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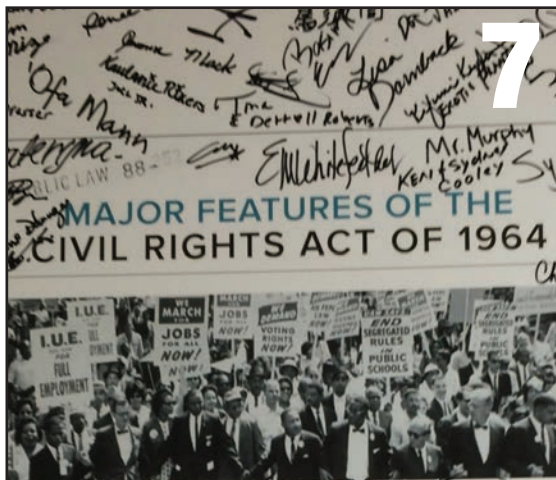
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THE NEW WAR AGAINST JEWS

The last several weeks have been difficult for our community. At UC Davis, the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement, made up of groups like Students for Justice in Palestine and, sadly, Jewish Voice for Peace, succeeded in getting the student government to support divestment from companies that do business in Israel. It was their third try after two previous efforts failed. According to news sources, as Jewish students exited the room after delivering their remarks in opposition to the vote, chants of "Allahu Akbar" were heard. Afterward, one of the student senators posted on her Facebook page, " Hamas and Sharia law have taken over UC Davis." She later said it was a "joke." On the Shabbat following the vote, members of the Jewish fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi, woke up to find swastikas spray painted on their fraternity house. Anti-Semitic graffiti also was found at the Hillel House in Davis. Various anti-Israel groups issued press releases declaring their innocence.

These local events were bracketed by the murderous Islamist terrorist attacks in Paris and Copenhagen, in which Jews were specifically targeted. Last year, a jihadist returning from Syria carried out a murderous attack in Brussels and the year before that, in Toulouse, France. Almost daily, the police in this country and in the rest of the Western world foil violent attacks, many of which are aimed at Jewish targets.

Once again, the lights are dimming for European Jewry. Last year, more than one percent of the Jewish population of France left for Israel, the United States, Canada, and Australia. A recent article in the *Washington Post* about the worsening situation for the French Jews, concluded with this chilling quote from a member of Paris' venerable Jewish community: "Personally, I have faith in our community. I'm an optimist. ... But whenever I say that, there's always someone who reminds me, 'In 1933, there were two types of Jews: The pessimists and the optimists. The pessimists left and went to the U.S. The optimists ended up in the death camps.'"

It is inescapable. There is a new war against the Jews. Anti-Semitism is growing around the world. To be fair, it is a subset of a wider conflict between the West and a brutal, totalitarian foe motivated by insane, irrational hatred. Of course, so was the Second World War and its subset, the Holocaust.

What are we to make of this? What are we to do?

First, we must acknowledge our reality. Here in Sacramento, our synagogues must be protected by armed guards. We remain in contact with the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, the police, and the Israeli Consulate. We live free and yet we are on guard. We must strike the appropriate balance of vigilance and overreaction. Clearly, we must never live in fear. Yet when we go about our daily lives free of fear, all too often our complacency is shattered by another attack. We watch the news from Europe and elsewhere and we say to ourselves, "It will never happen here." And then we wonder, "Could it?" In every generation, the Jewish community has found itself living on the edge of the abyss. It is folly to think that ours is not one of them.

Second, while we cannot escape the sad reality of the world, we also cannot sit idly by. I am concerned that our voice as a community is getting muted. That we are afraid to speak out, to demonstrate, to demand an end to all the hatred, the attacks on Israel, the casual acceptance of anti-Semitism on our campuses. We have to lift our voices against extremism and anti-Semitism. As uncomfortable as it may make some of us, we are going to have to take to the streets, to be loud and proud of who we are. We must find the voice to tell the world that we cannot be intimidated; that we shall not be moved.

Get ready.

Barry Broad is the President of the Jewish Federation.



What Does It Mean To Be Jewish?

We spend a whole lot of time philosophizing and debating the theories of what it means to be Jewish. Studies, books, articles, reports, surveys, think tanks, you name it. We have been taught to respectfully question, to be open-minded and inclusive, and to find compromise through the delicate dance between tradition and modernity. We've been doing that since the Talmud.

But to those who seek to destroy us, it doesn't matter if we are a Torah Jew, a Cultural Jew, or a Social Justice Jew. It doesn't matter if we keep kosher, honor the Sabbath, or drive to the beach on Saturday with our Catholic spouse. They don't care that we are mothers, fathers, scientists, Nobel Peace Prize winners, educators, innovators, and contributors. They don't care if we swing to the far left or the far right. All that matters is that we are Jewish.

While I appreciate the debates, workshops, and philosophical banter about what it means to be a Jew, I'm tired. We don't have the luxury of apologist conversations, or how to hold hands and sing kumbaya when our very survival is being tested in every corner of the world.

After thousands of years of practice and epic journeys, you would think it becomes easier to understand, easier to deal with, easier to analyze. But the truth is, it's never easy to be surrounded by hate. Yet there is a sacred, unspoken oath we have made to each other that goes beyond labels or religiosity. It is the oath of what it means to be a Jew. It is the sacrosanct determination to keep our history alive.

I've always said that excellence is the best deterrent. If we continue to show the world what we are made of, perhaps, one day, we will no longer have to fear wearing a Star of David in public, getting on the bus to go to work, or living safely on a college campus.

In the meantime, we must utilize the tools we have in place to ensure our story continues for another 5,700 years. Only through the work of the Federation can we respond immediately and collectively when any of us are in danger—be it when rockets are flying in Israel, when it feels like 1939 again in France, when the elderly are starving in Ukraine, or when swastikas appear in our own backyard in Davis. This is another critical piece of our Jewish pact.

Melissa Chapman is the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation.

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When Emotions **COLLIDE**

I'm a big believer that when we have big reactions to situations, we're not just reacting to one particular situation. Instead, we're reacting to the culmination of many similar situations that came before. Such is the case this morning as I read a statement from President Obama about the death of Kayla Jean Mueller, ISIS' latest victim. "Profound," "deepest condolences," "parents," "her brother" are just some of words that jump off the computer screen and land firmly in my throat.

As a mother, a sister, and a Jew, I am just overcome with sadness. And anger. And despair. And fear. And hopelessness. What is it about this heinous murder that has caused this jumble of emotions, I wonder? I sit for a while and then realize these feelings are not a "jumble" of emotions at all. Like a snowball made up of tens of thousands of tiny, fluffy flakes that form one hard object, so it is with my feelings. I have been storing random emotions like little snowflakes and this morning they have been scooped up and packed tightly to form one, namely, injustice. Kayla Jean Mueller's murder reminded me of the injustices that the Jewish people have had to put up with since the beginning of time. Let's just start with recent history.

Seven plus decades ago, Sy Karfiol was 2 years old when he became a hidden child in Belgium in 1942. I think about him and about Joseph Winkler, from Poland, who lost a wife and a baby to the Belzec Death Camp. I think about these personal and family histories and the injustices brought upon Sy and Joseph and their

families just because they were Jewish. Sy and Joseph's daughter, Maria, will share their stories at the Annual Yom HaShoah Communitywide Commemoration in April (see p. 10).

About three months ago, I was told about an upcoming conference in Israel called, "The Allied Powers' Response to the Holocaust," which is bringing international scholars together to present new research about what the United States and other allies could have done to prevent or mitigate the extermination of Jews during World War II (see p. 8). As I spoke to the local conference organizers— one of whom survived the Warsaw Ghetto— I thought about the injustices of our and other governments and how they turned a blind eye to the suffering of Jews. Our lives, millions of lives, were indispensable.

A few weeks ago, fraternity brothers at Alpha Epsilon Pi awoke on Shabbat to two swastikas that were spray painted on their house at the University of California, Davis. Statements were issued, media reports were filed, and theories about who was responsible were contemplated. This is the injustice brought upon young Jewish adults who can now add "victim of a hate crime" to their personal resumes— all because they chose to live in a Jewish frat house.

We hope nothing more will happen, but we know the realities in which we all live so we must always be prepared to respond. Right now, your Federation dollars are at work in France, helping the French Jewish community recover from recent terrorist

attacks, as well as in Ukraine, where aid to Jews is being delivered as the threat of violence continues and the future remains unpredictable. This is what Jews do. Together, we fight against today's injustices and the injustices that have plagued us for centuries.

Elissa Provance is the Assistant Director of the Jewish Federation and Managing Editor of the VOICE.

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Building Support By Building Relationships

by Ryan Pessah



It is commonly believed that the mistakes of history, if not learned, will be repeated. This past January marked the 70th anniversary of Auschwitz's liberation and a compelling argument could be made that society, as a whole, has yet to learn from the Holocaust and the events leading up to it.

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is no stranger to current events that are impacting the lives of Jews locally, nationally, and globally. Whether it is the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement; the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe; or acts of vandalism in our own backyards that remind us *why* we commemorate the liberation of Auschwitz, our goal is to reach out and build meaningful relationships with people of other faith and cultural communities. We need to engage them and educate them about the nuances of the issues faced by the Jewish community as well as listen to

their challenges so we can become true partners, allowing Sacramento to live up to its standing as "America's Most Diverse City," a distinguished designation bestowed upon it by *TIME Magazine* in 2002 by none other than the Civil Rights Project at Harvard University.

Toward that end, JCRC has reached out to various groups within the Christian community through the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento, whose leaders have always reached out to us during troubled times because that's what friends do. In the coming months, we will begin outreaching to the Latino community and building bridges within the African American community, which began with JCRC Board members in attendance at the 16th Annual MLK Dinner in January.

Our work also must go beyond faith communities and extend to those who

shape public opinion. Another critical relationship-building strategy that began during Israel's war with Hamas was expanded relationships with local media as well as the creation of an Israel Cabinet of community members who are able to respond to critical issues in a timely way, as they did a few weeks ago following the discovery of swastikas on UC Davis' Jewish fraternity. This tactic has led to on-camera television interviews; radio interviews; and an increased number of Letters to the Editor/Op-Eds published in local and regional newspapers.

To defeat those who wish to defeat us, the mainstream Jewish community needs to work together, cooperate, and collaborate. We need to build coalitions and foster concrete relationships with non-Jewish communities before we have to commemorate another anniversary.

Ryan Pessah is the Chair of the JCRC.

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In the early 1960s, Sacramento resident Abe Sass was a 6'5" version of the little Jewish kid who was beaten up regularly in his New York City Irish Catholic neighborhood. Raised by his progressive, garment industry, sweatshop-working mother and her friends, Sass was fed a steady diet of Pete Seeger concerts, Paul Robeson programs, and homemade wine and goulash on Friday nights while sitting under the kitchen table listening to animated conversations about politics and community.

"I grew up in an atmosphere where civil rights was like water on a table," he explained. "It was just always there. It's all my mother and her contemporaries talked about—making the world a better place. When you grow up like that and are in your 20s, it's an outgrowth of where you were as a kid. It was second nature to become involved."

And involved Sass became, joining CORE (Congress of Racial Equality); rallying for affordable housing for African Americans; and marching in Washington with approximately 250,000 other like-minded individuals on August 28, 1963.

"There were hundreds of thousands of people," Sass recalled of the March on Washington. "It was the most amazing experience. We were all connected to each other and felt part of history. When you feel like you're a part of something and you're not alone, it gives you power. MLK believed when people take to the streets, it's because they feel powerless."

More than 3,000 miles away, Sacramento native and Federation Past President Brian Landsberg was preparing to pack his bags and head to Washington, D.C. to work in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

"I do credit partly my Jewish upbringing," Landsberg said of his decision to move across the country to work on behalf of civil rights. "There is something about Judaism that seems to make us sensitive to issues of race discrimination and injustice. My parents brought me up to believe in social justice."

Landsberg's commitment to the cause ran deep and continues today. He spent 22 years with the Civil Rights Division as a trial attorney and in its Education and Appellate Sections and much of 1964-1965 poring over voting rights cases in Selma, Alabama.

"I would stick my head in a microphone and read voter applications," said the Distinguished Professor of Law who joined the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in 1986. "I would read the forms in order to figure out the standards being applied to those that were accepted or rejected. African Americans had been denied voting rights and were starting to assert their rights and getting push back from the white community."

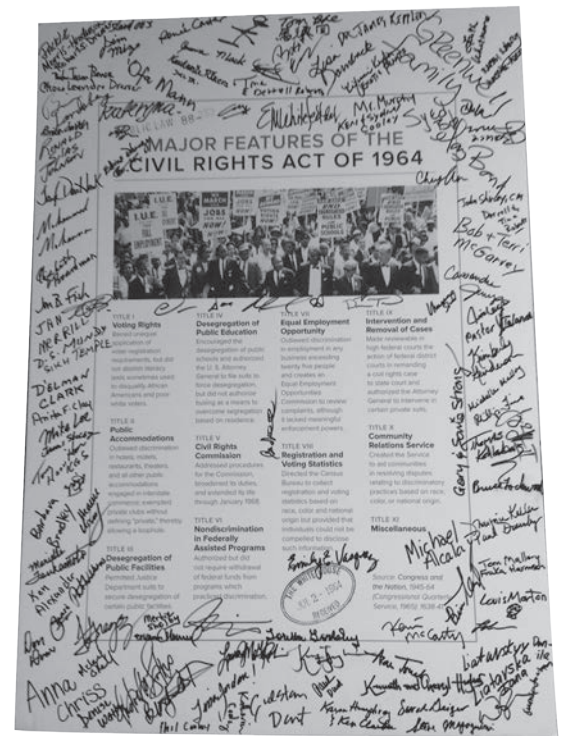
The Constitutional Law expert described how state-appointed registrars would minimize the number of blacks allowed to register to vote by refusing to help them complete the application or penalizing them for minor errors, all the while accepting applications submitted by illiterate whites.

Fast forward five decades and everything that Sass and Landsberg fought for in their own unique ways lives on in Sacramento with the Annual MLK Dinner, this year held January 31, 2015 and featuring keynote speaker Kenneth B. Morris, Jr., great-great-great grandson of Frederick Douglass and the great-great grandson of Booker T. Washington. The event also honored Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg with the Robert T. Matsui Community Service Award, presented by Landsberg. Just days later, Landsberg, who has written and lectured extensively about civil rights issues, was honored by the McGeorge School of Law at a reception as part of its Diversity Week and a celebration of civil rights.

The MLK Dinner, which began 16 years ago in the home of event founder Dr. Dorothy Enomoto, a classmate and friend of Martin Luther King, and her husband, Jerry, has grown to nearly 500 participants from this area's multiethnic and multiracial community.

"The goal," said event organizer Michael Alcalay, "is to keep Dr. King's vision alive as we continue to strive and work toward building bridges and community relations based on the vision that came about during the Civil Rights movement."

The Columbia University-educated Sass keeps the vision alive by writing poetry that reflects the spectrum of his life experience as well as those of others, including his 91-year-old best friend and survivor of Auschwitz who lives in Omaha, and his mother's friends from a time long forgotten by many. A Social Worker,



More than 100 signatures surround the featured text of the 14th Amendment, on display at the 16th Annual MLK Dinner in Sacramento.

you can always find him wearing his signature bib overalls adorned with one of a collection of buttons that reveals a variety of pithy phrases.

"I am amazed at the number of people I've encountered who say, 'Tell me about that button,'" he said. "In my own way, I'm saying you don't have to create institutions and you don't have to have committees. You just have to be willing to encounter people on a daily basis and talk to them. If you don't get to know someone, all you have is fear and stereotypes."

Alcalay, a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, hopes the annual MLK Dinner will dispel all of that by showing Sacramento's diversity and what King and others did to make change.

"It's all about faiths coming together," he said. "This country is a melting pot and we live with different cultures and religions—that's what America allows us to do."

Recently, Sass was at a library event wearing a button that said, "I DO" SUPPORT THE FREEDOM TO MARRY. During the event, Sass engaged in a conversation with several youngsters who reacted to the button. Following the event, one of the youngsters presented him with a button that she made while they were talking that showed slices of pie arranged by the colors of the rainbow, about which he said, "That's civil rights today."

HOLOCAUST CONFERENCE Focuses on Allied Powers' Role

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An international conference organized by Davis resident Alex Groth brings together nearly 20 Holocaust scholars and experts in an attempt to answer a question that has plagued Groth for decades: Why didn't the allied powers do more?

"Why was the world so passive to the destruction of European Jewry?" asked Groth, a University of California, Davis, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, who was in the Warsaw Ghetto from 1940-1942.

Tony Tanke, a Davis attorney and co-organizer of the conference with Groth has his own unanswered question: "Where was international law to address what was going on?"

These and other related questions will be discussed at "The Allied Powers' Response to the Holocaust Conference," which convenes March 16-19, 2015 at the Menachem Begin Center in Jerusalem.

"It occurred to me and Tony that history repeats itself," Groth explained. "In the 1930s and 40s, European Jewry was in mortal danger. It appears today that we may again be in mortal danger and in even more danger because of a nuclear Iran."

With presentations such as "Jews and Zionism in the Mind of Franklin D. Roosevelt: New Research, New Controversies," "The Holocaust: The Politics of Response in Britain," and "Distant, Difficult, but Doable? Could the Allies Have Bombed Auschwitz," the four-day conference examines the allied powers' role during World War II from several perspectives—historical, political, social, and geopolitical—in order to explore new research that sheds light on what could have been done to prevent or end sooner, the systematic murder of Jews.

For example, Groth refers to the United Nations Declaration dated December 17, 1942 that verified stories of various atrocities being committed against the Jews of Europe and unequivocally established

when the allied powers became aware of the Nazi policy of extermination and the appalling conditions in which Jews were forced to live.

"When I discovered the Declaration, it was like an amazing awakening because I was one of those who survived," Groth said.

Tanke is confident that research presented by Polish scholars regarding underground activities and Polish records will create further awareness of the timeline, meaning what was known when.

"It will push the 1942 date back to 1941," he opined. "I, like everyone else, thought this horrible thing was discovered when the camps were liberated but the reality is, the bulk of the killing was long over by 1944 in most places."

In addition to being a conference organizer, Tanke will co-present with Ed Rabin, a fellow Davis resident and Emeritus Professor of Law at the School of Law at the University of California, Davis, and Federation Past President, "Jewish Legal Rights in The League of Nations: The British White Paper of 1938 and the Palestine Mandate," which investigates immigration policies.

"We are developing a talk about the British Mandate for Palestine pre-World War II because of immigration restrictions that prevented Jews from escaping Europe and getting to Palestine," he explained, adding, "Tens of thousands of additional Jews could have been saved if immigration to Palestine was allowed."

The organizers' goals are to reinvigorate the field of study related to the allied powers' role; to publish the conference proceedings; and to ensure that new research and insight receives recognition in school textbooks, which Tanke said mainly focus on the horrors of World War II but not the world's responses.

"Some information has been forgotten, omitted, blurred, or unattended to," noted Groth. "We will bring it back. It is time to revisit the truth, which is part of history and ought to be remembered."

While considering the military, financial, and other measures that could have been taken, Tanke added, "This is what has always bothered me—imagining Alex in the Ghetto and people in the camps and if they simply knew that someone cared."

For more information about "The Allied Powers' Response to the Holocaust Conference," visit www.alliedpowersholocaust.org.

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Professor Robert Wistrich

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *Nazi Anti-Semitism and its Consequences During World War II*

Professor Stephen Norwood

University of Oklahoma, *American Responses to the Cold Pogrom*

Professor Monty Noam Penkower

Machon Lander Graduate School of Jewish Studies, *The Jews Were Expendable: Free World Diplomacy and the Holocaust—30 Years Later*

Professor Michael Fleming

Polish University Abroad, London, *The Holocaust: The Politics of Response in Britain*

Professor Dariusz Stola

Warsaw University, *More Than Reactions to the Holocaust: the Polish Government-In-Exile Policy in Jewish Matters*

Dr. Laurence Weinbaum

Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs, *Introduction of the film Jan Karski Report by Claude Lanzmann*

Professor Laurel Leff

Northeastern University, *Explanation or Excuse: Assessing Fears of an Anti-Semitic Backlash in the American Response to the Holocaust*

Professor Bat-Ami Zucker

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University of North Texas, *Perspectives On the Allied Powers' Holocaust Response: Contributions and New Frontiers*

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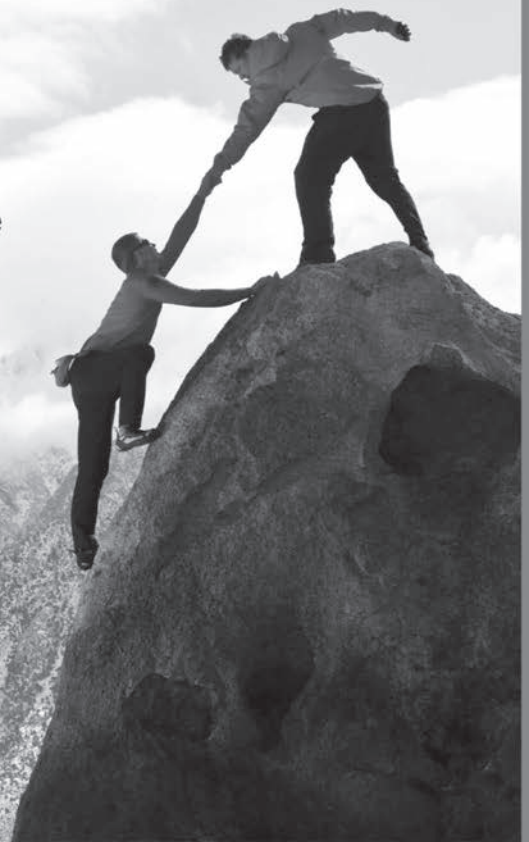
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Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration Presents Stories of Survival

The year: 1942.

The Place: Antwerp, Belgium.

The Plot: A 2-year-old Jewish boy and his 11-year-old sister are taken by their mother to live with a local Catholic family who is willing to hide them against the backdrop of war. The children become Church-going Catholics, the younger knowing nothing about his Jewish identity, surviving only because of the kindness of his new family and the surrounding townspeople.

It is like the opening scene of a Hollywood movie except this story is true. Still, insisted Sy Karfiol, the then-toddler referred to above, it is not as remarkable a story as everyone who hears it thinks.

“It was the life of every kid in Europe,” he explained. “You were either hidden, in a convent, or dead.”

Karfiol’s story began when the Nazis invaded Belgium in May 1940, a month after he was born. They apprehended his father, a diamond dealer, from the Bourse (stock exchange) in 1942 and shipped him off to Auschwitz. Fearing for her children’s lives, and with the help of a Catholic priest and the Jewish Defense League, Karfiol’s mother brought him and his sister Renee to a small village outside of Brussels to live with the Poelman family.

“Some Catholic priests and Benedict monks heard children were being slaughtered so they went from church to church and asked local priests for Jewish children to be hidden,” said Karfiol, who will share his story at the Annual Communitywide Yom HaShoah Commemoration in April. “It was like what we would now call ‘networking.’”

The Roseville resident described the Poelmans as “regular, nice, blue collar people” who never raised their voice and loved Sy and his sister as their own family. The siblings attended a school run by nuns, went to church every Sunday, and played with other children, who, unbeknownst to them, also were hidden. A year of weekly visits by Karfiol’s mother ceased and after the war, he discovered that she and his grandmother had been found dead in the family home by a neighbor. Miraculously,

Karfiol’s father survived, found his children’s names on a post office list, and arrived at the Poelman home in 1946 to claim them.

Maria Winkler’s father, Joseph, also had an extraordinary story to tell, one that he dictated on to 60 hours of cassette tapes that took 10 years to transcribe into a 600-page autobiography. It began in Poland in 1905 and included the excruciating details of life after war broke out in 1939.

Describing him as a “short, dynamic man with a lot of energy,” Winkler said Joseph was a chemist, rocket scientist, and inventor, always thinking and creating, often scribbling notes on paper dinner napkins and reading the encyclopedia for fun. He never spoke of the Holocaust and left the room if others did. She learned of his story after the tapes were discovered following his death.

“He had an important position,” Winkler began. “In 1944, he was in charge of the Galicia Oil Refinery in Poland. He was a scientist, not a communist. This is how he survived. He engineered his survival.”

Also a Roseville resident, Winkler, who was born in Poland and will present with Karfiol at the Yom HaShoah Commemoration, told of how, in 1939, Joseph devised a plan to leave the refinery after removing and hiding crucial parts, thus preventing the Germans from operating the distillery. His fellow workers fled, leaving him behind with a car that was thought to guarantee his escape; however, when Polish soldiers seized it, he was stranded. The Germans arrived and demanded to know where the



Sy and Renee Karfiol

Joseph Winkler

missing parts were. Joseph refused to tell. He was locked in an office, preparing to be shot the next morning but he escaped through an adjoining door. Considered a hero by the Russians who entered the city of Drohobycz, he was put in charge of the refinery by none other than Nikita Khrushchev, the Secretary General of the Communist Party of the Ukraine.

The Germans returned and, again, he tried to escape on the last train to Russia. By this time, he had a wife and young daughter who he could not leave behind, however, when he tried to reach them, it was too late. In 1944, Joseph returned to Drohobycz and discovered their fate: They had been deported to the Belzec Death Camp and murdered.

“It is difficult to hear him describe his suffering,” Winkler said of listening to her father’s tapes. “He said what kept him alive was what he had in his head. I feel terrible for my father and am angry with people who could have helped but didn’t. My tiny part is to keep his story alive.”

The Annual Yom HaShoah Communitywide Commemoration is sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council. It takes place April 19, 2015 at 7:00pm at Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Jessica Braverman Birch at jbirch@jewishsac.org or 916-486-0906 ext. 308.



**Book of Remembrance – Remember Our History, Honor Your Loved Ones
–Yom HaShoah Remembrance, Sunday, April 19, 2015–**

Plans are underway for the 2015 Sacramento Yom HaShoah remembrance. One way we remember and honor those who experienced the Holocaust directly is through the “Book of Remembrance.” The Book was first compiled and distributed as part of the 2003 Yom HaShoah program. It is updated annually. The Book includes a listing of family, loved ones, and friends of Sacramento-area residents who perished in the Holocaust. It also includes names of survivors who are now deceased. Although the Book already commemorates many people remembered in past years, there are more that Sacramento could be commemorating. We need your help.

We encourage you to honor your loved ones by submitting their names on the form below. If you would like to expand or change a listing from the earlier Books, also please use the form below.

The names will be printed, along with the Kaddish, poems, readings, and other expressions of remembrance in the program booklet for the communitywide commemoration to be held at 7:00pm at Congregation B’nai Israel.

Please e-mail the information using the form below to ssugerma@comcast.net or **print all information clearly** (use additional forms as needed) and mail or **preferably email by March 20, 2015** to:

Elissa Provance
2130 21st St.
Sacramento, CA 95818

Please include your contact information for questions and future updates.

Remembered by: (your name) _____

Address: _____

Home ___ Work ___ Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

In memory of those who *did not* survive (copy or expand the table if needed)

Person(s) to remember (List name if you know it – otherwise list only relationship)	Relationship to you (if known)

In memory of those who survived and are now deceased

Person(s) to remember	Relationship to you

Sacramento Police Chief Joins Law Enforcement Exchange Program in Israel



Sacramento Chief of Police Sam Somers (fifth from right) is joined by other law enforcement officers at the Sea of Galilee during a law enforcement exchange program in Israel.

Like most people in Sacramento, Sam Somers is no stranger to coverage of events in the Middle East by the international, national, and local press corps. However, unlike most people, Sacramento's Chief of Police was invited to join a delegation to Israel with JINSA LEEP (Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, Law Enforcement Exchange Program), giving him a unique perspective of the security challenges faced by the Jewish State and how technological advances and other protocols might be implemented in California's capital city.

"The Middle East is in the media almost daily, whether the story is big or small," Somers said. "The perception is that it is always in turmoil."

What Somers found during his nine-day trip in the fall is that Israelis continue to live their lives despite unpredicted threats that his constituency does not face. And while he admitted that nobody has the luxury of living completely crime free, Israelis face truly exceptional circumstances.

"We don't have issues of people getting on a bus and being blown up, or issues of martyrdom," he explained. "We saw three Hassidic Jews get stabbed for no other reason than they were identified as being Jewish."

A native son, Somers has held virtually every rank in local law enforcement during the past 31 years. Appointed two years ago as Police Chief, he oversees 1,000 employees who look after 500,000 people living within 100 square miles. In

addition to public safety, he is involved in the Urban Area Security Initiative, which is the vehicle for homeland security funding, and his agency belongs to the Major City Chiefs, a national organization of all large jurisdictions in the U.S., Canada, and the U.K. His office also partners with the Federal Department of Homeland Security and the FBI, and is represented on the Joint Terrorism Task Force, a partnership among Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies that addresses terrorism. The Sacramento Police Department also trains its police officers to be Terrorism Liaison Officers which helps them to be more aware of suspicious issues they come across in their daily work routine.

"This closes the gap between federal, state, and local law enforcement, for example, as in 9/11," Somers explained. "Information gets passed up and down. That's why it was relevant for the Police Chief in Sacramento from the eighth largest economy and a capital city to attend the conference and why it's important to be aware of what's happening in the Middle East."

Accompanied by fellow top level American Police Chiefs; Sheriffs; Police Commissioners; FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration representatives; and others, Somers toured Israel and attended workshops such as "Working With and Caring for Our First Responders," "A Coordinated Response to a Terrorist Incident," "Securing Critical Infrastructure," and "The World Through the Eyes of the Fundamentalist Jihadist."

The delegation also viewed the aftermath of terrorist targets, visited imprisoned terrorists, and learned the importance of the security barrier in the West Bank.

"What does it do? What's its effectiveness?" asked Somers. "It's crime prevention through environmental design. It's a basic strategy of law enforcement. You create controlled access points with the use of barriers so you have an easier time monitoring activity. (The security wall) is a huge deterrent. The bad guys are always building a better mousetrap. Now, the better mousetrap is tunnels, like we have tunnels from Mexico."

The Police Chief also noted Israel's extensive use of private security such as at malls, and suggested Sacramento do the same.

"We need to close the gap and use private security as a resource to provide and obtain information," he said, adding that the city should also conduct regular testing of security measures. "In Israel, there are metal detectors in the mall. They will send someone in with a firearm to see if they get caught. It's pass/fail. If you fail, you're fired. We need to be doing more types of testing so people are more vigilant and they don't become complacent."

Complacent might be the last word the Chief used to describe Israelis or the country. He was impressed with the nightlife of Tel Aviv, the vibrant economy, and the fact that Israel has 30,000 volunteers.

"The biggest things I saw was how resilient the people are," he said. "They don't live life on the edge. They are strong willed and won't be bullied."

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SUPPORT ISRAEL: All dollars raised will help fund our Israel-related programs and services, such as Teen Israel, Sister City, Partnership 2Gether, Joint Distribution Committee, and Jewish Agency for Israel. Plus, you could be entered into a drawing for \$500 worth of great gift cards!

KOSHER FOOD PANTRY: Donate non-perishable, hechshered food items to support Federation's Kosher Food Pantry, which helps us address hunger in our community. Visit www.jewishhsac.org/jfs for a list of needed items.

CALIFORNIA CLOTHING RECYCLERS: Federation is partnering with this organizations, which collects used clothing and ships it to developing countries to be re-used or recycled. Donate men's, women's, and children's clothing; shoes, purses, belts, or hats; table, bath, or bed linens; and stuffed animals.



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And thanks to a new initiative launched by FJC in collaboration with business executives and philanthropists, Jewish camp will be more affordable.

BunkConnect™ matches eligible families with high-quality non-profit Jewish summer camps at lower rates.

“We hope we can include a number of kids from families who thought they can’t afford camp,” Fingerman said of BunkConnect’s™ goal.

Although the Jewish camping movement has grown 16% in the last five years— in 2014 alone, FJC worked with 155 camps, 78,000 campers, and 11,000 college-age counselors— Fingerman said his organization was looking for new ways to ensure every Jewish child had the opportunity “to experience the magic of Jewish summer camp,” including underrepresented pockets of Jewish children, for example, those with disabilities or Russian-speaking kids.

Here’s how it works: Families complete and submit a simple online form and

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region. Users click on camps that are of interest and the system sends a message to the camp, which then contacts the family.

“We want to make sure the camp is right for each kid and family,” Fingerman explained. “The system gives you options that meet your criteria so you can compare options.”

FJC’s CEO is hoping to place 500 first-time campers in 2015 (75 camps are participating this year), with a long-term goal of 1,500-2,000. And data show that first-time campers return. Fingerman said One Happy Camper, another FJC program that provides financial assistance, has an 80% retention rate in the second year and 90% in the third year.

“Camps have made a commitment to get more kids to Jewish camps and they have raised a significant amount of scholarship money on their own,” he said. “If BunkConnect™ can get a family to Jewish camp as a first-timer, they are now part of the family and camps make sure a family comes back through a camp scholarship program. BunkConnect™ is changing how we look at scholarship, affordability, and capacity for Jewish camp and beyond.”

For more information about BunkConnect™, visit www.jewishcamp.org.

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A Program for Jewish Teens and Their Parents

Sunday, April 12, 2015 – 1:30-3:30pm

Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region
2130 21st St., Sacramento (corner of 21st and V Sts.)

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Invited Panelists represent:

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Eyal Noar, Deputy Consul General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest Region

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For more information, contact Jessica Braverman Birch, JCRC Director, at jbirch@jewishsac.org or 916-486-0906 ext.308.



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☞ **April 18: The UC-Davis Picnic Day Parade.** Come march through UCD and Davis carrying Israeli flags with the Israel Matters Committee. 8am-11am: contact for details.

☞ **April 26: Israeli Independence Day Celebration.** Our fun-filled celebration complete with falafels, hot dogs, Israeli salads, cotton candy, klezmer, and face painting. At CBH from 12-2 pm.

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Robin and Phil Fine are surrounded by Friends of the IDF Mission participants.

Recently, two Federation Board members, Phil Fine and Jack Mador, visited Israel on two different programs. Fine, along with his wife, Robin, joined a mission with Friends of the IDF while Mador volunteered with Sar El, a national project for volunteers. the VOICE sat down with each of them to reminisce about their trip, the people, and the country we call home.

the VOICE: What prompted you to volunteer in Israel rather than just visit as a tourist?

Phil Fine: While Friends of the IDF (FIDF) is not a volunteer program, it provides a personal relationship with current and former soldiers both from Israel and around the world who have come to defend the Jewish State. During last summer's war against Hamas, (my wife) Robin and I started talking about how we needed to get back to Israel, and she and her brother found a leadership mission with FIDF. When we looked deeper into the mission to Israel and more importantly, the mission of FIDF, we knew this could be an important way of giving support to the State of Israel.

Jack Mador: I have wanted to go for many years, ever since I heard about the Sar El program about 8 years ago. When the Gaza uprising occurred this summer, I heard that the need for volunteers had increased and I wanted to do more than give money or write a letter. I thought it was important to put my boots on the ground and I had the flexibility to do it.

the VOICE: What kinds of activities did you do?

PF: The highlight of the trip truly was meeting with the young soldiers, sailors, and airmen who proudly defend their country on land, sea, and air. The trip itself was a whirlwind of activity that started on Shabbat with a grand dinner with the Chief Cantor of the IDF, who brought a small contingent from the IDF choir who inspired our group not only on Shabbat, but with a tear-filled Havdallah to end a glorious Shabbat in Jerusalem. Shabbat's highlight was time spent on the Kotel, near the Western Wall, praying, singing, and dancing with young soldiers. The mix of Jews from around the world, singing and dancing in harmony was truly awe-inspiring. Other highlights included dinner with wounded soldiers who have been helped by the FIDF; a huge presentation to Lone Soldiers (soldiers from Israel and around the world who have no or practically no family in Israel for support and who also are supported by Federation dollars); planting a tree at the newest consolidated base for support troops in the Negev where David Ben Gurion promised to make the desert bloom; concerts by military bands and choirs from all branches of the IDF; live demonstrations by F15 pilots who fought in last summer's war in Gaza; meeting with the commander and troops responsible for deployment and operations of the Iron Dome; a live fire demonstration of a joint armor and infantry unit; a trip to the border of Gaza to get a first hand look at the threat that is posed by proximity to a terrorist-run

people; and dinner under the Old City in a recently excavated millennium-old hotel.

JM: My specific base was the one of three logistical and communication bases. We disassembled, painted, and reassembled and tested radio equipment for tanks and communication helmets. We were told that the radios can cost between \$15,000-25,000. The recycled antennas from America were \$1,000 a piece. Everything is recycled down to nuts and bolts. The army can be very disorganized in day-to-day things like getting extra screwdrivers for our work but when there was a quick need, they got the job done.

the VOICE: What was the mood in the country and what were your interactions with Israelis like?

PF: As with every trip I have taken to Israel, the mood seems to always reflect a happiness that seems counterintuitive to the struggles they face. The soldiers were utterly humbling to me, even giving their true appreciation for our support when it was us who owe thanks to them. At the end of the day I felt the kind of closeness with the Jewish people I'd not felt since I was a child.

JM: In general it seems like life goes on. The concern about Hezbollah and Lebanon was on everyone's mind but the base was not on alert. As a supply base, the only thing noticeable was the stockpiling of new bomb shelters.

the VOICE: Why is it important to volunteer with various organizations or efforts and how does this help Israel?

PF: While I have become an active member of (other Jewish organizations) that have a huge impact, FIDF has an equally important, but more personal role in showing that the Jewish people are not alone. I am lucky to have been introduced to wonderful organizations and will continue to play a modest role in them.

JM: First, I was amazed at the development of new high-rise and residential buildings in Tel Aviv. There is vibrancy and energy. I feel you can only get a sense of this by actually being in Israel. I also got a much better understanding of the history of the State and also from a military view.

the VOICE: How did the trip change, inspire, or educate you?

PF: Wow! That's a tough question because I could write a book. I guess one important thing is that it reminded me again how much I love being Jewish,



Jack Mador (fourth from the right) is joined by Sar El volunteers from all over the United States and Canada.

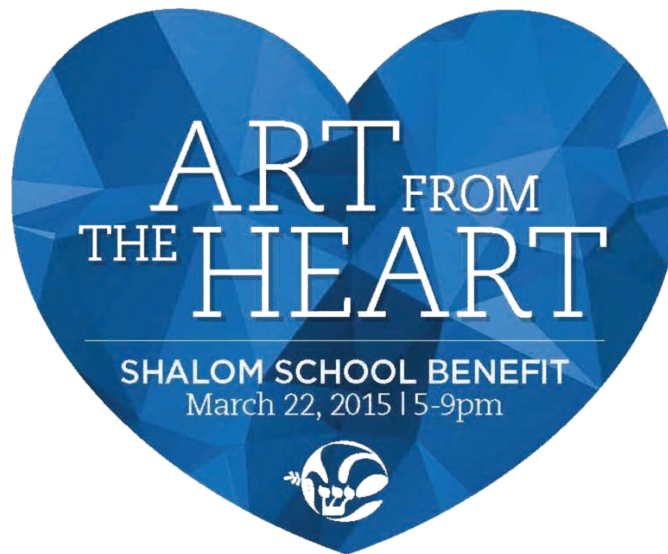
and how much I am truly a supporter of the Zionist dream. While I am far from a Jewish scholar, I do know that being a Jew is the core of what makes me who I am today. Most importantly, Am Yisrael Chai!

JM: My son is doing a six-month business internship and if I can, I want to go back to visit him and make more plans to stay

with people. I have been very active in the community in dollars, volunteer time, and political support. I can just advocate more with recent first-hand experience.

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A German Life: Against All Odds, Change is Possible with Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger

Bernd Wollschlaeger was born in Germany in 1958, the son of a decorated Nazi tank commander who was awarded the Knight's Cross by Hitler himself. Bernd's father told young Bernd that the Holocaust never happened. As a "son of a perpetrator" of the Holocaust, Bernd's personal story, his eventual conversion to Judaism, move to Israel, and his service in the Israel Defense Forces, are shining examples of one person's search for a new truth and the dispelling of past prejudices.

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June 11, 2015

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CALENDAR

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays

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

Baby and Me. Program for families with children birth to 2 years. Art, singing, movement, and fun! 10:30am. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. *For more information, contact Marcia at 916-988-4100 or educator@orrishon.org.*

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

Wednesdays

Shalom Gan K'ton. For children 18 months-5 years. 10:00am. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. \$50/10 sessions with scholarships available. *For more information, contact educator@orrishon.org.*

Jessie Yoshpe Hadassah Study Group. "G-d's To-Do-List" by Dr. Ron Wolfson. First and Third Wednesday. 9:45-11:30am. KOH Library and Cultural Center, 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.*

Jewish Women's Support Group. Led by Zalia Lipson. Chabad of Roseville, 3175 Sunset Blvd., Suite 104A, Roseville. 6:45pm. \$40 per session. *For more information or to register, contact 916-624-8626 or ZaliaL@aol.com.*

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 Marcia at 916-988-4100 or educator@orrishon.org.*

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 Marcia at 916-988-4100 or educator@orrishon.org.*

Saturdays

Taste of Torah. Second Saturday. Learn, laugh, sing, and "taste" the Torah. Free program for families with young children and children of all abilities. 10:30am. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. *For more information, contact Marcia at 916-988-4100 or educator@orrishon.org.*

GENERAL EVENTS

March 1, 2015. The Magic of Purim! Join Keneset Israel Torah Center as we celebrate Purim with a Magic Show featuring Venerable Entertainer Bill Devon. This free community children's event will also feature a children's costume contest with prizes. Children and adults: come in your best costume! Join us for the show and enjoy snacks, crafts, fun for all! RSVP for the Magic Show to tzorkesher@kitcsacramento.org. Free. 3:00-4:30pm. Keneset Israel Torah Center; 1165 Morse Ave., Sacramento. *For more information, visit www.kitcsacramento.org or email tzorkesher@kitcsacramento.org.*

March 6, 2015. Come to PJ Library Playgroup for fun with your friends! Sing songs, listen to a story, and make some fantastic art. Play games and celebrate Shabbat (on March 6th) in a friendly atmosphere. 10:00-11:30am. Jewish Federation, 2130 21st St., Sacramento. *For more information, contact 916-486-0906.*

March 10 & 24, 2015. Jewish Meditation and Mindfulness— Building Your Spiritual Practice with Deni Deutsch Marshall, LCSW and Certified Spiritual Director. Jewish mindful meditation practices, both ancient and modern, designed to help you have a more personal relationship with G-d. Includes guided sitting meditations, chanting meditations, and silent meditations, as well as a number of mindfulness techniques to practice at home. Open to both long-time meditators and those with no experience. Drop-ins welcome. \$50 for 11 classes (two Tuesdays per month) or \$5 drop-in. 6:30-7:30pm. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact denimarshall@gmail.com or 916-684-5161 or mgrand@bnais.com or 916-446-4861.*

March 11, 2015. Leisure League at Temple Or Rishon. Enjoy a documentary about legendary violinist Itzhak Perlman and renowned cantor Yitzchak Meir Helfgot. Rejoice with these two incomparable virtuosos unite for an evening of cantorial masterpieces, Yiddish folk and theater tunes, Hassidic melodies, and klezmer instrumentals. Noon-2:00pm. 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. Sponsored by the Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly and the Jewish Federation. *For more information or to RSVP, contact 916-486-0906 ext. 310 or federation@jewishsac.org.*

March 14, 2015. Yemenite Shabbat Services and Kiddush Lunch. 9:00am-2:00pm. Mosaic Law Congregation, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Cantor Ben Rosner at cantorben@gmail.com.*

March 15, 2015. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento presents "Anusim— Crypto Jews on Your Family Tree" with Jason Lindo and Susan Aguilar on "Anusim" or "Crypto-Jews" from the Iberian Peninsula, Jews forced to convert to Christianity. Focuses on customs and countries of origin and the clues most descendants of Anusim first discover. Jason is the descendant of Portuguese Crypto-Jews (Marranos). While raised in the Greek Catholic faith in Hawaii, he grew up in a home that continued many of the customs of his Portuguese family's Crypto-Jewish heritage. Jason converted to Judaism in 1996. Susan Aguilar is a doctoral candidate in Jewish History and Culture at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. 10:00am. Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. *For more information, contact mortrumberg1@earthlink.net.*

March 15, 2015. Why Liberals Should Support Israel. Panel discussion with Al Sokolow, David Siegel, and others. By any criteria, Israel is the most liberal country in the Middle East and one of the most liberal countries in the world. Whether one is talking about minority rights, gay rights, women's rights, environmental protection, or press freedom, Israel stands at the forefront of protections offered. Does that mean Israel is perfect? Of course not, but come listen to a panel discuss why liberals should support Israel. Presented by the Israel Matters Committee. Free. 3:00-4:30 pm. Congregation Bet Haverim Social Hall, 1715 Anderson Rd., Davis. *For more information, contact gmrrooks3@gmail.com.*

March 15, 2015. Kadima Poetry Series. Open Mic/Poetry Reading. All ages welcome. Come 15 minutes early to sign up to be a reader. The theme is "Spring." \$5 suggested donation. 2:00pm. KOH Library and Cultural Center, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Jolie Baron at jbaron6197@gmail.com.*

March 15, 2015. When Frying Eggplant Could Get You Killed: Crypto-Jews, Cooking, and the Inquisition with Jason Lindo. Examines how Crypto-Jews in Spain, Portugal, and the New World attempted to preserve their Jewish identity through cooking, and how the Inquisition of the Catholic Church used this style of cooking to identify secret Jews. Discusses traditional

recipes and food customs and their continued practice today by Anusim throughout the world. Samples of dishes prepared for tasting. \$10. Pre-registration required by March 6th. 1:00-3:00pm. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Grand at 916-446-4861 or mgrand@bnais.com.

March 19 & 26 and April 9 & 16, 2015. An Introduction to Mussar with Deni Deutsch Marshall, LCSW. Come learn about the ancient Jewish ethical and spiritual discipline that became a popular social/spiritual movement beginning in the early 1800s, and has been enthusiastically revived today. Learn the history of this uniquely Jewish perspective, and begin working with a partner. Together you'll work on different soul traits with the guidance of Mussar masters both ancient and present day. \$20 for B'nai Israel members; \$25 for non-members. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information or to sign up, contact Deni Deutsch Marshall at 916-684-5161 or denimmarshall@gmail.com.

March 24, 2015. LGBT Forum. Invited panelists to address school services for LGBT students; community resources (secular and Jewish); and perspectives from LGBT youth and parents of LGBT individuals. Facilitated by Edythe Swidler, MFT. Free. 7:00-8:30pm. Jewish Federation, 2130 21st St., Sacramento. For more information or to RSVP, contact Elissa Provance at 916-486-0906 ext. 304 or eprovance@jewishsac.org.

March 26, 2015. Leisure League at the Albert Einstein Residence Center. The Country Club Aires is an all-volunteer men's choir sponsored by Branch #33 of the Sons In Retirement (SIR) who have been delighting audiences with music since 1972. The performance features 20 men singing oldies but goodies that are sure to delight our Leisure League audience. Noon-2:00pm. 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. Sponsored by the Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly and the Jewish Federation. For more information or to RSVP, contact 916-486-0906 ext. 310 or federation@jewishsac.org.

March 28, 2015. What Israel's Farming Practices Can Teach Us About Sustainability with Shahar Caspi, an Israeli farmer living in nearby Oregon House, who will talk about the water management technologies and soil management techniques that are helping him to beat the drought and grow food for his community. Supported by a generous gift from Ken and Linda Henderson. Wine and cheese reception will follow. Free. 7:00-8:30pm. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Melissa Grand at 916-446-4861 or mgrand@bnais.com.

March 31-June 2, 2015. Advanced Beginner Hebrew with Professor Galia Franco, a native speaker who currently teaches modern and Biblical Hebrew at UC Davis. Continuation of the Beginning Hebrew class. Interested students should know how to read Hebrew, be familiar with some grammar, and have some conversational knowledge. Fee: TBA. 6:30-7:30pm. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information or to sign up, contact Melissa Grand at 916-446-4861 or mgrand@bnais.com.

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