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The Bulletin

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From the Rabbi's Desk

We Shall Prevail Over Amalek

You aren't imagining it. Antisemitism is in fact on the rise in the United States. The Anti-Defamation League tracked 2,717 antisemitic incidents in the U.S. according to their "2021 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents" (<https://www.adl.org/audit-antisemitic-incidents-2021>), which represents an average of more than seven incidents per day and a 34 percent increase year over year. This is the highest number on record since ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents in 1979.

The numbers may be shocking, but who among us can say we're surprised? Socio-political conditions since 2016 have created a breeding ground for all sorts of hate – antisemitism, racism, homophobia, anti-immigration, etc. In all likelihood, when the ADL's stats for 2022 come out next April, the numbers will be even higher.

Whether the number of antisemitic incidents rises or falls, we were warned thousands of years ago that hatred against the Jewish people would always exist. The eternal nemesis of the Jewish people, Amalek, first appears in the Torah in Genesis 36, as being the son of Eliphaz, one of Esau's sons. Being Esau's grandson does not itself condemn Amalek to being at war with the descendants of Esau's twin brother, Jacob. After all, Esau and Jacob appear to rec-

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Jan. 24	Coffee Hour with Rabbi Dan at Brewbakers	11:00 AM
Jan. 27	Friday Night Service	7:00 PM
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Note: Torah Study with Rabbi Dan will be held on Shabbat mornings when there is no Shabbat morning service.

oncile at one point (Genesis 32). Nonetheless, we begin to recognize Amalek's destiny to hound Israel eternally at the very end of Parashat Beshalach in Exodus 17:8-16. There we read that "Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim." The Book of Deuteronomy (25:18) adds this detail: "He surprised you on the march, when you were famished and weary, and cut down all the stragglers in your rear."



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Lest we think this battle with Amalek was a one-time event, Moses warns Israel "Adonai will be at war with Amalek throughout the ages" Ex.17:16). More ominously, in Deuteronomy 25:19, Moses says "When your God Adonai grants you safety from all your enemies around you ... you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget!" In other words, Amalek will be a persistent thorn in the side of the People of Israel. Indeed, Amalek is alive and well today in the United States.

A review of antisemitic incidents, both high-profile and home-grown, is hardly needed. The picture of Nick Fuentes and Kanye West dining at the table of former President Donald Trump at Mar-a-Lago is sufficient to demonstrate the extent to which Amalek has found its place in the American political scene.

Meanwhile, here in Keene, last fall antisemitic graffiti was found in bathroom stalls and on a church sign and antisemitic comments and behaviors have been witnessed from elementary schools on up to Keene State College. Though Keene continues to feel like a safe place for Jews and for our congregation, many of us know that circumstances can change, and Amalek's presence can grow.

Our Adult Education Committee is arranging to host a panel of experts this spring who will speak about the rise in antisemitism nationally and locally, and much has been written to help us understand the phenomenon and what we might do to stem the rise in antisemitism. In this space, therefore, I would like simply to point out Moses' role in Israel's victory over Amalek in that one battle to which I alluded earlier. From Moses, we can learn something

about how to cope with Amalek in our time. Moses' approach to Amalek was multifaceted. In preparation for the battle, Moses commanded Joshua to assemble a force to subdue Amalek. With God on their side, Israel's warriors would have all they needed to prevail. For his part, Moses would station himself on top of a nearby hill during the battle, "rod of God" in hand. Whenever Moses would hold up his hand, things would go well with Israel, but whenever he let down his hand, Israel would lose ground.

Thus, positioned on either side of Moses, Aaron and Hur, propped up Moses' hands until Israel had ultimately defeated Amalek. Moses was further bolstered by a boulder that Aaron and Hur had moved into place so Moses could sit and rest his legs. Israel did not defeat Amalek alone, nor did Moses come to their rescue by themselves. The victory was won through perseverance, patience, and collaboration.

As a graduate student in Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis in the late 80s until today, I learned about the need for Jewish organizations of all kinds to engage in the work of "Jewish community relations." Jewish community relations comprise all those things that Jewish organizations do to:

- 1) find common cause with people and organizations in the larger community, and
- 2) advocate for the interests and needs of the Jewish community itself. Organizations like the ADL and the American Jewish Committee serve as bridge builders and firefighters.

They strive to open doors of communication to allies of the Jewish community and occasionally to engage in dialogue with our enemies as well. Meanwhile, they constantly defend the Jewish people through their advocacy work. This work ensures that when a crisis arises, there will be people who will "prop up our arms" and help us weather the storm. With our allies, Jewish community relations professionals put out the fires caused by those who brandish the torch of hate.

CAA is a synagogue, not the ADL or the AJC. Still, we, too, are busy with the work of community relations. Most notably, our ongoing work with the Monadnock Interfaith Project and my presence on the City of Keene's Human

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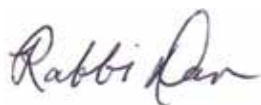
Rights Committee provide us with opportunities to strengthen ties with lawmakers, faith leaders, and people of good will who are willing to speak out against hate whenever they see it. We are blessed to live in a place where so many people are ready to repel Amalek when he enters our space.

But we mustn't take our relationships with our allies for granted. We must be there for our neighbors when they need us. More importantly, we must create opportunities to interact with our neighbors in meaningful ways so that our relationships run deeper than merely sitting side-by-side at a meeting or a service. We must do the heavy lifting of relationship-building that Jewish community relations professionals do 24/7.

My colleagues in the interfaith community and I have pledged to create such opportunities for our communities, and I look forward to sharing them with you in the months and years ahead. We are propping up each other's arms as we ward off the forces of hate and extremism that threaten our community, and all of us have a role to play.

Amalek is here. Antisemitism is real. AND... we are prepared to handle whatever threats come our way. We are all Moses. We are all Aaron and Hur and Joshua. We are all bridge builders and fire fighters. Together, we, too, will prevail over Amalek.

L'Shalom



A Letter from the President

As we are in the middle of the cold winter, I am thinking about the warmth we receive from our different communities. In each community, we contribute as well as reap the benefits from being part of the community. Our family and friends give us meaning and warmth. The love that we give and receive from our families and friends is invaluable.



Our Ahavas Achim family

Roye Ginsberg

gives us spiritual and emotional support during this cold winter and throughout the year. The Keshet Committee (chaired by Robin Kost) has provided many opportunities to be together and enjoy each other's company. During the months of October and November of 2022, the Keshet Committee arranged the following:

- A) Movie Night in the Sukkah,
- B) Noah's (of the Ark) Blessing of the Animals,
- C) Coffee with the Rabbi,
- D) Soup and Challah making, and
- E) a Movie about the History of the Kibbutz.

Rabbi Dan and Laine lead meaningful weekly services with music. Mark Thomas and Cheryl Gallien also enhanced our services with their musical contributions. As we give to and take from our family's and friend's communities, it is important to give to and take from our synagogue community.

The greater Keene community has provided us protection. In the same week that the horror of Kristallnacht was remembered, a wave of racist, homophobic, and antisemitic acts occurred in our community. Multiple acts of vandalism struck at Westmoreland United Church and at Keene High School. The number 1488 (symbolizing white power and Heil Hitler) was scrolled in the high school bathrooms and on a sign in front of the church.

The reactions from our community were comforting during this terrible time. Seventeen faith leaders (members of Monadnock Interfaith Project Clergy Group), including Rabbi Dan, signed a petition that was published in the *Keene Sentinel*, condemning the racist, homophobic, and antisemitic acts. The letter stated the following, "Together, this diverse group of faith leaders and communities they represent, believe our faith compels us to speak out and acknowledge that eradicating racism and discrimination begins with each of us."

The chair of the Monadnock Interfaith Project, Tom Julius, wrote a letter to the editor of the *Keene Sentinel*, condemning the racist, homophobic, and antisemitic acts. I noticed that many representatives from the Monadnock Interfaith Project participated in a rally outside the Westmoreland United Church condemning the reprehensible behavior. Regrettably, only

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four members from the synagogue were present at that rally. The point that I am making is that given that the Cheshire community has demonstrated that it "has our back," I think we should advocate to protect everyone's back. We have many very charitable people in our greater synagogue community, and it is time for us to step up.

I am so proud that the new Hundred Nights shelter will take care of our community's homeless people more humanely. It is estimated that the new shelter project will be completed this Spring. I am asking our congregation to support the Monadnock Interfaith Community's current campaign toward helping people obtain more affordable housing in our region. It's part of the give-and-take when being part of a larger community.

I wish you all a winter season filled with physical, emotional, and spiritual warmth.

*Shalom to you all,
Roye Ginsberg*

Are You Getting the Weekly Synagogue Email?

A mass mailing to CAA members and other interested parties provides info on upcoming services and other events. This email is sent out every Tuesday or Wednesday. Additional emails are sent when there's news that can't wait.

If you're not receiving the weekly email, call the CAA office and ask to be added. It's the way to keep up to date in between *Bulletins*.

Join the CAA Book Discussion

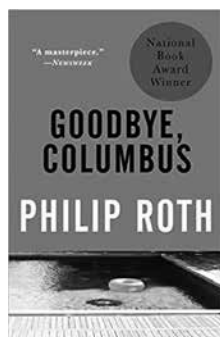
The next meeting will be held in person in the synagogue on Sunday, January 22, 2023. Coffee and bagels will be available at 10:15 am. The discussion will start at 10:30 am and last about an hour.

We will be talking about "Goodbye, Columbus" by Philip Roth, a book that we have all heard of, and maybe read previously, that was made into a movie in 1969 starring Richard Benjamin and Ali MacGraw. "Goodbye, Columbus" is actually a collection of work by Roth. In addition to the novella called "Goodbye, Columbus," the book contains five short stories that have not received as much attention as the novella but are fascinating in their own right – in particular, "The Conversion of the Jews" and "The Defender of the Faith." Goodbye, Columbus was Roth's first book and the winner of the National Book Award.

Our group will revisit this book and consider it from today's perspective. Is it a book that would be written today? How does it reflect the zeitgeist of late 1950's America? By coincidence, the Newark Public Library is offering a free Zoom discussion of Goodbye, Columbus on Saturday, 1/21/2023 at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in attending that (to warm up for our discussion on Sunday!), you can get more information at <https://www.prpl.npl.org/philip-roth-book-club>.

Hope to see you on Sunday, January 22nd!

Gail Giesen



L'Dough V'Dough: Community Storytelling and Bread-baking Event

Tuesday, February 7, at
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Every year, the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies holds an event in recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day.





This year, we are hosting L'Dough V'Dough, which is a community storytelling and bread-baking event. In this program, Holocaust survivors (and others with a personal connection to the Holocaust) are seated at tables with students, community members, and other participants to share personal stories while braiding and baking challah bread together.

The name for this event is a play on the Hebrew phrase "l'dor v'dor," which means "from generation to generation." Thus, L'Dough V'Dough programs are meant to cultivate deep relationships and forms of remembrance across generations.

This event is being organized by the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies in partnership with CAA. A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT.

Call Michele Kuiawa at the Cohen Center, (603) 358-2490, or email mkuiawa@keene.edu.

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The Nathan E. Cohen Lecture Series Presents



THE COLLAPSE OF THE NAZI CONCENTRATION-CAMP SYSTEM

PRESENTED BY DR. C. PAUL VINCENT

Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 PM

Admission is free – All are welcome
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In recent years the Soviet liberation of Auschwitz on 27 January 1945 has served as a point of remembrance for the end of the Holocaust. Yet, significant as the date is, it marked neither the beginning nor the end of the “liberation” of the Nazi concentration-camp system. Beginning as early as the spring of 1944, and ending in the final days of World War II in Europe, Dachau was liberated by American soldiers on 29 April 1945, one day before Hitler took his life.

The collapse of the camps ran parallel with the implosion of Nazi Germany. Understanding that the concentration camp, Konzentrationslager, or KL, represented the essence of Hitler’s Reich, this lecture will trace, with particular focus on Auschwitz, the horror and cruelty that accompanied its destruction.

Professor Emeritus Paul Vincent taught history and, from 1998, Holocaust studies at Keene State College for 32 years, retiring in 2017. He directed the college’s Mason Library during 1985-94; then, with the retirement of the Holocaust Center’s founder, Charles Hildebrandt, served as director during 1998-2007 of the Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies.

He was a Fellow during 2007-2008 at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies (the academic and research wing of the United

States Holocaust Memorial Museum), and in 2008-2009, coordinated the effort to establish an academic major in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Prof. Vincent received Keene State’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 2008 and was a Fulbright Scholar in 2015 at Jagiellonian University’s Centre for European Studies in Krakow, Poland. With a Ph.D. in history from the University of Colorado (1980), Prof. Vincent has published two books—*The Politics of Hunger: The Allied Blockade of Germany, 1915-1919* (1985) and *A Historical Dictionary of Germany’s Weimar Republic, 1918-1933* (1997), and has focused much of his research and scholarship in recent years on American immigration policy during the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Prof. Vincent continues to teach through Keene State’s CALL program (Cheshire Academy for Lifelong Learning) and, during the past few years, he has drafted an institutional history of the Holocaust Center at Keene State College from its founding in 1983 by Prof. Charles Hildebrandt through his own tenure as director.

The Nathan E. Cohen Memorial Lecture series was founded by Dr. Arthur Cohen as an ongoing tribute to his father’s memory. It provides programs open to the general public at no charge.

Upcoming Keshet Committee Events

Coffee Hour at Brewbakers

Tuesday January 24, February 28, and March 28 at 11:00 am

Great conversation with Rabbi Dan and friends.

Open Mic Night: CAA's Got Talent

Saturday, February 4 at 7:00-9:00 pm

Take this opportunity to sign, speak, tell jokes, play an instrument, and share your talent! Desserts and snacks provided, BYOB. Contact Rabbi Aronson to schedule your talent.

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 12, 6:00 pm to game end

Watch the game at CAA. Bring your veggie chili, salads, or dips. We'll make pizza during half time! Soft drinks provided, BYOB. We may even have some special prizes for predicting the winner! Cheer for your team and be sure to wear your team colors.

CAA Bowling Party

Sunday, March 19, Time TBD

Keep this afternoon free. More to follow in the next *Bulletin*. This event is for kids and adults. We can have 5 people per lane.

Book Sale at CAA

Sunday, June 14, Time TBD

Save the date and start gathering books, CD's, and puzzles for the sale. This is a great opportunity to clear out your bookcases and help CAA.

We welcome YOU to help with our special events. Please reach out to Robin Kost at rokenda@hotmail.com if you would like to help create fun activities at CAA.

Daniella's Challah Baking Class at CAA on 11/13



Kyleigh Lend is in the bottom left, with other CAA congregants.

Daniella demonstrating how to braid challah.



CAA Welcomes Local Students

CAA welcomes the involvement of students from Keene State College, Antioch University, Landmark College, and other colleges and universities in the area.

Kyleigh Lend is a senior at Keene State College and is studying with Rabbi Dan for conversion.

She is in the adult Hebrew class, attends Shabbat services regularly, and participates in much of CAA programming.

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Recovering Black History in the Monadnock Region

January 16th | 10:00am

The Historical Society of Cheshire County relies on historical resources to communicate local history. The documents, photographs, and artifacts preserved in its archives have led to hundreds of talks, workshops, walking tours, exhibits, school resources, and publications. Yet, there are gaps in the collections. There are stories missing from our local history, memories not preserved. The "Recovering Black History in the Monadnock Region" project is filling in some of those gaps using citizen archivists. In her presentation, director of education Jennifer Carroll will share more about this project, including some initial discoveries and future goals.

A Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration.

 Historical Society of Cheshire County
246 Main St, Keene, NH

 Questions can be directed to:
Andy Bohannon | 603-357-9829

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JANUARY 2023 Calendar

Tevet - Shevat 5783

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day No Religious School	2	3	4	5 7:00 pm Hebrew I for Adults	6 11:00 am-noon Timely Topics Discussion at Covenant Living with Rabbi Dan 7:00 Friday Night Service	7 9:30 am Torah Study (in-person and online)
8 9:30 am Religious School	9	10	11 7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting	12 7:00 pm Hebrew I for Adults	13 7:00 pm Friday Night Service	14 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Lunch and Games to Follow
15 No Religious School	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	17	18	19 4:30 pm The Community Kitchen 7:00 pm Hebrew I for Adults	20 11:00 am-noon Timely Topics Discussion at Covenant Living with Rabbi Dan 7:00 Friday Night Service	21 9:30 am Torah Study (in-person and online)
22 ISRAELI SHALIACH Ra'anan de Haas Visiting 9:30 am Religious School 12-1:00 pm CAA Teens with 1:00 pm Adult Ed (see Bulletin for details)	23	24 11:00 am Coffee Hour with Rabbi Dan at Brewbakers	25	26 7:00 pm Hebrew I for Adults	27 7:00 pm Friday Night Service	28 9:30 am Torah Study (in-person and online) 10:30 am Meditation, Mindfulness, and Kiddush Lunch
29 9:30 am Religious School 3:00 pm NEC Lecture "The Collapse of the Nazi Concentration-Camp System"	30	31 7:00-8:00 pm Current Events Discussion				

Note: At this time, all Friday evening and Saturday morning shabbat services are being held live in the synagogue and are also on Zoom. *For registered students only.

Lend a Hand at the Community Kitchen!

A Message from Gary Shapiro...

Thanks to our Great CAA Volunteers for preparing large lasagnas, serving, and cleaning up at The Community Kitchen's annual pre-Christmas lasagna dinner. And a great meal it was. 119 take-out meals were provided.

Preppers: Rabbi Dan, Risa Keene, Elaine Bieber, Jane Shapiro, Malcolm Katz (TWO lasagnas!), Randy Carmel, Marni Silverstein and Mike Davern.

Servers/Cleaners: Malcolm (K2) and Selena Katz (K2*), Barbara Green, Pam Weinrieb, Gary Shapiro

We continue to serve/clean for an evening meal or two each month. Our participation is greatly appreciated by the staff at TCK. They provide an essential service to our community.

We'll be lending a hand again on Thursday, January 19th, and Thursday, February 16th, packing up the take-out meals and cleaning up afterward.

The Kitchen continues to see an increasingly large number of people who need the meals provided there.

CAA has also been helping out at The Pantry Program at TCK on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We package up food for recipients to receive and prepare at home.

Thanks for the continuing support for this worthwhile and needed service!

Please contact Gary Shapiro if you have interest in helping out, 603-352-0440, gm_shapiro@yahoo.com.

Tu B'Shevat Program: Sustainable Nation

Sunday, February 5th 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Film for Tu B'shevat at CAA

Sustainable Nation, the 2019 hour-long documentary from Imagination Productions, follows three individuals who are doing their part to bring sustainable water solutions to an increasingly thirsty planet.

Using solutions developed in water-poor Israel, they are working to change the status quo of a world where one in ten people lacks access to safe drinking water.

But water is just the beginning. The work of this visionary trio highlights the nexus between food, energy and water and underscores how solving these enormous challenges can help free women, and the world, from life-threatening poverty, illness, and lack of opportunity.

From the creators of Netflix-featured *Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front*, and PBS-featured *Israel Inside: How a Small Nation Makes a Big Difference*, *Sustainable Nation* shows how fixing global water issues is not only a matter of life and death but the start of healing the world.

Shabbat Shirah Service

Saturday, February 4 at 9:30 am, online and in-person

Come celebrate the *Chanting of the Song of the Sea* that our ancestors sang upon crossing the Sea of Reeds.

This Service will be led by Rabbi Dan and Laine Ginsberg at Congregation Ahavas Achim.

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Yom Yisrael, Israel Day with Ra'anan de Haas, Israeli Shaliach

Sunday, January 22

Ra'anan de Haas, the popular, engaging Israeli shaliach (education ambassador) for the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, will be at CAA for another Yom Yisrael, Israel Day!

He has been teaching our Religious School students this year about space exploration, using crafts, videos, and games that incorporate lots of Hebrew and information about Israel's race to the moon.

Ra'anan will continue that work with the children during school hours, teens at noon, and adults at 1:00 pm.

Religious School with Ra'anan de Haas *9:30 –11:30 am*

10:30 -11:30 am: topic will be "The Kibbutz"

Ra'anan will lead the children in creating and performing skits about life on Kibbutzim using Hebrew words.

CAA Teens with Ra'anan de Haas *Unpacking Israel's Political System*

12:00 - 1:00 pm

We'll talk about Israeli politics, learn about Israel's political system, and figure out how we got to the current government.

Adult Ed with Ra'anan de Haas *Unpacking Israel's Political System*

1:00-2:00 pm

Adult level discussion about Israeli politics, the Israel's political system and out how we got to the current government.

Ra'anan de Haas Leading CAA Students in November in a Series of Workshops



On November 13, Israeli shaliach Ra'anan de Haas led a discussion with CAA Teens about how to recognize and respond to antisemitism when they experience it in their schools. Later that day, Rabbi Dan met with the teens' parents to process a recent report of antisemitic graffiti at Keene High School. Joining that meeting was fellow CAA congregant and longtime Keene High School teacher Andrea Levin.



Israeli shaliach Ra'anan de Haas is seen here pouring salt into a glass of water before the students observed what would happen when they dropped a fresh egg into the mixture. Ra'anan uses science experiments to teach about Israel. In this lesson, students learned about the qualities of the Dead Sea.



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Simchas for January/February

Birthdays

Colin Kremer	1/02
Dick Aronson	1/07
Molly Burman	1/08
Charles Schadick	1/08
Scott Friedman.....	1/09
Abigail Spear	1/18
Joel Mark Cohen	1/19
Rebecca Fulton.....	1/25
Jack Tenofsky	1/25
Ethan Bettinger	1/29
Bethany Fulton	1/29
Rachel Silberstein	1/30
Solomon Silberstein	1/30
Janet Cohen	1/31

Noah Carmel.....	2/02
Jessica Spear.....	2/09
Susan Weller	2/09
Negev Moon	2/10
Malcolm Katz	2/17
Kira Thomas.....	2/17
Joseph Steinfield	2/19
Beth Aronson	2/20
Kathi Borden	2/21
Maya-Grace Ginsberg	2/28
Benjamin Pieper Friedman	3/1
Stephen Weiner	3/1
Ellen Jahos.....	3/3
<i>Anniversaries</i>	
Robin and Craig Sylvern.....	1/18

Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month Speaker Comes to CAA

Following Friday Night Service, February 10, at 8:00 - 8:45 pm

Saturday, February 11, at noon, following service, Lunch and Learn

Our guest speaker will be Josh Fields, co-founder and CEO of The Next Step, a non-profit outside Philadelphia, PA, that creates opportunities for people with disabilities as they transition out of high school. They work with students, families, employers, school systems, and adults with disabilities to innovate new solutions to overcome everyday barriers.


Josh was a student of Rabbi Dan Aronson at Ohev Shalom of Bucks County in Richboro, PA. Inspired by his mother, Michele z"l, who was a beloved Jewish educator, Josh dedicated much of his teen years as a tutor in his synagogue's community.

As the co-founder and CEP of The Next Step Programs, it is obvious that Josh cares about inclusion in the wider world, as well as in the Jewish community. The story of The Next Step Programs began in the summer of 2014. The co-founders Joshua Fields and Richard Price were volunteering at a summer camp for young adults with Down syndrome. At camp, these two young students (Josh was in high school

and Ricky was in undergrad) bonded over the shared experiences in the disability community.

Ricky grew up as a sibling advocate, and Josh had been a part of the disability community ever since he was in the sixth grade and met a classmate with a disability who became a lifelong friend. The two recognized the sheer lack of future opportunities for their loved ones as they transitioned out of high school. So, in 2015, they collaborated to start The Next Step Programs, a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to creating opportunities for people with disabilities as they age out of the public school system.

Today, The Next Step Programs are led by a dynamic staff of various backgrounds and skillsets. In May 2022, they moved into their Community & Career Center in Doylestown, PA, where they are now serving over 60 young adults with intellectual disabilities from the Greater Philadelphia Region.



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Eva's Promise

A new documentary makes its New England debut

**Friday, January 13, through
Thursday, January 19**

**The Park Theatre, 19 Main St.,
Jaffrey, NH**

**Sunday, January 15, at 4:00 pm, the
film's director and its producer will
be present for a "talkback" after
the film.**

On a train to Auschwitz, 17-year-old Heinz Geiringer told his sister Eva that he hid the paintings and poetry he created during his time in hiding beneath the attic floorboards. Heinz made Eva promise if he should die in the camps, she would retrieve the artwork.

Today, his story sits in the shadow of the better-known *Diary Of Anne Frank*. After the war, Eva became the posthumous stepsister of Anne when her mother married Anne's father. While the world knows Anne's story, this film introduces Heinz, his artistry, and his sister's efforts to find and share his remarkable legacy.

Steve McCarthy, Director of *Eva's Promise*, is an Emmy Award-winning network TV news producer and documentary filmmaker. A former staff producer for "60 Minutes", "Dateline" and CNN, he formed McCarthy Productions, Inc in 2001 and began producing independent documentaries such as *Finding Paddy*, *The One That Got Away* (PBS), and *HBO's Breslin & Hamill: Deadline Artists*. McCarthy teaches documentary film and journalism at Montclair State University.

For further information and tickets, please visit theparktheatre.org or call the box office (603) 532-8888.

Yahrzeits for January/February

Date Observed	Yahrzeit	Jewish Date	Friday before Yahrzeit
12/31	Leland Martin Blair	7 Tevet	12/30
1/1	Helen Sharpe	8 Tevet	12/30
1/2	Lois G. Levine	9 Tevet	12/30
1/2	Todd Schneider	9 Tevet	12/30
1/2	Nina Steg	9 Tevet	12/30
1/03	Larry Malin	10 Tevet	12/30
1/04	Edward T. Moses	11 Tevet	12/30
1/04	Joseph Zalman	11 Tevet	12/30
1/06	Ethel R. Bieber	13 Tevet	12/30
1/07	Harvey Rhodes	14 Tevet	1/06
1/07	Gene Schapiro	14 Tevet	1/06
1/08	Louis Reisig	15 Tevet	1/06
1/09	Rachel Silverman	16 Tevet	1/06
1/11	Henry Simkin	18 Tevet	1/06
1/12	Joseph Hennigar	19 Tevet	1/06
1/12	Sydney Sharpe	19 Tevet	1/06
1/15	Mollie Post	22 Tevet	1/13
1/17	Stratton Adams	24 Tevet	1/13
1/17	Edwin Kaufman	24 Tevet	1/13
1/20	Ann-Margaret Taylor	27 Tevet	1/13
1/21	Edith Forman	28 Tevet	1/20
1/21	Etta Kapiloff	28 Tevet	1/20
1/22	Michael New	29 Tevet	1/20
1/22	George Smith	29 Tevet	1/20
1/23	Ethel Arth	1 Shevat	1/20
1/24	Sybil Dorner	2 Shevat	1/20
1/26	Phyllis Rosell	4 Shevat	1/20
1/29	Hyman Butler	7 Shevat	1/27
1/30	Kenneth Broad	5 Shevat	1/27
1/31	Esther Bernstein	9 Shevat	1/27
1/31	Florence Lipsky	9 Shevat	1/27
1/31	Sydney Robins	9 Shevat	1/27
2/01	Leonard Kapiloff	10 Shevat	1/27
2/01	Miriam Peller Rhodes	10 Shevat	1/27
2/02	Sye Visser	11 Shevat	1/27
2/03	Mollie Buckowsky	12 Shevat	1/27
2/03	Olive Louise Prunier	12 Shevat	2/03
2/04	William J. Monnich, Jr.	13 Shevat	2/03
2/04	Jules Shapiro	13 Shevat	2/03
2/06	Theresa R. Levine	15 Shevat	2/03
2/07	Morris Fox	16 Shevat	2/03
2/09	William Gale	18 Shevat	2/03
2/11	Ruth Cohen	20 Shevat	2/10
2/11	Sheila Tenofsky	20 Shevat	2/10
2/13	Jack Kaplan	22 Shevat	2/10
2/15	Meyer Kaplan	24 Shevat	2/10
2/16	Charles Richmond	25 Shevat	2/10
2/17	Eve Reisig	26 Shevat	2/10
2/21	Sylvia Cooper (Rosenberg)	30 Shevat	2/17
2/21	Janet Fulton	30 Shevat	2/17
2/22	Lester Bieber	1 Adar	2/17
2/22	Taya Seligman	1 Adar	2/17
2/26	Mollie Hanan	5 Adar	2/24
2/26	Eric Komitzsky	5 Adar	2/24
2/27	Paul Nebenzahl	6 Adar	2/24
3/01	Harry Krugman	8 Adar	2/24
3/01	Annette Schadick	8 Adar	2/24
3/02	Pauline Krugman	9 Adar	2/24
3/03	Moritz Lowy	10 Adar	2/24

Yahrzeits are listed according to the Hebrew date, so the English date will vary from year to year. Kaddish may be recited on the Shabbat nearest the date of remembrance. Please notify the synagogue office at 352-6747 if you find an error, or would like to have the name of a loved one included in the future.

Cycle of Life

Our condolences to:

Randy Carmel, past President of CAA, and family on the passing of Randy's sister, Caren Sichel, on December 31, 2022 at her home in Sea Cliff, New York.

Caren leaves behind her husband of 39 years, Howard Sichel; her children, Lauren and her husband Rich; Jordan and his wife Alyssa; Jared and his fiance Masha; and her beloved grandchildren, Ryan, Ella, Eliana and Nick, who were all her greatest joy. Caren raised her family in Port Washington, New York and moved to Sea Cliff in the last few years, to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

She had strength beyond words, a heart of gold and loved the simple things in life. The generosity and care she showed for all around her will never be forgotten.

The funeral services were held in New York on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

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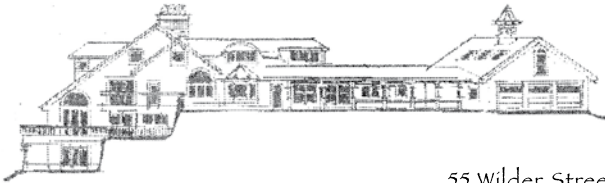
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