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Jewish Survival Hangs in the Balance — Again

The Iran nuclear deal is on everybody's mind and, predictably, our community, like the rest of America, is conflicted about it. Polls show that the majority of Americans oppose the deal. At this point, a majority of the Republican-controlled Congress also opposes the deal. However, if a bill goes to the President repudiating the deal and he vetoes it— as he has promised to do— then the deal goes into effect unless Congress overrides the veto. Few think that is likely.

Polls of American Jews seem to be in conflict, with some showing a narrow majority supporting the deal and some showing the opposite. I'm not sure how they even figure out what constitutes a representative sample of Jewish opinion so I don't place much stock in polling of Jews. One thing is clear, however. Opinion in Israel seems generally opposed to the deal across the political spectrum with one big exception and that is considerable support for the deal among a sizable minority of top Israeli military and national security figures.

It is one of those situations where each of us must figure it out for ourselves.

I have read the agreement, which probably few people have and, honestly, I am torn. It is a complex document with many moving parts which, at least on paper, would prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon for 10 years and, as to some provisions, 15 years. Of course, the agreement is only as good as the enforceability of its verification and inspection provisions. If Iran violates the agreement, harsh economic sanctions automatically are reinstated unless the UN Security Council votes to remove them. Clearly, Iran wants to be free of sanctions that are worth billions of dollars to their faltering economy. Underlying the arguments for support of the agreement is a bet that the Iranian regime wants to normalize its relations with the west and that dropping sanctions and the resulting influx of wealth will strengthen the Iranian middle class and move the regime in a more friendly direction over the next decade. No one can see into the future and it might work. Then again, it might not. The track record of totalitarian regimes "mellowing with time" is not exactly a good one. Making historical comparisons is fraught with peril, but similar arguments were made about Germany, Italy, and Japan in the 1930s and about North Korea more recently. Those regimes just got worse when their demands were met. It is an American article of faith that capitalist prosperity brings liberalization. A guarter century after the Tiananmen Square massacre, China remains a repressive, totalitarian state despite free market capitalism.

On the other hand, as the President and Secretary of State John Kerry repeatedly point out, is there a better deal out there? Is moving Iran from a 2-month breakout time better for the security of Israel, the Middle East, and the rest of the world than a 10-year breakout period? Underlying these questions is another, more fundamental, question: If the agreement is rejected and the Iranians move forward in their nuclear weapons program, is the United States willing to go to war to stop them?

We do know one thing. The Ayatollahs that run Iran have repeatedly threatened the destruction of Israel and we have no reason to doubt their sincerity. And so once again, as in every generation, the survival of the Jewish people hangs in the balance.

Barry Broad is the President of the Jewish Federation.



I just returned to Sacramento from Aspen, Colo., where I was joined by 30 other CEOs from Federation, JCCs, the Union for Reform Judaism, and United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. In our packed three days, we heard from guest scholars Dennis Ross, Danny Gordis, and Louis Bernstein (look them up, they are amazing); biked 19 miles along the Rio Grande (only one broken elbow and two cracked ribs in the group); hiked Aspen Mountain, which sits at 12,000 feet (Sacramento is at sea level, gasp!); had three intensive and meaningful multi-hour learning and discussion sessions with our partners (all in the comfort of our yoga pants and sneakers); and were fed (in mind, body, and spirit). The trip was underwritten by Harold Grinspoon, a name you are likely familiar with because he serves as one of our greatest modern Jewish heroes.

Every month, more than 375,000 children worldwide receive the gift of PJ Library in the mail— a gift that brings joy and wonder to the eyes of our children; a gift that reconnects parents with their children intellectually, physically, and spiritually; a gift that reinforces our Jewish story. It is through our stories that we keep our values and traditions alive.

To date, the Grinspoon Foundation, in partnership with local implementing partners like the Federation, has delivered more than 14 million books to children around the world. Our Federation has already invested more than \$200,000 in book subscriptions in the past six years, believing deeply in our responsibility to help forge strong Jewish connections from the very beginning of a person's life.

The Grinspoon Foundation is also behind the Life & Legacy program, which has transformed the landscape of many communities, including Sacramento, by offering us basic tools to create and secure funds for a strong future. This program has brought 300 legacy letters of intent to 12 of our local Jewish community organizations in less than two years.

But it doesn't stop there. There is also PJ Goes to Camp, which offers current PJ families up to \$1,000 grants toward first-time camp tuition; Voices and Visions, which uses the power of art to communicate Jewish ideas; and Sifriyat Pijama, an Israeli version of PJ Library, to name a few other initiatives.

I don't want to try and explain why this 86-year-old man who unassumingly stands taller than most and still hikes Aspen Mountain (although he will tell you he prefers to bike) does what he does for all of us. Instead, I ask that you read the proceeding letter he wrote after receiving a request from Warren Buffet to join the Giving Pledge, an initiative created by Buffet and Bill and Melinda Gates to encourage the wealthiest among us to give away the majority of their wealth. I don't know if it was the lack of oxygen in the Aspen air, or a deep concern for who among us will fill his immense shoes, but I needed a tissue after hearing his letter read aloud.

Harold is an example for all of us. He demonstrates the most core Jewish values through his actions and is creating a new paradigm for the Jewish community. He is a rare and significant pillar and I believe, expects all of us to find a way to step up and continue his legacy, our legacy.

While the majority of us don't have a half a billion dollars of net worth, we all have the ability to take stock in what is most important to us and make sure we share our values with future generations. Think about your

own legacy. What do you want people to say about you and your impact on the world? In a time where life moves past us and progresses at warp speed, in a time where we rarely make eye contact with others, and in a time where we rarely take 30 minutes to unplug and purely engage with our families, we have an incredible opportunity to get back to basics and do something powerful. Let Harold be our guide.

Note: Just like PJ Library is a family affair, so is the Grinspoon Foundation. Harold's wife, Diane Troderman, has been his active partner in all of his philanthropic activities. His daughter-in-law, Winnie Sandler Grinspoon, a former lawyer and longtime trustee of the foundation, assumed the role of President of the Grinspoon Foundation in June 2014.

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Harold Grinspoon & Diane Troderman Giving Pledge

It is truly a pleasure to be joining the "Giving Pledge." One seldom takes time away from the "busyness" of life to reflect on the character of who we are and the importance of the legacy we will leave behind.

I grew up in the 1930s and '40s in a poor family in Auburndale, Mass., where we were the only Jews in the neighborhood. My family was secular but the neighborhood kids didn't let me forget that I was Jewish. "Jew boy" and "kike" were typical greetings I received in the schoolyard. I didn't know much about being Jewish except that life would certainly be easier if I weren't. These personal experiences were followed by the horror of learning about the Holocaust where one-third of the Jewish people were slaughtered. At this time, my Jewish identity was formed as a response to anti-Semitism.

As a young child peddling vegetables from my father's garden or eggs from my uncle's chickens, I knew I had a bent for entrepreneurship and a strong desire to someday achieve financial success. After a couple of unsuccessful business ventures, I bought a two-family house and then a three-family house with a goal to acquire enough real estate so that someday I would owe the banks \$50,000. I dreamed of the day I would finally pay off this debt. Sixty years later, I am still a significant partner in the same real estate business, which is now a leading national company in the multifamily industry.

Twenty-five years ago, I had cancer of the tongue and came to the realization at that time that life is about more than making money. I started to think about what my legacy would be. Inspired by my wife, Diane Troderman, and my friends, Michael Steinhardt, Rabbi Irving Greenberg, and Jeremy Pava, I began to explore my Jewish roots. I discovered that I was part of a people whose culture, traditions, and values have sustained them and enriched society for over 3,500 years. Judaism brought joy, meaning, and purpose into my ancestors' lives: a thirst for knowledge, a passion for justice, a commitment to care for the weak and oppressed, and a desire to make the world a better place. For me, experiencing the richness of Jewish life and absorbing Judaism's message to engage and improve the world was a life-changing lesson. Being Jewish was an incredible gift and I was not going to squander it.

However, as I observed the world through my new Jewish lens, I recognized that while life in America has improved dramatically for Jews, our improved status has created a new, demographic challenge. Thankfully, my grandchildren do not suffer in the schoolyard as I once did, and they are readily accepted into universities, clubs, and social groups in ways I could not have imagined in my youth. Among younger Jews, however, our newfound social acceptance has led to a decreased connection with their Jewish heritage. It has resulted in a significant percentage of Jews marrying people of other faiths, and with each passing year, fewer intermarried couples are raising their children with any connection to their Jewish heritage. This trend is of great concern to me because it poses a threat to the Jewish future.

To address this challenge, I decided to create the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to engage Jews in the richness of the Jewish tradition. Our mission is to enhance the vibrancy of Jewish life in our home in Western Massachusetts, in North America, and around the world. We believe that together with our many philanthropic partners, we can strengthen and grow the Jewish community through welcoming, engaging, and stimulating opportunities for connection with our Jewish culture. We take a very hands-on approach to philanthropy. Our flagship PJ Library® program, for example, currently distributes 380,000 free Jewish children's books per month, connecting families around the globe to their heritage. The Foundation partners with donors in over two hundred communities to fund PJ Library® and works with community implementing partners on program implementation. In Israel, the Foundation partners with the Ministry of Education to fund and operate the program. What a powerful moment when a child and parent snuggle together reading a book at bedtime, experiencing the joy of learning Jewish values and culture! We know that this program is educating not only children but their parents as well. In the 21st century, I believe that for Judaism to continue to have an impact on families and society, Jewish living and learning must be actively cultivated. That is why I am committing nearly all of my assets to my Foundation to pursue this goal.

The sense of mission and accomplishment that I get through my philanthropy energizes me every day. I feel most privileged that my daughter-in-law, Winnie Sandler Grinspoon, serves as President of the Foundation and that my long-time business partner, Jeremy Pava, serves as a Trustee. I know they share my values and their service will ensure the Foundation's continuity. I am honored to join the Giving Pledge and encourage others to join as well.

Harold Grinspoon May 8, 2015



ROOTS Before Branches

One of my mother's favorite expressions was, "The teacher becomes the student." In our relationship, those words were most often uttered in the kitchen, my mother's domain and where much of her Jewish identity was formed, nurtured, and stroked. She said it to me when she taught me how to make matzah balls and we waited patiently to lift the lid, ensuring that these perfectly round dumplings remained light and fluffy and floated to the top of the simmering salted water that glistened from the added schmaltz. She said it to me when she taught me how to make potato latkes and I could finally "feel" when the blend of handgrated (yes, hand-grated) potatoes, matzah meal, and eggs reached the perfect texture and we could begin forming pancakes. And she said it to me when she taught me how to pre-boil cabbage so the vein could be more easily removed before stuffing the leaves with a perfectly seasoned meat mixture.

Being the parent of two 18-year-olds, I, too, have had the experience of "The teacher becomes the student," but none as profound as when one of my daughters and I were discussing the unfortunate topic of Jewish extremism. Subtexts of the conversation included the difference between fundamentalism and radicalism and where the two intersect; how this issue is playing out on social media (not well); and what it means for Israel— all interesting and topical points that I would expect to surface given the subject. Then my daughter said, "Ima, of course I don't condone Jewish terrorists but I have to find a way to understand them because if I just reject them, my Jewish family becomes smaller and we are already too small." Whoa. I had entered the conversation as the "teacher" but clearly needed to sit down, put on my listening ears, and switch my hat to "student."

This concept of a global Jewish family which obviously is a living concept in my daughter's mind as she continued to explain that we must build roots before branches, asking, "If roots are the metaphor for our Jewish community and they are not strong and united, how strong can the branches that hold us up be?"— stuck with me for days (obviously, since I am still thinking about it!). I thought about it as I continue to read about the Iran nuclear deal and the division it has caused within the Jewish community, both regular folk and political pundits; I thought about it as I talked with April Baskin, a Sacramento native featured in this issue who recently began a new position at the Union for Reform Judaism focused on marginalized Jews, i.e., Jews of color, Jews with disabilities, Jews who are LGBTQ, etc. and how to engage them so they know they are welcome and needed as part of the Jewish family; I thought about my conversation with Dela Rostami, also featured on these pages, who created a "Jews of Color" photography exhibit that challenges the notion of what Jews look like (hint: we are not all white and Ashkenazi) and how we often behave exclusionary rather than inclusionary; and I thought about it as I listened to Federation Chief Executive Officer Melissa Chapman share her experience with me of a PJ Library conference she attended for CEOs from Jewish organizations, generously underwritten by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (see pp. 4-5). Of particular interest to me was the letter Mr. Grinspoon shared and that is reprinted as part of Melissa's column, specifically, "We believe...we can strengthen and grow the Jewish community through welcoming, engaging, and stimulating opportunities for connection with our Jewish culture."

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

SEVEN is a riveting piece of documentary theater about seven women who bravely fought for the well-being of women, families and children around the globe: protecting women from domestic violence; rescuing girls from human trafficking, giving voice to the poor, fighting for women's education and rights and more. A collaboration by seven award-winning female playwrights, the play is based on personal interviews with seven women in the Vital Voices Global Leadership Network who have triumphed over enormous obstacles to bring about major changes in their home countries of Russia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Afghanistan, Guatemala, and Cambodia.

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The belief that progressive ideals put into action can improve the world is what motivates us at NCJW. Our advocacy and volunteer efforts impact our community addressing the needs of women, children and families.



As we enter into a new Jewish year, I wonder: How do we retain the richness of every Jew's culture and traditions so everyone feels equal as a Jew? How do we create environments so all Jews feel welcome? How do we grow our Jewish family rather than watch it wither away by marginalizing one another? As I learned, I am merely a student so I will have to check with my teacher and let you know. Shana tova u'metukah.

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Taking a New Look at What Jews Look Like

"Funny, you don't look Jewish."

To those who ask this disguised question to Dela Rostami, she has a few questions of her own:

- What makes us think a person doesn't look Jewish?
- What is the force behind our perceptions?
- What does it matter?

These are the more important questions that Rostami, a Persian Jew born and raised in Tehran, hopes people will contemplate after viewing the "Jews of Color" project, a photography exhibit that showcases the ethnic and cultural diversity of the Jewish community. Rostami helped organize the exhibit at Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI) with support and participation from CBI Rabbi, Mona Alfi.

"It's sad," Rostami said about having her Judaism questioned "because my family had to conceal our identity to survive. It's not easy living in Iran."

Alfi, whose father hailed from Abadan, Iran, can relate.

"When you are a non-Ashkenazi Jew in America, you are often invisible," she said, adding that the time was just right for this project. "With everything going on in race relations, I wanted to talk about race in our own community."

Rostami, a graphic artist who earned a Master's of Fine Arts at the University of California, Davis (UCD), partnered on "Jews of Color" with local photographer Jesse Vasquez after working with him on an exhibit he created and that delved into his own identity featuring three categories of photographs:

- 1. People who "look" Latino.
- 2. People who "don't look" Latino but are.
- 3. People who "look" Latino but aren't.



A 1920s photo taken in Iran shows top row from left, Rabbi Mona Alfi's uncle Abdullah, grandfather Ezra, and great uncle. Bottom row, from left, her great grandparents Rachel and Eliyahu, a great aunt, her grandmother Dina, and another great aunt. The three children are her uncles. The Rabbi's grandparents and great-grandparents were Persian Jews who grew up in Baghdad and returned to Iran as adults.

Vasquez came up with the idea after reflecting on his own journey— being identified as Mexican-American then becoming Chicano, Hispanic, and now Latino but with a birth certificate that states he is "White."

"What is the purpose of labeling ourselves and having labels placed upon us?" he asked.

Rostami— who was raised by a mother who thought she was Sephardic until a DNA test revealed she was actually Ashkenazi and a culturally Muslim father— said her family came to the United States in 2005 because "people are always looking for a reason to run away from Iran."

Alfi's mother also was Ashkenazi and her father Sephardic, with a family tree that dates back to Spain. Describing herself as "pareve," she recalled enjoying family customs from both cultures, such as feasting on Middle Eastern *charoset* made with date paste during Passover and 'hitting' each other with green onions while singing *dayenu*.

"It was not always an easy blend," she said of what was perceived of in 1950 as an "interfaith" marriage, "but my parents lovingly embraced each other's Judaism."

Both women understand the damage that labels can cause, both using the descriptive term "marginalization" to describe it. Examples included an absence of any discussion regarding the contributions of Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews in religious school; synagogues and camps that were overwhelmingly Ashkenazi; the misperception that Middle Eastern Jews aren't as cultured as Ashkenazi Jews; and being met with certain judgements when entering the halls of Jewish organizations.

"You don't look like we think you should look," Rostami recalled feeling. "What is the force behind our perceptions? What makes us think a person doesn't look Jewish?"

But it is not answers that Rostami is seeking.

"The biggest hope for this program," she said, "is that when you photograph people and put them in one space without labels, it questions and challenges people's minds. We don't want to give an answer; we want to bring the question. I want to make the audience uncomfortable."

Vasquez agreed, admitting, "We want participants to wrestle with the question."

That may not look Jewish but it sure sounds Jewish.

"Jews of Color" will be exhibited during the High Holidays at Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact 916-446-4861.

Sac Native Named to URJ Leadership Position

April Baskin was perfectly happy in her position as national Director of Resources and Training at InterfaithFamily, thank you very much. Then she saw the following from the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) President, Rick Jacobs, atop a job description for Vice President of Audacious Hospitality:

"No more than 50% of American Jews are members of synagogues at any one time. Unless we change our approach, there is little chance that Jews in their 20s and 30s will even enter the revolving door of synagogue affiliation. Hoping is not a strategy; the Jewish world needs new approaches for engaging the future. Together we will shape the strategies that will broaden and deepen our movement. Everywhere we look, there are dramatic challenges facing our people; yet each is a phenomenal opportunity to revitalize Jewish life. Only very rarely has Jewish history known an era of so much creativity or innovation; no previous generation has possessed our resources and potential. In today's Jewish world, where many more Jews are outside than inside, we must practice such audacious hospitality with the LGBTQ community, interfaith families, multiracial Jews, Jews with disabilities, and Gen X and the millennials— including all those who do not identify as part of the religious community. All of them have much to teach us."

"It made my heart sing," said Baskin, who grew up at and alongside Temple Or Rishon (TOR) in Orangevale, meaning they entered the world and the community the same year.

So what exactly is "Audacious Hospitality?"

"It's not apparent?" Baskin joked before describing the newly crafted position that aims to engage "Gen Xers" as well as Jewish community members who traditionally have been marginalized, such as interfaith families, Jews of color, and LGBTQ and disability communities. The 31-yearold said the work reflects the Jewish values of lovingkindness, respect, and inclusion as well as her upbringing in Sacramento's Jewish community.

"Growing up in a small Jewish community was a gift that brought the value of my Jewish identity into focus," she noted, explaining that having attended mostly public schools in the area and usually being the only Jewish student in her classes, she became "deeply engaged" in the Jewish community as well as tikkun olam and social justice work.

In addition to InterfaithFamily, where she assisted Jewish professionals and clergy in welcoming and engaging interfaith couples and families, the Tufts University graduate also held positions as national President of the Jewish Multiracial Network, an administrator with the World Justice Project, and as an Insight Fellow at the Charles and Lynn Schusterman



Sacramento native, April Baskin, is the new Vice President of Audacious Hospitality at the Union for Reform Judaism.

Family Foundation. Part of the attraction to the URJ position was that it was brand new.

"It's community building from the ground up," Baskin said, recalling her involvement as President of Social Action for the NFTY Central West Region, TOR's youth group, which led to her becoming passionate about outreach and propelled her professional choices. "I saw how transformative the experience was, seeing outsiders owning their Jewish identities. I believe deeply that every person should have a substantive experience and be fully included and engaged. That for me happened in the Jewish community. Jewish affiliation was fun and affirming and it was powerful for me to facilitate that."

Baskin will tackle her new position, which began in August, by looking at short- and long-term goals and rethinking the work of engagement. She is acutely aware that as Jewish communities have become more fully integrated into society, Jewish engagement is one of many choices available to young Jews like herself. She hopes to shift the trajectory of the Jewish people and where they are headed by leveraging URJ's resources and developing new models.

"Many Jews feel they can't engage in their communities; others feel they are not Jewish enough," she explained. "We need low barriers so people can come as they are. We need to reframe the definition of what it means to be Jewish. People are looking for a spiritual connection. Judaism has so much to contribute to that. It is rich with culture and religion and has so much to refer to. We need to look at different options to see what speaks to people."

So the young leader plans to tap into the URJ's network of 900 member congregations and listen to what Jews around the country have to say. She will also ask questions to get to the heart of what is needed and wanted, believing, "If you deliver what people are looking for, they'll show up."



JEWS.WE COME IN MANY SHAPES AND SIZES.

We are Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, and Just Jewish. We are black, white, brown, and yellow. We hail from Europe, the Middle East, India, China, and Africa. We practice ancient traditions in a modern world. We have disabilities, mental illness, and financial woes. We are resilient. We pray for health and happiness and for peace in the Middle East. However we label ourselves, we are one Jewish people. One family. Our unity is our strength and is more essential than ever.

So is your support of Federation because Federations represent the greater good that we are all capable of offering ourselves and others. Federations are at their best when they serve as the expression of fundamental Jewish values. Judaism calls on us to sustain, elevate, and enrich life. This is at the core of what Federations are capable of doing but we need your help.





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SEVENCE Educates, Inspires Action

Several months after its first performance in Sacramento, SEVEN, a documentary theatre production about seven women who struggled and persevered in the face of domestic violence, human trafficking, women's poverty, sexual assault, and other issues, returns for not just one but two October performances in the region.

Local producer and actor Claire Lipshultz came upon the play five years ago and sat tight, waiting for the perfect opportunity to showcase the production. That opportunity came last February when the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Sacramento Section, of which Lipshultz is a Board member as well as one of three State Policy Advocates and a national Board member, considered doing a community theatre production.

"It became clear to me why I had found this years ago," Lipshultz said. "It resonated with NCJW's core values about improving the lives of women and families."

The production obviously resonated with community members as well. The show sold out three weeks before it opened, prompting the need for a larger venue. Part of the reason for its popularity, Lipshultz felt, was the flurry of domestic violence cases in the NFL and entertainment industries, coupled with human trafficking becoming a more visible issue and media reports about the Boko Haram's kidnapping of girls and the firebombing of a girl's school in Pakistan. "The confluence of these awful events was impacting the justice, well-being, freedom, and dignity of young girls," she said.

One audience member at the February production was fellow NCJW member Nancy Lazarus who immediately thought about bringing the play to her Davis community. With the blessing of Rabbi Greg Wolfe of Congregation Bet Haverim, Lazarus helped organize an interfaith coalition with several area churches that will be presenting a benefit performance on behalf of Friends of Empower Yolo and the International Rescue Committee, two groups that assist women and children who are recovering from traumatic events. The production, Lazarus said, personalizes the work of these organizations and shows how regular people can triumph over their circumstances.

Further evidence of the play's impact comes from Ruth Pollack and Bonnie Nelson-Schwartz, producers of the film, *The Power of 7*, which takes viewers on a behind-the-scenes tour of the making of this transformative production and includes performances from selected shows.

"This had particular appeal for me because of my interest in human rights and women's issues," Pollack said. "These are women who have made a difference in their communities. They have overcome domestic violence, political disenfranchisement, and human trafficking. They are women who have inspired others to speak out. Each woman at some moment in her life said, 'I'm going to do something, regardless of the risk, and take on my patriarchal culture.' This is not a play about victims; it's a play about leaders."

Pollack is referring to women like Marina Pisklakova from Russia who started the first hotline for domestic violence in Russia and Anabella de Leon from Guatemala who led a movement for women's rights and Mu Sochua from Cambodia who fought against the sex slave industry.

Everyone involved in the local and national productions agreed that the message of SEVEN is about action, like the action taken by Mukhtar Mai in Pakistan who Nelson-Schwartz said had a huge impact on the status of women following a court case involving rape as an honor crime, or Hafsat Abiola who works on behalf of education for her fellow Nigerian women.

"The play is recognition that we share this and that these issues exist in our communities," Nelson-Schwartz said. "And each performance provides ways to work beyond seeing the play. It makes people agents of change."

Lipshultz also acknowledged the goal of action and mentioned that local organizations that serve women and children have been invited to share resources at the Sacramento production. The same is true in Davis where the beneficiary organizations will be on hand.

"These women just did amazing work in their communities," Lazarus said of those featured in the play. "We also want people to get involved and help women and children here and around the world and make a difference in their lives."

For Pollack, who grew up in a Jewish household where there was no question that human rights was important, the message is universal. For Nelson-Schwartz, who has been on the Anti-Defamation League Board for the past 20 years, fighting for civil rights and against hate crimes, terrorism, and anti-Semitism, SEVEN fits into the ADL's mission. And, she added, "I am certain, that, to me, this is one of the missions of Judaism."

The Sacramento production of SEVEN is October 4, 2015 at The Center at Twenty-Three Hundred, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento at 2:00pm. Tickets available at ncjwsac.org/seven. The Davis production is October 18, 2015 at Veterans Memorial Theatre, 203 East 14th St., Davis at 2:15pm. Tickets available at empoweryolo.org/seven.

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Schwab-Rosenhouse Scholars Challenged to Make the World a Better Place

James Delgadillo is a Stanford University graduate who practices medicine in New York. His brother Jeffrey is a third-year dental student at the University of California, San Francisco. Another brother, Joseph, is about to enter Saint Mary's College of California and is also considering a career in dentistry.

What do the Delgadillo brothers have in common besides a passion for the health care profession? They are all recipients of a Schwab-Rosenhouse Memorial Scholarship— James in 2004, Jeffrey in 2007, and Joseph in 2015.

The youngest Delgadillo, along with his parents Stella and Jaime, joined 40 of his peers at the annual Schwab-Rosenhouse reception that welcomes scholars into the Schwab-Rosenhouse family, a family that has grown to hundreds of students who have been awarded more than \$9.6 million in scholarships since 1998.

Bequeathed by Jeannette Schwab and Leo Rosenhouse, a couple who led a quiet and frugal life in Land Park until their deaths and who had amassed \$10 million through wise investments, the fund awards scholarships to entering college freshman attending community colleges, 4-year colleges and universities, and vocational education programs within 100 miles of the Sacramento County Courthouse. The fund is administered by the Jewish Federation and the Chair of its Advisory Committee is Dr. Marvin Kamras.

"Parents, friends, guidance counselors, and college counselors, we know it took all of you to help these young scholars get to where they are today and where they are going tomorrow," Kamras said to the crowd who gathered at the July event. "Your job," he told the students, "is to do well and keep your grades up. Our job is to help you get there."



New Schwab-Rosenhouse scholars are joined by family and friends at a July reception honoring their accomplishments.

Also providing congratulatory remarks was Federation President Barry Broad who was joined by Melissa Chapman, Frank Gumpert, Neil Levy, and John Lewis, members of the Schwab-Rosenhouse Advisory Committee in attendance, and Federation Board Member Carol Loew. Broad stressed the value of education to the students who represented a variety of different backgrounds.

"In our community and culture, we, like many different ethnicities, religions, and cultures, put a huge premium on education," he said. "Without education, you are nowhere. With education, you are everywhere. We are a country of immigrants. We have always understood that the way to get ahead and reach self-fulfillment is to give back to our communities. I'm not surprised that the family who initiated this scholarship fund thought of the benefits to the entire community. What we can do for you, you will turn around and do for someone else."

Added Lewis, who served as a financial advisor to the couple, "Leo and Jeannette left us a huge gift and you will be the beneficiaries of it."

Speaking passionately about how the world has changed since the current crop of scholars began kindergarten in 2001— immediately following 9/11— and how it is their imperative to make the world a better and safer place,



"Without education, you are nowhere. With education, you are everywhere.

Kamras noted how there was "no Department of Homeland Security, no airport security, no images of the World Trade Center burning and collapsing, no Irag War, and no Afghanistan War." He raised issues that still plague this imperfect nation today, such as inequality, gun violence, and global warming, and, directing his remarks to the recent high school graduates, said, "We are depending upon you to make this world a better place, where peace becomes paramount, where hatred is replaced by understanding and acceptance, where we work together to preserve and save the world we live in. Leo and Jeannette's charge to you is to get the best education you can and use that to foster what is good in the world."

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

First Israeli Woman Competes in Prestigious Horse Riding Competition

Sharon Keinan reached two important milestones this year. She turned 50 and also competed in the oldest modern-day endurance horse ride, the Tevis Cup— becoming the first Israeli woman to do so.

"I am very proud to have represented Israel, and I was made to feel very welcome by the Tevis community in the USA," she said. "Everyone I met expressed interest in Israel and opportunities for riding and visiting the Negev Desert."

The Tevis Cup, organized by the Western States Trail Foundation since 1955, was held August 1st and began at Robie Equestrian Park south of Truckee, Calif. The historic 100-mile route, which must be completed in less than 24 hours, took more than 200 riders through Squaw Valley, Emigrant Pass, and the gold and silver mining trails used in the 1850s. The ride began at an elevation of 7,000 feet with riders climbing as high as 15,540 feet, and descending about 22,970 feet before reaching the finish line in Auburn.

Keinan was no stranger to the prestigious competition having organized and crewed in 2014 for Ilan and Yam Dvir, a father and son team and the first-ever Israelis to compete in the 60-year-old ride. It's also where she met Sharon and Robert Weldin. Because he was recovering from back surgery, Robert had to pass on the opportunity to enter the competition so he offered Keinan the chance to ride "Chip O'Huck" or "Chip" for short, an 11-year-old Arabian gelding. Sharon instructed and guided her during six weeks of grueling training through canyons, mountains, and rivers.

"Horse riding is very popular in Israel," said Dvir. "Endurance is different. It's a specific field. You have to be very connected to your horse. It's a challenge for both the horse and the rider. It requires confidence and trust, which is built up along the many mines they cross together. It is extremely important to fit the right horse to the rider and to have an appropriate training program according to the specific target. It's the same as training for a marathon."

Like Dvir, who rode his first horse at age 5, Keinan lives in Mitzpe Ramon and has been riding since she was a young girl. She began riding lessons at the Alpaca Farm, which is also where Dvir grew up. She entered her first 40-kilometer ride in a national competition in 2008 and eventually enrolled in an instructors' course at the Wingate Sports Academy. She continued training under Ruti Shadmot, President of the Israel Quarter Horse Association, and specializing in All Round Western riding.

"The Alpaca Farm has a history of interest in endurance riding," Keinan explained, "and I found myself getting involved in organizing and participating in events all over Israel."

These include the annual "Around the Crater" ride, a 2-day, 100-kilometer ride in the Ramon Crater that includes camping overnight in the desert with the horses, and a program she initiated for foreign riders that combines a week's trail riding in the Negev Highlands with excursions to popular tourist spots in Israel. Now employed at the Alpaca Farm as a stable manager and head of the riding school, Keinan also is a member of a small endurance league that holds events every few months.

Of the 213 riders who began the race, 45% successfully completed the trail.

"We have a saying in endurance circles," Keinan explained, echoing Dvir's sentiment. "'To finish is to win!' so I was delighted to finish, placing 46th overall."

When she's not riding her endurance partner "Tut," competing in regular 80-kilometer rides, or training by running 5-8 kilometers at sunrise,



Sharon Keinan, left, with her Tevis Cup host family, Sharon and Robert Weldin.

the equestrian works with her husband in a business they began making natural soaps. They launched the Faran organic cosmetics brand that sells in Israel, Europe, the Americas, and Asia.

Her heart, however, is never far from the wide open spaces she experienced with the Tevis Cup.

"The Tevis experience is indescribable," Keinan opined. "I learned a lot and gained experience that will guide me forever. I was very inspired and impressed with the organization, sportsmanship, and the camaraderie I observed among all involved in the Tevis Cup and I dream of one day seeing my home town as an international endurance riding destination in Israel. Most of all I learned the power of *koach ratzon*— the will and faith to do something I set my heart on achieving."

For more information about the Tevis Cup, visit www.teviscup.org.



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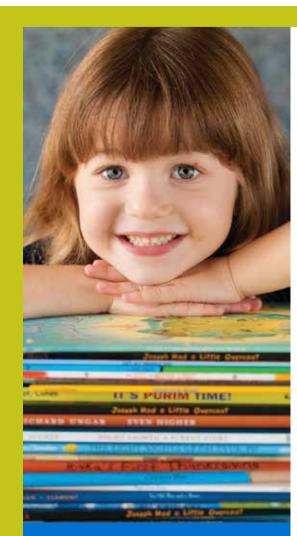


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Be sure to join us for our upcoming Sukkot event, PJ at the Patch!

September 27, 2015 — 10:00-11:30am Dave's Pumpkin Patch

3010 Burrows Ave., West Sacramento Entrance to the Pumpkin Patch Free Entrance to the Cornival and Corn Maze \$12 per person

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A GUIDE TO THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

Looking for a synagogue during the High Holidays? Following is a list of synagogues with contact information for the Jewish Federation's 13-county service area.

CONSERVATIVE

Congregation Beth Shalom (Modesto) 1705 Sherwood Ave., Modesto 209-571-6060 www.cbsmodesto.org

Mosaic Law Congregation 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento 916-488-1122 www.mosaiclaw.org

MODERN ORTHODOX

Kenesset Israel Torah Center 1165 Morse Ave., Sacramento 916-481-1159 www.kitcsacramento.org

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Antelope Roseville Jewish Congregation Misty Wood Senior Apartments 1275 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville 916-594-9576 antelopejewishcongregation@yahoo.com

Congregation Beth Israel 1336 Hemlock St., Chico 530-342-6146 www.cbichico.org

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Chabad of Chico rabbi@jewishchico.com

Chabad of Folsom 302 S. Lexington Dr., Folsom 916-608-9811 www.jewishfolsom.org

Chabad of Roseville 4410 Douglas Blvd., Roseville 916-500-4522 www.jewishroseville.com

Chabad of Sacramento 945 Evelyn Lane, Sacramento 916-455-1400 www.SACJewishLife.org

Chabad of Solano County 119 Briarwood Dr., Vacaville 707-592-5300 www.jewishsolano.com

REFORM

Congregation B'nai Harim P.O. Box 1229, Nevada City 530-477-0922 www.ncjcc.org

Congregation B'nai Israel 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento 916-446-4861 www.bnais.com

Congregation Bet Haverim 1715 Anderson Rd., Davis 530-758-0842 www.bethaverim.org

Congregation Beth Shalom (Carmichael) 4746 El Camino Ave., Carmichael 916-485-4478 www.cbshalom.org

Congregation Beth Shalom (Yuba City) P.O. Box 103, Marysville 530-742-1203 www.yubasuttercbs.org

Congregation Shir Shalom 252 W. Spain St., Sonoma 707-935-3636 www.shir-shalom.org

Foothills Jewish Community of **Amador County** P.O. Box 1625, Jackson 209-296-8701

Mother Lode Jewish Community P.O. Box 1142, Angels Camp 209-533-1650 www.motherlodejc.org

North Tahoe Hebrew Congregation P.O. Box 201, Tahoe Vista 530-546-0895 www.tahoetemple.org

Temple Bat Yam P.O. Box 5099, Stateline, NV 775-588-4503 www.tbytahoe.org

Temple Israel 5150 North El Dorado, Stockton 209-477-9306 www.templeisraelstockton.com

Temple Kol Shalom

1060 Suncast Lane, El Dorado 530-221-4050 www.templekolshalom.org

Temple Or Rishon 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale 916-988-4100 www.orrishon.org

THE HIGH AND HOLY CONNECTION: **A ROSH HASHANAH EVENING EVENT**

September 14, 2015 **Congregation Beth Shalom** 4746 El Camino Ave., Carmichael 7:00pm

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Rosh Hashanah Day II: Tuesday 9/15, 8am @ SPOONER LAKE STATE PARK

Yom Kippur - September 22 & 23, 2015

Kol Nidre: Tuesday 9/22, 7:30pm @ TEMPLE BAT YAM

Yom Kippur: Wednesday 9/23, 10am @ TEMPLE BAT YAM

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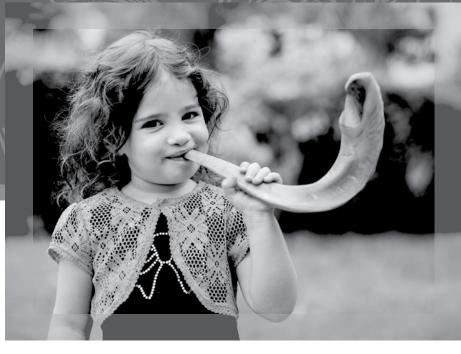


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Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, Sept. 13 7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Rosh Hashanah, Monday, Sept. 14 9am Family Service • 10am Rosh Hashanah Service • 10am Apples & Honey for ages 3-10 - 10:15am Teen Service 1:30pm Rosh Hashanah Reception - 3pm Tashlich in the Park

Shabbat Shuvah, Friday, Sept. 18 7:30pm Shabbat Service

Erev Yom Kippur~Kol Nidre, Tuesday, Sept. 22 7:30pm Kol Nidre Service

Yom Kippur, Wednesday, Sept. 23 9am Family Service - 10am Yom Kippur Morning Service -10am Apples & Honey for ages 3-10 • 10:15am Teen Service • 1pm Panel Discussion • 2:30pm YK Afternoon Service • 5pm Yizkor • 5:30pm Neilah Service • 6:30pm Break-the-Fast

Sukkot, Sunday, Sept. 27

9:30am Help Build the Sukkah • 6pm Festival Blessings & Potluck Dinner in the Sukkah & Courtyard • 7pm Program

Erev Simchat Torah Celebration, Sunday, Oct. 4 5:30pm Dinner (catered by the 2015-16 Confirmation Class, RSVP required) • 6:15pm Jeopardy ~ the Torah Edition • 7pm Simchat Torah Festival Service (enjoying caramel apples & dancing with the Torah with "A Step Above" DJ services)

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Erev Rosh Hashanah 9/13 6:30 pm Family Service 8 pm Teen Program/Adult Service Rosh Hashanah 9/14 **10** am Adult/Teen/Child Service **5** pm Tashlich Service Rosh Hashanah 9/14 **10** am No-fee Community Service Albert Einstein Residence Center Kol Nidre 9/22 6:30 pm Family Service 8 pm Teen Program/Adult Service Yom Kippur 9/23 **10** am Adult/Teen/Child Service 1 pm Afternoon Study 3 Contemporary Worship 4 Afternoon Service 5 Yizkor Service 6 Ne'ila Service Erev Sukkot 9/27 5:30 Dairy Potluck 6:30 Service **10** am Sukkot Service Albert Einstein Residence Center Simchat Torah 10/5 5:30 pm Hearty Oneg 6:00 pm Consecration Congregation Beth Shalom

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GENERAL EVENTS

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September 1 and 29, 2015. Jewish Meditation and Mindfulness–Building Your Spiritual Practice with Deni

Deutsch Marshall, LCSW. Explores a number of Jewish meditation practices, both ancient and modern, designed to help you have a more personal relationship with G-d. Sessions include guided sitting meditations, chanting meditations, and silent meditations, as well as a number of mindfulness techniques to practice at home. Drop-ins welcome. \$5/session drop-in; \$50 for 11 classes. 6:30-7:30pm. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Deni Deutsch Marshall at 916-684-5161 or denimarshall@gmail.com.*

September 8, 2015. Jewish Baking Class at the Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op. Evie Lieb will demonstrate an assortment of delicious traditional recipes, including challah, just in time for the High Holidays. Generous samples and recipes will be provided. \$45; \$35 for Co-op Owners. 6:30-8:30pm. *For more information, contact* 916-868-6399.

September 9, 2015. Leisure League at Temple Or Rishon. Honey...How Sweet It Is! Join us for a delicious honey and apple tasting and take home a treat! Funded by the Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly and The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region. Noon-2:00pm. \$5 includes lunch and entertainment. 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. *For more information or to RSVP, contact federation@jewishsac.org or 916-486-0906 ext. 310.*

September 18, 2015. PJ Library Playgroup. It's time for apples and honey with PJ Library! Come celebrate Rosh Hashanah with us as we snack, read, play, and discuss what this High Holiday is all about. We look forward to ringing in the Jewish New Year with you! 10:00-11:30am. Jewish Federation, 2130 21st St., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Lisa Freeman at 916-486-0906 ext. 311 or Ifreeman@jewishsac.org.*

September 24, 2015. Leisure League at the Albert Einstein Residence Center. PBS TV Series Host "Rob on the Road." Rob Stewart is an award-winning reporter and television host, and the Executive Producer and host of the California PBS series "Rob on the Road," now in its 7th season. Come view video clips and hear Rob's anecdotes about travelling around the Sacramento region while filming the show. Funded by the Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly and The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region. Noon-2:00pm. \$5 includes lunch and entertainment. 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. For more information or to RSVP, contact federation@jewishsac.org or 916-486-0906 ext. 310.

September 27, 2015. Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento presents *Three Minutes in Poland— Discovering a Lost World in 1938* Family Film with Glenn Kurtz. Story of an old family film that came alive more than 70 years later. 10:00am. Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. *For more information, contact mortrumberg1@ earthlink.net.* **September 27, 2015. PJ at the Patch.** Join us at Dave's Pumpkin Patch for Sukkot stories and a morning with friends at the Patch. Celebrate the fall harvest of Sukkot and pick out your favorite pumpkin. Entrance to the Pumpkin Patch is free! Entrance to the Cornival and Corn Maze: \$12 per person. Pumpkins vary in price. Meet at the entrance where we will gather and spend some time reading, discussing Sukkot, and snacking before heading into the Cornival for free play (optional). 10:00-11:30am. Dave's Pumpkin Patch. 3010 Burrows Ave., West Sacramento. *For more information, contact Lisa Freeman at 916-486-0906 ext. 311 or Ifreeman@ jewishsac.org.*

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 916-988-4100.*

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 916-988-4100.*

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 916-988-4100.*

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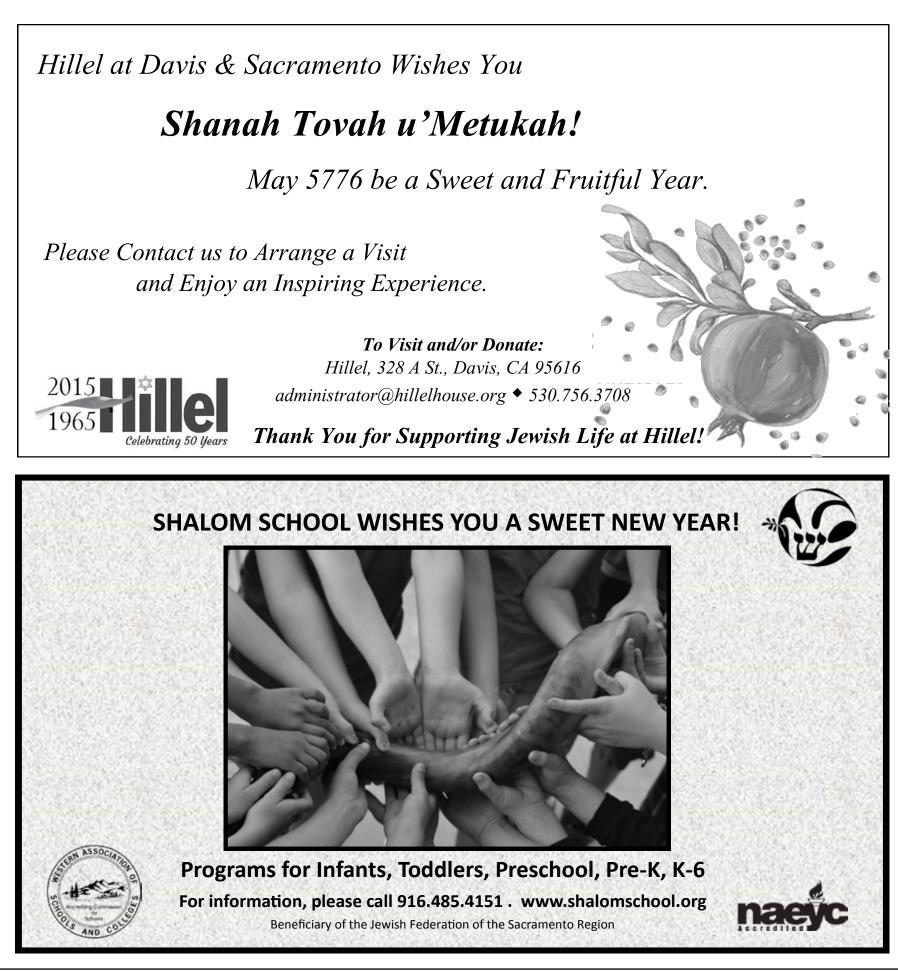


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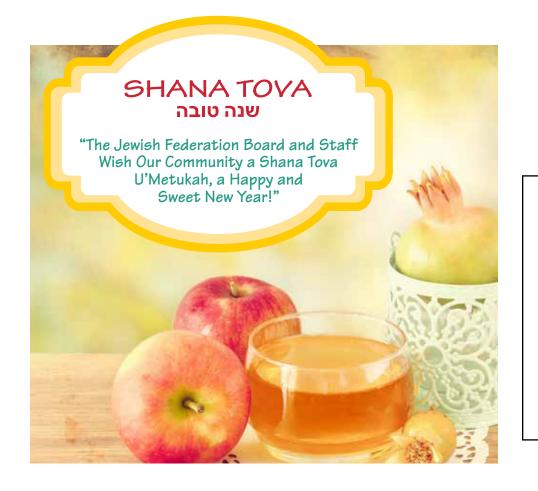
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