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Rabbi's Message

As I write, the U.S. has just passed the grim total of 500,000 deaths from COVID-19. Half a million dead; it's beyond heartbreaking. By now, it is likely that many, if not most, of us know someone affected by COVID-19. We may also know someone who died as the result of this terrible virus. And yet, in the midst of this milestone we prayed we'd never

reach, there is a ray of hope as the rollout of vaccines has begun. We can begin to imagine life after this pandemic, a life that might look similar to the life we'd led before. Still, there is much that we must acknowledge as we move through the journey from grief to healing. During the last week of February, Rabbi Anne Brenner, author of *Mourning and Mitzvah: A Guided Journal for Walking the Mourner's Path from Grief to Healing*, was interviewed by CNN's Jake Tapper. Speaking about the process of grief, and specifically, communal grief, She noted: "If we don't take the time to give attention to our grief and all of the ramifications of it, we don't get the lessons that grief teaches us, and we don't come out of it understanding fully what it means to be human.¹"

Grief is among the most painful of experiences we can have, and yet, as Rabbi Brenner reminds us, it is an important part of the healing process when we've lost a loved one or a friend. Without grief, it is far more difficult to heal. Not to get better, or past it, but to learn to live with our loss and to experience fond and beautiful memories.

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Holiday Greetings 5781

Chag Sameach
HAPPY
PASSOVER

Barry & Susan Bayer

The Bloomberg Family

Mark & Andreatte Brachman

Lynn Brown

Cathy Burnett & Nacho Tejeda & Family

Edith K. Buntman

Nancy & Larry Burrows

Lawrence & Barbara Cohan

Sherry & Ron Dieckman

Rabbi Ellen & Dr. James Dreyfus

Deedee DuBrow & Family

Laura & Jake Eisenwasser

Carole Fefferman

Ruth & Sherman Friedman & Family

Harlene & Irwin Friedman

The Garbow & Howse Families

Ginny Gilbert

Holiday Greetings 5781



Lloyd & Risa Graff
Debbie & Dan Greenberg
Janet & David Herbstman

Susan Johnson
Beatrice Kamen
Sheri, Mike & Zachary Larks
Charles Licht & Fran Moeckler
Judy & Rich Lieb
Marcia Lippert

Judy Lohr-Safcik
Henry & Sharon Lorsch
Donelle Macey

Shari Cohen & Bob Mayer
Rabbi Shalom & Dalia Podwol
Micah & David Rader

Ev and Ed Rappaport
Harold & Marcy Reisler
Ron & Alene Rutzky

David & Carmencita Schoeneman
Barb and Gary Schwarz & Family

Penny & Jerry Shnay
Jordan and Leslie Sigale
Celia-Ann Toll & Family

Jodie & Jeff Virene
Gayle Weil
Helen Wolkow and Family



"I think that all of us operate under the assumption that we're going to live forever," says Rabbi Brenner. "It's just impossible to not believe that. Or that things don't change, that we can count on things to always be the same, and in fact, what we've learned in the last year is that things do change, and that we can't really count on things not to. And so, when we are affected by grief, when we lose someone who is very important to us, we have to find the tools to confront the fact that we too are mortal. And with it, take the time to learn what it means to be mortal. I think that so many of us have lived in a culture of denial for so long and I think it's a normal thing. I think about after the first World War and the pandemic that came after, people rushed into the jazz age, rushed into just the joy and the dancing, instead of taking the time to mourn the grief. And after the second World War as well, people were just overwhelmed by losses in the war, in Hiroshima, in the Holocaust, and it was just too hard. People just sailed into a world of consumerism. The Jazz age ended with the Depression, and this situation that we've come from has caused us to just consume and forget about the consequences of consumption... When we truly mourn," she concludes, "we learn that we are finite individuals on a planet where living things die. And when we confront that, we learn to treasure every day, we learn to be compassionate. There's a lot to be learned from our grief. And if we don't take the time, we don't get that healing."²

It seems counterintuitive that we should have to go through such pain in order to get to healing, and yet, we've come to learn that grief is a good teacher. It allows us to acknowledge that terrible

pain and live with it, to be with it as we begin to experience a life we've never known before. Grief allows us the time to confront our loss, and in time, helps us to find our way to healing. It helps bring to fruition the phrase may his/her/ their memory be for a blessing. Commenting on this phrase, Rabbi Brenner says: "I think in the first part of it, it says that yes, mourning really hurts. And right now, when the grief is still raw, the memories of someone in their illness or their sudden death or whatever it was, and especially right now when we can't even be with those people when they're dying, those memories are not a blessing. But, if we take the time to heal, if we take the time to truly mourn, then all of a sudden, our salient memories are the ones that are healing, that are truly beautiful."³

As we begin to look toward the light at the end of the tunnel, to look toward the time when we can once again be together, I pray that we pause and take the time, as a nation, to grieve our collective loss, five hundred thousand lives, taken from us all. I pray that we are able to remember each and every one of those precious souls, and to find healing before moving on to whatever the next phase of life will look like. May our memories turn beautiful and become a blessing to all of us who were touched by these individuals. May we keep their memories alive.

During her interview, Rabbi Brenner shared a prayer. I share it with you now as we pray for comfort and strength, hope and healing: "Holy one of blessing, we surrender to your compassion the many souls that have left us in this time of great suffering. May they be gently folded into the bundle of souls that find their eternal resting

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place under your wings. Healer of shattered hearts, give us comfort, give us strength not to rush into a new normal that looks just like the old normal, but to take the time to learn the lessons of grief. May you fill our broken places with the wisdom that only comes when we fully face what it means to be human. Help us to recognize the preciousness of each moment. Give us hearts of compassion. Teach us to honor the spark of holiness that we share with each of your creations. Turn the cracks in our

aching hearts into vessels through which we channel your compassion. Your compassion and your peace into the world. And let us say: Amen.”⁴

May all of their memories forever be for a blessing.

~Rabbi Carmit Harari

¹ <https://app.frame.io/presentations/15f1e4cd-23bc-4aec-b151-34f6a4b8d488>

² ibid

³ ibid

⁴ ibid

President's Message

As the temperature begins to rise, and the snow melts, Spring is only a few weeks away. It has been a year since the first lockdown began in mid-March of last year. It has been a difficult year for us all, with restrictions on visiting parents or grandchildren. We were learning how to host a Seder online and be apart from our families. No one would have imagined that a year later, we would again be holding our Seders virtually. We will invite family and friends from around the country to join our Zoom Seder. Zoom has become second nature for us as it became the main source for our services, meetings, and events.

Zoom has allowed us to provide a source of community until we can get together again in person. A positive change from last year is the Women of Shir Tikvah (WoST) will host their annual Community Seder virtually this year. The Seder will be held on the second night of Passover, on Sunday, March 28. This is a popular event, so please join us to celebrate Passover together.

Rabbi Harari will host two classes before Passover to get us in the proper spirit. They will be Monday, March 15, and Monday, March 22. She will teach classes about Pesach and The Haggadah.

During these trying times, it is difficult to create a sense of togetherness when we cannot meet in person. In addition to services, we are trying to offer a range of options to keep members active including educational programs both hosted by Shir Tikvah and our partners in the South Suburban Cooperative Jewish Council. We have

several committees working to maintain a communication link to our members.

We have started a Caring Committee which is chaired by Eila Koltun. The objective of the Caring Committee is to keep in touch with members and build a sense of community and belonging. Last week the CJC/JUF sponsored a training seminar on how to operate a Caring Committee. The training was extremely helpful. The main objective is opening a line of communication with members. The calls are social in nature and are a way of checking in with our members, especially those that are homebound or ill. Callers do not need to find solutions to a member's problems. If there are areas of concern, we would contact our JUF representative, Amy Blomberg, who would work with getting the member the care required.

We had ten members of the committee attend the training, so we are off to a good start. We need more volunteers to make calls. No experience is required to make calls. The act of calling someone and listening to them is a mitzvah and will create a connection for them to Shir Tikvah. If you are interested in making calls please contact Eila, Diedre or me to join the committee. If you would like someone to reach out to you, please contact any of us or Rabbi Harari.

The Re-opening Committee is reviewing when we can resume in person services and programs. This process is to start slowly with attendance limitations and safety guidelines. We are waiting for updated guidance from the CDC, URJ and

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USCJ to know how to proceed. Even as in person activities begin, the consensus from the committee is to continue to offer Zoom as an option for attending virtually. Zoom has allowed many members to attend services who would not otherwise be able to join us in person. In addition, we hope with the warmer weather we can plan outdoor events so members can safely get together. We are always looking for new ideas and insights, if you would be interested in joining the Re-Opening Committee please contact Diedre or me.

The High Holiday Committee has begun to plan this year's services. No decision has been determined concerning in person or virtual services. This will be a separate decision based on the attendance limits for High Holidays.

Last year, we created a Technology Committee to determine the requirements of Shir Tikvah and needs of our members to provide virtual High Holiday services. The technical needs will not end with in person services as we continue to provide Zoom services. In addition to online services, we can look at ways to improve our online offerings and expand the use of social media. If this is something of interest to you, please contact me.

Please consider joining one of these committees or any of the other committees we have at Shir Tikvah: Adult Education, Bulletin, Facility or Fundraising. We are always looking for new ideas and perspectives.

I know many of our members have received vaccinations, which is wonderful news. Hopefully, the pandemic will subside, and our lives will get back to a sense of normalcy. We will continue to keep our options open for in person and virtual services activities.

Best wishes for a Happy Passover.

~Jerry Tenny, President



It may have snowed more than 40 inches in the past month, but the Women of Shir Tikvah kept busy working on Sisterhood Shabbat. On February 12 over 40 participants shared the Zoom service with us. The committee of Carole Fefferman, Bonnie Mosbacher, Donelle Macey and Susan Bayer compiled readings from Reform and Conservative sources. Thank you to Diedre Bodine in the office for producing the service. We also thank Zabe Williams, President of WRJ Midwest, who was our guest d'var. Nancy Friedman and Carole Fefferman lead the music, mostly by women composers, which added greatly to our joyful experience. Participants included WoSt members Deedee DuBrow, Donelle Macey, Barb Schwarz, Bea Kamen, Penny Shnay, Ruth Friedman, Judy Lohr-Safcik, Bonnie Mosbacher, Helen Wolkow, Susan Bayer, and myself. Our thanks to Rabbi Harari for her technical assistance and support.

We have two upcoming events. On Wednesday, March 10, we will have a mini-grant program with Marra Gad, award winning author of *The Color of Love*. Nancy Burrows will facilitate the conversation. There is still time to sign up. Check your email for the flyer to register. COVID-19 is not stopping us from planning a Zoom Community Second Seder on Sunday, March 28. We are working on the details so watch your email to sign up.

As the snow melts, can Spring be far behind?

Chag Sameach Passover,

Gayle Weil, WoST President

The Women of Shir Tikvah cordially invite you to join us on Wednesday evening 7PM, March 10, 2021 for a conversation on Zoom with award-winning author Marra B. Gad



The Color of Love
A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl
By Marra B. Gad

Winner of the 2020 Midwest Book Award for Autobiography

In 1970, three-day-old Marra B. Gad was adopted by a white Jewish family in Chicago. For her parents, it was love at first sight—but they quickly realized the world wasn't entirely ready for a family like theirs

The Color of Love is a story about what you inherit from your family--and what you choose to do with that inheritance. Ms. Gad has written inspirational, moving memoir proving that when all else is stripped away, love is where we return, and love is our greatest inheritance.

Marra B. Gad was born in New York and raised in Chicago. She is an independent film and television producer and now calls Los Angeles home. Ms. Gad is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and holds a master's degree in modern Jewish history from Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://juf-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rcuitrT8qGdIBke2qPjCTQR1xwXKYZXXH>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Signed copies of Marra's book will be available for purchase for \$14.00.

Shir Tikvah is pleased to partner with JUF in serving our community through the South Suburban Mini-Grant Kehilla program.

March Birthdays

3/2 Jacob Schoeneman
3/4 Sherman Friedman
3/4 Evelyn Rosen
3/5 Barry Bayer
3/5 Anita Shore
3/7 Marvin Goldberg
3/8 Lori Sugarman
3/8 Burt Zeiger
3/12 Dalia Podwol
3/14 Elliott Greenberg
3/16 Marsie Reisler
3/19 Dan Greenberg
3/19 Samuel Gilbert
3/19 Andrea Lieb
3/21 David Schoeneman
3/22 Ellen Kahn
3/26 Chase Levy



March Anniversaries

3/16 Drs. John & Lauren Kern



April Birthdays

4/2 Harlene Friedman
4/2 Robert Sime
4/2 Robert Smith
4/3 Debbie Greenberg
4/3 Adael Madrigal
4/4 Jean (Ginny) Gilbert
4/4 Sara Podwol
4/6 Ellen Kaplan
4/11 Eila Koltun
4/11 Jerry Shnay
4/13 Zelda Golland
4/14 Rick Bloomberg
4/14 Carol Spector
4/16 Stacey DeFilippo
4/16 Judi Altman
4/16 Joshua Bloomberg
4/16 Lior Raphael
4/18 Marsie Hass
4/20 Arnie Bernstein
4/20 Michael Eisenwasser
4/20 Laurie Winkleman
4/21 Judy Fleischer
4/22 Gary Sporn
4/28 Fran Moeckler Licht
4/28 Francesca Wolf

April Anniversaries

4/1 Jerry & Penny Shnay
4/11 Jeff & Jodie Virene
4/30 Stacey & Tony DeFilippo

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please email Diedre at
office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org and let her know!

Yahrzeits

Week of March 5

Joseph Barton
Max Berlin
Irwin Buntman
Richard Dreyfus
Max Dunn
William Elfman
Isaac Escandarani
Ronald Feigenbaum
Marion Forkash
Edith Friessner
Isidore Ginsburg
Max Gould
Caryl Gross
Morris Handler
Jenny Hesky
Esther Hornstein
Morris Daniel Itzkowitz
Muriel Jacobson
Jessica Kempler
Elsa Koehler
Sylvia Kovitz
Helene Levi
Ida Lewis
Irwin Mirsky
Dorothy Nordwind
Celia Pattis
Yuly Raff
Gloria Rosenstein
Nathan Roth
Sheldon Runes
Ben Sax
Loulou Schwartz
Ruth Sherman
Meyer Shlensky
Gilbert Smith
Bess Soloway
Amalie Tersch
Bertha Yanovsky

Week of March 12

Mildred Abrahams
Ruth Block
Mandel Brin
Melvin Chesler
Laura Solomon Cohen
Therese Cohn
Robert Eisenstein
Ralf Friessner
Fern Goldsmith
Lawrence Greenspan
David Hatchwell
Adeline Horwitz
Erna Leffler
Celia Levin
Harry Lincenberg
Solomon Selim Masliah
Mignon McDade
David Mintz
Sam Mozer
Moses Nussbaum
Fannie Oseas
Katherine Rabinovitz
Gerald Rappaport
Evone Sager
Dr. Jack Saleh
Louis Sandack
Phylis Schneider
Ida Shlosberg
Sam Silberg
Sara Tejada
Sylvia Wolf
Henry Wolff
Raphael Wolkow
Rachel Zand
Alfred Zucker

Week of March 19

Rose Alpert
Henry Astor
Bashele Berkovitz
Sheldon Braunstein
Shalom Brenner
Ilse Buchsbaum
Ilse Buchsbaum-Levi
Marvin Cahan
Leo Cutler
Isaac Elsergoni
Ida Felton
Bertha Ginsburg
Joseph Gottlieb
Emma Hahn
Rabbi Wolfgang
Hamburger
Gabriel Haspel
Gordon Hely
Henry Koehler
Allen Koltun
Sadie Kulakofsky
Ruth Marcus
Kim Miller
Minnie Moline
Beverly Narter
Sam Papermaster
Max Pechter
Rose Pincoffs
Max Pollack
Milton Pomeranz
Samuel D. Rothman
Sali Salm
Max Schwartzberg
Lillian Serlin
Louis Sherman
Benjamin Shore
Norma Jean Simmons
David Tamarkin
Gertrude Weinberg
Henry Wolf
Jennifer Joy Yurman
Mollie Zalman

Week of March 26

Arnold Bierig
Malka Boyarsky
Raymond Brin
Herman Dessauer
Morris Eisenberg
Helen Friedman
Alvin L. Gitlitz
Belle Green
Margaret Hesky
Arthur Hirsch
Eli Kaplan
Mollie C. Kaplan
Donald Karpen
Dorothea Kwilecki
Bernice Landy
Mark R. Leibowitz
Bernard Levinson
Leonard Marin
Barbara Marton
Helen Michaelson
Reuben Paper
Frieda Price
Meyer Redman
Edgar Robinson
Hannah Schmidt
Philip Schneider
Hank Schwab
Ethel Seaver
Milton Seaver
Lillian Sevelow
Bessie Shiff
Phillip Silberg
Marie Smerling
Harry Stein
Alfred Stone
Marjorie L. Stone
Walter Strauss
Harry Sugar
Harold Yatvin



Tributes

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of

Donald Steinberg Macey from Donelle Macey
Herman, Raymond, and Rosalind Greenberg from Elliott Greenberg
Frida Iskhakova from Grigory Abramov
Allen Warshaw, Isaac Levinson from Cheryl Warshaw
Lewis Froman from Michael Froman
Louise Stein-Past President and First Religious School Principal & Teacher of Original B'nai Yehuda from David Stein

General Fund

In Memory of

Florence Heiss from Jan Heiss
Joseph Kamen, Rose, Louis, Leah Gershowitz from Beatrice Kamen
Frida Faynshteyn from Ida Raff
Jeanne Sallinger from Robert Sallinger and Rick Sallinger
Edwin Johnson from Susan Johnson
Alice Cap from Larry Cohan
Morris Shiff from Larry & Keigh Malis
Lenore (Lenny) Zeiger, the most dear, selfless, kind, good-hearted woman to walk the face of the earth, from Harriet & Sherman Susman

Sympathy

To Gary & Lee Rosner, in memory of my dear cousin and former member of B'nai Yehuda, Carol Rosner, from Ellen Kahn
To Burt Zeiger and Family, in memory of Lenny, from Carol Spector, Beatrice Kamen, Harriet & Sherman Susman, Shari Cohen and Bob Mayer

Get Well

To Cathy Burnett with prayers for healing from Ellen Kahn

Choir Fund

In Memory of

Betty L. Rosen from Rhoda & Sherman Rosen
Ilse Werner from Barb & Gary Schwarz

Sisterhood Tributes

Well Wishes

To Eileen Winterfeldt as we are thinking of her in a difficult time from the Sisterhood Board

Get Well

To Marimonica Murray for her complete recovery from the Sisterhood Board

Sympathy

To Burt Zeiger and Family in memory of Lenore from Harriet & Sherman Susman, Alene & Ron Rutzky



Maya Goldie Cahan,
born February 10, to
Joshua Cahan and
Brittany Abramowicz

Proud Grandparents are
Dr. Joel and Gayla Cahan



Max Parker Dreyfus,
born February 11,
to David Dreyfus and
Lauren Butterfield

Proud Grandparents are
Rabbi Ellen and Dr. Jim
Dreyfus



*We mourn the death of
Lenny Zeiger.
May her memory forever be a blessing
to all who loved her and may her
family be comforted among the
mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

*We mourn the death of Carol Rosner,
dear cousin of Ellen Kahn and former
member of B'nai Yehuda.
May her memory forever be a blessing
to all who loved her and may her
family be comforted among the
mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

Our Hebrew students did a great job at the Reform Shabbat services in February! One of our students wrote and performed a sidra play. Carole Fefferman has challenged our students by assigning them different prayers for the Conservative service on March 6. After practicing the K'dusha, she taught Purim songs and reviewed Esther's story from the Megillah.



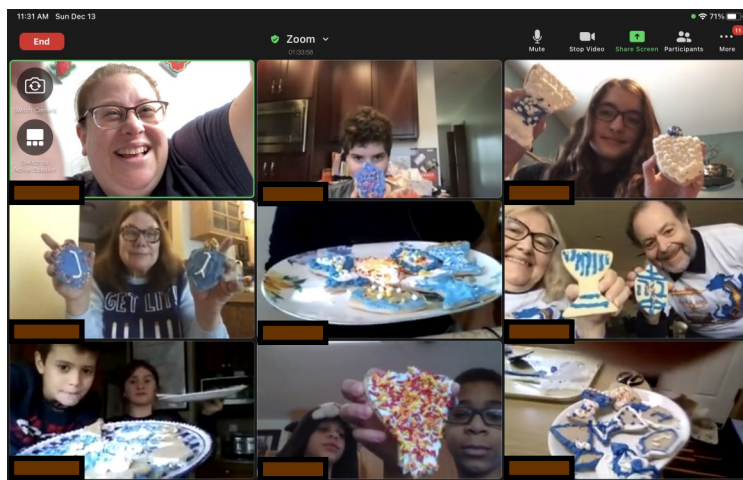
Sunday School with the Rabbi and Sherry Dieckman continued its focus on the geography and history of Israel thru videos and an Israeli Boot Camp provided by Arkady Hasidovich, the remote Shaliach from Haifa. After schlepping to Shalom Bakery for the dough, Donelle Macey led us in baking hamantaschen for Purim with Hershey's Kisses and other toppings provided by parents. As daylight savings time begins, both classes will meet with the shaliach on Sunday March 14 at 9:40 to look at Israeli elections.

Pesach Break will occur March 28 thru April 4. Chag sameach!

Barb Cohan, School Coordinator



Hanukkah Fun with our students!



Please support the Sisterhood by purchasing Jewel Cards! We receive a percentage from each card we sell. Denominations are \$50 and \$100 and are available by emailing or calling the office. Diedre will get them to you! Thanks for your support!

The Jewel on Halsted has a large display of items for Pesach located on the Osco side of the store in the front area.! Also, the manager will order fresh meat, dairy, etc. for you on request with a delivery time of 3-4 days from ordering. You may request his email from Shir Tikvah by calling Diedre at 708-799-4110.



Welcome New Member! Please take a moment to send a card or email of welcome.

Karen Chambers, 42 Graymoor Lane, Olympia Fields, IL 60461, 312-699-8398 karen.chambers46@yahoo.com



Shalom Transportation



Are you over 55 and need a ride? Need to get to an activity at night, or just don't want to drive somewhere? The South Suburban office of JUF has partnered with GoGo Grandparent to offer 10 rides a month, up to 25 miles, for just \$5.00 a ride! How does this work? Call Amy Bloomberg at 708-249-6086 or email amybloomberg@juf.org to get registered and learn the easy program details. This program is generously funded by the Albert and Lucille Delighter and Marcella Winston Foundation, a Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.



**TEMPLE ANSHE SHOLOM AND TEMPLE BETH EL
PRESENT NAOMI LESS CONTINUES**

OPENING WAYS TO PRAY THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Our traditional prayers are meant to nourish our souls and give expression to our deepest emotions. Barriers such as language and our own preconceived notions can get in the way of tapping into them in this way.

Join Naomi Less for a four session series geared towards unlocking this spiritual resource. In each session we will focus on a different prayer from a different time of the day.

Bring your curiosity, your critical mind and open heart, plus something to eat, drink and doodle with. We will use text, conversation, journaling, meditation and some LIGHT body work.

Session 1 - Waking Up the Soul "Elohai Neshama" Wednesday March 3 7 PM

Session 2 - Afternoon Appreciation "Ashrei" Thursday March 11, 7 PM

Session 3 - Evening's Safe Return "Hashkiveinu" Wednesday March 17, 7 PM

Session 4 - Soulful Slumber "Bedtime Sh'ma" Wednesday March 24, 7 PM

Mark your calendar for each of the above sessions. We will send out reminders ahead of time.

The Zoom link will be provided a few days before each session.

All sessions are free and open to the public. Brought to you in partnership with the Jewish United Fund in Serving our Community.

Joliet Jewish Congregation Presents

Parenting, Anti-Semitism & Social Media

Topics Include:

- How can parents model behavior online for our children
- The unique risks of Jewish families when handling anti-semitic bullying and incidents online
- Challenges of educating Jewish kids on technology

Presented by

Stacey Steinberg, JD
Law Professor, Author of
Growing up Shared and
National Expert on Children

**Tuesday, March 9
7:00 PM CT on Zoom**

To reserve your free ticket

Email: JolietJewish@att.net



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ILLINOIS JEWISH ASSEMBLY FOR REFUGEES

Join the Chicago Jewish Coalition for Refugees (CJCR) and congregations and individuals from across the state as we affirm our obligation to welcome the stranger and take action to support refugees and asylum seekers.

Sunday, March 7 | 4–5:30pm CST | Virtual Event

WELCOME

- Rabbi Debra Newman-Kamin of Am Yisrael

PANEL PRESENTATION MODERATED BY RABBI BRUCE ELDER OF CONGREGATION HAKAFA

- Melanie Nezer, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs at HIAS
- Melineh Kano, Executive Director of RefugeeOne
- Winniefred Akrello and Celestine Mugisha, a refugee couple who met in Uganda

VOLUNTEER AND ADVOCACY BREAKOUT ROOMS

Get to know local organizations working with and advocating for refugees and asylum seekers

REGISTER HERE jcfs.formstack.com/forms/illinois_jewish_assembly_refugees

A Zoom link will be sent prior to the event

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Jessica Schaffer | 312.673.3232 | JessicaSchaffer@JCFS.org

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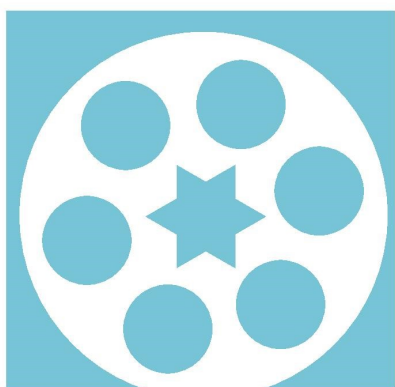
HIAS Immigration & Citizenship is part of the JCFS family of services. JCFS Chicago is a partner with the Jewish United Fund in serving our community. We embrace diversity. Our commitment to inclusivity is woven throughout our services, programs and welcoming workplace.



SPRING 2021

Excite. Inspire. Engage.

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6 FILMS OVER 6 WEEKENDS | STARTS MARCH 5

Join us this spring for a virtual JCC Chicago Jewish Film Festival experience. 6 films available for at home viewing with insightful, live discussion sessions throughout the season.

Films will be available to watch beginning at 9:00 am CST on the day listed (see other side). Once it becomes available, you can access your streaming media via our website or by clicking the "Buy Tickets/View Film" link above. You can also watch the film on additional platforms. Tickets cost \$15/film stream.

After the film becomes available, you'll have 72 hours to start watching. Once you begin, you'll have 24 hours to finish watching. [Need help?](#)

Your purchase of the film includes the discussions noted.

LIMITED TIME OFFER

**6 FILMS FOR
THE PRICE OF 5**
(THROUGH MARCH 7)

**4 FILMS FOR
THE PRICE OF 3**
(THROUGH APRIL 18)

(See other side for films, dates, descriptions and live discussion information)



SPRING 2021 FILM SCHEDULE

Six Minutes to Midnight

March 5-7

Drama starring Dame Judi Dench.

When Nazi children are sent to an English finishing school with intent to become party 'ambassadors,' a teacher tries to sound the alarm.

Tango Shalom

April 30-May 2

Comedy starring Lainie Kazan & Joseph Bologna.

A Hasidic Rabbi and amateur Hora dancer enter a Tango competition to save his Hebrew school.

Kiss Me Kosher

March 19-21

Comedy; Winner at Berlin Jewish Film Festival. A Jewish grandmother and her granddaughter argue passionately about love & marriage.

Continue the Conversation with Producer Christine Guenther on Sunday, March 21 at 11 am CDT.

A Starry Sky Above the Roman Ghetto

May 21-23

Drama. Part detective story, part high school drama, part interfaith love story and part plea for religious tolerance, this film tells one of the saddest chapters in history, that of the Shoah.

Continue the Conversation with Director Giulio Base on Sunday, May 23 at 11 am CDT.

The Sign Painter

April 16-18

Drama. A Latvian man dreams to marry a Jewish merchant's daughter and become an artist while supporting himself painting signs during the unrest of the WWII era.

Continue the Conversation with Director Viesturs Kairišs and Producer Guntis Trekeris on Sunday, April 18 at 11 am CDT.

Dayan: The First Family

June 4-6

Documentary. Moshe Dayan's family still struggles with the large shadow cast by one of the most interesting and enigmatic characters in Israel's history. The series follows "The Israeli Kennedys"—whose story mirrors that of Israel itself.

Continue the Conversation with Filmmaker Anat Goren on Sunday, June 6 at 11 am CDT.

All information is subject to change. Please visit jccfilmfest.org for the most up-to-date schedule and to purchase tickets.

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SCHOLARSTREAM

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Jews and Power: From Biblical to Modern Times
Wednesdays at 8 PM ET / 5 PM PT

An exploration of the implementation of Jewish power, in the past and in the present. How have Jews rebelled against, accommodated to, and made use of structures of power in varying historical contexts?

- 2/24: Prof. Jack Wertheimer, "Money and Power in Today's American Jewish Community"
- 3/3: Rabbi Gordon Tucker, "Allegations of Dual Loyalty in Jewish History"
- 3/17: Prof. Marjorie Lehman, "The Power Dynamics of Queen Helene"

Reimagining Exodus Through Stories, Songs and Sightseeing
Thursdays at 1 PM ET / 10 AM PT (1st three sessions); Tuesday at 1 PM ET / 10 AM PT (4th session)

Join faculty of the Conservative Yeshiva for some Passover-themed learning.

- 3/4: Ilana Kurshan, "Sorcery and Secret Arts: Magic and Demonology in the Lore of Passover, Then and Now"
- 3/11: Dr. Stephen Arnoff, "These Songs of Freedom: Discovering the Rock and Roll Canon for Passover"
- 3/18: Jonty Blackman, "Journeying to and Through the Promised Land: Part I of an In-Depth Tour of Some of Israel's Most Notable Sites"
- 3/23: Jonty Blackman, "Journeying to and Through the Promised Land: Part II of an In-Depth Tour of Some of Israel's Most Notable Sites"

If you have any questions, please email Max Arad at marad@rabbinicalassembly.org.

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**Join us at Aurelio's Pizza in Homewood
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**Monday, April 5, 2021
11:30am – 8:30pm.**

Enjoy lunch or dinner at Aurelio's Pizza in Homewood and support TEMPLE SHIR TIKVAH. Aurelio's is helping us raise money by donating 20% of any food and drink purchased on Monday, April 5, 2021.

**TO PARTICIPATE, YOU MUST EITHER MENTION THIS FLYER, SHOW THE
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CARRYOUT, DELIVERY AND DINE-IN

Building Use Policy During COVID-19

Effective July 15, 2020

General Rules

Face mask must be properly worn inside the building. This means covering the mouth and nose area with support straps around the ears. A mask will be provided if you do not have one. No one will be allowed to enter the building without a properly worn face mask.

Practice social distancing when in the building. Maintain at least six feet distance between people not living in the same household.

Hand sanitizer should be used on entering the building and as needed.

Sanctuary will only be used for Bar/Bat Mitzvah services. Maximum capacity 25

All guests must be registered with the Shir Tikvah office at least five days before the event.

Upon arrival at Shir Tikvah, all attendees must complete a COVID-19 questionnaire. If any answers indicate a potential risk, admission to the building will be denied.

Do not congregate by the entrance, foyer, or hallway. After entry, individuals should proceed immediately to seats to avoid congregating.

Only sit with people within your household. `

Sanctuary doors will remain open for improved air flow and to avoid unnecessary contact.

Facility Re-Opening Committee

There has not been much change to the status of the re-opening since last month. The office is open if you need to borrow a prayer book or drop something off. We have developed a Covid19 policy for those entering the building. See above. If you need to enter the building, please follow the rules.

We want to minimize the number of visitors to our building. If you are required to come to the office, please email or call Diedre so she can schedule your visit. When in the building, please record your time in and out in the logbook in the foyer. This will allow us to track who has been in the building.

Please wear a face mask, practice social distancing, and use the hand sanitizer stationed in the hallway.

No handshaking or hugging.

Prayer books can be picked up at the book cart by the front sanctuary doors. These books have not been used for at least two weeks. After the service, please return the books to the same cart, so they can be isolated for a proper period.

No Choir until further notice.

Restrooms

Only one person should use the restroom at a time.

If a line forms near the restroom, please remain six feet from each other in the main hallway.

Office

If you need to enter the building, please contact Diedre prior to coming to the building. She can ensure she will be there for your visit and we can control the number of visitors in the building.

Upon entering the building, please sign into the logbook in the foyer and sign out when exiting. This will allow us to track all individuals who have been in the building.

Rabbi Harari and Diedre are the only people allowed in the offices. If you need to communicate with them, please do it from the hallway.

Kitchen - No food service will be allowed in the building.

Currently, we do not feel it is safe to begin in person services or meeting. Therefore, there are no changes to our status planned. We will make an exception to use the synagogue for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

This is the status until conditions with the virus change. Please join us on Zoom for weekly services and other events. If you need assistance with Zoom, please contact Diedre so we can assist you. Please be safe and stay healthy.

Jerry Tenny

President and Re-Opening Committee

MARCH 2021 ADAR-NISAN 5781

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Virtual Oneg 7p	3 Hebrew School 4:30p Yahrzeit Minyan 6:30p Scholar Stream 7p Naomi Less 7p	4 School Beginning Hebrew 4:30p Scholar Stream 12p	5 Evening Service 7:30p  5:28p	6 Morning Conservative Service 9:45a with Religious School
7 Sunday School 10a JCC Humor 11a IL Jewish Assem. for Refugees 4p	8 WoST Board Meeting 10:30a Board Meeting 8:00p	9 JJC Mini-Grant 7p	10 Hebrew School 4:30p Mini-Grant Marra B Gad 7p	11 School Beginning Hebrew 4:30p Naomi Less 7p	12 Evening Service 7:30p  5:36p	13 Morning Reform Service 10:15a
14 5-6th Gr. Sunday School 9:45a 7-9th Gr. Sunday School 10a	15 Pesach Education with Rabbi Harari 8p	16 Virtual Oneg 7p	17 Hebrew School 4:30p Scholar Stream 7p Naomi Less 7p	18 School Beginning Hebrew 4:30p Scholar Stream 12p	19 Evening Service 7:30p  6:44p	20 Morning Conservative Service 9:45a
21 Sunday School 10a	22 Pesach Education with Rabbi Harari 7p	23 Scholar Stream 12p Virtual Oneg 7p	24 Hebrew School 4:30p Naomi Less 7p	25 School Beginning Hebrew 4:30p Scholar Stream 12p	26 Evening Service 7:30p  6:52p	27 First Seder Erev Pesach Morning Reform Service 10:15a
28	29	30	31			
Pesach I						
Pesach II						
WoST Virtual Community Seder					Evening Service 7:30p  4:45p	

ZOOM Information:

Please call the office at 708-799-4110 for links to our Zoom Events and Services.