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Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Harari is taking the month off. Stay safe and stay well.

President's Message

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Hanukkah. One advantage of the early holiday was getting all the shopping done early. I would like wish everyone a happy secular New Year. I am sure we are all wishing the new year brings more normality back to our lives. It seems we take two steps forward and one step back.

In December we had the opportunity to have two in -person educational events. They were both exceptional. For those who could not attend I will give a brief report on each event. The first event was a speech from author Ken Krimstein who wrote the book *When I Grow Up: The Lost Autobiographies of Six Yiddish Teenagers*. The stories came from a series of contests in the 1930s held by YIVO, a Yiddish institution founded in Berlin, and Vilnius, Lithuania, and focused on the study of Yiddish culture. Young people between the ages of 13 and 21 were asked to submit, in Yiddish, autobiographical pieces. YIVO wanted the young writers to be free to write their true feelings, so the stories were submitted with a code that would enable the submissions to remain anonymous. The prizes were scheduled to be announced on Sept. 1, 1939, but this never happened, as that turned out to be the day when Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

The Nazis did raid the YIVO offices in Vilnius and found the stories. Instead of destroying them many were sent to Germany to assist its propaganda ministry, but others were hidden in a dormant church. The stories stayed hidden until they were discovered in 2017. Ken told us how he stumbled upon this story and his adventures researching the stories including traveling to Vilnius to see the

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actual booklets. He described how he decided on the six stories to include in his graphic novel. We bought a copy of his book for the library if you are interested in reading it. A graphic novel is a comic book for grown-ups. Barry Sturm found Ken before the book was published. Barry had scheduled an earlier visit that was cancelled due to Covid. Barry stayed in touch with Ken and our group was the first time Ken spoke about his book since it was published. Many thanks to Barry for being persistent and finding such an interesting speaker.

Many thanks to Rabbi Harari for our second speaker. Through her contacts, Rabbi Harari invited Tal Schneider, the Political and Diplomatic Correspondence for the Times of Israel, to visit the South Suburbs while Tal was in Chicago. Tal was a very engaging speaker and discussed the changing demographics in Israel and how the changes are affecting Israeli politics. She explained that Israel has four principal sectors. The national religious, secular Jews, Israeli Arabs and the ultra-Orthodox. Over the past twenty years all the sectors have grown except for the secular Jews which has decreased. She pointed out politics is not the only difference between these groups. They live in different neighborhoods, attend different schools, speak different languages, and often have different laws such as the "mandatory" military service.

In the last Israeli election, three of the groups, (national-religious, secular Jews and Israeli Arabs) formed a coalition to create a majority which took control of the Knesset. For the first time in many years the ultra-Orthodox parties were not part of the majority. In the past the ultra-Orthodox parties aligned with Benjamin Netanyahu's conservative party to create a majority. The new government had many first including the first time the Israeli Arabs were included in a majority coalition, a Reform Rabbi was elected along with a diverse group of members to the Knesset including many women.

The new coalition government has been in power for six months. Time will tell if this group with wide ranging differences can continue to work together. These politicians, however, did something the politicians in the United States have not been able to do. They formed a coalition, putting their partisan

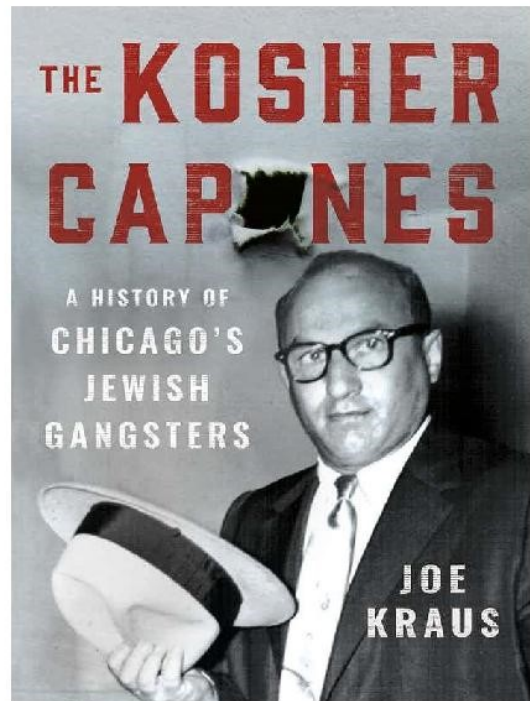
differences aside to do what was best for Israel. The government can now get back to work approving a budget for the first time in several years. If only we had statesman like this in the United States that put their country before their party. Hopefully, Israel can be an example of how to reduce the division in our country.. Let us wish the new year brings a year of peace and prosperity to Israel.

Wishing everyone a happy secular new year. Stay safe.

Jerry Tenny

**Dr. Joe Kraus will discuss
his book**

**The Kosher Capones:
A History of Chicago's
Jewish Gangsters
via Zoom on Sunday,
January 23rd at 11:00 am**



The Kosher Capones tells the story of Chicago's Jewish gangsters from the end of the 19th century into the 1980s. Dr. Kraus's grandfather and great-uncles were part of the notorious Miller Brothers of the Jewish West Side, who were among Chicago's early Jewish gangsters. Dr. Kraus spent thirty years collecting details from newspapers, archives, photo collections and other sources. The book traces the changing political, demographic, and economic pressures that transformed the

opportunistic gamblers and bootleggers of Maxwell Street and Lawndale into some of the under-the-radar architects of the Chicago Syndicate that grew out of the gang made famous under Al Capone's leadership.

Dr. Joe Kraus is chair of the University of Scranton's Department of English and Theatre. He was awarded the 2019 bronze Indie Award in the category of history (adult non-fiction) for the book.



[Register Here](#)



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Shir Tikvah is pleased to partner with Jewish United Fund in serving our community through the South Suburban Mini-Grant Kehilah program

JANUARY SERVICES, AVAILABLE ON ZOOM & IN PERSON

Friday, January 7: 7:30 PM

Candle Lighting 4:19 PM

Saturday, January 8: 9:45 AM Conservative Services

[Parashat Bo](#), Exodus 10:1-13:16, Jeremiah 46:13-28

Friday, January 14: 7:30 PM

Candle Lighting 4:26 PM

Saturday, January 15: 10:15 AM Reform Services

[Parashat Beshalach](#), Exodus 13:17-17:16, Judges 4:4-5:31

Friday, January 21: 7:30 PM

Candle Lighting 4:34 PM

Saturday, January 22: 9:45 AM Conservative Services

[Parashat Yitro](#), Exodus 18:1-20:23, Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6

Friday, January 28: 7:30 PM

Candle Lighting 4:43 PM

Saturday, January 29: 10:15 AM Reform Services

[Parashat Mishpatim](#), Exodus 21:1-24:18, Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26

[Visit Sign Up to reserve your in-person seat.](#)

Dear Shir Tikvah community,

JUF Voices Alumni is a teen led board which allocates money to Jewish organizations. Our mission is to mend the injustices of the world and expand access to education, combat antisemitism and poverty in our community, the Chicago area, and around the world. We hope to support programs that are dedicated to repairing the world, giving in the pursuit of justice, and the preservation of human life.

I have been selected for the second year, to join this board. I am part of the Education & Literacy committee. I humbly ask that you help support our mission with a donation to JUF's Voices Alumni Board.

How do you donate? Here's How!

Click on this link: https://www.juf.org/teens/voices_teens.aspx

Click on the drop-down menu, and click "Louis Bloomberg"

Fill out the information in the fields below.

For "Teen Board Member," Type: "Louie Bloomberg"

Click Continue and Fill Out Gift



Any Questions? Please email me at: louiebloomberg@icloud.com.

Sincerely,

Louie Bloomberg

sisterhood

unity . purpose . cause

stronger together



We're taking a month off from writing,
and wish you a Happy January!

Stay safe!

Stay warm!

B'shalom!

Gayle Weil

January Birthdays

1/2 Jalussee Miller
1/3 Evelyn Rappaport
1/7 Fern Katz
1/8 Cathy Burnett
1/9 Daniel Blumenthal
1/9 Amy Berk
1/9 George Uhlmann
1/10 Sherman Susman
1/12 Edith Feldmann
1/15 Merle Hurowitz
1/21 Bernie Heilicser
1/22 Amy Elias
1/22 Jodie Virene
1/27 Donelle Macey
1/30 Rori Narter



January Anniversaries

1/19 Lana & David Golland
1/19 Dale & Roy Robinson
1/24 Nancy & Larry Burrows
1/30 Evelyn & Ed Rappaport



If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please email temple office
office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org to let us know!

Yahrzeits

Week of 1/7/2022

Lea Adler
Gertrude L. Bardige
Nellie Barsuk
Jacob Barton
Marian Berman
Shurley Brandes
Howard Brenner
Meyer Bruder
Evelyn Burrows
Jacob Calisoff
Samuel Cerier
Hyme Cohen
Robert J Corbin
Sophie Davidson
Edmund Elend
Ludwig Falkenstein
Bret Fimoff
Julius Freedman
Rose Gershowitz
Willard Gilbert
David Goldschmidt
Seymour Golub
Nathan Goodman
Arthur Hahn
Florence Heiss
George Horewitch
Peter Kaminsky
Louis Kosafsky
Leonard Lang
Miriam Lazow
Hyman Levine
Roberta Levitt
JoAnne Mathias
Josef Pfeffer
Joseph Podwol
Richard Robinson
Bessie Rohde
Isaac Lawrence Rubin
Ida Sager
Alexander H. Shore
Sophie Simon
Lester Solomon
Barbara Sporn
Isadore Srulevitz
Magrit Sugar
Sonya Tepper
Ada A. Toll
Jerome Weil

Week of 1/14/2022

Ella Abrams
Rose Adelman
Iona Adleman
Ernest Bartczak
Jacob Blumstein
Frieda Butler
Harriet Lazarus Cohen
James Collop
Gretl Diamant
Leo Elliot
Donald Fiterman
Jack Freeman
G Gilbert
Renee Goldberg
Dora Goldman
Harry Goldstein
Rose Gould
Jerome Heilbrunn
Robert Heller
Robert Hersh
Leonhard Kamberg
Raymond Kaplan
Maurice M. Kraft
George Mednick
Lester Mosbacher
Isador Offenberger
Abe Paskin
David Plotnick
Irving Rose
Bill Rosen
Stewart Rusnak
Mike Safcik
Bernadine Schlesinger
Pearl Schwartzberg
Celia Miller Schwedel
Ann Shlensky
William Singer
Roy Slovenko
Isidore Snitkowski
Ervin Sprintz
Meier Strauss
Aaron Wishnoff

Week of 1/21/2022

Josephine Alpert
Patricia Berkowitz
Merwyn Brodsky
Anna Ephron
Esther Goldberg
Joseph Greene
Joseph Hirsch
Rosa Hirschbruch
Mike Kaufmann
Joseph Lassner
Martin Levy
Phillip Lincenberg
Cecile Lukas
Scott Lustig
Herman Mandell
Roslyn Moskowitz
Harvey Nachenberg
Jack Ourach
Ida Riffer
Linda Robson
Albert Rubin
Gertrude Safcik
Dora Salk
Henrietta Schapiro
Maurice Schulman
Filis Gitlitz Settle
Mollie Shlensky
Mollie Shlensky
Jette Stein
Delores Ulrich
Regina Washington
Arthur Michael Wax

Week of 1/28/2022

Alfred Altmann
Jacob Brotman
David Davis
Isadore J. Dietch
Mary Dietch
Renee Dolin
Sam Dosick
Louis Dworkin
Ida Feldman
Sarah Fine
Earl Goldberg
Harry Gratz
Ruth Hare
Gerda M. Isacson
Joseph Kamen
Nathan Karpen
Malvina Katz
Rudolph Kohn
Morton Krass
Nathan Landauer
Emanuel Lazer
Leah Levy
Meyer Lippert
Bessie Lurie
Harold Magid
Wolf Manilow
Louis Noven
Betty Rosen
Morris Rosen
Recha Rosenberg
Peggy Scotch
Ruth Seewald
Elaine R. Shapin
Abraham Singer
Jacob Stein
Gustav Stern
Angelina Tejeda
Dr. Robert Tigay
Julius Wolf
Hykel Yalowitz



Tributes

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Judy & Ken Fleisher

To Max & Elaine Fertel, in memory of their daughter, Judy Layne

GENERAL FUND

Ellen R. Bush

Harlene & Irwin Friedman

Cliff Wolf

In appreciation of Janet & David Herbstman

In memory of Betty Portman, Zena Friedman, Meyer Friedman

In memory of Emmy Wolf, Dorothea Wolf, Kurt Altman, Greta H. Wagner

Keigh & Larry Malis

In memory of Harry Shiff, Ann Shiff

The Wolfson/Williams Families

In memory of Pauline Wolfson

CHOIR FUND

Larry & Nancy Burrows

In memory of Henry Greilsheim, Art Mayer, Fannie Mayer, Benjamin Burrows

David Myrow

In memory of Ernestine Lipman, Debbie Perlman, Bev Myrow

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WoST BOARD

IN MEMORY OF LEO WOLFSON

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IN MEMORY OF JUDY LAYNE

IN MEMORY OF PEARL RUTZKY BEGUN

IN MEMORY OF MARY KATZ

IN HONOR OF THE HERBTMAN'S NEW GRANDCHILD

RUTH & SHERMAN FRIEDMAN
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Gayle Weil
Bea Kamen
WoST Board

If you, or someone you know, are interested in burial plots at Beverly Cemetery, please contact the office at 708-799-4110, or email office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org.



*We mourn the deaths of
Pearl Rutzky Begun and Mary Katz
May her memory forever be a blessing and may her
family be comforted among the mourners of
Zion & Jerusalem.*

News You Can Use!



January

We had another great month at school!

Most exciting was our first field trip, to Rosenblum's Judaica and Emma's Bagel Café in Skokie. Having studied about Judaica, and the way in which

Jewish objects and ritual items help enhance our Jewish experiences, we were very excited to visit a store dedicated to Judaica. Rosenblum's co-owner was wonderful, showing us around, answering questions, and each student got to pick an item of Judaica that they personally found most meaningful. It was an outstanding visit!

At Emma's, students experienced a meal at a kosher restaurant. We noted the handwashing sink, benchers (blessing after meal booklets) on the table, and various kashrut related words around the restaurant. We even saw Rahm Emanuel getting a bagel! Students are now learning about what it means to keep kosher and why someone might choose to do so.

Just before Thanksgiving, we learned about Chanukah. In celebration, we made latkes from scratch, and we decorated Chanukah cookies. It has been another great month and we look forward to our winter break.

In Hebrew school, Students have been working on learning the Alef-Bet and reading. They have added new words to their vocabulary and are working on prayers.

It's been a great first semester and we can't wait for the second one!

Rabbi Carmit Harari, Sherry Dieckman, Carole Fefferman, and Donelle Macey (No class January 5, 6, 16)

Shalom Transportation

Are you over 55 & 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 & learn the easy program details. This program is generously funded by the Albert & Lucille Delightner & Marcella Winston Foundation, a Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.



Women of Shir Tikvah

HOLIDAY GREETINGS for \$25

Passover

If you did not sign up in time being included in Holiday Greetings-don't worry! You can sign up now in time for Passover. Just clip this notice & send it with your \$25 check (payable to Women of Shir Tikvah) to: Women of Shir Tikvah, 1424 183rd Street, Homewood, IL 60430

The next month for greetings is April, in time for Passover!

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(as you want it to appear in the bulletin)

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