



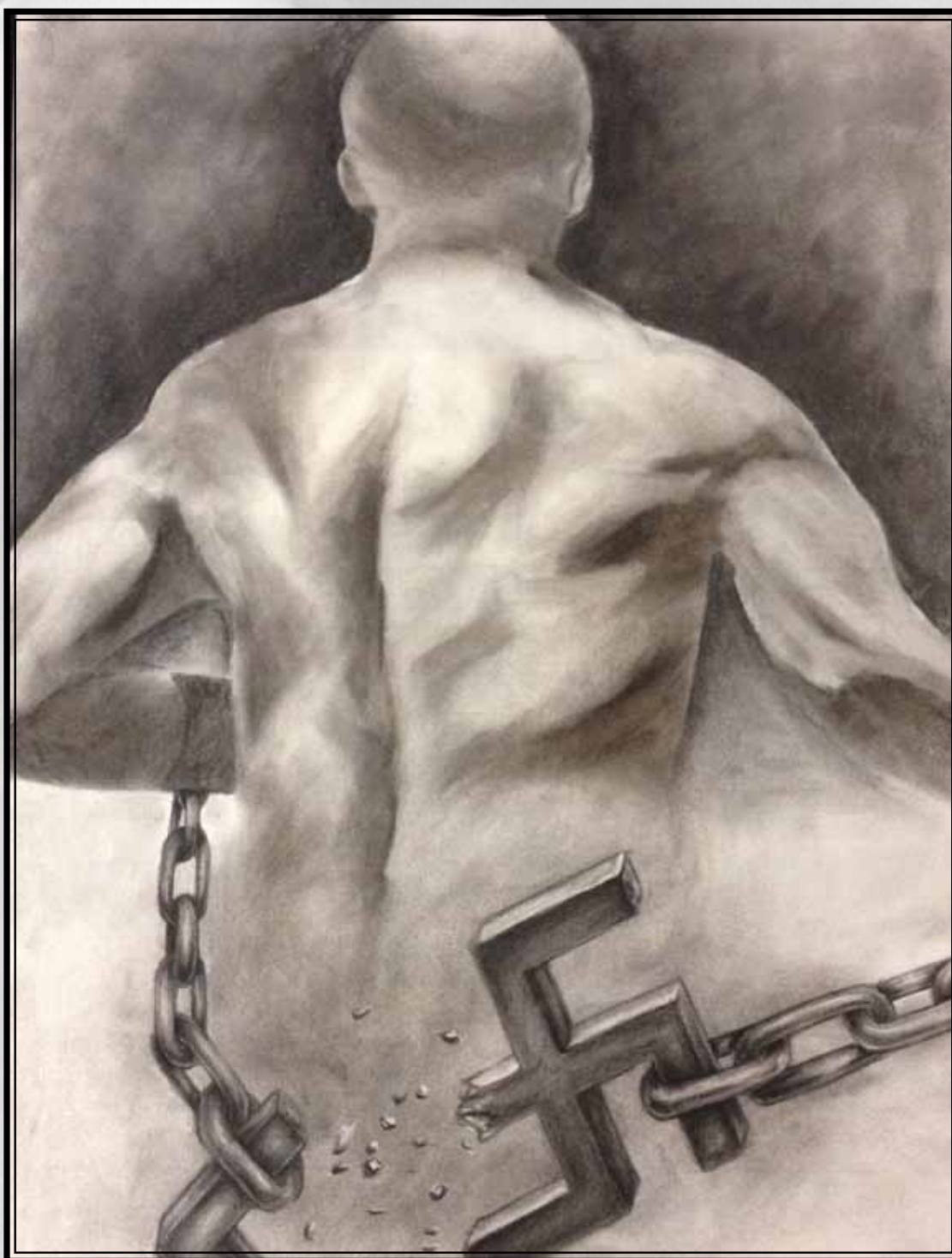
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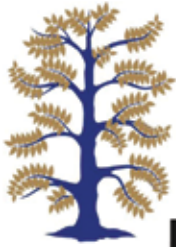


By Jessica Kim, Grade 10, Bellevue High School

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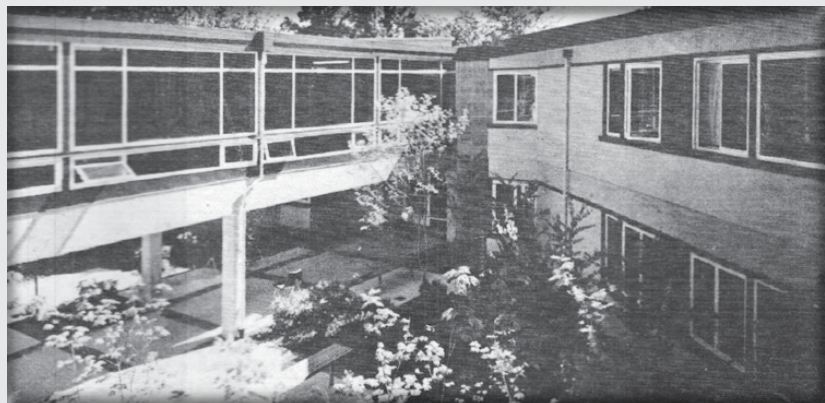
## STORIES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Every weekday at 3 p.m., we send out an email with stories from near and far about what's happening in our Jewish world. Here are some stories you may have missed over the past week:

- **The gloves come off**
- **A death in Renewal**
- **Putting the pieces together**
- **Twenty years later**

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### REMEMBER WHEN



From the Jewish Transcript, July 13, 1977.

The Kline Galland Home, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, had something else to celebrate back then: The opening of its Sol Esfeld wing, a 70-bed, \$1.75 million extension to the facility in Seward park that had been rebuilt in 1967. Esfeld managed to shepherd the construction of the expansion despite resistance from the center's neighbors.

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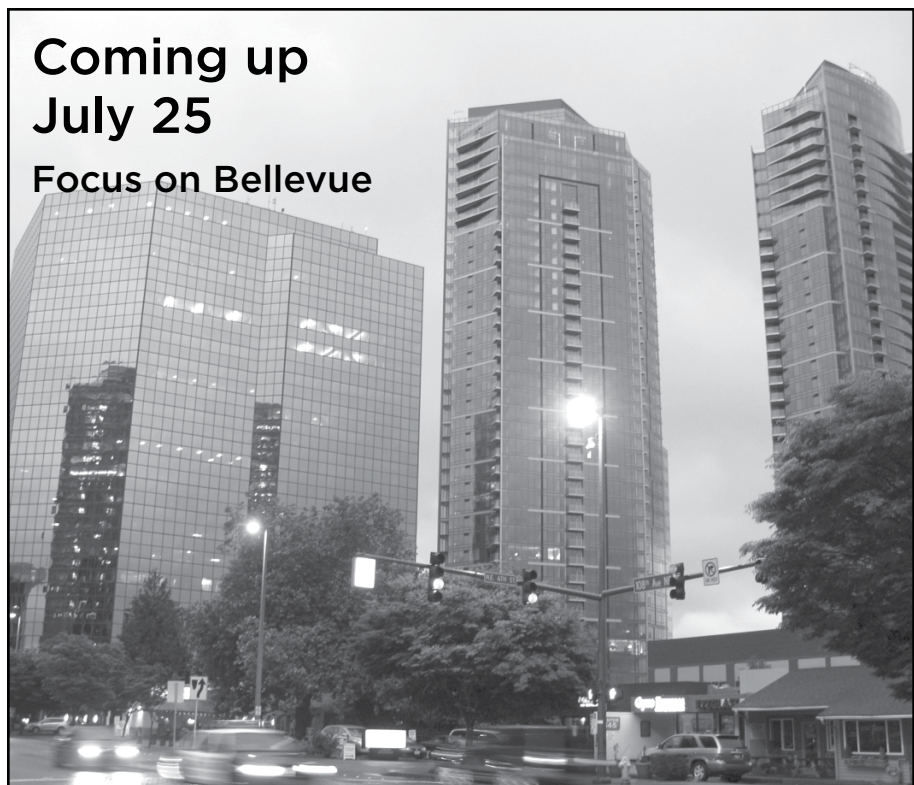


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August 1.....	8:24 p.m.

### FRIDAY 11 JULY

6–11 p.m. — *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*

☎ Book-It Repertory Theatre at 206-216-0833 or [boxoffice@book-it.org](mailto:boxoffice@book-it.org) or [www.book-it.org](http://www.book-it.org)  
Michael Chabon's novel of escape, transformation, magic and moxie comes to the stage. Complete with dinner break. \$23-\$42. Through July 13. At The Center Theatre at the Armory, 305 Harrison St., Seattle.

### SATURDAY 12 JULY

2–4 p.m. — *Shabbat Unplugged*

☎ [sjcc.org/kids-adults-families/families/](http://sjcc.org/kids-adults-families/families/)  
Unplug from technology and plug into your community and family. Kids can enjoy a PJ Library storytime, gaga, art projects, swimming, and an obstacle course. Adults can discuss Israeli current affairs, enjoy chair massages, and do family yoga. Bring your instruments for a jam session! Cap off the day with a performance by musician Eli Rosenblatt. Free. At the Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island.

### SUNDAY 13 JULY

11 a.m.–2 p.m. — *Family Picnic*

☎ Congregation Kol Ami at 425-844-1604 or [admin@kolaminw.org](mailto:admin@kolaminw.org) or [www.kolaminw.org](http://www.kolaminw.org)  
Meet the new rabbi, Yohanna Kinberg, and visit with the friendly community. Contact the temple for more information. Free. At Grass Lawn Park, 7031 148th Ave. NE, Redmond.

8–10:30 p.m. — *Outdoor Movie Night:*

*The Lego Movie*

☎ Stroum JCC at 206-232-7115 or [saraht@sjcc.org](mailto:saraht@sjcc.org) or [www.sjcc.org](http://www.sjcc.org)  
Ordinary Lego minifigure Emmet prophesies to save the Lego universe from Lord Business, who plans to glue everything in place. S'mores at 8 p.m.; movie starts at approximately 8:30 in the Keshet Community Garden. Free. At the Stroum JCC, 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island.

### MONDAY 14 JULY

7:30–8:30 p.m. — *Class on Tzedakah: Priorities in Giving Charity*

☎ Congregation Shevet Achim at 206-275-1539 or [info@shevetachim.com](mailto:info@shevetachim.com) or [www.shevetachim.com](http://www.shevetachim.com)  
A class by Rabbi Moshe Kletenik. Free and open to the community. At The Friendship Circle, 2737 77th Ave. SE, Mercer Island.

### THURSDAY 17 JULY

10–11 a.m. — *PJ Library Neighborhood Song and Story Time*

☎ Alexis Kort at 206-525-0915 or [alexis@templebetham.org](mailto:alexis@templebetham.org) or [www.templebetham.org/community/families](http://www.templebetham.org/community/families)  
Toddlers and preschoolers enjoy Jewish songs and stories with Betsy Dischel from PJ Library. Snacks and an art project, and a chance for parents/caregivers to connect. Free. At Temple Beth Am, 2632 NE 80th St., Seattle.

### SATURDAY 19 JULY

10–11:30 a.m. — *Family Shabbat Morning*

☎ Kate Speizer at 206-384-6020 or [kspeizer@tdhs-nw.org](mailto:kspeizer@tdhs-nw.org) or [www.tdhs-nw.org/index.php/learning/early-childhood-education/kiddish-club](http://www.tdhs-nw.org/index.php/learning/early-childhood-education/kiddish-club)  
Designed especially for kids up to age 5, Rabbi Kate Speizer leads an interactive Shabbat morning service, followed by kiddush, challah, and snacks, and then playing and crafts. Third Saturday of every month and always free. No membership or experience required. At Temple De Hirsch Sinai, 1441 16th Ave., Seattle.

1–2 p.m. — *Eva Mozes Kor: Survival and Forgiveness*

☎ Alexis Kort at 206-525-0915 or [alexis@templebetham.org](mailto:alexis@templebetham.org) or [www.templebetham.org/community/families](http://www.templebetham.org/community/families)  
Eva Mozes Kor is a survivor of the Holocaust who, with her twin sister Miriam, was subjected to human experimentation under Josef Mengele at Auschwitz. In 1995 she founded CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center to educate the public about eugenics, the Holocaust, and the power of forgiveness. At Temple Beth Am, 2632 NE 80th St., Seattle.

### MONDAY 21 JULY

7:30–8:30 p.m. — *Alarm systems in Halachah and Other Laws Pertaining to Keeping Shabbat*

☎ Congregation Shevet Achim at 206-275-1539 or [info@shevetachim.com](mailto:info@shevetachim.com) or [www.shevetachim.com](http://www.shevetachim.com)  
Class by Rabbi Moshe Kletenik, Av Bet Din of the Seattle Va'ad. Free and open to the Jewish community. At The Friendship Circle, 2737 77th Ave. SE, Mercer Island.

### TUESDAY 22 JULY

10 a.m.–3 p.m. — *Mah Jongg Tournament and Games Day*

☎ Susan Jensen at 206-722-5500 or [office@ezrabessaro.net](mailto:office@ezrabessaro.net)  
Arrive early for coffee and danish, lunch served at noon. Play Mah Jongg, Pan, Rummy Q, or invite your friends and make your own table. RSVP by July 11. For further information contact Esther Lee Sadis at 425-747-0915. \$30. At Congregation Ezra Bessaroth, 5217 S Brandon St., Seattle.

### WEDNESDAY 23 JULY

5–8 p.m. — *Sephardic Adventure Camp Picnic*

☎ Sephardic Adventure Camp at 206-257-2225 or [office@sephardicadventurecamp.org](mailto:office@sephardicadventurecamp.org) or [www.sephardicadventurecamp.org](http://www.sephardicadventurecamp.org)  
Reunite with friends from SAC. At Jefferson Park shelter 3, 3801 Beacon Ave. S, Seattle.

7–8:30 p.m. — *A Night in Istanbul, Turkey*

☎ Michael Novick at 425-644-1000 or [michael.novick@jdcny.org](mailto:michael.novick@jdcny.org)  
With special guest Sam Amiel, JDC Representative and senior program officer, Africa/Asia region (Turkey, Ethiopia, Egypt). Contact for location details.

### THURSDAY 24 JULY

6–7:30 p.m. — *Garden Party*

☎ Stroum JCC at 206-232-7115 or [saraht@sjcc.org](mailto:saraht@sjcc.org) or [www.sjcc.org](http://www.sjcc.org)  
Food, mojitos, and more in the Keshet Community Garden. \$10-15. At the Stroum JCC, 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island.  
*Love, Hatred, and the Pursuit of Happiness with Rabbi Marc Angel*  
☎ Susan Jensen at 206-722-5500 or [office@ezrabessaro.net](mailto:office@ezrabessaro.net)  
A talk by visiting scholar in residence Angel, in honor of the 70th anniversary of the deportation of the Jews of Rhodes and Cos. At Congregation Ezra Bessaroth, 5217 S Brandon St., Seattle.

## PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR SUMMER OUTDOOR SERVICES

**SHABBAT IN THE PARK**  
**LUTHER BURBANK PARK, MERCER ISLAND**  
**JULY 18 • AREA A • 6:00PM**  
**AUGUST 1 • AREA B • 6:00PM**  
**AUGUST 15 • AREA B • 6:00PM**

**4TH SHABBAT IN THE PARK**  
**FOR YOUNG ADULTS 22-35**  
**LUTHER BURBANK PARK, MERCER ISLAND**  
**JULY 25 • AREA A • 7:00PM**

**OUTDOOR ROCK SHABBAT**  
**AUGUST 8 • 6:00PM • SEATTLE CAMPUS**



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# “The help from JFS was a life saver in an ocean of despair.”

– Emergency Services Client, Jewish Family Service

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## THE RABBI'S TURN

**Suicide in Jewish tradition****RABBI JARON MATLOW** *Special to JTNews*

In the last few years, the ugly specter of suicide has popped up twice in my extended family. In both instances, thank God, the attempts were unsuccessful. Both were cases of despondency over poor health and fear of the unknown given the health situations. Suicide is a very troubling event for any family or community to contend with.

As society continues to age, and more people become assimilated from their religious or other traditions, I suspect the rate of suicide will only increase. In states like ours, there is also the "Death with Dignity" law, which basically allows terminally ill people to commit suicide legally, assisted by their doctors.

In Judaism, suicide is very frowned upon. People who commit suicide cannot be buried in Jewish cemeteries. Traditional rabbis will decline to officiate at funerals for people who have committed suicide. So, what is the issue?

Judaism requires us to preserve life at all costs. We are told that life-saving actions override the restrictions of the Sabbath. We read, in the Book of Genesis, that we are created in God's image. Thus if we take any action that ends life, we are, in effect, removing God from the world. Our tradition teaches that to take a life is as if you have destroyed the world, while to save a life is as if you have saved the entire world.

So, with this as our basic mindset and theology, how do we make sense of it when someone chooses to end his or her life? Many emotions arise with any death — grief, anger, guilt, etc. In the case of suicide, these emotions are far more intense and painful, especially the guilt. The "if only..." thoughts lead to incredible pain. As a pastoral caregiver, my primary concern with a suicide lies with the victim's family and friends. There is, quite frankly, nothing any rabbi can do for a victim of suicide. What we can do is help family and friends make sense of the loss, come to terms with it, deal with the guilt and grief, and help them make sense of the tradition.

Our traditional theology can often be very difficult to grasp, especially in times of tragedy. It is incumbent upon pastoral caregivers and others to help find ways to understand Jewish theology. Judaism is losing far too many members as it is. Having people leave Judaism due to their frustration with how people responded theologically to a suicide only compounds the tragedy.



I would like to offer two paths to help in dealing with the tragedy of suicide. One is to understand suicide differently, and the other is to understand God differently.

As Rabbi Elliot Dorff of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies teaches, suicide should not be looked at as a sin of

infinite circumstance. Rather, we should consider suicide to be a symptom of a medical disease: Depression. Thus, he who dies from the symptoms of severe mental disease should not be considered a sinner — rather, an ill person. In my opinion, we need to make every effort to provide suicides with normal funerals to give comfort for the family. This may not be consistent with the letter of Jewish law, but it is consistent with the intent that we should *live* by Torah and not die by it. We also need to change how we view God. If we see God as the "man behind the curtain" pulling the levers, a la Wizard of Oz, we can never find peace with the tragedy of suicide. I suggest reading Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson's new book, "God of Becoming and Relationship." Rabbi Artson, dean of the Ziegler School, helps us to understand God within the framework of Judaism in a radically new way. "God is not outside the system as some unchanging, eternal abstraction," he writes. "Rather, God permeates every aspect of becoming...working in each one of us...to nudge us toward the best possible outcome." In other words, God transcends and is a part of all of us and we are all a part of God. God wants us to succeed and to become closer to God, to surround us with love and peace. If we are able to see God in this way, then we are better able to deal with suicide, since we are not seeing God as a punitive energy, set to destroy someone's precious soul because he was severely troubled.

I pray the time comes when suicide is a thing of the past. But until that day, I pray that we can all find positive ways to deal with this tragedy when it strikes, to learn from what happened, and to help others become closer to God and Judaism through the love and comfort that God's characteristic of mercy provides us.

Rabbi Jaron Matlow is a retired Navy officer who works to better the lives of fellow disabled veterans. He provides counseling services through [www.Soldiersproject.org](http://www.Soldiersproject.org) for Iraq/Afghanistan veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**SCORE ONE FOR "THE CAUSE"**

Are there readers of the JTNews who think that the recent kidnapping and murder of three Israeli teenagers on a hike will hurt the "Palestinian cause"? If so, they should think again. Killers, like other people, follow the news. They know that every new act of terror, the more barbaric the better, is interpreted by the liberal mind as testifying to the oppressiveness of Israelis. After all, reason the progressives of the Presbyterian Church/USA, or the editors of The New York Times, or Jewish Voice for Peace, doesn't every barbaric act (bus bombings, synagogue bombings, Passover seder bombings, shooting Jewish cripples in their wheelchairs, massacring school children) — and what "liberation movement" more barbaric than the Palestinian one? — testify to just how guilty the Israelis must be? Otherwise, how could Palestinians commit such monstrous deeds?

**Edward Alexander, Seattle**

**BACKGROUND CHECKS MAKE SENSE**

Those of us who support I-594 (background checks for most gun sales) realize that it is not a cure-all for our country's gun problem. It is better than doing nothing, however. As mentioned in your June 27 article ("Jews and guns: What's our responsibility?"), when Missouri rescinded its background check law, gun violence increased dramatically.

In your article, you had an interview with Jeffrey Slotnick of a security company. He believes most law enforcement officials are opposed to background checks. Mr. Slotnick is probably thinking of the PoliceOne.org survey, which factcheck.org shows to be totally misleading.

In contrast, it appears to me that many law officials support background checks. Last year, many law enforcement officials met with President Obama and urged him to support background checks. At a Senate hearing in 2013, the police chief of Milwaukee embarrassed Senator Lindsay Graham by calling for background checks. The International Association of Chiefs of Police supports background checks.

Mr. Tobias mentions that guns are often used to stop crimes. He doesn't mention how many times a person's gun is used against them or a family member or friend by accident. He doesn't mention how many times guns are used in crimes.

And lastly, the big argument that if many people had concealed guns, some of the past massacres wouldn't have been as severe. Maybe so; but what else might happen? Let's say that schoolteachers carry guns. A seriously mentally ill person walks into the room and shoots the teacher! Then what? On the other hand, let's say a teacher carries a gun. One day a student grabs it and then...?

Yes, we know that criminals will still be able to get guns, but I-594 is a simple way to reduce those numbers. The majority of people in the United States, over 79 percent, support background checks. Many of these are guns owners.

Anti-gun control people say they don't want their Second Amendment rights taken away. I would ask them: How would I-594 keep them from owning a gun?

**Ted Coskey, Seattle**

**NO BENEFIT**

I felt a sense of relief when I picked up my latest JTNews and saw that Dr. Asher A. Nov had spoken out ("The greatest sin?" Letters, June 13) about Janis Siegel's article "Arrest made on inappropriate behavior charges" (May 30). Imagine my disappointment and shame to see a follow-up article on the same case just pages later in the June 13 issue. Since reading the first article, I have felt utter embarrassment for everyone involved. That includes the young man, his family, his synagogue, the JTNews and myself (for not speaking up earlier). This man has not yet been found guilty of a crime. There is no benefit and no humanity to have exposed him to the Jewish community at large in the way that the JTNews has done.

**Phyllis Herzog, Seattle**

**DISTURBED**

I'm terribly disturbed by a second article written by Janis Siegel about a young Jewish man accused of "inappropriate communication with a minor." ("Judge grants continuance to August in Varon case," June 13). How insensitive and callous to villainize and embarrass a young man before the court's verdict as to his guilt or innocence. You have successfully ruined the life and career of a humble, God-fearing, and pious human being.

**Rita Sikavi, Seattle**

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**"This is very, very powerful for them, and we've seen great success in it."**

**— Rabbi Elazar Bogomilsky, whose Friendship Circle received a grant to run a program for teens with special needs. See the story on page 6.**

# Federation's 2015 allocations follow the road of innovation and community growth

**JOEL MAGALNICK** Editor, JTNews

Sometimes a kid just needs a place to unwind.

"It's an overwhelming, stimulating world," said Shoshana Bilavsky, head of school at the Seattle Jewish Community School. "The new generation is more and more stimulated, and you see more excitement and sensory issues with more kids."

That's why SJCS submitted a grant request to the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle to build what they're calling its K-5 Sensory Support Services on its North Seattle campus. The \$25,000 the school will receive from the Federation will go toward construction, staff and consultation to build a space, believed to be the first of its kind in the area, for children who need 10 or 15 minutes away from class to "minimize disruption for an entire class, while maximizing the potential and well-being of the sensory-deprived or overloaded students themselves," according to the grant request.

The service "is intended as an expansion of a curriculum clearly targeting highly capable students as well as teacher training, and most importantly, the creation of a sensory/tactile room that is pedagogically proven to assist students with sensory deficits overcome their challenges and maxi-

mize their learning opportunities."

"The goal is to align them to allow them to meet their sensory needs and to allow them to go back into the classroom," Bilavsky said.

The SJCS grant is one of 46 given to local and overseas Jewish agencies based on the Federation's community fundraising campaign of \$4.4 million. That number is down by about \$300,000 from last year's campaign.

The past year has seen a lot of change within the Jewish Federation, the community's central fundraising and granting agency: The addition of a new CEO, the loss of key fundraising staff members, and a year-long look (so far) into how the agency fits into the fabric of Seattle's Jewish community. As such, "we expected that it would be a slightly down campaign," said Keith Dvorchik, the Federation's CEO and president. "[There were] too many moving parts, too much new to really expect anything else."

But reduced fundraising has consequences: The Federation, which for the past three years has allocated grants on a per-project basis, awarded a mix of new initiatives and continuations of previous programs, though not always at the same

level as in previous years.

Rabbi Elazar Bogomilsky, executive director of the Friendship Circle, which offers services to kids with special needs and their families, as well as volunteer opportunities to teenagers, received \$7,000 for a newly launched program. Teen Scene is "a program especially created for skill enhancement for teens with special needs," Bogomilsky said. "Young kids are turning into teens, and this is that crucial stage where they're changing from childhood to young adulthood."

In addition to providing friendship and inclusion from their peers, the program "provides them with life-skill enhancements that make a direct impact on the way they live their life," Bogomilsky said. "This is very, very powerful for them, and we've seen great success in it."

The Friendship Circle received three other grants for ongoing programs, totaling \$58,000, that were somewhat smaller than last year. But for a program that has grown more than 30 percent in the past year and now has a wait list, "these funds make the difference of a successful program versus just straggling along," Bogomilsky said. "Every time you get funding toward a program that you're trying to help someone, it's crucial."

That's a sentiment Rabbi Will Berkovitz would agree with, but the CEO of Jewish Family Service expressed disappointment that the \$258,000 his agency received this year was a decrease when its community-wide food bank, for example, saw the most clients in its history.

"I need a toothbrush,' but we can't afford to give you a toothbrush. 'I need soap,' but we can't afford to give you soap," Berkovitz said of his agency's clients. "We have to stretch ourselves thinner and thinner. It's very important to keep in mind that this is the agency in the community that supports those folks who are really struggling."

The food bank saw a \$5,000 cut while JFS's domestic violence support program Project DVORA and the Seattle Association for Jews with Disabilities also received reduced funding.

"I'm hoping that the folks who are making the decisions really understand deeply what it is that the initiatives that we're applying for do," Berkovitz said.

Dvorchik said that JFS was not alone in not receiving its full grant requests.

"There were plenty of organizations that didn't get what they asked for, or that didn't get as much as they did last year," he said. "But then there were other organizations that got more because they made really compelling grant requests or had really compelling ideas."

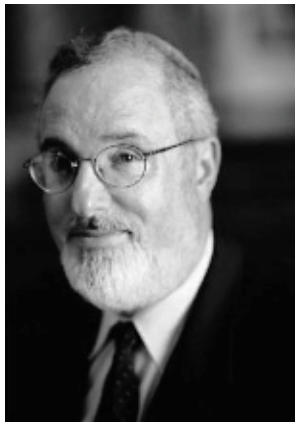
Some of those ideas include:

- Two grants to Temple De Hirsch Sinai, one to offer preschool scholarships to Eastside parents, and the other to offer Rosh Hashanah services for young adults. "We're looking to go outside the synagogue walls and meet young people where they are and start the New Year off right," said Lisa Horowitz, TDHS's executive director. "We've got some innovative outreach methods we'll be using."

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- Caroline Kline Galland and Affiliates, Seattle's Jewish senior care facilities, received two grants worth \$90,000, one for its chaplaincy program and the other to get its new palliative care program off the ground.
- A renewed grant to the Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center for

its "Continuing Generations" program that brings Holocaust survivors and their children and grandchildren to pass along the survivors' stories.

Dvorchik also noted that the Federation brings funding and support to many local agencies that don't show up as alloca-

tions. The government affairs department, for example, provides lobbying services in Olympia and has helped secure Department of Homeland Security grants that have provided security enhancements to local agencies and synagogues. Overhead costs, he said, account for about 24 percent

of the Federation's budget.

"I'm a big believer that every dollar that we spend, we need to be very proud of how we spend it," he said. "Everybody who's working here is doing more than a full-time job, and the things we're able to accomplish are pretty significant."

## Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle Fiscal Year 2015 Community Grants

### Building Jewish Community

#### Building Jewish Identity

Partnership2Gether: People 2 People Program	\$25,000
Stroum Jewish Community Center Cultural Arts Program	\$53,500
Stroum JCC Holiday Celebration Program	\$50,000
Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center:	
Outreach to Adult Children and Grandchildren of Local Holocaust Survivors:	\$17,500
WSHERC Yom Hashoah Program: The Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness –	
A Community Conversation	\$8,000
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$154,000</b>

#### Young Adults: Aged 18-35

Hillel at the University of Washington: Jconnect Seattle	\$75,000
Hillel UW Undergraduate Shabbat and Holidays	\$40,000
Stroum Center for Jewish Studies at the UW: Multiculturalism in Jewish Art	\$15,000
Temple De Hirsch Sinai: Experience Rosh Hashanah	\$11,500
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$141,500</b>

#### Adult Education

Herzl-Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation Torahthon 8	Grant \$5,000
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

<b>Building Jewish Community Impact Area Total</b>	<b>\$300,500</b>
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### Experiencing Judaism

#### Jewish Camping

Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle Camp Need-Based Scholarships	\$25,000
Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle One Happy Camper Incentive-Based Grant	\$44,000
Stroum JCC Summer Camp	\$51,000
The Friendship Circle of Washington Summer Camp	\$11,000
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$131,000</b>


#### Jewish Early Childhood


PJ Library of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle General Fund	\$96,000
Stroum JCC Young Family Engagement Initiative	\$39,400
Seattle Jewish Community School: Jewish Junction	\$5,000
Temple De Hirsch Sinai Preschool Scholarship Assistance	\$10,000
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$150,400</b>

#### Formal Jewish Education

Education Services of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle	\$62,000
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All Schools Request for Scholarship Funding	\$257,000
SJCS K-5 Student Sensory Support	\$25,000
Torah Day School Sephardic Educational Grant	\$12,800
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$362,800</b>

**Jewish Teen Experience**

BBYO Evergreen Region	\$16,000
Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle: Israel Need-Based Scholarships	\$26,000
Livnot Chai	\$45,000
Seattle Hebrew Academy: SHAlom Israel: 8th Grade Trip to Israel	\$5,000
Seattle NCSY	\$5,000
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$97,000</b>

**Experiencing Judaism Impact Area Total** **\$741,200**

**Helping Our Local Community in Need****Mental Health**

Eastern European Counseling Center: Mental Health Treatment for Victims of Domestic Violence	\$10,000
The Friendship Circle of Washington: Friends@Home	\$18,000
The Friendship Circle of Washington: Sunday Circle	\$29,000
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$57,000</b>

**Older Adults: Aged 65 & Older**

The Kline Galland Center and Affiliates Chaplaincy Grant	\$45,000
The Kline Galland Center and Affiliates Palliative Care	\$45,000
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>

**Stabilizing Lives in Crisis**

Jewish Family Service Food Bank and Emergency Services	\$105,000
JFS Project DVORA	\$90,000
JFS SAJD Supported Living Program	\$63,000
The Friendship Circle of Washington Teen Scene	\$7,000
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$265,000</b>

**Helping Our Local Community in Need Impact Area Total** **\$412,000**

**Strengthening Global Jewry**

JAFI and JDC Unrestricted Allocations Programs in Israel and Overseas \$436,602

**Human Need/Social Services in Israel**

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC): Supportive Community for the Elderly	\$10,000
Jewish Agency for Israel Choosing Tomorrow: Generating Social Change in Kiryat Malachi	\$20,000
Kiryat Malachi Endowment Fund: Kiryat Malachi Emergency Clinic	\$10,000
Leket Israel Nutritional Support in Kiryat Malachi & Hof Ashkelon	\$25,000
Partnership2Gether: P2G Israel-Based Programs	\$51,710
SELAH: Israel Crisis Management Center: Emergency Aid to Immigrants in Israel	\$30,000
YEDID Kiryat Malachi Center	\$17,500
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$164,210</b>

**Human Need/Social Services Overseas**

JDC Partnership for Children in Moldova	\$25,000
Jewish Agency for Israel FSU Camping	\$10,000
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>

**Services to the Elderly Overseas**

JDC Humanitarian Assistance for Jewish Elderly in Moldova	\$20,000
<b>Total in Priority Area</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

**Strengthening Global Jewry Impact Area Total** **\$655,812**

**Special Purpose Funds Allocations**

Contingency Fund	\$20,000
Emergency Capital Needs Fund	\$1
Research Fund	\$40,000
Taglit-Birthright	\$20,000
Welfare Funeral Fund	\$10,000
<b>Total FY15 Special Purpose Allocation</b>	<b>\$90,001</b>

**Fiscal Year 2015 Allocations Total**

**\$2,199,513**

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## Good Steak & Grilling Tips

Summer is finally here in the Pacific Northwest and that means it is time to dust off that patio furniture and fire up the grill! We interviewed QFC's Meat Merchandiser, Jason Taylor, for some tips on grilling, picking the perfect cut of meat for your summer BBQ, and how to keep your food safe with the warm summer weather.



**Q: There are so many great options when you walk up to the meat counter. How do you pick out a good steak?**

**J: Jason:** There are many steaks perfect for a summer BBQ! Ask the associates behind the counter for suggestions, or choose your favorites. Here are my top picks: A bone-in *Certified Angus Beef*® brand N.Y. strip steak is delectable option for summer grill gatherings. Strip steaks are one of the lean cuts, yet they also have abundant marbling for tender, juicy flavor.

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**Q: You mentioned the ® brand in your steak options. What is it?**

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**Q: What are some tips you have for an amateur griller?**

**J:** Our highly skilled meat associates are a great resource! If you're not sure how to pick out a good steak, how to cook it, or what sides would best complement a particular cut, just ask our folks behind the counter. They are always eager to help make you the hero of the kitchen or grill!

There is a balance between cooking meat to a safe temperature, while also ensuring optimal flavoring. You should use an instant-read meat thermometer to be sure beef has reached a safe internal temperature. Ground beef should be cooked to

160 degrees. Steaks should reach an internal temperature of 145 degrees for medium-rare. And don't forget to allow meat to rest for several minutes before slicing, so those tasty juices can be reabsorbed.

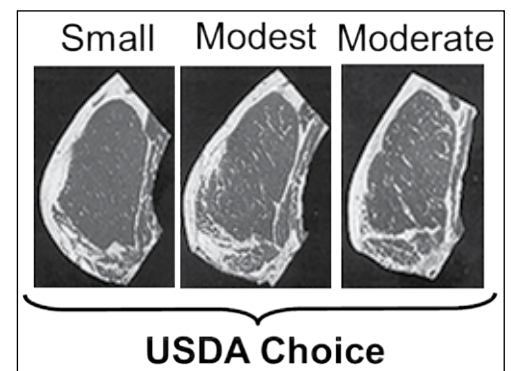
**Q: What other food safety tips do you have for cooking outdoors this summer?**

**J:** Food safety is our top priority at QFC. There are easy steps you can take to make sure that the products you purchase are always safe and of the highest quality.

- When you are shopping, buy cold food right before checkout. Separate raw meat and seafood from other food in your shopping cart to help guard against cross-contamination.
- Refrigerate all meat and seafood immediately once you arrive home from your trip to the store. Keep meat and poultry in a cooler when you transfer the meat for grilling. A good practice is to always pack beverages in one cooler and perishable meat and seafood in a separate cooler.
- Don't use the same platter and utensils for raw and cooked meat or poultry.
- Always cook food to a safe minimum internal temperature. To ensure optimal accuracy, use an instant-read meat thermometer. Again, steaks, pork, lamb, and veal steaks must reach a minimum internal temperature of 145 degrees Fahrenheit, ground beef 160 degrees Fahrenheit, and poultry to a minimum of 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Q: What if someone is looking for something quick and easy to grill?**

**J:** QFC has a variety of high-quality, ready-to-cook meat items at all of our stores. Two of my favorites include our popular Kalbi Marinated Flank Steak as well as our Beef & Vegetable Kabobs. Our ready-to-cook products take most of the prep work time out for you so that you spend less time in the kitchen and more time with friends and family!



If you have comments or questions, please contact Amanda Ip at [amanda.ip@fredmeyer.com](mailto:amanda.ip@fredmeyer.com).





# Everything is gone

Emily K. Alhadeff Associate Editor, JTNews

Once upon a time, there was a village in the middle of a forest. Houses lined a long street, each little plot opening into a field stretching back to the woods' edge. There was no need for telephones — if you needed to talk to someone, you walked down the street and spoke to them. On Friday afternoons, the villagers rushed home to bathe and prepare for the Sabbath, and the aroma of cholent and challah mingled with pine and meadow. On Shabbat, they awoke to birdsong, prayed, ate, took naps and went for walks in the woods.

There was nothing to be afraid of.

"It was a fairytale," said Betty Gold. "It was one big happy family, the whole town."

This was Trochenbrod, a place whose fabled existence is as hard to believe as its disappearance.

Betty Gold is one of 33 remaining survivors of Trochenbrod, an entirely Jewish village in eastern Poland of 5,000 before the Nazis literally wiped it off the map in 1942. For decades the town, now nothing more than a fallow field with a row of trees marking the central road since it was plowed it under after the war, was all but forgotten.

Gold was at the Stroum Jewish Community Center on Mercer Island June 29 to tell her story in conjunction with a screening of "Lost Town," a documentary following Avrom Bendavid-Val, whose father also survived by

moving to Palestine before the war.

In the late 1990s-early 2000s, interest grew in locating the lost village. Bendavid-Val's investigation into his father's past shares some remarkably similar plotlines with Jonathan Safran Foer's acclaimed novel, "Everything Is Illuminated," the fictionalized account of a lost, mythical shtetl called "Trachimbrod" based on Trachenbrod. Both in Foer's novel and in Bendavid-Val's real-life experience, no one even knew where Trachenbrod was anymore.

In his quest to better understand his father, Bendavid-Val became obsessed with Trochenbrod and ended up writing a book, "The Heavens Are Empty: Discovering the Lost Town of Trochenbrod." Gold is featured prominently in the beautiful film, and in addition to dedicating her later years to telling her story around the country, she is the author of "Beyond Trochenbrod: The Betty Gold Story."

Gold was 12 when the Germans marched into the Soviet Union and surrounded the town. She survived with her parents and brother by hiding behind a false wall in their shed before moving into the woods, where her father had dug out two bunkers — just in case the rumors about Jewish deaths coming from the cities were true.

"Our folks were in complete denial," said Gold. "They thought they would never find our town."

Gold was with her grandmother when the Nazis escorted the villagers out of their homes. Sensing that this was going to end badly, Gold managed to

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scamper back through the throngs to her house undetected, where she found her family and several others hiding behind the false wall. In hiding, the first act of horror Gold witnessed occurred, when a cousin resorted to suffocating her crying baby. In the distance, they heard gunshots as the entire village was gunned down in a mass grave the villagers were forced to dig themselves. For days the ground moved as the dying tried to claw their way out of their fate.

That was just the beginning.

Even after wiping out the Jewish villages in the region and cleaning out the houses for gold before burning them to the ground, the Nazis continued to hunt down the remaining Jews in hiding. On several occasions, Gold and her family, hiding in the woods with 13 others, narrowly avoided being massacred — often, another band of hidden Jews were the victims instead.

A year passed, but they had no sense of time. In late summer, Gold's father's friend, a Christian, came to let them know Yom Kippur was approaching. Grateful, they made plans to return to one of the remaining houses in the village. When they got there, they encountered some 90 other villagers who had come out of hiding — they had all had the same idea.

So did the Nazis.

"In the morning we started to pray, and we looked out the window," she said. "You know, the Nazis were so brilliant."

They knew the Jews as well as they knew themselves, and they planned for this day.

"They decided to join us. Of course, not in prayer. They started shooting into the windows, into the house."

Knowing that hidden Jews were not just killed, but tortured, Gold's father ordered everyone to run.

"It was raining bullets," Gold remembers. "I saw such horrible, horrible sights. I managed to run and I wasn't hit."

Gold, her parents and brother were reunited in the woods, but they had lost half their company. Hearing that the Nazis were coming next to search the woods, Gold's father proposed their next move.

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"My father said, 'not to worry, I happen to know there's a very huge swamp deep in the forest. I don't think the Nazis will muddy their beautiful designer uniforms...looking for a few filthy Jews,'" she recalled. "And he was right."

Living on a deck they built over the swamp, Gold remembers being so covered with mud that they no longer recognized one another. Their clothes were shreds. And Gold, whose job it was to forage for food, had to slog through the swamp to salvage whatever she could find from gardens, barns, and garbage bins.

"The worst part of trying to survive was the hunger," she said. "You can't imagine the pain that is created by being hungry for days. I gave birth to three and had surgeries. I've never suffered like this."

Gold and her family eventually encountered Russian soldiers, who rescued them. She ended up in a displaced persons camp in Austria, where the American soldiers gave her Hershey's chocolate bars — an addiction she never kicked. They made contact with relatives in Ohio and began their journey to America.

"We came to America, and we were just blessed," Gold recalled with a smile. "We never felt free until we came to the New York harbor and saw the Statue of Liberty."



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# Inspired by art

This year's Jacob Friedman Holocaust Writing, Art, and Digital Media Contest, sponsored by the Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center, received 700 entries from students across the state. Here are excerpts and artwork from several of the winners:



## Digital Media

1st Place: Marina LaBossier, Grade 10, Eastside Catholic High School, Sammamish. "Little Red Shoes." Watch the video online at [youtu.be/KtZq0lAUzKo](http://youtu.be/KtZq0lAUzKo).

## Writing

1st Place, 5th/6th Grade Writing Category

Mena Bova, Grade 6, Lake Washington Girls Middle School, Seattle

"These people, with their amazing stories of bravery inspire me. What I can do is be the person who speaks up when someone is pushed down, the person who takes a stand against injustice. I can be the person who makes sure everyone has a say. I can be the person who spreads good into the world. I can be the person who brings hope, resistance, and change into this world."

1st Place, 7th/8th Grade Writing Category

Attiya Khan, Grade 8, Meridian Middle School, Kent

"I have learned. I have learned that such injustice, regardless of the circumstances, is inexcusable. I have learned that we all have a choice to prevent and stop such crimes,

and a duty to be affected by such crimes, whether it is I or a fourteen-year-old girl in middle school or eighty years from now. The events that have taken place are to inspire and break the hearts of this generation and many to come."

1st Place, 9th-12th Grade Writing Category

Tulasa Ghimirey, Grade 12, Foster High School, Tukwila

"Since my family tragedy, it has been really hard to relate to anyone else's sorrow

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or experience. Reading 'Night' by Elie Wiesel has helped me understand a little bit more about the sacrifices and challenges that all refugees face. His book reminds me of the power of resilience.... I wonder how my mom would react if she was still here watching me now. I wonder how his mother would react if she could see what her son had become. Both our mothers died in anguish and in unfamiliar circumstances and maybe both mothers would be proud to see how their sacrifice has strengthened their children and given them motivation to become the best and be an inspiration to other people in anguish."

2nd Place, 9th — 12th Grade Writing Category Jonathan Tan, Grade 10, Jackson High School, Mill Creek

"The mentally disabled throughout history have proven their worth in

society over time by showing others that we can carry out tasks by ourselves without the need of others. At the age of 13, my parents told me I was diagnosed with autism.... The characters in the



book 'Night' and the story of Helen Lebel have inspired me greatly to stay strong and firm during difficulties."

Art Winners

1st Place: Jessica Kim, Grade 10, Bellevue High School, Bellevue (photo on the cover).

1st place, 5th/6th grade: Rylee Grant, Grade 6, Cedar Park Christian School, Bothell (on left).

1st place, 7th/8th grade: Ethan Hunter, Grade 7, St. George's School, Spokane (above).



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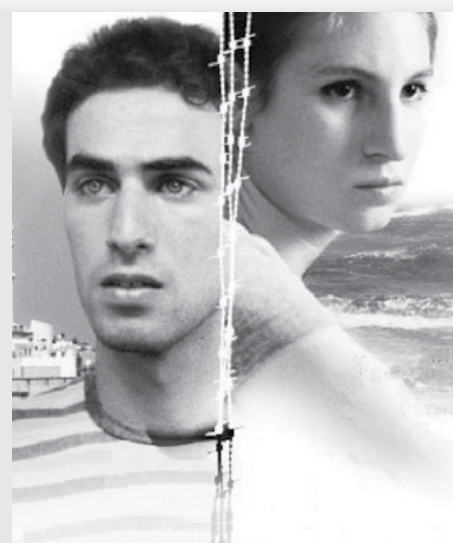
If you missed Seattle Jewish Film Festival headliner "The Zigzag Kid," or if you just want to see it again, come to this encore showing about Nono, a young Israeli boy on a quest to get to the bottom of a family mystery. Also playing: "B-Boy," a documentary short about a 13-year-old Bar Mitzvah breakdancer navigation across cultures. At the Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island. For more information contact Sarah at 206-232-7115 or [saraht@sjcc.org](mailto:saraht@sjcc.org) or visit [www.sjcc.org](http://www.sjcc.org).



Sunday, July 20 at 6 p.m.

**A Bottle in the Gaza Sea Film**

The Bet Alef Learning Institute and Seattle First Baptist Church sponsor a screening of Thierry Binistri's 2011 film about the daughter of French immigrants to Israel who throws a bottle into the sea following an attack at a local café. A Palestinian teen finds the bottle, setting off an email correspondence that turns into a warm friendship. At Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Ave., Seattle. Free.



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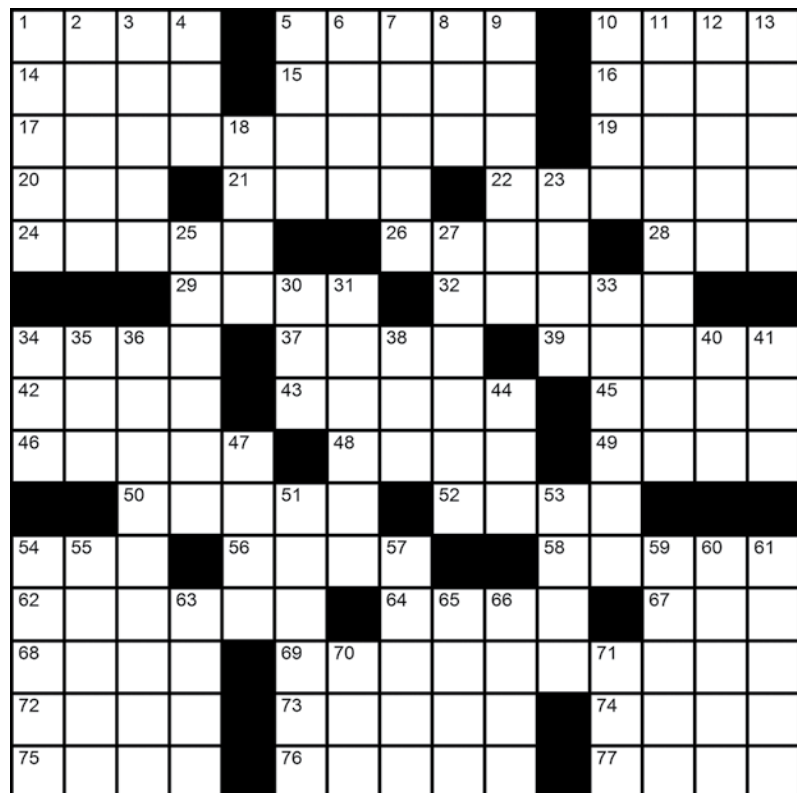
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## Dispense with Preconceptions

by Mike Selinker



"Everybody must get stoned," Bob Dylan sang on "Rainy Day Women #12 and 35." While it's hardly necessary to take that demand literally, it's certainly notable how our attitudes have changed since the Sixties. Where marijuana use was once a badge of the counterculture movement, now it's a taxable enterprise in the state of Washington. In this grid, eight marijuana dispensaries have opened up. Find all of them and you'll see what they have for sale.

### ACROSS

- 1 Radcliffe character
- 5 Language spoken by more than 300 million people
- 10 Blown line
- 14 Its motto is "To serve, not to be served"
- 15 "When \_\_\_ You" (Leo Sayer song)
- 16 Popularly, the Mexican wolf
- 17 Writer of the Broadway musical *House of Flowers*
- 19 Swear
- 20 Naughty by Nature hit featuring the line "Yeah, you know me"
- 21 ERA or INTs, for example
- 22 Post-trial action
- 24 First name in cosmetics
- 26 Prefix before "mom" in tabloids or "dad" in indie videogames
- 28 Iron Man's ladyfriend/major domo Pepper
- 29 Author Ayn
- 32 Artist Matisse
- 34 Sarcastic words before "Very funny"
- 37 Maker of the Quattro
- 39 Two-terminal component
- 42 WWII faction
- 43 Service members?
- 45 Elsa's sister, in *Frozen*
- 46 Hansen's disease sufferer
- 48 Singer Lovett
- 49 Exam a JD likely took
- 50 Requested amount
- 52 *Coup d'\_\_\_*
- 54 Theater sign
- 56 Extinct bird
- 58 Spoil
- 62 Putting the relations in Human Relations?
- 64 Laundry cycle
- 67 Brewery output
- 68 Syrian, likely
- 69 *Jeopardy!* category
- 72 Arrived
- 73 Stress
- 74 Hottie
- 75 Tight-\_\_\_
- 76 Rescue dog, perhaps
- 77 With no modifications

### DOWN

- 1 Dan Quayle misspelling of 1992
- 2 Pool coverings
- 3 Emulate St. Helens
- 4 NASCAR acronym
- 5 Clue
- 6 Onetime Peruvian
- 7 "Swell!"
- 8 Station
- 9 Think up
- 10 What a cat might enter
- 11 Enchanting brews
- 12 *Kriegsmarine* craft
- 13 Some football games
- 18 On the main
- 23 Small body of water
- 25 1996 Arnold Schwarzenegger film
- 27 Server of barbacoa burritos
- 30 \_\_\_ King Cole
- 31 Clashed swords
- 33 Common word for a market taken from a Venetian district
- 34 Movie computer
- 35 Body spray brand
- 36 On Sandra Boynton greeting cards, they symbolize the word "Happy"
- 38 Appointment book page
- 40 Trial evidence
- 41 Scarf down
- 44 Filming location
- 47 Clears
- 51 Stewed fruit mixtures
- 53 Turkish leader
- 54 Mid-afternoon option
- 55 Showed again
- 57 Landlord, perhaps
- 59 Hay stacks
- 60 World Cup commentator Lalas
- 61 Tyrannical sorts
- 63 "Oh, sure it is"
- 65 Gillette shaver
- 66 With little regularity
- 70 Phone line abbr.
- 71 Youth grp. with badges

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## J-Kick kicks off its latest round of crowdfunding projects

JOEL MAGALNICK Editor, JTNews

On July 7, they flipped the switch, and the most recent cohort of crowd-sourcing projects launched for six projects that its organizers hope will provide positive engagement for the Seattle area's Jewish community.

J-Kick, the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle's version of the popular Kickstarter online crowdfunding platform, gives any nonprofit organization the ability to raise funds more broadly than might be possible through just their own networks. Six diverse programs are being offered this time around:

### • The 2015 Legislative Seder:

For the past decade, the Jewish Federation has joined with other local organizations to host a legislative Passover seder, which brings our state's lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to Temple Beth Hatfiloh in Olympia to show how the story of Passover, when the Jews made their exodus from slavery to freedom, is not so different from decisions our elected officials must make today.

"It's one of the very few opportunities that Jewish lobbyists, Jewish legislators, Jewish staff members and non-Jews have a chance to come together and experience something that's authentically Jewish," said Zach Carstensen, the Federation's director of government relations and public affairs. "At its very nature, it's a community project, so considering that, I think it makes it really well suited for crowd funding."

• **Pro-Israel Ad Campaign:** To counter ads on buses over the past four years that have contained "horrific allegations that defamed both Israel and, indirectly, our Jewish community," according to the campaign description, local Israel advocacy organization StandWithUs Northwest is hoping to raise \$4,000 to create ads "with facts and a positive presentation of the Israel we know and love."

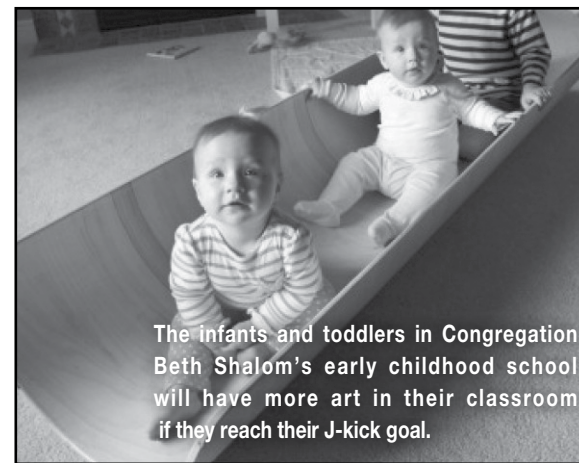
• **The Shabbos Project:** This October, a successful project in South Africa that brought 5,000 Jews together to observe and celebrate a full day of Shabbat, is going global.

"The beauty about the Shabbos project and the beauty about Shabbos in general is that it's for every Jew," said Rabbi Dr. Warren Goldstein, chief rabbi of South Africa, in the video posted on the J-Kick site. "It doesn't matter who you

are, where you come from, what your level of observance is.... Shabbos belongs to the entire Jewish people. This is a Jewish unity project." The Shabbos Project hopes to raise \$18,000 to create Shabbat kits to distribute to families, hold a community-wide challah bake, and help multiple families host Shabbat dinners.

• **The C.A.R.E. Channel for the Kline Galland Nursing Facility:** Seattleite Karen Zimmer discovered the C.A.R.E. Channel (Continuous Ambient Relaxation Environment) while her father was receiving care at Virginia Mason hospital. Zimmer hopes to raise \$13,250 so the TV channel, which shows continuous images of constantly changing scenery coupled with relaxing music, can be installed on the Kline Galland's cable system.

"I'm spreading happiness. I like to bring some happiness and joy into their lives," Zimmer said. "It'll help people sleep better, it'll help them enjoy the day. It really is beneficial in so many ways."



The infants and toddlers in Congregation Beth Shalom's early childhood school will have more art in their classroom if they reach their J-kick goal.

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM/J-KICK

• **Blues for Challah:** Grateful Dead fans rejoice! This joint project between Temple De Hirsch Sinai and the Jewish Federation hopes to raise \$5,000 to hold a Shabbaton in this area based on a similar program at the Isabella Freedman Center in Connecticut "that brings together musicians, fans, scholars and students for fellowship, study, worship and ardent appreciation of the music of the Grateful Dead," according to the J-Kick description. The weekend would feature different options for Shabbat services, discussions, kids' activities, meditation and yoga, and of course live music.

• **Beth Shalom Early Childhood Center Beautification Project:** To create a more nurturing and positive environment for the young children it serves, Congregation Beth Shalom hopes to raise \$5,000 to recreate its entry common areas, and add Jewish art to the classrooms. This fund would also create a resource library for the center's teachers.

While some of these projects have already received pledges, they don't actually get any funding until they hit the two-thirds mark, so there's a challenge to the project sponsors to get people to sign on. All pledges are accepted online at [www.j-kick.org](http://www.j-kick.org), and credit cards are charged within 10 days of the campaign's close.

# Reflecting on tragedy



On Thursday night, July 3, a community-wide memorial service was held at Minyan Ohr Chadash for Gilad Shaar, Naftali Fraenkel, and Eyal Yifrach, the three Israeli teens found dead 18 days after being abducted by two Palestinian men.

After the news broke, Minyan Ohr Chadash, Sephardic Bikur Holim, Ezra Bessaro, Seattle Hebrew Academy, and Northwest Yeshiva High School organized a memorial, with prayers led by Rabbi Ben Hassan of SBH, Rabbi Ron Ami Meyers of EB, Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle CEO Keith Dvorchik, and SBH board president Simon Amiel. Recent SHA grad Tamar Jacobson read a poem, and the evening concluded with songs.

"All of their dreams," said Rabbi Moshe Kletenik, director of the Va'ad HaRabanim of Greater Seattle, in a speech, "what they could have contributed to our people and to the world, are brutally crushed."

Our mandate, he said, is to keep their voices, which united Jews across the world, as a reminder to attempt to love every Jew.

— Emily K. Alhadeff



"I'm at a loss, really... Personally, when it happened I was looking for a way to respond." "All I can do is go and be with people in

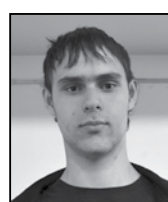
the community. What else can we do? There's nothing else we can do but get together and pray."

— David Behar, Ezra Bessaro



"It's wonderful to see the community getting together, but it's unfortunate under these circumstances. Rabbi Kletenik spoke well: 'Nation shall not lift up sword against

nation — peace and unity.'" — Joyce Bloch Phillips, Ohr Chadash



"This is a reminder to the world that the Jewish community has a commitment to itself. That reminder is very important."

— Manuel Zimmeroff, Northwest Yeshiva High School student



"It really is hard to put it into words. We've got a 16-year-old son, so it hits pretty close to home. The pain the parents are going through is difficult to comprehend."

— Harvey Greisman, Congregation Shevet Achim

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## Rebranding the religious experience

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

Rabbi Kenneth Brander took a part-time, two-year job as rabbi of a 60-family congregation in Boca Raton, Fla. with the idea that he'd have lots of time to write about his experiences living with and assisting Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik during the last years of his life.

"Yeshiva University will publish what you write about Rabbi Soloveitchik," former YU president Norman Lamm told him of one of the 20th century's leading rabbinic figures. "You should just sit and write about his customs, what you saw, what you engaged with. And we'll publish it."

Instead, he grew the small Modern Orthodox congregation into a metropolis of Jewish life, with 600 families, an eruv, a Kollel, a yeshiva high school, and kosher kitchens across the region.

"Two years became 14 years," Brander said. "I didn't really write much about Rav Soloveitchik."

Entrenched in the community in Florida, Brander said he never considered moving back to New York until current YU president Richard Joel tapped him to come to the university to export his successful models of community building.

Brander, a 1986 YU graduate, is now its vice president for university and community life and the Dan Mintzer Dean of Yeshiva University Center for the Jewish Future. He was in Seattle over the Shabbat of June 20 as a guest of Bikur Cholim Machzikay Hadath, Minyan Ohr Chadash, and Sephardic Bikur Holim, where he gave three talks over Shabbat.

The goals of YU's new Center for the Jewish Future are "infusing the student body with a spirit of leadership and a sense of responsibility to the Jewish people and society in general"; "building, cultivating, and supporting communities, and their lay and rabbinic leaders"; and "creating a global movement that promotes the values of Yeshiva University."

"Goal number one is to inspire students to make a difference," Brander said.

Comparable to a well-known phenomenon in the non-Orthodox Jewish world of short-term, international humanitarian work, such as alternative spring break, YU now sends students to various places like Nicaragua, Rwanda, and Israel to work with Jewish and non-Jewish communities on an issue of importance.

For example, every year 50 students

travel to Kiryat Malachi, Israel — incidentally, a sister city of Seattle — to work with at-risk high school students on skills and self-esteem. Brander says their work has been so critical — to the point of preventing suicides — that the Kiryat Malachi school system changed its winter break to align with the YU students' trip.

"Our goal is not to make them Orthodox," said Brander of the Kiryat Malachi youth. "It's to say, 'You can be cool and value something more than your own self-indulgence.'"

The students are also working locally on a long list of projects, like running science labs and practicing music therapy. Brander points out that the Hebrew word "natan," to give, is a palindrome. In other words, it goes both ways. He speaks of a sense of idealism among the students.

"There's a whole culture now of giving to the larger community, and how it transforms you," he said. "Our students realize we live in a world that's all about 'I.' We have to change that paradigm."

Another area the center Brander runs addresses a highly scrutinized, yet overlooked, group of people: Rabbis' wives, lay leaders, and even rabbis themselves. The center provides seminars, education, resource guides, and job placement for rabbis, and spiritual retreats and ongoing support for rabbis' wives and lay leaders.

"Most rabbis' wives have advanced degrees," he said. "They're bringing up a family, and they have this third job they never signed up for" — that is, being the rabbi's wife.

For instance, Brander said, "What happens when the rabbi's wife wants to see women's issues differently than the man

she shares the bedroom with? How does she communicate to her husband that he needs to see these issues differently?"

Brander notes that rabbis are trained in volumes of Jewish legal literature, but miss "the volume of common sense." He brings in professors of psychology, medical ethics, and other fields to train rabbis in pastoral counseling, and he brings in Broadway actors to simulate crisis situations. Why should a rabbi be somehow better equipped to handle



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**Rabbi Kenneth Brander.**

tragedy and crisis?

"Who's helping the rabbi?" asked Brander. "Who's making sure the rabbi's doing okay?"

Brander's early life may have prepared him for his job today. As a young student activist for Soviet Jewry, Brander found himself in jail on many occasions.

"Our goal was not about hurting law enforcement," he said. "It was about speaking truth to power."

He snuck into Russia to teach Talmud and into Estonia to run a model seder. The phones were tapped, of course, and anyone who attended the seder ended up losing their electricity and phone service for a day.

"At the end of the service the KGB

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#### FRIDAY 25 JULY

6:15–9 p.m. — **Kabbalat Shabbat Honoring Yiddish**

☎ Wendy Marcus at 206-525-0915 or [wendy@templebetham.org](mailto:wendy@templebetham.org)

Jeremiah Wilton is an amateur genealogist and language geek whose efforts at deciphering family documents led him to an interest in Yiddish. Free. At Temple Beth Am, 2632 NE 80th St., Seattle.

7–10 p.m. — **Minyan Ohr Chadash Shabbat of Learning**

☎ Karen Treiger at or [ktreiger@hotmail.com](mailto:ktreiger@hotmail.com)  
Shabbat of Learning with Rabbi Jack Bieler of Kemp Mill Shul in Maryland. Free. At Minyan Ohr Chadash, 51st Ave. and Brighton St. S, Seattle.

#### SATURDAY 26 JULY

9:15–10:15 a.m. — **Tot Shabbat**

☎ Alexis Kort at 206.525.0915 or [alexis@templebetham.org](mailto:alexis@templebetham.org) or [www.templebetham.org/community/families](http://www.templebetham.org/community/families)

Story, dancing, singing, prayers, and a short Torah reading. Led by a rabbi and Shoshanah Stombaugh. Tot Shabbat is held the fourth Saturday of each month. At Temple Beth Am, 2632 NE 80th St., Seattle.

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walked in and told us we had an hour to leave," he said. "They put us on a bus and threw us into East Germany."

Brander believes strongly in providing "multiple portals for spiritual entry," and quotes it as the key to his success in Boca Raton. He compares it to the ancient Temple.

"I believe the Beit HaMikdash was a place of music, social action, ecological responsibility, formal education, experiential education, youth education, education," he said. "We always think of it

### Shabbaton with Rabbi Marc Angel

☎ Susan Jensen at 206-722-5500 or office@[ezrabessaro.net](http://ezrabessaro.net)

A weekend dedicated to the memory of the Jews of Rhodes and Cos. Shabbat morning: "Remembering, Reminding, Rededicating: Reflections on the Holocaust in Rhodes and Cos." Shabbat afternoon: "Shalom al Yisrael: How Will Israel Achieve Peace?" At Congregation Ezra Bessaro, 5217 S Brandon St., Seattle.

### Minyan Ohr Chadash Shabbat of Learning with Rabbi Jack Bieler

☎ Karen Treiger at or [ktreiger@hotmail.com](mailto:ktreiger@hotmail.com)  
Rabbi Bieler will teach a shiur after morning services (around 11 a.m.) and teach again later in the afternoon. Free. At Minyan Ohr Chadash, 51st Ave. and Brighton St. S, Seattle.

#### SUNDAY 27 JULY

8:15–9:30 a.m. — **Swedish Summer and Walk for Ovarian Cancer Research**

☎ Rebecca Levy at 206-232-8555 ext. 207 or [rebecca@h-nt.org](mailto:rebecca@h-nt.org)

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as a place of sacrifice.... Synagogues are the spiritual progeny of the temple, and they have to follow that mission statement."

Brander is completing a doctorate now, and he's writing his dissertation on this subject. Synagogues he has studied are successful when they create multiple portals for entry; as soon as they close them off, they decline.

"People are searching for spirituality, but Judaism is no longer a forced religious experience," he said. "It's up to us to create a religious experience that has color, that has nuance, that has spirit."



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Bill Rogers, a naturalist with the Seattle Aquarium, shows a tiny crab to Joyce Bloch, as Marilyn Stalcup walks up from behind during a beach walk held by Hadassah's Beersheva chapter. Dozens of women from Seattle and the Eastside came to Lincoln Park in West Seattle to learn about our local marine habitat.

LIFECYCLES



**Betty Lucille Mossafer**  
April 12, 1932–June 17, 2014

The best wife, mom, grandmother, and great-grandmother ever, Betty Lucille Mossafer, passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 17 at her home surrounded by those who loved her deeply. Born April 12, 1932 in Montana to Adelaide and Richard Jones, she is survived by her husband Albert Nessim Mossafer, her sister Jean Jones, four wacky daughters Laurel (Bob) Mossafer-Moultray, Patricia Mossafer-Cacabelos, Linda (Mark) Kosin, and Elizabeth (David) Mossafer-Rosenthal, eight grandchildren Josh (Amy) Moultray, Jonathan (Natasha) Cacabelos, Jeffrey Cacabelos, Jimmy (Shaylee) Moultray, David Kosin, Alyssa Rosenthal, Nate Kosin and Ben Rosenthal, and two great-grandchildren. In 1950, she was lovingly married to her high school sweetheart, the luckiest man in the world, Al, at the age of 18. She was blessed with a large and happy family; Betty filled each day and each of their hearts with love. Betty dedicated her love and unwavering support to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; attending endless baseball games, happily hosting family dinners, and planning annual themed trips with her daughters.

Betty spearheaded a myriad of community activities from Sisterhood president and board member of Temple De Hirsch Sinai to Mercer Island School District PTA president to advisor for the Mercer Island City Council. She also led the donation drive to support the Mercer Island Fire Department's purchase of their first thermal imager.

In honor of Betty's memory and love, the family continues to support her decades-long commitment to Noel House ([www.noelhouse.org](http://www.noelhouse.org)) and New Horizons ([nhmin.org](http://nhmin.org)) by asking that any contributions in Betty's memory be sent there.



**Robert Paul Zimmerman**  
January 8, 1936–June 14, 2014

Bob Zimmerman, 78, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, June 14. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Rebecca; son Michael Zimmerman and wife Elizabeth, and grandsons Bauer and Grant of Sammamish, Wash.; daughter Esther and husband Rabbi Yosef Malka, and grandsons Yehudah, Yonah Mordechai, Raziel Yitzchak, and Moshe David of Beitar Ilit, Israel; daughter Sharon Zimmerman and partner David Tutton of San Francisco, Calif.; and daughter Susan and husband Joshua Stewart of Renton, Wash. He is also survived by his sisters Barbara and husband Robert Sirotkin of Lords Valley, Pa., and Judith Zimmerman of New Orleans, La. He is predeceased by his parents Eugene and Daisy Zimmerman. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews. Family was his life.

He was born January 8, 1936, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He attended the Yeshiva of Flatbush, Midwood High School, and Brown University.

Bob was a Boeing employee for 37 years and worked in both aerospace and defense in Huntsville, Ala. and Seattle. After retirement he became a teacher for Herzl-Ner Tamid Congregation's Frankel Religious School, educating kids and adults while also leading the morning minyan — his two passions. He was active in the Democratic Party.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Herzl-Ner Tamid Congregation morning minyan fund, Herzl-Ner Tamid rabbi's discretionary fund, Herzl-Ner Tamid cantor's discretionary fund, Herzl-Ner Tamid executive director's fund, the Stroum Jewish Community Center fitness center, and HopeLink would be greatly appreciated. Burial was June 17 at The Herzl Memorial Park.

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# A taste of Argentina in Seattle

**MICHAEL NATKIN** JTNews Columnist

Chimichurri is the quintessential sauce of Argentina, and deserves to be better known in the northerly climes. It is somewhat like an Italian pesto, but made from parsley, and without the cheese or nuts to thicken it. Like pesto, it comes together in a food processor with just a few minutes of work.

In South America, chimichurri is usually served with steak, but you can definitely make a home for it in a vegetarian kitchen as well. It has a strong, herbaceous bite that pairs well with the smokiness of grilled vegetables, cuts the richness of fried foods, or amps up the flavor of a mild dish.

In the picture, you can see I served the chimichurri with mild Argentinian polenta, rich little tostones (twice-fried plantain), and avocado.

Generally speaking, the essential ingredients of a chimichurri recipe are parsley, olive oil, garlic, onion, salt and pepper and something acidic. I chose to embellish this version by including cilantro, red onion, a bit of sherry vinegar, and a few capers. Other common variations add chili flakes, paprika, or



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dried oregano. Once you establish the basic flavor profile, there is plenty of room to tweak it to match your taste and what you are serving it with. (I apologize in advance to any chimichurri purists who feel that such variations are heresy, and remind you that the recipe isn't 100 percent standardized even in its homelands!)

## Chimichurri

- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, peeled and chopped fine or pressed
- 1 cup well-rinsed parsley leaves, lightly packed
- 1 cup well-rinsed cilantro leaves, lightly packed
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1 Tbs. sherry vinegar
- 1/4 cup red onion, minced (or add to food processor before herbs)
- 1 Tbs. capers, rinsed

In a small food processor, combine the olive oil and garlic and run until the garlic is well distributed. If you don't



MICHAEL NATKIN

## Chimichurri with polenta and avocado.

feel like mincing the onion by hand, you can add it in chunks now, but it won't look as nice. If you don't have a small food processor, you might need to make a double batch, as a full size machine probably won't work well on this small quantity.

Add the parsley, cilantro, salt, pepper and vinegar and process until minced but with still a bit of texture left in the leaves.

Remove from the food processor and

mix in the onions and capers. Let rest at least 30 minutes, then taste and adjust salt, pepper and vinegar as needed.

Yield 2/3 cup.

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](http://herbivorous.com).

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