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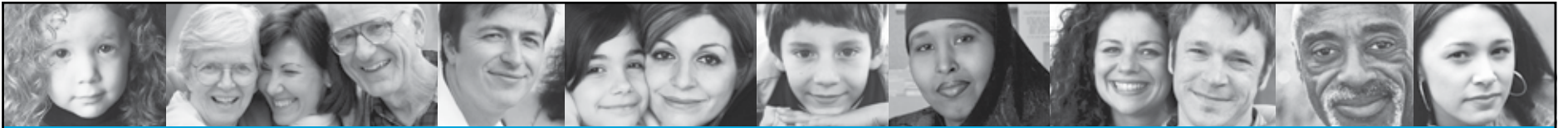
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5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

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■ **Thursday, May 15
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

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■ **Thursday, May 29, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

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A community-wide program offered in partnership with Temple B'nai Torah & Temple De Hirsch Sinai. EO events are open to the public and are at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

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■ **Tuesday, May 13**

Outing to the Seattle Art Museum: Joan Miro – The Experience of Seeing

■ **Friday, May 16**

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■ **Thursday, May 22**

Christian Science: Religion, Science and Healing

■ **Thursday, May 29**

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■ **Wednesday, May 21
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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 two weeks:

- In Africa, a miracle of a seder
- The slow-moving restitution train
- Ukrainian Jews told to "register"
- We're not as safe as we think

Want to be in the know? Sign up for the 3 O'Clock News by visiting our website at www.jewishsound.org, scrolling down, and entering your name and email address. Find all of these articles on our new website, The Jewish Sound.

REMEMBER WHEN



From the Jewish Transcript, April 19, 1965.

Back in the swingin' '60s, the women's division of the Seattle Federated Jewish Fund and Council (now known as the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle) knew how to reel in the donors: By holding a drawing! Federated Fund volunteers Mrs. Joe Woron and Mrs. LeRoy Leavitt show off the grand prize, a \$500 Philco Custom Color TV with "walnut finish, simplified color controls, memory-matic pre-set fine tuning" and a 4-inch speaker.

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With Holocaust Remembrance Day coming on April 27, our children's book reviewer Rita Frischer put together a list of books that can help you discuss the atrocities of the Shoah.

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This spring's Music of Remembrance concert, which brings music from and related to the Holocaust to Seattle, focuses on a German film that ironically portrayed Jews positively and Russians as anti-Semitic.

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THE CALENDAR to Jewish Washington



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

Candlelighting Times

Friday, April 25.....7:55 p.m.

Friday, May 2.....8:05 p.m.

Friday, May 9.....8:15 p.m.

Friday, May 16.....8:24 p.m.

SATURDAY 26 APRIL

1:15–2:15 p.m. — Beth Shalom New Book

Club: First Meeting

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

Discuss Ari Shavit's new book "My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel." Free. At Congregation Beth Shalom, 6800 35th Ave. NE, Seattle.

5 p.m. — SJCC: Parents Night Out

Daliah Silver at 206-388-0839 or daliahs@sjcc.org

Games, arts and crafts, and activities for kids. Includes dinner. Theme: "A Night at Hogwarts: It's Harry Potter Night!" \$30 members/\$40 general. At the Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island.

SUNDAY 27 APRIL

10–11 a.m. — Book Reading about Parenting

and Jewish Life

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

JTNews columnist Ed Harris, author of "Now They Tell Me: 50 Life Lessons I Didn't Learn in School" and other tongue-in-cheek books about Jewish parenting, will offer some tidbits from his recent books. Free. At Congregation Beth Shalom, 6800 35th Ave. NE, Seattle.

10:30 a.m. — Yom HaShoah Remembrance

Ilana Kennedy at 206-774-2201 or ilanak@wsherc.org

Candle-lighting and remembrance program for Yom Hashoah. Free. At the Stroum JCC, 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island.

12 p.m. — J-Serve

Mark Rosenberg at 206-388-0830 or MarkR@sjcc.org

Teens from around Seattle work on a community service project. Partners: BBYO, NCSY, TDHS and the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle. At the Stroum JCC, 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island.

2–4 p.m. — Yom HaShoah

Janice Hill at 206-842-9010 or admin@kolshalom.net or www.kolshalom.net

Commemorate Yom HaShoah, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day. Gather to honor the victims with songs, prayer, testimonials and readings. All are welcome. Free. At Congregation Kol Shalom, 9010 Miller Rd., Bainbridge Island.

2:30–4:30 p.m. — Yom Hashoah

Ilana Kennedy at 206-774-2201 or ilanak@wsherc.org

With author David Laskin, Holocaust survivor Josh Gortler, and Professor Daniel Chirot. Offered in partnership with the UW Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, Stroum JCC, Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, 4Culture, and the Claims Conference. Free. At the University of Washington, Seattle.

5:30–7:30 p.m. — The Beauty Within Girls' Spa

Chaya Elishevitz at 425-786-6571 or chaya1818@gmail.com

Manicures. Massages. Make-your-own bath salts. Delicious refreshments. And an inspirational talk by Mrs. Rochie Farkash. For girls in grades 7–12. \$20/\$35 for 2. At the Eastside Torah Center, 16199 Northup Way, Bellevue.

MONDAY 28 APRIL

10 a.m. — Re-examining Rabbinic Legal Loopholes

Jamie Hyams at wacoalition rabbis@gmail.com or 510-207-0748 or bit.ly/QDcvRu

The Washington Coalition of Rabbis presents Dr. Elana Stein Hain, who will discuss "Re-examining Rabbinic Legal Loopholes: The Place of Equity in Law" as part of the Shalom Hartman Institute Beit Midrash series for rabbis.

12–1:30 p.m. — CLE: The Law of Holocaust Reparations

Shayna Rosen at 206-774-2219 or shaynar@jewishinseattle.org

Learn about the complex law governing Holocaust reparations, the funds and resources available, and the efforts of dedicated attorneys around the world who work on behalf of Holocaust survivors and their families. 1.5 CLE credits pending. Kosher lunch provided. \$36. At 1111 3rd Ave., #3400, Seattle.

7–9 p.m. — Aging Transitions for Today's Men: Isolation vs. Connection

Temple B'nai Torah supported by JFS at 425-890-8685

The aging process presents losses, change, and challenges. This workshop will give men the opportunity to reflect and chart their journey

home to a more authentic self. Become part of a small pilot group of men ages 50-70-plus to help understand what aging men need to navigate the changes and transitions associated with aging. Free to the first 10 men. At 2430 76th Ave. SE, Mercer Island.

7–8:30 p.m. — A Young Israeli's Fight for Equality in Haifa

action.nif.org/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=72050

Moderated interview with New Israel Fund law fellow Reut Cohen, an aspiring Israeli civil rights attorney and a veteran activist for equality in her hometown of Haifa, followed by Q and A and reception. At Temple De Hirsch Sinai, 1441 16th Ave., Seattle.

10:30 p.m. — "A Promise to My Father: One Survivor's Journey Through the Holocaust"

kcts9.org

Holocaust survivor Israel Arbeiter returns to Europe to tour concentration camps and memorials. Documentary on KCTS 9.

TUESDAY 29 APRIL

8:15–9:15 p.m. — Not So Elementary: Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water

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

In Hebrew, these basic words have many layers of meaning. After this course, you'll never read these simple words "simply" again. Also on May 6 and 13. \$48 members/\$72 non-members. At Congregation Beth Shalom, 6800 35th Ave. NE, Seattle.

WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL

9–11 a.m. — Yom HaShoah at Northwest Yeshiva High School

kfranke@nyhs.net

Josh Gortler, retired CEO of the Caroline Kline Galland Center, will testify about his and his family's experience as Jews in Europe and Soviet Asia during the Holocaust and in the DP camps in Germany after the war. Petra HeuBner-Walker, Honorary Consul

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The Yellow Ticket

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Alicia Svigals of The Klezmatics—along with Marilyn Lerner and Laura DeLuca—performs her new score along with a screening of the recently-restored silent film *The Yellow Ticket*. Pola Negri stars as a would-be medical student in Czarist Russia who finds herself forced into dire circumstances by a hostile society. In addition we unveil the world premiere of Lori Laitman's *In Sleep The World Is Yours*, a song cycle based on the poetry of Selma Meerbaum-Eisinger. Eisinger, who died at 18 in a Nazi labor camp, was related to the famed poet Paul Celan, and you'll also hear Laitman's setting of Celan's chilling landmark poem *Todesfuge*. In addition, we'll perform a charming serenade by the prolific Czech composer Bohuslav Martinů.



THE RABBI'S TURN

Swords into plowshares;
apathy into responsibility

RABBI DANIEL A. WEINER Temple De Hirsch Sinai

In light of the recent tragedy at the JCC in Kansas at the hands of a murderer who obtained guns without a background check, the dire necessity of this legislation is beyond question.

As co-chair of Faith Leaders For I-594, the upcoming November ballot initiative to implement universal background checks on firearm sales, I crafted the following statement of purpose for Washington faith leaders. The issue is clear, the concerns obvious, and the solution apparent. For more information and to offer support, go to wagunresponsibility.org.

We, the undersigned faith leaders, are united in our support of universal background checks on all gun purchases as reflected in I-594.

We are proud of both those qualities that mark our communities as distinct, and those transcendent principles that bind all people of faith:

There is a spark of the divine in each of us that must be protected and nurtured, and

The saving of a single life is to save a whole world.

These are inviolable values, unqualified convictions, and immutable mandates that compel us to effect change in the attitudes, actions and policies that



define us as a civilization and shape us as a culture.

Thus, any proposition or condition that threatens the realization of these universal laws, as does the current state of gun legislation, must be challenged.

We cherish the rights and privileges that undergird our great, national, democratic enterprise. They have provided

unprecedented freedom of worship and belief that renders our country a beacon of light and hope.

Our Constitution and its Bill of Rights are a sacred civil document. But our founders envisioned this blueprint to be dynamic and subject to ongoing interpretation to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

And this text is but one of a number of testaments, rooted in our myriad faith traditions, that guide our lives and inform our aspirations.

Thus, our support of I-594 transcends mere interest in public policy. Our support of I-594 is a clarion call to guard the sanctity of life while celebrating the evolving essence of our shared civic patrimony.

*In Peace, In Hope, and In Blessing,
A Wide and Diverse Range of Washington
Faith Leaders.*

Coming May 23: Our 90th anniversary celebration issue

On May 23, in honor of our 90 years of publication, we will be creating an issue made up almost completely of content that has run over those nine decades — articles, lifecycle events, editorials, even advertisements! We'd love you, our longtime readers, to be a part of the celebration, by going back in time to find your Bar or Bat Mitzvah announcements, your wedding photos, or even birth announcements. Just contact us at editor@jtnews.net and give us the date of the event, and for only \$90 we will make you a part of the Jewish newspaper of record — again! Plus, as a special bonus, for each lifecycle tribute we run, we will donate \$18 back to your synagogue. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Court's decision highlights a
bigger problem

EMILY K. ALHADEFF Associate Editor, JTNews

On April 7, the Washington State Court of Appeals struck down the 2011 lawsuit brought against the Olympia Food Co-op for its boycott of Israeli products. This is a shame, and a shame that taps into a much larger picture of the tension between pro-Israel activists and activists in the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement (BDS) that has evolved around the country since the co-op's decision on the fateful evening of July 15, 2010.

Make no mistake: The Olympia Food Co-op board voted to deshelve Israeli products behind closed doors in a board meeting essentially hijacked by activists in support of BDS. Board minutes from that evening relay that "the board was surprised to find 30 or so community members gathered at the meeting in support of the boycott." After two impassioned speeches, the "board shared concern for the staff and members that are opposed to the boycott."

Members of Olympia's Jewish community were by all accounts shocked to hear this news, and that is not a coincidence. Having investigated this turn of events for Moment Magazine in 2012, I am confident to say that the BDS activists — suspecting that bringing such a resolution even in Olympia, where slain Palestinian activist Rachel Corrie's memory runs deep, would be viciously fought — avoided publicizing their initiative to get it quietly passed.

The pro-Israel residents of Olympia are by and large far from hawkish. Nevertheless, they were horrified by this measure in their quaint, community-minded hometown. In response, five of them elected to swing back at the co-op by bringing a lawsuit that charged current and former board members with violating their own bylaws by not bringing the boycott proposal to the community first.

The problem with the legal response was that it also failed to invoke public opinion. The plaintiffs could have tried to bring a reverse decision about through a petition, but by choosing a legal course they likely expected to call out the board, swiftly and plainly. (According to many, they doubted they could reverse the board's decision in the first place.)

The problem is, they lost. Twice. Turning to the Center for Constitutional Rights, the defendants cited the lawsuit as a Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation, and invoked what was then the state's new anti-SLAPP statute, calling out the plaintiffs for trying to silence their right to free speech.

At this point in time, this ruling has larger significance. Just weeks earlier, Northeastern University — my alma

mater — was thrown into the national criticism blender for suspending Students for Justice in Palestine. The SJP was cited for violating student conduct, including vandalizing property and slipping mock eviction notices under residence hall doorways. Civil rights advocates and SJP supporters are calling the temporary suspension politically motivated and pressured — using essentially the same language and approach as CCR when it struck back with the anti-SLAPP law.

This is a trend I expect to see continue. Political advocacy, legal action, rule-setting, and other tried-and-true American courses of action are beginning to look like thin veils for the suppression of free speech. The question now is, what is the organized Jewish community going to do about it?

I would be remiss not to mention that many leaders of BDS-aligned groups are Jews themselves. The first seed of the idea to boycott the Olympia goods was planted by a Jewish co-op worker. Open Hillel, the movement to loosen Hillel's Israel guidelines, is picking up interest and support around the country. Groups like Jewish Voice for Peace are written off as anti-Semitic, yet are full of members who love Judaism — minus Israel.

In dozens of interviews with (mostly young) Jewish Israel critics about their relationships to Israel, I have found not self-hating or even necessarily ignorant people, but rather people who are heavily influenced by a culture of peace and justice, who are disillusioned with a Jewish State that doesn't represent their interests as Jews.

Oftentimes, because of the backlash and character assassinations they receive at the hands of their own Jewish communities, they find more comfort with the organizations that have become inimical to the pro-Israel cause. The legitimacy of an anti-Zionist Jewish identity is hotly contested, but at the end of the day, Jews are Jews, and God — better than perhaps anyone else — knows we can't force people to believe in things.

Traditional pro-Israel American Judaism is changing. The middle is shifting, and new affiliations are forming. And it will be increasingly threatened by a younger generation whose identities as Jews without Israel are perfectly reconciled.

The court's decision to rule against the traditional pro-Israel approach in favor of a First Amendment argument highlights a broader trend and a serious issue for the pro-Israel world, and between Jews and other Jews.

What are we going to do about that?

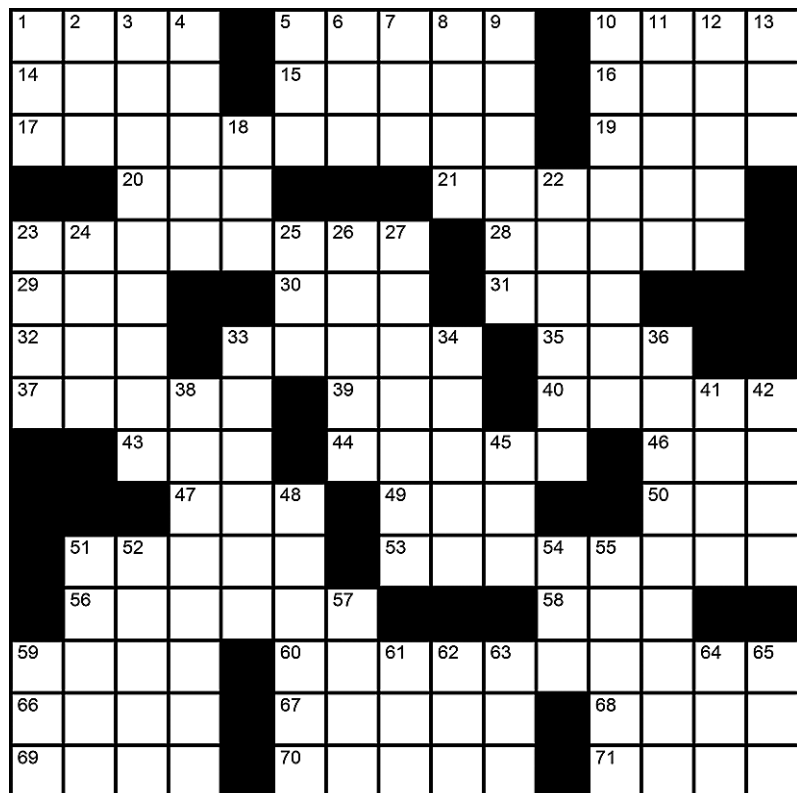
"Advertisers were afraid if you put religion in it would alienate and marginalize viewers."

— Mark I. Pinsky, talking about his investigation into how religion was thoughtfully woven into the fabric of "The Simpsons." See the story on page 9.



Accept Your Fortunes

by Mike Selinker



P. David Hornik of the *American Spectator* writes, "Good and bad fortune are often indistinguishable." It's true that positive developments sometimes turn out negative, and many dark developments have much lighter sides. Here, all your fortunes are packed into certain squares, allowing you to see that it's your perspective on what transpires that matters most of all.

ACROSS

- 1 Code on the inside of a book cover, for short
- 5 Bat cave lining
- 10 Juvenile delinquent, maybe
- 14 Greater
- 15 Pale
- 16 Give up
- 17 Little league team with a female pitcher
- 19 The "O" in "REO Speedwagon"
- 20 Dr. grp.
- 21 Concave facial feature
- 23 With 53-Across, cope as per 10 squares in this puzzle
- 28 Hero
- 29 King, in Versailles
- 30 Will Ferrell Xmas film
- 31 Letters on the upper left computer key, often
- 32 Wayside stop
- 33 Acts the busybody
- 35 "Hurt ____" (1980 Linda Ronstadt ballad)
- 37 "I ____ differ"
- 39 ____-mo
- 40 Sleep disorder
- 43 ____ *Gold* (Joseph Heller novel)
- 44 Castilian nobleman of note
- 46 Sickly
- 47 Soul creator
- 49 Circular Quaker cereal brand
- 50 *CSI* character Grissom
- 51 With *The*, book about a murderous little girl
- 53 See 23-Across
- 56 Cowpoke ropes
- 58 Host Sajak
- 59 Most thoroughly, as how you might whip someone
- 60 Have a fit body, say
- 66 Apple program that tracks appointments
- 67 Went slowly
- 68 Taking care of a thing
- 69 Vodka brand with a signature blue bottle
- 70 Like some owls or winter landscapes
- 71 Border

DOWN

- 1 "Don't worry about me"
- 2 Male relative
- 3 Show often set in a lab
- 4 What a successful dieter might describe himself as
- 5 Act the chatterbox
- 6 Employ
- 7 "I see what you're doing!"
- 8 Member of a subculture that's gone mainstream
- 9 Legally in play, as in soccer
- 10 Interrogation technique
- 11 One of the Disney princesses
- 12 Less ordinary
- 13 "Okeydokey"
- 18 Rested
- 22 Israeli intelligence agency
- 23 Chicago paper, briefly
- 24 Steak sauce brand
- 25 2013 Spike Jonze film that won a screenplay Oscar
- 26 Beethoven's "Für ____"
- 27 Robin called Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 33 Floral gifts
- 34 Where the U.S. won the second most medals
- 36 With 51-Down, Edward R. Murrow line that inspired a Clooney film
- 38 Doesn't handle well at all
- 41 Writer Wiesel
- 42 "Any man who hates dogs and babies can't be ____" (quote about W.C. Fields)
- 45 Ending for capital
- 48 Baked bricks, or buildings made from them
- 51 See 36-Down
- 52 Thai appetizer
- 54 Some computers
- 55 Chevy SUV
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- 61 Prefix meaning "same"
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50 years on, remembering the rally that launched the Soviet Jewry movement

RAFAEL MEDOFF *JNS.org*

"We didn't know you couldn't organize a mass rally in four days, and sometimes if you don't know, then you just plunge ahead — and you do it."

So says Glenn Richter, one of the organizers of the rally in New York City, 50 years ago on May 1, that launched the Soviet Jewry freedom movement.

In the spring of 1964, not many American Jews were paying attention to the plight of their 3 million coreligionists in the Soviet Union. But Yaakov (Jacob) Birnbaum and Morris Brafman were.

Their personal experiences had made them keenly aware of the commandment to not stand idly by as fellow Jews were persecuted. Birnbaum, 37, was born in Germany but raised in England, to which his parents fled from the Nazis. Brafman, 58,



MOSHE MILNER/GPO

A mass solidarity rally with Soviet Jewry at the Western Wall in Jerusalem on December 20, 1970.

was a refugee from Austria. His nephew — prominent criminal defense attorney Ben Brafman — had written about how on Kristallnacht, his father Sol and Uncle Morris "ran into a burning synagogue and rescued a Torah that would otherwise have been consumed by the flames." In 1960, the Brafman brothers, living in New York, established the first fledgling Soviet Jewry group, the American League for Russian Jews.

In April 1964, after reading reports in the press about the mistreatment of Soviet Jews — including the Kremlin's refusal to allow Jews to obtain matzoh for that year's Passover holiday — Birnbaum and Brafman decided to call a meeting on the campus of Columbia University to brainstorm about the situation. Glenn Richter, a Queens College sophomore, attended.

Richter said recently that about 150 students attended that meeting — a surprisingly large number, considering the Soviet Jewry issue was almost completely unknown at that point.

"It was an amazing scene, kind of electrifying," he recalled. "We had the indignation of college students, we were outraged over an injustice and anxious to do something."

One of the students suggested they hold a rally outside the Soviet Mission to the United Nations, on Manhattan's 67th street, on May 1 — just four days away.

"Sometimes enthusiasm makes up for experience," Richter said. "Nobody in that room had the experience to know how dif-

ficult it would be to organize a serious rally in just four days — so nobody thought it was impossible. We just jumped into it."

Birnbaum was instantly attracted to the rally proposal because of the symbolism of holding it on May Day — the international holiday of the Communist movement. Rebuking the Soviets on their own holiday was exactly the kind of irony he believed would attract public and media attention. And he was right.

"Symbolism was everything to us," Richter noted. "Many of us were active in the black civil rights movement, where we were constantly looking for symbolic ways to dramatize our cause. When we started organizing for Soviet Jewry, we borrowed heavily from what we learned in the civil rights movement."

"For four days, we ran around like crazy, pasting up posters, handing out leaflets on college campuses, 'talking up' the rally everywhere we could," Richter said. "We really had no idea how many people would show up. When the day arrived, we watched in amazement as the people started coming, and then more, and then more, until more than a thousand students were marching up and down the street. It was an incredible moment."

The large photograph and article that appeared in the next day's *New York Times* — on page 2, to the students' great surprise — reveals a lot about the young protesters. They are well-dressed, picketing in calm, orderly fashion, holding placards with well-thought-out slogans. The sign that is most prominent in the photo is remarkably informational: "Report from Russia: 1956 — 400 Synagogues; 1964 — 80 Synagogues — 1970 — ?"

"We understood that it was, first of all, a battle for public opinion," Richter explained. "Nobody had heard of the issue. We had to educate the public. The

New Idaho Jewish Studies chair brings Judaism with an Italian flair

JANIS SIEGEL JTNews Correspondent

It's a name that may be well-suited to a great Italian painter or a powerful star of the Italian opera, but Dr. Federica Francesconi, the first-ever Jewish Studies chair at the College of Idaho, seems destined to rock the academic world there when she arrives in Caldwell this fall.

The widely published scholar with an irresistible native Italian accent has an obvious command of her research specialty, the social and cultural history of



SABRINA ROUBINI

Federica Francesconi, the incoming chair of the College of Idaho's Jewish Studies program.

Jews in early modern Europe with a focus on Jewish-Italian culture.

But she is now accustomed to the open-minded hospitality of the Northwest.

Francesconi's last three years at the University of Oregon as a visiting assistant professor in The Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies and the Department of Religious Studies leaves her excited about her move to Idaho.

"I feel really proud," Francesconi told JTNews in a phone interview from her office at the University of Oregon. "The community is really vibrant, eager to learn, and to be engaged in scholarly topics."

The Howard Berger-Ray Neilsen Chair in Judaic Studies was created to promote a better understanding of Jewish culture, philosophy, and traditions in the Western U.S. and is funded, in part, by a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant and largely by private non-Jewish sources.

"I think this is very rare," said Francesconi. "There is no educational agenda. The mission here is education."

Neilsen was the longtime mentor of Dr. Howard Berger, the C of I John Weyerhaeuser chair in American history. Neilsen was an advocate for human rights and interfaith relations.

"Ray Neilsen is a great entrepreneur, a great philanthropist, and a great friend," said Berger in an email. "His financial support for the chair was THE reason for the chair's reality."

C of I history professor Dr. Steve Maughan applauded Berger for promoting Jewish history there.

"Dr. Berger has made the experience of the Jews central to the story of America and to the developing understanding of human rights in the modern era," Maughan told JTNews. "His course on the Holocaust has become a 'must have' experience for students at The College of Idaho."

Appointing Francesconi not only gives students a first-rate scholar, said Berger, but she is also someone who will be their friend while they attend the college.

In 2010, Francesconi was a religious studies visiting assistant professor at Rutgers University and at the University of Oxford, Center for Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

In 2007, she earned her doctorate from the University of Haifa's Department of Jewish History, and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Bologna.

The Mediterranean and Jewish history scholar is now finishing her new book, "Enlighteners: Modenese Jewry from Renaissance to Emancipation (1598-1814)."

"Italy is the most ancient Jewish community in the Diaspora — they weren't expelled," said Francesconi. "Jews had the need to become Italians — they were Italians. They were elected and they were representatives of their areas. The Jews, the Jesuits, and the duke opened the first public library and they worked together to acquire books."

Francesconi believes her time in Eugene, Ore., getting to know the student body there, has also prepared her for the move to Idaho.

She said her students choose from a variety of Jewish practices including Reconstructionist Judaism, The Chabad-Lubavitch movement, and Reform Judaism, and that being Jewish is not necessarily the uniting trait in her classes.

"It is a really different model here," said Francesconi, who was raised in a Modern Orthodox Jewish family that lives in Italy today. "I have a variety of students who are Jews but they don't have a strong Jewish background or a Hebrew school background. On the other hand, they are very open-minded."

Berger is confident that the course offerings in Jewish history at the college will increase under her leadership.

"Things Jewish are of great interest to the bulk of the students at the College of Idaho," said Berger, "and that will not only continue but will be expanded with the arrival of Federica."

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Finish your homework and get thee to Winthrop

DIANA BREMENT JTNews Columnist

1 “It’s just a magical spot... [and] so hard to leave,” explains **Hannah Cordes** about moving her family from Seattle to Winthrop this past fall. Having spent weekends and vacations in their “tiny cabin” (500 square feet!), they found themselves “falling in love with the whole valley.”

The decision was made suddenly last summer. Their older son **Sam** was about to start a new adventure as a University of Oregon freshman, so Hannah, husband **Bob**, and younger son **Isaac** wanted to have an adventure, too.

With Isaac about to be a junior at Roosevelt High, it became his decision. He agreed, so they packed up their chickens and set off to spend a year east of the mountains. A month after starting at Liberty High School in Winthrop, Isaac decided to graduate from there, so they’ll stay at least another year.

It’s been “such a warm, welcoming community, both to Isaac and us,” says his



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mom. They’ve found “everyone just has open arms.”

Isaac joined the football team, helping him make friends before school began, and was even voted homecoming prince. He’s impressed his parents with his ability to easily adapt.

Although some Jewish families live in the area, Isaac may be the only Jewish student at the school, something “he’s really embraced,” his mom says. Even when he



Isaac Cordes sporting his Liberty Bell High School football uniform in Winthrop this past fall.

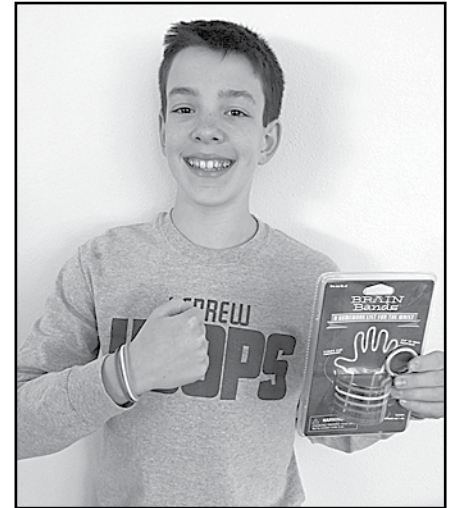
declined to play football on Yom Kippur, students and coaches were supportive, and there is always a veggie pizza for Isaac at get-togethers.

Now Hannah has begun another adventure. The former head chef at Hillel UW and food blogger at www.bluekaleroad.com, has taken over a kitchen store in downtown Winthrop. Aspen Grove Home (www.aspengrovehome.com), right across from the local brewpub, was already a housewares store, but Hannah is taking it more “in a kitchen direction,” with cookware and local gourmet food items.

“Life is full of chapters,” observes Hannah who started her working life as a social worker. “We’re very happy,” she adds, and “we still love our life in Seattle... it’s important we maintain that as well.”

2 With school, BBYO, volunteering for the Friendship Circle, playing basketball on two teams, and attending Camp Solomon Schechter every summer, you might think that Mercer Island High School freshman **Marcus Schiller** has enough to do.

Add to that being an inventor and an entrepreneur.



MICHAEL SCHILLER

Marcus Schiller with his Brain Bands invention, a homework reminder tool that will be available this August at Kmart, Office Max and on Amazon.com.

Encouraged and inspired by his dad **Michael**, who has brought many different products to market, Marcus has been trying to come up with the next big thing for years. Marcus feels “we’ve

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The Passion of the Jewish-ish cartoon

DIKLA TUCHMAN JTNews Correspondent

Cartoonists like Matt Groening have made it big through cartoons like "The Simpsons." Mark I. Pinsky has found fame not by creating a cartoon, but by writing about them. Pinsky is an investigative journalist who has spent a large chunk of his writing career delving deeply into the connection between religion and animated entertainment. More specifically, Pinsky has become famous for his publication of two books. One focuses on religious depiction in the television series "The Simpsons." The other is an analysis of religious themes in Disney animated movies.

Coming to Seattle for the first time since he was a youngster in United Synagogue Youth in the '60s, Pinsky will discuss his book "The Gospel According to The Simpsons" at the Stroum Jewish Community Center on Sunday, May 4. As part of the SJCC's Jewish Touch series, Pinsky will talk primarily about how Jews and Judaism are represented in one part of popular culture: Television sitcoms.

Back in 2001, Pinsky released the first edition of "The Gospel According to The Simpsons," which was so popular that he re-released the book in 2006 with additional analysis based on new animated series that had modeled their episodic layouts after the Simpsons.

"Primetime sitcoms in American tele-

vision history stayed away from religion in its earlier years," says Pinsky. "Advertisers were afraid if you put religion in it would alienate and marginalize viewers; there was no real upside for the ratings. They also felt that if they put religion in the shows [religion] would be watered down and would not appeal to religious viewers."

When "The Simpsons" first aired in December 1989, Pinsky's children, then 8 and 11, expressed interest in watching the "adult" cartoon that had a prime time slot on FOX. Skeptical, he allowed them to watch with him and told them he would turn off the TV if he deemed anything inappropriate. Instead, the level of sophistication in the writing surprised him, and he noticed something unique and groundbreaking: The writers incorporated religion in an intelligent, socially comical way that he had never before seen done.

"The writers began incorporating religion into the show more and more," says Pinsky. "It simply is an element, not focused on religion all the time. But there are a couple of episodes that focus specifi-



COURTESY MARK I. PINSKY

Mark I. Pinsky, who will be speaking about cartoons and religion for the Stroum JCC's Jewish Touch series.

cally on religion."

The writers would introduce non-majority faiths into the show and then incorporate them into the series' fabric.

Pinsky explored Krusty the Clown, his religious struggle and affiliation with Judaism that was the focus of one episode, and from there became a part of the show's landscape.

The second Jewish episode, which Pinsky describes as not only intelligent, but also revolutionary, was the show's annual Halloween episode, which one year dedicated a segment to the lore of the golem.

"The episode was really well written and clever," Pinsky says. "It really knocked my socks off that they were able to do this. They really kicked in the door for making it okay to talk about religion in a funny way in an animated television show."

Pinsky revisits some of his previous assertions in his 2006 re-release, this time focusing on newer animated sitcoms such as "Family Guy," "King of the Hill," "American Dad," and "South Park."

"By the time you get to 'South Park,'

IF YOU GO

Mark Pinsky will speak on Sun., May 4 at 4 p.m. at the Stroum JCC, 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island. SJCC members, seniors and students \$8/ non-members \$12. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.sjcc.org/cultural-arts/jewish-touch-series.

you're getting into some more heavy considerations of what Judaism in America is about," Pinsky says. "The episode 'South Park' did about Mel Gibson's 'The Passion of the Christ' was very critical and really analyzed the issues involved in a sophisticated way."

At Pinsky's May 4 presentation, he plans to discuss some of the ways in which both "The Simpsons" paved the way for positively weaving religion into mainstream television and how other shows have sometimes missed the mark. He will also discuss some of the observations he makes in his second book, "The Gospel According to Disney: Faith, Trust and Pixie Dust." In this book, Pinsky explores many popular Disney films, as well as some of the more political aspects of the conglomerate, such as the 1990s boycott of Disney by the Southern Baptist Convention and the role that figureheads like Michael Eisner and Jeffrey Katzenberg played in the resurgence of the company since the mid-1980s.

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Going it alone: Traveling solo can open up new worlds

MASADA SIEGEL Special to JTNews

The phone rang and rang. After the third try, it became exceptionally clear to me that she had flaked on me. She was a friend of a friend and had given me a number to contact her in Israel so we could make plans to meet up. I should have known better than to trust her, but being the optimist, I took her at her word.

I stared at the phone on the counter in Tel Aviv and wondered about my next move. Should I stay here in the safety of a city I knew with family or should I have an adventure, albeit on my own without a plan?

Nervous was an understatement, but I really wanted to travel and see more of Israel. So with an impish grin on my face, I figured I would go it alone and perhaps find her in Tiberius where we had planned to meet.

It was a completely crazy concept to find someone in a city of thousands of people, especially when I had no clue where she was staying. But, I grabbed my belongings and headed for the Tel Aviv bus station.

in London, saving all their money, then spend a few months traveling. I was fascinated. They asked me how I happened to be traveling solo, and once they heard my story they immediately said, "Why don't you travel with us?"

The first night I found myself sharing a room with nine other people sleeping in a

from the bars to the back alleyways of the Old City of Jerusalem.

I started to see the world in a completely different way. I bonded with these complete strangers who had become my friends. It was one of the best decisions I ever made to take a risk and go it alone.

I fine-tuned trusting my instincts:

When they hitchhiked, I took the bus and met them at the next location. When they stayed in places that seemed scary to me from a safety perspective, I tried it out and then booked myself into another location where I felt more secure. All the while, they accepted my differences, and I learned to trust myself in all types of new and interesting situations.

They were leaving back to London and I was figuring out my next steps, little did I know this was only the beginning of a beautiful friendship that would span continents and generations.

Over the next several years, we would meet up again in London, New York, Sydney, Melbourne, Frankfurt, and Scottsdale.

Our families have met here in Scottsdale and in Sydney, and Justin has become one of my closest friends on the planet.

Call it fate, call it destiny, call it whatever you like, but one of the greatest lessons I have learned is to call your own shots. When people disappoint you, or are unreliable, go it alone — whether it's to the movies or to another city on vacation. There are a lot of amazing, wonderful people out there, and you never know who might sit down next to you, especially if you're traveling solo.



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The Crusaders' Knights Halls at Akko, one of the sites Masada Siegel toured with her new-found friends.



COURTESY MASADA SIEGEL

Masada and her Australian friends enjoy an afternoon at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

I was scared, completely unprepared. I had no guidebook, no Internet, no phone, no nothing, and no idea where I would sleep that night.

Simultaneously, I was excited and petrified. I promised myself that if I got uncomfortable or it became too overwhelming, I would take the bus back to Tel Aviv.

But taking that risk to travel solo, with no plans, opened up the world to me in ways I could never have imagined.

The bus stopped in Nazareth, and the windows shimmered with sunlight bursting through clouds of dust. Like a mirage, five backpackers boarded. I smiled and said hello, and they sat down all around me and started to ask me questions on where I had been and where I was going.

These five Australians, all nurses and physical therapists, lived to travel, literally. They would spend a few months working

crusader castle. The next day we hiked and explored, picking up more people as we went along on our adventure.

The third day I was wandering with my new friends and I bumped into the woman I was supposed to meet. She was with two other people hiking up the path we were walking down.

I was so happy to see her, and even happier that she never called! Her travel companions appeared dull, clearly she was not reliable, and I had just met the most fantastic friendly group of people on a bus!

I spent the next two weeks traveling all over Israel with my Aussie friends. I bonded the most with Justin and Sue. We had countless conversations about our beliefs, experiences, countries and world-views.

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Hurry up, kids. I wanna be a grandpa

By Ed Harris



Abba Knows Best

The Wall Street Journal recently ran an article entitled “The Long (Long) Wait to be a Grandparent.” Tell me about it. We baby boomers took longer to marry and have kids than prior generations, and millennials are pushing these traditional milestones of adulthood out even further. Hence the millions of older adults like me ready for grandkids but empty-handed, or, should I say, empty-lapped.

Somehow the future snuck up on me before I was ready. When my wife and I moved to Seattle our oldest child, Gabriela, was a mere infant. A new baby brother, Sam, came along a few years later. And then, just like Abraham and Sarah, we were unexpectedly blessed with another bundle of joy, Izzy, delivered

by stork straight from Guatemala. During this stretch, time passed by in a blur. I think I went about 15 years without ever once getting a single night of uninterrupted sleep.

Our first pediatrician told us the best way to calm a colicky infant is to try bottle, diaper, motion, repeated either over and over until either the baby stops crying or the parent in question becomes completely unhinged and runs screaming down the street stark naked. A number of years ago, a neighbor, who noticed the spectacle of kids constantly bouncing off our living room couch and flying through the air, asked my wife if she ran a day care.

The messiness and endless wiping of sticky surfaces associated with small children was then replaced by countless hours of homework, which hijacked family evenings and raised anxiety levels. I recall one business trip I took while my parents were visiting. With the assistance of three adults in the house, Gabriela was still unable to finish her 4th grade English assignment, and from another city I spent an hour on the phone with her, excusing myself from a business dinner in the process.

As the kids got older and sleep was usually less of a concern, there was still the occasional nightmare. At around age 10 Gabriela went through a stretch of fantastically vivid

dreams about food. “Look Sam, we’re prunes,” she exclaimed at one point as she thrashed through what ended up as yet another a wide-awake night for my wife and me.

Then, suddenly, we blinked our eyes and found the house eerily quiet. Gabriela is now married to a fine young man. Sam is in college. Izzy is in high school. It seems like only yesterday that I would come from work in the evening and within seconds be rolling on the floor, gang tackled by a swarm of children eager to play with their dad. Or Gabriela would challenge me to a “muscle fight” which consisted of her punching me straight in the gut as hard as she could. Ah, the joys of parenthood.

Will my wife and I be like the forlorn boomers profiled in the Wall Street Journal? Gabriela is still only 24 years old. Sam is in college. He’s gay, which would have been an obstacle to conjuring up offspring in less enlightened times. But he’s sandwiched in between two adopted siblings, so he knows there are alternative routes to parenthood and thus is not relieved of his grandkid quota. (Once, when Gabriela was an infant, someone in the supermarket asked my wife if she was “the real mom.” She pinched her arm and said, “Yup, it looks like I’m real”). And bringing up the rear, at age 15, is Izzy. He needs to stay focused on his homework.

I remain hopeful. The best part of grandparenting, should we be so blessed, is that my wife and I would get the small fry for a few hours and then hand them back to their parents, to let them experience the joy of sleepless nights firsthand.

I work out religiously on the treadmill, and have maintained myself in fighting trim: I’m ready for a 5-year-old’s punch to the solar plexus. Now if only I had someone who could deliver it.

Ed Harris, the author of “Fifty Shades of Schwarz” and several other books, was born in the Bronx and lives in Bellevue with his family. His blog, Fizz-Ed, and additional information about his books are available at www.edharrisauthor.com.

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PJ Library educator Betsy Dischel leads a free community storytime for tots and their caregivers the fourth Friday of the month. At Ravenna Third Place Books, 6504 20th Ave. NE, Seattle.

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MONDAYS

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10 A.M. — PJ LIBRARY STORY TIME

Dana Weiner at 206-388-1992 or danaw@sjcc.org

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'Jaffa' solicits youthful dancing partners for peace

MICHAEL FOX Special to JTNews

Going back at least as far as 2001's "Promises," most recent documentaries that opted for an optimistic slant on the Israeli-Palestinian situation centered on children.

The next generation, to be sure, is the universal embodiment of hope. But betting on today's children to solve a problem down the road is tacit acknowledgement that today's adults aren't up to the task — or so those who see the Mideast glass half-empty might say.

Both perspectives are skillfully interwoven in "Dancing in Jaffa," a nuanced, feel-good study of cross-cultural fence-hopping in which the best traits in human nature vie with street-level realities.

"Dancing in Jaffa" opens April 25 at the Varsity Theater in Seattle.

The movie's motor is world champion ballroom dancer and teacher Pierre Dulaine, who returns to his hometown after many years with the self-proclaimed goal of giving something back. Perennially dressed in a starched shirt and tie, the gray-haired Dulaine is a cosmopolitan alien in a working-class town.

The indefatigable Dulaine is a life-long proponent of partnered dancing as a way to develop social skills and self-confidence, but in Jaffa he's determined to

apply his pedagogy to an even greater good. His plan is to teach merengue, rumba and tango to 11-year-olds at various schools, culminating with young Jewish and Palestinian Israelis dancing together in a public ballroom dance competition.

"This is how you learn to work with another person," Dulaine offhandedly remarks to one child while correcting his form. It's a lovely sentiment, one that will gradually sink in after the student has become comfortable with the steps and can actually look at and interact with his or her partner.

There's an unpredictability and bumpiness to Dulaine's mission, at least initially, that negates the comforting formula that some viewers will expect. Most of the kids are shy, embarrassed and downright resistant to engaging with the opposite sex, even without the Islamic prohibition on touching someone of the opposite sex.



Pierre Dulaine, champion dancer and teacher, brings together young Israelis and Palestinians to dance.

(None of the Jewish kids are Orthodox.)

While boys will be boys, and girls will be girls, Dulaine perseveres with firmness as well as affection. Progress in the classroom can be hard to discern, however, so the film provides glimpses of the home lives of three children to suggest their individual blossoming.

Hilla Medalia, the prolific Israeli-born producer and/or director of such documentaries as "To Die in Jerusalem" and "Numbered," again displays her talent for gaining access, winning trust and crafting small, revealing moments.

The most memorable are political rather than interpersonal, and occur on the street rather than in someone's home. The arrival in town of an intentionally intimidating group of right-wing Israelis chanting some variation of "Jaffa for the

IF YOU GO

"Dancing in Jaffa" opens April 25 at the Varsity Theater, 4329 University Way NE, Seattle. Visit www.landmarktheatres.com for showtimes. In Hebrew, Arabic and English with English subtitles.

Jews" provides buzz-killing evidence that conciliation is not everyone's goal.


An illuminating sequence contrasting the observance of Independence Day at a Jewish school with its description as the Nakba — "catastrophe" — at a Palestinian Israeli school likewise underscores Medalia's preference for presenting reality rather than peddling fantasy.

In this regard, she and Dulaine are perfectly in step. He was four years old when he left Jaffa with his Palestinian mother and Irish father during the War of Independence, and he's chagrined but not surprised when his request to re-enter his family's old home is summarily rejected by the Jewish owners.

Consistent with the theme that the future is more important than the past, Dulaine's presence in the film steadily diminishes. We, and he, are left with the satisfaction that individual children have grown and glimpsed possibilities they couldn't have imagined.

A small victory, perhaps, compared to a lasting resolution to the ongoing conflict? Even a pessimist wouldn't have the chutzpah to call a child's transformation a "small victory."

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May 3 at 5 p.m.
Noa
Concert

Israeli singer-songwriter Achinoam Nini, who goes by the stage name Noa, and a string quartet from the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra come to the J in celebration of Israel's Independence Day. Noa is one of Israel's leading concert and recording artists. She and writing partner Gil Dor will perform songs from "The Israeli Songbook," their collection of classic Hebrew songs. At the Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island. Tickets cost \$25 for members, youth and seniors/\$30 non-members. For more information visit sjcc.org.



May 3 at 7 p.m.
American Jerusalem: Jews and the Making of San Francisco
Television

Explore the exhilarating history of the Jewish immigration to San Francisco during the Gold Rush. When gold fever hit, San Francisco's population skyrocketed from 800 to 36,000 in just four years. Gambling houses, prostitution and anti-Chinese bigotry flourished, but so did a diverse cultural climate that leveled the playing field for white immigrants. Jews didn't stand out as an ethnic group, and thus were able to have a profound cultural and economic impact. Drawing on the insight of historians and capturing the era's splendor with period reenactments and animated graphics, "American Jerusalem" explores the heights and plumbs the depths of this moving and untold chapter of history. On KCTS Channel 9 in Seattle. For more information visit www.americanjerusalem.com.

May 3 at 8 p.m.
Extraordinary Women: Dr. Ruth Westheimer
Television

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The hunted and the hunters: Children's books about the Holocaust

RITA BERMAN FRISCHER Special to JTNews

The Holocaust is a difficult topic for parents or teachers to introduce to children so they often turn to books for help. At first, such resources were rare and indirect. For example, "Terrible Things" in 1980, a picture book allegory, emphasized the need for us to protect each other without defining the threat. Eventually, over 100 picture books followed, some, like "Promise of a New Spring" or "The Number on My Grandfather's Arm," provided information without horror; others were better for reading aloud to older students as discussion starters. Age appropriateness was usually determined by the images included, whether graphically explicit or verbally shocking to the imagination.

Times change. Now children's books on many topics, especially fantasy, are being snatched up by filmmakers, which make their most stunning images in the flesh. Scenes previously only imagined can be seen on enormous screens. No wonder these recent books on the Holocaust seem so visually focused.

"A Bag of Marbles" by Joseph Joffo, adapted by Kris (Lerner Publishing Group). Illustrated by Vincent Bailly. Translated by Edward Gauvin. This striking graphic novel, based on Joffo's life



story, tracks the hair-raising escape of two brothers from occupied Paris to their older brothers in the free zone. They hide their Jewishness, face danger, and occasionally receive unexpected help. This well-realized portrait of a childhood cut short was first published in French in 1973, translated widely, and became a film in 1975.

"The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible...on Schindler's List" by Leon Leyson (Atheneum Books for Young Readers) is a vividly descriptive memoir of a young boy who survived because of luck and Oskar Schindler. Schindler's determination and

"list" saved many lives and Leyson's contact with other Schindlerjuden didn't end with the war but continued in California. There, fellow survivor Leopold Page told some stories to writer Thomas Keneally, whose resultant 1982 book became the inspiration for Steven Spielberg's unforgettable 1993 film, "Schindler's List."

"Greenhorn" by Anna Olswanger, with illustrations by Miriam Nerlove (NewSouth Books), is also based on a true story of strength and survival but set post-war in a yeshiva in Brooklyn in 1946. A boy survivor from Poland arrives there, clutching a mysteriously precious box. An American-born classmate, whose stutter also makes him an outsider, becomes a friend and their bond leads to both of them realizing seemingly impossible dreams. The language, history and cultural setting are right on and the images are so cinematic that many people, moved by this small, powerful book, have committed to financing the Greenhorn Film Project through Indiegogo. Donations are still welcome through pre-production. Shooting begins in May. For more info visit Olswanger's website or contact Tom Whitus of Silver Hills Pictures, LLC.

Kathryn Lasky has written about Jews, and well, but her recent, specifically film-related book "The Extra" (Candlewick Press) calls attention to the Romani, also victims of Hitler's purification program. Lilo, who looks Spanish, is among those hand-picked from a labor camp to act as extras in a new film planned by Leni Riefenstahl, Hitler's favorite filmmaker.

When the cameras roll, they dance and sing, providing background for a Spanish folk opera in which Leni herself stars. But they sleep locked in a barn, starving and in terror of displeasing the volatile and sometimes vicious Riefenstahl. Lilo's character is based loosely on Anna Blach, a real Roma girl from Vienna. Disproving her claims to have protected them, evidence shows that most of Riefenstahl's gypsy extras were sent to die in Auschwitz when no longer needed. The film underway in this story, "Tiefeland," wasn't released until 1953.

To better understand Leni's status and importance to Hitler, I sought out and watched, with much discomfort, "Triumph of the Will," her 1934 filming of the Nazi Party rally in Nuremberg, one of the most controversial films ever made and a masterpiece of Goebbels propaganda for the Nazi regime. After the war, it was banned in Germany and until she died in 2003, Riefenstahl, the filmmaker, was known primarily as a collaborator.

"The War Within These Walls" by Aline Sax, illustrated by Caryl Strzelecki and translated by Laura Watkinson (Eerdman's Books for Young Readers), is a strikingly illustrated novella set in the Warsaw Ghetto, combining stark but powerful drawings with simply stated truths about the dark facts of the time — cruelty and courage, violence and dignity — as seen through the eyes of the young narrator. The book's size, layout, contrasts and pictures convey both hopelessness and hope.

Finally, here is a picture book for the younger child. On a dark cloudy night, Anett's family fears the Jews they're hiding won't be able to find their way to the harbor where a fishing boat waits to take them to safety. No one can escort them there, not with soldiers watching every house. In "The Whispering Town" by Jennifer Elvgren, illustrated by Fabio Santomauro (Kar-Ben), young Anett, remembering how she safely brought food down the black basement steps, guided by the whispers of the hidden family, devises a way for all the villagers to demonstrate the helpful humanity still alive in Nazi-occupied Denmark in 1943.

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That would not happen overnight. There would be decades of demonstrations and other protests — by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, led by Birnbaum and Richter, by other activist groups, and eventually by the mainstream Jewish organizations. There would be battles in Con-

gress and empty chairs set at Passover seders and American Jews sneaking into the USSR to help Soviet Jewish refuseniks. It would be one of the proudest chapters in American Jewish history. It had to start somewhere — and it did, with a handful of college students who did the impossible because they didn't know it couldn't be done.

Dr. Rafael Medoff is founding director of The David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies.



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of Germany to Washington, will speak about her experiences growing up as a German citizen during World War II. Free. At Northwest Yeshiva High School, 5017 90th Ave. SE, Mercer Island.

5:30-8 p.m. — Pita Baking Class

☎ Masha Shtern at 206-684-7245

Taught by chef Carrie Ancel Carrillo, learn the entire process from flour to loaf. Ingredients provided. Learn to make dips, like hummus, too. Bring your own apron. Leave with your own warm bread. \$25. At Belltown Community Center, 415 Bell St., Seattle.

FRIDAY 2 MAY**6 p.m. — Junior NCSY Shabbaton**

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

Weekend of friends food surprise activities and giveaways. For grades 5-8.

9:30 a.m. — Graduate Fellows Symposium

☎ Lauren Spokane at 206-543-0138 or laurenjs@uw.edu

Graduate fellows symposium. At the University of Washington, Seattle.

SUNDAY 4 MAY**9:15 a.m.-1 p.m. — HNT Day of Service**

☎ Rebecca Levy at 206-232-8555 ext. 207 or rebecca@h-nt.org

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5 p.m. — Twelfth New York Deli Night and Comedy Showcase

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4 p.m. — SJFF Jewish Touch Series: Animating Jewish Life

☎ Kim Lawson at 206-388-0823 or klawson@sjcc.org

A look at the ways in which Jewish life and culture are portrayed in animation. Journalist Mark Pinsky of the Orlando Sentinel discusses the funny and the serious ways animation from Disney movies to "The Simpsons" showcase Jewish faith customs and ethnicity. SJCC member \$8/guests \$12. At the Stroum JCC, 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island.

MONDAY 5 MAY**6:30-8 p.m. — Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration**

☎ Temple B'nai Torah at 425-603-9677 or rsvp@templebnaitorah.org or templebnaitorah.org

Celebrate Israel's Independence Day with an evening of song, crafts, Israeli dance, a photo booth, and Israeli food available for purchase. Co-sponsored by Temple B'nai Torah, the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, and the Stroum JCC. RSVP by April 28. Free. At Temple B'nai Torah, 15727 NE Fourth St., Bellevue.

7-9 p.m. — Aging Transitions for Today's Men: Isolation vs. Connection

☎ Temple B'nai Torah supported by JFS at 425-890-8685

The aging process presents losses, change, and challenges. This workshop will give men the opportunity to reflect and chart their journey home to a more authentic self. Free to first 10 men. At 2430 76th Ave. SE, Mercer Island.

7:30-9 p.m. — Jewish Genealogical Society Meeting

☎ Elise Morse at elmgene@comcast.net

Arthur "Art" Benveniste will speak about

Iberia's Crypto Jews — those from modern-day Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Southwest France, and Gibraltar — who were forced to convert to Christianity, but continued to practice their ancestral religion in secret, and are only now returning to their Judaism. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with free access to the center's databases and library. Free. At the Factoria LDS church, 4200 124th Ave. SE, Bellevue.

TUESDAY 6 MAY**7-8:30 p.m. — Yom Ha'atzmaut Party**

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

Join Beth Shalom for an Israeli celebration with falafel, singing, dancing, and lots of fun. Bring photos and stories of your trips to Israel. All ages welcome. At Congregation Beth Shalom, 6800 35th Ave. NE, Seattle.

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY**12-1:30 p.m. — Israel Current Events**

☎ Shelly Goldman at 425-603-9677 or sgoldman@a.templebnaitorah.org

Come explore the facts, consider different views, and express your own opinions in an informal and safe environment. Led by Nevet Basker. Event repeats on Thursday at 7 p.m. \$5. At Temple B'nai Torah, 15727 NE Fourth St., Bellevue.

7-9:30 p.m. — What's Jewish about a Jewish State? A Conversation about Contemporary Israel

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

Join Beth Shalom and the New Israel Fund for a facilitated and participant-driven dialogue exploring the complicated (and often conflicted) nature of our values and views. Advance registration required.

\$5 members/\$10 non-members. At Congregation Beth Shalom, 6800 35th Ave. NE, Seattle.

THURSDAY 8 MAY**11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. — 12th Annual JFS Community of Caring Luncheon**

☎ Leslie Suguira at 206-861-3151 or lsugiura@jfsseattle.org

The Jewish Family Service benefit luncheon grows each year featuring speakers like Howard Schultz and raises over \$1 million to support its programs and clients. \$150 suggested donation. At the Sheraton Hotel, 1400 Sixth Ave., Seattle.

SATURDAY 10 MAY**5 p.m. — Extraordinary Night for Extraordinary Teens**

☎ Andrea Selix at 206-388-0821 or AndreaS@sjcc.org

Activity night for teens with special needs. Arts and crafts, a gym obstacle course, and a pool party. Adults take a break while staff leads activities. For ages 12-18. Free. At the Stroum JCC, 3801 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island.

MONDAY 12 MAY**8-9 p.m. — Book Launch: 'Forty Years in the Wilderness: My Journey to Authentic Living'**

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

Longtime Beth Shalom member Yiscah Smith, who recently returned to Israel, comes back to Seattle to launch her whirlwind book tour at Beth Shalom. This is the story of a man who faces his truth, embraces the woman she was meant to be, and returns to her faith with wholeness and authenticity. Also appearing on Shabbat afternoon, May 17. Free. At Congregation Beth Shalom, 6800 35th Ave. NE, Seattle.

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been in business together my whole life," he says. "My dad's been a mentor and a coach," and they try "to come up with different ideas all the time."

Michael taught Marcus that a good product requires a need. And Marcus may have made that connection with Brain Bands.

A set of five different-colored wrist bands on a clip, Marcus created the product to help elementary and middle school students remember homework assignments. It came from his observation that even good students forget their homework.

"It wasn't all of [it] or because they were bad students," he says, adding that computer or phone calendars didn't help as much as a physical reminder on the wrist.

The bands clip to a backpack and with each class assignment the student slips a band on his or her wrist. Michael calls it "old school...like tying a string around your finger." Launching in August, and marketed to students, they've found that adults and seniors citizens are interested in the product as well.

Taking an idea from concept to product is complex. The item and market must be imagined, and a prototype designed, including packaging. There are meetings with manufacturers and the all-important

name selection. Prototypes are made and tested and Marcus' mom Dawn and sister Carly "were instrumental in testing and trying out this product."

It really helps to get a major retailer on board early, and Michael made Marcus make those pitches. It was "nerve wracking," says Marcus, but he found all his school presentations provided training. They were fortunate to get Kmart involved.

Brain Bands won't solve everyone's homework problems. "It's still a tool," Mike says, that requires "an agreement between the kids and parents."

"Our target audience are [students] who want to get better grades...and relieve the stress of time management," adds Marcus.

3 Short Takes: Okay, get out your rabbinical scorecard and add this. Temple B'nai Torah has appointed **Rabbi David Lipper, D.D.**, as interim rabbi for the coming year, starting July 1. (I thought the Talmud required rabbis to take July off?) Lipper will "maintain the normal rhythm of congregational life," and help TBT in hiring a permanent senior rabbi. Also, Aberdeen native **Oscar Rosenkrantz**, who at age 13 was operating his father's factory's 35-ton crane, will be honored this Saturday as the Grays Harbor's Polson Museum's "Pioneer of the Year."

LIFECYCLES

Death
Sadie Alexander
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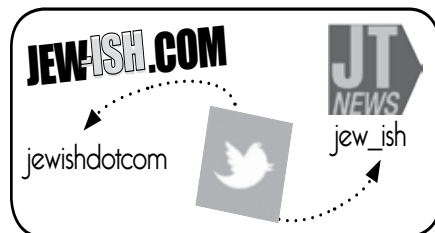
Sadie Alexander was born in Newark on September 13, 1913 and died April 4, 2014 in Seattle. She was the youngest of the four children of Fradel and Elazar Levy, trilingual immigrants who spoke Polish, Yiddish, and then English. In 1934 Sadie married Harry Alexander, a shoe worker. In the '50s they operated a candy store, and Sadie became its accountant, tax manager, and paramedic. A graduate of Erasmus High School at a time when American high school graduates were educated people, she would instruct her three sons (Edward, Arthur, and Morton) in the refinements of English grammar while washing the dishes. She also put her children in touch with a time when American Jews still had a culture and inner world of their own. After her husband's death she moved to Seattle in 1999, and in 2007 to the Kline Galland Home, where she was frequently visited by her Seattle family: Edward, his wife Leah, grandchildren Rebecca and David, and great-grandson Philip. Rebecca remembers her grandmother in the following prose poem:



Sadie Alexander z"l:

My grandmother,/who had two birthdates/who was wry, kind, critical, clever, and a great teller of stories/who cared for me and my brother when our parents were traveling/who was an expert on swimming but could not swim/who took me all over New York City/who endured a film about Edie Sedgwick because I wanted to see it/who encouraged me to watch Soul Train so I could learn the latest dances/and study up on "what the girls are wearing"/who escorted me on the subway from Forest Hills, Queens to Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn/when I started graduate school/and always sent me home with food/who was not known for her fine cooking or copperplate script/but who could sew anything, blow the shofar, and recite "Charge of the Light Brigade"/from memory even into her 90s,/will always be with me.

Sadie's family and friends are invited to remember her on April 27 at 2 p.m. in the Kline Galland Day Center.



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This spring, Music of Remembrance has a ticket to ride

PETER KLEIN Special to JTNews

Music of Remembrance's spring concert has something for movie buffs, Klezmer fans, and classical audiences alike: The program includes a showing of the 1918 German silent film "The Yellow Ticket," with a new score composed by Klezmer superstar violinist Alicia Svigals.

In addition, two contrasting compositions by Lori Laitman will receive their world premieres and a pre-WWII string trio by Czech composer Bohuslav Martinů round out the May 12 program.

"The Yellow Ticket" was filmed partly in German-occupied Warsaw in the final year of the First World War. It has an interesting (and in hindsight, ironic) propaganda angle — it's an early German film that portrays its Jewish characters sympathetically, and depicts the anti-Semitism of czarist Russia as cruel and backward.

The film stars Polish actress Pola Negri, who subsequently made her name in Hollywood portraying exotic vamps and femme fatales. In "The Yellow Ticket," she plays a very different role as the sensitive, studious and determined Lea.

Lea is a Jewish girl who dreams of studying medicine in St. Petersburg. Most Jews were confined to an area known as the Pale of Settlement, and barred from major cities. One way around this was to



TINA CHADEN

Above, violinist and composer Alicia Svigals, who wrote a new Klezmer-style score for the silent film "The Yellow Ticket."

At right, pianist Marilyn Lerner, who will perform at the Music of Remembrance concert on May 12.

IF YOU GO

Music of Remembrance's "The Yellow Ticket" takes place Mon., May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Benaroya Hall, 200 University Ave., Seattle. Tickets cost \$40 and are available at www.musicofremembrance.org.



COURTESY MOR

possess a yellow passport — the "Yellow Ticket" of the title — that identified the holder as a prostitute (prostitution was legal in pre-revolutionary Russia). Lea manages to obtain such a document. She

travels to St. Petersburg and falls into a double life — medical student by day, brothel resident by night, all the while hiding her Jewish identity.

The film's unstaged exterior shots show ordinary life in Warsaw's Jewish district of Nalewki.

"It's like photos of my great-grandparents come to life," says Svigals. She is a classically trained violinist who also studied with Klezmer violinist Leon Schwarz and was a founding member of "The Klez-matics."

Svigals' style is partly a recreation of old techniques, and partly her own invention, informed by folk styles of Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa, even a bit of Bartok and Bloch. For over a year, Svigals and pianist Marilyn Lerner have toured North America with "The Yellow Ticket" under the auspices of the Foundation for Jewish Culture. While the tunes and harmonies are written out, there is also room for improvisation in the details. For the Seattle performance, MOR commissioned Svigals to add a clarinet part for Seattle luminary Laura DeLuca.

Lori Laitman is one of America's leading composers of art songs, with over 250 songs and three operas to her credit. This concert marks her third commission for Music of Remembrance, the Seattle-based organization that performs music of Holocaust composers and commissions new works on Holocaust themes.

Laitman's two vocal compositions on the program are very different, and yet related. The texts are by Paul Celan, a survivor who became one of the leading literary voices out of the Holocaust, and his younger cousin Selma Meerbaum-Eisinger, who perished in a forced labor camp at age 18. Both were German-speaking Jews from a part of then-Romania that

is now part of the Ukraine. MOR artistic director Mina Miller has long wished to present settings of Celan and Meerbaum-Eisinger's poetry together.

During the last three years of her life, Meerbaum-Eisinger produced a handwritten notebook of 57 poems titled "Harvest of Blossoms." The manuscript passed through several hands during the war, and was eventually rediscovered and published.

For "In Sleep the World is Yours," Laitman has set three of Meerbaum-Eisinger's poems for soprano, piano and oboe, the latter evoking the young poet's sensitive character and appreciation of nature. In the first poem, "Lullaby," she wrote: *Close your eyes and fall asleep, / listen, the forest is rustling. / In sleep there is no hate and no scorn, / and in sleep you are not cold.*

The poems follow an emotional arc from hope to the assertion of an inner life, and finally to sadness and resignation.

Celan's "Todesfuge" (Death Fugue) is one of the earliest published Holocaust poems, and still one of the most powerful. Celan writes of drinking "the black milk of daybreak," that "Death is a master from Germany" who makes his Jews "shovel a grave in the air where you won't lie too cramped." He alludes to "Faust," contrasting the golden hair of Margarete with the ashen hair of a doomed Jewish woman.

Celan constructed his poem like a musical fugue, with darkly imaged phrases that he repeats, reorders and recombines. Laitman's setting is scored for cello and voice, with tonal word-painting and a musical structure that mirrors the poem's. Laitman composed the original German version in 2010 for Austrian baritone Wolfgang Holzmair. The MOR performance is the premiere of the slightly revised English version.

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