Like their counterparts in Israel, dozens of Greater Boston Israelis are holding weekly protests. They are demanding that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu resign.

**BOSTON-AREA ISRAELIS PROTEST NETANYAHU’S POLICIES; DEMAND RESIGNATION**

**By Penny Schwartz**

BOSTON - For weeks, Tally Kritzman-Amir followed the news unfolding in Israel where her family and friends joined tens of thousands of others who’ve been protesting against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his government’s mishandling of the Covid-19 pandemic.

A law professor and mother of two young children, Kritzman-Amir has lived in Boston for three years, nearly 6,000 miles away from her native country. But if she was back in Israel, she would be out demonstrating in the weekly protests that have spread from in front of Netanyahu’s official home in Jerusalem, to the streets of Tel Aviv and on bridges across the country. She wrestled with what could she do or should do here to show her support at a time she believes is a turning point that threatens the democratic foundation of her homeland.

After posting her query on social media among other Israelis in the area, a small group began to plan.

Craig Lewin, originally from Swampscott, achieved the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming — a program that coaches people for long distance swims. He began in the fall of 2017 with eight months of rigorous preparation for the first leg of the Triple Crown, the 20-mile Catalina Channel between Santa Catalina Island and the California mainland.

Crew swam the second leg in 2019, the Swim Around Manhattan, which is the longest of the three swims at 28.5 miles. Lewin said training for the English Channel was the hardest of the three, due to the cold water and intense current. Training became even more difficult at the onset of the pandemic in March. Pools and training centers closed, forcing Lewin to get creative with his preparation.

He decided to call his parents in Canton and ask them to open their pool in the dead of winter, so he could begin his training. “My days became getting up at four in the morning, driving from Canton to Swampscott, then swimming for a couple hours in the pool,” Lewin said.

The pool is not suitable for swimming laps, so he improvised further by tethering himself to the pool stairs with a bungee cord. In the colder months he swam for two hours in the pool.

Craig Lewin, after he completed his swim across the English Channel.
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Amid Covid health crisis, Brandeis and other colleges prepare for new semester

By Rich Tenorio
JOURNAL CORRESPONDENT

WALTHAM Although area colleges and universities are reopening this fall, due to Covid 19 they will use either a hybrid model involving reduced in-person numbers and online options, or an entirely virtual campus. It’s a new situation for both Jewish institutions of higher learning and for Jewish student organizations.

“As we start this semester, it is critical that we all unite behind the common goal of a safe campus and be ever vigilant in following the strict protocols established to make the return to campus successful,” Brandeis University President Ron Liebowitz wrote in an Aug. 14 letter to the campus community.

It has been a challenging time for Brandeis — including a reported 24 suspicious packages that the university received a report of a bomb threat. After issuing a stay-in-place order, campus police searched the area, concluding with other law enforcement personnel. The order was lifted when no devices were found, according to a release.

That day, approximately 140 Brandeis students were moving into their residence halls, with 660 more having already returned to campus. Brandeis is using a hybrid model of in-person and online learning, and students who are coming back to class will find a new normal.

As the university explains, including for teens and adults, entirely online. The reduced in-person numbers help Hebrew College follow state requirements, Liebowitz noted.

“Limiting the number of students on campus is a good thing,” he said. “Less than 50 percent of normal capacity is in line with what the state requires.”

And, he said, “The same thing to faculty and staff that we said to students. Anybody who is not comfortable, who has an underlying medical condition or is simply not comfortable physically coming into the building, does not have to. The faculty, if they choose to, can teach class online. The staff can work from home, obviously.”

Liebowitz recognizes that online offerings can sometimes be difficult depending on where students are logging in from. If students in California have a class that starts at 9 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, this means 6 a.m. Pacific. Morning prayers begin an hour earlier.

Miri Ramat Shakow, a Lynfield resident who is the assistant director of the Hillel Council of New England, also said it’s important to remember that the students accessing online offerings might come from beyond New England and might face a time difference. Overall, however, she said that virtual options can increase accessibility. An online Jewish learning fellowship program offered by both the Boston College and Emerson Hills this past spring attracted 15 students from all over the country. The Hillel Council of New England mainly works with four schools in Boston: BC, Emerson, Simmons University and Suffolk University.

Blue said that area Hillels are overwhelmingly transitioning activities to the online sphere, even at schools that have brought back in-person learning, such as BC and Emerson.

In some cases, Hillels have been able to add a more personal connection. They have mailed Rosh Hashanah gift packages to students’ homes. Students can also participate in grab-and-go continued on page 13

PHYLIS LEVIN on REAL ESTATE

It’s important to take advantage of the government’s Fair Credit Reporting Act and get your free credit report every year, even if you aren’t planning to get a loan soon. And when you go get your report, it’s essential to go over all the information in detail because, according to a study by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, nearly 80% of credit reports contain mistakes.

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Hillls Miriam Berkowitz Blue, top center, meets with Simmons University Hillls student leaders to plan programs over Zoom.
Tascent, which stretched from the first day of Moses' second ascent of Mount Sinai. That is the moment when Sinai was sanctified and Judaism first. I learned about the history of Jewish peoplehood. When I was 11, I became more interested about the Jewish state that I would still have the chance to gain a greater appreciation of Judaism while gaining valuable leadership skills during this summer. I would have been excited, but also confused. You disgrace yourself by publishing a letter to the editor, "A looming threat for all." This is an overtly anti-Semitic statement that: it is an overtly anti-Semitic view of the Palestinians when she visited the territories in 2015. She has falsely accused the Jewish people of genocidal attacks. The truth of the matter is that BLM and the far left radical organization. The reader is referring to 9/11. The Reader: Trump elevates Judaism. You disgrace yourself by publishing a letter to the editor, "A looming threat for all." This writer does his level best to make baseless accusations at President Trump. Trump has done what no former president had the guts to do - move the embassy to Jerusalem. All the former presidents were afraid of the Arab reaction. He showed respect for this leader, and in the end, he made the deal with the United Arab Emirates. Trump could have easily spent his money in a prime melbournre, but he loves this country so much he chose to try and put it on the right direction: the right direction with China, the right direction with Europe, the right direction in the Middle East, and the right direction with Russia. Trump movement is more than that: it is an overtly anti-Semitic organization. BLM movement is more than that: it is an overtly anti-Semitic organization. BLM protesters were responsible for vandalizing several synagogues and Jewish schools with anti-Semitic graffiti and lotted businesses in the Orthodox Fairfax neighborhood. As Jews, we are all concerned about racial justice. However, there are other ways to work for this rather than supporting BLM.

Israel-UAE peace: A dream come true

By Maryam AlZaabi

I was never very much into politics, though I'm more informed on it now than I once was. I'm rather more passionate about culture and society.

When I was 11, I became more interested about the world, countries and my region. I started learning about Israel around that time. Every country has its flaws. This is how the shofar is sounded in Elul to commemorate Moses' second ascent of Mount Sinai. That ascent, which stretched from the first day of Elul through Yom Kippur, was complemented by shofar blasts. If you can, find a rabbis or someone who has a shofar. Close your eyes, and listen to the notes drift to the heavens. It can be an other-worldly experience.

Elul is a period of introspection. In our prayer books, we read that Tashuva (returning to God) charity and prayer can nullify harsh decrees. These are simple ways of repairing the soul: when we talk directly to God, we remove our burdens, anxiety and pain; when we give charity, we gener- ally feel better; when we pray, we meditate, and can reach new spiritual heights.

Words can elevate others, and during this month we offer the greeting Ketivah Vachatimah Tovah, or "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year." This is an affirmation of life, and who doesn’t like to bestow or receive a positive mes-sage or blessing? It can change a person's day.

Rosh Hashanah is just around the corner. Try one or more of these customs. It seemed to work for a lot of our relatives as they prepared for the new year. Maybe you’ll find there’s an innate wisdom to these traditions.

letters to the editor

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Not an accident
By Robin Washington

Recently, I was featured in an article in The Forward about the Black Jews of Minnesota. The issue was how we’re doing since the horrific death of George Floyd in the custody of Minneapolis police woke up America to 400 years of racial injustice.

Mundish that the young writer’s line of questioning might also lean toward worse-than-usual tales of Jews of Color suffering rejection from otherwise white congregations, I told a different story: How I found Temple Israel of Duluth to be the warmest shul in one of the coldest places in the world.

That was more than 30 years ago, in my first sojourn to the area after moving from my hometown of Chicago for what turned out to be only a few months. During that time, no one at what was then a Reform and Reconstructionist affiliated congregation (it’s now Reform and Reconstructionist) voiced the obnoxiousness that too often greets Jews of darker complexions at unfamiliar synagogues. “Are you from Israel? Are you from Ethiopia?” – save one person around Hanukkah, and he ended up staying else.

Left to find a fellowship in Boston and ended up staying 17 years. Though I lived most of that time in Newton with no shortage of Jews or synagogues, none matched the reception I found in Duluth. Hillel B’nai Torah in West Roxbury came close, though it was near the end of my time in the area. In almost a very great surprise to myself, I found a very good professional opportunity and returned to Duluth – and to Temple Israel.

Not long ago, my daughter, Erin, who was 6 when our family moved to Duluth, noticed the political attributes of our residences.

“Sheh,” she mused. “They’re all blue states.”

“That’s not an accident,” I replied.

Having told my Duluth story around the country for decades – even in a 1981 appearance on Black Entertainment Television – it occurred to me only now to listen to my own admonition. My reception by its tiny Jewish community was not accidental.

Size and isolation are factors, and I long attributed Duluth’s welcoming atmosphere to its population of only about 600 Jews, half of them belonging to Congregations of all sizes wrestle with what they can do to better embrace Jews of Color and Black Jews in particular.

But that was only part of it. I also recall Mrs. Goldfine and the immediate invitation I got to her home, along with newer newcomers.

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A healer heals; a congregation gives

By Bette Keva
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Mimi Nelson Oliver is a healer and a seeker who for years searched for a spiritual home that would nurture her soul. Despite a solid early Jewish education, and a social work master's degree from Yeshiva University, the Pennsylvania native yearned for more when she settled in Marblehead.

“My heart led me to temples within a 30-mile radius of Marblehead,” she said. She became a member of the Universalist Unitarian Church in Marblehead where she would share her Jewish traditions. But she continued searching and found B’nai Or, a Jewish renewal community in Watertown which she loved.

Then she met Devorah Feinblom, a Marblehead chiropractor and a Jewish seeker with an open mind and heart.

“Devorah said, ‘You don’t have to drive all the way to Watertown,’ and she invited me to a 9 a.m. Saturday morning Renewal Service at Congregation Shirat Hayamin in Swampscott. It was 2007.

“I walked in and I never really left. I felt like I had come home,” said Oliver, who is a craniosacral and polarity therapist, social worker, and certified yoga instructor. “This is what I had been looking for."

She quickly became part of the tight-knit group of women at the Conservative temple whose bonds “have deeply blossomed over time,” she said. Despite the comfort and familiarity of life here, she moved to Ventura, California in 2015 where she found meaningful work as a yoga instructor, clinical social worker and hospital chaplain. But she was not prepared for the depth of homesickness she would feel which was exacerbated by the sickness and eventual death of her mother in Pennsylvania. When she returned to Oliver had an epiphany. She knew she couldn’t stay away from her family any more, and if she did she knew that they would need her. She returned to Marblehead in 2016.

So when Oliver, 66, suffered a rotator cuff injury and needed surgery last month, a miraculous thing happened. Her circle of friends from Cong. Shirahayam created a Facebook group to support and love as the tendons and muscles in her shoulder began to mend from the surgery. The healer needed healing.

Living alone can be lonely but in the era of Covid-19 the isolation can be excruciating. It was not to be for Oliver, who is loved by many friends. Shirahayam’s Shir Chesed (song of loving kindness) Committee went into action. A group of friends, propelled by Feinblom, put into motion a “mirror train.” Feinblom created a digital calendar whereby members of Shir Chesed were called and delivered lunches and dinners to Oliver on selected days. Before Oliver went in for the surgery, she mentioned to her friend, and Shirahayam member Ruth Estrich, that she didn’t know how she’d care for her basic needs since the surgery was on her dominant arm. She would be unable to do most things until mid-September.

“So, you’ll stay with me. I’ll take care of you,” said Ruth Estrich, who turned a no question about it. Sanch drove Oliver to and from the hospital and then made her comfortable in Estrich’s Marblehead home on the waterline, before taking Fort Sewall. “I cooked, I bathed her, I removed the dressings, I gave her medications, I called her family after the surgery, I filled in for all the things that her family, who are out of state, couldn’t do,” said Estrich who cared for Oliver for two weeks.

I woke up with the sun rising every morning,” said Oliver about her stay at Estrich’s. “I could see Fort Sewall, the light and I fell in love with the ducks and the cormorants spreading their wings! That became my healing vision.

So, the two women who had met nine years ago during a Shirahayam trip to Israel became housemates in what is being called “a bubble” in these times of Covid-19 to visit and support us, but we kept our social distance,” said Oliver.

“I’m so well taken care of by the women from Shir Chesed and so many others from our community – all these incredible women, my soul sisters,” said Oliver.
**Today in Israeli History**

**AUG. 28, 1965**

**Physicist Giulio Racah Dies**

Physicist Giulio Racah, 56, an Israel Prize winner considered a Nobel candidate, is killed by a leaky gas heater during a visit to the city of his birth, Florence, Italy. A student of Enrico Fermi, Racah did groundbreaking work with atomic spectroscopy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he led the physics department and served as acting president. The university’s Racah Institute of Physics is named for him.

**AUG. 29, 1897**

**First Zionist Congress Opens**

Organized by Theodor Herzl, the First Zionist Congress convenes in Basel, Switzerland, moved from Munich to minimize backlash. Over three days, the 200 delegates define the goals and strategies of Zionism through the Basel Program, which calls for “establishing for the Jewish people a publicly and legally assured home in the Land of Israel.” The congress forms the World Zionist Organization and elects Herzl as its president.

**AUG. 30, 1987**

**Cabinet Halts Lavi Production**

Israel Aerospace Industries built five Lavi prototypes before the program was halted. Supported by the Finance Ministry, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres leads the cancellation push, while Israeli Air Force veteran Moshe Arens tries to save the 7-year-old effort to end Israel’s dependence on imported military aircraft.

**AUG. 31, 2004**

**Beersheba Bus Bombs Kill 16 Israelis**

Suicide bombers destroy two buses 100 yards apart shortly after they depart Beersheba’s central bus station, killing 16 passengers and injuring 100 other people. The attack is the deadliest since 21 Israelis were evacuated his passengers after the first bus exploded.

**SEPT. 1, 1915**

**Weizmann Joins British Admiralty**

Chaim Weizmann, who is credited with playing a key diplomatic role in the Balfour Declaration in November 1917, is named an honorary technical adviser to the British Admiralty on the supply of acetone, an important ingredient in the manufacture of the military explosive cordite. Weizmann, a chemist in Manchester, England, has developed an improved process for acetone production.

Chaim Weizmann’s chemistry abilities helped gain him a role in supplying explosives for the British military during World War I.

**SEPT. 2, 1935**

**Funeral Held for Rabbi Kook**

Mourners crowd the streets of Jerusalem for the funeral of Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook in 1935.

**SEPT. 3, 2011**

**March of the Million Is Held**

Mostly young protesters fill the streets of Tel Aviv to demand social justice and relief from the high cost of living.

More than 450,000 Israelis take to the streets around the country in the largest demonstration in Israeli history, billed as the March of the Million. It is part of a summer of social justice demonstrations focused on affordable housing and relief from the high cost of living.

Under the slogan “The government only understands the numbers,” march leaders demand changes from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Items are provided by the Center for Israel Education (www.israel.edu), where you can find more details.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

MORNING MINYAN PRAYER SERVICE, 7:30 a.m., Congregation Shirat Hayam of the North Shore; zoom access: zoom.us/j/85288500437?pwd=NGlEOE5DU1ZLZjdOUzJXRUlTM1BpZz09. Meeting ID: 852 8850 0437 / d=NGlEOE5DU1ZLZjdOUzJXRUlTM1BpZz09. Meeting ID: 852 8850 0437 / Passcode: 731181.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

MORNING MINYAN PRAYER SERVICE, 7:30 a.m., Congregation Shirat Hayam of the North Shore; zoom access: zoom.us/j/460715647, or dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 460 715 647.

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE, 6 p.m., Temple Sinai, facebook.com/david.cohenhenriquez.

SHABBAT SHRUYN PRAYER SERVICE, 8 p.m., Temple Ner Tamid at templenertamid.org.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

ROSH HASHANAH COOK-ALONG, 6 p.m. Join 140 cooks and Sara Gardner for a Rosh Hashanah cook-along. Learn how to cook a delicious Rosh Hashanah dish from Sara’s cookbook, “The Rosh Hashanah Seder Cookbook: Stories and Recipes from the Reform Jewish Community of Madrid.” We’ll be cooking “Margarita’s Squash Fritters” and “Date Fritters.” $10 per couple. Register at: 18doors.org/event/boston-2020-09-rosh-hashanah-cooking.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH RABBI DAVID God on Trial: Hassidic Stories and Meditations on Rosh Hashanah. 7:30 p.m. Temple Sinai. Join Zoom Meeting: us02web.zoom.us/j/85288500437?pwd=NGlEOE5DU1ZLZjdOUzJXRUlTM1BpZz09. Meeting ID: 852 8850 0437 / Passcode: 731181.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

VIRTUAL MEMORY CAFE Presented by JF&CS, 10 a.m. The JF&CS Virtual Memory Café is a welcoming place for people living with memory changes, along with their family, friends, and care partners. Free. Email Beth Sobel at bsofel@jccnewton.org. Jccnewton.org or at least 24 hours in advance to register.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

PJ LIBRARY ROSH HASHANAH Presented by JF&CS, 10 a.m. A Scavenger Hunt 10 a.m. Children of all ages are invited to help our Phoenix friends to find the animals in their home. Join puppeteer Anna Sobel for an entertaining interactive Rosh Hashanah adventure. Register for your Zoom link here or sign-up in person. For more information contact Sharon Wyner at 978-565-4450 or sawyner@lappinfoundation.org.

BOOK REVIEW - HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST by Ibram X. Kendi, 11 a.m. Congregation Beth Israel. Andover. In advance, just join the conversation. Call 978-474-0940 or email amy@bethisraelmv.org for Zoom link. More info: BethIsraelMV.org.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH RABBI DAVID The Reluctant Prophet: Why We Read Jonah on Yom Kippur. 7:30 p.m. Temple Sinai on Zoom. us02web.zoom.us/j/85288500437?pwd=NGlEOE5DU1ZLZjdOUzJXRUlTM1BpZz09. Meeting ID: 852 8850 0437 / Passcode: 731181.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

MORNING MINYAN PRAYER SERVICE, 7:30 a.m., Congregation Shirat Hayam of the North Shore; zoom access: zoom.us/j/404715647, or dial at (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 404 715 647.

CARIO, CONDITIONING AND CORE with Lisa Gillis, 9 a.m., visit online-fitness-classes/ to join Zoom event.

STRETCH AND CORE with Lisa Gillis, 9 a.m., visit online-fitness-classes/ to join Zoom event.

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KNITTING KNIGHTS AT THE J – 8 – 9 p.m. Zoom event. Email amy@bethisraelmv.org for zoom information.
US considering sales of F-35 to UAE

A former Cleveland Clinic resident fired for making anti-Semitic remarks online had her medical training certificate permanently revoked by the State Medical Board of Ohio.

Lara Kollab agreed to surrender her certificate before it was revoked on Aug. 12, according to records.

She is permanently prohibited from practicing orthopaedic medicine and surgery in Ohio and from participating in another medical training program in the Buckeye State.

Kollab was fired from the Cleveland Clinic in December 2018 for making anti-Semitic remarks online, such as tweeting in 2012 that "I'll purposely give all the yahood the wrong meds."

She studied at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in New York and was accepted at the Cleveland Clinic as a resident. "After repeated failed diplomacy, our aim is to defeat the Zionist state through force," Kollab tweeted in December 2012 in response to a tweet that said "Peace won't come by killing every Zionist. There is has to be diplomacy."

In other tweets, she openly expressed a desire to use her academic and future medical work to further her extreme views. Kollab’s Twitter and Instagram accounts are no longer active. The tweets were made public by Canary Mission, an organization that tracks anti-Israel and anti-Semitic behavior with a focus on university campuses.

Cleveland Clinic resident’s training certificate revoked

Anti-Semitic banners on LA freeway outrage Jewish groups

A banner stating, "The Jews want a race war" was found hanging on an overpass on the 405 freeway in Los Angeles on Aug. 22. The banner, which was close to the Florence Avenue exit in Inglewood, was also in between two other banners, one that read, "Honk if you know," and the other referencing a website called "GoyimTV."

Jewish groups condemned the banners. "We've been working closely with law enforcement to identify the perpetrators. We want to thank community members for contacting us & continue to encourage reporting. Los Angeles is #NoPlaceforHate."

Austrian authorities arrest Syrian suspect for assault on Jewish leader

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about two hours each morning in a wetsuit, then headed to the ocean for a bit, before coming home to work and finishing the day with another bunged workout in the pool. As the weather became warmer and the swim inched closer, Lewin shed the wetsuit and tugged his swims to approximately five to seven hours per day. “It’s good mental training, but it’s tough,” Lewin said.

Swimming for so long can become mundane, but Lewin said that he replays classic movies in his head throughout the swims to keep his mind occupied. “Next thing you know, two or three hours are gone,” he said. Lewin’s “swimming” movies were “Men in Black” and “Sister Act.”

When it came time for the swim, he learned that he could only bring one person along with him due to the pandemic. The original plan was to have his family there for support.

His father, Richard, accompanied him on the trip oversees as he has worked as his son’s crew chief throughout his distance swimming career. On marathon swims, there is usually a five-person crew on the boat to assist the swimmer on feeds and take pictures among other tasks. “I was glad he was able to make the trip,” Lewin said. “We were able to finish the journey we started together. If he wasn’t there it definitely would not have felt special at all.”

Upon arrival in England, they had to quarantine for two weeks prior to actually doing the swim. “He couldn’t swim for a solid two weeks,” Richard said. “He had four days before the swim where he could swim in Dover Harbor with other people, which was good.”

The swim went smoothly with little sea life interaction, aside from the time he spent in the English Channel’s separation zone, which is a part of the water between vessels heading in opposite directions. It was there that Lewin encountered a lot of jellyfish.

Lewin got stung six or seven times, which seems like a lot. But for marathon swimmers, jellyfish stings are expected, if not welcome since they serve as a distraction. “If you’re having a bad day and you get into your own head, you get stung by a jellyfish and now you’re not thinking about how badly you’re swimming,” Lewin said. “It gets you back on track. It reminds you you’re alive.”

Once Lewin completed the swim, the excitement was short-lived. The swim ends at a set of dangerous boulders, so the focus turned to exiting the water safely instead of celebrating. Officials gave him 30 seconds to celebrate, then he had to climb in a dingy and eventually into a boat to head back to England.

Once back in the boat, Lewin was able to have a moment with his dad and call his family back home. Lewin and his father flew back to the states a day later.

Richard spoke about his experience alongside his son. “I was very proud of him. When Craig sets his mind on something he pretty much can accomplish it,” he said.

What made this swim so special for Lewin was the support he had back home, which went beyond his friends and family and extended to the open water swim team where he coaches and trains triathletes. It meant a lot to him to see people beyond his circle draw inspiration from his feat, especially during the pandemic. There was an outpouring of support on social media which made Lewin realize how his accomplishment inspired others to continue or start training themselves.

“Everyone said this swim was not going to happen, and I refused to listen to them and I’m glad I didn’t,” Lewin said. “The support I got from the community, like the North Shore area and people in general, was just enormous. When I got out of the swim and I did all the phone calls and looked at all the messages, it was amazing. I don’t think in a normal year it would have been as large in magnitude as it was in terms of the amount of support from people.”

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Paul Robert Aronson, 93, of Swampscott, Chestnut Hill, and S. Hadley

Paul Robert Aronson, age 93, died on August 13, 2020. The son of Nathan and Gertrude Aronson, of blessed memory, Paul was raised in Swampscott where his grandparents were among the first Jewish residents of that seaside town.

At 15, Paul was one of the youngest graduates of Swampscott High School. He received a B.A. from Bowdoin College in 1948, and served in the U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Marines. Paul and his late wife Lenore (Leni), of blessed memory, raised their four children in Swampscott until 1972 when they moved to Chestnut Hill. Paul and Leni summered in Stockbridge, where they graciously hosted family and friends for more than three decades, and centered their lives around Tanglewood, The Berkshire International Film Festival and the theatre community. Paul and Leni retired to Lenox Village in S. Hadley, where Paul remained after Leni's death in 2017.

Paul served as a player and skier, Paul skied slopes and trails from New England to Europe. He and Leni loved international travel, theater, music, and art, a love they shared with their children and grandchildren.

Paul’s work life began at Goldberg's Furniture Company, his father's business, in Lynn, where he honed sales and financial skills, later becoming an investment advisor, from which he retired at age 83.

Paul served on the board of the American Jewish Committee representing the AJC as an American Ambassador to their ground-breaking Berlin, Germany conference. He also served as a board member at Temple Israel of Boston.

For the last 10 years, Paul enjoyed his expanding family, playing bridge, reading about World War II history and politics buff, Paul happily conversed on worldwide events.

Paul is survived by his children Lisa Newmann (Sandy Newmann); Gail (Stefi Aronson Karp (Eric H. Karp) of Waban, Michael Aronson (Barbara Ansell) of Amherst, and Nancy Aronson of Arlington; his grandchildren, Dan, and Adam Karp (Rachel Bond), Jeremy, Allegra, and Sage Aronson, Jeff (Lauren), and Lily Sandeno; and his great-grandchildren Henry, Leah, and Reid Sandeson. Paul serves his sister Dorothy Aronson (Donald Kardon) of Philadelphia, Penn., as well as community board member, the Stanetsky-Hymanson Memorial Foundation, which who shared with Paul a love for bridge, books, film, and history. Paul proudly sported an anti-Trump pin on his clothing since November, 2016, and will continue to wear that pin on his shroud into eternity. On the evening before he died, Paul was happily conversing on world events.

Gabrielle Dinkin of Singapore.

No burial service is planned, but an outdoor, socially distanced, celebration of life is being organized for him in September in Worcester. A musical tribute to Chester was part of The Drive radio show on WCUW 91.3FM on August 20. Arrangements were under the care of Miles Funeral Home of Holden (milesfuneralhome.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to Diasms and Dismas House of Hold, 30 Richards St., Worcester, MA 01603 (dismassfamil.org) or Dismas House, 30 Richards St., Worcester, MA 01603 (dismassfamil.org) or Dismas House, 30 Richards St., Worcester, MA 01603 (dismassfamil.org).

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Sandra (Rich) Saxe-Solomon, 81, of Swampscott and Boca Raton, Fla.

Sandra (Rich) Saxe-Solomon, of Swampscott, died unexpectedly on August 10, 2020 at the age of 81. A lifelong resident of the North Shore, she was the daughter of B'nai Brith of Boca Raton, Fla., was the daughter of the late Terry Saxe.

Sandra was a smart, styl- ish, and sophisticated woman. She is the daughter of Temple Emmanu-El and Richard Saxe. She is survived by her children, Jessica Rothenberg and Jeffrey Cacian, Jillian Rothenberg, Joel Rothenberg, Julia Saxe, and Amanda Saxe, her devoted brothers Bennett and Dorothy Rich, and Howard and Sharon Rich; her cousin Susan Gold; and her dear friend Dorothy Cintolo.

Due to regulations imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic, a private graveside service will be held at Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Peabody. Contributions may be made to The Kaplan House Cancer Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., B-162, Danvers, MA 01923, or to the Alzheimer’s Association, 300 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452. Arrangements were handled by Stanek's Hymanson Memorial Chapel, Salem. For more information or to view the online guest book, visit stanekshymanson-salem.com.

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New report: Election a ‘watershed’ moment for American Jewish identity

BOSTON – With the 2020 U.S. presidential election campaign now in its final 100 days, the Ruderman Family Foundation released a position paper this week which unpacks the defining issues of a ‘watershed’ campaign for U.S. Jewry’s deep engagement in the American political process and the centrality of that process to American Jewish identity.

“The Jewish Vote 2020: More Empowered Than Powerful,” authored by the Foundation and Professor Gil Troy, Distinguished Scholar in North American History at McGill University and an award-winning American presidential historian, highlights a wide array of notable data points from public opinion surveys conducted in recent years. For instance, while the overwhelming majority of American Jews identify as passionately pro-Israel – they don’t feel the need to express that feeling in the voting booth. That is why only 4 percent of Jewish voters identify Israel as their first or second-most important election issue. Instead, 43 percent prioritize health care, 28 percent prioritize violence, and 21 percent Social Security and Medicare.

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In the final stages of the 2020 campaign, speculation has settled on now-ritualized questions from past presidential elections, including what impact the swing state of Florida, Michigan, and Pennsylvania might have on the race’s actual outcome. Yet the Foundation’s position paper examines the unique attributes of this year’s campaign, including its status as a “watershed seemingly dividing pro-Trump Israeli Jews from anti-Trump American Jews.”

“Talk of this split emphasizes the growing perception that most American Jews are becoming more distant from Israel – whereas, in fact, they remain pro-Israel,” the paper states. “It highlights the widespread impression among some Jews and non-Jews that American Jews are single-issue voters, always voting for the most pro-Israel candidate – whereas in the voting booth most American Jews are actually more pro-choice and anti-Trump than pro-Israel. And it allows us to see that the real questions about the Jewish vote do not revolve around the negligible impact Jews have on the final results every Election Day. Analyzing whom Jews vote for tells us more about why they vote than about what their vote achieves. It illuminates the ongoing and outsized role Jews play in the American political process – more empowered than all-powerful – as well as the ongoing and outsized role American politics plays in many American Jews’ identity, with many rooting their liberal politics in their Jewish heritage.”

The paper is divided into three parts. Part I looks at Jewish voting and giving patterns, summarizing how Jews punch far above their weight politically thanks to older, wealthier, educated voters in relevant regions. Part II explores the history of Jewish liberalism in America and suggests that while voting Democratic is often considered as central to the American Jewish inheritance as immigration, it evolved more gradually in three stages. Part III examines the ugly anti-Semitism that coursed through the 2016 campaign; the ongoing debate about President Barack Obama’s and President Donald Trump’s policies toward America, the Jews, and Israel; and some of the top items on the agenda as the 2020 campaign comes to a close.

“While the Jewish community’s participation in and attitudes toward the American political process have historically and routinely shaped American Jewish identity, this year’s presidential campaign has carried unprecedented implications for that identity,” said Jay Ruderman, president of the Ruderman Family Foundation. “Accordingly, our position paper is rooted in the understanding that it is crucial for American Jewry to study the lessons of the 2020 election and allow those lessons to inform the community’s identity-building journey in the decades to come.”

For the full position paper, visit https://rudermanfoundation.org/white_papers/2020-jewish-vote-2020-more-empowered-than-powerful.
People

A chance to help save a child’s heart

By Lila Caplan

My life changed during the summer of 2018, while on the Dor Dor camp trip to Israel 5,464 miles away from home. We visited Save a Child’s Heart (SACH), an organization that provides free, life-saving heart surgeries to children from third-world countries. After hearing the organization’s mission – “Politics are politics, but a kid’s a kid, and every one of them deserves a chance at life” – I texted my mom and said that I would raise $15,000 before I graduated high school.

So, I started a fundraiser/1735497. I hope to be able to sponsor another child’s surgery by the end of this school year. It is an uphill climb, but I am enjoying every minute of it. To make a donation to Lila’s fundraiser for Save a Child’s Heart: classy.org/fundraiser/1735497.

Lila Caplan, with children at the Save a Child’s Heart organization in Israel.

Former Andover resident releases new book on Yiddish words


Yiddish has long enriched English-language slang, and in today’s fast-changing world of apps, foodies, and shifting social constructs, our need for the expressive wonder of Yiddish has never been greater. Klein’s book offers new words that speak to the world of online dating, social media, blended families, marijuana aficionados, and more – while tickling the funny bone.

Klein lives in Great Barrington, and is co-author of several books that blend philosophy and humor.

Holocaust survivor Sidney Handler to be honored

A Holocaust survivor who has devoted the last 75 years to sharing his horrific concentration camp experience with audiences of all ages on three continents will be honored by the New England Friends of the March of the Living Program through the March of the Living at a virtual tribute event on Sept. 9. The program is entitled “Voices from the Past ... Lessons for the Future.”

Sidney Handler of Newton, who is 86, will receive NEF/MOTL’s first annual Stephan Ross Excellence in Holocaust Education Award. The late Stephen Ross, who also survived Nazi death camps, was a driving force and founder of the New England Holocaust Memorial. He and Handler became fast friends when both settled in Boston after World War II.

NEF/MOTL works to ensure the endurance of the March of the Living Program through its Teen Trip Scholarship Fund by creating awareness, commitment and empowerment in New England youth. The Scholarship Fund supports MOTL’s goals of educating Jewish teenagers about the dangers of hatred and intolerance and providing essential tools to be tomorrow’s leader for a just and compassionate world.

For this event are The New England Holocaust Memorial, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Magen David Adom, Temple Israel of Sharon, Temple Emanuel, and Combined Jewish Philanthropies.

The event is free and open to the entire community. To RSVP for the virtual event Wednesday, September 9 at 7 p.m. and for sponsorship opportunities, and Teen Trip Scholarship and Tribute Book details, visit motlnewengland.org/tribute or email tribute2020@motlnewengland.org.

Klein leads outdoor sculpture exhibit

Judith Klein, founder and curator of the Flying Horse Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit, one of the largest outdoor displays of art in New England, came up with the idea long before it became a reality. As director of marketing and communications at a boarding school in the first decade of the 2000s, she imagined that the institution’s beautiful campus would be a natural and perfect location for outdoor art, an ideal way for students to grow an appreciation for art by living with it over an extended period of time, and an opportunity to share the expansive campus with the outside community.

Next month, Klein will oversee the 11th annual Flying Horse Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit, with close to 50 pieces displayed on the 100-acre of Pingree School. Most of the artists are from New York and New England; their work has been seen in museums, galleries, and other outdoor exhibits nationwide.

“Now, more than ever, we think it is important to offer our students and the public a safe and enjoyable opportunity to be outside and to experience art,” says Klein. “To accommodate the particular challenges of the Covid-19 crisis, sculptures are placed more than ten feet apart, visitors are asked to wear masks and respect social distancing recommendations.”

The exhibit opens September 5 and will welcome outside visitors every weekend and holiday during daylight hours until November 29. A catalog can be viewed at pingree.org/sculpture-show and a free app can be downloaded to all phones upon arrival on campus to us as a guide and map.
JOIN US!

The Jewish Journal will hold its annual “Honorable Menschions” Gala on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This year, our Gala will be held online and we will honor all of the mensches that were featured in the Journal over the last year. The Gala will also serve as the Journal's major fundraiser in 2020. We invite you to attend virtually. Readers can also support the Gala by taking out an ad in our Gala Tribute Book that will be inserted in the Jewish Journal on Oct. 15. For more information on how you can be part of this year's Gala, see the information below. We hope you will attend virtually to honor this year's mensches on Oct. 18!

– Matthew Swartz, Chair of the Gala Fundraising Committee
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