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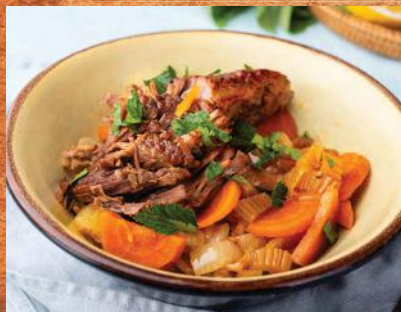
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What will you do this New Year?



Welcome to the September/October issue of *Shalom Greensboro* magazine. The focus for this edition is the High Holidays and how you can make the holidays meaningful this year while we are experiencing a time of necessary social distancing.

Many people in our community will be alone for the High Holidays and the JFS staff has worked with Beth David Synagogue and Temple Emanuel to 'Re-Imagine Rosh Hashanah' for our older adults and find ways to make this year a sweet one.

As we explore the thought of continuity in the High Holiday traditions, we also enter a reflective time. While some of us are fortunate enough to be able to carry on our lives with small inconveniences, others, even within our own local community, are suffering more difficult stresses — loneliness, isolation, job loss, and more. Our community and Federation have responded, honoring our tradition — *kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh* all Jews are responsible one for the other.

For this reason, the Federation has established a fund for support of those who need assistance as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. It is administered by Jewish Family Services and I encourage anyone who may benefit from that and many other related resources to contact Betsy Gamburg, Director for confidential assistance.

This is an example of Federation's commitment to caring for our local community and beyond. Indeed, the campaign theme for this year is *L'Dor V'Dor* — Honoring the Past, Securing the Future. Maintaining our mission to "build community among the Jewish people of Greensboro, assuring continuity from generation to generation" is essential. In a time of political turmoil both nationally and internationally, as well as a worldwide pandemic, it is as important as ever to stay true to our past as we navigate the future.

Wishing you and your family a *L'Shana Tova!*

Tom Cone, President
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ON MY MIND: Putting Words into Action

By Marilyn Forman Chandler, *Executive Director*



Marilyn Forman Chandler

School let out early and I came home on a Friday in late November of 1963 to find my mother sitting on our red leather sofa, crumpled tissues in her hands and her eyes glued to the television with tears streaming down her cheeks. I just let her hug me, not really, at age 6, understanding the full depth about what had just happened to President Kennedy. All I knew was that soon after, we had a bust of JFK, a gift from our immigrant grandparents, adorning our slate book shelf in the den.

It wasn't until five years later, when I was 11 and understood more, that our country unraveled with the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and

Senator Robert Kennedy and civil unrest broke out on college campuses. Black athletes who had won medals at the summer Olympics raised their fists high to represent black pride, power and unity. And the Starship Enterprise Captain James Kirk kissed Lt. Nyota Uhura, a black woman, on national American television. Capt. Kirk tells the television audience: "Where I come from, size, shape or color makes no difference."

This past February, 75 members of the Greensboro community, of different faiths, colors and ethnicities, spent three days together on the Civil Rights Journey. We sat together in the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, listening to the words of Pastor Dr. Raphael S. Warnock as spoke of the struggle for access in public schools, libraries, parks, beaches, neighborhoods, stores, voting and jobs. "We must work together toward transformation through cooperation, courage, creativity and commitment to take those on the margins and place them in the mainstream."

Along with our community partners, Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad, the International Civil Rights Center and Museum, Mount Zion Baptist Church/Young and Dangerous Youth Ministry, the Federation is working hard to bring this learning home to the Greensboro community. We are all working on meaningful next steps to gain a deeper understanding about local organizations committed to racial and social justice and to put our words into action and bring impact.

Earlier this summer, we heard Presidents Bush, Clinton and Obama eulogize Congressman John Lewis, from that same Church pulpit. During President Obama's remarks, he spoke of the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the importance of voting: "The Voting Rights Act is one of the crowning achievements of our democracy." And it was because Rep. John Lewis led marchers from Selma to Montgomery in front of television cameras that President Lyndon Johnson ultimately signed into law the Voting Rights Act, which outlawed discrimination in voting.

In John Lewis' words: "If you don't do everything you can to change things, then they will remain the same. You only pass this way once. You have to give it all you have." In his final letter to Americans, printed on the day of his funeral in many newspapers around the country, he implores us: "Voting and participating in the democratic process are key. The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society.

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FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL:

Meet Ron Milstein and Marissa Milstein, 2021 Campaign Co-Chairs



Ron Milstein and Marissa Milstein

Collaborating as the Federation's first ever father-daughter campaign co-chair duo, Ron and Marissa are no strangers to community leadership. Dedicated to their life's work of *tikkun olam*, chairing the campaign is the perfect next step in their journey, and they are delighted to come

together and take on this role in securing the future of the Jewish community in Greensboro.

Ron grew up on Long Island with the contrast of his father's orthodox parents and mother's non-observant family. Being surrounded by Jewish culture in New York stood in sharp contrast to what he found when he moved to Greensboro with his young family in 1997, but he soon felt at home in this vibrant and caring Jewish community. Ron serves on the Board of the Federation, is a past president of Temple Emanuel and current Board member. He was also part of the steering committees for the 2019 Interfaith Study Mission and the recent Civil Rights Journey.

Marissa has always felt embraced by the Greensboro Jewish community since arriving as a child in 1997. She attended B'nai Shalom Day School and graduated from Grimsley High School. After receiving her Master's degree, she returned to Greensboro in 2014 and quickly became co-chair of JTriad. Marissa was a fellow in Federation's first GFLI cohort and has chaired several Federation events, including the 2018 Campaign Kickoff, the 2019 Telethon, and the 2019 Women's Joint Opening Brunch.

As the theme for this year's campaign was being considered, Ron and Marissa agreed that it should

represent not only continuity but also change; a celebration of the past while acknowledging the bright future ahead. From generation to generation, *L'Dor V'Dor*, has been a central rallying cry of our faith and currently serves as a ratification that our people will always survive through adversity and tragedy.

“From generation to generation we will go forward.”

By late spring, disruptive and potentially devastating developments had shaken our world and completely changed our concerns and expectations for the future. Ron, Marissa and the 2021 campaign team had to ask — what will our campaign look like now? The answer they came to is simple.

“From generation to generation we will go forward. From strength to strength, we will go forward; with our campaign, with our mission and with our hearts because our community's sustainability is too critical to be ignored or deferred. The campaign may look a bit different, and we may have to see each other through computer monitors and maintain physical distance, but our destinies are intertwined and our path together is more relevant than ever. Our campaign will reaffirm who we are and why we do what we do for Greensboro. We ask you to join us in 'Honoring our Past and Securing our Future,’” said Ron and Marissa.

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Re-Imagining ROSH HASHANAH

Have you ever had to try something totally different? For some of us, that can be daunting, for others it can be exhilarating. This Rosh Hashanah we will all embrace the new year in a very different way because of COVID-19. Whatever feelings are evoked for you in this time of social distancing, Jewish Family Services (JFS) is here to help you find the sweetness of the holiday.

“We recognize that none of us has ever celebrated a new year like this one, and now, more than ever, finding ways to make this Rosh Hashanah a sweet one will require some adaptation,” says Betsy Gamburg, Director, Jewish Family Services.

JFS has partnered with Beth David Synagogue and Temple Emanuel to ‘re-imagine’ Rosh Hashanah. While the traditional (and popular!) Rosh Hashanah

“finding ways to make this Rosh Hashanah a sweet one will require some adaptation.”

Senior Luncheon will not take place; a special holiday Zoom program was being planned at press time.

“A holiday bag of sweetness from Beth David Synagogue, Temple Emanuel and Jewish Family Services will be delivered to many older adults in our community,” says Jenny Schultz, coordinator of this effort for JFS.

Our Rabbis and community leaders plan to welcome the community during the program, ‘Sweet Sounds of the New Year: The Rosh Hashanah Senior Luncheon Re-Imagined’.

As a special treat, Cantor Katy Claussen has put together spiritual reflections for the High Holidays that will be available for older adults. Call JFS at (336) 852-4829 to request a copy.

“I hope this will enhance this spiritual time of year and help us find meaning in a Rosh Hashanah that will be unique and challenging for all of us,” Katy notes.

Beth David Synagogue, Temple Emanuel, and Jewish Family Services are again indebted to Well•Spring and to Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors for their support of this program.

Remembering David Frazier, z”l



David Frazier, z”l

The relationships we grow bring to life the sweetness of the New Year.

At Jewish Family Services, **David Frazier, z”l**, our Volunteer Coordinator, always enhanced our observance of the holiday through the events he created and the many people he brought together to celebrate.

David gathered volunteers of all ages, from small children to adults of advanced years, to assemble Holiday Gift Bags for Older Adults. The annual Rosh Hashanah Senior Luncheon, attended every year by more than 100 guests and dozens of volunteers, allowed us all to share the special joy of beginning a new year together as a community.

This year, as we re-imagine these events, we remember how David enriched JFS, the special feelings he created, and we celebrate our strong and vibrant Jewish community in his memory.

We remember David Frazier for his joy and passion, his kindness and generosity, and for his complete commitment to mitzvot, to *tikkun olam*, and to this community. May his memory always be a blessing.



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"This service is important to me as a young Jewish woman and pre-health student at Wake Forest University. I aspire to become a genetic counselor one day, and I believe that knowledge is power," says Jennifer Ryan.

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LEARNING into TRADITION:

Conversation with a Millennial Leader

BY MARK BOCHKIS



Has the arrival of the High Holidays greeted you with a bit more poignancy this year? It'd certainly be appropriate considering the last six months plus of pandemic-induced social distancing. After all, this is a time to celebrate together. And, there hasn't been too much of an opportunity to do that as a community of late.

And yet, in spite all the obstacles, challenges and "new normals" we've had to overcome, life continues on. One of the people that helps to assure that sense of continuity in our communal Jewish life is Ron Yardenay. If you haven't met Ron yet, you're surely bound to soon — he's seemingly everywhere.

Ron came to Greensboro as a five-year-old, when his family moved here from Israel. He credits his parents with instilling a strong Jewish identity and passing on the importance of tradition-keeping from a young age.

"Even when I was in high school, I knew — first, we do Shabbat, and then I go hang out with my friends," recalls Ron.

That upbringing was reinforced with regular Friday night dinners with other Israeli families in town. And, these dinners continue to this day — not even COVID has been able to derail the ritual.

"It's turned into more of post-dinner Shabbat Zoom hang out over the last few months," says Ron. "But, yes, the dinner tradition is alive and well."

You can tell that Jewish connections are an important part of Ron's life.

"The two most foundational parts of Judaism for me are keeping the traditions — lighting candles on Shabbat, celebrating the holidays — and maintaining

a strong community," offers Ron candidly. "I think the strength of the Jewish people is tied to our togetherness."

This is why he serves on the Board of JTriad, helping organize weekly social events for Jewish young professionals — again, over Zoom these days. It's why he chose to participate in GFLI, Greensboro Jewish Federation's young leadership program. And, it's why he's been lending a helping hand with the Partnership2Gether (P2G) program that fosters connections between Israeli and American Jews.

It's clear that, to Ron, maintaining a vibrant Jewish community in Greensboro is more than just a passing interest. It's also readily apparent that he is more than willing to roll up his sleeves and do the heavy lifting.

So, don't be surprised if you happen to see a bit more of Ron in the coming months. True to form, he is stepping up to the plate when called upon — this time, as vice-chair of the annual Federation campaign.

What convinced him to take on such a highly visible role?

Seeing other young leaders and GFLI graduates make the same commitment over the last couple of years definitely helped. But, the driving factor was simply the opportunity to contribute.

"I think we've been fortunate as a community to have great leadership throughout the years," offers Ron. "I also know that, when someone decides that it's time to pass the torch, it's important that someone else is there, ready to take it."

As we greet this holiday season of renewal, at a time when many of us just might need it most, Ron's commitment to keeping our community thriving is honey for the heart.

Ron is the son of Pnina Fogel and Nachum Yardenay. He graduated from Elon University in 2011 as a double major with a B.S. in Business Administration and a B.A. in History. He is also a graduate of Grimsley High School and B'nai Shalom Day School.



Ron Yardenay
Photo courtesy of Andrew Bowen

“I think the strength of the Jewish people is tied to our togetherness.”



CHARITABLE GIVING from Generation to Generation



Dr. Howard Mezer
Foundation Chair

“*L’dor V’dor*” is perhaps the most recognizable precept of Judaism. Put simply, it refers to continuity and the responsibility that our community has to pass on the spiritual and cultural tradition from generation to generation.

In communities throughout the country as well as in Greensboro, Jewish philanthropy stands for the proposition of continuity. It weaves the threads of Jewish education, service, and philanthropy into the tapestry that represents our rich heritage of helping one and all. It is the role of the Foundation to serve as the financial backbone that enables that tapestry to be passed along to future generations.

“One of the most important functions of the Foundation is to partner with the Federation and other community organizations so our donors can not only achieve their charitable goals but can also increase their current and future support for a vibrant Jewish community here in Greensboro,” notes Dr. Howard Mezer, Foundation Chair.

“The Foundation is here today to help ensure that the Jewish community and all that it stands for will be there for future generations,” explains Susan Gutterman, Foundation Director. “That’s one of the prime drivers of our program to attract the next generation of DAF holders. While philanthropic dollars invested in and distributed from DAFs and other endowment funds are vital to ensure that Federation and other Jewish organizations continue to meet the challenges of today, it is this next generation of Donor Advised Fund holders who represent the future leaders of our community. They have learned the lessons of the elders and pledge to carry on this sacred legacy. And Foundation funds will be there in the future to help fulfill this mission. *‘L’dor V’dor’.*”

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Cynthia Ingram
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Cynthia Ingram has joined the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro team as Finance Manager. She is a native of Greensboro and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Greensboro with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Cynthia has worked in the accounting field for more than twenty years for a variety of non-profit and private businesses throughout the community. Her most recent experience includes four years at the Center for Creative Leadership in the Accounts Receivable Department. Additionally, Cynthia has extensive experience in the areas of Accounts Payable, General Ledger, Fund Accounting, and Financial Reporting.

Putting Words into Action

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You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it.”

In this issue of *Shalom Greensboro*, we share voter information about how to register, how to request an absentee ballot (there's a blank form and envelope for Guilford County residents to use — just add a stamp.) If there's more than one eligible voter in your household, you can make a copy of the form, print one from the Board of Elections website or call or write to me and I'll send you one (336.852.5433 x 236 or mchandler@shalomgreensboro.org).

Finally, by the time you are reading this column, we will have convened the first meeting of a newly reconstituted Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Federation. The goals of this Committee will include: convening members of the Jewish and greater Greensboro community for dialogue, advocacy, action, and activism, related to community engagement regarding (but not necessarily limited to) Israel, anti-Semitism, and racial justice and equity.

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Before the program even began on July 7, the title itself provoked a lot of discussion. What does Ashkenormativity mean? What assumptions do many — inside and outside of the Jewish community — make about Jewish identity? With the ultimate goal of starting an overdue dialogue regarding racial and implicit bias, the Federation, along with highly esteemed experts in our community, designed a mindful series of panel discussions in beginning conversations on Jews of Color, Microaggressions that Jews of Color encounter in Jewish spaces, and the role that the Jewish community must play in allyship.

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Federation staff was joined by Board President Tom Cone, Treasurer David Rosenstein and Vice-President Emily Kranz, to bid farewell to Christina Van Wagenen, who left her position as Office and CRM Manager in late July with plans to attend Law School in Michigan this fall. Christina was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a beautiful painting titled “Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof – Justice, justice you shall pursue.”

J-BORO “UN”CAMP

Brings a Taste of Summer to Greensboro

The pandemic that emerged in the spring of 2020 brought many changes to family life. Jewish overnight camps across the country made the difficult decision to close for the summer season. Children were going to miss out on their ‘summer homes’ – the places where independent Jewish identity is nurtured and embraced. Families in the Greensboro community were struggling with the decision of what to do with their children over the summer. How could the Greensboro Jewish community respond?



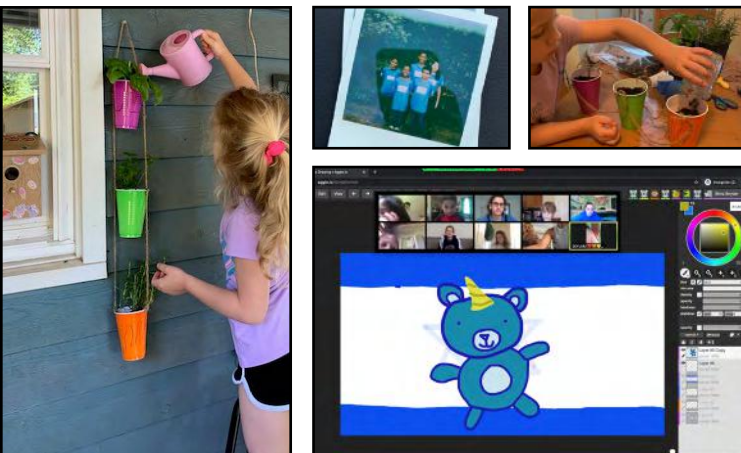
A task force of Jewish communal leaders from the Greensboro Jewish Federation, B'nai Shalom Day School, Beth David Synagogue, Chabad of


Greensboro and Temple Emanuel was formed, and J-Boro “Un”Camp 2020 was born.

J-Boro “Un”Camp offered appealing programming and fun family DIY projects for four weeks this summer, giving children the opportunity to interact with other Jewish children from across the Greensboro community. Themes included Exploring Our World, Olympics, Israel, and the 1960s.


According to Camp Director, Haddas Baron, “We knew our virtual “Un”Camp had to be fun and interactive, but most importantly it had to feel like we would be creating our own community together despite the situation we are all in. Our “Un”Camp truly did show that no matter the situation, us Jews stick together!”


Parents were thrilled that their children had daily scheduled activities that kept them engaged for two and a half hours each day, notes Carly Hertz Dunno, Outreach and Engagement Manager for the Greensboro Jewish Federation and mom of two campers.





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Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors (CFJS) awarded \$306,000 to 30 organizations serving the Jewish senior population

in North and South Carolina during its 14th Annual Grant Allocation session. Grants range from \$500 to \$30,300 for programs; including, Case Management, Congregational Nurses, Food Distribution, Virtual Socialization and more.

COVID-19 required the allocation committee adjust the process to accommodate a virtual platform when everything came to a halt in Mid-March. The CFJS Allocation Committee provided applicants the opportunity to update their pre-COVID application and include new ways to structure the various programs.

Applicants showed creativity and a strong desire to serve Jewish seniors and new methods of contact were formed to help mitigate isolation, loneliness, depression and a variety of other side effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Wendee Cutler, Executive Director, Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors.

“All CFJS 2020 grant recipients have embraced *tikkun olam*, an important Jewish value, while assisting Jewish seniors,” added Cutler. “The response was swift and helped to ameliorate a very uncomfortable situation by adapting to the current needs of Jewish seniors.”

In addition to the annual grant program, CFJS is facilitating networking gatherings via Zoom for organizations to share information about successful programs, brainstorm solutions to programs not performing as expected, learn about new ideas, and create collaborative possibilities.

Each organization keeps the health and safety of our Jewish seniors front and center when implementing a program.

For information on Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors, visit www.carolinajewishseniors.org, email Wendee Cutler at wcutler@carolinajewishseniors.org or call (336) 854-8400.

Back to School with B'NAI SHALOM



After a quick gear switch in March with less than two weeks to prepare, B'nai Shalom Day School leaders transitioned the entire school to virtual learning for the remainder of the year.

Then summer came and a reopening task force – composed of Board members and school administrators – began meeting to figure out the best scenario to reopen the school for the 2020-21 academic year.

“We ended the school year on a strong note and I think it was successful. Each week we had a community Shabbat and Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon brought in speakers [remotely] from across the country who led us in a musical Shabbat for the children. We managed to keep a sense of community,” says Ashley Garcia, Director of Admissions and Marketing.

The reopening task force considered every angle over the summer and put safety protocols and procedures in place, going above the recommended guidelines to help mitigate the risk of exposure at school. These steps include an upgraded air filtration system and sneeze guards, plus a unique learning opportunity where students can ‘toggle’ and switch between an online and in-person classroom experience as needs arise.

The task force brought in additional expertise from health and safety professionals as members developed the plans for this unique school year during the pandemic, notes Susan Siegel, Head of School, who adds, “A lot depends on the community doing their part.”



Susan Siegel

This school year, K-8th graders are wearing masks and social distancing is practiced. An online option is in place continually for families who want to exercise that option or need to quarantine. Each teacher has a ‘Swivl’ robot with an iPad, which enables students learning from home to have a direct ‘online’ classroom experience. Preschool is also open and classes are capped at ten students.

“Students are able to toggle to online learning overnight. Each student has a crate with folders for each class in it ready to be taken home,” adds Ashley, who notes that the school has seen an uptick in enrollment, with both parents and children excited to return to B'nai.

A Different High Holy Day Season for TEMPLE EMANUEL

by Rabbi Fred Guttman



In the Jewish calendar, the High Holy Day season is devoted to *Teshuvah* or repentance. However, the literal meaning of “*Teshuvah*” is “returning”.

This season is a time when we ‘return’ to our Jewish community and to our religious institutions. In this extraordinary year, I am convinced that now more than ever we need as a community to recommit ourselves to our relationships with our families, with our community and with God.

My family had planned to visit my son and his family in Israel this summer. Obviously, this did not happen. I have heard from friends about how much they miss not being able to see their children and grandchildren.

Teshuva or ‘returning’ will need to mean establishing a new paradigm for family relations. One possible way to do this is to FaceTime or Zoom your family’s lighting of Shabbat candles or Kiddush. If not this, then make a specific time each week when as a family you will get together for a virtual schmooze. Find a new way! Be creative!

Now is also the time to return and to recommit to Jewish institutions and Jewish communal life. Yes, it will be a little different. Now is not the time to ‘opt out’ of Jewish communal life but to ‘double down.’ The Jewish institutions within our community are so worthy of your support and participation. As difficult as it is to educate our children during the week, let us not throw up our hands and surrender when it comes to Shabbat and weekend Jewish activities. We must find the way to return and we must create a new paradigm.

Finally, now is the time to increase our spirituality through our relationship with God. Rabbi Nachman of Bratislav taught a three-step meditation process. First, we should introduce ourselves to God and tell God who we are. Second, we should say to God what we really need at this time. Third, we should ask God to grant others what they really need at this time.

This year will not be the same nor will it be easy. However, the Jewish people have faced much more difficult tasks in the past. With our own commitment and with God’s help, we will get through this crisis!

May God bless us all with a meaningful Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. May we all be blessed with health and peace!

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Expanding Worlds Across Continents with Alexa Schleien



“The most meaningful and impactful learning is born out of classrooms built on trust, respect, and genuine care between teacher and student,” says Alexa Schleien, who participated in the first One2One English program through Partnership2Gether’s U.S.

Hadera-Eiron Southeast Consortium this summer.

The Partnership2Gether program emphasized the importance of strong intercultural relationships between Jews from the southeastern United States and Hadera-Eiron community members. Educators from Jewish Federations across the southeast taught English to Israeli youth using video chat in a one-on-one setting.

As an ESL (English as a Second Language) educator, Alexa’s priority is to form meaningful, caring connections with her students. She adheres to John Maxwell’s words of wisdom, “students don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.”

Alexa was able to get to know the four Israeli teens she worked with, despite the fact that they met and conversed exclusively over Zoom. She enjoyed learning about their hobbies and preferences and exercising her creative muscle to craft lessons that were designed to draw on the strengths of each unique learner and bridge their current understanding with more advanced knowledge.

Through Alexa’s lessons, which consisted of games, American cultural exploration, and language experimentation, she saw her students’ English skills develop and flourish, along with their confidence in using the language. She saw her students’ worlds expand at a time when, daily activities and connection to others appeared to be shrinking.

“The One2One English program provided participants with an opportunity to grow, shape, and reimagine their reality,” notes Alexa, who was proud to represent the Greensboro Jewish Federation in this exciting new initiative. “I look forward to seeing the Greensboro and Hadera-Eiron Partnership continue to strengthen in years to come.”

High Holiday Message from CHABAD by Rabbi Yosef Plotkin



As I look toward the coming year of 5781, I pray that it usher in the stability, health, and prosperity we so desperately need.

At the same time, as I look back at the tumultuous latter half of 5780, I see many blessings and silver linings that came along with the suffering. Here is what I saw:

Every Home Is a Synagogue

Until recently, many of us believed that Judaism was relegated to the synagogue, where we prayed, ate, and thought like Jews. Our time alone, with all synagogues shuttered, taught us that Judaism can flourish everywhere and that sacred places can be created wherever we choose to let them germinate.

Nourish the Relationships You Cherish

I, like so many others, took certain relationships for granted: Family members, peers, and dear friends were just there. Locked up at home, we were forced to actively foster these relationships over zoom, phone and other means. Even as we did not physically interact, we enriched and solidified our bonds via the gift of wireless technology.

The Fact That You Cannot See It, Does Not Mean It Does Not Exist

As we learned about social distancing, community spread, masks, and frequent hand washing, we learned to contend with an enemy too small to see, but oh, so powerful. In Judaism, we are used to engaging with things we cannot see. We keep separate dishes for meat and dairy, even though the traces of food cannot be detected by the naked eye, we eat only kosher meat, even though the two packages of beef may look remarkably similar, and we rest on Shabbat, even though the day looks no different from Friday and Sunday. We know that G-d is watching and He sees these differences, which He alone knows are significant.

So next time you wonder if it really matters if you perform this mitzvah or that one, remind yourself that if a tiny virus that we cannot see can drag the whole world down in its wake, your tiny mitzvah can surely be the one to uplift the entire universe to untold heights.

May it be soon. Amen!

Experience the High Holidays at BETH DAVID

with Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon



At Beth David Synagogue, the entire staff and lay leadership are working hard to bring the Beth David community meaningful High Holiday experiences despite the challenges they are facing this year.

The goal of this year's Beth David High Holiday experience is to create an experience that is familiar for people and give people the same spiritual connections to the holidays as had been done in years past. Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon, staff, the ritual life committee, the high holiday committee and others have been working hard to bring as many of the experiences of the High Holidays as possible to the wider community for this very unique year.

"Although services might be quite different on many fronts, the overall effect will be very familiar. We will use the same melodies we have in the past, and there will be a wonderful group of singers that you will hear as you stream the services into your home. You are encouraged to sing along!", says Rabbi Joshua Ben Gideon.

As the world slowly returns towards normal, the Return to Beth David Committee has set forth metrics and guidelines that will direct when people can meet in the Beth David building. At the time of print, it looks like most of the Beth David High Holiday offerings will be online — each of the days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will have a streamed service starting at 10 a.m. Each day of Rosh Hashanah there will be a sermon at 11 a.m. And each day will conclude between 11:40 and 11:50 a.m.

Beth David leadership hopes that there will be some select opportunities to gather in small groups, outside, observing all safety protocols put in place by the Return to Beth David Committee, according to Rabbi Ben-Gideon.

Beth David has created different options for people to access the services that will be streamed online. For all the information needed, please go to www.bethdavidsynagogue.org, where you can find service times and a complete schedule of offerings. This is a good place to look for updated information as things might change or be added as the High Holidays approach.

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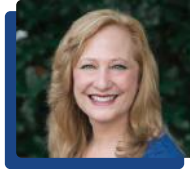
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SEPTEMBER SATURDAY 12:	Selichot 8:30 p.m.		Selichot (Zoom) 9 p.m.
SEPTEMBER SUNDAY 13:	Services will be held virtually [at print time] Please visit www.bethdavidsynagogue.org for complete information.	Registration required. Call (336) 617-8120 for more information. All services will take place outdoors at Chabad Minyan Tent. Masks and social distance. Disinfectant between Services.	Community Memorial Service (Zoom) 1 p.m. Visits to the Hebrew Cemetery Memorial Garden afterward
SEPTEMBER THURSDAY 17:			Rosh Hashanah Seder (Zoom) 7 p.m.
SEPTEMBER FRIDAY 18:	Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:15 p.m.		Kabbalat Shabbat & New Year Celebration (R.S. Facebook) 9 a.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (YouTube & Facebook) 6 p.m.
SEPTEMBER SATURDAY 19:	Rosh Hashanah Service 10 a.m. Sermon 11 a.m. Jr. Congregation (Grades 2-6) 10 a.m. Teen Program/Service 4 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Service 3 one-hour options (includes prayer, sermon, shofar and Jr. Congregation) 9 - 10 a.m. • 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service (YouTube & Facebook) 10 a.m. RH Community Conversation & Schmooze with the Rabbis and the President (Zoom) 1 p.m. "25th Hour" Rosh Hashanah Family Service (Facebook and Zoom) 5 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Havdalah for Youth (RS Facebook) 8:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Havdalah for Adults (Facebook) 8:30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER SUNDAY 20:	B'Yachad: Together Parent & Little Ones 9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service 10 a.m. Sermon 11 a.m. Shofar/Tashlich 4 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Service 3 one-hour options (includes prayer, sermon, shofar and Jr. Congregation) 9 - 10 a.m. • 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Shofar (outdoor) 6:00 p.m.	Tashlich 1 p.m. Visit www.TEGreensboro.org for details Shabbat Shuvah Service and Installation of the Board of Trustees (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER FRIDAY 25:	Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.		
SEPTEMBER SATURDAY 26:	Shabbat Shuvah Services 10 a.m. Havdalah 8 p.m.	Shabbat Shuvah Service 10 a.m.	
SEPTEMBER SUNDAY 27:	Kol Nidre 6:45 p.m. Sermon 7:45 p.m.	Kol Nidrei 7:00 p.m.	Kol Nidre Service (YouTube & Facebook) 8 p.m.
SEPTEMBER MONDAY 28:	B'Yachad: Together Parent & Little Ones 9 a.m. Yom Kippur Service 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation (Grades 2-6) 10 a.m. Minchah, Yizkor, Sermon 2 p.m. Teen Program/Service 4 p.m. Neilah 6:45 p.m. Havdalah 7:51 p.m.	Yom Kippur Service: 3 one-hour options (includes prayer, Yizkor, sermon and Jr. Congregation) 9 - 10 a.m. • 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mincha/Afternoon Service 5:00 p.m. Neilah Closing Service 6:45 p.m.	Yom Kippur Morning Service (YouTube & Facebook) 10 a.m. Yom Kippur Congregant's Hour (Zoom) 1 p.m. Yom Kippur Community Conversation & Schmooze with the Rabbis and the President (Zoom) 2:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Family Service (Zoom) 4:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Yizkor & Neilah Service (YouTube & Facebook) 5:30 p.m.
OCTOBER FRIDAY 02:	Erev Sukkot 5:45 p.m.		Kabbalat Shabbat & Sukkot Celebration (R.S. Facebook) 10 a.m. Erev Sukkot & Shabbat Service (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.
OCTOBER SATURDAY 03:	Sukkot Services 10 a.m.	Shabbat/Sukkot Service followed by a picnic lunch 10 a.m.	Chevre Torah - Sukkot Edition (Zoom) 9 a.m.
OCTOBER SUNDAY 04:	Sukkot Drive Through Cookout/Lulav 12 p.m.	Sukkot Service followed by a picnic lunch 10 a.m.	
OCTOBER FRIDAY 09:	Erev Shmini Atzeret 5:45 p.m.		Shabbat Service (Zoom) 6:30 p.m. Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment
OCTOBER SATURDAY 10:	Shmini Atzeret 10 a.m. Yizkor 11 a.m. Erev Simchat Torah 7:35 p.m.	Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor Service followed by a picnic lunch 10 a.m. Simchat Torah Service 7 p.m.	Sukkot Yizkor Service (Zoom) 5:45 p.m.
OCTOBER SUNDAY 11:	Simchat Torah 10 a.m.	Simchat Torah Service followed by a picnic lunch 10 a.m.	Simchat Torah Service & Consecration (Zoom) 10:00 a.m.
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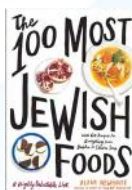


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