Getting the story, one picture at a time

The three 'landsmen' are among the nation's best photographers

By David M. Shribman
JOURNAL CORRESPONDENT

PITTSBURGH – They were the shots heard "round my neighborhood. The shots heard "round the country. The shots heard "round the Jewish world – indeed heard "round the entire world.

I do remember a lot of stuff," Forman said, "I guess that you could say Stan, Stan and me are "lantsmen" for Jews who come from the same community, even though the three did not come from the same place.

The shoots range out two years ago this month. So much has happened in those crowded 24 months: More mass shootings. A bitterly divided nation. A corrosive presidential campaign. A pandemic. Shutdowns and lockdowns. Tears and fears.

Two years ago we walked the streets without masks and, generally, without trepidation. But after October 27, those walks – I take mine right past Tree of Life at least four times a week – have taken on a new character, and possibly a new meaning. Wilkins Avenue, where the synagogue faces the world, has become a miniature portrait of America: Down the street the Five Points Bakery allows only two customers at a time into its tiny doors.
Vanessa Freedman, 21

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Parents get crash course in time management, logistics and motivation as school starts amid pandemic

By Ethan M. Forman
JOURNAL STAFF

On a recent chilly morning, Jamie Greenstein dropped off her 3-year-old son, Aharon, at the integrated preschool at the Swampscott Middle School on Forest Avenue. Aharon, who turns 4 next month, attends school there from 9 a.m. to noon five days a week, then goes to Congregation Shirat Hayam in Swampscott in the afternoon.

After exiting the car, Greenstein placed a mask over Aharon’s ears. She then fitted him with his PPE Patrol backpack and walked him a short distance to the outdoor classroom.

“They have to wear a mask,” Greenstein said, “and they have specific times throughout the day when they have a mask break.”

Greenstein, who works as an associate director of marketing at Endicott College, said her young son is getting used to wearing a mask, including those of Spider-Man, PAW Patrol and Mickey Mouse. To make him understand the concept of mask wearing during a pandemic, she tells him if he wears a mask, he won’t get the sniffles.

“If you don’t want to get sick or make other people sick, you wear the masks,” Greenstein said she tells him.

Such is life during the new back-to-school normal of the coronavirus pandemic, which some North Shore Jewish parents said involves a mix of in-person and online learning; masks and mask breaks; hand sanitizer; social distancing; Chromebooks and entire schools’ student bodies divided up into cohorts.

Some parents interviewed said they like that their kids are going to school and are able to be with teachers and other students for the first time since March. They like the hybrid arrangement, even if it is only for two days a week.

When he arrived at school, Aharon did not go right inside the building, but to an enclosed outdoor playground with a tent over it at the front of the school. To limit indoor time, the school has various outdoor classrooms for the integrated preschool set up around the building. The students rotate around, including to an indoor classroom, Greenstein said.

“So far, going back to school has been really good for him,” said Greenstein, who grew up in Hamilton and attended Temple Ner Tamid in Peabody.

Attorney Tracy Cranson of Peabody said her 12-year-old son, Jacob, is pleased with school so far. “Excellent,” she said. “I really have no complaints.”

Her son attends school both in-person and virtually at the Higgins Middle School on Perkins Street. As part of Cohort A, he attends school in-person on Mondays and Thursdays, and goes remotely the other three days.

“From our perspective, the social interaction for teenagers, I appreciate they are allowing it to happen,” Cranson said.

The unintended consequence of having half the students in school at any given time is her son is in a class of 12 students, instead of 24, a class size akin to a private-school education, she said.

“He’s getting much more attention than if he were going five days a week in-person,” Cranson said. The remote learning is much more structured than it was in the spring. One downside, she said, is that on virtual days, her son will get his work done by noon, which may be a result of her son being studious.

“I think it’s keeping him grounded and organized,” she said of the remote program.

David Kaufman and his wife, Alissa, of Lynnfield, have a lot to juggle as their three kids, fifth-grader Sarah, 10, third-grader Hannah, 8, and Ariella, 5, who is in kindergarten, go back to school.

That’s because in addition to being working parents, they both work as teachers.

Kaufman teaches computer-ers at Revere High while his wife works as a preschool teacher in Salem. The family attends Temple B’nai Abraham in Beverly.

Kaufman said Lynnfield has gone back with a hybrid schedule, with their three kids, all in the same cohort, going to school on Mondays and Tuesdays, then attending remotely the rest of the week.

Because of their various schedules, with Revere going back remotely and Kaufman teaching from Revere High three days a week, the Kaufmans have opted to send their kids to a program run by Lynnfield Community Schools, an organ-

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Jamie Greenstein and her son Aharon, 3, during drop-off at his preschool in Swampscott.

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Getting the story, one picture at a time
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While covering a Boston busing protest in 1976, Stan Forman captured Joseph Rakes as he moved toward Ted Landsmark with a flagpole. The photo won the 1977 Pulitzer Prize for Spot News Photography.

Construction worker Steven Smith pleads for help from others shortly after two workers were buried under water in Boston in 2016. For this photo, Mark Garfinkel was awarded first place in the Domestic News category in the National Press Photographers Association Best of Photojournalism 2016.

Boston Mayor Kevin White on the Cape in the late 1970s.

Photos Courtesy of Stanley Forman

Photos Courtesy of Mark Garfinkel

Though it’s not always the best of traits, “You know, Stanley, I think you remember too much,” a news director once told him. By 1983, Forman saw the handwriting on the wall as a newspaper photographer. He said the paper’s general manager told him: “Start looking.” Concerned the newspaper might close or be sold, and he would be out of a job, Forman took a job as a cameraman for WCVB-TV, where he has been ever since.

Forman shoots plenty of video, but he likes to grab still frames and share them on Facebook and Twitter.

“Nothing’s like a still photo,” Forman said. Due to the fact that he’s 75, which puts him in a high-risk category for complications from COVID-19, Forman says he has not done that much shooting around the pandemic.

“And what I’m really scared of now is I really do think we are all, most of us, are letting down our guard a little bit,” Forman said.

He’s not getting up close and personal like he used to.

“Channel 5 has been very protective of us,” Forman said. He works by himself chasing news. He likes to grab still frames and share them on Facebook and Twitter.

“I've done some really good, brings-tears-to-your-eye parades, thank-yous. It's one at Salem Hospital,” Forman said.

Forman grew up on Franklin Avenue in Revere. His father, Dave (this reporter’s father’s cousin), was a bandleader.

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Forman has two grown children with his wife, Debbie: Hannah Forman, who works as an emergency room nurse, and Molly Andruszkiewicz, who works as a physical therapist.

“Debbie and I have someone to get us out of bed when we get older, and someone to give us our meds,” Forman joked.

At the end of the campaign he got inter-views at the Boston Record American, The Herald and the Globe.

“The Record American was the smart one, they hired me,” Forman said.

Forman said the chief photographer and managing editor who hired him were both Jewish.

Grossfeld, a native of New York City, works as an associate editor for The Boston Globe and shoots mostly sports, nowaday.

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Eager to prove himself at the Globe, Grossfeld wound up at an accident scene one day on the old Expressway. To get a high-angle shot, he climbed a street lamp which proved slippery and hard to grip.

“All of a sudden, I felt someone giving me a boost, and I turned around and it was the great Stanley Forman,” Grossfeld said.

“He tells me that story when I see him,” Forman said. “We worked side-by-side many times. Probably one of Boston’s best. He also writes a good story to go with his images, now. He was always a notch above us all with his vision.”

The pandemic has changed the way Grossfeld shoots, which includes having to wear masks and trying to stay six feet apart from others. He uses a telephoto lens now more than ever. “Let the lens do the walking,” he said.

It can be dangerous work, Grossfeld...
He installed a darkroom in the cellar of the family home, and his late father, Robert Garfinkel, who died in 2014, would get up at 2 a.m. and see the wet prints drying before Garfinkel would drive them over to the Daily Item in Lynn.

Early in his career, Garfinkel freelanced at The Salem News and The Jewish Journal, and he shot spot news for The Boston Globe, but he mostly shot for the Daily Item until he got a job at The Boston Herald in 1993, where he worked for 25 years.

While freelancing for The Salem News, Garfinkel worked with then-photo editor Barbara Kennedy, the wife of Northeastern University Journalism Professor and media critic Dan Kennedy.

He said his Jewish identity means more to him now than it did back when he was looking to find a way to get out of Hebrew school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A 1983 graduate of Swampscott High, Garfinkel attended Salem State for a few years, but he did not graduate.

In 1987, he was living at home and had done some photography, and he recalled there was a fire on Walker Road in town. The son of the fire chief at the time saw him outside and told him there was a fire up the street. He asked him if he was still taking pictures. He drove Garfinkel home to get his camera.

“I sold the picture to The Salem News and I caught the bug,” said Garfinkel. “I couldn’t believe it,” he said. “I got paid.”

Mark has spoken about the ethics of photojournalism to his students on several occasions,” Dan Kennedy said in an email, “and they always appreciate his perspective on how to get the story while maintaining your sense of humanity.”

Two years ago, on Oct. 4, Garfinkel was let go from the Herald for what Garfinkel called “cost-cutting measures.”

The irony of the date was not lost on the police officers and firefighters he covered, because in radio parlance, 10-4 means “OK,” and Garfinkel’s bread and butter was shooting police and fire scenes.

A couple of weeks later, Garfinkel got a call from NBC10 Boston, which wanted him for his still photography. His pictures and video are featured during the weather broadcast and on social media.

Garfinkel said part of his fascination with the weather and planes comes from growing up in a close knit family in Swampscott where he would watch the jets fly overhead on King’s Beach on summer evenings.

Today, the 55-year-old photojournalist lives with his wife, Globe reporter Laura Grimard, and their 3-year-old son in Winthrop. The location provides a vantage from which to shoot planes passing by the moon, colorful sunsets and lightning. He said he is probably the only person on the North Shore training an 800mm lens into the night sky. Garfinkel uses flight tracker apps along with his experience of knowing where the moon will be relative to a jetliner’s flight path to help him gauge whether a plane 250 miles out might pass in front of the moon.

Garfinkel said as a young photographer, he knew about the historical importance and institutional memory of Forman’s pictures.

“Then I met Stan,” Garfinkel said of Forman. “He’s a walking, living legend every day, and his very humble.”

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From sick people to sick societies

By Michael Widlanski

JERUSALEM — When people get ill in large numbers—and for a long time—their governments and professional agencies show increasing signs of dysfunction, and this is something that links Israel, America and Europe.

As countries face the second wave of a previously unknown virus that originated in China, their leaderships have shown a mixed bag of countermeasures that have been driven by incomplete knowledge, media hype, occupational supersition and large dollops of partisan stupidity.

“The government is sick, and that is not healthy for all of us,” asserted Prof. Hagai Levin, a leading epidemiologist and chairman of Israeli Doctors’ Public Health Forum. He was critical of the Israeli government’s repeated inability to plan, articulate and implement an anti-virus program.

Dr. Levin and many other doctors say that the Israeli Health Ministry has been slow to develop and implement protocols for massive testing and stopping chain spreading, and that the Ministry has been driven by incomplete countermeasures that have been designed to hurt them.

“Ramzor” program divides the country into zones defined by virus spread, suggesting a more pinpoint approach—similar to plans articulated by some American governors and mayors, but Haredi ministers opposed it because they said it was designed to hurt them.

Many Jews and Arabs go for long walks by themselves or in pairs, holding or wearing masks. Along the Jerusalem Promenade, when the sun sets, people are walking or in courtyards—a flexible spiritual response to a physical danger.

The “High Holidays” sometimes mean praying from porches in cross-street open-air minyans or in courtyards—a flexible spiritual response to a physical danger.

A clear sign of growing dissatisfaction with Netanyahu is that polls show his Likud Party would get 26 of 120 parliament seats, versus 23 for the rightist Yamina Party of Naftali Bennett, ex-Education Minister and ex-Defense Minister. Bennett had widely urged using the assets of the army and Defense Ministry to pick up the slack from the limp Health Ministry. Bennett had urged moving sick people out of their communities to hotels or supervised hospices in order to reduce virus spread, but little was done.

When he was Defense Minister, Bennett wrote a major anti-virus program that Netanyahu initially ignored but later largely adopted—several months late. Prof. Roni Gamzo, the anti-virus “czar” or “project director,” was appointed and then often ignored by Netanyahu and many of his ministers.

Gazam’s “traffic light” or “Ramcor” program divides the country into zones defined by virus spread, suggesting a more pinpoint approach—similar to plans articulated by some American governors and mayors, but Haredi ministers opposed it because they said it was designed to hurt them.

More on The Jewish Advocate, and its closing

Sad though it is to see one more Jewish weekly cease its print edition and join the growing list of troubled, even shut down ethnic weeklies, I was pleased to see the Jewish Journal last week note the singular, outsized, role Greater Boston’s The Jewish Advocate has played in local and national Jewish affairs over its 118 year existence.

No doubt your pressing deadline didn’t allow for a fuller account of the Advocate’s ability to frame political and cultural issues here and beyond as it fearlessly confronted, challenged, and held accountable a wide array of our communal and nonprofit organizations in terms of their policies, community responsiveness, and financial management. It’s good to know the Advocate will continue in an advisory role in its new online version.

The fact the Journal continues its essential role as a prided community resource while so many of its counterparts elsewhere are closing is testimony to the paper’s strong and committed leadership.

Russel Pergament

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Turkey helped build ISIS into a functioning state

By Mordechai Kedar

In view of Turkey’s increasingly divisive and destabilizing influence in the Middle East, the region’s biggest concern for the West could be President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s budding Islamist tendencies. In order to understand the Turkish role in the threat of Islamic State (ISIS), born of the Muslim Brotherhood, it is necessary to rewind six years.

The year 2014 was one when ISIS became a very real threat to the Middle East. Within a year, the group managed to take over one-third of Iraq and half of Syria, with 200,000 fighters under its control. ISIS quickly became successful at producing and selling oil as an important source of income. It also managed to ensure a constant supply of weapons, ammunition, and even advanced communication devices.

The ability of ISIS to become a functioning state was crucially due to its relationship with Erdogan. ISIS has had strong connections to Turkey over the years, whether through its oil industry or through its willingness to shield wanted members of the Muslim Brotherhood. This “toughly-honed” relationship was essential to ISIS’s success, and it continues to be reflected in Turkish decisions. Erdogan has been ruled by Erdogan since 2002. He is a vocal supporter of the Muslim Brotherhood, and his government that seeks to establish a worldwide Islamic caliphate that applies Islamic Sharia law. The Muslim Brotherhood, which Erdogan has linked to many fundamental Islamist organizations.

Although Erdogan never launched any counterterror operations to disrupt ISIS’s networks or recruitment activities, he provided it with support and assistance. Turkish contributions to the flourishing of ISIS were most apparent in these areas:

Money

In 2014, it was reported that ISIS had converted over fields in Iraq and Syria and produced large quantities of crude oil to sell, consolidating its grip on oil supplies in the region. They thought they had transported the oil to Turkey in tankers, whereupon Turkey sold the oil to other countries as if it were from Iraq and Syria and shared some of the proceeds with ISIS. These oil exports were stopped in December 2015 following a Russian bombing of the tankers, but not before ISIS had received millions from oil exports through Turkey. It seems pertinent to mention that Erdogan’s family was personally involved in the oil business with ISIS.

Volunteers

Thousands of Muslim volunteers who identified with the goals and methods of ISIS went to join it, from Muslim countries around the world, with the consent of the Turkish government. Anti-Assad activists reported that ISIS was attacking them from inside Turkey, and a senior Egyptian official indicated in October 2014 that ISIS operatives were passing satellite imagery and other information about the Syrian oil fields to ISIS with the consent of the Turkish government.

In the summer of 2014, an ISIS commander told the media that Turkey ceased to assist ISIS operation has led, in part, to an assumption that Turkey, by not supporting the terrorist organization, is in flagrant violation of the rules of war or the norms of international humanitarian law. This indefinite and surreptitious confinement, coupled with troubling psychological distress, amounts to cruel and inhumane torture. Violations to international law further still.

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TOWER
Mikvahs strive to provide a safe, spiritual place for bathers

By Penny Schwartz
JOURNAL CORRESPONDENT

BOSTON — Before she got married last fall, Naomi Hachen immersed in a mikvah, embracing the ancient religious practice of ritual bathing in her contemporary Jewish life.

A few years ago, the just-turned-29-year-old Somerville resident participated in an educational program at Mayyim Hayyim, a nationally known mikvah in Newton. As Hachen approached her wedding, Mayyim Hayyim seemed like a natural choice. “I am very compelled by Jewish tradition,” she said. “It adds a lot of meaning to my life.”

Then, four months later, the mikvah closed its doors due to the pandemic. Hachen was at a loss. “Oh my God, what will I do?” she wondered.

Nevertheless, she thinks the mikvah made the right choice. “I am very comfortable with the decision,” she said. “I was able to be as immersed in a mikvah, embracing the spiritual meaning of the ceremony at the Newton mikvah.”

Mayyim Hayyim, a 16-year-old mikvah, was one of the many mikvahs that closed in response to the pandemic. The mikvahs closed their doors under state and local regulations to guard against threats to public health, and synagogues were forced to shutter their doors under state and local regulations to guard against threats to public health.

“I thought about the virus. Because at the time, so little was known about the virus. I thought, ‘I don’t want my family to be in danger.”

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Hachen observed safety protocols in place during the COVID-19 pandemic while attending a mikvah ceremony.

“While Jewish institutions and synagogues were forced to shutter their doors under state and local regulations to guard against threats to public health, mikvahs were not included among those required to close. “There was no category for mikvahs,” said Carrie Bernstein, Mayyim Hayyim’s executive director. Figuring out how to proceed safely was the biggest challenge, she told The Jewish Journal in a phone conversation.

In traditional Jewish law, a woman immerses in a mikvah before marriage and at the end of the menstrual cycle, to resume intimate sexual relations. They are also used for conversions. Some Orthodox men visit mikvahs before Shabbat or in advance of Yom Kippur.

Since its founding, in 2004, Mayyim Hayyim has broadened accessibility of the mikvah to different populations, including same-sex couples. It is now widely used, by some 1,500 people annually, for marking Jewish lifecycles and personal milestones.

Initially, Mayyim Hayyim’s ritual bath remained open with new safety protocols. But at the beginning of April, as COVID-19 spiked, the mikvah’s board of directors decided to reopen, but to the public. They decided to reopen with a lot of safety protocols in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Talya Sokoll, a mikvah guide at Mayyim Hayyim mikvah in Newton, observes safety protocols in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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JEWISH JOURNAL
A moveable sukkah: Rabbi creates door-to-door Mitzvah Mobile

By Ethan M. Forman

SWAMPSCOTT — What if you were standing in the middle of the desert and wanted to build a hut for Sukkot, and there were no trees around with which to build its walls? Could you summon a sukkah on wheels to help you celebrate?

According to Rabbi Sruli Baron of Tobin Bridge Chabad in Everett, if you chant: “Sukkah, Sukkah, Sukkah Mobile!” one will magically appear.

“And maybe, just maybe, you’ll hear gumshoeing in the distance,” Baron told about a dozen preschoolers and kindergartners of Aleph Academy of Chabad of the North Shore in Swampscott on the morning of Oct. 7. “And a big red pickup truck with a sukkah on the back will come roaring through the sand and bring the sukkah to you so you can celebrate Sukkot.”

The Sukkah Mobile that Baron was talking about consisted of a rented Dodge Ram pickup with a Hemi engine and a sukkah strapped on the top of the cargo bed.

A sign on the side of the 5-foot-wide, 6-foot-long and 6-foot-tall sukkah invited people to “Hop on board and do a mitzvah!”

“The truck was there so the young children could do the ‘sukkah dance’ inside with the etrog and lulav,” Baron said. “The idea of a mobile sukkah and having a way to ‘take your mitzvah to go’ is an ancient one and was discussed by the scholars of the Talmud, Baron said.

“The idea is an old one,” Baron said. “The idea is to bring the sukkah to those who don’t have one.”

The Sukkah Mobile harkens to Mitzvah Mobiles or Mitzvah Tanks made up of converted buses, campers or trucks that served as mobile synagogues and formed a way to reach out to assimilated Jewish people in New York City starting in the 1960s and 1970s by the Orthodox Chabad-Lubavitch practitioners, according to a 2017 article in The Lubavitcher Rebbe of blessed memory was always at the forefront of meeting people where they were religiously with a deeply compassionate understanding of where they stood existentially,” Lipsker said in a text message. “Conceptually, the ‘sukkah mobile’ was simply the literal byproduct of that philosophy.”

Added Lipsker: “It goes without saying that this unique approach feels custom-made for the tumultuous challenges we are currently experiencing globally. The notion of a mitzvah coming to you where you aren’t able to get to the mitzvah resonates in our COVID world with particular poignancy.”

Last week, the Sukkah Mobile visited Epstein Hillel School in Marblehead, the Jewish Community Center in Marblehead and, later in the day, Chabad of Peabody, where it made home visits.

When the Sukkah Mobile drove up to the preschool, Baron was greeted by his wife, Chaya Baron, who serves as the Judaic educator at the school and who co-directs with Baron Tobin Bridge Chabad. Aleph Academy’s director, Pam Kelley, was also on hand.

Baron then set up a folding table in the sukkah and spread bamboo mats over the roof. He set up a gallon jug of hand sanitizer and a step stool so the mask-wearing kids could climb up and down, though most had to be handed up and down to and from the truck.

The sukkah was framed with two-by-fours, with walls of wooden lattice panels screwed into the frame. The sukkah was then strapped onto the cargo bed. It was just big enough for Baron to stand up in without bumping his head.

“How do you make a Sukkah Mobile?” Baron asked the kids. “You have to make a sukkah and put the sukkah on top of the truck and then the truck and the sukkah together become a magical combination called a Sukkah Mobile.”

Sukkot is held on the 15th day of the seventh month of Tishrei. It’s a seven-day festival that both commemorates the harvest and the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt on their way to the promised land. Those who observe the holiday typically take all their meals in the huts during the week.

Made of natural materials, the sukkah also symbolizes the “clouds of glory” that protected the Jewish people from the elements, Baron said.

This has special meaning during the pandemic, Baron said, because even though we live in homes and are not technically exposed to the elements, “we are still exposed.” The temporary huts speak to the fragility of human life at a time of COVID-19.

This year, due to safety precautions regarding large indoor gatherings, many synagogues were not putting up large community sukkahs, Baron said. Those who typically gathered at large family sukkahs were also unable to do so. So that’s why a Sukkah Mobile came in handy this year.

“It has an added meaning this year,” Baron said. “A lot of people are receiving visits this year because it’s a way to do a social-distanced yomtzeit.”
Harold Cohen, 89, of Salem and Boca Raton, Florida, formerly of Swampscott and Nantucket

Harold Cohen, of Salem and Boca Raton, Florida, formerly of Swampscott and Nantucket, entered into rest on Sept. 29, 2020, surrounded by his family at the age of 89.


Harold was born on Jan. 16, 1931, and grew up in Chelsea. After graduating from Cushing Academy in 1948, he attended the Business School at Indiana University. While at IU, Harold and his Pi Lambda Phi fraternity brothers rode in the first Little 500 bicycle race and set the pole position. Upon his graduation in 1952, he married his college sweetheart, Janice Samuelson, and whisked her off to Germany, where he served in the army for the next two years. When his tour was up, the young couple returned to New England, ultimately settling in Swampscott to raise their family.

In 1956, along with his brother Melvin, Harold purchased Prospect Lumber on McGrath Highway in Somerville, and renamed it Somerville Lumber. The business grew into a chain of 14 stores throughout Massachusetts in the 1970s and 1980s, reaching the pinnacle of its success in 1981 when the National Home Retailers Association named it the Home Center of the Year.

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Without question, Harold believed that his greatest achievement was his close-knit, ever-growing family. He cherished time spent with them during holidays and family celebrations, and he loved nothing more than sitting on a cold, wet, bleacher seat, watching a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild at a game, or tour was up, the young couple returned to New England, ultimately settling in Swampscott to raise their family.

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Annual ALS & MS Walk for Living celebrates those who inspire

CHELSEA — Unlike Robert Forman’s former poem, “The Road Not Taken,” Kens Dudzik did not choose to take the road less traveled. ALS, being diagnosed with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) in 2017 at age 58, Ken did not appear to have many choices. As his symptoms progressed and he lost the use of his legs, he faced the daunting prospect of finding a place to live.

“I was an outlier—too young socially and potentially too difficult a case medically for nearly all nursing homes,” said Dudzik.

But as fate would have it, he received a call from the Leonard Florence Center for Living and experienced, for the first time, hope for the care, support, and technology that allowed him a degree of independence and possibility after my diagnosis,” he said.

Dudzik worked as a forester while the 12th annual ALS & MS Walk for Living. This year, the walk will be virtual.

This year’s Walk will honor Phyllis and Alan Boletim. As longtime residents of the North Shore, they have contributed to organizations for years through their generosity, time, passion and dedication. “Phyllis and I are so proud to be involved with the Leonard Florence Center for Living and the 2020 Walk for Living,” said Alan Boletim. “The Leonard Florence Center residents inspire us every day. It is our fervent hope that this event will raise funds and awareness about living with ALS and MS today.”

It’s easy to participate in this virtual two-mile walk. Participants can pick their own route, the people they choose to walk with or walk by themselves. They can choose to walk, run, roll, ride a bike or log their miles on a treadmill. They can also choose the day and time they would like to walk. The two miles can be completed prior to or on Oct. 18. The goal is to make this year’s Walk the best ever.

To register, simply go to www.walkforliving.org and click on register. All donations are tax-deductible.

“Continue to be amazed by our ALS and MS residents,” said Barry Berman, CEO of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare. “Their unwavering zest for living inspires us every single day. Clearly, the Walk for Living brings together a community of passionateness, caring individuals. We are deeply grateful to our residents, staff, families, and friends and local community who support us year after year.

Over the past 12 years, the Walk for Living has raised over $2 million. The goal is to make 2020 the best year ever.

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**OCT. 16, 1986**

**Terrorists Capture Flier Ron Arad**

Ron Arad, 28, the navigator of an F-4 Phantom II, is captured by the Shia terrorist group Amal after bailing out over Lebanon, and he is never seen in Israel again. Arad demands $4 million and the release of 200 Lebanese and 450 Palestinians for Arab and the negotiations fall apart. He instead is sold to the Iranians for $300,000 in December 1987. He is rumored to be executed in 1992. Reports in 2016 indicate that he was tortured to death in 1988.

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**OCT. 17, 1973**

**Oil Is Weaponized Against Israel’s Allies**

U.S. Air Force cargo planes prepare to fly emergency military supplies to Israel in October 1973 in an airlift known as Operation Nickel Grass. That effort led to the embargo of the United States, and the remaining oil-exporting Arab states join the embargo. The price of oil quadruples by the embargo’s end in March 1974.

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**OCT. 18, 1988**

**Court Upholds Ban on Kach**

Israel’s Supreme Court upholds the Central Election Committee’s ban of the Kach party from the election for the 12th Knesset. Kach violates Section 7A of Basic Law: The Knesset, which bars parties whose object is inciting or engaging in racism. Section 7A was enacted after the court reversed a ban on Kach in 1984. Metir Kahane in 1971 founded Kach, which advocates stripping the citizenship of non-Jews and annexing all occupied territories.

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**OCT. 19, 1959**

**Politician Nir Barkat Is Born**

Nir Barkat is born in Jerusalem, which he serves as mayor from 2008 to 2018. He founds BRM, which specializes in anti-virus software, in 1986, and the company becomes an incubator for tech companies such as Check Point and Backsre. He loses the 2003 mayoral election to Uri Lupolianski, then reverses the results in 2008 and wins re-election in 2013. After two terms as mayor, Barkat joins the Likud party and is elected to the Knesset.

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**OCT. 20, 2013**

**Buses Are Attacked Over Women of the Wall Ads**

Haredi men hurl rocks at and slash the tires of buses bearing ads promoting female worship at the Western Wall. The ads, depicting women with prayer shawls and Torahs, are posted by Women of the Wall, a group of mostly religiously observant Jews who believe that women should be allowed to pray at the Western Wall with the same access and rights as men. In 2014, WOW members bring a miniature Torah to the Wall for the first bat mitzvah there.

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**OCT. 21, 1967**

**Warship Eilat Is Sunk**

The Eilat originally was the HMS Zealous, a World War II British destroyer that Israel bought in 1955. The ship is almost sunk in the Mediterranean in international waters off Port Said, Egypt, by two Soviet-made missiles launched by Egyptian missile boats in the harbor. The ship is almost cut in half and sinks within minutes of the 198-man crew, 47 sailors are killed, and more than 100 others are wounded. The Eilat originally was the HMS Zealous, a World War II British destroyer that Israel bought in 1955.

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**OCT. 22, 1979**

**High Court Rules Against Settlement**

On an appeal by Arab landowners, the Israeli Supreme Court rules that the Gush Emunim settlement of Elon Moreh must be dismantled for lack of evidence that it was established for security reasons. It is the first time the high court has ruled against Jewish settlers in nine years of such cases. The settlers are given 30 days to evacuate, and the military government must cover the trial costs of the Arab villagers of Rujeib who filed the appeal.

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**OCT. 23, 1979**

**Ammunition Hill On May 5, 2011,**

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longer-term situation, she said, "We anticipate an increase in disease activity over the next six months. The likely prediction for the Boston area is that we may see the return of the disease activity of the spring. We're hoping no more than that."

On the North Shore, medical professionals are preparing for a rise in cases of COVID-19, should it occur. "We all know how important and important it is to continue wearing masks and avoiding large gatherings in reducing the spread of COVID-19," said Camille Kotton, president of Congregation Shirat Hayam in Swampscott, said, is the most recent COVID-19 patient just before Labor Day. Yet he continues to take precautions when visiting patients in their homes, including medical cen-
ers, arriving in a gown, mask and face shield. "If pandemic COVID will come back at some point," he said.

If and when it does, medical professionals anticipate applying lessons already learned from the first wave.

Poznansky, of MGH, cited "how we learned Dreamseisuhwe was useful, Remdesivir could be used to help patients with severe COVID-19 infections, how important it is to maintain excellent protocols in ICUs, the use of ventilators and so forth."

Poznansky said that the assisted living centers he vis-

ited have been "very careful. Everybody is wearing gloves, masks. Visits are outdoors right now... There's some social distancing. There's much more knowledge."

"There's been a lot of learn-
ging," Poznansky concurred. "I certainly feel, as a practicing infectious diseases physician, that we're better equipped now to deal with a second surge."

Further out on the horizon is the possibility of a vaccine. "So far, it looks like it's a reason-
able prediction to hope we have a COVID-19 vaccine in the first quarter of 2021," Kotton said.

Although Poznansky did not give an estimate for when a vaccine might be available, he indi-
cated that a longer time frame might be in store. "Making a safe, effective vac-
cine for COVID-19 is very chal-

lenging," he said. "Targeting any infectious disease for a vaccine under a highly accelerated time-
line is extremely challenging."

However, he cautioned, "It is possible that the first-generation vaccines may not work as well as we hoped them to. We may have to continue developing a second generation of COVID-19 vac-
cines. What we are doing at the Vaccine and Immunotherapy Center covers a new design of a vaccine for COVID-19 that may help to address some weaknesses of first-generation vaccines cur-
rently in Phase 3 clinical stud-
ies."

As for the flu vaccine, Poznansky said, "The flu vaccine has been around for a long time. Each year, it's made on the basis of the flu virus that is predicted to be a threat during the winter. The vaccine is safe and effec-
tive. It's strongly recommended to get the flu vaccine each year."

It's been an unprecedented year for medical professionals, Poznansky and Kotton have been part of Zoom webinars at their synagogues, Temple Emanuel in Boston and Congregation Shirat Hayam in Swampscott.

"I think one of the most important tenets of Judaism is that we do whatever it takes to save a life," Camille Kotton said, adding that "everybody should be as careful and cau-
sious as possible, make sure we're saving as many lives as possible and not put any of our fellow congregants, fellow Americans, others at risk for more COVID-19."
What’s your dream job/profession after you graduate and why?

My dream job is becoming a doctor on the North Shore of Massachusetts. I spent this past summer applying to medical schools and I plan to go next year after I graduate. I want to spend the rest of my life treating patients and giving them the best medical care and attention that they deserve.

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directors voted to close, out of an abundance of caution. It was one of the hardest decisions they’ve had to make, Bornstein acknowledged.

“They would be too much,” she said. “They were grateful … that they had this solace and peace. That was what they wanted.”

People from all walks of life passed through the mikvah’s doors, from women facing fertility challenges to those seeking spiritual renewal. “It felt like coming home,” said Rachel Eisen, the mikvah’s guest book.

“Mayyim Hayyim didn’t exist,” Bornstein said in an email. “This time helped people realize what the community would look like if Mayyim Hayyim did exist.”

Since reopening, some 45 new people have visited for immersion and the mikvah has welcomed nine new people into the Jewish community, according to Rabbi Lila Lipsker, the mikvah’s director of development. Through doctor support and a federal pandemic loan, the non-profit has maintained its staff.

Great Boston boasts several mikvahs, including in Boston, Brookline, Lexington, Sharon and Malden mikvah Mayanei Toval, operated by Congregation Beth Israel in Malden. That mikvah remained open, adhering to strict safety guidelines, according to Matthew Garland, the Orthodox synagogue’s executive director.

Almost two years ago, Chabad of the North Shore opened a new mikvah in Swampscott, “The mikvah has remained open the entire time,” Rabbi Yossi Lipsker told The Journal.

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“First and foremost, we have to be concerned about health and wellness,” said Rabbi Lila Kageden, a bioethicist and internationally recognized expert on mikvahs who has developed a set of COVID-19-specific guidelines used by mikvahs in the Boston area and around the globe.

“There is risk in everything, but medical specialists have consistently found that immersing in mikvahs is reasonable, so long as they adhere to strict health and safety guidelines,” said Kageden, the former senior rabbi at Chelsea’s Walnut Street Synagogue and current director of bioethics at New York Medical College.

“There is no evidence that water is an effective medium for transmission of the virus, said Dr. Shira Doron, a national expert on infectious disease physician and hospital epidemiologist at Tufts Medical Center.

“Most individuals can attend the mikvah with very little risk,” she wrote. “The mikvah has remained open and safety measures have been in place for the duration of the pandemic.”

Doron and Kageden reinforced safety protocols including symptom self-screening, keeping at least 6 feet of distance from the mikvah attendant and disinfection of surfaces.

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“It’s a place of meditation and solitude and peace. That was particularly appreciated during these tumultuous times,” Lipsker said.

“The time helped people realize what the community would look like if Mayyim Hayyim didn’t exist,” Bornstein said about its pause in operations.

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“It felt like coming home,” she wrote.
Aiken named Centurion Fellow

Dr. Carol Aiken, D.D.S., of Marblehead, has been inducted as a 2020 Centurion Fellow with The American College of Dentists. This honor is achieved by less than 5 percent of dentists. This fellowship nomination recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of dentistry, especially in ethics, professionalism, excellence, and leadership. Dr. Aiken’s official induction as a Fellow in the College will take place on October 15.

Dr. Aiken has practiced dentistry at her office in downtown Boston for over 30 years. For the past 2 years, she has had the honor of serving as the appointed Ethics Committee Chair for the Massachusetts Dental Society. She has volunteered her services as a dentist on several humanitarian missions with Remote Area Medical and International Medical Relief, from Oklahoma to Tennessee to Kenya. Additionally, Dr. Aiken has served as adjunct faculty to train the next generation of dentists in ethical dentistry, including teaching at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She is a graduate of University of Michigan and University of Detroit-Mercy.

Henson receives Morton E. Ruderman Award for Inclusion

The Ruderman Family Foundation, an international leader in disability inclusion, is proud to announce actress, film leader in disability inclusion, is the Morton E. Ruderman Award for Inclusion. The honor is awarded to individuals who have achieved significant results for people with disabilities and have broadly advanced the cause of inclusion and other areas of social justice.

Taraji P. Henson has been an active and outspoken advocate for the rights of people to accept their own mental health issues and find healthy ways to address them. But it hasn’t just been words with Taraji, she took action. The work that her Foundation underscores is tremendously important. We need more people like Taraji to continue to eliminate the stigma around mental health across all our communities in America and we’re honored to be awarding her our Morton E. Ruderman Award this year.”

Henson was nominated for a Screen Actors Guild and an Academy Award for her critically acclaimed performance alongside Brad Pitt in “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.” After ensuing roles in films such as “The Family That Preys,” “I Can Do Bad All by Myself,” “Think Like a Man” and “No Good Deed,” in 2015 Henson returned to television with a starring role in “Empire,” a worldwide hit that earned Henson a Golden Globe and two Emmy nominations for Lead Actress in a Drama. Henson also starred in “Hidden Figures” in 2016, “Proud Mary” in 2018 and “What Men Want” in 2019.

Marla Gay earns ABR designation

Before becoming a Realtor, Marla, a lifelong North Shore resident, worked in multiple lay and professional capacities in the North Shore nonprofit world for 25 years. She transitioned from lay leader to professional at a Congregation in Swampscott as their director of Congregational Life where she helped people find their spiritual home. “My goal is to transfer that passion into helping people find their dream home. As a detail-oriented professional Marla can help buyers and sellers create a personal road map to a successful home journey.

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More than 300 people from throughout Greater Boston logged on to celebrate the strength and resiliency of our Jewish community at CJP's From Strength to Strength virtual event. Switching to an online platform, the evening kept its trademark energy and excitement as CJP celebrated its 125th anniversary and highlighted the volunteers, donors, and staff who made a bigger difference this year. Rabbi Marc Baker explored our connections to the past, as well as the questions we need to answer in order to meet this moment we’re living in. To watch clips of Marc’s speech and other highlights from the evening, visit cjp.org/fsts2020.