 8 schools. In partnership with the Mayor's Office and City Council, we are in the process of piloting a City of Tulsa Youth Council, engaging 34 students from 16 schools.

It was our goal from the beginning to combat “founder’s syndrome” and set Tulsa Changemakers up to thrive without us. This summer, we will achieve that goal by transitioning from our roles as Program

Directors of Tulsa Changemakers. We've made strategic decisions along the way to help make this a reality, including first temporarily and then later permanently coming under the nonprofit umbrella of Leadership Tulsa. Although we'll miss our work at Tulsa Changemakers deeply, we're confident that our successors, Hannah Jarman and Rachel Humphrey, both former Changemakers Coaches and highly respected educators, have the knowledge, skills, and support to execute Tulsa Changemakers programming at an even higher level of effectiveness.

We are excited about our own futures and the future of Tulsa Changemakers. Changemakers is going to become even more effective as it grows the influence of young people in key spheres of our city. Together, we are launching a part-time social impact consulting practice to provide grant writing, strategic advising, training, and implementation services to use what we've learned over the past eight years to support other prosocial efforts in bringing their ambitious goals to life. Andrew is moving to Sarasota, Florida for a yearlong Fellowship at The Patterson Foundation, an endowed charitable foundation that strengthens the efforts of people, organizations, and communities by focusing on issues that address common aspirations, foster wide participation, and encourage learning and sharing. Stay tuned for Jake's next steps!

Thank you to all the people and organizations that have poured into us and Tulsa Changemakers over the past eight years. We're excited for what's next! ■

Tulsa Changemakers is supported, in part, by the Jewish of Tulsa Foundation.





Mazel Tov to Andrew Spector who was named a Fellow with the Patterson Foundation in Tampa, Florida. The fellowship supports aspiring philanthropic leaders with opportunities to gain experience

and learn innovative principles. Having already made an impact in the world of philanthropy locally, with conceptualizing and starting Tulsa Changemakers, (see article page 24), we are confident Andrew will continue to repair the world with his visions, hard work, and talent.



Miriam Weiner and JGS President, Phil Goldfarb



Mazel Tov to Sarah Winkelman and David Howman on their engagement! The couple recently traveled to Israel as participants in the Young Jewish Professional

trip sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Tulsa and Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies. They extended their trip a few days to visit family and friends, and to explore on their own. David proposed in Tzfat, Sarah's favorite city in Israel!

On April 30, internationally acclaimed genealogist Miriam Weiner spoke in front of 75 attendees of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tulsa as well as members of the Jewish Community in the Sylvan Auditorium. Often referred to as "The First Lady of Jewish Genealogy" and "The Genealogist Who Lifted the Archival Iron Curtain," her lecture was primarily about her Routes to Roots Foundation website, www.rtrfoundation.org, one of the most outstanding Jewish genealogical sites in the world. She also spoke about her Tulsa connection with her grandparents living here and her mother having grown up in Tulsa. A harrowing part of her story was her grandmother being murdered by the KKK here in Tulsa in 1924. A copy of her 52-page handout as well as her book that she donated to the genealogy society titled *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova* is available to view in the Genealogy Library at the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art.

Table Talks: The Spirituality of Bob Dylan

**Friday, June 2 – 6:15 p.m. Dinner
– 7:00 p.m. Presentation**

Join author, teacher, and communal leader Dr. Stephen Daniel Arnoff for a conversation on Jewish identity and the contemporary search for spiritual meaning inspired by the music of Bob Dylan. As a guest presenter at this year's The World of Bob Dylan at the Bob Dylan Center in collaboration with Switchyard, Stephen will offer the B'nai Emunah community unique insights into the religious journey and spiritual significance of one of the most important creative figures of our time.

Prior to becoming CEO of the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center in 2017, Dr. Stephen Daniel Arnoff served in senior leadership roles at the 92nd Street Y, the 14th Street Y, Shalem College, and the JCC Association. Holding a doctorate in Midrash and Scriptural Interpretation from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America as a Wexner Graduate Fellow, he teaches and lectures around the world, specializing in the nexus of religion and popular culture. His book *About Man and God and Law: The Spiritual Wisdom of Bob Dylan*, based on his popular podcast on the Pantheon Podcast Network, was published in 2022.

A communal Shabbat dinner at the Synagogue will precede Arnoff's presentation. Please make meal reservations by visiting the Synagogue website or calling our office. This program is presented in partnership with the Bob Dylan Center.

Blatt + Blue:

Thursday, June 15 – 7:00 p.m.

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



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Seventeenth Street Deli Sunday, June 18 – 5:30 p.m.

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Lifelong Learners Wednesday, June 21 – 11:30 a.m.

Gathering in person for ongoing learning and exploration, 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 sessions always 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 visiting our website.

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. ■

Bibi-Dibi

Friday, June 23 – 5:30 p.m.

Crawling? Barely walking? Not yet talking? There's a place for you in our circle at Bibi-Dibi. It's a monthly Shabbat gathering for babies and their families. We sing songs, play games, and share a beautiful Shabbat dinner. We see this as an excellent way to build your own family traditions. While no reservation is necessary for the celebration, we ask that you make reservations by calling or visiting our website if you plan to join us for the meal. The celebration begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.

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.

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Shabbat Service w/Torah in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., June 2 • 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.

Temple Israel's 2023 Annual Fundraiser • Sun., June 4 • 5:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual fundraiser and pizza party at Temple Israel on the east lawn, featuring Lou Malnati's Chicago style deep dish pizza flown in specially for this event! Help us reach our goal 1 slice at a time! To donate go to www.templetulsa.com/fundraiser. RSVP for your pizza at www.templetulsa.com/rsvp.

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Zamru L'Shabbat in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., June 16 • 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.

Sociable Seniors at Summer's 5th Night • Thurs., June 8 • 6:30 p.m.

Sociable Seniors will gather near Restoration Hardware at 6:30 p.m. We'll each bring our own picnic supper and drinks, and dessert will be provided. No charge. The Jenny Labow Band will begin their show at 7:00 p.m. (Utica Square provides metal folding chairs, but if you'd rather bring a portable, comfier chair, please do so.) RSVP by calling 918-747-1309 or email rsvp@templetulsa.com by June 5th.

Zarrow Pointe Shabbat Service

• Fri., June 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 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.

Pride Shabbat Service • Fri., June 23 • 7:30 p.m.

Temple Israel supports our LGBTQ community with a special Shabbat service lead by Rabbi Tzvia Jasper. All are welcome to attend and stay for a delicious oneg afterwards. RSVP to rsvp@templetulsa.com for the Zoom link.

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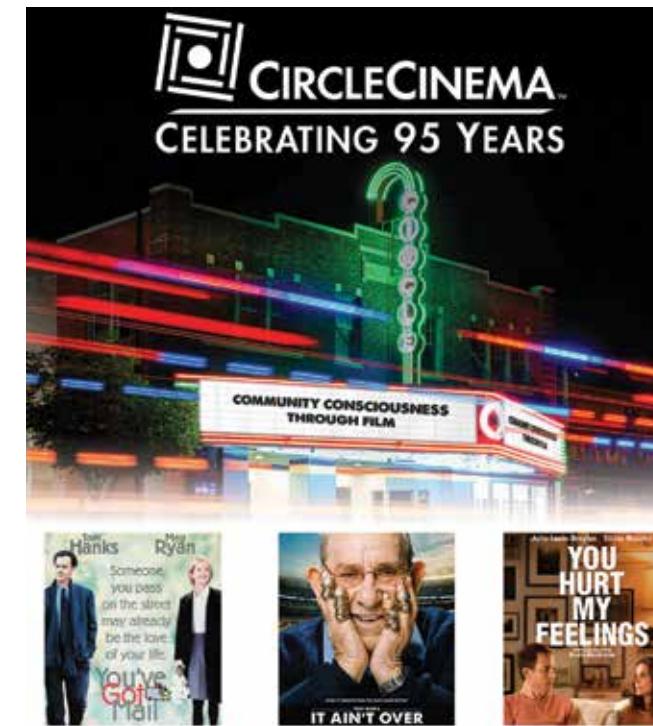
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