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## Fellowship and education

**DIANA BREMENT** JTNews Columnist

**1** Naomi Weiss Newman doesn't like to play favorites, but the consummate volunteer for so many Jewish organizations in the Seattle area admits to a soft spot for Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology.



**M.O.T.**  
Member of  
the Tribe

Fifteen years ago, she was the driving force behind the formation of Technion's Northwest chapter. Now they, in turn, have granted her an honorary fellowship. She traveled to Israel in June with husband

Jon and twin

girls to be one of 10 people from around the world who received fellowships "for contributions to Technion and for the betterment of the organization," she explains. Among the honorees was Alan Dershowitz.

Technion's and Israel's histories are inextricably linked, says Naomi, who has been president of the Northwest chapter for five years. Founded in Haifa in 1912, the school, its students and graduates were instrumental in building the infrastructure of the future Jewish state. The fellowship brings Naomi "full circle, because my father served in the Haganah," she says. "He was there when [Israel] became a state." Her mother, a concentration camp survivor, met her dad just after the war.

With her interest generated by her late mother's multiple sclerosis, Naomi sought to support both Israel and neurology research relating to the disease. Technion is "responsible for patents and breakthrough treatments," she says, particularly "melding technology and neuro research together."

Naomi and Jon even toured the school on their honeymoon.

The June 15 ceremony "was amazing," Naomi says, "more than I even expected." Each fellow stood as his or her accomplishments were recited. Some extra excitement was added because "we needed to be on a plane on the 16th so I could be back on the 17th for my father's 100th birthday," she says.

Technion exemplifies Israel, historic and modern, says Naomi, who is also a graduate of their leadership development program (a "boiled down MBA," she says). "I could not be prouder," she continues, of its medical and



SHLOMO SHOHAM

Professor Peretz Lavie, President of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, confers an honorary fellowship on Naomi Weiss Newman during the awards ceremony at the Technion's Haifa campus on June 15.

technological advancements, including in robotics. Israel's Iron Dome defense system was developed at the school, "sad, but true," notes Naomi. "Sad that we need it, but outstanding that...it has saved so many lives."

**2** Debra Siroka had freshly arrived in the area when I spoke to her in early August — moving to Issaquah from the Midwest to become the new director of lifelong learning at Temple B'nai Torah in Bellevue. With her two teenage children at camp, she and her husband had already made time to go hiking a couple of times.

She hopes to have time soon to explore Seattle's arts offerings, too.

Debra grew up in suburban Minneapolis,

belonged to a large synagogue, and attended a high school with a significant Jewish population.

"I was always involved in the Jewish community," she notes. And "always liked school, learning about education. My love of Judaism and my love of education fit in this field." Thus, it "sort of made sense" to become a Jewish educator.

The trajectory wasn't completely straight. She entered college as a musical theater major, transferred a few times for different reasons, and then went to Israel for a year.



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Debra Siroka, Temple B'nai Torah's new director of lifelong learning.

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Spanish clothing chain Zara had to clear some of its shelves worldwide late last month, including in Israel, after receiving strong criticism for marketing a shirt with black and white stripes with a six-pointed yellow star on the chest. Though the star had the word Sheriff running across it, the effect looked much more like the uniform Jews in Nazi concentration camp were forced to wear. The intended effect, according to the chain, "was meant to resemble a shirt from 'classic American Westerns.'" The company immediately apologized, though it said the design would be "exterminated" in its Hebrew version.

Source: Bloomberg News

The University of Illinois rescinded a job offer to a professor for tweets criticizing Israel's actions in Gaza. Shortly after three Israeli boys were kidnapped and killed in June, Steven Salaita, who was set to begin a tenured position, tweeted "You may be too refined to say it, but I'm not: I wish all the (expletive) West Bank settlers would go missing." His supporters have said the university violated his freedom of speech and academic freedom, which allows professors to teach or post controversial views without fear of losing their jobs. Others have said his posts crossed a line and that academic freedom didn't apply because he had not yet started the job.

Source: Haaretz

Israel held its first annual redhead conference on August 28, an event initiated and organized by Ofri Moshe, a 9-year-old girl who was inspired after hearing about the famous conference for redheads in the Netherlands. While nearly a thousand people registered for the conference on Facebook, the limit was 200. It was held at Kibbutz Gezer – "gezer" means "carrot."

Source: Haaretz

Phil Robertson of the hit A&E series "Duck Dynasty," who was suspended earlier this year for making homophobic comments in a magazine article, is now on a mission to convert Jews to Christianity. On Nov. 1, Robertson and his son will take part in an event in Dallas titled "A Tale of Two Ducks," with tickets ranging from \$100 to \$10,000. The event is organized by the Messianic Jewish Bible Institute, an organization that aims to "bring Jewish people into a personal relationship of faith with Yeshua the Messiah, knowing their acceptance will eventually mean life from the dead."

Source: Tablet Magazine  
— Boris Kurbanov

## Correction

In the article about the Kids4Peace camp ("In a summer of war, a group of kids works toward peace," Aug. 22), Sarah Rose Shuer's name was misspelled and her home city was noted as Redmond, not Kirkland. JTNews regrets the error.

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From the Jewish Transcript, September 10, 1970.

Today we have voicemail. Back then we had Debbie, our "secretary and girl friday," who made the calls to sell the High Holiday greetings that go into the paper every Rosh Hashanah. We put in several pictures of Debbie at the time to show the work she did to remind people to buy their greetings to wish their community a shana tova.

Those of you who for so many years heard from Becky, our classified and professional services sales manager, may know that she retired this summer. So this year when you hear from Katy, just like this article stated, "Say yes when she calls!"

# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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For a complete listing of events, or to add your event to the JTNews calendar, visit jewishsound/calendar. Calendar events must be submitted no later than 10 days before publication.

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**September 12..... 7:07 p.m.**  
**September 19..... 6:53 p.m.**  
**September 26..... 6:39 p.m.**

## FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

**5:45–9:30 p.m. — Introduction to a Meditative Shabbat**

☎ 206-527-9399 or info@betalef.org or www.betalef.org

Explore Bet Alef's mystical and spiritual approach to Shabbat and Judaism led by Rabbi Olivier BenHaim. Community dinner at 5:45 p.m. \$15. First-time Bet Alef visitors free. At Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue, 1111 Harvard Ave., Seattle.

**6–8 p.m. — NCSY Freshman Shabbaton**

☎ Ari Hoffman at 206-295-5888 or thehofffather@gmail.com

Amazing Shabbat with fantastic food, great advisers and activities around Seward Park. Includes Saturday night trip to the Puyallup/Washington State Fair and Sunday BBQ at Alki Beach. Open to all Jewish 9th graders regardless of affiliation. \$50. At Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath, 5145 S Morgan St., Seattle.

**7:30–9 p.m. — Special Shabbat Services to Build Love of Israel**

☎ Congregation Kol Ami at 425-844-1604 or admin@kolaminw.org or www.kolaminw.org  
 Featuring Rob Jacobs of StandWithUs Northwest. Series of services cultivating a love of Israel and growing a mutual love and appreciation for fellow Jews. Open to all. At Congregation Kol Ami, 16530 Avondale Rd. NE, Woodinville.

## SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

**10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. — The Jewish Practice of Dying: A Life Affirming Journey**

☎ 206-527-9399 or info@betalef.org or www.betalef.org

Using the book "One Year to Live" discuss the importance of living mindfully. Potluck lunch 12-1 p.m. 1:30-3 p.m.: High Holy Day preparation meditation session. Conclude with meditation. Members free/\$10 for non-members. At Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue, 1111 Harvard Ave., Seattle.

**8:30 p.m.–12 a.m. — Trip to the Washington State Fair**

☎ Seattle NCSY at 206-295-5888 or thehofffather@gmail.com or www.seattlencsy.com  
 NCSY's annual trip to the Puyallup fair. Bus leaves BCMH at 8:30 p.m. Open to all Jewish 9th-12th graders regardless of affiliation. \$10.

## SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

**10 a.m.–1:45 p.m. — In the Image**

☎ 206-851-9949 or info@livingjudaism.com or www.livingjudaism.com

Half-day workshop teaches simple principles to help you to live with greater well-being and presence, enhance the quality of your relationships, and better access your inner wisdom and creativity. \$25 includes seminar and kosher lunch. Registration required. At Shorewood Heights Pavillion, 3209 Shorewood Dr., Mercer Island.

**5–8 p.m. — NCSY's Annual Alki Beach BBQ**

☎ 206-295-5888 or thehofffather@gmail.com or www.seattlencsy.com

BBQ, volleyball, football, Frisbee and friends. Bus leaves BCMH at 5 p.m. or meet at Alki Beach at 5:30 p.m. \$10. At Alki Beach, Seattle.

**5:30 p.m. — WSJHS Gala at MOHAI**

☎ Lisa Kranseler at 206-774-2277 or lisak@jewishinseattle.org

Gala fundraiser for the Washington State Jewish Historical Society and opportunity to view "Shalom! Open for Business." At MOHAI, 860 Terry Ave. N, Seattle.

## MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

**7:30 p.m. — Can You Help Me Find My Cousins?**

☎ www.jgsws.org

Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State president Mary Kathryn Kozy explores how DNA testing has helped genealogical research. Learn what autosomal DNA testing can tell you. Free. At LDS Factoria building, 4200 124th Ave. SE, Bellevue. Doors open at 6:30.

## TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

**6–7:30 p.m. — Addressing Addiction and Substance Abuse with Our Aging Loved Ones**

☎ Leonid Orlov at 206-861-8784 or familylife@jfsseattle.org

Jewish Family Service addiction counselor and educator Laura Kramer will discuss how to recognize, understand and respond to substance use issues. Free. Advance registration required. At Aegis Living, 2200 E Madison St., Seattle.

**7–8:30 p.m. — High Holiday Liturgy as Inspiration for Shuvah (Repentance)**

☎ 206-524-0075 or naomikramer@bethshalomseattle.org or www.bethshalomseattle.org

How can the liturgy help us learn to be kinder to others and to ourselves? Look closely at selected recurring prayers, the shofar blasts, the 13 attributes and the al het confessional. RSVP. Runs Tuesdays through September 16. Free. At Congregation Beth Shalom, 6800 35th Ave. NE, Seattle.

## WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

**7–8:30 p.m. — "How To"**

**Rosh Hashanah Edition**

☎ 206-524-0075 or naomikramer@bethshalomseattle.org or www.bethshalomseattle.org

Learn how to participate in Rosh Hashanah and bring the holiday into your home with Beth Shalom rabbis. At Congregation Beth Shalom, 6800 35th Ave. NE, Seattle.

## THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

**7–8:30 p.m. — Jewish Parenting: The Early Years (Part 1)**

☎ Jewish Junction at 206-384-6020 or info@jewishjunction.net or jewishjunction.net

Series of parenting workshops to support the holy work of raising Jewish children. Part I: Welcome, Baby! \$10/person or \$18/couple. Childcare with RSVP at additional charge. Facilitated by Rabbis Adam Rubin and Kate Speizer. At Congregation Beth Shalom, 6800 35th Ave. NE, Seattle.

## FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

**7:30–9 p.m. — Installation of**

**Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg**

☎ Congregation Kol Ami at 425-844-1604 or admin@kolaminw.org or www.kolaminw.org  
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## SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

**2:45–6 p.m. — Congregation Kol Ami Opening Day Religious School and BBQ**

☎ Congregation Kol Ami at 425-844-1604 or admin@kolaminw.org or www.kolaminw.org  
 Begin with tefillah then break out and meet with teachers and students. BBQ begins at 5 p.m. Free. At Congregation Kol Ami, 16530 Avondale Rd. NE, Woodinville.

**5–9 p.m. — Chabad of the Central Cascades Gala Dinner and Auction**

☎ 425-985-7639 or www.chabadissaquah.com/dinner  
 Celebrating 10 Years of Chabad of the Central Cascades. Honoring Arek and Judy Mandelbaum and Seth and Sandy Basker. Formal attire. \$125. At Sahalee Country Club, 21200 NE Sahalee Country Club Dr., Sammamish.

**5:30 p.m. — Jewish Federation 2015 Campaign Kickoff Event**

☎ Shoshannah Hoffman at 206-774-2246 or Shoshannahh@jewishinseattle.org or Jewishinseattle.org

Highlighting the Jewish Federation's role to engage, innovate and advocate in the Jewish community and recognizing important community programs that your dollars support. At the Sheraton, 1400 Sixth Ave., Seattle.

## TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

**7–8:30 p.m. — High Holiday Liturgy as Inspiration for Shuvah (Repentance)**

☎ Congregation Beth Shalom at 206-524-0075 or naomikramer@bethshalomseattle.org or www.bethshalomseattle.org

Free. At Congregation Beth Shalom, 6800 35th Ave. NE, Seattle.

**7–8:30 p.m. — The Jewish Practice of Dying: A Life Affirming Journey (Part 2)**

☎ 206-527-9399 or info@betalef.org or www.betalef.org

\$10. At Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue, 1111 Harvard Ave., Seattle.

## THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

**6–8:30 p.m. — Stroum Jewish Community Center Annual Meeting**

☎ 206-232-7115 or saraht@sjcc.org or www.sjcc.org

Celebrating Aaron Alhadeff for his two years as board president and welcome incoming president Aaron Wolff. At the Stroum JCC, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island.

**7:30–8:45 p.m. — A Nuclear Iran and What It Means for the United States and Israel**

☎ American Jewish Committee at seattle@ajc.org or ajcseattle.com  
 Michael Singh is managing director of The Washington Institute and a former senior director for Middle East affairs at the National Security Council. At the University of Washington, William H. Gates Hall, Magnuson/Jackson Court Room, Room 138, Seattle.

## FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

**12–5 p.m. — NCSY's Leadership Training Shabbaton in Vancouver**

☎ 206-295-5888 or thehofffather@gmail.com or www.seattlencsy.com

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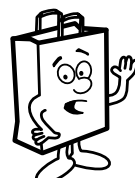
## SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

**1:30–3:30 p.m. — Walk With Friendship 2014**

☎ Elazar Bogomilsky at 206-374-3637 or www.walkwithfriendship.com

Walking for children with special needs, rain or shine. Choose either the family 1K walk or the 5K loop. After the walk, celebrate in the park. At Luther Burbank Park, 2040 84th Ave. SE, Mercer Island.

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## 5775 minus one: No limits

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You don't need a rabbi to let you know which way the wind blows — the world is in crisis. Massacres in Syria and Iraq and Nigeria and Mali, regional wars between Russia and Ukraine, renewed race riots in the United States, much of the world economy stuck in the doldrums, and a collapsing EU. And Israel's almost constant battle for survival against terrorists, this time calling themselves Hamas.

With so many urgent crises, this is no time to don blinders and willfully refuse to see our challenges, our abilities, and our duties.

God created an astonishingly complex world as well as astonishingly complex and capable creatures to partner with Him. Human beings are created "B'tzelem Elohim" (in God's image), so if God is "Kol Yachol" (capable of all, omnipotent), we have no business placing artificial limits on ourselves. (Of course, we are "b'tzelem," in the image of and not actually God; but while we are limited, most of us, both individually and institutionally, inflate these limits and then retract them to the point that we become ineffectual.)

Ultimately, we will never "absolutely know" why we were created or even why the universe was created, but our Torah does inform us that, relative to "olam," the universe, our job is to "partner" with the Creator to bring Creation to its fullest. All mankind is mandated to be kind to all living creatures, to seek justice and to live morally — these are the seven Noahide mitzvot which bring one to the threshold of humanness and civilization. As Jews we're also given the unique "tool" of Torah, which contains the additional 606 mitzvot, completing the 613, which, we're taught, perform the essential spiritual functions (beyond merely "causing no harm") that fully develop our world and ourselves.

The mandate of what has come to be called "social justice" is just as incumbent on the entire Jewish people as is our engagement with Torah and mitzvot, and while each of us must specialize, none of us can opt out of any of it. Contemporarily, you rarely see a serious, mature emphasis on mitzvah observance (which includes studying the mitzvot and their underlying logic, and not merely blind compliance or blind opposition) in progressive Jewish communities and institutions.

Likewise, while many Orthodox communities, committed to traditional Torah study and mitzvah observance, commend-



ably look out for their constituencies, they rarely leave their own neighborhoods to join the larger Jewish community in social issues.

There is little, if any, daylight between the concepts of "olam haba/Mashiach" and "a just world"; they're different sociological labels for the same ideal.

This goal, in terms of our human contribution to it, is beyond any single-pronged approach. We both need to create a just society and also to bring an abstract and intangible holiness, "kedushah," to the world. Additionally, this highest level of human evolution, at least as it specifically applies to the Jewish people, requires that each of us (or, at least, a critical mass of us) reaches it individually.

"Kol Yisrael arevim zeh l'zeh" (Talmud Shavuot 39a), the fate of all Jews, is intertwined, is embedded into the fundamental structure of reality. In other words, none of us gets there until we all get there together — "Leave no Jew behind," as it were.

One of the greatest challenges facing our people today is that those of us who focus on Torah and mitzvot too often dismiss Jews whose focus is "a just society," and those Jews dismiss the ones whose main focus is traditional "Torah and mitzvot" observance. Additionally, we cannot (and never have been able to) dismiss or take for granted the survival of Israel and of the Jewish People (which are identical). Those who focus on the political, military and diplomatic approaches to this cannot ignore the other two priorities, and those focusing on halachic or social issues cannot turn away from Israel, especially when she is under attack. While each of us will migrate to our strength, we need to incorporate the other considerations as well into our efforts.

The genius of Judaism is that it reveals reality as infinitely dimensional, and it gives us tools to work with all this beautiful complexity.

Talmud, rather than merely generating **The Rules** (halachah) or relating folk-culture (aggadatah), trains us in techniques to experience, analyze and process both empirically and intuitively, directly and by inference, associatively, individually, collectively, as well as in other parameters, *all at the same time*. As we refine our individual practice and experience of our Jewish tradition, we both see the world as increasingly rich and ourselves as increasingly capable.

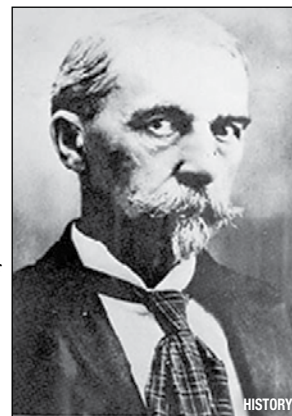
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## The governor was an anti-Semite

RUSSELL LIDMAN Special to JTNews

Governor John R. Rogers enjoys a prominent place in this state. Schools are named after him in Seattle, Spokane, Olympia and elsewhere around the state. His statue is located in Sylvester Park in downtown Olympia, in front of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction building.

Governor John R. Rogers was a noted Washington State populist. He was the state's third governor, serving from 1897 through his death in 1901. Carved in his



John R. Rogers, Washington State governor from 1897 to 1901.

statue in Olympia's Sylvester Park is this quote: "I would make it impossible for the covetous and avaricious to utterly impoverish the poor. The rich can take care of themselves." His legacy is the "Barefoot School Boy Act." This was the basis of the state's funding of public education, relieving localities of a burden many could not support. Its aim was to guarantee funding for an adequate education for children in even the state's poorest areas. To this day, this act is cited by advocates when they express concern about the state's declining level of funding of public education.

The populists anticipated the "Occupy" movement by over a century, with their focus on the impacts on the typical American farmer and worker of Wall Street and of other domestic and foreign "rich" people.

John R. Rogers focused his attention on a particular group that in his view brought about the first U.S. great depression of the 1890s: Jews.

Here was the cause of the economic distress, in his 1892 book "The Irrepressible Conflict."

"As I write, a daily paper of today lies on the desk. At the head of one the columns I see a big 'scare head' which reads in startling letters MORE GOLD MAY GO. Thus the people who deal in money are warned from Europe that the money market is to be made closer and tighter. Gold is shipped to Europe and the ability of our people to buy and sell, or exchange labor and the products of labor is to be still further reduced by making all money scarcer and harder to get. The excuse

offered is 'Europe wants our Gold.' And because Europe — or the Jewish Money Lords of the world — can thus interfere in American trade and take from the American laborer his opportunity to labor and reduce the value of American property is reason enough for the establishment of an American system, not dependent upon the Jews of either London or New York."

This quote is mild compared to his expression of hostility elsewhere in this same volume.

"At the present time the people of the United States confront a world-wide and world-long evil of far greater magnitude that chattel slavery was — the private monopoly of money.... [I]ts sleek and prosperous agents stand high in every community, occupying — as of yore — the highest seats in our synagogues. That vague, yet potent force, 'good society,' is controlled by it, legislation has listened painfully for its lightest whisper, the bar, the bench and pulpit have become...mere minions, registering Mammon's decree."

Does John R. Rogers deserve a prominent place in Olympia's Sylvester Park? Does his revolting anti-Semitism of over 120 years ago negate the importance of his legislative accomplishment? Surely he deserves some acknowledgment for his legislative achievements, which have had a significant impact on state funding of public education. However, Governor Rogers' anti-Semitism in my view has been too long overlooked.

Look at the Rogers biography on Wikipedia as an example. There is no mention of him as an anti-Semite. Go back to the first biography of the state's governors, "Governors of Washington: Territorial and State," written by University of Washington professor Edmond Meany in 1915, and no mention of Rogers's anti-Semitism appears there.

What to do about the essentially unacknowledged anti-Semitism of one of the seeming heroes of our state's early years? I have been mulling this over for a couple

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# Port protesters block nothing but traffic

**JANIS SIEGEL** JTNews Correspondent

Chanting “Long live Palestine” and “Free, Free, Palestine” underscored by a mobile sound system playing a booming pro-Palestinian political mixtape, nearly 150 marchers came to Terminal 18 at the Spokane Street Fishing Area in Seattle on August 25 to stop longshoremen from reporting for their shifts and unloading the ZIM *Chicago*, an international Israeli vessel that had been delayed, but not thwarted, from delivering its cargo to the Port of Oakland in California the previous week.

“The ports, the police, the city, the mayor, and the governor’s office — nobody supported the action,” Andy David, Israel’s consul general for the Pacific Northwest in San Francisco, told JTNews. “They are hurting a lot of Americans and merchants.”

According to David, two ships arrived on the day of the “Block the Boat” protest in Oakland. One was unloaded. However, the Israeli ship wasn’t until day four of the delay and there was damage to furniture, coffee, chemicals, and other cargo, he said.

He lays the blame squarely at the feet of that city’s local International Longshore and Warehouse Union.

“The ILWU was cooperating with the protesters, and there’s enough proof of that,” David said. “The local branch issued a statement saying it was not safe for the workers to go past the line. They were offered to be bused in, but they refused. When they were unloading, they took lunch breaks and didn’t come back.”

David said the Teamster’s Union issued its own press release condemning the protest.

Local and national leaders fear that future disruption at the Port would result in job losses and devastation for small businesses already experiencing financial hardship.

“It’s a cowardly tactic,” said David, “and it hurt merchants, exporters, truck drivers, gas station owners, and warehouse workers.”

Protesters tried to block the *Chicago* when it arrived

at the Port of Tacoma on Aug. 23, but workers bypassed the crowd and unloaded it from another location, surprising the protesters.

In Seattle on Aug. 25, Block the Boat only succeeded in blocking the public roadway adjacent to the terminal, impeding cargo-filled trucks and mothers with their kids from driving through.

Protesters also blocked the three vehicle entrances to the dock, restrained by a formidable and mobile Seattle police presence that followed the moving crowd on bikes, in cars and in SUVs.

“Workers reported for work and all of the cargo that was going to be handled was handled,” Peter McGraw, the support and real estate supervisor for the Port of Seattle told JTNews. “They arrived and left on schedule.”

McGraw said that port police were not involved in this action and that no Port of Seattle property was trespassed.

“In cases like this, we work with our partner law enforcement agencies and that includes the Seattle Police Department,” he said.

Still, organizers claimed victory. “Our goal is to prevent business as



A line of cars attempting to travel to Harbor Island awaits the protesters to clear the street.

JANIS SIEGEL

usual,” Nada Elia, one of the organizers of Block the Boat told JTNews. Elia said the crowd was a coalition of pro-Palestinian groups, including Jewish Voice for Peace, and national boycott, divest, and sanction supporters in Seattle. “We want to prevent the workers from coming to their shift. We are in solidarity with Gaza because it is under an illegal blockade and cannot use its ports.”

Elia said she had hoped to galvanize a showing of 300 activists — the number she said the group tallied in Tacoma two days before, but a Block the Boat press release reported the number to be closer to 150.

Ed Mast, another protest organizer and an activist in the Seattle Mideast Awareness Campaign, the organization responsible for placing ads on billboards and Metro buses that call for the U.S. to pull its aid to Israel, kept the protesters moving and motivated as they faced down police along their path and at their destinations.

“Any delay works because it’s about sending the message,” said Mast, who also said he believed the action by the crowd accomplished its goals.

Craig and Cindy Corrie of Olympia, the parents of Rachel Corrie, who died in a

2003 protest in Gaza, came to Seattle to support Block the Boat.

Corrie said their pro-Palestinian movement would like to enlist more support from the unions.

“I think there needs to be an expense to Israel,” he said. “Just like in South Africa, this has gone too far. The U.S. and Israel are becoming more isolated.”

One protester was arrested and was bailed out later that evening.

Jonathan Sword, 39, of Seattle, said he rejects the use of anti-Semitic and anti-police overtones often found in these kinds of protests, but agrees with their political aims.

“It’s complicated, but I don’t think Israel is going to do this much longer,” said Sword. “It can’t go on like this.”

Though blatantly anti-Semitic signs had been spotted at protests at Westlake Plaza in downtown Seattle throughout the summer, the Block the Boat website stated explicitly that no such signs would be tolerated at these protests and none appeared.

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## Thinking strategically, SHA hires principal to move school forward

**EMILY K. ALHADEFF** Associate Editor, JTNews

This fall the Seattle Hebrew Academy welcomes Rabbi Daniel Loew to its faculty as principal, a new position created to bridge the school's Judaic and general studies.

Loew comes to the Modern Orthodox, dual-curriculum, early childhood-8th grade day school from the Hebrew High School of New England, where he had been head of school since 2005.

Loew's appointment follows SHA's new strategic plan, which seeks to achieve academic excellence, optimize enrollment, create a more sustainable financial model, and to expand the school's role in the Modern Orthodox community.

"We are very determined to be the epicenter of Modern Orthodoxy," SHA head of school Rivy Poupko Kletenik told JTNews. "We want to see ourselves having a role in the community at large."

One aspect of achieving this goal is to better bridge "Torah u'madah," or Jewish studies and general studies.

"The more that we can do to bring the two departments closer together, the more learning will happen in the classroom," Kletenik said. "What has been troubling me for several years is the separation of departments. In the morning they learn about Greeks — how great the Greeks are. In the afternoon they learn about Hanukkah and how horrible the Greeks are. Well, which one is it?"

Students end up compartmentalizing their brains the same way their days are compartmentalized, Kletenik said.

"We don't want that for our kids," she continued. "We need a synthesized self. We need someone whose two parts of their

brain are talking to each other."

As principal, Loew will be the "central address" for all teachers in the K-8 program.

"As a Modern Orthodox school, the Torah informs our lives, and faithfulness to our tradition is absolutely paramount," said Loew. "At the same time, that leaves so much opportunity and room for learning other disciplines."

"This is big news," said Kletenik. "I don't know of other schools that have this structure."

Jewish day schools across the country struggle with the financial burden placed on families, retaining teachers who could earn more in the public school system, and keeping educational standards top-notch. SHA's strategic plan seems to be tackling this trifecta of issues by improving the financial model, educational approach, and community relationships.

"People will recognize the value of this education and continue to invest in it," said Kletenik.

Raising the quality of the education at his previous institution is something Loew feels proud of.

"The faculty in the classrooms [is] the front line," said Loew. "I've been really pleased to work with the faculty at SHA. They seem really passionate and dedicated and professional. That's really where the success of the school lies: To empower the faculty to do what they do best."

Loew and his wife, Chanie, moved here from Hartford, Conn. with their five children — four boys in 9th grade and under, and a 3-year-old girl. Feeling it was time for a change, Loew says they were open

to anything when the job with SHA came around. He said they've been warmly welcomed into the community and feel privileged to be here.

"Things just sort of fell into place in

terms of what I was looking for and what SHA was looking for," he said. "This just seemed to be the place where God wanted us."

## Obama administration calls on Israel to reverse land appropriation

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Obama administration formally called on Israel to reverse its appropriation of West Bank land for settlement building, saying it was counterproductive to peace efforts.

"We are deeply concerned about the declaration of a large area as 'state land' to be used for expanded settlement building," said the statement Tuesday from Jen Psaki, the State Department spokeswoman.

"We have long made clear our opposition to continued settlement activity," Psaki said. "We call on the Government of Israel to reverse this decision."

While U.S. governments have expressed concern about settlement activity in the past, direct and public calls for Israel's government to reverse a decision are rare.

The Israel Defense Forces Civil Administration on Sunday said it would appropriate nearly 1,000 acres in the Gush Etzion bloc

and convert it to state land.

Centrist ministers in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government have opposed the appropriation, saying it would damage peace efforts.

"Yesterday's announcement, which wasn't brought to the Cabinet, regarding 900 acres of land for building in Gush Etzion harms the State of Israel," Finance Minister Yair Lapid said Monday while addressing a conference organized by Calcalist, an Israeli business publication.

"We are after a military operation and facing a complex diplomatic reality," said Lapid, referring to the aftermath of Israel's most recent conflict with Hamas in the Gaza Strip. "Maintaining the support of the world was already challenging, so why was it so urgent to create another crisis with the United States and the world?"

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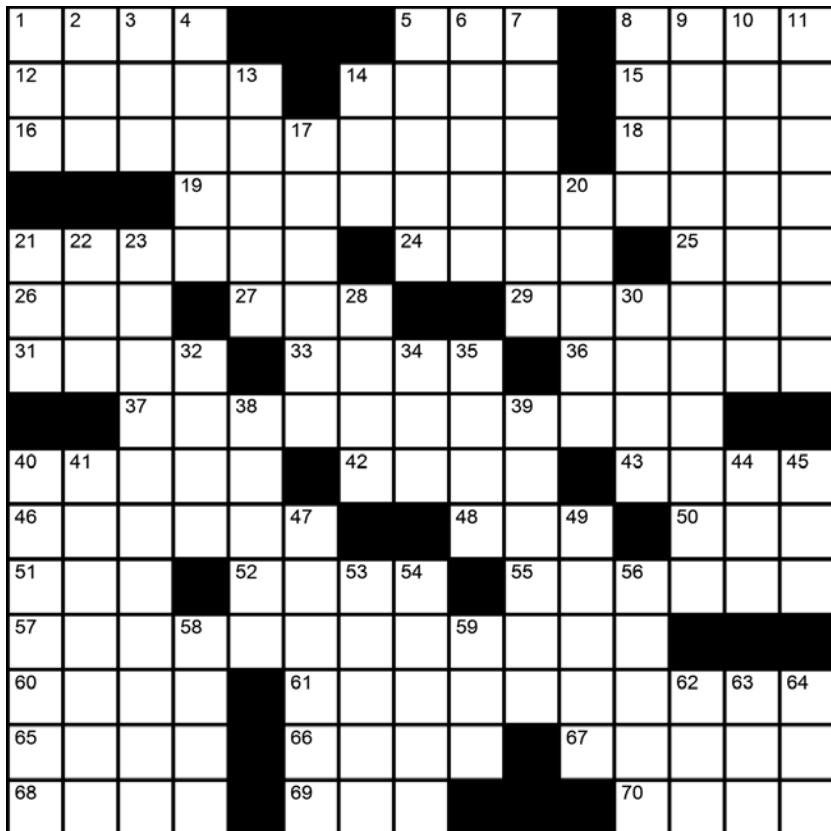
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## Refuse on Principle

by Mike Selinker



*"It is always easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them," psychotherapist Alfred Adler wrote, It's fairly easy to do something you want to do that matches your beliefs, but giving up something you want because your beliefs forbid it is another matter entirely. Here are five examples of some impressively principled refusals.*

### ACROSS

- 1 Its motto is "Because freedom can't protect itself"
- 5 Owned
- 8 Thing on the radar
- 12 Trumpet
- 14 Miami county
- 15 Hand, in Jalisco
- 16 He gave up the British throne so he could marry Wallis Simpson
- 18 *The Andy Griffith Show* character
- 19 He refused an Oscar because he thought the Academy was corrupt
- 21 Invisible
- 24 Birdhouse substance
- 25 Medieval interjection
- 26 Manhattan sch.
- 27 Apply gently
- 29 Prime time soap that had a 21-year hiatus between seasons
- 31 Side of a ledger
- 33 Conservative pol Trent
- 36 Illegal moves
- 37 He stepped away from a World Series start because it was on Yom Kippur
- 40 Time-saving computer command
- 42 Longtime Seahawks QB Jim
- 43 Apple named for a Japanese mountain
- 46 *Star Wars* director J.J.
- 48 Dictator Amin
- 50 Type of rodent
- 51 DX/V
- 52 Super-long time
- 55 "Sure, that's fine"
- 57 He declined a knighthood because he disliked snobbery
- 60 Regimen
- 61 They refused to play segregated stadiums in the South
- 65 Razor brand
- 66 "Livin' La Vida \_\_\_\_"
- 67 "Ciao!"
- 68 Classic puzzle game
- 69 Sheep's mom
- 70 Obsess about a slight

### DOWN

- 1 Actor Vigoda
- 2 Whitefish
- 3 "I am the \_\_\_\_!" (Judge Dredd)
- 4 Employment
- 5 Family of Reagan's first Secretary of State
- 6 How Henri says 67-Across
- 7 Got a plane ready at McMurdo Station, probably
- 8 College QB, perhaps
- 9 Opulent position
- 10 Starting
- 11 *Passé* term for a female author
- 13 Stuck like a cat, perhaps
- 14 Device that lets you view shows airing at the same time
- 17 Disneyland duck
- 20 Workers
- 21 German connector
- 22 Bill the Science Guy
- 23 What a YouTube celebrity wants more of
- 28 \_\_\_\_ II Men
- 30 Laze around
- 32 Actress Reid
- 34 Boxing result
- 35 Singer Amos
- 38 All-Star shortstop Garciparra
- 39 No longer together
- 40 Paving material made from tar and broken stones
- 41 Skill
- 44 Canner's creation
- 45 Gemstone ending
- 47 Compromise
- 49 Some furniture stores
- 53 "Architecture is the art \_\_\_\_ to waste space" (Philip Johnson)
- 54 Golfer Cheyenne Woods, to Tiger
- 56 Program components
- 58 State of Paris
- 59 Org. that left Seattle in 2008
- 62 Permit
- 63 Facial feature
- 64 Used 63-Downs

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## A scattered community united by SPARK

DIKLA TUCHMAN JTNews Correspondent



Moshav performs for a relaxed audience at Seward Park.

EMILY K. ALHADEFF

On Sunday, August 31, South Seattle's newly formed Eruv Cooperative hosted SPARK, an outdoor Jewish music festival in Seward Park.

Hundreds of community members and Jewish music appreciators piled into Seward Park Amphitheater to enjoy artists like singer-songwriter Ari Lesser, local Seattle-based recording artist Nissim, and headlining popular Israeli-American rock band, Moshav.

With the holiday weekend and threat of rain on Sunday, SPARK organizers were unsure what the turnout would look like.

Festival organizer Adam Simon said they were hoping for 200 to 500 attendees, and he was pleased to report the festival saw about 450 attendees, with a range of ages and Jewish backgrounds.

Games, bouncy houses, hamster balls, face painting, arts and crafts, and ice



DIKLA TUCHMAN



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Ari Lesser thrilled the crowd — especially the kids — with his clever spoken word performance.



we belong to and love, the Jewish community is so much bigger than each one of our 'interest groups,'" said Simon. "SPARK is intended to expand the walls of our Seward Park community."

Simon was excited to see a wide range of affiliations and people coming from as far as Portland and Vancouver to join what he called "a very memorable day of fun and music in the forest!"

Simon hopes to build on this year's success with a bigger SPARK next year.

cream were big attractions for kids and families, along with kosher Israeli cuisine by local food truck Falafel Salam. The event was sponsored by all five of the Seward Park neighborhood's Orthodox synagogues, and each had a booth inviting attendees to find out more about their congregations.

"We think the family-festival vibe we created Sunday has universal appeal and that word will spread year after year to more Jewish families who are seeking good live music and fun, non-denominational experience," said Simon. "This event in particular really has the ability to transcend the Orthodox community in a unique way." While the Cooperative is comprised of active members of the Seward Park-area Orthodox community, the festival included broad performance artists and activities for families of any denomination.

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# New AJC director wants change to start in Seattle

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The recently named regional director of the American Jewish Committee in Seattle will need cooperation from the Chamber of Commerce and the tourism bureau to implement the changes she hopes to bring to the advocacy organization.

Texas native Lila Pinksfeld took on the leadership role in the regional office in late July after a nationwide search to replace Wendy Rosen, who left late last year. Pinksfeld's goal is to make Seattle an example of cooperation to diplomats and government officials.

"We need to increase the knowledge of what's happening locally and nationally," said Pinksfeld. "That will require support and collaboration from leaders in the business community who understand the issues and know the truth."

Pinksfeld described the nationwide AJC organization and the Seattle chapter as being in a state of transition. She explained the organization has been an advocate for civil rights and immigration issues since 1906, but has needed to readjust its focus on

issues that include the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe, terrorism, and the possibility of a nuclear Iran, as well as advocacy for Israel.

"These are the same atrocities of the Middle Ages repeating themselves right now in Europe," she said. "The only thing the experts can all agree on is that education is our best weapon against ignorance."

Her plan to secure the safety of Israeli citizens and Jews around the world begins with opening an interfaith dialog with members of the Christian and Muslim communities.

"The regional offices cannot turn on a dime, but we can make a good start right here in Seattle as an example of what is possible,"

said Pinksfeld. "We want Seattle to become a shining example to political and religious leaders of the walls that can be torn down through communications and education."

The ambitious goals laid out by Pinksfeld made her the obvious choice to fill the executive director position in Seattle, according to Carlyn Steiner, president of

the regional AJC board. Steiner said she was motivated to extend an offer to Pinksfeld during her initial interview.

"The AJC board wanted to distance ourselves from the Jewish Film Festival and get back to our mission of advocacy for Israel and Jews around the world," Steiner said. "Lila is the right person to respond to the shifting threats against Jews around the world."

The board president witnessed the renewed mistrust of Jews all across Europe during a recent trip to Paris and Belgium. According to an update released by the AJC in August, the organization has bolstered its presence in European cities to monitor the situation as it develops.

Steiner added that the AJC has also established an office in Kiev to respond to both Jewish and humanitarian needs in the Ukraine.

Pinksfeld explained that the AJC needs to develop partnerships between parliaments in Europe and government officials in the U.S. to support the critical needs of Jews.

"The geographic position of Seattle and the base of industry in our community — high-tech, aerospace — puts our region in

a position to become a leader in the fight to protect and support Jewish interests in Asia, in Europe and in Israel," she said.

Before accepting her new role as regional director for the AJC, Pinksfeld served as the leadership management director for AIPAC in Houston and Seattle. She was responsible for educating the communities about the lobbying process and how it impacts the U.S.-Israel relationship.

In the three years between her two assignments for AIPAC, the NYU graduate lived on a kibbutz in Northern Israel, where she assisted the resource development department at Kinneret College to introduce itself to the English speaking world.

Pinksfeld's development experience began at the Hillel at Tulane University in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. She participated in the first birthright trip to Israel in 2000, which inspired her to earn her undergraduate degree in Middle Eastern studies and a master's in history from Haifa University.

Lila's husband was a member of the IDF when they met while waiting together at a bus station. The couple has two young children, ages 3 and 6, and belongs to Congregation Beth Shalom in Seattle.



Lila Pinksfeld

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Back in the U.S., she arrived at the University of Cincinnati where, she says, "I literally threw down my transcript in front of the registrar and said, 'Find me the quickest way out.'"

The registrar's response: Judaic studies. After completing that degree, Debra also earned a M.Ed. at the University of Cincinnati.

Debra served as director of Jewish learning at Temple Beth-El in Hillsborough, N.J. for 10 years and then direc-

tor of congregational learning at Temple Beth-El in South Bend, Ind. She is also the educational consultant for the American Jewish Archives, which maintains the largest collection of primary documents on American Jewish history ([www.americanjewisharchives.org](http://www.americanjewisharchives.org)). She takes source materials from the archives and develops curriculum outlines for teachers.

"It's a fabulous website," she says, and "I'm kind of a history nerd."

She sees "nothing but opportunity" at B'nai Torah, which has experienced numerous staff changes recently, calling it "the central location for all things educational in the suburban Bellevue area."

**3 Short takes: Lauren Simonds,** former executive director of the local chapter of National Council of Jewish Women, reports she is now the executive director of the National Association on Mental Illness for Washing-

ton State (NAMI-WA) which improves the quality of life for all those affected by mental illness through advocacy, education and support. NAMI supports 22 affiliates in the state. She also tells us that she and former state representative **Laura Ruderman** have joined the board of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) — Laura with AAUW Redmond/Kirkland, and Lauren on the state board as the public policy co-chair.



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# B'nai anarchy

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You might expect to see a line of motorcycles parked outside a dive bar, but lined up outside a Jewish nursing facility — you might do a double take.



That was the scene on the sunny Sunday morning of August 24, when the Tribe, Seattle's Jewish motorcycle club, pulled up to the Kline Galland Home.

About 14 members of the Tribe spent two hours chatting with elderly residents over coffee and donuts before riding down to Seward Park for the annual picnic they

sponsor for Seattle Area Jews with Disabilities, a program of Jewish Family Service. This was the first time they had visited Kline Galland as a group. The idea came from two Tribe members who have parents living there.

Rosie Coe, the only female rider that day, visited with her mother, Perla Schneider.

"Mom, were you afraid when I started riding motorcycles?" Coe asked her mother.

"I thought you were in good hands," Schneider responded, referring to Coe's fiancé, Bruce Lobree, who got her into the hobby.

Lobree's leather riding vest is covered in patches. One is a yellow star with "never again" written across it. Another is a Star of David that says "proud Jewish biker." And of course, in the center of his back is his own club's patch, a Star of David in flames, above it a Torah scroll unfurled that reads "The Tribe."

"When I heard about the

Tribe it was like this camaraderie," said Coe. "It's special because we're all Jews, and we all ride motorcycles. It's pretty cool."

According to the Jewish Motorcycle Alliance, "The common thread is our religion; however membership or admittance to our member clubs is not dictated by faith or brand of motorcycle: riders of any denomination or brand of bike are welcome." Clubs around the country go by names like Chai Riders, Hillel's Angels, Shalom n' Chrome, and the Rebbe's Riders.

The group consists of all types of Jews, from the very involved to the unaffiliated.

"Some people say we're an eating club with a riding habit," said Myles Kahn, a rider and the vice president of Temple De Hirsch Sinai. "We all get along and we all have a common background."

Jeff Kay, the unofficial leader, looks like a tough guy, but he has a soft spot for organizing Jewish community.

"I'm a very firm believer in bringing

Jews together around a shared interest," he said. "This is one of them."



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## Pay attention: A simple discovery tool for ADHD

JANIS SIEGEL JTNews Columnist

Israeli researchers from Tel Aviv University, the University of Haifa and the Goldschleger Eye Research Institute at Sheba Medical Center, Tel Hashomer, found what they've called a "foolproof" method of diagnosing children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Given ADHD's uncodified set of symptoms, its unknown causes, and the many side effects of the methamphetamine-based drugs used to treat children who are diagnosed with it, according to the National Institutes of Health, it would be more than worthwhile for parents to direct their attention to the results of this newly published study, which simply observes a sufferer's micro-sized eye movements.

Although the study, published by Dr. Moshe Fried from TAU's Sackler Faculty of Medicine in the May 2014 issue of the journal "Vision Research," recommended using these drugs for the treatment of ADHD because its study reaffirmed they work. The reduction of misdiagnosed children who won't be exposed to amphetamines and stimulants like Adderall, and methylphenidate, the generic name for Ritalin and Concerta, could be significant.

"We had two objectives going into this research," Fried said in a university statement. "The first was to provide a new diagnostic tool for ADHD, and the second was to test whether ADHD medication really works — and we found that it does."

A simple and inexpensive 22-minute interval exercise can accurately diagnose the disorder.

"This test is affordable and accessible," said Fried, "rendering it a practical and foolproof tool for medical professionals. Eye movements tracked in this test are involuntary, so they constitute a sound physiological marker of ADHD."

Researchers recorded eye and eyelid movements, known as oculomotor movements, in two groups of 22 ADHD-diagnosed patients. One group was given Ritalin and the other received no medication.

Along with a third control group of 22 non-ADHD subjects, they all took the Variables of Attention Test, where each was measured against a known standard involuntary eye movement rate to show which attention-related mechanisms are affected by ADHD and to compare with the other groups.

Researchers found that the average small, involuntary, twitchy movements, called microsaccades, and the blink rates were higher in the ADHD groups. They also increased over the 22-minute period in both the medicated and the unmedicated groups, but in much quicker increments in the unmedicated group.

"With medication," wrote Fried in the study report, "the level and time course of



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the microsaccade rate were fully normalized to the control level, regardless of the time interval within trials. We suggest that ADHD subjects fail to maintain sufficient levels of arousal during a simple and prolonged task, which limits their ability to dynamically allocate attention while anticipating visual stimuli. This impairment normalizes with medication and its oculomotor quantification could potentially be used for differential diagnosis."

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 11 percent of children between 4 and 17 years old were diagnosed with ADHD in 2011. That's nearly 6 million children in 2014 population figures.

However, the U.S. National Institute of Drug Abuse has expressed concerns about serious concurrent side effects and long-term effects in the brains of those taking methamphetamines. The drugs can also change the function of the brain and the body of users, the agency said.

Because it increases the brain's output of dopamine, the "feel good" neurotransmitter, users "crash" when stopping it and want to feel good again, eventually wanting more due to damaged dopamine neurons. Even small doses can cause sleeplessness, loss of appetite, higher blood pressure, and a faster heartbeat, while users can also become more aggressive and irritable.

Researchers have also discovered that three years after stopping the drug, dopamine neurons were still damaged. To date, it is not known if they recover.

A 2008 study published in "Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America" cites evidence that treating preschoolers would curb the onset of ADHD earlier, but admitted that the long-term effects of treating children that young are unknown.

And a large 2014 study, the Premarket Safety and Efficacy Studies for ADHD Medications in Children, which looked at 32 clinical trials to recommend or reject the approval of 20 new ADHD drugs before the drugs were marketed, expressed pessimism.

That study evaluated the number of participants in the trials and documented the subjects' length of exposure in the ADHD drug trials before the drugs could be prescribed.

"It is unclear to what extent the long-term safety and efficacy of ADHD drugs have been evaluated prior to their market authorization," concluded the study.

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## The Jewish capacity for love

By Erin Pike

Love has been on my mind.

Exactly one year ago I was in Israel, falling in love with its natural beauty and powerful spiritual energy. It was no accident that I left the States single, and returned ready for love. I knew after that trip (my first time, on Birthright) that my heart had grown. I could feel it stretch throughout the 10-day journey, expanding uncomfortably, growing pains in the slow heat of a desert. The trip, though brief, had challenged me. It forced me to truly understand how there are parts of people, parts of a place, that are flawed and imperfect and yet I could still experience love within the crevices of those imperfections.

Of course, I knew that concept already. I just had not lived it yet. So I stepped off the plane at Sea-Tac and into my first serious relationship. He was the only partner I had been with where our friendship felt as promising as our mutual attraction for one another. I understood that to be the best kind of love possible: Two pals with an inside joke, sharing grins across the table.

"I love you," I said one day.

Then another day not long after that, there was a knock on my front door. "I'm moving on," he said.

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## Our bridge across generations

By Anne Boher

Recently, Emily Ziskind, director of life enrichment at The Summit at First Hill, asked my husband Leslie and me if we'd like to join a group of young people from Hillel's Jconnect who wanted to visit and mingle with senior couples in celebration of the Jewish holiday that honors love: Tu b'Av. The couples from the older and younger generations would come together and share information that would hopefully strengthen the marriages of the young couples just starting out.

We had previously been invited to join with them and a group of Holocaust survivors for lunch, and based on that lovely occasion we eagerly accepted the invitation.

We were surprised to find more than 10 Summit senior couples joined by an equal number of young couples. At first the scene resembled a high school dance, with the "juniors" at one end of the room and the "seniors" at the other! Emily quickly took charge and asked everyone to introduce themselves, starting with the younger group. The seniors were asked how long we had been married, how we met, and whether we had any advice for marital happiness — perhaps with an interesting anecdote. The young couples had similar stories, except instead of blind dating, they found each other on computers!

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After he walked away, I felt vacant, I felt nothing. I wanted to weep but found it difficult. I was frozen in a state of confusion and shock. But as summer approached, my heart began to thaw, and I could finally feel and love again.

I had an incredible summer, full of healing. So when I heard that Jconnect was hosting a Tu B'Av event, where young couples would join older couples at The Summit on First Hill to discuss love, I couldn't wait to partake.

As I sipped a glass of wine in the library of the Summit, I found myself oddly nervous. There were couples in the room that had been together 23 years, 45 years, even 65 years. It was like being in a room full of great works of art, and feeling worried that I wouldn't have time to take them all in. A microphone was passed around the circle of individuals, many Summit residents touted half-joking advice like the importance of "Yes, dear!" and "Never buy anything on credit!"

But as young couples began to mingle and converse one on one with the older couples, serious conversations emerged about the nature of togetherness ("Kids don't give it enough time... you gotta work at it") and the critical sense of community ("What a comfortable feeling to be with your own people [at the Summit] in this stage of life"). Soon, many of the topics had progressed from relationships and marriage to broader themes of Jewish identity and culture. One resident spoke to members of Jconnect about living in Israel, and his frustration regarding the conflicts between denominations within Judaism.

A few couples also shared stories of serious world events affecting their lives: Major earthquakes, evacuations, war, traveling by boat and the luck of being in the right one. With their clarity and perspective, I had to wonder — how much is our ability to love strengthened by hardship? Is it possible that many of my Jewish peers and I have encountered difficulty in love because there is a lack of cultural urgency in our generation?

I am reminded of a friend's observation from a Shabbat service. It was her first time in a synagogue and she remarked on how interesting it was that we took time in an otherwise joyous celebration to honor relatives and community members who were no longer with us. The tradition — celebrating life while also acknowledging death — resonated with her. It was the sense that our lives do not exist forever, but while we're alive we must live fully.

Living life fully includes expressing and receiving love fully. As the residents of The Summit shared their insights on Tu B'Av, love for your partner, love for your people, and love for your community are all integral to sustaining a healthy heart well into your golden years.

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Bill Schmidt, a Summit resident, advised a couple who had been together five years to take the leap into marriage, saying, "What are you waiting for?"

Schick and Frieda Feinberg, a Summit couple, shared that their love had eventually produced 51 grandchildren! Leslie and I had a chance to talk about our exciting married life, which began with an earthquake during the wedding ceremony, and a forest fire that delayed our honeymoon!

After the icebreaker, Emily asked the young couples to break into groups with the senior couples of their choosing. Soon the room reverberated with laughter and animated conversation. We felt lucky to have been chosen by a delightful couple. The young lady recently qualified as a psychiatrist and now works at the VA hospital. The young man just started medical school and they now have a young child. The young lady hopes to persuade her grandmother to move to Seattle and maybe move into The Summit! We had a lot in common and were captured by their charm and intelligence.

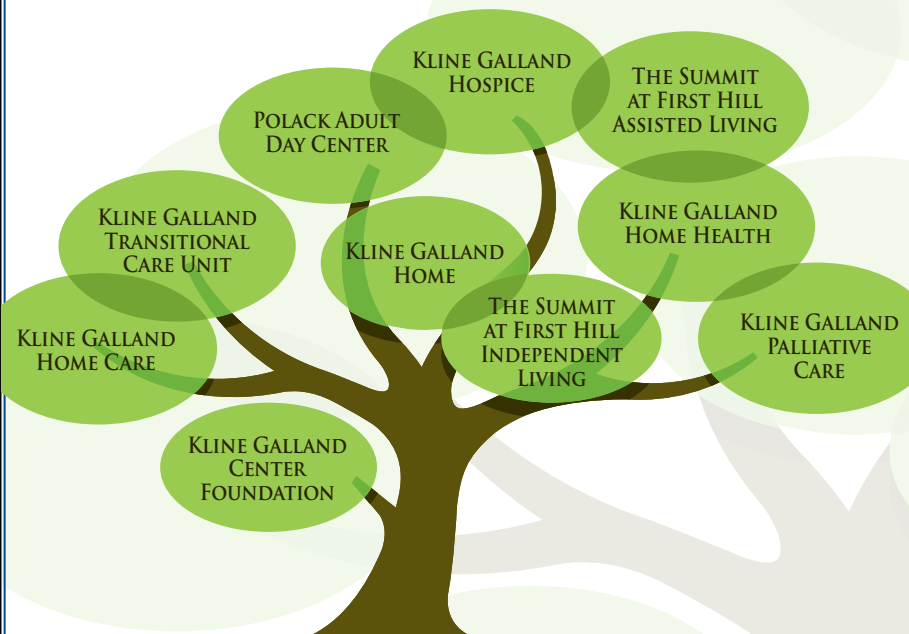
We all shared refreshments and all too soon it was time to say goodbye. Afterwards we seniors expressed our pleasure at meeting such an attractive and attentive group of young people. We hope we have a chance to visit with them again!



Summit residents George and Anne Hirschhorn meet with Jconnectors Alexandra Doctor and Nicholas Doctor.

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## In lame-duck period, Obama administration retreats from peace endeavors

**RON KAMPEAS** JTA World News Service  
Analysis

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Does the prospect of President Obama's lame-duck period, coupled with the multiple foreign crises he is facing, diminish his quest for Israeli-Palestinian peace?

Little on the immediate diplomatic horizon signals an intensive U.S. interest in advancing the peace process.

There have been no announcements of high-level meetings between Obama and the Palestinian and Israeli leaders at the U.N. General Assembly, which begins this year on Sept. 16. There have been no leaks, as there have been in the past, that Obama would be making any major statements on the peace process at the G.A.

John Kerry, the peripatetic U.S. secretary of state who lost count of his visits to the region until the collapse in April of peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, has no plans to return anytime soon.

Rather, Kerry and Obama are focused on an expanding range of issues, including escalations in Russia's conflict with Ukraine, pushing back against Islamist extremists throughout the Middle East, and a looming deadline in nuclear talks with Iran.

Additionally, Obama administration relations with both the Israelis and Palestinians have soured since the collapse of the peace talks, which the Americans blamed on both sides — the Palestinians for resisting a deadline extension, Israel for expanding settlement activity. Tensions were exacerbated over civilian casualties among Palestinians during Israel's war with

Hamas in the Gaza Strip over the summer.

Alan Solow, a past chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and a major fundraiser for Obama's election campaigns, said it doesn't make sense to pursue a peace that the sides are not ready to embrace.

"They recognize they want to spend their time productively," Solow said on Tuesday. "Where they sense a further investment of time will not yield progress, there are plenty of other problems they can turn to that may yield progress."

Statements from officials suggest that the Obama administration is more interested in managing rather than resolving the conflict.

Jen Psaki, Kerry's spokeswoman, said that a meeting Kerry planned to have in Washington with Saeb Erekat, the top Palestinian peace negotiator, would focus on the cease-fire between Israel and Hamas. She did not mention the peace process.

"They'll talk about a range of issues, there's an ongoing cease-fire discussion and a range of longer-term issues," she said.

Asked by a reporter about Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' latest reported proposal for a three-year withdrawal of Israel from the West Bank based on U.N. resolutions, Psaki would say only that the United States did not see the proposal as "productive."

Jonathan Schanzer, a vice president of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a foreign policy think tank that favors intervention, counseled continued U.S. engagement should the par-

ties decide they seriously want to discuss peace. But Schanzer said it was about time for the Obama administration to let go of its ambitions for a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"Imagine if we had spent the same time

and energy fighting ISIS over the last 10 months as we had investing in the peace process," he said, referring to the jihadist group in Iraq and Syria that the Obama administration has only in recent weeks directly engaged.

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of years after first coming upon Rogers's screed in the Washington State Library. I have talked it over with friends from my careers in academics and government.

One option I put to them is to do nothing, leaving the statue and Rogers's reputation untouched. A second option is to push for a second plaque on his statue in downtown Olympia, providing a more complete picture of this populist. A third option is to push for removal of this statue to a less prominent spot, inside the office building of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for example.

What was the result of my informal poll? Whether Jew or non-Jew, most favor doing nothing. No one knows whether Governor Rogers truly was an anti-Semite. What, I was asked, would be the aim of sully his reputation at this point?

Anti-Semitism was hardly uncommon in 19th-century America, especially among

Populists. But Rogers's anti-Semitism was hardly benign. Imagine yourself as a Jewish person during that time, hearing or reading such vile language coming from a man who would shortly be the governor of the state?

Libels such as those disseminated by Rogers have a long history and a long life. While Governor Rogers was in many ways a product of his times, that is hardly a reason to ignore his hostility to the Jewish people and his bizarre linking of Jews and the crisis of the 1890s.

Let me pose two questions to you: Is there a time limit on holding a public figure in this state responsible for his anti-Semitism? What should be done about Rogers's statue or the schools named after him?

Russell Lidman is a retired professor in public policy at Seattle University, and has worked at The Evergreen State College and in the governor's office for more recent incumbents. He is also the outgoing board president of Temple Beth Hatfiloh in Olympia.

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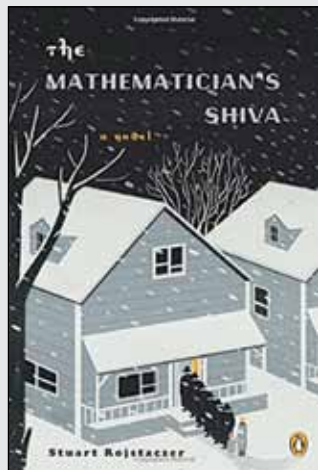
  
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## Local prof tackles the shifting sands of the Middle East

**JOEL MAGALNICK** Editor, JTNews

Interested in knowing more about why there's a war against Hamas in Gaza? Where ISIS came from and how it came about? Why there's such an anti-Western bias throughout the Middle East? You could get a lot of that information from spending hours on end following link after link on various websites, but what you'll learn will likely be biased, fear-mongering propaganda.



Or you could pick up "Shifting Sands: The United States in the Middle East" (Columbia University Press, 2014) by Prof. Joel Migdal of the University of

Washington's Jackson School of International Studies. As Migdal, who is fairly well known within our Jewish community, notes in his foreword, this book is based on lectures he gave on other campuses titled "The Making of the Twenty-First Century." Its focus, however, goes back to the early part of the 20th, mostly because the jumbled mess that constitutes today's Middle East is the direct result of decisions — we can call them bad, but isn't hindsight always 20/20? — made 30 or 50

or 100 years ago.

Where Migdal takes a different tack, however, is in his perspective: Rather than portraying the United States as the white knight that comes in to save the day after every skirmish, coup d'etat or civil war, he digs deep to explain how even some of our most celebrated leaders over the past century couldn't get their heads out from between their legs to figure out what was going on: "In short, diplomacy was fraught with uncertainty and danger. Clear strategic aims did not lead either to clear tactics or a clear-cut set of policies.... Pursuing a coherent strategy turned out to be messy business."

Part of the problem was the way our leaders at any given time put the Middle East situation into their own context: Through the frame of the Cold War, trying to use the oligarchies and dictatorships as pieces in the deadly chess game between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, for example, or as an imperial power that made no bones about its decision to invade Iraq in 2003.

Even with so much access to information, getting a grasp on the region has not been easy. "For U.S. officials, recognizing and understanding the Middle East's central dynamics, especially in a region that was so fundamentally transformed, were major challenges," Migdal writes about changes in the region in the 1970s and beyond. "It was not immediately clear to

U.S. policy makers what the changes in the region actually were, what they added up to, or how to construct sensible, effective policies in response to them."

Coming into the 21st century, Migdal has particular enmity toward the George W. Bush administration, saying that Bush "missed the totality of the transformation that had overtaken the Middle East." Rather than using other powers to build strong coalitions and to help defray costs, Bush's go-it-alone strategy dearly cost America both economically and in its world standing.

Migdal is not so easy on the Obama administration, either, writing that though the president had brought in big names with vast diplomatic experience, "what was still missing from this mix of archers and arrows was a clear target. There was no comprehensive understanding of how the various hotspots, wars and other challenges that the United States faced in the area intersected with one another, so that a coherent region-wide policy could be devised."

Instead, Migdal calls to "move away from Bush's and Obama's elevation of the

fight to a central plank of American domestic and foreign policy and one of the pillars of strategy in the Middle East. The campaign against terror...should be seen as a chronic law-enforcement problem, one with international dimensions, but it should not be upgraded to an all-out war." Such goals, he writes, are unattainable and "erode confidence in government and push out more attainable aims."

While the book ends on a hopeful note, it was published before the summer, when all hell broke loose across the region, so to get to that place of optimism may take more time than even Migdal, who more or less predicts the rise of these new terror groups by aim if not by name, may have believed.

Given his connection to Israel and the amount of time he has spent there, Migdal gives more attention to the Jewish State than another author writing a similar book may have done. This doesn't take away from the importance of the overall foreign policy lesson, but it makes me wonder he fell into the same trap as rest of the world when it comes to the attention paid to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



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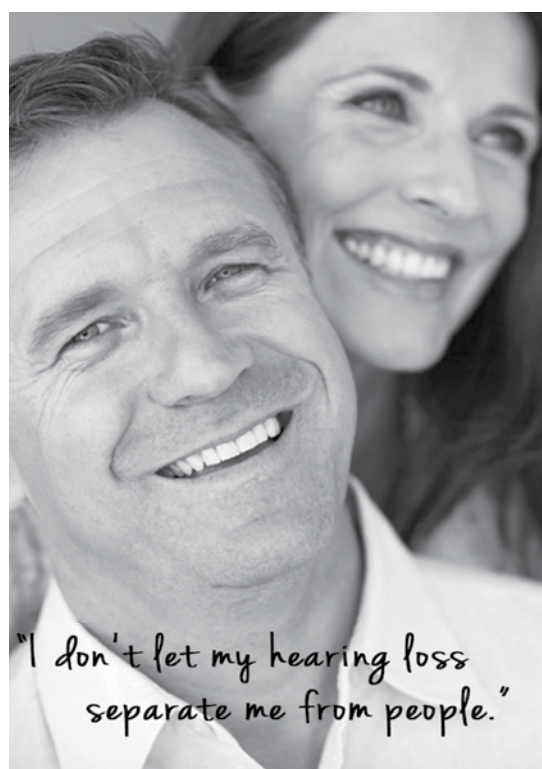
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Erev Rosh Hashanah: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Make eruv tavshilin before lighting candles.  
Rosh Hashanah Day One: Shacharis at 7:45 a.m. Torah reading at 9:40 a.m. Latest Shema at 10 a.m. Sermon at 10:15 a.m. Shofar blowing at 10:40 a.m. Mussaf at 11 a.m. Mincha at 6:35 p.m. Tashlich following Mincha. Maariv at 7:40 p.m. Candle lighting after 7:46 p.m.  
Rosh Hashanah Day Two: Shacharis at 7:45 a.m. Torah reading at 9:40 a.m. Latest Shema at 10 a.m. Sermon at 10:15 a.m. Shofar blowing at 10:40 a.m. Mussaf at 11 a.m. Shabbos candle lighting at 6:41 p.m. Mincha at 6:40 p.m.

Erev Yom Kippur: 6:30 p.m.  
Yom Kippur: Shacharis at 8 a.m. Latest Shema at 10:05 a.m. Torah reading at 10:45 a.m. Sermon at 11:30 a.m. Yizkor at 12 p.m. Mussaf at 12:15 p.m. Mincha at 4:45 p.m. Ne'ilah at 6:15 p.m. Fast concludes at 7:28 p.m.

### Capitol Hill Minyan (Orthodox)

1501 17th Ave., Seattle  
206-659-7485 or www.capitolhillminyan.org  
Traditional Orthodox services and a warm environment in the center of Seattle. Free.  
Erev Rosh Hashanah: 6:50 p.m.  
Rosh Hashanah Day One: 8:30 a.m. Shofar at 11:15 a.m. Tashlich at 6 p.m. at Volunteer Park. Mincha at 6:40 p.m.  
Rosh Hashanah Day Two: 8:30 a.m. Shofar at 11:15 a.m. Mincha at 6:40 p.m.  
Erev Yom Kippur: 6:30 p.m.  
Yom Kippur: 8:30 a.m. Yizkor at 11:30 a.m. Mincha at 5 p.m. Break-the-fast at 7:30 p.m.

### Chabad House (Traditional Orthodox)

4541 19th Ave. NE, Seattle.  
info@chabadofseattle.org or chabadofseattle.org  
Rosh Hashanah Day One: 10 a.m.  
Rosh Hashanah Day Two: 10 a.m.  
Yom Kippur: 10 a.m.

### Chabad of Seattle/Congregation Shaarei Tefilah Lubavitch (Traditional Orthodox)

6250 43rd Ave. NE, Seattle.  
info@chabadofseattle.org or chabadofseattle.org  
Erev Rosh Hashanah: 6:45-8:45 p.m.  
Rosh Hashanah Day One: 9-11 a.m.  
Rosh Hashanah Day Two: 9 a.m.  
Yom Kippur: 10 a.m.

### Congregation Beth Shalom (Conservative)

6800 35th Ave. NE, Seattle  
206-524-0075 or naomikramer@bethshalomseattle.org or www.bethshalomseattle.org  
\$180 for all services.  
Erev Rosh Hashanah: 6:30-7:15 p.m. Rosh Hashanah symbolic foods seder at 6. Children's crafts and activities afterwards.  
Rosh Hashanah Day One: 8:30 a.m. Young families service (0-3) at 10 a.m. Pre-readers (4-7) at 10 a.m. Readers (2nd-5th grade) at 11 a.m.  
Rosh Hashanah Day Two: 8:30 a.m. Young family service (age 0-5) at 10 a.m. Grade-school age family service at 11 a.m.  
Erev Yom Kippur: 5:30 p.m. Grade-school age family service at 6:45 p.m.  
Yom Kippur: 9 a.m. Young family (0-3) service at 10 a.m. Pre-reader family service (4-7) at 10 a.m.

## High Holy Day Services at



16530 Avondale Road NE  
(Just north of Redmond PCC)  
Guests, college students, and visitors welcome.  
Call 425-844-1604 or email admin@kolaminw.org for details and financial arrangements.

*Bring in the New Year with spirit, faith, community and joy!*



Services led by Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg with simultaneous services and programs for adults and children.

### Rosh Hashanah:

- September 24 at 7:30 PM
- September 25 at 10:30 AM (Children's Program available)

### Yom Kippur:

- October 3 at 7:30 PM
- October 4 at services at 10:30 AM (Children's Program available)
- Study group at 1:00 PM
- Afternoon services 3:00 PM
- Yizkor/Neilah at 5:00 PM
- Break the Fast meal at 6:30 PM

# High Holy Days

## Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 24 and Thursday, September 25

## Yom Kippur

Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4

**Contact us for ticket info**

206-525-0915  
info@templebetham.org  
www.templebetham.org



**TEMPLE BETH AM**

2632 NE 80th St. | Seattle, WA 98115

## Join our Temple Family for the High Holy Days.



The following services are free of charge. For information, contact us at 206-323-8486.

### ROSH HASHANAH SEPT. 25, THURSDAY

#### *Kulanu*: Intergenerational Family Service

10:00am • Seattle  
Open to Public • No Tickets Required

#### Family Service

1:30pm • Bellevue  
Open to Public • No Tickets Required

#### Tashlich Service

Casting off our sins  
3:00pm • Luther Burbank Park, Mercer Island

#### Sha'arei Tikvah\* Dinner and Service

4:00pm • Seattle  
\* Sha'arei Tikvah is a partnership with Jewish Family Service to offer services and celebrations for Jews of all abilities.

### YOM KIPPUR OCT. 4, SATURDAY

#### *Kulanu*: Intergenerational Family Service

10:00am • Seattle  
Open to Public • No Tickets Required

#### Family Service

1:30pm • Bellevue  
Open to Public • Tickets Required

• Temple welcomes you to a variety of High Holy Days services not listed here.

• Please contact us to purchase tickets at 206-323-8486.

High Holy Days  
Temple De Hirsch Sinai  
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Seattle: 1441 16th Ave.  
Bellevue: 3850 156th Ave. SE  
www.tdhs-nw.org

Readers family service (2nd-5th grade) at 11 a.m.

#### Congregation Eitz Or (Renewal)

At the UUC, 6556 35th Ave NE, Seattle  
206-467-2617 or info@eitzor.org or  
www.eitzor.org

Experience an uplifting Jewish Renewal High Holy Days with Reb Arik Labowitz and a group of talented musicians.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 6:45-9 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tashlich and shofar at 4-5:30 at Greenlake Bathhouse Theater.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 7 p.m. Listen to the beautiful strains of Kol Nidre played by flautist Maxxine Smith.

**Yom Kippur:** 10 a.m. Renewal service, healing service, and potluck break-the-fast.

#### Congregation Tikvah Chadashah (GLBTQ)

RSVP for location

Roy Hamrick at 206-328-6586 or  
CTC@TikvahChadashah.org or  
tikvahchadashah.org

Puget Sound's GLBTQ chavurah holds lay-led, participatory High Holy Day services in a private home setting. Free.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 7:30-9 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 8-9 p.m.

**Yom Kippur:** 10 a.m.

#### Hillel at the University of Washington

4745 17th Ave. NE, Seattle  
206-527-1997 or info@hilleluw.org or  
www.hilleluw.org

Traditional egalitarian service in Hebrew and a liberal service. Advance reservations required at

www.hilleluw.org/highholidays. Donations from community members and Jconnectors welcome; students free.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 6:30-8 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 6-8 p.m.

**Yom Kippur:** 10:30 a.m.

#### Kadima Reconstructionist Community

Prospect Church, 1919 E Prospect St., Seattle  
206-547-3914 or office@kadima.org or  
www.kadima.org

You are welcome to join the Kadima community for a spiritually deep High Holy Days experience. Donations gratefully accepted.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

With children's service. Vegetarian potluck lunch after services. Tashlich at Madrona Beach Park.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Yom Kippur:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Concurrent children's morning service. Yizkor at 5 p.m., Ne'ilah at 6 p.m., break-fast potluck at 7 p.m.

#### Kol HaNeshamah (Reform)

St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church,  
3050 California Ave. SW, Seattle.  
Sheila Abrahams at 206-935-1590 or  
execdir@khnseattle.org or www.khnseattle.org

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 7-10 p.m.

"Beginning the journey, bearing gifts."

**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Children's service at 9 a.m. Tashlich at 1:30 p.m.

"Being present: Awakening."

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 7-10 p.m. "Join with a sense of awe."

**Yom Kippur:** 10 a.m. "Reflection and

integration." Children's service at 9 a.m. Mincha, Yizkor and Ne'ilah 4-6:45 p.m. Break-the-fast immediately following.

#### LivingJudaism (Orthodox)

At Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath,  
5145 S Morgan St., Seattle  
206-851-9949 or info@livingjudaism.com  
or livingjudaism.com

"High Holidays that hit the sweet spot."

Rosh Hashanah is much more than shofar, apples and honey. It contains a powerful message of spiritual rejuvenation and self-transformation. Joyous prayer and classes in an inclusive atmosphere. Donations welcome.

**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Minyan Ohr Chadash (Orthodox)

6701 51st Ave., Seattle  
Louis Treiger at 206-313-1569 or  
minyanohrchadash@gmail.com or  
www.minyanohrchadash.org

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 6:50-7:30 p.m. Mincha and Maariv. Free.

**Rosh Hashanah Day One:** 6:45-8 p.m. Mincha, Tashlich and Maariv.

**Rosh Hashanah Day Two:** 8 a.m. Shacharit, Torah reading, dvar Torah by Rabbi Bernie Fox, shofar, Mussaf. Youth program at 10 a.m.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kol Nidre,

dvar Torah by Rabbi Morton Moskowitz and Maariv (Mincha at 3:30).

**Yom Kippur:** 8:30 a.m. Shacharit, Torah reading,

Mussaf (youth program begins at 10). Afternoon services 4:45-7 p.m. with pre-mincha dvar Torah by Rivy Poupko Kletenik, Mincha, Ne'ilah, Maariv.

#### Secular Jewish Circle (Humanistic)

206-528-1944 or info@secularjewishcircle.org or secularjewishcircle.org.

For location and to register visit

www.secularjewishcircle.org/rhregistration

Seattle's home for secular Jews. Join the SJC family and friends for the annual Rosh Hashanah ceremony, celebrated from a humanist perspective. Led by Malya Muth and Erica Jonlin, through stories, poems, and songs, reflect on the themes of Rosh Hashanah: Teshuvah — turning and returning — and Tashlich — casting off the past year's mistakes and regrets — and starting anew.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 7-9 p.m.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 7:30-9 p.m. Erica leads contemplation of Yom Kippur themes and soprano soloist and voice coach Malya sings the haunting, powerful Kol Nidre melody.

#### Sha'arei Tikvah Celebrations for All

At Temple De Hirsch Sinai,  
1441 16th Ave., Seattle

Marjorie Schnyder at 206-861-3146 or  
familylife@jfsseattle.org or jfsseattle.org

Led by Rabbi Aaron Mayer, Cantor David Serkin-Poole and special guests, this community-wide service is accessible to people of all abilities and ages. ASL provided by a CI/CT interpreter. Kosher dietary laws observed. Advance registration encouraged.

To discuss other special accommodations,

please contact by Sept. 12.

**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 4-6 p.m.

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah Wednesday, September 24

- Contemporary Service 5:00 PM
- Traditional Service 8:00 PM

Our clergy welcomes everyone to Temple B'nai Torah this High Holy Days season.

**Rabbi David A. Lipper, DD**  
**Cantor David Serkin-Poole**

Please call (425) 603-9677  
for ticket information.

#### Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 25

- Traditional Service 9:00 AM
- Youth Service (1-6 grade) 9:00 AM
- Teen Service (7-12 grade) 9:00 AM
- Contemporary Service 12:30 PM
- Children's & Family Service 3:00 PM
- Tashlich at Phantom Lake 4:30 PM
- Sha'arei Tikvah Service at Temple De Hirsch Sinai, Seattle 4:00 PM (jointly sponsored by TBT, TDHS and Jewish Family Service)

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**Temple B'nai Torah**

15727 NE 4th Street, Bellevue, WA 98008  
(425) 603-9677 TempleBnaiTorah.org



#### Kol Nidre

Friday, October 3

- Contemporary Service 5:00 PM
- Traditional Service 8:00 PM

#### Selichot, Saturday, September 20

At Temple B'nai Torah

Program 7:00 PM

Refreshments 8:30 PM

Service 9:00 PM

Conducted by clergy and choirs from Temple B'nai Torah and TDHS.

#### Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 4

- Traditional Service 9:00 AM
- Youth Service (1-6 grade) 9:00 AM
- Teen Service (7-12 grade) 9:00 AM
- Contemporary Service 12:30 PM
- Yom Kippur Study Sessions 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM
- Children's and Family Service 3:00 PM
- Mincha Service 4:00 PM
- Yizkor 5:00 PM
- Ne'ilah Concluding Service 6:00 PM
- Congregational Break-the-Fast 7:00 PM (Time is approximate)

**Sephardic Bikur Holim (Orthodox)**

6500 52nd Ave. S, Seattle  
Diana Black at 206-723-3028  
Services are conducted in the traditional Orthodox Sephardic rite.  
Please call to reserve a seat.

**Rosh Hashanah Day One:** Tefila at 8 a.m.

Shofar at 10:30 a.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day Two:** Tefila at 8 a.m.

Shofar at 10:30 a.m.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 6:30 p.m.

**Yom Kippur:** Tefila at 8 a.m. Ne'ilah at 6 p.m.

**Temple Beth Am (Reform)**

2632 NE 80th St., Seattle  
Alexis Kort at 206-525-0915 or alexis@templebetham.org or templebetham.org  
Gather with the community to celebrate our own inner potential for renewal and the miracle of life. \$65.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 6:30-8 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 8:30-11 a.m. Young family service 3-3:45 p.m. Lively and musical service for families with children 6 and under. Tashlich at Matthews Beach at 4:30 p.m. BYO shofar and crumbs.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 6:30-8 p.m. The call of the majestic evening prayer beckons our longings and prayers to combine in a powerful expression of hope.

**Yom Kippur:** 8:30 a.m. Young family service 3-3:45 p.m. Teens-only service (7th grade and up) at 11:45 a.m.

**West Seattle Torah Learning Center (Orthodox)**

To RSVP and for address call 206-369-1215 or

email westseattletc@gmail.com

Join Rabbi Avrohom and Rooksie David and the TLC family for inspiring, explanatory, and interactive High Holiday services. Come for it all or just pop in for a traditional holiday experience that will leave you on a "high" for the rest of the year. Free.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** Services at 6:50 p.m. followed by dinner.

**Rosh Hashanah Day One:** 8:45 a.m. Torah and shofar at 10:30 a.m. Evening services at 7:45 p.m. followed by dinner.

**Rosh Hashanah Day Two:** 8:45 a.m. Torah and shofar at 10:30 a.m.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 6:35 p.m.

**Yom Kippur:** 8:45 a.m. Yizkor at 10:30 a.m.

Ne'ilah at 6 p.m. Fast ends at 7:28 p.m.

Light break-fast provided.

**Mercer Island****Congregation Shevet Achim (Traditional Orthodox)**

5017 90th Ave. SE, Mercer Island  
206-275-1539 or info@shevetachim.com or www.shevetachim.com

You do not need to be a member of Shevet Achim to attend services. Free.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 6:50-8 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day One:** Shacharit at 8:30 a.m., Mincha/Tashlich/Maariv at 6 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day Two:** Shacharit at 8:30 a.m. Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:30 p.m.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 6:30-9 p.m.

**Yom Kippur:** Shacharit at 8:30 a.m., Mincha/Ne'ilah/Maariv at 5 p.m.

**Herzl-Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation**

3700 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island.  
206-232-8555, ext. 207 or rebecca@h-nt.org

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 6-7 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day One:** 8:15 a.m.

Tashlich after service at 1:15 p.m.

Mincha/Maariv at 6 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day Two:** 8:30 a.m.

Family service (1st-5th grade) at 11 a.m.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 6-7:30 p.m. Family service (1st-5th grade) 6:30-7:15 p.m.

**Yom Kippur:** 9:40 a.m. Yizkor at approximately 12:45 p.m. Mincha at 4:30 p.m. Ne'ilah/Maariv at 6 p.m.

**South King County****Bet Chaverim: Community Synagogue of South King County (Reform)**

25701 14th Pl. S., Des Moines  
206-577-0403 or info@betchaverim.org or www.betchaverim.org

Services led by Rabbi Rick Harkavy and cantorial soloist Neil Weinstein. Visitors welcome. \$50-\$75 donation per family per holiday is suggested.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 7-9 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tashlich at nearby park.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** 7 p.m.

**Yom Kippur:** 10 a.m. Healing service at 3 p.m.

Yizkor at 4 p.m. Concluding service at 4:45 p.m.

Shofar and break-fast at 5:30 p.m.

**Islands****Chavurat Shir Hayam**

Bainbridge Island  
206-842-8453  
Chavurat Shir Hayam on Bainbridge Island welcomes back Reb Stephanie Tivona Reith. Egalitarian community participation with music and meditation as part of the davening. All are welcome. No tickets necessary. Call for location.  
**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 7-9 p.m. Services followed by dessert potluck.  
**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Erev Yom Kippur:** 7 p.m.  
**Yom Kippur:** Services followed by break-the-fast potluck.

**Congregation Kol Shalom (Reform)**

9010 Miller Rd., Bainbridge Island  
Janice Hill at 206-842-9010 or admin@kolshalom.net or www.kolshalom.net  
\$250 for all services.  
Led by Rabbi Paul Strasko and cantorial soloist Laura Mullins-Cannon.  
**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 7-9 p.m. Service followed by a dessert potluck.  
**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Children's service at 9:30 a.m. Childcare by reservation. Followed by Tashlich at Point White Pier.  
**Erev Yom Kippur:** 7-10 p.m.  
**Yom Kippur:** 10:30 a.m. Children's service at 9:30 a.m. Afternoon includes yoga session, discussion group, and Torah study with Rabbi Strasko before Mincha.



**HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!**

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15401 Westside Hwy SW, Vashon  
206-463-1399 or vashonhavurah@gmail.com  
or vashonhavurah.wordpress.com  
Song-filled, welcoming and user-friendly. Led by Rabbi Fern Feldman, services include thought-provoking teachings and deep prayer. Free.  
**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 4:30 p.m. Prayer, song, and story for families with young children. 6:30 p.m.: Rosh Hashanah evening services.  
**Rosh Hashanah Day:** 9:30 a.m. Morning services, shofar, Torah, Mussaf. Tashlich at LisaBuela Park at 3:30 p.m.  
**Erev Yom Kippur:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Yom Kippur:** 10 a.m. services with Torah and Mussaf. Children's service at 5 p.m. led by Julie Shannon. Yizkor at 5:45 p.m. Ne'ilah at 6:15 p.m. Havdalah and potluck break-fast at 7:30 p.m.

**Eastside**

**Chabad of the Central Cascades (Traditional Orthodox)**

24121 SE Black Nugget Rd., Issaquah  
Berry Farkash at 425-427-1654 or info@chabadissaquah.com  
No membership tickets or fees. Hebrew-English prayerbooks. Warm and friendly atmosphere. No background or affiliation necessary. Traditional and contemporary services. A special children's program runs throughout services.  
**Rosh Hashanah Day One:** Morning services at 9:30 a.m. Shofar at 11:30. Tashlich and evening services at 6:30 p.m.  
Light candles after 7:45 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day Two:** Morning service at 9:30 a.m. Shofar at 11:30 a.m. Light candles by 6:39 p.m.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** Light candles at 6:25 p.m. Fast begins at 6:43 p.m. Kol Nidre at 6:45 p.m.  
**Yom Kippur:** 9:30 a.m. Yizkor at 11:30 a.m. Mincha and Ne'ilah at 5 p.m. Fast ends at 7:27 p.m. followed by light dinner and refreshments.

**Congregation Kol Ami (Reform)**

16530 Avondale Rd. NE, Woodinville  
425-844-1604 or admin@kolaminw.org or www.kolaminw.org  
Bring in the New Year with spirit, faith, community and joy. Simultaneous adult services and children's service/program. Suggested donation \$75 per service or \$250 for all services. Everyone is welcome to worship.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 7:30-9 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day:** Morning service with Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg and children's service with Sarabeth Levine at 10:30 a.m. followed by light lunch and Tashlich at Cottage Lake  
**Erev Yom Kippur:** 7:30-9 p.m.  
**Yom Kippur:** Service and children's service at 10:30 a.m. Study and meditation at 1 p.m. Afternoon service at 3 p.m. Yizkor/Ne'ilah at 5 p.m. Break-the-fast meal at 6:30 p.m.

**Eastside Torah Center (Traditional Orthodox)**

16199 Northup Way, Bellevue  
Rabbi Mordechai Farkash at 425-957-7860 or eastsidechabad@gmail.com or www.chabadbellevue.org  
An uplifting, inspiring and enjoyable New Year. Warm, friendly and family-like environment, Multi-

lingual prayer books, traditional and contemporary services for the beginner and beginning again. Men, women and children are welcome. No reservations or tickets needed. Free.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 6:45 p.m.

Mincha and Arvit.

**Rosh Hashanah Day One:** 9:30 a.m. Shofar at 11:30. Mincha followed by Tashlich at 6:15 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Day Two:** 9:30 a.m. Shofar at 11:30 a.m. Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:40 p.m.

**Erev Yom Kippur:** Mincha at 3 p.m. Kol Nidre and Arvit at 6:30 p.m.

**Yom Kippur:** Shacharit at 9:30 a.m. Yizkor at 11:30 a.m. Mincha and Ne'ilah at 5:15 p.m.

**Snohomish County**

**Chabad of Snohomish County**

19626 76th Ave W #B, Lynnwood  
Rabbi Berel Paltiel at 425-741-9633 or Rabbi@JewishSnohomish.com or www.JewishSnohomish.com  
**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 7-8 p.m. Evening services at 7 p.m. Traditional apples 'n' honey at 7:30 p.m.  
**Rosh Hashanah Day One:** Morning services at 9:30 a.m. Shofar at 11:30 a.m. Community kiddush lunch following services. Tashlich and shofar ceremony at Scriber Lake at 5:30 p.m.  
**Rosh Hashanah Day Two:** Morning services at 9:30 a.m. Shofar at 11:30. Shabbat begins at 6:42 p.m.  
**Erev Yom Kippur:** Fast begins at 6:28 p.m. Kol Nidre at 6:45 p.m.  
**Yom Kippur:** Morning services at 9:30 a.m. Yizkor at 11:30 a.m. Mincha and Ne'ilah at

5:20 p.m. Fast ends and shofar at 7:30 p.m. Maariv and Havdalah at 7:30 p.m. Break-the-fast buffet: 7:40 p.m.

**Spokane**

**Congregation Emanuel-EI**

At Temple Beth Shalom, 1322 E 30th Ave, Spokane. 509-835-5050 or info@spokaneemanuel-el.org or www.spokaneemanuel-el.org  
**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** 7:30-9 p.m. Joint services with Temple Beth Shalom in main sanctuary led by Rabbi Tamar Malino. Oneg hosted by TBS. Donations Accepted.  
**Rosh Hashanah Day:** Morning service in MPR of TBS. Services led by Rabbi Tamar Malino. Children's service at 11:30. 12-2:30 p.m.: Community lunch followed by Tashlich at the Spokane River  
**Erev Yom Kippur:** 6-8:30 p.m.  
**Yom Kippur:** Morning services 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 5:30-7:45 p.m. Yizkor, Ne'ilah, and Havdalah led by Rabbi Elizabeth Goldstein in MPR of TBS. Joint break-the-fast in Diskin Social Hall.

**Olympia**

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# A little sweetness in this season of renewal

**MICHAEL NATKIN** JTNews Columnist

Rosh Hashanah is right around the corner, and what could be more appropriate for the New Year than a dessert featuring honey as well as egg-rich crepes? You can even substitute apples for the plums if you'd like to add another traditional element.

I first made this for a PBS event celebrating Julia Child's 100th birthday. When they asked me to contribute a recipe, I knew right away I wanted to do something with crepes. I only have two cookbooks from my mom. "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" is one of them, and I read it cover to cover many times when I was just starting out in the kitchen.

Of all the recipes in the book, I come back to the crepes most often. It's a simple thing: You put all of the batter ingredients in a blender, give them a good spin, let it sit in the refrigerator for a couple of hours, and then make the crepes. Sure, it takes a bit of practice to get the knack of forming a nice, thin circle, finding the right heat level, and flipping them, but after one batch you'll have a skill you can use to please friends and family for the rest of your life. I've got some tips for you in the recipe.

The plums I use are from my neighbor's



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tree. They are a French variety, but Italian plums would be just as good. What you want is one of the varieties that has a loose (free) pit and is rather dense so it can cook without the juices running everywhere.

Enjoy, and shana tova!

## CREPES WITH ROASTED PLUMS, YOGURT AND HONEY

Serves 6

12 crepes (one recipe from "Mastering the Art of French Cooking, Volume 1," see below)

- 9 Italian plums
- 2 Tbs. unsalted butter, melted
- 2 leaves fresh sage, rubbed and thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup thick Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbs. slivovitz (plum brandy), or plain brandy, or 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 Tbs. honey plus more for drizzling
- Pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 450°. Line a baking sheet with parchment or a silpat. Cut the plums in half, and remove the pits. In a medium bowl, toss the plums with the melted butter and sage, and place the plums on the baking sheet. Roast for 10 minutes. Pluck off most of the sage. (For apples, use three apples, peeled, cored and sliced into eighths, and roast until

tender.)

Stir the yogurt with the slivovitz and honey. To serve, fold two warm crepes into quarters and overlap on a plate. Put 2 Tbs. of the yogurt on top of the crepes, and put 3 half plums on top of the yogurt. Drizzle with additional honey and serve.

## JULIA CHILD'S CREPES

Yields about 12 crepes

I don't want to reproduce Julia's recipe in the entirety, but here are the ingredients, and my synopsis of the method.

- 1 cup cold water
- 1 cup cold milk
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour (I use 9 ounces and don't sift)
- 4 Tbs. melted butter

Combine all ingredients in the blender. Blend on high speed for 1 minute, scraping down the sides if needed. Refrigerate for 2 hours. (I've been known to omit the refrigeration. The point of this step is to allow the flour to hydrate, but it makes quite acceptable crepes if used immediately.)

Place a 12" non-stick skillet over medium to medium-high heat with a tiny bit of butter. When preheated, pour in 1/4 cup of the batter while tilting and swirling the skillet in all directions for a few seconds to produce a generally circular, thin crepe.



MICHAEL NATKIN

If you can't get the batter to spread evenly, you need to either (1) work on your tilting and swirling (2) thin out the batter a bit or (3) lower the heat. Expect it to take a few crepes to really dial it in.

Cook until lightly browned on one side, about 1 minute or a bit more, then flip and cook for just about 30 seconds on the other side. I usually perform the flip by lifting the edge with a silicone spatula and then using my fingers to rapidly turn it over. I have asbestos fingers, though, so only try it this way if you feel comfortable that you won't hurt yourself. Otherwise, use two spatulas.

Local food writer and chef Michael Natkin's cookbook "Herbivorous, A Flavor Revolution with 150 Vibrant and Original Vegetarian Recipes," was a finalist in 2013 for a James Beard award. The recipes are based on his food blog, herbivorous.com.

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## DRAWN TOGETHER BY HOPES FOR PEACE

By Jacob Greene

For several months this year, I lived in Israel. The majority of my time I spent studying with Alexander Muss High School in Israel, along with 29 American and Canadian teenagers, with support from an Israel scholarship from the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle.

I have many friends in Israel, all of whom I met through Ultimate Peace (UP), an organization that brings together Israeli Jewish, Arab Israeli, and Palestinian youth through the

sport of Ultimate Frisbee. At the end of my study abroad program, I would be staying in Israel to participate in UP as a coach in training for a second summer. I was excited to finally see my friends and visit them in their cities and villages.

As my time at Alexander Muss



One of the drawings of peace by Hosa Romman.

came to a close, I was disappointed that I hadn't been able to visit my friend Mohammed "Hosa" Romman, a Muslim boy I had grown close to through Ultimate Peace. However, I finally got that chance after UP camp ended and it's a visit I'll never forget.

Hosa lives in the small Arab village

of Ein Rafa, directly outside of Jerusalem, and I arranged to meet him with three other American UP friends.

This particular day was the beginning of the month of Ramadan, the most important Islamic holiday, during which adults fast every day. As we sat down to lunch outside the Machane Yehuda market, Hosa ordered in Hebrew for us beautiful bowls of sabich — eggplant and hardboiled egg atop hummus. There were four of us, but only three meals.

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The Ultimate Peace friends, from left to right: Hosa Romman, Jacob Greene, Sarina Chalmers, Keanan Albrecht, and Hallie Dunham at the Kotel in Jerusalem.

COURTESY KEANAN ALBRECHT

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Hosa smiled and explained that he was fasting. We felt guilty, but nonetheless ate our lunches, listening as he explained the customs of Ramadan.

After lunch, we walked to the Old City of Jerusalem to visit the historical sites. Despite living only a few miles from Jerusalem, Hosa had never been to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of Christianity's most holy places. We stood in the courtyard outside, looking around at the people who had come from far away to be at a place in Hosa's backyard.

Before going inside, Hosa threw a longer sleeved shirt over his tank, out of respect. As we toured the church,

it didn't matter that we understood little of the things we saw; we just knew and respected the holiness of the place.

Next, we went to see the Western Wall, another site Hosa had never visited. On our way we walked through the Arab quarter, which was abuzz in preparation for the evening's upcoming festivities. Similar to breaking the fast on Yom Kippur, meals during Ramadan resemble celebratory feasts. Walking down the narrow alleys, past shops selling spices and fabrics, men hung lights above us as the evening set in.

We could feel the change in atmosphere as we moved from the hubbub of the Arab Quarter into the relative calm of the Jewish Quarter. Soon, we arrived at the wall, also known as the Kotel. Hosa, Keanan and I put on kippot and Hallie and Sarina covered themselves with scarves.

Leaning against the wall and praying, I turned back to check on the others. Surveying all the people

around him, Hosa had the biggest grin on his face, a smile so contagious you couldn't help but smile back.

As we walked away, Hosa told us he wished he could take us up to the Temple Mount right above so we could experience the three holy places of the three Abrahamic religions; however, we hadn't dressed appropriately and Hallie and Sarina would have had to wait behind. Deciding it would be best to stay together, we headed out of the Old City. Looking back, we saw the Temple Mount resting just above the Kotel, where we had just stood.

We boarded the bus to Hosa's house in Ein Rafa for Ramadan dinner. Throughout his village lights were strung, illuminating the darkness. The feeling was magical. Stepping into Hosa's apartment, his parents welcomed us. His mother had laid out a delicious meal of rice, chicken, vegetables, and an assortment of salads.

We sat down to eat with Hosa's family. Though their English was spotty and we spoke no Arabic, we did our best to communicate using English words, plenty of hand gestures, and smiles.

The food tasted amazing and whenever any of us would finish our plate, Hosa's mother was ready with another helping. It felt like home.

After dinner, Hosa showed us around the house. In his room, there is a big mural, which he drew himself. Amazed, we asked to see more of his work, unaware our friend was such a talented artist. Reaching under his bed, he pulled out binders of artwork, and as we look through them, a theme became apparent: Peace. Every drawing, every painting, every sketch was of a dove, of Palestinians and Jews together. This is Hosa's dream.

My visit to Ein Rafa was on June 29. The next night, the bodies of three Jewish boys who had gone missing two weeks earlier from a West Bank settlement were discovered. This tragedy would spark a war between Hamas in Gaza and Israel just days after I had left the country. It's hard to believe I was with Hosa just a few weeks ago, that we toured the Old City of Jerusalem together and took in the sites. Back home in Seattle, I think of my friends every day and hope for peace.

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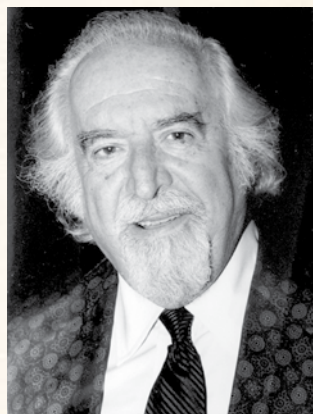
Merle D. Cohn, 95, a longtime Mercer Island resident and prominent Seattle attorney, passed away on August 16, 2014, surrounded by his family.

Raised in Seattle, Merle attended Garfield High School and the University of Washington, where he earned his BA in political science and his JD at the University of Washington School of Law. He practiced law in Seattle for over 50 years and truly loved his profession.

Merle will be remembered for his remarkable business acumen and legal mind, his clarity of thought, his calm and quiet wisdom as well as his philanthropic leadership in B'nai B'rith, the Stroum Jewish Community Center, and on the national board of the Anti-Defamation League. During World War II, Merle flew in the Air Force and his service ignited a lifelong love of travel. With his wife Lorraine, he traveled to more than 30 countries, never missing a chance to sail or collect indigenous art.

Merle leaves behind his devoted wife Lorraine, who will forever miss the love of her life. He is also survived by his two daughters, Cathi Kerwick (Alan) and Julie Friedman (Steve), two granddaughters, Kelly Kerwick (Dan) and Ali Friedman (Agustin), his grandson, Ben Friedman, and great grandson, Oliver. Merle was preceded in death by his father, Lou Cohn, his mother, Tillie Cohn, and his three sisters, Sally Ann Maltin, Rhoda Mae Kolberg, and Dorothy Cohn Linderman.

Services were held at the chapel at the Herzl Memorial Park Cemetery in Shoreline on August 19, 2014.

**ANNIVERSARY**

In celebration of seven years of legal domestic partnerships in Washington State, five couples who were members of Congregation Tikvah Chadashah, the local LGBT congregation, reunited in Whistler, B.C. on Aug. 3 to celebrate the occasion. Four of the couples — Will Mason and Mark Kestin, Barbara Stein and Karen Borell, Flora Ostrow and Betsy Gilbert, and Norm Schwab and Joe Burks — have since married after same-sex marriage became legal in the state. One couple, Roy Hamrick and Stephen Carstens, retained their domestic-partnership status. According to Roy Hamrick, the group of 10 "went hiking, had a fine dinner, and toasted our great love for one another!"

**RICHARD (DICK) GALANTI****April 21, 1927–August 4, 2014**

Dick Galanti was born April 21, 1927 and passed away on August 4, 2014 at the age of 87. He was born to Matilda and Behor (Bill) Galanti of Seattle. He was preceded in death by his wife Jeanette and siblings Katherine Akriah and Albert Galanti. He is survived by his sisters Mary Franklin of Chicago and Sali August of Seattle. He will be missed by his loving children, Michael (Sheilah) Galanti from Englewood, N.J., Michele (Nick) Keller and Cindy (Bob) Abramowitz from Mercer Island, and Debbie Galanti of Seattle. He will also be missed by his grandchildren, Norman (Ayelet) Galanti, Yoseph (Regine) Galanti, and Yaffa (Ari) Ash, all of New York; Bradley and Carly Burns, Brittany Abramowitz, Caitlin, Michael and Courtney Keller, all of Mercer Island; Adam, Adina, and Ilana Polack of Seattle; his great-grandchildren Matan, Jonah, David, Sarah and Emma Galanti, all of New York, and JD Ash of Englewood, N.J.

Dick attended Garfield High School and was in the Navy during World War II. He was born Zadio and called Zado by his friends. When he was 18 he legally changed his name to Richard. He married the love of his life, Jeanette Eskenazi, in 1952. They enjoyed 46 blissful years of marriage. They loved to travel and had many lifelong friends. He was very active in his synagogue, Ezra Bessaroth. He attended weekly services with his childhood friends and sang in the choir on the holidays. He volunteered at the Kline Galland Home every week for 25 years.

He opened Shorefood Foods, a small grocery store on Mercer Island, in the early 1950s with Sol Israel. Shortly after, they opened Pine Street Foods in downtown Seattle. Despite working sometimes seven days a week, Dick had a passion for entertaining at his home. His love for gardening and swimming made his backyard a gathering spot for friends and family. He had a zest for life and will be remembered for always having a smile on his face and a kind word to say. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kline Galland Home or a charity of your choice.

**MARGARET ALEXANDER LEWIS****Feb. 3, 1923–Aug. 10, 2014**

Margaret Alexander Lewis died Aug. 10, 2014, at home in Palm Desert, Calif. She was 91. She was born in Seattle on Feb. 3, 1923, to Helen and Mauré Alexander. Margaret attended Lowell Grade School and graduated Broadway High School in 1940. In 1944, she earned a bachelor's degree in English literature and creative writing from the University of Washington.

Those years, during World War II, shaped Margaret and her generation. She met women and men then who became her lifelong friends. She married her sweetheart, William "Bill" Lewis, in her junior year. Billy and Margie, as college friends called them, had met as teenagers through mutual family friends.

On Sept. 9, 1943, Bill, a U.S. Navy Lieutenant Junior Grade, was able to get a brief leave before shipping overseas, and they held an impromptu ceremony at her parents' home. She borrowed a satin wedding gown and pinned it so it fit her slender frame. He wore his white Navy dress uniform. They honeymooned for a few days in Bremerton.

While in college, Margaret worked as a scriptwriter for Seattle's KJR radio. She also began work at the United States Office of War Information, a job she kept after graduating and relinquished in 1945. When Bill was discharged from the service, they moved to Lynden, Wash., Bill's home. His father Sol published the weekly Lynden Tribune. Bill and his brother, Julian, became co-publishers in 1954 after Sol died.

As Bill settled into the family newspaper, Margaret began making a home. They had three daughters, Marilyn, Barbara and Patti.

Over the years Margaret wrote wedding stories and features for The Tribune, including a travel column, a recipe column, and real estate articles.

She was a devoted friend to many, who returned their loyalty and love. She and Bill hosted dinner parties, holiday meals, cocktail parties, barbecues, luncheons, play readings and, occasionally, big costume parties. She belonged to a longstanding Lynden garden club, a bridge club, and the Whatcom County Orthopedic Guild. She volunteered as a model and commentator for March of Dimes' designer fashion show-fundraisers in Bellingham, served on Lynden's library board, and was a Whatcom Community College trustee. Margaret was a strong supporter of women's rights. She led two Campfire USA groups and organized activities for her children and their friends.

Margaret and Bill moved to Sudden Valley, near Bellingham, in 1988 after Bill retired from The Tribune. They moved permanently to Palm Desert, Calif. in 2010. There, Margaret participated in a garden club and the Palm Desert Press Women. Twenty-five years ago, she and Bill, devoted Husky fans, founded the annual UW Chow Down to Washington. The small alumni picnic in Palm Desert grew into a three-day fundraising event, and the UW alumni association honored Margaret this year at the event.

Bill died in 2011. Margaret continued living at home thanks to four extraordinary people who cared for her with heart and soul: Richard Scrima, Angie de la Torre, and Rosa and Cesar Cordero.

Margaret is survived by: Daughters Marilyn Lewis of Port Townsend, Barbara (Joe) Morrison of Los Angeles and Patti (Neal) Lemlein of Los Angeles; grandchildren Vasily Lewis, Alexandra Lemlein, Ryan Lemlein and Maggie Morrison; step-grandchildren Pia Morrison Delphais, Joe Morrison II, and Jonathan Morrison; sister Grace Millman and niece Heidi Millman.

Margaret adored children; remembrances may be made to a charity of your choice that benefits children.



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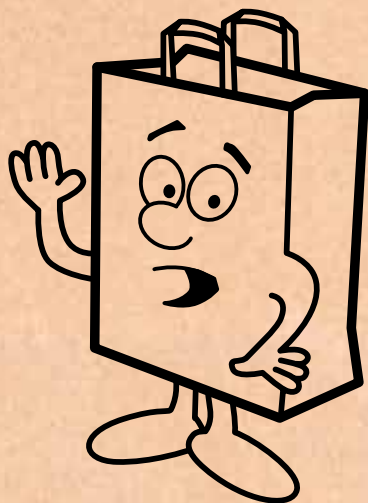
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