Preparing for the High Holidays always takes rabbis and cantors countless hours of planning and preparation. But this year’s dilemma has placed burdens on clergy that far exceed any past experiences and has resulted in considerable soul-searching. However, in the end, what has developed is, in many cases, evidence of remarkable creativity. For some congregations, all plans are now complete. For others, arrangements are in flux, waiting to see if circumstances improve and Governor Newsom lifts the ban on religious institutions holding services. Even those who are optimistic about being able to safely hold services are reckoning with the fact that the most powerful days of the Jewish year will bear little resemblance to how they have been observed in the past.

For many years, Jews in the greater Coachella Valley have enjoyed an abundance of options for religious observance. From Reform to Chabad, there are many temples, synagogues, and shuls to choose from, and this year online streaming will allow even greater choices.

Beth Shalom, after several months of virtual Shabbat services via Zoom with Congregation Am HaYam in Ventura, will be holding their High Holiday services via Zoom, led by Ken Hailpern and Dr. Noam Arzt. Everyone welcome. For details call 760-200-3636 or email BethShalom18@gmail.com.

With the first day of Rosh Hashanah falling on Shabbat, plus Yom Kippur as the Shabbat of Shabbats, Chabad of Palm Springs and Chabad of Sun City Palm Desert will not hold any services. On the second day of Rosh Hashanah they will offer small groups to gather outside in Palm Springs and Sun City, in five minute intervals, to hear the shofar blown. To make an appointment to hear the shofar, call Sussie Denebeim at 760-848-8250 or email sussiedenebeim@gmail.com.

Chabad of Rancho Mirage is preparing varying scenarios, depending on options permitted by the State of California. It is suggested to call or email closer to the holidays: 760-770-7785 or chaya@chabadrm.com.

Congregation Har-El services led by Rabbi Richard Zionts and Cantor Joseph Gole, transmitted via Zoom. Services are not held the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Four renown cantors will each lead a prayer during the days of the holiday. Services open to everyone. Call 760-779-1691 or email harelurjpd@gmail.com.

Desert Outreach Synagogue will live-stream through their DOS website: www.desert-outreach-synagogue.com, led by Rabbi Jules King and Cantor Lori Reisman Patterson. All services live-streamed except Tashlich (Palm Desert Civic Park duck pond, with masks required), Havdalah and Break-the Fast. Non-members’ fee: $100 for all services. For information go to website or call 760-449-0111.

Or Hamidbar will live-stream services on Facebook and Zoom for study sessions and workshops. Services will be led by Rabbi David Lazar. There is no fee. For information go to website orhamidbar.com or email info@orhamidbar.org. All prayers will be on screen, so prayerbooks not required.

Sun City Jewish Services, led by Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Emert and Cantor Alan Scott, are offering a “beautiful and heimish and uplifting service” transmitted via Zoom, with a combination of live and pre-recorded services. Services are for members, but one can become a member for a nominal cost. Contact Susan Katzman at 760-641-0411 or SusanK922253@gmail.com.

Temple Har Shalom in Idyllwild, will offer Erev Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, Yizkor and Neilah services, all via Zoom. Services will be led by Rabbi Ilana Grinblat and Cantorial Soloist Shiranda Zee. No admission charge, but attendees will need to RSVP on the Temple website templeharshalomidyllwild.org to obtain the Zoom link. Call 951-468-0004 for more information.

Temple Isaiah’s services will be led by Rabbi Steven Rosenberg and Cantorial Soloist and renown music scholar Dr. Joel Stein. Temple Isaiah is offering a combination of live-streaming and drive-in services. For the three evening services (Erev Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yizkor/Neilah) plus shofar service on the second day Rosh Hashanah, attendees will drive to the Temple, park in pre-assigned parking slots and hear the service via the FM car radios. A chance to be together yet safely apart. Advanced reservations for car slots continued on page 2.
Maintaining Priorities in Difficult Times

Even during these difficult economic times, when the highest priority is helping people in need and in crisis, Jewish Federation continues to ensure that the programs and institutions that strengthen, enrich, and celebrate Jewish life remain strong. Considering the affect that Covid has had on nonprofits, we can be especially proud of the way our Jewish community has responded.

Jewish Federation focuses on helping people in need, rescuing people in danger, and keeping Jewish life strong. We identify, support and address the full range of social service issues. We provide life-saving humanitarian relief, breakthrough programs for all ages, and sustain Jewish community today and for future generations.

The Jewish Community News is an important instrument keeping us informed of what is happening in the Jewish community here and around the world. Thanks to our Editor Miriam Bent for a job well done.

As we look forward to celebrating the High Holidays with family and friends either in person or virtually, we will be examining our personal lives during these holy days. Let us recognize that collectively we are capable of tremendous acts of loving kindness.

I take this opportunity along with my husband, Allan, to wish the entire Jewish community a Happy and especially a Healthy New Year.

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Elie Weisel

Remembering Judith and Elliott Cohen

Sadly, our community lost two beautiful individuals who truly loved the Jewish people and committed their resources and energies to live tikkun olam, repairing the world. Judith and Elliott Cohen, z”l - passed away seconds apart on July 29, 2020, at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Married for more than 59 years, they loved and were committed to Jewish life and Jewish community. They enjoyed an active and vibrant life both in Atlanta and Palm Springs and assumed leadership roles in both Jewish communities.

Elliott was a retired and highly recognized attorney, excellent orator, and educator, all of which he brought to the Boards on which he served.

Judith was a former Chair of Women’s Philanthropy, allocations committee member and an active Federation Board member. Both were valued and appreciated as integral to Federation’s activities and success, and both were currently sitting on our Jewish Federation Board.

Our thoughts and prayers go to their family. The Cohen’s leave their footprints with daughter Jill Cohen (Nina Spiegel), daughter-in-law, Susan Sikora Cohen, grandchildren Jordan (Kate), Dionysus, and Ashley Cohen, great-granddaughter Luna Cohen. Judith is also survived by her brother Richard (Sara) Mesirow. Judith and Elliott will be sorely missed. May we be comforted along with all mourners in Zion, and may their memory be for a blessing.

Rabbi Andrew Bentley is inviting people to celebrate the High Holy Days virtually with Desert Chaim. Services and music will be led by Rabbi Bentley. Tickets are $25 per service or $75 all inclusive. For details visit deserchaim.org or call 760-238-6292.

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Temple Sinai’s services will be conducted by their new spiritual leader, Rabbi David Novak, with Cantor Linda Ecker. Services will be live-streamed from the temple’s homepage at www.templeisinaipd.org. All are welcome to participate in their worship this year. Contributions are always welcome. Temple Sinai is endeavoring to bring the essence of the High Holy Day experience online in this most unique year. For more information go to the website or call 760-568-9699.

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A Renewed Sense of Purpose

The High Holiday season is a special time of year. It is a time for each of us to take stock of our spiritual connections, our relationships with family and community. It is a time when we look back at the past and consider how we want to do things differently in the future. We make amends, we pray, and we fast. We consider how we may have harmed others, ask their forgiveness, and commit to growing as individuals, whether as parents, children, siblings, friends or colleagues.

It is a time to reflect on ways we can become better and how we can improve and uplift the lives of those in need. It is a time for us to think about how grateful we are for all the blessings in our lives and how we can “pay it forward” to become active participants in Tikkun Olam, repairing the world.

As the holidays approach, we in the Jewish Federation take stock as well. We too are experiencing a new normal that fills all of us with trepidation and anxiety. When will we be able to go about life as we knew it? Will we ever experience life in the same way after going through this pandemic? COVID-19 has fundamentally altered the way we live, interact, work and play.

However, this pandemic, as scary as it is, is not all bad. It has heightened people’s senses to things they have done out of habit in the past but now do with a new sense of purpose and intention. The little things matter. Folks are thankful for their health and yet deeply saddened by the loss of so many.

This is a time for listening and learning. We owe it to ourselves to understand each other’s perspectives. All voices are important. Part of the beauty of our culture is that we have always welcomed a diversity of perspectives. So, what is the role of Federation in this context? Like everyone, we are listening and learning – guided by our mission, vision, and values. Part of building a strong, connected, caring community is playing a role in bringing different voices to the table in our community – and being at the table in the broader community.

We are facing this challenge by working collaboratively and we will emerge as a stronger Jewish community. Our resilience and innovation now can have a crucial and lasting impact on our future. Organizationally, we will evolve to provide more efficient service delivery and back office support. We will continue to be a source of best practices for others. We are fortunate to have supportive partners and committed donors who care deeply about our Jewish community. We can do this.

When we finally emerge from this crisis, we will be facing a world filled with many uncertainties. Business models and approaches that worked before, to a greater or lesser degree, may be at risk as a new normal sets in. Effective leaders will be those who recognize when what worked before no longer does; organizations that are successful in the future will be those best able to adjust and take advantage of opportunities.

Given the path to reopening playing out across the country, professionals and leaders are emerging from crisis-mode and able to shift their perspective to think more about longer-term issues and questions. At the same time, the natural response may well be one driven by inertia – a push to return to business as usual and the way things were. That will likely not be prudent, because the world has changed in many ways.

In order to navigate change and make smart strategic decisions, we need to identify the right challenges and issues at play. To do that, we need to start by asking the right questions, and then understanding how the trends emerging from this Corona Crisis can impact operations and ability to deliver on an organization’s mission.

Communal security continues to be a priority. Federation has hosted our partner, the Secure Community Network, for security training for staff and leadership of our local Jewish and community organizations. Situational awareness training, hands-on active shooter scenarios and a greeters and ushers training gave affiliate organization vital resources to strengthen their own security protocols and consider additional security upgrades to their facilities.

Our Communal Security Initiative is firing on all cylinders to keep organizations abreast of the latest protection guidance and requirements from Public Health – the Centers for Disease Control, and other relevant agencies. We encourage them to stay informed through our regularly updated COVID-19 resource and information e-mails.

We have already convened the CEOs of local community non-profit organizations to strategize collaboratively and will continue to do so. We will be convening our partners in a virtual town hall to share knowledge, brainstorm collectively, and support each other.

We are reminded about the “values of community” and mutual responsibility ingrained in our Jewish tradition. Those values are guiding us at Federation and our local Jewish organizations as we collaborate, improvise, and implement ways to keep our connections strong and moving forward.

Stay safe and be healthy.
Azerbaijan to UAE: Four Ways You Will Benefit from Peace with Israel

This is the first Mideast peace treaty in 26 years, but it is not unprecedented for a Muslim-majority country and Israel to enjoy strategic ties.

By Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman, The Jerusalem Post

Abu Dhabi’s Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed’s decision to normalize ties with Israel was well calculated – a move that was made with the understanding that the technology, geopolitical and religious rewards would far outweigh any risks.

This is the first Mideast peace treaty in 26 years, but it is not unprecedented for a Muslim-majority country and Israel to enjoy strategic ties. Muslim-majority Azerbaijan and Israel established diplomatic ties in April 1992 that have been developing ever since.

“Normalization between #Israel and the #UAE is a historic step towards a future of peace, prosperity and hope,” wrote George Deek, Israeli ambassador to Azerbaijan on Twitter on August 14. “For nearly 30 years, #Azerbaijan has been a model to other Muslim-majority countries, showing what could be achieved through partnership & friendship with #Israel.”

Similarly, wrote Mark Dubowitz, CEO of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, “as we celebrate #UAE-#Israel normalization, remember #Azerbaijan was a pioneer in its friendship with Israel. It is an example of what is possible between Muslim-majority countries and Israel. Baku’s open relations helped ease the acceptance of Israel in the wider Muslim world.”

Commenting on how the UAE could expect to benefit from the peace treaty, Azerbaijani Ambassador to the United States Elin Suleymanov told the Jerusalem Post that Israel has become an indispensable partner to Azerbaijan when it comes to technology, especially in the realms of agritech, telecommunications and defense. He noted that before coronavirus, Azerbaijani delegations would regularly travel to Israel to meet with tech leaders and educators to learn best practices and then return to their country to teach their colleagues and students.

It is well-known that for at least half-a-decade, Israel has been a primary arm supplier to the country. A report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute showed that between 2014 and 2018, Azerbaijan was Israel’s second-largest buyer of defense equipment, at 17%. In those years, the report showed the country’s total military spending at $24 billion, of which in 2016 alone, Azerbaijan’s President Ilham Aliyev claimed his country had purchased $4.85 billion in Israeli armaments.

Moreover, religious life among the small Jewish community of Azerbaijan is actively encouraged by the government, according to the ambassador. Older synagogues have been refurbished and new ones constructed. In the village of Qirmizi Qesebe, where many Jews live, there is even a yeshiva and kosher butcher shop.

Israel in general, and Jerusalem specifically, is home to a number of Muslim holy sites. The most obvious is the Temple Mount, where al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock are situated. “Israel has all these important sites,” Suleymanov said, noting that many tourists from Azerbaijan make pilgrimages to Israel to see them. In turn, his country has benefited from cultural exchanges and Israeli tourism. In 2019, 47,000 Israelis visited Azerbaijan, according to an Azerbaijani news site, a 67% increase from the year before. And already before coronavirus, in January 2020, some 1,722 Israelis had been in the country – 128% more than in January 2019.

“I like to think of our relationship as an example for what is possible,” Suleymanov concluded. “At the end of the day, a peace treaty is a great thing.”
On August 8 a bunch of balloons bearing a suspected explosive device launched from the Gaza Strip into Israel was found by residents of Kibbutz Nir Oz in a nearby agricultural field, the Eshkol Regional Council said. No injuries were reported.

The council said police sappers were on the scene to neutralize the device, which appeared to be some sort of grenade.

The discovery was the latest in a string of incidents involving balloons bearing explosives launched from Gaza. The practice of launching balloon-borne incendiary and explosive devices from Gaza toward Israel has waxed and waned over the past two years, though there have been relatively few launches of late as the Israeli government and Gaza-ruling Hamas terror group have reportedly been negotiating a long-term ceasefire.

On August 6, Israeli aircraft bombed a Hamas site in the northern Gaza Strip after terrorists in the enclave allegedly launched several balloons carrying suspected explosives and incendiary devices into Israel earlier in the day, the military said. The Israel Defense Forces said the retaliatory strike targeted “underground infrastructure belonging to the Hamas terror group in the northern Gaza Strip.”

Following the strikes, Defense Minister Benny Gantz warned Gaza-based terror groups against attacking Israel. “The State of Israel won’t accept any violation of its sovereignty or harm to residents of the south,” Gantz wrote on Twitter. “If the terror organizations still don’t understand, whoever tests Israel will be hit hard.”

At least three brush fires were ignited in southern Israel by balloons carrying incendiary devices that were launched from Gaza, the fire department said, sparking concern over a possible return of the phenomenon.

Another balloon that carried a suspected explosive device was found near the city of Arad, some 80 kilometers (50 miles) from the coastal enclave. It was located by police and detonated in a controlled explosion, police said. The origin of the balloon was not known.

Throughout the day, several blazes were reported in the Hof Ashkelon and Eshkol Regions, northeast and east of the Gaza Strip, respectively. The fires were quickly brought under control. No injuries were reported as a result of the blazes. An investigation into the cause of the fires determined that they were sparked by balloon-borne incendiary devices.

On August 9, terrorists in the Strip fired a rocket toward southern Israel, which was intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system, the IDF said.

In response, the IDF targeted several Hamas sites in central and southern Gaza, including a cement factory used in the construction of underground infrastructure and “underground facilities used by the Hamas terror group,” the military said.

Raytheon Missiles & Defense and Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd. announced on August 3 that they have agreed to establish a joint venture to produce Iron Dome weapon systems in the United States.

Under the name Raytheon Rafael Area Protection Systems, the partnership will produce both the Iron Dome weapon system, which consists of the Tamir interceptor and launcher, and the SkyHunter missile, a U.S. derivative of the Tamir. The two firms expect to agree on a site location by the end of 2020.

IDF Brig. Gen. (res.) Pini Yungman, executive vice president for air and missile defense at Rafael, said “we are excited about this new stage in our partnership with Raytheon and proud of our U.S. production.”

Yungman said that Rafael and Raytheon had “long partnered on U.S. production of Iron Dome and are pleased to increase manufacturing and bring SkyHunter to the U.S.”

Raytheon’s vice president of land warfare and air-defense business execution Sam Deneke said that “this will be the first Iron Dome all-up-round facility outside of Israel, and it will help the U.S. Department of Defense and allies across the globe obtain the system for defense of their service members and critical infrastructure.”

The Iron Dome air-defense system is “the world’s most-used system with more than 2,500 operational intercepts and a success rate exceeding 90 percent,” according to Rafael.
In Tel Aviv, the Coronavirus Brings Back Legendary Drive-In Theater

By Jewish Press News Desk

Tel Aviv’s famous drive-in theater returns to life. The Tel Aviv-Yafo municipality, in partnership with the Tel Aviv Cinematheque, is inviting Israelis to park up, sit back and enjoy the nostalgia as the city’s famous drive-in theater returns to life at the Shlomo Group Arena parking lot.

In honor of the 15th of Av, the Jewish Festival of Love, the restored drive-in screened romantic movies. Originally launched in March 1973, Tel Aviv’s first drive-in complex was closed in 2000. The multi-purpose drive-in arena, subsequently renamed the Shlomo Group Arena, was inaugurated at the site in December 2014 and used primarily as the home arena for the basketball team Hapoel Tel Aviv.

Each screening welcomes a total of 200 vehicles, strictly in accordance with Health Ministry guidelines and public health standards. Movie audio is transmitted in high quality via an FM radio frequency.

Tel Aviv-Yafo Mayor Ron Huldai said in a statement: “Tel Aviv is the ‘non-stop city’ but the coronavirus outbreak understandably halted a large share of cultural and leisure activity. Nevertheless, we constantly searched for creative ways to grant residents access to culture. The return of the drive-in is another creative way to pass the hot August days, in accordance with Health Ministry guidelines.”

The opening of the drive-in theater joins a long list of municipal initiatives launched to support cultural activity in the city. Those include providing support to artists and cultural organizations facing difficulties resulting from the crisis; subsidizing intimate outdoor performances in restaurants and cafes; funding street performances in central locations; and offering hundreds of outdoor activities for families and elderly residents every month.

The screenings are organized by Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality’s Arts and Culture Division (Performance Department), in partnership with municipal companies: Tel Aviv Cinematheque, Expo Tel Aviv and Sport Palaces of Tel Aviv-Yafo.

Community Schools

Aleph Schoolhouse
Reopening in September
Director: Dina Pinson
73-550 Santa Rosa Way, Palm Desert
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347-721-8782
Researchers at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology have developed a new method for rapid, inexpensive analysis of blood samples. Its first application to be tested will be early detection of cancerous tumors.

The innovative technology, described in *Nature Communications*, was developed by Prof. Tomer Shlomi and doctoral students Shoval Lagziel and Boris Sarvin based on a unique combination of mass spectrometry and computational methods.

A mass spectrometer determines the concentrations of molecules in biological samples. Usually, this requires a preliminary, time-consuming and expensive process called chromatography that separates the materials in the sample according to chemical properties.

Shlomi's research group devised a method that skips the chromatography step without significantly impairing the quality of the mass spectrometry analysis.

The test is completed in just 30 seconds, thus shortening the process by about 98% and reducing its cost by a similar rate.

According to Shlomi, the novelty lies in a computational method developed by the research group. This method identifies optimal working configurations in the mass spectrometer, which allows for a high-sensitivity analysis for specific types of biological samples.

The computational analysis also corrects the measured raw information and accurately quantifies concentrations of thousands of molecules in blood samples.

Shlomi is a faculty member in the Faculties of Computer Science and Biology and a member of the Lorry I. Lokey Center for Life Sciences and Engineering. The research was funded by an ERC grant and by the Israel Science Foundation.

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**Vandals Damage Window of Holocaust Museum in Albuquerque**

By Jewish News Syndicate

The front window of the Holocaust & Intolerance Museum of New Mexico in Albuquerque was damaged by vandals on July 30.

The window, which will cost about $1,000 to replace, was “made with safety film, preventing shards of glass from spraying into the museum,” reported the Associated Press. Behind the window is a large picture of a civil-rights march during the early 1960s, led by John Lewis, whose funeral was on the day of the vandalism.

Leon Natker, the museum’s executive director, noted the timing of the incident to *The Albuquerque Journal*. “It can’t be a coincidence that it happened just as the funeral of [former Congressman] John Lewis was being broadcast on television. It was a hit-and-run, and it was done by a coward,” he said.

The museum, which is situated along the iconic Route 66, will have a security gate at its front by the end of the week, Natker told the *Journal*. In the aftermath of the incident, the museum is seeking to raise $2,000 to improve security.

No arrests have been made.

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**JEWISH FEDERATION PRESENTS NINE ONLINE SESSIONS WITH LOCAL RABBIS**

Beginning August 6th, Jewish Federation of the Desert invites you to join a virtual platform for interactive learning, taking place via Zoom. This Beit Midrash (House of Learning) will offer immersive study with like-minded peers over a shared passion for intellectually engaged and spiritually rich study.

Although physically distant, you will have the opportunity to learn with our local Rabbis and engage in analyzing the book “Judaism’s 10 Best Ideas” by Arthur Green.

You will be challenged to ask questions and be active participants in thought-provoking discussions.

**Thursday, August 6**  
Rabbi Kenneth Emert (Sun City)

**Thursday, August 13**  
Rabbi Andrew Bentley

**Thursday, August 20**  
Rabbi Jules King (Desert Outreach); Rabbi David Lazar (Or Hamidbar)

**Thursday, August 27**  
Rabbi David Novak (Temple Sinai), Rabbi Stephen Rosenberg (Temple Isaiah) & Rabbi Richard Zions (Har El)

All sessions are Tuesdays or Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and each is based on a chapter in the book. Community members may attend as many sessions as you choose as each stands alone. No prior knowledge is necessary, just a willingness to learn.

Optional participation fee: $18+.

To enroll, and to access the book, go to the Jewish Federation website [jfedps.org](http://jfedps.org) or call the Jewish Federation at 760-324-4737. Alternatively, the book can be purchased on Amazon for approximately $10.

(L-r) Rabbi Andrew Bentley (Desert Chaim), Rabbi Kenneth Emert (Sun City) Rabbi Jules King (Desert Outreach); Rabbi David Lazar (Or Hamidbar), Rabbi David Novak (Temple Sinai), Rabbi Stephen Rosenberg (Temple Isaiah) & Rabbi Richard Zions (Har El)
**Shabbat and Holiday Schedule**

Due to the uncertainties from the Covid Pandemic, we urge you to (preferably) go online or call any temple you are interested in attending to find out what is currently being offered.

**BETH SHALOM** (Member, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism)  
Ken Hailpem, Spiritual Leader  
79-733 Country Club Drive, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203  
www.congregationbethshalom.net  
760-200-3636

After several months utilizing virtual services from a synagogue in Ventura, Beth Shalom is conducting virtual Shabbat services with Ken Hailpem and Dr. Noam Arzt, and the format will continue for the High Holidays. Call or email for information on times and links.

**CHABAD OF PALM SPRINGS & DESERT COMMUNITIES**  
Rabbi Yonason Denebeim & Rabbi Arik Denebeim  
425 Avenida Ortega, Palm Springs, CA 92264 www.chabadpalmsprings.com  
760-325-0774

No High Holiday services will be held. However, on the second day of Rosh Hashanah they will offer small groups to gather outside in Palm Springs and Sun City, in five minute intervals, to hear the shofar blown. To make an appointment to hear the shofar, call Sussie Denebeim at 760-848-8250 or email sussiedenebeim@gmail.com.

**CHABAD OF SUN CITY**  
Rabbi Yonason Denebeim.  
See Chabad of Palm Springs.

**CONGREGATION HAR-EL** (Member, Union for Reform Judaism)  
Rabbi Richard Zionts; Cantor Joseph Gole. harelurjpd@gmail.com  
760-779-1691.

Har-El offers virtual Shabbat services at 5:00 pm on Fridays. Contact Har-El for schedule of High Holy Day services. No fee. Two ads in JCN have more detailed information on Shabbat and holy day services plus virtual classes and programs.

**CONGREGATION SHALOM BAYIT** (Reform)  
Rabbi Kenneth Milhander, 1320 W. Williams Ave., Banning, CA 92220.  
Contact 951-392-5380.

**DESSERT OUTREACH SYNAGOGUE**  
Rabbi Jules King; Cantor Lori Reisman Patterson. 760-449-0111. Mailing address: P.O. Box 982, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. www.Desert-Outreach-Synagogue.com. Virtual services offered other than Tashlish, Havdallah and Break-fast events.

**OR HAMIDBAR**  
Rabbi David Lazar rabbio@orhamidbar.org  
Virtual services available on Zoom or Facebook. 

**SUN CITY JEWISH SERVICES**  
Rabbi Kenneth Emert; Cantor Alan Scott. Virtual Services offered as long as Sun City closes their hall. For High Holiday Services membership is required but available at a nominal fee. Contact Susan Katzman, 760-641-0411 or email SusanK92253@gmail.com.

**TEMPLE HAR SHALOM, Idyllwild**  
(951) 468-0004. www.templeharshalomofidyllwild.org Email: templeharshalomofidyllwild@gmail.com. Holiday services conducted by Rabbi Ilana Grinblat & Cantorial Soloist Shiranda Zee. See page 1 article for specific services.

**TEMPLEISAIAH**  
Rabbi Steven Rosenberg; Holiday Cantorial Soloist Dr. Joel Stein.  
332 West Alejo Road, Palm Springs, CA 92262, 760-325-2281. www.templeisaiahps.com. Shabbat evening services at 7:30 pm on Facebook. Classes offered on Zoom. High Holidays will be a combination of virtual services and “drive-in” held in the temple parking lot. See ad for details.

**TEMPLE SINAI** (Reform)  
Rabbi David Novak. High holiday cantor: Linda Ecker. 73-251 Hovley Lane West, Palm Desert, CA 92260. www.templesinaipd.org  
760-568-9699. Virtual services will be live-streamed. See ad for more information.

**BIKUR CHOLIM**  
A project of Chabad of Palm Springs & Desert Communities (Community Outreach) www.BikurCholimPS.com  
Anti-Semitic French ‘Pseudo-Comedian’ Dieudonné Booted from YouTube for Racist Content

By Ben Cohen, The Algemeiner

Anti-Semitic French comedian Dieudonné Mbala Mbala’s channel on YouTube was abruptly closed down on June 30th as part of the online video platform’s effort to remove racist content.

A spokesperson for Google, which owns YouTube, told the news agency AFP that Dieudonné’s channel had been deleted due to his “repeated violations of our YouTube community policies.”

The comedian’s channel was one of “more than 25,000 channels violating hate speech rules” shut down by the platform.

Banned from the UK, Canada and Belgium among other countries, Dieudonné has been convicted numerous times in France for violating laws against hate speech and Holocaust denial.

In 2013, he suggested that a prominent Jewish journalist belonged in a “gas chamber,” which brought him a fine of $24,000.

Two years later, Dieudonné was hit with a seven-year suspended prison sentence and a $106,000 fine for a Facebook post in which he expressed sympathy with the Islamist terrorist who murdered four Jews in a kosher supermarket in Paris in January 2015.

In July 2019, he was fined 200,000 Euros and handed a two-year suspended sentence for tax evasion.

One of Dieudonné’s songs, titled “Shoananas” — a word that combines “Shoah,” the Hebrew word for “Holocaust,” with “ananas,” the French word for “pineapple” — serves fun at the six million Jewish victims of the Nazis. The comedian is arguably best known for inventing the “quenelle” — an inverted Nazi salute that went viral in 2013.

The French Union of Jewish Students (UEJF) — which has campaigned vigorously against Dieudonné — welcomed YouTube’s decision and called on other social media platforms to follow suit by booting the comedian.

“‘This closure follows the action of the UEJF and its anti-racist partners who have been fighting for years, day by day, the spread of racist ideas, antisemitism and Holocaust denial of this pseudo-comedian,’” the UEJF stated on its Facebook page.

In an interview with the news outlet Le Point, UEJF president Noémie Madar observed that antisemitic agitation had been a hallmark of the most recent videos released by Dieudonné during the coronavirus pandemic.

“The videos…betray the antisemitic obsessions of their creator,” Madar said.

With the closure of his YouTube channel, Dieudonné had lost 400,000 followers.

“The other internet players, Twitter and Facebook, now have no excuse,” Madar said, referring to two platforms where Dieudonné has collected 150,000 and 1.2 million followers respectively.

Dieudonné denounced YouTube’s decision as the result of “Israeli pressure,” hailing his personal website as “the last bastion of freedom on the internet.”
Both Weiss and Ritch assert that it is their respective Jewish identities that have led to their verbal harassment and vilification in the physical and virtual space. Ritch's critics argue that her support for Israel has rendered her complicit in racism and by consequence guilty of espousing racist ideology. In her resignation letter, Ritch cites an aggressive social media campaign designed "to impeach her Zionist ass," despite university claims to "nurture an environment of mutual respect and tolerance."

Similarly, in her letter of resignation, Weiss cites "constant bullying" by colleagues who disagreed with her views. "They have called me a Nazi racist," chiding her about "writing about the Jews again." In addition, several of her colleagues insisted that Weiss be rooted out if the company is to be a "truly inclusive" publication.

As David Suissa, editor-in-chief of the Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles, so keenly identifies in his recent article assessing Ritch's resignation, "Arguably the worst insult in America today – 'racist' – is being weaponized against Jews who have the nerve to support the existence of a Jewish state."

The irony of this statement cannot be understated, and the inherent perils that the current climate of cancel culture presents cannot be ignored. In an environment where monuments are being torn down and, in the case of USC, buildings are being renamed in a campus-wide effort to right the wrongs of historic fascist and even Nazi affiliations, antisemitic rhetoric can no longer be given a "pass."

The attacks on Ritch are part of the broader corrosive influence of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement that has permeated the mainstream of progressive consciousness. By suggesting that Ritch's support for a Jewish homeland would somehow render her "unfit for office or justify her impeachment" in effect resurfaces the oldest of Dreyfus Affair level antisemitic tropes that call into question the primary loyalties of Jews who hold public office and "holding Jews responsible for the actions of the Israeli government."

Political disagreements have always fueled the fabric of intellectual debate and especially on a college campus. Yet in Ritch's case, labeling her Zionism as racism effectively silenced her voice in the debate and rendered her fair game to be canceled under the guise of political correctness, which bends far toward the side of the anti-Israel narrative.

What we are witnessing is a collective silencing of those who do not hold these toxic antisemitic views by those who do, ironically similar to the voices of moderate Islam squelched by the voices of extremism. Throughout modern history, intellectual curiosity and a sense of civic responsibility to repair what was broken in society were pursuits identified with both the college campus (think Berkeley of the '60's) and the printing press (thing Enlightenment). Yet, what we are seeing on college campuses and in the press is a narrowing of the acceptable definition of "woke" consciousness, where membership is qualified by an asterisk that Jews need not apply.

However, it is incumbent upon us to root out the misguided and misled antisemitic ideology that has led to the resignation of these two powerful and important voices, and to decry all antisemitic rhetoric at every occurrence with a zero-tolerance policy. After all, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?" (Ethics of the Fathers, 1:14)

The writer is an associate director of the USC Casden Institute, and lecturer of Hebrew language at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Los Angeles.
More than 700 music industry leaders in the United Kingdom committed to combating racism in an open letter in early August that cited incidents of anti-Jewish bigotry. The open letter, titled "#NoSilenceInMusic," stated that "In recent months through a series of events and incidents, the anti-black racists and anti-Semites, plus those who advocate islamophobia, xenophobia, homophobia and transphobia, have repeatedly demonstrated that they clearly want us all to fail."

The letter referenced "systemic racism and racial inequality" and "anti-Jewish racism promulgated through online attacks," saying, "the result is the same: suspicion, hatred and division. We are at our worst when we attack one another."

The letter was signed by musicians, managers, top music industry executives, agents, labels, lawyers, songwriters, producers and others. Artists who endorsed the open letter include Rita Ora, James Blunt, The 1975, Lewis Capaldi, Leona Lewis, Lily Allen, Niall Horan, Labrinth and Violet Skies. Among the major labels that attached their names to the statement are Sony Music, Warner Music, CAA, Universal Music Group, Island Records UK, Capitol, Domino, EMI Records, TaP Music, UTA and X-Ray Touring.

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The letter also stated: "Minorities from all backgrounds and faiths have struggled and suffered. From slavery to the Holocaust we have painful collective memories. All forms of racism have the same roots — ignorance, lack of education and scapegoating. We, the British music industry are proudly uniting to amplify our voices, to take responsibility, to speak out and stand together in solidarity. Silence is not an option."

"There is a global love for music, irrespective of race, religion, sexuality and gender. Music brings joy and hope and connects us all. Through music, education and empathy we can find unity. We stand together, to educate and wipe out racism now and for our future generations."

The letter comes after British rapper Wiley had his Twitter account suspended and Facebook and Instagram accounts deactivated, following an anti-Semitic rant on social media.
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Walmart officials have confirmed a store in Marshall, Minnesota was the scene of an incident Saturday, July 25 when two individuals entered their store wearing swastika masks. The 59-year-old man and a 64-year-old woman confronted another group of shoppers who recorded the incident on their phone. Video on social media subsequently went viral.

In the video, the swastika-wearing duo is confronted by bystanders offended by their use of imagery associated with Nazi iconography employed during WWII.

Marshall PD says they responded to the incident around noon on Saturday, on reports that the couple’s masks were causing a disturbance. According to Marshall PD Sergeant Jason Buysse, his department issued a notice of trespass to the two shoppers.

In the video, other customers announce their disgust over the masks.

The woman in the video says back to one of them: “If you vote for Biden, you are going to be in Nazi Germany.”

Police were called and issued notices of trespassing to the couple, a warning basically, at the request of Walmart. Police say the pair were cooperative and left the store.

Walmart issued the following statement that evening:

“What happened today at our store in Marshall, MN is unacceptable. We strive to provide a safe and comfortable shopping environment for all our customers and will not tolerate any form of discrimination or harassment in any aspect of our business. We are asking everyone to wear face coverings when they enter our stores for their safety and the safety of others and it’s unfortunate that some individuals have taken this pandemic as an opportunity to create a distressing situation for customers and associates in our store.”

Walmart says the trespass notices issued to the couple prevent them from visiting any Walmart facility for at least one year.

The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, CAIR, released a statement on Sunday night, condemning the incident and calling on Walmart and public officials to reject the hate they felt was displayed in the customers’ actions.

Swastika-wearing Pair Cited for Disturbance at Minnesota Walmart

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An international team of researchers led by an Israeli scientist has developed a noninvasive technology to kill breast cancer cells, an innovation that in the future could perhaps also be used to treat diseases such as brain cancer, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

The groundbreaking technique, developed by Tel Aviv University's Tali Ilovitsh during her post-doctorate period at Stanford University, uses low-frequency ultrasound to burst microscopic tumor-targeted bubbles. Her research was recently published in the journal "Microbubbles are microscopic bubbles filled with gas, with a diameter as small as one-tenth of a blood vessel. At certain frequencies and pressures, soundwaves cause microbubbles to act like balloons: microbubbles expand and shrink periodically, and thus allow an increased transfer of substances from the blood vessel to the surrounding tissue," Ilovitsh explained.

"We discovered that using lower frequencies than those applied before causes microbubbles to expand drastically until they explode. We understood that this discovery can be used as a tumor-treatment platform and started injecting microbubbles into tumors directly."

Two-pronged approach

The research team injected microbubbles into tumors in engineered mice. The microbubbles were tumor-targeted, meaning that they attached to the tumor cells' membranes at the moment of explosion.

"Around 80 percent of tumor cells were killed in the explosion, which is already positive," Ilovitsh says. "The targeted treatment, which is safe and cheap, managed to destroy most of the tumor."

And yet, to prevent the cancer from spreading, the researchers needed to destroy every cancer cell. "That is why we injected an immunotherapeutic gene alongside the microbubbles, which acts as a Trojan horse and signals the immune system to attack the cell," Ilovitsh said.

This gene that alerts the immune system to attack normally cannot enter cancer cells. Introduced by the exploding microbubbles, it managed to enter the cells that were not killed by the explosion and signal to the body that they were cancerous.

"The cancer cells were hit by the explosion, and through the holes that were created the gene we inserted into the microbubbles was transferred inside. Cancer cells that managed to heal and close themselves absorbed the gene that makes them produce a substance alerting the immune system to attack the cell," Ilovitsh explained.

"In fact, our model mice had tumors on both sides of the body. Despite the fact that we injected microbubbles only to the tumor on one side, the immune system attacked the other side as well," she relates.

Ilovitsh intends to use the technology that she developed as a noninvasive treatment for brain-damaging diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and brain tumors.

"The blood-brain barrier does not allow medications to pass through, but microbubbles can expand and enable a temporary opening of the barrier, thus letting the treatment reach its target without requiring an operation," she said.
Amid the rise in anti-Semitism on college campuses, Hillel International announced on August 10 that it is launching a new initiative to ensure that university administrators and staff are trained to recognize and confront Jew-hatred.

The Campus Climate Initiative (CCI) will work with administrators to provide measurement tools, best practices, education and training designed to empower university leadership to understand the threats of anti-Semitism, take proactive steps to minimize them and directly address them when they occur.

The new initiative comes amid an alarming rise in anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses. Hillel measured 178 anti-Semitic incidents this past academic year on the North American campuses it serves—an all-time high even with months of campuses being physically closed due to the coronavirus. Online harassment of Jewish students and anti-Semitic vandalism has continued in recent months, even with campuses closed. This dangerous trend has been surging for several years.

Anti-Semitic hate crimes and bias incidents on college campuses more than tripled from 2012 through 2019, according to the Anti-Defamation League. Government data shows that religious-based hate crimes on college campuses roughly doubled between 2009 and 2017; a majority of these reported crimes targeted Jews.

“All Jewish college students have the right to study in a safe, welcoming environment free of harassment,” said Hillel International president and CEO Adam Lehman. “Hillel is uniquely positioned to partner with colleges and universities to develop tools to prevent anti-Semitism on campus and help empower university administrators to respond decisively and aggressively when issues of anti-Semitism unfortunately arise.”

In addition to working closely with a cohort of pilot-program campuses, the Campus Climate Initiative will use digital and online collaboration to extend those successes broadly across a much larger field of college leaders, helping them create and refine best-practice policies and procedures customized to their individual campus cultures and environments.

CCI will also showcase its expertise by bringing together university and Jewish community leaders for national conferences and forums focusing on these issues.

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Lithuania Recognizes Hezbollah as a Terrorist Organization

By Sarah Chemla, The Jerusalem Post

On August 13, the Lithuanian government announced its recognition of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.

"Having taken into consideration the information acquired by our institutions and partners, we may conclude that 'Hezbollah' uses terrorist means that pose a threat to the security of a significant number of countries, including Lithuania. We stand together with the United States of America, Germany, United Kingdom, Netherlands, as well as other countries that had reached the same conclusion," said Lithuania's Foreign Minister Linas Linkevičius in a statement.

“We appreciate the successful cooperation between the Lithuanian and Israeli national security agencies. We are thankful to these institutions for their significant work in helping ensure the safety of our citizens," he continued. "It is important to note that we support peaceful people of Lebanon and their wish for their country to implement necessary reforms."

Israel's Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi spoke a few moments later with his Lithuanian counterpart, congratulating him on the Lithuanian government's decision and calling on all European countries to make similar decisions, saying that Hezbollah's actions in Lebanon hold the entire Lebanese population hostage.
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### Charter Flight Brings 230 Immigrants, Volunteers and Israelis from Mexico

By Alan Rosenbaum, The Jerusalem Post

A first-of-its-kind charter flight from Mexico carrying 230 Olim (immigrants), Masa Israel Journey volunteers and Israelis returning home landed at Ben Gurion Airport on Tuesday. Dubbed “Operation Home,” the flight was organized by The Jewish Agency for Israel and Hanoar Hatzioni, with support from Keren Hayesod.

Taking off from Mexico City, “Operation Home” carried 50 new Olim and 150 graduates of Hanoar Hatzioni who will take part in Masa. Dozens of Israelis who have been stranded in Mexico due to the limited availability of flights during the pandemic were also on board.

Upon landing, the passengers were greeted by Chairman of The Jewish Agency Isaac Herzog, Chairman of Keren Hayesod Sam Grundwerg, General Director of Hanoar Hatzioni Gabriel Degen, and Masa CEO Ofer Gutman.

“Aliyah has never stopped, even during the most difficult crises the State of Israel has experienced,” said Chairman of The Jewish Agency Isaac Herzog. “Even now, during a global crisis, Jews from all over the world are realizing the Zionist vision and making their new home in Israel.”

Carlos and Miriam Mercado, along with their four children, arrived on August 11 from Mexico City. After visiting Israel last year, they knew they wanted to make Aliyah.

“Here, I feel truly at home,” said Miriam Mercado. “In Mexico, we are always viewed as ‘those Jews’ and never felt safe to go out with a kippah. We knew we would always be a minority.”
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American media personality Nick Cannon revealed that he was Jewish on his mother’s side during an August 10 appearance on the American Jewish Committee’s online program “AJC Advocacy Anywhere.”

“The Masked Singer” host apologized last month for voicing anti-Semitic conspiracy theories in the June 30 episode of his podcast “Cannon’s Class,” after he initially refused to back down from his comments that caused an uproar in the Jewish community.

In a conversation with Rabbi Noam Marans on the AJC program, Cannon said his mother had been calling him “every single day” since the controversy erupted to share information about their family history.

“My great-grandfather was a Spanish rabbi,” Cannon asserted. “He’s a Sephardic Jewish man. So, as much heat as I’ve been catching from the public and the outside, this hit home for my family in a real way because I come from a Black and Jewish family on my mother’s side.”

The 39-year-old, who is pursuing a PhD in Theology and Divinity at Howard University School of Divinity, said he had not wanted to publicly share information about his Jewish heritage earlier so that it would not seem like he was trying to find “an excuse” for his offensive remarks.

At the start of his hour-long conversation with Rabbi Marans, Cannon remarked, “I must first say, I’m sorry.” He then compared the predicament he was in regarding his anti-Semitic comments to when his kids, whom he shares with singer Mariah Carey, go outside and “throw rocks.”

“When a rock hits someone, the first thing you do is say ‘I apologize’ … and then we’ll deal with why you were throwing rocks,” Cannon explained. “My words hurt people.”

He added, “A lot of people may have been upset that I apologized, but I feel like that’s what someone of true character is actually supposed to do when they hurt someone. Now, let’s get through this process of truth and reconciliation.”

Cannon said his “goal” was to “break down the walls and barriers amongst communities and bring us closer together. It truly is time to get rid of all of the things that divide us and utilize this moment.”

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After Ten Years, Palestinian Terrorist Arrested After Entering Israel to Donate Bone Marrow for his Brother

A Palestinian terrorist from Gaza has been arrested and charged with the 2010 murder of two Israeli soldiers after he entered Israel to donate bone marrow to his brother.

According to Israeli public broadcaster Kan, Abdallah Daghmeh, 38, was charged in Beersheva District Court on August 9 with involvement in the killing of Maj. Eliraz Peretz and Staff Sgt. Ilan Sviatkovsky, as well as membership in a terrorist organization.

The attack took place on March 26, 2010, in which IDF troops were drawn into a trap by a terror cell that pretended to be planting a bomb. When the soldiers converged on the scene, the terrorists opened fire, killing Peretz and Sviatkovsky.

Daghmeh was captured after he sought to enter Israel in order to donate bone marrow to his brother, Israeli news website Mako reported.

His request for entry into Israel was submitted for security approval, during which Israel’s domestic intelligence agency, the Shin Bet, recognized Daghmeh’s name. The Shin Bet then allowed Daghmeh to enter Israel and donate the bone marrow, after which he was arrested.

Daghmeh reportedly said that the incident was so long ago that he didn’t realize he was still wanted by Israeli authorities.

“I did not know I was wanted in Israel,” he said. “I fell into the trap. I hope I saved my brother’s life.” During interrogation, Daghmeh confessed to the killings and described his extensive training for the attack.

According to Kan, the Shin Bet contacted Peretz’s mother before announcing Daghmeh’s arrest, and she thanked them for their persistence in bringing her son’s killer to justice.
Knesset Bill Would Let MKs Keep Foreign Citizenship
Michael Oren: Current law is antiquated, supports anti-Semitic myth that Jews have dual loyalties
By Gil Hoffman, The Jerusalem Post

Knesset members would no longer have to give up their foreign citizenship to enter the Knesset, according to a bill initiated on August 11 by MKs Ariel Kallner (Likud), Tehila Friedman (Blue and White) and French-born Shas MK Yosef Taieb.

The current law requires newly elected MKs to give up their foreign citizenship before they get sworn in. It was initially enacted in an effort to oust far-Right Kach Party leader Meir Kahane, who was born in Brooklyn and was an MK from 1984 to 1988.

Kallner said the prime minister Golda Meir was never forced to give up her American citizenship, and it did not make her any less of a Zionist. He said other Western countries do not have such a rule for their members of parliament.

“It is common for Israelis to have dual citizenship,” Kallner said. “My bill would enable many talented people to enter politics without having to pay an unnecessary price.”

The bill has divided current and former MKs who were born in foreign countries. Blue and White MK Michal Cotler-Wunsh, who had Canadian citizenship, and former MK Michael Oren, who was a citizen of the US, endorsed the bill.

“The requirement of MKs and other Israeli officials to forfeit their foreign citizenship is antiquated and tends to support the anti-Semitic myth that Jews have dual loyalties,” Oren said.

But US-born former MK Dov Lipman said he opposed the bill. He said it was an honor to sacrifice his citizenship to be able to serve in the Knesset.

“I believe it’s important that we make a clear statement that our allegiance is with Israel and that when we make policies and vote our only consideration is Israel’s best interests,” Lipman said. “This is especially important during these times when the public has so much distrust in the country’s leadership.”
Nat and Miriam Bent are so excited to have their son David coming to stay with them for the month of September. He’ll work remotely at their home, as he’s been doing at home in Houston, TX; and everyone attending Temple Isaiah services will enjoy the mitzvah of hearing his amazing shofar blowing again this year ... Barbara Platt shared some of the remarkable accomplishments within Jewish life of her grandson Fletcher Block and granddaughter Stephanie Sussman. The original idea was to include tidbits in Simchas, but their achievements are too special not to include more fully, so check out the article on the next page .. and kvell along with Barbara! ... Share your simchas with us. Call (760-323-0255) or email Miriam Bent (mhbentjcn@earthlink.net.

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Barbara Platt contacted the JCN to share the accomplishments of two of her grandchildren who have significantly committed themselves to their respective Jewish communities (Los Angeles and San Diego), and how their leadership skills have propelled them into the national spotlight as well. It is a pleasure to be able to share some of the accomplishments of these very special young people.

Our community was first introduced to Stephanie Sussman when the JCN featured her following her winning the grand prize of Jewish Rock Radio’s North American Talent Search in the fall of 2019. To have won this nationwide contest attests to her musical abilities, but there is clearly much more to this young woman, as evidenced by her leadership roles in a wide range of endeavors. Stephanie is a high school senior in Los Angeles. She grew up at Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, where she currently serves as the local chapter president for her USY (United Synagogue Youth) group. Additionally, she was recently elected Religion/Education Vice President for the USY Far West region, spanning Hawaii, Southern California, Las Vegas, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. Stephanie is also involved with Diller Teen Fellows and will spend the next year working with and mentoring the incoming cohort. At school Stephanie played varsity softball, receiving multiple awards over the years. Additionally, she is the Advanced Vocal Ensemble Vice President and the Genders and Sexualities Alliance President.

Fletcher Block is deeply invested in his Jewish community on multiple levels as well. He is involved in his synagogue, participating and leading youth group events, attending post confirmation class, and volunteering at his temple’s day camp. He also was a member of the San Diego Jewish Teen Initiative’s first peer leader fellow cohort and was been active in the organization through the rest of high school. In addition to his local community, Fletcher has also been involved in NFTY SOCAL, the Reform Jewish Youth Movement’s Southern California region. Throughout his time in high school, Fletcher attended the URJ Kutz Camp to learn and develop his leadership skills, and he served as the region’s Membership Vice President and President. More recently, Fletcher was elected President of NFTY North America and is taking a gap year to commit his time solely to NFTY before heading to Princeton University.

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**ROSH HASHANAH APPLE CAKE**

For the apples
- 2 apples - suggest using 4 different varieties of apples
- About 1 Tbsp. lemon juice to prevent apples from browning as you cut

For cake batter
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 3/4 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease and flour a 9-inch round cake pan or springform, or an 8X8-inch square pan. (If you want to plate this, use a springform; otherwise, just serve it out of the pan.) Peel and core the apples, then cut each apple into 12 slices. Sprinkle with lemon while the others are being sliced to prevent browning.

Heat margarine in pan over low heat and add apples and 1-2 tablespoons white sugar. Stir for 10-15 minutes until apples soften. Some of the liquid will soak into the apples, but if too much of it starts to evaporate, then turn the heat down.

While the apples are on the stove top, mix together the remaining ingredients (except demerara or brown sugar): flour, the 3/4 cup sugar, eggs, oil, baking powder, and vanilla. No mixer is required - you can just mix everything by hand even though the batter is quite thick.

Add half the warm apples (juices and all) to the batter and mix. Then pour into the prepared pan and spread the batter evenly with a spatula. Arrange the remaining apple slices on the top of the batter as decoratively as possible (though even a mishmash will look nice).

Sprinkle the cake with demerara or brown sugar then bake for 1 hour. As it bakes, the high egg content causes the cake to rise up as the heavier fruit sinks slightly and the demerara sugar helps create a crackly crunchy crust that caramelizes slightly at the edges and where the fruit juices pool. Cool in pan and serve. I doubt you’ll have leftovers, but if so, this cake freezes well. First wrap tightly in plastic, then in heavy duty aluminum foil. If you want to reheat - make sure to remove the plastic from underneath the foil. You could just wrap in foil, but it doesn’t stay as fresh.

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**CRANBERRY CHICKEN**

10 chicken pieces
- 3 tablespoons pareve margarine
- 4 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Optional garnish: ½ cup sliced, toasted almonds

Season chicken with pepper and garlic powder. Place rice and its seasonings in bottom of a 9 X 13-inch glass baking dish. Top with chicken. Place cranberry sauce, water, margarine, soy sauce and lemon juice in a saucepan. Cook over low heat until cranberry sauce has melted. Pour over chicken and cover with foil. Bake in a preheated 325° oven for 75 minutes. Remove foil and bake an additional 15 minutes, or until chicken is browned. Garnish with almonds, if desired. Serves 6.

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