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To Volunteer is a Gift You Give Yourself

On July 1, 2016, I took office as the President of the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region. When greeting people in the community, I have totally enjoyed the plethora of responses that I received.

Most were gracious with lovely comments like mazel tov, congratulations, you will do a great job, and I will be happy to help. Of course, some of the congrats had tag lines like, "You are doing what?"... "Are you a glutton for punishment?" and "Why would you want to do that?" To those questions, I have only one reply: I think it is such an honor. After many years of volunteering, why not lead by example, the best way to give back?

As some of you know, I have been a lifelong Federation junkie. Everything I ever learned about being a volunteer, I learned from my mentor, Lou Weintraub, when he was Executive Director of the San Francisco Federation. He inspired me from day one to practice *tikkun olam* and proceeded to teach me how to do that. I remember my lessons well.

When I talk about being a volunteer, I always think about that special commercial on television that shows a family vacation, with all the costs attached to the trip accounted for but when it comes to watching the joy on the faces of the children, the commercial states "priceless." That is what it means to me to be a volunteer. No matter how you decide to volunteer, when the project is done and you see the result of your efforts, you think the recipient is the winner, but no, you are the real winner. It happens every time!

Our Federation is going through such an interesting transition and we have the opportunity for the greatest growth in years. We look forward to your participation in creating and growing our community together.

I could not write this opening column without my deepest appreciation for the amazing staff that

has brought us to where we are today. As each person is moving on to a new adventure, we must acknowledge that we are where we are because of them. Our Chief Executive Officer, Melissa Chapman, has moved on to a Development Directorship in San Diego; our Assistant Director, Elissa Einhorn, is pursuing a long time dream to make Aliyah to Israel. Jessica Birch and Lisa Freeman are taking a much needed break to spend some valuable time with their families; and Alicia Mittleman, our Community Social Worker, has opened her own practice. What a team they have been for us and they take with them our deepest gratitude and thanks for the years we were blessed to have them. However, our Office Manager, Adelita Dizdarevic will still greet you when you call or visit.

My first 30 days have been filled with a trip to the Capitol to support AB 2844, the bill to combat Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions toward Israel; to the Board of Education to speak to the accuracy of the Jewish curriculum in school textbooks, and welcoming the scholars and families of those receiving Schwab-Rosenhouse Scholarships. I think I am going to like this job!

By the time you read this, many more exciting things will have happened. Our search for a new Executive Director will be moving toward completion and our inaugural Kickball event will have been the first of what we hope will become a fun and successful annual event. I hope you will attend our Annual Meeting on September 8th to meet and greet our new officers and board, and be brought up-to-date on our work throughout the community.

Your Federation is building, and continues to build, community each and every day.

See you at 21st and V!

Carol Loew is the President of the Jewish Federation.



It's Been a Hot Summer and I Don't Just Mean the Temperature

It's been a tough summer. Actually, it's been a tough spring, winter, and fall. And if we really want to get real, it's been tough for a long time. Terrorism; gun violence; bombings; stabbings; acts of hate across racial, religious, ethnic, and sexual orientation lines. Paris, Belgium, Munich, Baton Rouge, Nigeria, Kiryat Arba, Iraq, Dallas, Nice, Roseburg, Pakistan, Turkey, San Bernardino, South Carolina, Bangladesh, Tel Aviv, Britain, Orlando, and, yes, Sacramento... It's beginning to read like the list of concentration camps recited on Yom HaShoah. Every time I hear my phone ping with a news alert, my stomach does a somersault. Where now? How many dead? It is the new normal.

On July 27, 2016, *The New York Times* ran a story: "2 Weeks, 8 Terror Attacks, 247 Victims: How We Learned Their Stories." The reporting team tracked down information about 222, or 90%, of the victims, who ranged in age from 2 to 75, and provided a small window into their lives. We need to learn more about how these victims lived and less about how they died. Everyone has a story, even 2-year-old Javeria Shahid, who wouldn't bother anyone as long as she could watch her cartoons.

In March 2016, *U.S. News & World Report* reported that 90% of white people in America who had taken the "Implicit Association Test," an online test developed by Yale social science researchers to test our inherent racial biases, show an inherent racial bias for white people versus black people. Anyone surprised?

In June 2016, the "Traditionalist Worker Party," a white nationalist group, showed up on our very own Capitol steps. Counter protestors, 300 strong, greeted them and before you knew it, violence erupted. At least 10 people were injured, 2 critically. The story was reported in the *Los Angeles Times* and *Washington Post* and by CNN and NBC. Not the 15 minutes of fame we would have wished for.

Alongside the lack of feeling safe and the underlying stress that we all are probably carrying around, this new normal can leave us feeling helpless and hopeless. But we are not. There are people and organizations working toward a greater good, including Federation.

Cases in point:

- During the past year, our Jewish Community Relations Council began purposeful and meaningful dialogue with our local Latino and African American communities. While it is really, really tough and uncomfortable to unpack decades— even centuries— of prejudice and bias toward each other, it is not impossible. Small steps and small victories lead to bigger leaps and greater successes. Doing nothing leads nowhere.
- Shalom School, a Federation beneficiary agency, responded to the first anniversary of the Charleston, South Carolina church shootings by raising money for a local library in memory of librarian Cynthia Graham Hurd, one of the nine shooting victims. Read more about this act of tzedakah on p. 12.
- This month, Federation will convene synagogue and organizational leadership for its annual Security Briefing. We will be joined by local law enforcement, the Department of Justice, and the Anti-Defamation League, who will present strategies for keeping our community's people and properties safe. We must be proactive and have real emergency preparedness procedures in place.
- Among other efforts, our Jewish Family Service program continues to support people like Olya and Burak who fled from the Syrian border in order to find peace and happiness in their newly adopted country. See how they are doing on p. 16.
- We keep our community informed about issues such as the "Red Hot Preaching Conference," organized in July by anti-gay Natomas

preacher, Roger Jimenez, who praised the murders of the Orlando massacre victims.

Help us continue to take action by supporting our actions. Join us for our Annual Meeting on September 8th. Get to know us, see where we live, break bread with us, and put a face to our leadership and staff. The more we know about each other, the more we care about each other's well-being, and the stronger we become. We must be greater than the sum of our parts because we need each other now more than ever.

Elissa Einhorn is the Interim Executive Director of the Jewish Federation and Managing Editor of the VOICE.

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The Steps to Establishing a Jewish Life

As we enter the second part of our campaign year for 2016, I would ask you to consider what Federation does for you and the entire Jewish community, now and in the future. We have so much work to do at every step of our lives to bring and maintain Jewish life.

Every measure we take to help individuals identify and increase their identity with their Jewish roots helps to ensure the next generations of a vibrant Jewish life rich with our tradition and important contributions to society.

Why be Jewish? I reflect back to the years of Hebrew and Sunday School, taking up three to four days a week then the additional time for Bar Mitzvah preparation and I ask, "What has this education done for me?" First, I learned about our prayers, language, and history. Secondly, the additional studies for the rigors of writing and presenting a speech at age 13 to a congregation of 10 or 300, plus chanting Torah, Haftarah, and, perhaps, the part of the service that is what I believe a unique experience of developing character, leadership and responsibility at a youthful age of our Jewish life. Does that translate to successful careers and contributions to society in our adult life? I think it has a very high correlation to the number of our scholars, scientists, doctors, lawyers (ah, the Jewish Mother's dream!), business owners, and on and on.

So, what does this have to do with Federation? We provide building blocks at every stage of a person's life to help them engage and grow a Jewish foundation.

1. It starts with PJ Library, which provides free Jewish books and music to children beginning at age 6 months. And now there is PJ Our Way for our Jewish tweens.
2. Next step, financial support to Shalom School, which provides a Jewish education from preschool to 6th grade.
3. Oh, don't forget Bar/Bat Mitzvah teen subsidies for peer trips to Israel, in partnership with the Sharon & Larry Saltzman Teen Israel Endowment.
4. Off to college and Federation is present again to financially support our Hillels in Davis and Sacramento, and Chico State to help maintain a safe and secure environment for the students so they can eat, relax, and study.
5. In adult life, if G-d forbid someone in the Jewish community needs crisis intervention, housing or basic food, Jewish Family Service is here to help. And thanks to the JFS Endowment created by Anne and Hal Eisenberg, I am assured services will continue.

6. It continues with senior services, holiday outreach baskets, and visits.
7. Oh, not to mention Jewish community relations with our interfaith and cultural partners and the ongoing battle against anti-Semitism.

Countless times when a Jewish single, family, or couple arrives in Sacramento, one of the first places they contact is the Federation to find out the "lay of the land."

Because of all of the above and more, wherever you go, around the country or the world, you can find a Jewish place of affiliation and say "Hineni, here I am," and you will be welcome.

Jack Mador is Federation's 2016 Campaign Chair.

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Food and Agriculture Leaders Travel to Israel to Learn How the Desert Blooms

When Karen Ross announced to her father that she was leaving the western Nebraska farm that she and three generations before her tended to, she learned quickly that you could take Karen out of the farm but you couldn't take the farm out of Karen.

"Once I left the farm," she said, "I found out it was part of my soul."

Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) since 2011, this former 4-H kid may not grow wheat or feed cattle from her midtown Sacramento office, but she remains passionate about connecting people to the land and promoting the riches of California's agriculture.

Ross has been at the forefront of creating strategies to address climate change and the state's drought. Her latest effort was collaborating with the Israeli Consulate, the Milken Institute, and the Israel Business Council to lead a delegation of 18 policymakers, researchers, academicians, farmers, and other stakeholders to Israel, a well-known leader in water conservation, recycling, and water technology. The nine-day trip was a result of the 2014 MOU between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and California Governor Jerry Brown that established an agreement to engage in joint projects and mutually beneficial research on several issues, including water scarcity and climate change.

"The delegation was fashioned around climate change and smart agriculture," Ross said, adding that Israel has so many parallel circumstances to California. "We have a history of cooperation with agricultural technology, for example, with Netafim (an Israeli pioneer of drip and micro-irrigation products that does business in California). We continue to build relationships and figure out the best tactics."

The delegation's packed itinerary included meetings with agricultural specialists who described the country's continuous efforts at looking at how every drop of water can be used better; Israel's National Water Company, which makes decisions about how water is allocated and priced; researchers who are working on developing different varieties of wheat to cope with climate change; and Israeli farmers who provide plants to produce growers in hot climates.

Lying beneath the surface of the drought issue, Ross said, is food security, food scarcity, and the need to create a 'water ethics' society, much like what she saw in Israel, where 85% of the country's wastewater is recycled for agricultural use compared to just 9.5% in California.

"By 2025, 45% of people worldwide will be in chronically water short countries," Ross emphasized. "Israel has a water culture where everyone appreciates every drop of water. There are even childhood songs about water. We need that."

The CDFA secretary was impressed with Israel's centralized approach to setting water policy, noting, "It is just striking to see what's been invested in its infrastructure. What they've invested to make the desert livable."

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A Conversation with Sacramento's Mayor-Elect Darrell Steinberg

Darrell Steinberg will soon take his place as the 57th mayor of Sacramento and the 101st Jewish mayor of a U.S. city. As he gears up for this new chapter of public service, he sat down with the VOICE to talk about priorities, challenges, and opportunities.

the VOICE: What are you doing to prepare for this new role?

Darrell Steinberg: It is a blessing to have 6 months of transition. I am using it and will continue to use it effectively and efficiently. Governance is multifaceted. You can't choose what to tackle but you need to have goals and not lose sight of those goals. I am using this time to prepare specific agendas in three areas:

First, we need to continue to elevate our economic renaissance. We are a government city but that cannot be our only future moving forward. My kids are 22 and 19— will they have a choice to make Sacramento their home? For all of us the answer depends on whether we view our current accomplishments as the beginning or end of the story. Will our proximity to Silicon Valley and lower cost of living, or our proximity to UC Davis and branding of ourselves as the "Farm to Fork" capital allow us to grow economically and say loud and clear what we want?

Secondly, the Legislature passed a \$2 billion Capital Bond for permanent housing and providing new hope for citizens. We must bring housing to our community. It must be the centerpiece of our strategy for homelessness. We will provide proven ideas and work with the counties and our colleagues to make Sacramento a model community.

Thirdly, as a young person graduating high school in 1977— the year before Prop 10— I spent time in the library, in the rec center, or doing sports. I never had time to get in trouble even if I wanted to. I want to help to make this city for and about youth. I want to see massive amounts of high school students having internships and bring back Parks and Rec programs.

the VOICE: How did you decide upon the seven issues identified as critical for Sacramento— economy, youth, safety, homelessness, supporting

neighborhood, growth, the arts— and how are these interconnected?

DS: The interconnectedness is fairly obvious. We want to create a cosmopolitan city. Without young people from disadvantaged neighborhoods who are being educated or prepared for jobs, we are only doing half our job. The homelessness issue is one of economics and safety— it's not just a moral issue. It's an impediment to economic growth. That is the art of governance and leadership— to make connections for the city and region. Everyone is excited about the city and region. It's contagious but in some ways, we undervalue ourselves. It is no accident that Silicon Valley is located near Stanford. We are near UC Davis. We must eliminate the "psychic" distance and develop joint ventures and research around food and the environment and food preparation and nutrition. "Farm to Fork" is a nice brand but we haven't begun to realize its potential.

the VOICE: What challenges are you anticipating and how will you overcome them?

DS: You hope the state and national economy continue in a positive direction but there are inevitable swings. I want to find ways to invest in the growth and maintenance of the city. I want to make sure the region sees the city as a friend. The city is about executive leadership. I've always been about coalition building and working with others.

the VOICE: What about opportunities?

DS: There is an opportunity to continue to transform the economy of the greater Sacramento region. An opportunity to connect the dots and make sure there are connections between neighborhoods, public education, kids, and the economy. Homelessness was polled as the number one issue. Using the work I did on the Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63), I want to work more collaboratively with counties and bring what we know works: intensive outreach, permanent housing, case management, and services. We won't solve the issue— that would be overpromising— but we can make it better.

the VOICE: How will you apply your experience in the legislature to this new role?



Darrell Steinberg

As a person who worked at the state level for 14 years, I look forward to the challenges. I've been in every difficult situation imaginable in politics. When I started as Senate Pro Tem, there were 40+ bills dealing with the budget deficit. People had no confidence in state government. In the end, I was the only one left standing and I helped lead the government, with other legislative leaders and state leadership, through difficult times. People were nervous about what we were facing. Most of the time, I kept my calm. I take pride that in all of my years, I never lost a difficult vote. I was always able to work with colleagues to get things done. I want to always stay humble. I am just someone doing an important job. I am confident in my ability to work with people and take on challenges and get things done. In the end, it's about what you produce.

the VOICE: You didn't last long in the private sector. What drives you to continue to be a public servant?

DS: The easy answer is *tikkun olam*. Part of it is a passion. There is nothing more satisfying than to know you are helping someone. People don't think of politics like this but it is a trade like any other field. I get to do what I love. I've built up a certain skill set so why not put it to use to help people and do what I'm good at. You only have one life. I have a supportive wife. In the end, it's not easy on a family but we do it together.

the VOICE: What is the public's responsibility in creating a great city?

DS: We had one of the best ground campaigns in the history of this city— phone banks, people walking precincts, and people coming out because they love their community. We have an opportunity to transform that political energy

into helping me and other elected officials govern. Part of my job is to figure out how to transform that energy to help govern. We have to engage people. I love being out in the community. We want to engage people on the issues of economic development and youth.

the VOICE: Paint me a picture of the best city Sacramento can be.

DS: A growing city that adds thousands of high-wage jobs over the next 10 years. A waterfront that is a destination. Few, if any, pockets of poverty. A next generation that is engaged in what it will take so they're ready to participate in the economy. A city that has a public transportation system. Easy access to urban life. A city with unexpected places.

the VOICE: I realize you haven't even started your mayoral term, but are there any future aspirations on the horizon?

DS: I was asked why I wanted to become mayor. Who wouldn't want to be mayor in 2016 with all of the excitement and possibilities? I can't predict the future but it is not what I'm thinking about. I want to be the mayor. If I had retired from public service, it would have been a great run. I'm not trying to build a resume. I'm looking at the big opportunities and challenges and want to help my city.

the VOICE: Are you a Jewish mayor or a mayor who happens to be Jewish?

DS: I am the mayor of all people. Of course, I take pride in who I am and my heritage which helped to form my values and I am connected to the Jewish community.



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This is the beginning of the eulogy for Cissie Goldstein (z"l), presented by her daughters Sandi and Terri. Goldstein passed away on March 15, 2016 leaving behind an enduring legacy, not only for her family, but for the entire Jewish community.

A third generation San Franciscan, Goldstein made her way east to Sacramento in 1952, home of her husband, Danny (z"l). More than six decades later, the mark she has left on the community is indelible and indisputable. Her Jewish involvement included the Jewish Federation, Hadassah, Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI), and Jewish Family Service. In 1998, she co-founded Leisure League with Judge Leonard Friedman (z"l). It is this program, designed for seniors and now under the auspices of the Jewish Federation's Jewish Family Service program, that was the inspiration behind Sandi and Terri's decision to create the "Cissie Goldstein Leisure League Fund" at the Jewish Community Foundation of the West.

"Mom," began Sandi, "was a career woman. After she was done with her career, she was looking for something in the Jewish community. See wanted seniors to meet across synagogue boundaries. That was her vision."

That vision, which two decades ago, Sandi said was considered "out-of-the-box, bizarre, and heresy," enjoyed remarkable success. Today, Leisure League continues to provide lunch and entertainment for area seniors at three different locations in the region.

"Judge Friedman had great stature and people had confidence in my mom," Sandi explained.



The sisters also learned valuable lessons from their mom: you can't judge a book by its cover; spirituality; how to "feel" out a situation; find a need and find a way to fill it; and how good it feels to help others.



And why wouldn't they? In addition to being a talented interior decorator, Goldstein was a consummate entertainer who had an open-door policy for all and hosted everyone from the entire CBI congregation for Rosh Hashanah dinner to dignitaries, including Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir and Soviet dancer, Mikhail Baryshnikov.

"If Cissie was planning it, it would be educational, informative, and the food would be delicious!" said her eldest daughter, a Federation-trained professional and consultant who has worked to build Jewish day schools and now lives in Long Beach. Her sister, Terri, a designer who works on brand identity, agreed, saying, "My mom was a very capable, giving soul. She had more energy than anyone, getting only two or three hours of sleep at night. She just liked to spread joy and bring people together. When she entered the room, the party started. I could talk about her for hours. She was my best friend."

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Cissie Goldstein

"She was ahead of her time with everything," said Terri, from being a working mom to practicing meditation to having a round bed in the guest room to wearing paper dresses to taking her daughters to a psychic, to being the first to have a microwave, and the list goes on...

The sisters wrestled with how to remember their mother given her deep involvement in the Jewish community.

"The big picture is that we are endowing a program and service that was important to my mother," Sandi said. "We hope other children of my generation will choose a program important to their parents. L'dor v'dor."

For more information about the "Cissie Goldstein Leisure League Fund," contact Pam Herman at the Jewish Community Foundation of the West at pam.herman@jcfwest.org. For more information about Leisure League, contact Federation at federation@jewishsac.org or visit www.jewishsac.org/seniorprograms.

New Scholars Join Schwab-Rosenhouse Family

“Legacy of hope taking shape.”

So read the headline of a November 21, 1997 article in *The Sacramento Bee* announcing the formation of the Schwab-Rosenhouse Memorial Scholarship Fund. Nineteen years and 1,642 scholars later, there is no doubt that Leo and Jeannette Rosenhouse’s legacy of hope has taken shape.

“About 21 years ago, an unassuming couple passed away,” Dr. Marvin Kamras, Chair of the Fund’s Advisory Committee, told more than 50 recent high school graduates and their families during an annual welcome reception. “They left more than \$10 million to be used for scholarships for students in Sacramento. They thought education was the most important gift they could leave as their legacy. I know that Leo and Jeannette would be proud to see you here.”

The Schwab-Rosenhouse Memorial Scholarship Fund is administered by the Jewish Federation and provides financial assistance to graduating high school students who live within 100 miles of the Sacramento County Courthouse. To date, more than \$9 million in scholarships have been awarded.

“Jeannette Schwab-Rosenhouse and Leo Rosenhouse,” said Federation President Carol Loew, “were quiet, modest people. They made good investments and later in life, acknowledging their dedication to education, decided to create an opportunity for young local scholars. Years have passed and their fund has allowed many students to pursue and achieve their goals. Now it is your turn. Tonight we express our pride at each and every one of you and we send you on the road to reach your goals with this scholarship in hand.”

John Lewis, who along with Frank Gumpert, Neil Levy, Rabbi Alan Rabishaw, Julie Small, and Jana Uslan, serves on the Advisory Committee, knew Leo and Jeannette as their financial advisor and friend.



Jewish Federation President Carol Loew congratulates Mira Loma High School graduate and Schwab-Rosenhouse scholar Chadwick Boudin, who will be a freshman at the University of California, Berkeley, in the fall.

“We don’t know people like this anymore,” he said of the couple, who lived in Land Park and drove a 1967 white Dodge without air conditioning and mowed their lawn with a push mower. “They were Depression-era people who knew what it was like to not have anything. They didn’t spend money on anything.”

Lewis also told the attendees how Leo was from Los Angeles and Jeannette from the Woodland area and how they made wise investments, including the purchase of Loehmann’s Plaza in Sacramento, to amass \$10 million.

“They had no children,” he added. “They kept it for you.”

Taking a cue from his own childhood to illustrate the diversity of students from recent years, including European, Asian, South American,



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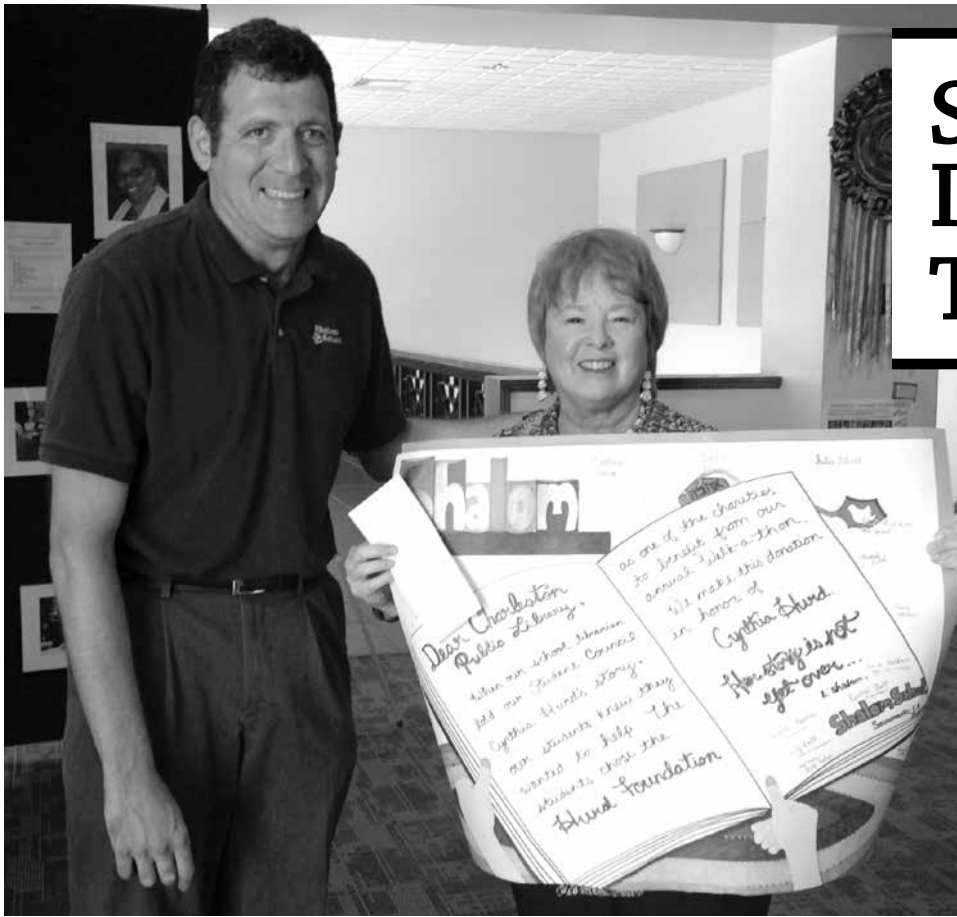
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Central American, and Mexican immigrants, Kamras recalled his Brooklyn roots—his father emigrated to the United States from outside Latvia and his mother’s family came from Kiev. Kamras attended public schools throughout his academic life, including medical school, and moved to Sacramento where he and his wife, Linda, raised three sons.

“I tell you my story because you are what has made America great,” he explained. “Your diversity is woven into the fabric of California. You will make California great and drive California to new goals. We are looking to you. You are the hopes and aspirations of the future.”

For more information about the Schwab-Rosenhouse Memorial Scholarship Fund, visit www.jewishsac.org/schwabrosenhousescholarships.

Shalom School Librarian Inspires Student Tzedakah Project



Shalom School Librarian Ben Pastcan presents a poster made by students in memory of Cynthia Graham Hurd to Charleston County Public Library Acting Executive Director Cynthia Bledsoe.

Teaching students about *tzedakah* has always been a strong suit for Shalom School and this past school year was no different. Well, actually, it was.

"We have a long history of walk-a-thons that are usually organized by the PTF," explained Head of School Nancy Leaderman. "We decided to do something new and have the kids organize the event and choose the charities they wanted to support."

The Student Council, under the guidance of teachers Heather Judy and Rachel King, decided to use half of the \$3,000 they raised to support a cause close to the heart of their school librarian, Ben Pastcan.

Knowing he was attending the 51st Conference of the Association of Jewish Libraries in Charleston, South Carolina, at the time when the city was commemorating the one-year anniversary of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church shooting, Pastcan made a presentation to the Student Council and talked about the need to "build bridges between schools and public libraries" and what a *mitzvah* it would be to support the Charleston Public Library. He especially felt both a personal and professional connection with a fellow librarian, Cynthia Graham Hurd, one of the nine shooting victims.

"I tried to relate how this was not only against the African American community, but sadly, how (alleged shooter) Dylan Roof was against Hispanics and Jews and that there are people who are hateful toward those who are different from them," said Pastcan. "It's up to them and their generation to see an end to this. I was moved that they chose this as a cause."

Using a philosophy from Fred Rogers of Mr. Rogers' fame, Leaderman added, "We spoke to the students in an age and developmentally appropriate way and told them, 'When bad things happen, we look for the helpers.' The kids took that to heart."

Cynthia Bledsoe, Acting Executive Director of the Charleston County Public Library, admitted she was "floored" when Pastcan contacted her with news of the donation in memory of Hurd and that the students also had made a poster honoring Hurd's life, which was mailed to her.

"It brought many of us to tears," she said of the poster, "especially the line that read, 'Her story is not yet over.' It was remarkable for us to see that her story still had the power to move people."

Bledsoe knew much of Hurd's story, having known her for 17 of the 31 years she worked in the library.

"She always used to say, 'Be kinder than necessary,'" she shared. "She understood that everyone had struggles and it's so important to keep that in mind."

A proud Charleston native, Hurd lived in the house in which she was raised. She was particularly interested in spreading her love of reading and literacy and worked hard to make sure children were introduced to the library. Following her death, an art event was organized that included trained art therapists, giving the community a chance to express their grief. One little girl shared how Hurd always took the time to talk with her, one of countless lives touched by the librarian's kindness, which included taking care of her aging mother-in-law and driving to a funeral in Columbia to support a fellow member with whom she served on the local Housing Development Board.

"She may not have known how meaningful that was to this little girl," Bledsoe reflected, adding how the young child told her mother, "She went to heaven right away and is reading books there."

A memorial fund has been set aside for literacy outreach and education programs at the John L. Dart Library and the renamed Cynthia Graham Hurd/St. Andrew's Regional Library, both branches where Hurd worked. The naming ceremony took place on June 21st, Hurd's birthday.

Echoing Pastcan's sentiments, Bledsoe said of the tragic shooting, "Knowing you were targeted because of who you are is so difficult. We've tried to focus on the library being a space where everyone is welcome. We've got to be that open place where people feel safe. We can't do a lot about other things, but we can make sure people who come here are respected and valued."

Where Are They Now?



As Managing Editor of *the VOICE* for the past 10 years, I've written stories about community members, Jewish issues, Israel, and more. I've spoken with individuals from elementary school students to nonagenarians; from dignitaries to refugees; from California natives to immigrants from Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Argentina, Belgium, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Denmark, Russia, and elsewhere. I have conducted interviews in person, by telephone, over email, via Skype, and even by the side of the road, cell phone cradled under my neck while furiously turning pages in my notebook as traffic whizzed by. If it were up to me, I would reconnect with every person I've met along the way but that would, of course, be impossible. Presented here are updates of just a few of the nearly 1,000 people who have graced these pages from as far back as 2006 and as recently as June. It was great fun hearing what everyone has been up to and how progress has been made in their personal and professional lives. So where are some of our subjects now? Right here...

— Elissa Einhorn



"Chico State Student Awarded CAMERA Fellowship"

In January 2011, Jessica Leitner was a sophomore at Chico State University majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Modern Jewish and Israel Studies. In addition to being an intern at Hillel, she was 1 of 24 students around the world to be awarded a CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle

East Reporting in America) Fellow. CAMERA began paying special attention to college campuses, which increasingly had become the target of anti-Israel propaganda. As a CAMERA Fellow, Jessica was responsible for organizing pro-Israel events and writing articles for the student newspaper.

THAT WAS THEN... "It's important to get Jewish college students involved... I love Israel. It's my favorite place in the world. It hurts me to see what is happening but the best way to learn is through education."

THIS IS NOW: Jessica completed her studies at Chico State and is now a doctoral student at the University of Texas at Austin studying Physical Education Teacher Education. The biggest lesson she learned from being a CAMERA Fellow was how to successfully plan and implement events related to Israel advocacy, and becoming extra aware of media bias that exists about Israel. Israel still plays an integral role in Jessica's identity and existence. For Jessica, Israel represents a continuation of her people. It is so much more than just land, it is a place that has saved millions of people and continues to be a role model of an ethical and moral democracy.



"Local Couple Donates Funds with the Future in Mind"

In 2006, Sharon and Larry Saltzman seeded an endowment through the Jewish Community Foundation of the West with the specific purpose of funding teen trips to Israel. The couple hoped that their gesture would inspire

others to grow the fund in order for the Jewish Federation to provide subsidies to B'nai Mitzvah teens for a peer trip to Israel.

THAT WAS THEN... "We want these trips to strengthen Jewish identity and to let teens know they don't have to be afraid to be Jewish and take part in events that happen in this crazy world of ours."

THIS IS NOW: "We are so proud of having started the Teen Israel Endowment. Ten years later, hundreds of Jewish teens have been able to benefit from a peer trip to Israel with some help from this fund. We hope the fund continues to grow so someday all teens who want to go on a qualified teen trip to Israel will have the resources to do so at no cost to their families."



"Sacramento High School Student Competes in International Maccabee Games"

In February 2008, Zachary Gordon was a Christian Brothers High School student who traveled to Buenos Aires to participate in the 11th Pan American Maccabi Games along with nearly 3,000 Jewish or Israeli athletes from more than 20 countries throughout the world. Gordon was already a seasoned traveler, having been to England, Scotland, Mexico, Canada, Belgium, and Uruguay.

THAT WAS THEN... "For me, it was another opportunity to play soccer... I just love international stuff. Just being around people from other countries was amazing but I can't throw away the soccer aspect."

THIS IS NOW: Zachary graduated from Christian Brothers in 2008 and attended Cosumnes River College. He played soccer for 2 years, earning Academic All-Conference Honors in 2010. He moved to Newcastle, England in 2011 where he attended the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, earning his BA in Ancient History. He then went to the University of Northumbria (also in Newcastle), and obtained his MSc (with Commendation) in International Sport Management. During his time there, he played semi-professional soccer for 3 years for numerous clubs in the North East of England. Zachary moved back to Sacramento in September 2015 and began working for Sacramento United Soccer Club as the Director of Community Partnerships and the U11/12 Boys & Girls Development Phase Director. In May 2016, he took a consultancy position as the Business Development Coordinator for NorCal Premier Soccer, the leading youth competitive soccer governing body on the West coast.



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"Sac Youth Selected for Prestigious DC Internship Program"

In September 2012, Lindsay Stein was 1 of 20 handpicked participants selected for Machon Kaplan, a selective summer study-internship program of the Religious Action Center of the Union for Reform Judaism. The program gave Lindsay, a Jewish camp veteran, a behind-the-scenes look at advocacy and social action through a Jewish lens.

THAT WAS THEN... *"The summer was a good catalyst. I am interested in staying in the Jewish world and seeing what other internships are available. And if I'm interested in the Jewish world, I'm glad I got to figure it out now and know that it's not because I just like camp. It's a great world to be in because the subject matter makes it worth it."*

THIS IS NOW: Lindsay's summer as a participant on the Machon Kaplan program served as an invaluable introduction to the intersection of Judaism, social justice, and policy, and it ultimately sparked her interest in public service. After graduating from UC Berkeley with a degree in Sociology, Media Studies, and Public Policy, she moved to Washington for an internship at the White House, which later led to a writing position with the Office of Presidential Correspondence. As part of the team that helps facilitate an open dialogue between the President and the American people, her office listens and responds to their hopes, fears, and stories, and strives to increase the faith that people have in their government as a force for good. It has been her honor to help President Obama communicate with people across the country, and to have played a small part in his legacy of fighting for every American and for many of the social justice issues that are important to her. Although she doesn't know what the future holds after the Administration, she hopes to continue finding ways to pursue the work of tikkun olam and build on the progress the country has made.

Teen Spreads Message of Tolerance, Equality for All"

David Schenirer, an 18-year-old C.K. McClatchy High School senior, learned that Westboro Baptist Church, a Kansas-based independent Baptist church and hate group known for its anti-Semitic and anti-gay stance, was slated to protest in front of his school as well as other high schools and Jewish institutions in the Sacramento area. Rather than organize a protest with his fellow students, David led an effort to give away t-shirts promoting love, tolerance, and equality.

THAT WAS THEN... *"Their presence didn't need to be addressed. Shouting matches don't change people. It's about what's going on, talking about tolerance in our history— talking about slavery, the Holocaust. We should be*

David graduated from McClatchy High School in 2010 and attended college at American University in Washington, D.C. During college, he took advantage of various educational and volunteering opportunities. In 2012 he volunteered at the Democratic National Committee headquarters and helped re-elect President Obama. Following, he volunteered at the Human Rights Campaign where he did research to help create the Equality Index that measures the fortune 1000 companies on how LGBT friendly their employee policies are. Finally, he participated in the Education Leadership Program hosted by The District of Columbia Public Education headquarters where he worked in various capacities helping with Youth Homelessness Projects, LGBT policies, and Health and Wellness initiatives. He graduated from American University with a dedicated year of service as an AmeriCorp City Year Member in Washington, D.C., serving in a 2nd-grade classroom and working at Interfolio, an Ed Tech startup in Washington D.C., as a Client Success Manager, training institutions on how to use their software. The biggest lesson he learned from organizing the t-shirt effort was that education is the key to our success, to our unity,



"Holocaust Researcher Strikes Academic Gold"

In April 2013, Jennifer Craig-Norton, a Museum Teacher Fellow at the United States

Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.; a Fulbright scholar who studied in Poland; and a veteran high school history teacher in Jackson, Calif. who developed a Holocaust and Genocide Studies elective for high school students, struck academic gold after uncovering a cache of original correspondence about a group of Kindertransport children from Poland.

THAT WAS THEN... *"Because of my work with the Holocaust Memorial Museum and working with survivors, I know one big sorrow of their lives is the lack of material traces of their lives, for example, birth certificates and photos. I had to tell these people these precious documents existed. It was a huge motivation to unite people with records of their lives. I was desperate to know what happened to these people and their families to try to close the arc of the narrative of their lives."*

THIS IS NOW: Jennifer completed her Ph.D. at the University of Southampton in 2014. In 2015 she was awarded a prestigious three-year post-doctoral fellowship from the British Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences to research and write the first book about the more than 20,000 Jewish women refugees who came to Britain on domestic service and nursing visas. She remains at the University of Southampton for this fellowship and in addition to her research project, she teaches an undergraduate course on the Holocaust entitled 'Who is Anne Frank?' Jennifer's Ph.D. research on the Kindertransport is now being revised as a book, which will be published by Indiana University Press in late 2017. The biggest lesson she learned from her research is that there is so much more work to be done on Jewish refugees in the 1930s and 40s to uncover the details about their experiences, to change perceptions about their lives, and to challenge the way that these victims of Nazi persecution have been remembered (or forgotten).



"The Impact of Hate Crimes of Houses of Worship"

In June 2014, Ariel Schwartz was a fourth-year doctoral candidate in Religious Studies at Northwestern University who was spending a year writing her dissertation project, "In the Wake

of Hate," which focused on the impact of hate crimes committed against religious minorities. Ariel spent a month in Sacramento conducting 30 interviews with members of Congregation B'nai Israel, which, along with Congregation Beth Shalom and Keneset Israel Torah Center, was firebombed in 1999.

THAT WAS THEN... *"Community members had no chance to sit with their feelings because they were focused on moving forward and rebuilding... We (people in general) are anti-hate crime but we haven't spent time talking about bringing religious communities together and having them support other religious communities. Ideally, hate crimes wouldn't happen but we live in the real world."*

THIS IS NOW: Ariel successfully defended her dissertation at the end of April 2016 and graduated in June. She still lives in Chicago and works part-time as a freelance tutor and lecturer while she seeks out more permanent employment. She is applying for academic positions this fall, but is also exploring roles in higher education administration, and is equally excited about opportunities to work as a qualitative researcher, a writer/editor, or a project manager. Mostly, she would like to put her skill set to use and gain new professional experiences. She also intends to develop her dissertation research into a book that would further expand our understanding of how hate crimes affect religious and racial minority communities in the United States. This includes investigating how "hate crime" legislation itself categorizes and partitions Americans. She is presenting this research at the American Academy of Religion's annual conference in San Antonio, Texas in November. Ultimately, her Ph.D. work has confirmed a collective need to cultivate a more proactive and conscientious form of American pluralism. She is thankful to Congregation B'nai Israel and, by extension, the rest of Sacramento's Jewish community, for their instrumental contributions to her research.

"CBI Refugee Assistance Committee Helps Newly Arrived Couple Resettle"

Olya & Burak*

In June 2016, Olya and Burak were newly arrived immigrants to Sacramento. Having escaped life near the Syrian border, the couple sought and received political asylum. Although they had some time to plan, their lives have been in limbo as they await social security cards and work permits. Until then, they are unable to work and have been relying on the Jewish Federation's Kosher Food Pantry and Congregation B'nai Israel's Food Closet.

THAT WAS THEN... *"You never expect anything like this to happen to you. You come from a regular family. You are working or studying and then one day, you are in a different part of the world. I didn't know what war looked like, but it seemed like a war to me."*

THIS IS NOW: Burak and Olya started their way to Sacramento in March 2016. Soon they will begin working on the necessary paperwork to find employment, hoping to finish everything by the end of September. Even though they are excited to apply for work permits and social security cards, there is still more wait time. Currently, their lives are still in limbo, although they already started seriously thinking about their future and what jobs they will apply for. All they want is to start a new life, a new page, and begin their history here in United States. The couple continues to be grateful to the community that has welcomed them to its warm big family and are so thankful to each and every person who has helped them. They will never forget people who opened their hearts for them. They believe they are not just here in Sacramento by chance, that it's some kind of destiny, since they never imagined that so many people would help them during such a difficult time.

**Pseudonyms and no photograph to maintain confidentiality.*

CVHEN Library and Resource Center to Open in October



The boxes are packed, the room is painted, and the shelving is in place. That means that on October 23, 2016, the door to the new Central Valley Holocaust Educators' Network (CVHEN) Library and Resource Center will open to welcome its first patrons.

The newly minted Library is an extension of CVHEN's existing work, which includes training teachers how to teach the Holocaust; creating community programs, such as a Kristallnacht commemoration; and a 2nd Generation Speakers' Bureau. It will house a collection of nearly 2,000 Holocaust-related books, videos, scholarly articles, maps, and papers, most of them from the personal archives of CVHEN Founder Liz Igra. Igra envisions the site as a place not just for independent study, but as a *chevruta-style* or communal learning environment, adding that the Library is important even in the Internet age because visitors will have the opportunity to learn face-to-face and have a meeting place for interactive learning.

"The Holocaust is probably the best documented genocide," Igra said. "This Library provides an opportunity for teachers, students, 2nd Generation, or anyone interested in the subject to ask questions about themselves, their societies, and other societies."

As both a Holocaust survivor and educator, Igra believes that an interdisciplinary approach is critical to understanding the complexity of the Holocaust. A range of resources will provide different historical, literary,

political, social, and economic perspectives on the subject, from different times and places. Trained staff will help users navigate the resources with the hope that they will come to see the Holocaust through multiple lenses and also be able to focus on their particular interests.

The library reflects Igra's belief that ritual remembrances are not enough— they must be paired with learning because understanding is a prerequisite to action, and only action will make the phrase "Never Again" more than a slogan.

Housed at Mosaic Law Congregation, the Library is being catalogued by Henry Gordon, a professional reference librarian and teacher with the Los Rios Community College District. An online catalog will be tagged in a way that leads visitors to information they weren't originally searching for, but that will further enhance their knowledge. Gordon will train interested volunteers on how to use the catalog, which also will be connected to the neighboring KOH Library and Cultural Center.

"Interest in the Holocaust is growing across the community," Igra said, meaning beyond the Jewish community. "My goal is that when CVHEN organizes programs, we also offer a direction toward more inquiry so the audience is not static, but growing and becoming a more diverse audience. This will increase the number of people who can respond to deniers because the fact of knowing about the Holocaust will inform people's decision-making. The Holocaust will not become the history of the future."

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Decades-Long Torah Study Group Comes to an End

One Tuesday night in July, Julie Lavine joined her husband and friends for dinner at a Chinese restaurant. It was the first time since 1984 that Lavine left her house on a Tuesday evening.

That's because for the past 32 years, the Keneset Israel Torah Center (KITC) and Mosaic Law Congregation (MLC) member has hosted a Torah study group in her Sacramento home. Alas, as the saying goes, "all good things must come to an end" and for this group, the end arrived on July 12, 2016, following the return to Israel of KITC's Rabbi, Joel Zeff, the final rabbi to lead the group (he was preceded by Rabbi Yossef Etz-HaSadeh, Rabbi Joseph Melamed, and Rabbi Stuart Rosen, who led the group for 17 years).

The idea for this by-invitation-only Torah study came to Lavine after she arrived in Sacramento in 1983. She had been living in San Jose where she was part of a Torah study group led by Rabbi Joseph Lapin, a yeshiva-trained rabbi from South Africa.

"They don't make 'em like that anymore," said Lavine of her former teacher. "People flocked to this group. When you are in the presence of wisdom and brilliance, you don't need to be educated to recognize it. I was hooked."

Disappointed at the lack of adult education in her new hometown, Lavine took matters into her own hands and placed in ad in the *Shofar* (predecessor to *the VOICE*). She received responses from a few people and, using her intuition, she invited others who she sensed were searching for something in their lives. In 1984, the "Tuesday Night Torah Group" was born.

Participants, who numbered between 16-20— or as Lavine explained, two circles around her dining room table— represented KITC, MLC, Temple Or Rishon, and Chabad. There were many Israelis and a few Jews by choice. There were sons of Chabad rabbis and some with no background in Judaism. There were Intel Shift Supervisors and Heads of Cardiology.

"The common denominator was that they genuinely believed," said Lavine. "People wanted to be there. What brought them back was a beautiful home, snacks on the table, and the fact that they loved each other and genuinely believed in their faith."

Over the decades, mezzuzot have been hung, homes have been blessed, and one shidduch was made. But of all the memories that she helped create and of all the learning that took place, one memory stands out for Lavine.

"A member of the group asked if she could bring a guest along," Lavine began. "He was in his 60s and when he left that evening, he said, 'This is what I've missed my entire life.'" Then she added, "I bet there is not another group like this that has lasted 32 years. I don't know what I will do without it."

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Native Son Returns to Take the Helm at Keneset Israel Torah Center

In 2001, Garth Silberstein earned a Bachelor's degree in Acting and Biology at Bennington College in Vermont. He grew up in Davis and described his religious upbringing as a "twice-a-year" Jew whose family gathered for Shabbat dinner, recited the Kiddush and *motzi*, and then feasted on shrimp salad. His affiliation with Congregation Bet Haverim piqued prior to his Bar Mitzvah and then immediately took a nosedive.



Rabbi Garth Silberstein

On September 1, 2016, Rabbi Garth Silberstein returns to Northern California as the rabbi of Keneset Israel Torah Center (KITC), Sacramento's Modern Orthodox synagogue, which has been led by Rabbi Joel Zeff for the past 5 years. It's obviously been a busy 15 years.

"There was a big shift in my late 20s," Silberstein said as he began to explain his transformation. "I always identified as a spiritual person and something of a seeker. I identified as Jewish but it wasn't the center of my life."

While living in New York, the California native began looking for a spiritually oriented Jewish community. He attended a variety of different synagogues, however, none proved to be the type of environment he was looking for. He never even considered an Orthodox community until a friend invited him to a Shabbat service in Park Slope, Brooklyn. It was completely different from anything this 20-something had experienced. In addition to finding a *machitza* (structure separating men and women) and a congregation davening *mincha* (the afternoon prayer service), he found hospitality, a feeling in the air that engendered Shabbat, and a tightness of community.

"I had been to tons of shuls and never had anyone invite me to a meal," Silberstein said. "Here, three people invited me. There was a feeling that went beyond Shabbat as a day to daven. The energy was shifting as people entered. They were dancing with joy and that really moved me. And the tightness of a community was something that I wanted."

Silberstein didn't become observant overnight but he gradually began celebrating Shabbat, participating in daily prayer, and keeping kosher among other customs. In 2009, he began his education at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and in 2012, he entered Yeshivat Chovevei

Torah Rabbinical School in New York, completing his studies this past June. Along the way, he was a guest teacher at a variety of congregations in New York, Minnesota, Massachusetts, and Alabama, as well as a Rabbinic Intern and Student Rabbi. The position at KITC is his first as a full-time rabbi.

"I'm really impressed with KI," Silberstein said. "For a community its size, I'm blown away by the investment and commitment and passion. I am excited to help them grow."

Silberstein hopes to engage with community members and leaders to discover what they value and where improvements can be made. Part of his vision is to help KITC connect with the larger population of unaffiliated Jews and share what he has found valuable about Judaism.

"I grew up very assimilated so I'm not out to turn everyone into an Orthodox Jew," he said, adding, "As someone who grew up in that cultural milieu, I can relate to where they are coming from. It's important to be a community where Judaism is deeply rooted, where traditional Orthodox Judaism is celebrated along with deep Torah learning, and to be a place where anyone can feel welcome— not just a place for those who are already Orthodox but for the broader community to engage from wherever they are coming from. That's what I deeply appreciate about the community and the people I've met. What brings us together is more important and powerful than what separates us."

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Carol Loew, President

Carol has a long history of Federation experience in Northern California. She has served on the Women's Division Board and was Vice-Chair of a Mega Mission at the San Francisco Federation. Previously, she worked on one of the most successful Super Sundays and served on the Board of Jewish Family Service (JFS). She and her husband, Harry (z"l), also ran Second Hand Rose, the retail store whose profits went to help run JFS.



Jack Mador, Campaign Chair

Jack has been an entrepreneur for the past 20 years. Currently, he is involved in real estate, telecom, and energy. Jack is a Colorado native who transplanted to Sacramento 26 years ago. He was involved in Young Leadership in Denver and Sacramento, and served on the UJA National Men's Cabinet. He also has served on the Board at Mosaic Law Congregation as well as the Federation Board in the 1980s, AIPAC Regional Board, and Past Vice Chair of JCRC. Jack received his BS-Accounting from the University of Colorado and his MBA from the University of Denver. He is also a licensed real estate broker and inactive CPA.

David Poisner, Secretary

David has lived in the Sacramento area since 1986, and joined the Federation Board in 2013. He is a member of Mosaic Law Congregation and Temple Or Rishon, and has served on the Board of Trustees at both congregations. David works as an engineer at Intel in Folsom, with a focus on chip and system design. David, his wife Linda (a Sacramento native), and their three children have all been very involved with Jewish education, community organizations, youth groups, Israel advocacy, and Hillel.



Deborah Gonzalez, President Elect

Deborah is a speech pathologist working with both infants and adults in various medical settings. Before joining the Federation Board, she served as Co-Chair (and Co-Founder) of Federation's Committee on Inclusion and Disabilities. She is a Past President of Mosaic Law Congregation and is its current Youth Commission Chair and occasional B'nai Mitzvah tutor. Deborah also serves on the Camp Ramah of Northern California Board of Trustees. She grew up in Northern California, attending Camp Arazim and participating in United Synagogue Youth.



Gil Allon, Treasurer

Gil has lived in Sacramento since 2000 and has served on the Federation Board since 2010. He served on the Shalom School Board from 2007-2009. Gil and his family relocated from Israel to Sacramento so he could take up the position of CEO of Ophthalmic Imaging Systems, a Sacramento-based publicly traded high-tech company. He held this position until the company was sold in 2011. Currently, Gil invests and manages real estate in the Sacramento area. He holds an M.Sc. in Computer Science and an MBA.



Barry Broad, Immediate Past President

Barry is the Managing Partner of Broad & Gusman LLP, a law firm specializing in government relations and administrative law. He also is a novelist and the author of the spy thriller *Eve of Destruction* and the sequel, *Requiem for the Damned*. Barry also helped author landmark state legislation against human trafficking.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Cliff Berg



Cliff Berg is a Lobbyist and President at Governmental Advocates, Inc., which he joined after spending 22 years working for the California State Legislature, 11 as the Executive Officer of the State Senate. Cliff is the lead lobbyist for Jewish Public Affairs Committee (JPAC), the largest single-state coalition of Jewish organizations in the nation, representing Jewish communities and nonprofit organizations across California. He is also the head lobbyist for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, a global human rights organization researching the Holocaust and hate in a historic and contemporary context. A graduate of McGeorge School of Law and a member of the California State Bar, Cliff received his J.D. in 1979, and a B.A. from Occidental College in 1974.

Robert Dresser



Robert (Bob) Dresser is the Governor-appointed Chair of the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board (CUIAB) where he has served since 2011. Prior to his appointment, Bob served as Enforcement Counsel for the Contractors State Licensing Board; as General Counsel to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, and previously served as Chief Counsel (and former Interim Director) to the Department of Information Technology. Prior to practicing law, Bob served as a VISTA lawyer in Austin, Texas and was instrumental in the start of the Texas Rural Legal Aid program. He is a graduate of Stanford Law School and holds a Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College.

Phil Fine



Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Phil attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, and served as an officer in the United States Army until 1990 when he moved to California. Phil has 30 years or experience in high technology

starting in space operations and space defense operations. He has worked in software related to telecommunications for the past 20 years, most recently with a fiber optics equipment manufacturer in the Bay Area. Phil is active with AIPAC, and sponsors a former Israeli combat soldier as part of the FIDF Impact program. He and Robin were engaged on the Kotel 25 years ago on his first trip to Israel, and he has been to Israel many times since working with Israeli technology companies.

Don Gilbert



Don Gilbert and his wife, Shira, moved to Sacramento in 1993. Their three children, Jonathan, Miriam, and Adam, are graduates of Shalom School. Don served on the Board of Shalom School for many years, including three years as Board President. In addition to his involvement in the Federation, Don is active in AIPAC, serving on the Northern California Board of Directors and the National Council. Don is a lobbyist in his firm, Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith, LLC.

Neil Levy



Neil relocated to Sacramento 5 years ago with his wife Fanny. He joined the Federation Board in 2015 and also serves on the Advisory Committee for both the Schwab-Rosenhouse Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly. Neil is a retired Life Coach and television writer whose shows have aired on ABC, CBS, NBC, and Fox. Neil enjoys meditation, reading, and playing poker. He and Fanny have two daughters, Sarah and Hannah, who both live in Los Angeles.

Ralph Lubick

Come Meet Ralph at the Annual Meeting on September 8th!

Bruce Pomer



Bruce Pomer's career in public health spanned 40 years serving 22 years as the Executive Director of the Health Officers Association of California. He was a member of the Los Rios Community College Board of Trustees for 20 years and has been on the Sacramento County Democratic Central Committee since 1987. Lifelong residents of Sacramento, Bruce and his wife Anne have been married 45 years and have three children and four grandchildren. In 1996, Bruce was reunited with his twin brother Roger after being separated for 47 years. They told their story on the Oprah Winfrey show in 1997.

Sue Sperber



Sue Sperber is 1 of 6 generations of local Sacramentans, all active in Jewish philanthropy. Sue has served in many positions, including as President of Brandeis Women's Committee; President of Theta Delta Xi; Daughters of Zion; President of Hadassah; Congregation B'nai Israel's Board of Education and Board of Directors; and Hillel's Board. She has raised thousands of dollars for both secular and Jewish causes. A poet, she has written many songs and produced a decade of fundraising shows for TDX. Sue authored & published a children's book of poetry, and is a huge proponent and benefactor of PJ Library. She and Harry, her husband of 52 years, vowed to take each grandchild to Israel the summer before their B'nai Mitzvah. So far, it's 4 down, 5 to go. Sue is a member of Mosaic Law Congregation, where she facilitates extracurricular events for its Board of Education.



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Ravit Baer



Karen Stiller

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A community discussion about Israel and the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement, with Ravit Baer, Deputy Consul General of Israel, and Karen Stiller, Middle East Project Director at the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco

Sunday, November 13, 2016
2:00-4:00pm

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ADVICE: Sexual Violence on Campus— Sending Our Kids to College Today



Lisa Brodkey

Getting ready to take your entering freshman off to college? Worrying if they'll find friends, like their classes, blow all their cash in the first month? These are the biggies on most new college parents' worry list. And in recent years, with increased media attention on the issue of sexual violence on college campuses, another biggie has found its way onto the list: Will my child become one of those cases I read about in the papers?

The statistics are enough to give one pause. Multiple studies estimate that 20-25% of college women, and 5% of college men, will experience sexual violence (i.e., non-consensual intercourse, oral sex, kissing and sexual touching) during their college years. In a terrible twist on the game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" (Google it), odds are good that your child will eventually know someone on their campus whose life has been affected by sexual violence at school—a victim, a perpetrator, or the friend or roommate of one of these parties.

But before you panic and decide to homeschool your college student, let's all take a deep breath and calm down. You've probably spent the last 18 years teaching your child how to minimize risk: Look both ways before you cross the street, eat your vegetables, don't text and drive. Even if you just couldn't bring yourself to have an explicit conversation with your child about sexual violence, you have probably done a lot to help them stay safe. Here's a short list of parenting topics you probably have touched on in some way, shape, or form. All of these are relevant to helping young adults navigate the world of sexual activity on campus:

- Helping your child develop their sense of self-worth
- Showing compassion to a friend in need
- Hearing and accepting "no" for an answer
- Helping your child respect their own body
- Helping your child respect other people's "body bubble space"
- Helping your child set boundaries and respect other people's boundaries

You've given your child some important life skills that are directly related to the subject of sexual violence. Now is the time to revisit and reinforce those ideas. Rest assured, your student will hear more specifics from their school. They will almost certainly be required to attend an educational program soon after arriving. If the program is good, they'll be taught about consent—what it means and how they must obtain it before engaging in sexual activity. They'll learn about their school's policy on sexual harassment and sexual violence, and resources for reporting incidents and getting support. They'll probably hear about risk reduction strategies like understanding that perpetrators look for vulnerability, not walking alone at night, and trusting their gut instincts. But all of this adds to the work you've already done to help them value and care for themselves and others.

It's never too late to talk more directly about this topic with your child. Share this article with them, and look together for related information on their school's website. Remind them about risk reduction, but also emphasize that the only person responsible for preventing sexual assault is the perpetrator. Discuss California's "affirmative consent" law. Reassure them that you want them to have fun *and* to be safe, and that those aren't mutually exclusive. Then it's time to finish helping them move into the dorm; tell them you love and trust them; and treat yourself to one more chorus of "Sunrise, Sunset" on the drive home.

Lisa Brodkey is a member of Congregation B'nai Israel. She works in sexual harassment and sexual violence prevention at a local university.



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CALENDAR

GENERAL EVENTS

September 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2016. Introduction to the High Holy Days Prayer Service with Leslie Oberst. This four-session course will provide a brief introduction to the liturgy for the High Holy Days. Course materials will be the Mishkan Hanefesh prayer books. Please bring your own copies if you have them (in order to make notes); otherwise, the class will use copies provided by the synagogue. \$20 for CBI members, \$25 for non-members. 6:00-7:00pm. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information or to register, contact 916-446-4861 or communications@bnais.com.*

September 9, 2016. ShaBarBeque and Open House. Join Congregation Beth Shalom for a Shabbat barbecue and Open House followed by an outdoor Friday night service. \$5. 6:00-8:30pm. Congregation Beth Shalom, 4746 El Camino Ave., Carmichael. *For more information about dinner options and to RSVP, contact office@cbshalom.org.*

September 12, 2016-May 15, 2017. Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning Core Program with Dr. Sheree Meyer and Rabbi Garth Silberstein. Four text-based courses make up the sequential two-year curriculum, written by a team of experts at The Melton Center for Jewish Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Year II covers "Ethics of Jewish Living" and "Crossroads of Jewish History." \$500/year, plus a small charge for course materials. To learn about the program, visit www.meltonschool.org. 7:00-9:15pm. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information or to register, contact Sara Kahn Shapiro at 916-488-6397 or sara@meltonschoolsacramento.org.*

September 14, 2016. Leisure League at Temple Or Rishon. Toe Tapping with John Doolittle and Friends! Professional musicians John Doolittle on piano and saxophone, John Spivak on guitar, and seasoned vocalist Gene Ford will get your toes tapping in a variety of upbeat genres when this dynamic trio gets together to regale the Leisure League. Leisure League is funded by The Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly and The Jewish Federation. \$5 includes lunch and entertainment. Noon-2:00pm. 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. *For more information or to RSVP, contact federation@jewishshsac.org.*

September 18, 2016. Aleph-Bet with Lisa Brodkey and Jennifer Kaufman. Introduction to reading Hebrew for beginners, designed for anyone who wants to "crack the code" of the Hebrew alphabet. For anyone who wants to have a brief experience in Hebrew learning before committing to a more lengthy Hebrew language program. Meets September 18th & 25th and October 2nd and 16th. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. 10:15am-Noon. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Melissa Grand at 916-446-4861 or mgrand@bnais.com.*

September 18 and 25, Oct 2 and 16, 2016. Aleph-Bet Class with Lisa Brodkey and Jennifer Kaufman. Introduction to reading Hebrew for beginners, designed for anyone who wants to "crack the code" of the Hebrew alphabet. It is also for anyone who wants to have a brief experience in Hebrew learning before committing to a more lengthy Hebrew language program.

Registration deadline is September 8th. \$20 for CBI members, \$25 for non-members. 10:15am-Noon. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information or to register, contact 916-446-4861 or communications@bnais.com.*

September 22, 2016. Leisure League at the Albert Einstein Residence Center. Program TBD. Leisure League is funded by The Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly and The Jewish Federation. \$5 includes lunch and entertainment. Noon-2:00pm. 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. *For more information or to RSVP, contact federation@jewishshsac.org.*

September 23-25, 2016. Shabbaton Weekend with Rabbi Shefa Gold - Spiritual Readiness for the High Holy Days Through the Power of Chant. Named one of America's Most Inspiring Rabbis of 2015 by Forward.com, Rabbi Shefa will guide your Shabbat and Selichot experiences with her approach. No musical background needed. Over the three-day program, material will be presented in the varied formats of worship, study, presentation and participation, in indoor and outdoor settings. Free. Congregation Bet Haverim, 1715 Anderson Rd., Davis. *For more information and schedule, visit www.bethaverim.org/worship/shabbaton-weekend-with-rabbi-shefa-gold.*

September 25, 2016. The Winding Path to Monotheism in the Hebrew Bible: From Mythology to Theology and Back Again with Dr. Robert Platzner. Traces the progression of biblical ideas about G-d, from the henotheistic culture that surrounded and impinged upon biblical Israel to the revolutionary monotheisms of the 8th century and the prophetic literature that emerged from that period. 10:30am-Noon. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact 916-446-4861 or communications@bnais.com.*

September 25, 2016. TICVA Dialog on Settlements with Stand With Us and J Street. Dialogue and discussion with Michael Harris from Stand With Us and Stan Wulf from J Street. Q&A and small group discussion. Free. 1:00-4:00pm. Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. *For more information, contact TICVA.SacDavis@gmail.com.*

September 27, 2016. Introduction to the High Holy Days Prayer Service with Leslie Oberst. Four-session course will provide a brief introduction to the liturgy for the High Holy Days, including the order, meaning, and some chanting of the prayers. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. 6:00-7:00pm. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Melissa Grand at 916-446-4861 or mgrand@bnais.com.*

September 29, 2016. Healthy Families Healthy Lives—The Sima Spector Health Conference. Wellness with Mindfulness: "Healthy Body, Quiet Mind, Peaceful Heart" with speakers Katherine Bisharat, MD, Internist (Hill Physicians), Internal Medicine and Wellness Therapies, Inc., who specializes in holistic, functional, integrative medicine; Bradley Kuper, Ph.D., Psychologist (Kaiser-Permanente), specializing in chronic pain management and meditation/mindfulness training. Exhibits and light meal at 5:00pm; program begins 5:30pm. Presented by Sacramento Chapter of Hadassah and NCJW, Sacramento Section. Sponsored by Assemblyman Ken Cooley. RSVP to www.asmdc.org/cooley or 916 464-1910. Free. 5:00-8:30pm. Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Dr., Rancho Cordova. *For more information, contact Devorah Samuels at sacramento@hadassah.org.*

RECURRING EVENTS

■ Sundays

Temple Or Rishon Writer's Group. Like to write? Come join us at our monthly meeting— Sunday dates vary each month. Writers at all levels welcome. Our members write short stories, poetry, biography, plays, children's lit, you name it. Our first anthology of member-written work, *Sunday Stories*, is available on Amazon. Meeting dates vary. Free. 10:00-11:30am. 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. *For more information, contact carolcatinari@gmail.com.*

Men's Tefillin Club. Every second Sunday to lay Tefillin, learn Torah, and enjoy breakfast. 9:00-10:00am. Chabad Jewish Community Center, 302 B South Lexington Dr., Folsom. *For more information, contact 916-608-9811 or visit www.JewishFolsom.org.*

■ Mondays

Monthly discussion group led by Rabbi Melamed on the second Monday of every month. KOH Library and Cultural Center, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. 1:30-2:30pm. Free. *For more information, contact 916-484-7333 or jacks.dad@att.net.*

Jewish Book Club at Temple Or Rishon. Every fourth Monday at 7:00pm. 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. All are welcome. For our reading list, visit www.orrishon.org, select Programs for All Ages, then Book Club. *For more information, contact Alison Braverman at 916-988-7110 or alcinp1@aol.com.*

Loaves and Fishes. The third Monday of each month, the Jewish community serves lunch to the homeless at Loaves and Fishes. 1321 North C St., Sacramento. Volunteer at 7:30am to help prepare food or at 10:45am to help serve. *For more information, contact mary@mosaiclaw.org.*

■ Tuesdays

Israeli Dancing. *For more information about dates and venue, join Israelidancesac-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or contact Jeanette at 916-799-7213.*

■ Wednesdays

September 7, 2016. Sacramento Hadassah Jessie Yoshpe Study Group. Join us for lively discussions of contemporary and historical Jewish subjects. 9:45am-11:30am. KOH Library, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Soni Meyer at 916-383-5743.*

■ Thursdays

Derech L'Chaim JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons, and Significant Others). 10:30-11:30am. 2nd Floor Card Room, Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. JACS is based on the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous with a Jewish focus. Confidential and anonymous. *Please contact 916-591-8608 before attending for the first time.*

David Lubin Lodge, B'nai B'rith. Third Thursday of each month, 8:00pm. Albert Einstein Residence Center Eatery, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Bernie Marks at 916-363-0122.*

■ Fridays

Gan K'ton. For young children 18 months-5 years. Sing, play, create, listen to, and taste all the wonders of being Jewish, along with preparing for Shabbat. 10:00am. \$10/class. Enrollment and fees required. Scholarships available. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. *For more information, contact 916-988-4100.*

Tot Shabbat. Services, Singing, Storytelling, and Oneg for all children, including all who are young at heart. 6:00pm. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. *For more information, contact 916-988-4100.*

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8pm Havdalah • 8:15pm Study Session - *Pirke Spock: How to Live
Long and Prosper* • 10pm Selichot Service

EREV ROSH HASHANAH, Sunday, October 2 • 7:30pm Service

ROSH HASHANAH, Monday, October 3 • 9am Family Service
10am Rosh Hashanah Service • 10am Apples & Honey Program for
ages 3-10 • 10:15am Teen Service • 1:30pm Rosh Hashanah Reception
3pm Tashlich at Duck Pond in Land Park

SHABBAT SHUVAH, Friday, Oct 7 • 7:30pm Shabbat Service

EREV YOM KIPPUR, Kol Nidre, Tuesday, Oct 11 • 7:30pm Service

YOM KIPPUR, Wednesday, October 12 • 9am Family Service
10am Yom Kippur Morning Service • 10am Apples & Honey Program
for ages 3-10 • 10:15am Teen Service • 1pm Panel Discussion
2:30pm Yom Kippur Afternoon Service • 5pm Yizkor Service
5:30pm Neilah Service • 6:30pm Break-the-Fast

SUKKOT, Sunday, October 16 • 9:30am Help Build the Sukkah
6pm Festival Blessings & Potluck Dinner in the Sukkah
7pm Program - *Sukkat Shalom: Weaving Community Together*

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION, Sunday, Oct 23
5pm Dinner (RSVP req'd, catered by the 2016-17 Confirmation Class)
6pm Game Night: To Tell The Truth, Torah Edition (childcare from 6-7pm)
7pm Simchat Torah Festival Service and dancing with the Torah

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Rosh Hashanah - 1st Day

Mon, 10/3 at 10:00 AM

Tashlich

Mon, 10/3 at 4:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah - 2nd Day

Tue, 10/4 at 10:00 AM

Kol Nidre

Tue, 10/11, 6:00 & 7:30 PM

Yom Kippur

Wed, 10/12

Morning Ser. at 10:00 AM

Afternoon Ser. at 1:15 PM

Study Session at 3:30 PM

Yizkor Ser. at 5:15 PM

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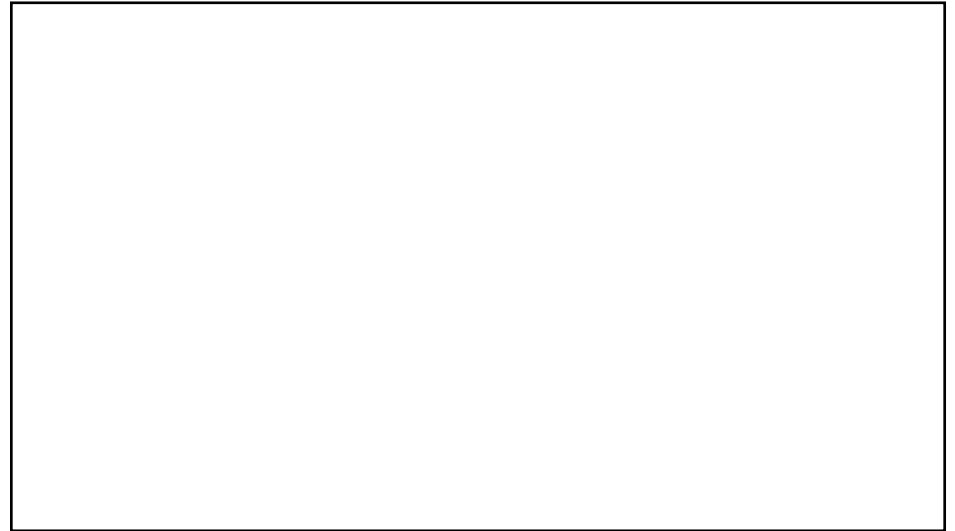




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