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A LIFE WELL LIVED

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to share my memories of a unique man that we were blessed to have in our community until one month before his 104th birthday. Lou Weintraub z"l was a true gift to Sacramento. He was the original "people" person and I don't believe he ever went anywhere that he did not charm every person, no matter the age.

For those that did not know Lou's history, he was the Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation in San Francisco for many years. I met him when he created the Young Adult Division and it was a perfect venue for me in my twenties. Lou taught us how to be leaders, bring people together and how to solicit gifts to support the needs of many. He was my mentor and my dedication to volunteerism was inspired at that time and made me a Federation junkie forever. I will miss him very much.



DIVERSITY AMONG OUR OWN PEOPLE

Sitting on the board of the Federation is the best volunteer job one could experience. The learning curve has become the largest growth experience for me as I became aware of the diversity within our own people.

The Federation is the central address of the entire Jewish community. While our main work is to provide social services, we are often required to do more. The JCRC is the division that is our watch dog for any discriminating situations and handles political issues, both here at home and in Israel.

When we are dealing with an issue and we feel the need to publish a statement to our community, we work for hours to make sure we are addressing our community in an appropriate and respectful manner. Our first step is to follow the lead of our parent organization, The Jewish Federations of North America. Then we seek approval from our board leaders and we publish our statement.

Due to the diversity of our community, we often receive responses that indicate we are not representing all views (I would be surprised if we could hit 100%). I am pleased that our statement is read and that we receive input to help us improve communication.

When we find we are dealing with two sided issues, we as a Federation pay attention to both sides of an opinion and endeavor to represent our community as best we can. Therefore, we have decided to add an opinion page to our Voice to allow both sides to share their viewpoint. We want to give quality information to our readers. We are never too old to learn!

Please join us at two exciting April events: *The Sacramento Jewish Film Festival* (April 19, 21 & 22) and *Happy 70th Birthday Israel* (April 29). If I don't see you there, see you at 2130 21st Street.

Carol Loew

President
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Happy 70th Birthday Israel



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Tiny Miracles

As you are reading this, there is a previously homeless individual who has made it safely back to Israel because of your support. Let me explain.

Over the past year our Federation, Board and staff, have spent a tremendous amount of time retelling the story of the Federation, our work and our programs. Whether you have recently heard the retelling of Federation at a synagogue Board meeting, a Federation event, or even over lunch with me, my hope is that many of you have a better understanding of what we do, the critical services we provide, and why your support is so crucial. Hopefully you know about the 1,000 + families that receive PJ Library books, or the dozens of scholarships that we administer and provide on an annual basis – whether through our Teen Israel

Scholarship, or through the Schwab-Rosenhouse Memorial Scholarship – and yes, the relaunch of the Jewish Film Festival, now a proud program of the Federation and our JCRC. These are what I call large scale miracles; they get publicized, acknowledged and talked about throughout the community – and I love that! However, being fortunate to have the job that I do, I regularly witness what I call tiny miracles; situations where the Federation is called upon in dire emergencies, when someone in our community is in need and does not know where else to go.

In January, a shelter caseworker reached out to our Jewish Family Service Community Social Worker, Rebecca Ray, regarding a medically complex Jewish resident that had been there for quite some time. Initially, the caseworker was looking for housing assistance in Sacramento. The resident, it turned out, was an Israeli citizen who fought in the Yom Kippur War and was looking to return to Israel. There was just one problem - an expired passport. Rebecca made a referral to the Consulate General of Israel located in San Francisco and advocated for this resident, and through the resources of the Federation and our strong relationships with partner organizations, we were able to arrange an expedited delivery of the resident's passport, at no cost. In addition, thanks to our area synagogues and Rabbis, we were able to raise \$800 in 24 hours to secure this resident a plane ticket back to Israel.

Can you imagine being in a situation like this? The fact is that people in our Jewish community can fall on hard times, and when they do, Federation and our services are here to assist. I could share with you dozens of “tiny miracles” similar to this one that are made possible through your annual gift to the Federation. As we gather around our Seder tables this Pesach, I encourage us all to reflect on the tiny miracles in our lives, and think about how we can each do our part to ensure these miracles continue.

On behalf of the individual who is safely back in Israel, and the thousands of individuals whose lives are enhanced by the work that we do, I thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Willie Recht

Executive Director

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In Memoriam: Lou Weintraub z”l

The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region would like to honor the memory of Lou Weintraub who passed away December 18, 2017 in Sacramento, CA at the age of 103.

Lou Weintraub was beloved by many Jewish communities. In Brooklyn, NY - where he was born and raised, in Texas - where he relocated to take a job as a synagogue administrator at Temple Mt. Sinai, and in California where he eventually settled to take on many prestigious roles including Executive Vice President of the San Francisco Jewish Federation for 23 years. His formidable and diverse education consisted of majoring in Chemistry at City College of New York, a Master's in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania and a Certificate in Financial Planning from UC Davis.



Lou's expertise was sought by many within the Jewish community as well as outside of it. The many organizations he consulted for included the United Way of the Bay Area and the American Red Cross in San Francisco, where he served as interim CEO until a permanent CEO was appointed. He was also a war veteran, having served during World War II as a Lieutenant and honed his skills as a Clinical Psychologist. In Sacramento he gave his time to many boards and organizations such as the Community Services Planning Council, Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, Emergency Food and Shelter Board (FEMA), the Renaissance Society, The Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries, Landmarks in the West and was a member of the Men's Club of Mosaic Law Congregation. He was known for sharing his talents to better his community and was deeply loved by all who knew him.

Federation President, Carol Loew, shared "I was blessed to have Lou Weintraub as a friend and mentor. He has left us with fond memories and he will be missed."

Lou is survived by his devoted wife Roslyn Levy-Weintraub, his son Paul and his husband Ray Szczesny, his step-son Rabbi Leonard Levy, step-daughter Amy Meader, and his grandchildren Amalya Levy, Kimberly Meader and Jas Levy.

Zichrono livracha - May His Memory Be For A Blessing.

I N M E M O R I A M

LOU WEINTRAUB



January 25, 1914 - December 18, 2017

"Lou was so passionate about building and strengthening Jewish community through the Federation, that even at the age of 103, he was still offering to come down to San Francisco to help!"

- Danny Grossman, Chief Executive Officer, Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund

The Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund mourns the passing of respected community member, Lou Weintraub, one month shy of his 104th birthday.

An accomplished leader and mentor, Lou was the Federation's executive director from 1970 to 1975. Recognizing how important it was to involve the younger members of the Jewish community, he pioneered the Young Adult Division during his tenure. Previously, Lou was the Federation's executive vice president, helping to raise millions of dollars during the late 1940s and early '50s. He also served as the Western States Regional Director for the Council of Jewish Federations.

Highly energetic, with his humor always at the forefront, Lou didn't slow down following his retirement, volunteering with the Sacramento federation and continuing to serve on various boards.

Thank you, Lou, for your many years of service to the Jewish community. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Roz Levy-Weintraub, and his son, Paul Weintraub, as well as his family and friends.

May his memory be a blessing for all time - Zichrono Livracha (z”l).

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A Message from the Pulpit

As we prepare for Pesach and its message of freedom, let us consider the story and writing of Victor Frankl. Frankl survived two concentration camps during the Holocaust, even as most of his family was killed. In his book, Man's Search for Meaning, Frankl writes, "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing. The last of human freedoms is to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances."

What is freedom? The Nazis use their power to take away everything from Frankl—his clothes, possessions, his family. They left him hungry, shattered and drained. Though his strength and hope were diminished, he did not give in. Though the Nazi's tried to take away his freedom, they did not succeed.

Frankl writes, "Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is the power to choose our response. In that power lies our growth and our freedom." Despite the atrocities that were happening around him, and to him, Frankl held on to his ultimate freedom, the ability to choose how he would respond. Facing inhumanity, he chose his humanity.

Each of us has the same freedom—especially in these crazy times. We have the ability to choose how we will respond to what is happening to us, and around us. No one can ever dictate how we are supposed to feel or react, regardless of the circumstance.

Ultimately, we are in control and responsible for actions—may we always use this freedom to care for ourselves, our family, our community and our world.

Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Alan Rabishaw, Temple Or Rishon



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JFNA Cabinet Perspectives: Then & Now

National Young Leadership Cabinet (NYLC) is The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) elite leadership-training program for people ages 30-45. It attracts the best and the brightest. Individuals seeking to enrich their lives and the Jewish community by becoming leaders within a global philanthropic movement. Our Communications Director, Melanie Flood, caught up with two accomplished women from our community to discuss their experiences in Cabinet.



Then: Nancy Brodovsky

When and why did you first get involved in Cabinet?

Early in my career, I worked in Denver as the Catering Sales Manager at the Denver Marriott. I wanted to get involved in the Jewish community and promote my hotel, so I chose the Allied Jewish Federation. Through my active involvement, I was awarded their Young Leadership Award, the youngest recipient at 25 years old. In 1982, I was very honored and flattered to be asked to be on the UJA Young Woman's Cabinet.

How do you feel Cabinet has helped you contribute to the Jewish community?

The Cabinet gave me an opportunity to be in a room full of incredible women (men and women were on separate boards at that time) - who had passion, experience, commitment, and who were connected to each other and their community. It gave me a network that was second to none, across every major city. I learned from these women and was inspired by them. It was a very high bar, you had to have your A game on. Part of serving involved choosing a portfolio, and I selected Solicitation Training, which sent me to numerous cities to train community leaders. The year I was named Campaign Co-Chair, our 240 members raised over \$1 million dollars. Whenever you participate at a national level, you bring knowledge and passion back to your own community.

Has Cabinet changed your perspective in any way? If so, how?

My perspective was changed by Cabinet through the exposure I received. The education I was afforded and all the people I met created an incredible learning opportunity. It was an investment my Denver community made in me, and I had a responsibility to share what I learned and say yes to leadership. When a community selects individuals, they need to make sure they are getting the people willing to give their best.

What did Cabinet do to inspire you to give Jewishly?

Giving Jewishly was already embedded in me by my parents. Through my involvement with the Cabinet I was asked to Co-Chair a Business & Professional Women's Mission to Israel and was exposed to very special experiences on that trip. I also went to Washington, D.C. to hear from, and meet with legislators, so we could advocate on behalf of Israel. It was a vehicle where I was afforded the opportunity to grow and develop, which has had a lasting impact on my life.

Anything else you would like to share?

Leadership roles are an important part of one's Cabinet experience. While an individual commitment to a local Federation is large, you quickly realize you're getting far more than you gave. It's also important to note, it was my local Federation's investment in me - paying for me to attend the GA - that was a catalyst for my Federation involvement. And my involvement provided me the ability to eventually create my own business, Sac Connects, further highlighting my abilities, and further helping my community.

Now: Robin Polansky

Tell us a little bit about your background with The Jewish Federation and Sacramento Jewish community.

I grew up in a Federation family. My parents, Karen and Steve Polansky, have always been heavily involved in all things Jewish, especially Federation and our synagogue Mosaic Law Congregation. After finishing my emergency medicine residency in NYC, I relocated to San Francisco and joined the Young Adult Division (YAD) of the SF Federation, where I went from Committee Member to Board Member to Executive Board Member. After five years in SF, I moved to Los Angeles and joined the Board of the Young Adults of LA Federation (YALA). I am now the Community Service Chair for LA Federation's Community Engagement Executive Committee, in which I work with the Federation staff to organize six community service days per year.



L to R: Marina Grabovsky, Robyn Polansky Morrison (Robin's cousin) & Robin Polansky

When and why did you first get involved in Cabinet?

I heard about Cabinet in passing as a kid from my family friends Marvin & Linda Kamras. Last year, my cousin (also named Robyn Polansky) suggested that we join Cabinet together to have an awesome shared experience. I also realized that it was time to finally escalate my Federation involvement to a national level. I am now serving a one-year term on the Cabinet Leadership Team as Social Action Co-Chair, in which I planned a volunteer activity for 270 Cabinet members at this past summer's annual Cabinet Retreat and I am now organizing the first ever Cabinet Day of Service.

How do you feel Cabinet has helped you contribute to the Jewish community?

As the LA Federation Community Service Chair, I get to organize volunteer opportunities that benefit local Federation partners, and as the Cabinet Social Action Co-Chair, I am hopefully inspiring my fellow Cabinet members to volunteer within their own communities. At this past summer's annual Cabinet Retreat, the current 270 Cabinet members collectively pledged over \$2 million dollars to our local Federations. We know this money will go to great use towards numerous programs and organizations that care for Jews in need, ensure the Jewish future, engage our communities, and support Israel.

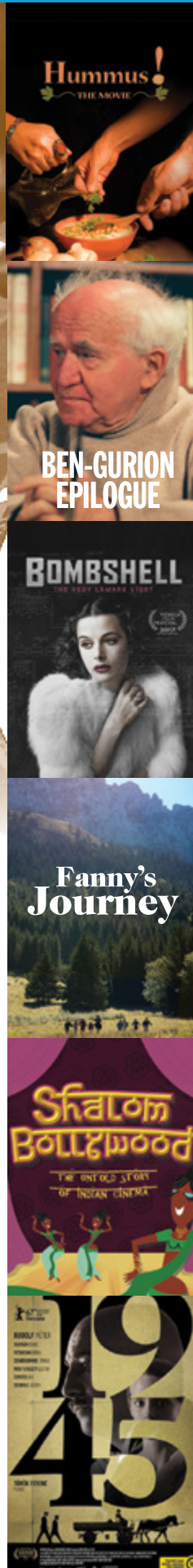
Has Cabinet changed your perspective in any way? If so, how?

It has opened my eyes to Jewish communities internationally, especially ones that have benefitted from Federation dollars.

Anything else you would like to share?

In February 2017, I went to India for Cabinet's annual Mission and had the opportunity to interact with the Jewish communities in Mumbai, New Delhi, and Alibag. There are only 4,000 Indian Jews out of a billion-person population, yet they are passionate about keeping their Indian Jewish communities thriving. Federation dollars play a key role in helping these Indian Jewish communities do so.

19th Annual Sacramento Jewish Film Festival



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19th Annual Sacramento Jewish Film Festival

The 19th Annual Sacramento Jewish Film Festival

The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), a division of the Jewish Federation, are delighted to announce the 19th Annual Sacramento Jewish Film Festival at the Crest Theatre (1013 K Street) on April 19, 21 and 22, 2018. Coinciding with the 70th anniversary of Yom HaAtzmaut - Israel Independence Day, the festival will showcase six feature films: Hummus! The Movie, Epilogue: Ben-Gurion, Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story, Fanny's Journey, Shalom Bollywood: The Untold Story of Indian Cinema and 1945 (based on the acclaimed short story "Homecoming" by Gábor T. Szántó).

Opening night, April 19, will feature a hummus and pita reception with The KlezMeerkats of Sacramento performing Israeli and Klezmer music. The band will also perform on stage between the films. A special short film, Gefilte Fish, will be shown before Hummus: The Movie. Saturday, April 21, (evening) will welcome filmmaker Alexandra Dean who will introduce her film Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story and lead a post-film discussion. A reception, catered by Solomon's Delicatessen, and a Havdalah service will precede the film. The festival closes on Sunday, April 22 with screenings of Fanny's Journey, Shalom Bollywood: The Untold Story of Indian Cinema and 1945. Prior to Shalom Bollywood, dance troupe Arts of India will perform on stage. Central Valley Holocaust Educators' Network (CVHEN) President Liz Igra will also lead a discussion after the 1945 showing.

Bombshell director Alexandra Dean said, "It is my hope that this film will become the moment Hedy Lamarr, the legend who shaped our world, will come out of the shadows, and take her place in history. Hedy Lamarr rejected any limitations placed on her, and despite being a renowned beauty, it was her firmly held belief that she could only change the world through her unusual mind." Willie Recht, Executive Director for the Jewish Federation added, "We are delighted to bring this important festival back to our community. Our organization is about building community and we hope that not only will our Jewish friends and neighbors join us to view these films, but the wider community will also come and enjoy a program we are proud to have put together. We'd also like to thank Teven Laxer, our Festival Director, who has done a tremendous amount of work to help make this event possible."

Tickets can be purchased directly at the Crest Theatre box office or crestsacramento.com. Single tickets, group sales, reception tickets and festival passes are available. For more information about this event visit <http://jewishshsac.org/sjff/>.

Melanie Flood

Communications Director



Sacramento Jewish Film Festival Program

April 19, 21 (evening), & 22, 2018 Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 19, 2018

- 5:30 PM Pita and Hummus Reception
- 6:30 PM Short Film: Gefilte Fish
- 6:50 PM Film: Hummus! The Movie
- 8:15 PM KlezMeerkats performance
- 8:45 PM Film: Epilogue: Ben Gurion

Saturday, April 21, 2018

- 6:00 PM Reception with filmmaker Alexandra Dean, catered by Solomon's Delicatessen
- 7:30 PM Film introduction and Havdalah
- 8:00 PM Film: Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story
- 9:30 PM Post-film discussion with Film maker,

Alexandra Dean

Sunday, April 22, 2018

- 1:00 PM Fanny's Journey
- 3:15 PM Live Bollywood dance performance by Arts of India
- 3:45 PM Film: Shalom Bollywood
- 5:30 PM Film: 1945
- 7:00 PM Post-film discussion

Communitywide Yom HaShoah Commemoration



DR. EVA FOGELMAN, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Moral Courage During the Holocaust

IMPLICATIONS TODAY

Dr. Eva Fogelman is a psychologist, author, and filmmaker. She is also a child of Holocaust survivors who was inspired by the courage of ordinary people who risked their lives defying authority to help aid her father during the war. Eva's Pulitzer Prize-nominated book *Conscience and Courage: Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust* sparked an international movement to examine the moral responsibility to deter genocide.

Currently, Dr. Fogelman advocates for what we can learn from Holocaust rescuers to confront present-day racism. She also does extensive work with child survivors of the Holocaust and descendants of survivors. An informal Q&A with the keynote speaker will follow the program. Kosher refreshments will be served.

Dr. Fogelman will meet with the CVHEN 2nd Gen group for a Sunday morning brunch prior to this event. RSVP for the 2nd Gen brunch: cvhen.com/events.

Holocaust survivors and descendants of survivors are invited to participate in the **candle-lighting procession**. Please meet at 6:15 pm in the Mosaic Law Congregation Social Hall.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018
6:30 PM

Mosaic Law Congregation
2300 Sierra Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95825

The Communitywide Yom HaShoah Commemoration is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), a division of the Federation, with the support of the Sacramento Board of Rabbis and Central Valley Holocaust Educators' Network (CVHEN).

Sign Language Interpreters provided by Federation's Committee on Inclusion and Disabilities.

Refreshments provided by Mosaic Law Congregation. **For more information**, contact: YomHaShoah5778@gmail.com



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Moral Courage During the Holocaust

MORAL COURAGE DURING THE HOLOCAUST AND TODAY

Dr. Eva Fogelman grew up hearing bits and pieces about her parents' ordeals surviving German occupied Europe, which ultimately led her to devote her professional life to understanding the broader history of the Holocaust and exploring the lessons of that history. Dr. Fogelman's work reveals the value of examining survivors' and rescuers' narratives.

Simcha escaped a massacre of Jews in the Ilya ghetto with the help of a Russian baker who sheltered him in the attic of the bakery where they both worked. Later, local farmers provided food and provisions to Simcha and his fellow Jewish partisans.

Dr. Eva Fogelman, author, psychologist, and filmmaker, is Simcha's daughter. Her parents both survived the Holocaust and met and married after the war in Germany. Fogelman was subsequently born in a displaced persons camp in Kassel, Germany.

The courage displayed by the baker and the farmers who put themselves at great risk to help her father inspired Fogelman to study the people who became rescuers during the Holocaust and their motivation for altruism. Fogelman's 1994 book, **Conscience and Courage: Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust**, is the result of interviews of more than 300 non-Jewish rescuers and a few hundred survivors who were rescued.

In 1976, Fogelman along with her colleague Bella Savran, was pivotal in starting the first awareness groups and conferences for children of Holocaust survivors, the second generation, and for child survivors of the Holocaust. During this time, there was a growing consciousness and openness to talk about the Holocaust. In 1984, she produced the award-winning documentary "Breaking the Silence: The Generation after the Holocaust," which aired on PBS. This groundbreaking film raised critical awareness to recognize the impact of the Holocaust on the survivors, their children, and their descendants. Other historically traumatized groups related to the intergenerational consequences of racism and genocide as well.

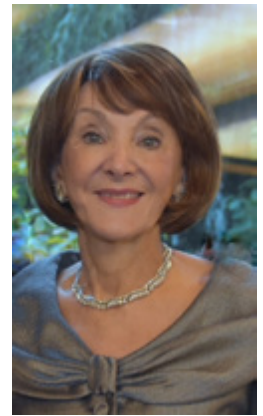
Dr. Fogelman is outspoken about the lessons we can learn from Holocaust survivors and rescuers. Dr. Fogelman suggests that rescuers' tolerance and acceptance of people who were different, as well as their refusal to accept the Nazi propaganda that Jews were less than human, propelled them to risk their lives to save Jews from their imminent death.

Applying what we can learn from rescuers during the Holocaust to today, Dr. Fogelman believes we need to recognize that each person is worthy. It's imperative, says Fogelman, to see each person as an individual and not to categorize them as being in a group. If we dehumanize a group of people for any reason such as race or ethnicity, then we will not see them as human beings just like ourselves. We must go beyond the propaganda and the xenophobia that separates "us" and "them." We need to see every individual as an equal person under God; this is the start of being an upstander. Fogelman believes this education starts at home. Parents should be role models who teach tolerance and acceptance. Engaging with people who are different from ourselves is the first step.

By showing us another avenue of thought, Dr. Eva Fogelman's understanding of the lessons of the Holocaust can inform our daily lives and actions that influence our future.

Susan Solarz

Co-Chair, Yom HaShoah Committee



Legacy Giving: JCFW

Legacy Giving: Terri & Sandi Goldstein - Honoring Cissie Goldstein



Cissie Goldstein was a phenomenal entertainer. She loved throwing events and was meticulous about the smallest of details. Being a creative person who liked to socialize, it made sense that when she became a senior she noticed people her age needed a social outlet. She was conscious of the fact that seniors could easily become shut in and wanted to make sure that they would have an outlet to be entertained.

For Terri and Sandi Goldstein, Federation was an omnipresent word in their home. Danny Goldstein, the family patriarch, was involved with Federation from a young age and took the seat of his father on the Board of Federation, as was traditionally done back in those days, when his father passed away. Danny and Cissie both instilled in their children a strong sense of Jewish community. Known for opening their home to

their entire congregation on special holidays such as Rosh Hashanah Eve, they would also invite people over for Passover to make sure they were taken care of and not alone on a holiday. They firmly believed that Jewish people shouldn't be isolated to their synagogues, and this belief drove their dedication to help their community become more connected. Terri and Sandi lovingly recall how their father used to say, "Every time Jews get together, it's a mitzvah".

Cissie's involvement in starting Leisure League with Judge Leonard Friedman was one of the many reasons Terri and Sandi wanted to honor the memory of their mother. Giving a \$25,000 donation through the Jewish Community Foundation of the West as a permanent endowment fund ensured that their mother's dedication to establish and sustain the Leisure League program would continue in perpetuity through an annual distribution through the Jewish Federation. Terri and Sandi are proud donors, having earned the donation they gave to Federation by working hard and having learned the importance of giving from their beloved parents.

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The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region would like to thank our Life & Legacy family. Planting the seeds for future generations, the Life and Legacy program enables us to continue our work for the community and ensures our community remains vibrant and resilient for years to come.

CID: Mickey Zeff Goes to Camp



We are a Ramah family. My husband Karl, our older son Danny, and I are alumni campers as well as staff of Camp Ramah in Ojai, California. Karl and I met there. Danny went to Israel on Ramah Seminar. Then there's our younger son Mickey, age 22, who has Autism. Yes, Ramah California has a Tikvah program for special needs campers and young adults. But I always had the feeling he was "not high enough functioning"

to participate, and it would have required missing 3-4 weeks of his year-round school. So, I long ago gave up on the dream for Mickey to have a Ramah experience of his own.

Then last year I met Rabbi Sarah Shulman, director of Camp Ramah in Northern California ("Ramah Galim"). After several discussions with her and Howard Blas, director of National Ramah Tikvah Network, Karl and I were confident that Mickey was a good fit for Galim's new Ezra program (special needs adults, age 18-26), and his support needs would be met. The two weeks at camp would be Mickey's first time away from home without family.

I'm happy to report Mickey's time at camp was a huge success! Mornings were filled with camper type activities such as horseback riding, bicycling, kayaking, and boogie boarding. After lunch, he had vocational tasks--taking care of the farm animals, and popular as "the snack delivery guy". Frequently he was

integrated into general camp population activities for both campers and staff.

Mickey has now had his own Ramah experience. My dream came true. He helped pilot Galim's Ezra program and it provided him with an incredible growth opportunity. Karl and I are extremely grateful to the camp staff for making this possible and we're very excited for what lies ahead when Mickey returns to camp this summer.

Sheri Zeff

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On Saturday, February 3, Federation's major donors gathered in Old Town Sacramento at The Firehouse Restaurant to celebrate The Big Event 2018. The evening consisted of a festive cocktail reception - complete with a photo booth - and a three-course dinner. Guests listened intently to our staff and the stories they shared detailing the impact that Federation programs and services have had in our community: programs made possible through generous annual campaign gifts. We are proud to say this evening raised over \$100,000 to support the critical programs and services



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Recipe For Pesach

My Mother's Passover Cakes

My mother was a spectacular cook, like her mother before her. They came to the US in August 1938, grateful to be safe and away from Nazi Germany. My mother went to undergrad school at NYU, where her major was Home Economics, when that was still a thing. She was a creative cook, but didn't enjoy the exacting nature of baking, so she baked exactly three cakes a year for Seder: a hazelnut torte, an almond cake and a sponge cake from the Manischewitz box. It brings me joy to share my mothers Hazelnut Cake Recipe with you, on this Pesach holiday. Enjoy!



Variation: Use 8 oz ground almonds, which are readily available these days. Leave out the coffee and substitute 1/2 teaspoon kosher for Passover almond extract. Serve with fruit salad on the side and whipped cream, if you are having a dairy meal.

Hazelnut Cake

9 eggs, separated
3/4 C granulated sugar, divided
8 oz hazelnuts
2 tablespoons of finely ground coffee
1 teaspoon kosher for Passover vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350. Line two 9-inch cake pans with parchment. Do not grease the sides of the pans or the layers will not raise correctly. Place the hazelnuts in a food processor with 1/4 C sugar and grind as finely as possible without turning into hazelnut butter. Place the nine egg yolks in a stand mixer and beat on medium high until light and fluffy. Add the hazelnuts, the coffee and vanilla and combine thoroughly. Beat the egg whites in a separate bowl with clean beaters until they begin to develop volume, then slowly add the 1/2 C sugar until the meringue holds stiff peaks. Lighten the nut mixture by folding in some of the whites, then combine the nut mixture with the whites until completely combined. Divide evenly into the cake pans and bake for 25 minutes until a tester comes out clean. Cool upside down to retain volume, release from the pans and turn right side up. Make your favorite kosher for Passover chocolate frosting. Decorate with reserved hazelnuts.

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Community Platform: Israeli Embassy



In December, President Trump decided to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and to move the United States Embassy there. Does that decision benefit the United States? Or benefit Israel? Or help the United States broker Israel-Palestinian peace? No. It does not change the status of Jerusalem in the eyes of the rest of the world. But it weakens the United States' international standing, creates

false expectations in Israel, undermines the long tradition of bipartisan U.S. support for Israel, and seriously sets back our ability to broker peace.

Until last December, every President recognized that Jerusalem's final status and borders should be decided in a final peace agreement. The United States understands that Jerusalem functions as the seat of the Israeli government. However, its legal status under international law is in dispute. Both sides claim Jerusalem. Realistic suggestions for a final agreement propose that the western part be Israel's capital and East Jerusalem be the capital of Palestine.

In the past two months, our closest allies have voted against us in the United Nations. Both backers of more West Bank settlements and American backers of BDS have felt emboldened. Palestinians have rejected further US participation in the peace process and asked the Russians to assume the role of peacemaker. The United States and Israel have gained nothing of substance in return for these adverse consequences. This symbolic gesture trades our standing in the world for an ephemeral gain benefiting our President. The President missed an opportunity to advance a two-state solution by coupling this move with a parallel commitment to place a U.S. embassy to Palestine in East Jerusalem or condemning settlement expansion.

The Sacramento Jewish Federation reflected a lack of balanced judgment in unqualifiedly supporting this announcement, while, in 2016, criticizing President Obama's position on Israel's West Bank settlement activity. When Israel is under clear-cut attack Federation must act quickly to defend it. But before taking a stand on less pressing matters, Federation needs to follow an inclusive process and recognize the diversity of opinion in the Sacramento Jewish community.

Brian K. Landsberg
Federation Past President

My husband and I live in Jerusalem over half of the year. It's a pleasant 30 minute walk from our apartment through Sacher Park to Israel's government buildings, including the Knesset and the Supreme Court. Both the Prime Minister's and the President's residences are within minutes of our apartment and we often hear music at the President's residence when foreign dignitaries are visiting or when new ambassadors present their credentials.



The reality is that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and like all sovereign nations Israel may designate its capital. In 1995 a bipartisan majority in Congress passed The Jerusalem Embassy Act stating that the US Embassy be relocated to Jerusalem by 1999. While I would have preferred that one of the three immediately previous presidents, all of whom had pledged to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital had authorized this move, they each signed waivers delaying it. I cannot let the messenger of this announcement interfere with its significance; it is the right thing to do and I applaud it. It was overwhelmingly welcomed by the leaders of the Israeli center, left and right.

President Trump's message regarding moving the embassy made clear that the Administration is not taking a position on any final status issues, including the specific boundaries of Jerusalem. The door is open for Palestinians to enter into negotiations with Israel and to designate Jerusalem the capital of any future state.

My hope is that Palestinians will sit down with Israelis and negotiate a peaceful solution to the current situation, recognizing Israel as the Jewish state and establishing a state for Palestinians. Jerusalem is Israel's capital and one day it can also be the capital of a future Palestinian state. History has shown that there are creative ways that good people can accommodate the aspirations of two peoples.

Dana Edelstein
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