# The BuzZ at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

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### From Rabbi Jana

### What Are You Asking?

A Passover Seder is filled with questions and opportunities to ask more questions. The setting is supposed to be unusual enough to prompt curiosity. Children, people who have never been to a Seder, and hopefully adults looking at familiar things in new ways are all

encouraged to ask questions.

In a Language Acquisition class they taught that arguably the only two occasions when it is appropriate to ask a question when you already know the answer is when talking to young children or new language students. In those cases, potentially a "good conversation" might sound like this:

Question: What is this? Answer: A book. Reply: Yes, a book.

Otherwise, usually a question is supposed to be used when the answer is not certain.

If you stop to think about it, there are other situations when people ask questions and already know the answers. For example, on a call to a business – like the phone company – when they ask you for your phone number and your address, because they already know it, and want to confirm that they are speaking with the correct person.

As a Rabbi, I get asked a lot of questions... every day. Many questions are about things that people know the answer to – or want to confirm that the answer they want to hear is what I tell them. For example, a congregant calling because they want to come to the Seder, but missed the deadline. They are hoping that I will say that they can come anyway, but need to ask to be sure – and I think perhaps it is, in a sense, to be comforted that it is okay to push the boundary a bit and still fit in. Often I am asked by non-Jews if they can participate in Jewish things, whether it is can they come to services or Torah study, or even can they become Jewish. I always wonder if they really think that the answer would be, "No. What makes you even think that someone like you could possibly come to a Jewish service or do Jewish things?" It is a wonderful thing to be able to answer so many questions each day with responses that help achieve people's desires.

Part of what I love about Judaism is that – at least the way I see it – it is filled with questions, and the answers often make our lives more meaningful. Sometimes whether the answer is yes or no, it helps give meaning. For example, recently when trying to set up the Film Festival, I was asked about whether we could start by showing movies on Saturday evening. Our Film Festival schedule typically covers workday evenings (Sunday through Thursday), but many people like to go out on Saturday night, specifically because there is no work the following day. Wouldn't it be nice to allow that audience to see Jewish movies too? This year, when we realized that for many people in the Jewish community it was still Passover (the eighth day) in addition to the fact that Shabbat doesn't end until after an evening movie would be scheduled to start, we remembered why we choose to start on Sundays. This prompted someone involved in the process to ask why going to a movie would be breaking Shabbat at all. It seems like a good way to relax – which is, after all, one of the goals of Shabbat. Great question! And in fact it is a great Jewish question!

If you want to know the answer to that question, you will have to ask me. One of the things I like about asking Jewish questions, is that sometimes the same question can have different answers, and sometimes the same answer can be used to answer seemingly conflicting questions. You should see some examples of these in the Seder.

When you think about the questions you ask, and ask yourself why you are asking them, then you are the kind of person who finds meaning in life. That is a very Jewish way to ask questions. Come, ask me about it sometime.



# From our President, Donald Posner

As I mentioned last month, I hope everyone is preparing for the upcoming Passover Seder whether at home with family or with your B'nai Zion family. Many thanks to Sisterhood and all who helped prepare the wonderful meal.

Thanks also to those who braved the cold wet weather to hear Michael Rubin discuss his first fiction novel, *The Cottoncrest Curse*. Not only did many of our own congregants attend, but we also had a nice number of guests. We are in the planning stage of having another guest speaker this spring. His talk will also be open to the public. Watch for updates, plan to attend and bring your friends. More on this after the dates are confirmed.



As always there are plenty of activities that happen at B'nai Zion. We worship together, study and learn together as well as try to make our community a better place. Please consider participating in our annual mitzvah day. There will be plenty of different projects that you can choose from depending on your interest and availability of time.

Final preparations are being made to our Donor Wall to honor those who contributed to the renovation of our sanctuary. It is hard to believe we have been worshipping in our new digs for more than a year!

Thanks to all of you who generously donate to our various funds every month. With summer approaching, I would like to make a special appeal for our Scholarship Fund to help defray costs so we are able to assist our youth attend a Jewish summer camp. Thank you again for your contributions!

Finally, please mark May 17, 2015 on your calendar. We will hold our annual Congregational meeting; time to be announced. Food will be served. Please plan to attend.

Read the bulletin or check on-line to find all that is happening at your B'nai Zion.

#### Shalom Y'all,

### **Donald**

The May Congregational Meeting will include elections for new Board members. If you would like to shape the future of our congregation, or know someone you would like to nominate, please contact the Nominations Chair, Craig Toys by April 17.

The B'nai Zion Foundation will convene a special meeting on May 17 at the Congregational Meeting.

#### B'nai Zion Board of Trustees 2014-2015

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### From our Educator

This is a month for celebration of our Jewish community and our engagement with the larger Shreveport-Bossier community. First of all, we had a very successful Purim Carnival with more than 140 people present! We had such a spirit of cooperation in putting together the games and activities, the food, and the tzedakah fundraiser. Lots of individuals assumed responsibility for the morning, and we thank them. Especially we thank the Federation for sponsoring our carnival.



The Purim fundraiser proved what we already know: our community takes an interest in the larger community. Not only did we raise the money needed by the Broadmoor Middle School teacher who used the donorschoose.org website to ask for a classroom set of "The Book Thief." We raised additional funds to support other teachers, and our 7th and 8th grade students are studying those requests so that we can make other dreams come true for other teachers.

Our engagement with the Shreveport-Bossier community will be further exemplified in our Fourth Annual Mitzvah Day Sunday, May 17. Please hold that date for taking part in activities that support non-profit organizations that are meeting important needs in our city. We will end Mitzvah Day with an early dinner for all participants as well as for all B'nai Zion members who are attending our Annual Meeting. Before Mitzvah Day, on April 26, we will hold our annual blood drive to benefit the Lifeshare Blood Center. Look for other details about these events in other sections of this bulletin.

Finally, our community ties will be strengthened as we partner with Volunteers for Youth Justice, a local program that seeks to teach teens who have made some poor choices to be more responsible for their actions and to teach all teens how to avoid conflict, eradicate bullying, and be good citizens. This is an exciting new program in which we will bring peer mediation skills to middle and high school students. Most exciting is the pledge we have from local attorneys and mediators to help us with the training. The project is called T.A.P. (Talking About Problems), and it has been developed by ISJL and used successfully in Jackson. Watch for the details in the months to come.

April brings us to Passover and Spring Break. Religious School classes will meet on Sunday, April 19 and 26. The earlier Sundays are our vacation days. I wish you a joyous Passover with your family and friends. Bill and I will have many children at this year's Seder so it will be less formal and shorter than usual. However, the story will be told, the symbols will be explained, and if the experience is chaotic, we will just remember that navigating to the Promised Land was not easy!

As the year winds down, I ask you to try to have your children present every Sunday. Our teachers want to complete their curriculum and continue to make their classrooms holy places.

L'shalom,

### Helaine Braunig





### Simcha Shabbat



It is such a blessing for us to celebrate happy events together. Please join us each month when we bless and honor those who will be celebrating a **birthday** or **anniversary** during the month. If your birthday or anniversary is in **April** we will celebrate and honor you **April 10, 2015** during services and have a special Oneg Shabbat following services. It will not be the first Friday in April, since we will have the Passover Seder that evening. If your birthday or anniversary is in **May** your Simcha Shabbat will be May **1, 2015**. Please make sure that the office knows your birthday and anniversary dates. If

you are not on our birthday and anniversary list in the bulletin, it means we do not have your information.

### Tot Shabbat

Children who are pre-readers and their families (and anyone who enjoys not having to sit still during services), please join us in the Sanctuary for Tot Shabbat, 9:00-9:30 Saturday, April 25, 2015 when we will be boinging and singing together. Rabbi Jana will lead a singing, dancing, marching, happy Shabbat service, and tell a story each month. See you there!



### Rosh Chodesh: Ladies' Lunch at Eleven



There is a tradition that "Rosh Chodesh," the beginning of the Jewish month, is a special day for women to celebrate. The tradition is seen as a reward because women refused to contribute their gold to the building of the Golden Calf. We have begun a new tradition at B'nai Zion to mark one day a month as a special time to recognize our connection with the moon, the women who came before us, and to set the day apart as an inspiration.

Ladies, bring your own lunch to B'nai Zion **Tuesday**, **April 21 at 11 a.m.** for lunch with the Rabbi in observance of Rosh Chodesh Iyar.

# Grow Your Judaism: Chai Mitzvah



Our monthly Chai Mitzvah group meeting will be **Thursday**, **April 23 at 7 p.m.** There is an \$18 fee for materials which needs to be paid to



B'nai Zion if you are planning to participate—This is the last opportunity to join this year's group. Please contact the office so that we know you are interested. For more information contact Rabbi Jana or Helaine. You must also register online at www.ChaiMitzvah.org.

# Worship Services Change in April

Friday, April 3 there will be no separate Friday evening service.

We will have a Seder and include Shabbat prayers.

Saturday April 4 there will be no Torah study.

Saturday April 4 worship services at 11 AM will also include Passover Yom Tov service

Friday, April 10 Yizkor / Passover Yom Tov will be at 11 AM Friday, April 10 Friday evening Shabbat service will be held as usual Saturday, April 11 Torah Study and Shabbat Service regular times



### Do You Count?



Remember to count the Omer: Count seven times seven weeks after the first day of Passover, and on the 50<sup>th</sup> day we will commemorate receiving the Torah and the Laws on Shavuot. Find the Omer count in the calendar. The blessings are online at the Holiday Resources link from the B'nai Zion website. Since you are fulfilling a blessing, say the blessing each evening when you count the Omer.

# People of the Book Club

The People of The Book Club plans to meet **Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m.** and discuss *Thirteen Days in December: Carter, Begin, and Sadat at Camp David* by Lawrence Wright.



Come join the discussions.

## Save The Date: Grant Muslow Bar Mitzvh

EVERY GENERATION IS BOUND TO THE NEXT BY A WONDERFUL LEGACY OF FAITH, LOVE, AND TRADITION. WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN WORSHIP WHEN OUR SON

### **GRANT ASHER MUSLOW**

IS CALLED TO THE TORAH AS A BAR MITZVAH

SATURDAY, THE THIRTIETH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN
AT TEN-THIRTY IN THE MORNING
B'NAI ZION CONGREGATION

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

HOSTED BY GRANDPARENTS VICKI AND ROB FRANKS AND AUNT AUDRA MUSLOW





FOR HIS MITZVAH PROJECT, GRANT WILL BE COLLECTING NEW AND GENTLY USED CHILDREN LIFEJACKETS FOR SAFETY TOWN FOR THEM TO GIVE AWAY THIS SUMMER TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM. THERE WILL BE A BOX AT B'NAI ZION TO DROP THEM OFF AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. PLEASE DONATE IF YOU CAN!

# Kroger Rewards

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Kroger Rewards program. 14.shoppers who shopped at Krogers between 11/30/14 and 2/28/2015 contributed to an additional \$74.30 donation.

If you are not yet participating in the Kroger Rewards program, and if you ever shop at Kroger, please sign up for the program. You no longer need a special bar code and you no longer need to sign up each year. Contact the office or go to the B'nai Zion Website page and find the Link to the Kroger Rewards sign up.



## Your Vote Counts in Israel



Every five years the World Zionist Congress, the supreme institution and legislative body of the WZO will meet in Jerusalem and hold elections that will determine numerous policies for Israel and how millions of dollars are spent.

What does this have to do with you? In the last election (5 years ago), ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists) received funding of \$4,000,000 annually, for a total of \$20,000,000 and we and our Movement are capable of receiving even more. How? Each of us, you and I can make a difference for Reform Judaism in Israel by standing up for your values and beliefs by registering to vote in this important election. The fee for

registration, which offsets the cost of conducting the election, is only \$10 per person and \$5 those 18-30 years of age. By voting for ARZA, which represents Reform Judaism, you will be voting for: Women's rights and gender equality – where men and women can pray, work, and live together as equals deserving of the same respect and honor

Religious equality – where all of us are seen as Jews, regardless of our level of observance Regional security – where efforts to achieve lasting peace, security and stability for Israel, the Palestinians and the Middle East region should be pursued and should reflect the principles and values of the Reform Movement.

What are the requirements to register to vote?

You must be Jewish.

You must be 18 years or older by June 30, 2015

You must be a resident of the United States

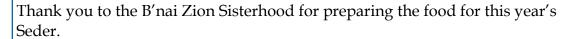
In addition to registering online (for only \$10) at https://www.reformjews4israel.org you can...

- 1. If you are not already a member of ARZA, become one by going to www.arza.org or by calling 212-650-4280.
- 2. Ask your friends to vote. Also, make sure your children who are 18 years and older register and then vote. Remember the fee for 18-30 year olds is only \$5. Voters do not need to be members of B'nai Zion you can contact friends and family wherever they live.
- 3. If you aren't able to register online, registration material will be available in the B'nai Zion office, and we are happy to help you.

The vote and registration lasts through April 30, 2015. Please REGISTER AND VOTE EARLY!

### Passover Seder

The B'nai Zion Passover Seder will be Friday, April 3 beginning at 6:30 pm. Reservation forms are online. Please make a reservation before you attend so that there will be seating available for you. Some people have made donations so that others may attend who may not be able to afford the cost. Please contact the Rabbi or the office for more information to donate or attend.





If you will not be joining us at B'nai Zion, and need Haggadot for your Seder, please contact the office or Rabbi Jana. A copy of our congregational Haggadah—which is appropriate for any age participant—can be found online at the B'nai Zion website, at the Holiday Resources Passover page.

How do I love the Omer?

Let me count the ways...

# 32nd Annual Holocaust Memorial Service



This will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> year that the Shreveport and Bossier communities will come together in prayer, memory, and hope for our annual Holocaust Memorial Service. Each year a different house of worship hosts the event, and this year it will be **3 p.m. Sunday, April 19 at St. Mark's Cathedral**, 2785 Fairfield Ave, Shreveport. The Very Rev. Alston B. Johnson is the Dean at the Cathedral and the Chair of the memorial service this year.

In recent years we have lost Holocaust survivors in our community. This year we are privileged that Nico Van Thyn, son of Holocaust survivors Rose and Louis Van Thyn will be sharing some of his personal stories of what it means to be a child of survivors. We are honored that he has agreed to share with us.

More than 100 essays and poems from local middle and high school students were submitted for our Holocaust Literature contest. The students were asked to write an essay or a poem to describe an event (or events) during the Holocaust that represents one (or more) of the stages of prejudice (that had been described by Gordon Allport). Also, take a recent event (or events) in our world (local or global) that is an example of one (or more) of the same stage (or stages) of prejudice. The winning entries will be read, and the other winners will be awarded at the event.

Eleven candles will be lit in memory of the eleven million lives lost during the Holocaust. Musical selections will be presented by St. Marks' choral groups. We will share prayers together in memory and solidarity.

This is intended as a non-denominational opportunity for the community to come together to remember and find strength to prevent injustice in the world. Invite your friends and neighbors to come

Never Forget.

KEEP THE MEMORY ALIVE Holocaust Memorial Day 2015

### Shreveport Hadassah Presents



The Shreveport Chapter of Hadassah presents Major Avi Benov, M.D., Deputy, IDF Trauma & Combat Medicine Branch.

"Israel's IDF: Saving Lives On and Off the Battlefield"

Sunday — May 3, 2015 4:30 pm at B'nai Zion

#### FREE TO THE PUBLIC - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Major Benov is uniquely qualified to discuss the IDF's lifesaving missions all over the world saving people during disastrous circumstances. Israel is a world leader in handling mass casualties and has saved thousands of lives in Japan, Haiti, Nepal, and many other hot spots throughout the years. We hope you will take this opportunity to hear Major Benov's first-hand report of what life is like on the front lines of humanitarian rescue.

For more information: Deborah Dlin (ardy1@msn.com) or Carol Ginsburg (318-795-0515)

# 'Rags, The Musical' at Marjorie Lyons Playhouse

Centenary College's Department of Theatre and Dance presents 'Rags: The Musical' at the College's Marjorie Lyons Playhouse **April 16-18**. The show's run includes an 8 pm performance each evening as well as a 2 pm matinee on the 18th.

"Rags picks up the story where Fiddler on the Roof ends, painting a sweeping saga of awakenings and disappointments, of greed and power, of strength and love," said director Ron Bermingham. "It is as deeply a moving and inspirational a musical as you could ever hope to find."

With great passion and humor, Rags tells the story of Rebecca, a naive Russian Jewish immigrant who arrives at Ellis Island with her young daughter. She goes to work in a sweatshop while searching for her husband, Nathan, who has preceded them to America. When they are finally reunited, Rebecca is distressed by Nathan's desire to change their name and strip away their ethnic culture so as to better fit in with his cronies. Rebecca eventually experiences a political awakening in the midst of navigating the complex process of assimilation and building a new life in America.

Rags premiered on Broadway in 1986, receiving five Tony Award nominations including Best Score, Best Book, and Best Musical. The brilliant musical score for Rags is the work of Charles Strouse (Bye, Bye Birdie; Applause; Annie). The book is by Joseph Stein (Fiddler on the Roof), with lyrics by Stephen Schwartz (Wicked). Centenary's production of Rags features original choreography by Lecturer in Dance Anna Kirkes '09.

Tickets for Rags are \$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors, military, and Centenary alumni; \$5 for non-Centenary students; and free for current Centenary students, faculty, and staff with I.D. All tickets can be purchased online at centenaray.edu/playhouse/tickets.

# Jacob Schick to Speak at B'nai Zion

Community Event
Open to the Public\*

Come & meet local hero-hear his story

Cpl. Jacob P. Schick USMC (RET)

from American Sniper Monday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. B'nai Zion Temple

B'nai Zion Temple 245 Southfield Road





Warrior Training Team

Jake Schick, Warrior Relations Specialist with the Brain Performance Institute's Warrior Training Team, is a third generation Marine who epitomizes service and sacrifice.

After a triple-stacked tank mine detonated below his vehicle in Al Anbar Province, Iraq in 2004, Jake suffered compound fractures in his left leg and left arm; multiple skin, ligament and bone losses; varying burns; partial loss of his left hand and arm; amputation below the knee of his right leg, traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Jake has undergone 46 operations, 23 blood transfusions, and countless hours of rehabilitation. Jake will tell you his physical injuries weren't the worst that happened to him. For years he dreaded his TBI and PTSD diagnosis; a common mindset among warriors. After being encouraged by a fellow warrior to train his brain the way he re-trained his body, Jake skeptically participated in the Brain Performance Institute's high performance brain training, called SMART. He credits this opportunity with making him a better husband, father and man.

Since participating in the SMART program, Jake has become a staunch advocate for maximizing the cognitive potential in people from all walks of life and shares his story and the effects of being severely wounded at public speaking engagements throughout the country.

A passionate and fearless leader whose quick wit and stories of intestinal fortitude have a profound impact on everyone he meets, Jake has appeared on James Gandolfini's HBO special "Alive Day Memories: Home from Iraq," as well as "60 Minute Sports" and various other local and national venues. Jake also plays a small role in Clint Eastwood's production of "American Sniper." You can read Jake's Open Letter To Warriors and his eloquent wisdom on resilience in Psychology Today.

Jake's passion lies in helping his fellow warriors regain their drive and determination and enhance their cognitive performance in his role as a Warrior Training Specialist at the Center for BrainHealth and Brain Performance Institute.



\*Be Our Guest No Charge for this Event

### Graduation Shabbat

Please worship and celebrate with us at Graduation Shabbat (and Simcha Shabbat) May 1, 6 PM.

We honor these students who are graduating high school this year:



Benjamin Maxey Claire Meyers Noah Sorkey



# Jewish Young Adults

The Jewish Young Adult group now has a Facebook page. Please "Like" the page at: https://www.facebook.com/JYAofNLA to stay up to date with the group.

The JYA would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our last event. We had a wonderful turn-out (our largest yet) and even saw a few new faces. We would also like to thank Rabbi Jana, Bethany Sorkey, and Helaine Braunig for their continued advice and assistance.

We hope that you will be attending the movies at the Jewish Film Festival. It is a great time to get together before or after each movie.

Thank you, Connor Brown







# Kosher Shreveport



More people in Shreveport are trying to find kosher foods at Passover and all year. The more people involved, the more options we have for ordering food, being aware when people are traveling and can bring back food, or requesting food from local stores. Look for and 'like' the Facebook group called Shreveport Area Kosher (https://www.facebook.com/groups/ ShreveportKosher/) or contact Rabbi Jana or the B'nai Zion office to be included.

## Van Thyn Lecture Series

Monday, April 13 7 PM

Whited Room at Bynum Commons at Centenary College

The Gender of Genocide: Women, Men and the Holocaust Dr. Pascale Bos

Associate Professor of Germanic Studies and affiliated faculty in the Comparative Literature. Women's and Gender Studies. Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies (CREES)



and Jewish Studies Programs at the University of Texas at Austin.

The Van Thyn Lecture Series honors Rose and Louis Van Thyn, Holocaust survivors who dedicated themselves to retelling their stories so that people would not forget or repeat those horrors. Friends of the Van Thyn's established this Lectureship to provide educational opportunities for the students of Centenary College and members of the surrounding community, with the goals of teaching the history of the Holocaust, recognizing the signs of intolerance and providing ways for preventing prejudice and hatred.

Free and open to the public Q & A and Reception to follow lecture

## Jewish Food Festival in Little Rock

Join Us for the 2015 Jewish Food Festival!

The 2015 Jewish Food festival will be held **Sunday**, **April 26**, **2015** at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas. The event will begin with a special Jewish Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The festival begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m.

#### Admission to the festival is free of charge.

In 2014, more than 12,000 visitors enjoyed the Jewish Food Festival. This year, the 2015 Jewish Food Festival will again include traditional Jewish foods such as old fashioned corned beef sandwiches, lox, bagels and cream cheese, kosher hot dogs, rugelach and many more wonderful Jewish delicacies. Want a traditional Israeli meal of falafel and Israeli salad? Then the 2015 Jewish Food Festival is the place to be.

The Jewish Food Festival will also feature cultural and religious booths that will showcase various aspects of Jewish life from Arkansas to ancient Israel. Learn about Jewish holidays and life cycle customs and enjoy an exciting kid's area with plenty of activities from face painting to a whole area for jumping activities.

Entertainment throughout the day will include contemporary and traditional Jewish music.

We look forward to seeing you at the Jewish Food Festival! Come Hungry!

# Upkeep Retreat for Men Only at Henry S. Jacobs Camp

Friday-Sunday, April 24-26, 2015

URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp – Utica, MS

THE UPKEEP RETREAT IS FREE!

Male Adult members of the Jacobs Camp Family are invited to help us get ready for the summer!

STAY THE WHOLE WEEKEND OR JUST COME FOR THE DAY ON SATURDAY!

Come lend a hand – We know you'll have a great time!

To register: https://urjyouth.wufoo.com/forms/2015-mens-upkeep-retreat-registration/

URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp 3863 Morrison Road - Utica MS 39175

Phone 601.885.6042 - Fax 601.885.6269 E-mail jacobscamp@urj.org Anna B. Berman, Director



#### The Schedule:

Friday

7:30 PM Dinner 9:00 PM Hang-out

Saturday

7:30 AM Breakfast

8:15 AM Get to Work!

12:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Get Back to Work!

5:00 PM Nap Time!

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Male-bonding!

Sunday

7:30 AM Breakfast

8:15 AM More Work! 12:00 PM Lunch & Departure

#### The Work:

From general repairs to special building projects – inside and out.

We will keep you very busy!

We'll provide the tools, the supplies, and the directions.

You bring your energy and enthusiasm.

Wear clothes you don't mind getting sweaty and dirty.

Don't forget your work gloves!

#### The Fun:

If you come on Friday, we'll have a great dinner, and then hang out.

Saturday will start with a hearty breakfast, and then it is off to work – with only a break for lunch.

After a long day of work, a comfortable bed awaits for a nap.

We'll have a delicious dinner on Saturday evening with plenty of adult beverages.

After dinner, we'll hang out, watch sports, play cards, and do other male-bonding activities.

For those who can stay to work on Sunday, more food & more work awaits!

# North Louisiana Jewish Film Festival 2015

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY APRIL 12**

1;00 p.m. Shorts Program 3:15 p.m. Beneath the Helmet 5:30p.m. *Festival Reception* 6:30 p.m. Night Will Fall *w/Q&A* 

#### **MONDAY APRIL 13**

3:30 p.m. Beneath the Helmet 5:30p.m. Night Will Fall 7:30 p.m. This is Sodom

#### **TUESDAY APRIL 14**

3:30 p.m. This Is Sodom 5:30 p.m. Shorts Program 7:30 p.m. Ida

#### **WEDNESDAY APRIL 15**

3:30 p.m. Ida 5:30 p.m. This Is Sodom

7:30 p.m. Beneath The Helmet w/Q&A

#### **THURSDAY APRIL 16**

3:30 p.m. Night Will Fall 5:30 p.m. Ida: *Faith on Film* 7:30 p.m. Shorts Program

#### **COST OF TICKETS**

MATINEE (BEFORE 6 P.M.) \$7.50 (\$5.50 RFC members) EVENINGS \$9.50 (\$7.50 RFC members) FESTIVAL PASS—

#### \$36 (INCLUDES RECEPTION AND ONE TICKET TO EACH FILM)

After you've bought a Festival Pass please contact RFC''s box office to reserve your movie tickets in advance. A festival pass does not guarantee admission to any screening. Book your tickets in advance. Join Rosa Blum, survivor of Auschwitz, and Alex Mikaberidze, Ph.D., historian, for a discussion following Night Will Fall.



The 2015 Shreveport Jewish Film Festival begins April 12 and continues through April 16. Opportunities for sponsorship are available at the \$250 (Director), \$500 (Producer), \$750 (Executive Producer) and \$1000+ (Movie Mogul) levels. Please send checks to the Federation office at 245 Southfield Road. A reception on the first day of the festival will

be held at 5:30 p.m.

The Federation will provide bus shuttle transportation Sunday, April 12 to the Film Festival's opening reception and film showing of "Night Will Fall." The bus will leave B'nai Zion at 4:45 p.m. and will return immediately following the film. To ensure adequate seating on the bus, persons desiring a seat should leave a message on the Federation's

leave the theater until the movie and speakers have concluded.



answering machine at 868-1200 or contact Kathy Plante. Reserved seating arrangements for the bus must be made by April 8. Please note, the bus cannot accommodate wheelchairs and does have steps to get into the bus.

Rosa Blum, Holocaust survivor and Dr. Alexander Mikaberidze, Sybil T and Frederick Patten Professor of History will be the speakers following the Sunday night movie. The bus will not

#### Faith on Film April 16

Rabbi Jana and Bishop Michael Duca will be panelists speaking about the movie Ida.

## North Louisiana Jewish Film Festival 2015

#### **Night Will Fall**

Cameras were rolling when the concentration camps were being liberated but those documentaries were not shown. Learn the untold story of the restoration by London's Imperial War Museum. (Not suitable for all viewers.)



#### **Zohi Sdom (This is Sodom)**

A comical depiction of Sodom and Gomorrah and the infamous destruction. Told with infantile humor and ridiculous characters. The most watched Israeli film in 25 years. In Hebrew with English subtitles. (Not suitable for all viewers.)

#### Beneath The Helmet: From High School to the Home Front

At the age of 18, Israeli teens enter compulsory military service under the command of military officers not much older than themselves. In Hebrew and English with English subtitles.

Shreveport native Sarida Muslow will share her experiences serving in the IDF from 18 to 20. Immediately following the film on April 15 at 7:30.

#### Ida

On the eve of her vows Novice nun Anna discovers that she comes from a Jewish family, and her parents died at the hands of the Nazis. She travels back to her birthplace and tries to reconcile her past. 2015 Oscar winner for Best Foreign Language Film. English subtitles.

**RFC's Faith on Film** series joins the festival for a special screening of **Ida** 5:30 PM on *Yom HaShoah*. Rabbi Jana and Bishop Michael Duca of the Catholic Diocese of Shreveport will be panelists after the film on Thursday, April 16.

#### **SHORTS PROGRAM (Three short films)**

#### The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life

The world's oldest Holocaust survivor says that "Music is a dream," about the art that kept her alive. Oscar winner for Best Documentary Short.

**7 Day Gig** – A punk, an old man and a chicken gather round for a makeshift after one puts an ad on Craigslist looking for mourners.

**Next Year in Bombay** – Sharon and Sharona are the last educators in their Indian Jewish community which has been in Bombay for 2,000 years and is now disappearing.

# Fred Sklar Jewish War Veterans Post 581



The March Mitzvah day was officially cancelled, but members of the post arranged to deliver donated bread from Jimmy Johns to the Veterans' Lighthouse.

If you would like to be notified of upcoming JWV events, please contact the B'nai Zion office.

You don't have to be a member of the JWV to join and help at our events, but to be a member you can have been in any military branch, and did not have to participate in battles. If you are not a veteran, you are welcome to join as a Patron, and will receive most of the same privileges as members.

# Red River Radio Programs for Passover and Yom HaShoah

#### "Why This Night" with Rabbi Ismar Schorsch Airs Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m.

This special is a new production in a series of a conversations about Passover, one of the most important and most beloved holidays on the Jewish calendar. Larry Josephson, a secular Jew who now wants to know more about the religion of his grandparents, asks Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, to explain the meaning of Passover in a post-9/11 world. Dr. Schorsch tells Larry the story of Passover its history, rituals and foods, and the origins and structure of the Seder. The music of



Passover, sung by some of the best cantors and choirs in the world, is artfully woven in and out of the conversation. The music was chosen by Cantor Marcia Tilchin, the Associate Producer. The program was developed and produced by Larry Josephson, and edited and mixed by Peter Zanger.

#### "The Passover Story"

#### Airs Friday, April 3, at 2 p.m.

Renowned actor Theodore Bikel and The Western Wind, America's pre-eminent vocal ensemble, present 25 eclectic selections that, along with an inspiring narration, serve as musical documentary of Passover. Music includes Hebrew folk melodies, classical European liturgical music, ancient Sephardic chants, Klezmer-style improvisations, and traditional songs from the Seder. This program is designed for listeners of any religious background and provides a good introduction to a holiday whose lessons of redemption and faith are universal. "The music is an eclectic compilation of songs and compositions from many sources reflecting the tremendous diversity of Jewish cultures. Selections include Hebrew folk melodies, classical European liturgical music, ancient Sephardic chants, Klezmer-style improvisations, and traditional songs from the Seder, including the 'adopted' song of slavery, the Negro spiritual "Go Down Moses"--all sung with the superb musicianship and zest that are hallmarks of Western Wind performances." Miami Jewish Journal.

#### "Passover: A Time To Cross Over" Airs Monday, April 6, at 8 p.m.

This Passover holiday special magazine celebrates the journey from slavery to freedom with segments featuring Emmy Award Winner Jeremy Piven; Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks; 'Kosher Gospel' singer Joshua Nelson; Iranian-born novelist Gina Nahai; "The Giant Leap," an original family radio play by the acclaimed Storahtelling; a moving piece about "Freedom Song," an original musical about a Passover meal written by recovering addicts; and more... Hosted by Arye Gross.

#### "Passover Dreams"

#### Airs Thursday, April 9, at 8 p.m.

Fasten your seat belts and pass the chicken soup! Passover Dreams takes us from the Seder table to the edge of the universe. Audio magician Jim Metzner conjures up Albert Einstein, Frederick Douglass, Lenny Bruce and host of other Seder guests to plumb the depths of one of the world's oldest holidays in this Gabriel Awardwinning program. The Layers of Passover's "Meaning Questions" are the tools that the Passover celebration offers as it urges us to dig deeper into our lives. Why is this night different from all other nights? What do we mean when we talk about the Promised Land? Peel away one layer and relive the flight with Moses from Egypt. Peel another layer and think about what that means for African Americans. Peel once more and see what it means in America today. For many people, America is the Promised Land. A Radio Seder Public Radio's veteran producer Jim Metzner offers a meditation on freedom and renewal marking 350 years of Jewish Life in America. Albert Einstein joins Emma Lazarus, Frederick Douglass, two modern rabbis (Jov Levitt and Jonathan Kligler), food critic Joan Nathan, and the spirit of Lenny Bruce. Members of Ulster County's Actors & Writers, including Melissa Leo and Mikhail Horowitz, are featured with Charles Turner as Frederick Douglass. Theodore Bikel hosts the program. Jim Metzner hosts our Seder of ideas, humor and music. Featuring the Music of: Travelling Jewish Theater (Golden Gate Gypsy Orchestra), Debby Freidman, The Journey Continues Alan Lomax archive The Harder They Come, A Taste of Passover (New England Conservatory) Songs of Our Fathers, Statman & Grisman Frank London's Klezmer Brass Allstars Brotherhood of Brass Natalie Merchant's "The House Carpenter's Daughter" Matisyahu, Shake off the Dust The Music of Pesah at BJ (B'nai Jeshurun), Sweet Honey in the Rock Muzsikas Maramaros.

# Red River Radio Programs for Passover and Yom HaShoah



# "The Four Cups: A Celebration of Passover" Airs Monday, April 6, at 1 p.m.

Violinist Itzhak Perlman and Klezmer Conservatory Band founder Hankus Netsky join WCRB's James David Jacobs to share music and memories of Passover from diverse traditions.

The gathering together of Jews every springtime to retell the story of their flight from Egypt might be the longest-running yearly cultural event in the history of humankind, and one that has inspired many different musical traditions. The Four Cups: A Celebration of

Passover explores the great variety of music that emerged from these traditions, and like the four cups of wine drunk during the Seder, the program is roughly divided into four sections.

In the first segment Violinist Itzhak Perlman, Klezmer Conservatory Band founder Hankus Netsky and Cantor Yitzhak Meir Helfgot of Manhattan's Park Avenue Synagogue, the three visionary artists of the hit Sony album Eternal Echoes, discuss and perform the prayer for dew, "T'filas Tal," which addresses the roots of Passover as an agrarian ritual, excerpts of which we'll also hear sung in a sampling of some of the historic recordings of legendary cantors of the early 20th century.

In the second segment, host James David Jacobs takes us through the ten plagues as they are musically illustrated by George Frideric Handel in his oratorio "Israel in Egypt."

In the third segment, after we hear Itzhak Perlman and the youngest member of the WCRB staff sing the four questions, we hear an excerpt of a speech President Barack Obama gave to a group of students in Israel in which he explains why he is the first president to hold a yearly Seder in the White House and talks about how the Exodus story was a source of inspiration for African-American slaves yearning for freedom; this is followed by a collage of five versions of the spiritual "Go Down, Moses," as sung by Roland Hayes, Marian Anderson, Paul Robeson, Doris Akers and Louis Armstrong.

The final segment celebrates the fun, festive aspects of the holiday, as Itzhak Perlman waxes rhapsodic about his love of leftover Seder food, Hankus Netsky discusses how matzoh balls can be used to unite the traditions of two families and Moishe Oysher sings his rollicking version of "Chad Gadya." At the end the Eternal Echoes artists share their thoughts on how Passover transcends cultural boundaries.

# "Confronting Hatred: 70 Years After the Holocaust" Red River Radio will air this Sunday, April 19, at 6 pm

Examines the ways in which the Holocaust continues to inform contemporary discussions about hate speech, propaganda, and human rights. We hear stories from people confronting hatred in their lives, their communities, and sometimes in their own hearts.

We hear how easily a young boy got recruited by skinheads in Pennsylvania, how one man is working to reshape international criminal law after the genocide in Rwanda, and how both an imam and a heavy metal rock band confront hatred in their communities.

Confronting Hatred: 70 Years After the Holocaust is narrated by Morgan Freeman, and produced by United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and independent producer Melissa Allison.

### Blood Drive at B'nai Zion



Where: B'nai Zion

When: 9 am - 1 pm

Who: 16+ to donate blood.

18-44 years old to register as a marrow/stem cell donor.

How: Reserve a time or just show up

Cost: Free

Free Refreshments for Donors

For more info: 861-2122

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# Birthdays

- 3 Elaine Herold
- 4 Ike Muslow
- 5 Melinda Kent
- 5 Lillian Miller
- 5 Amy Quinn
- 6 Herbert Miller
- 7 Frances Zadeck
- 7 Julie Zadeck
- 9 Hollisann Kent
- 10 Eliot Haas
- 10 Elijah Nierman
- 11 Paige McGovern

- 12 Ron Lepow
- 13 Kate Myers
- 15 David Brainis
- 16 Elaine Levin
- 16 Goldy Marrus
- 16 Jeri Miller
- 17 Joe Badt
- 18 Kristina Haas
- 18 Cary Rogers
- 18 Gloria Rosen
- 19 Fred Kent
- 21 Dayton Clarke



- 21 Isaac Haas
- 21 Laurie Levine
- 21 Alan Sklar
- 23 Sarah Abrams
- 26 Sanford Katz
- 27 Gary Abrams
- 27 Timothy Levin
- 28 Connie Posner
- 29 Ava Muslow
- 30 Martin Black
- 30 Palmer Black

### Anniversaries



- 5 Amy & David Brainis
- 5 Donna & Randy Greengus
- 5 Amy & David Quinn
- 14 Dorothy & Bernard Lobel

We give thanks for life, for health, for all that sustains us, and for this joyous day.

If you are not on the above list for current birthdays or anniversaries it means that the office does not have your information.

Please provide the office with the appropriate month, date, and year to complete our data.

### Busy at BZ - What to Watch For

Some of the things we are planning for upcoming months-hope you can join us and help us:



- ★ May 1 Graduation Shabbat and Simcha Shabbat
- ★ May 3 Last Day Religious School
- ★ May 3 Hadassah IDF special speaker
- ♦ May 4 Jacob Schick speaks at a special event
- ★ May 17 Annual Congregational meeting w/Elections, and Foundation mtg.
- ♦ May 22 at 6:30 p.m. Shavuot & Confirmation
- ★ May 30 Grant Muslow Bar Mitzvah

### Candle and Kiddush Blessers

April

- 3 Passover Seder
- 10 Francine & Jerry Perlman
- 17 Gigi Zelinsky and Leonard Goodman
- 24 Patti & Steve Parker



### Donations

#### **GENERAL FUND**

#### Healing Prayers for:

Bill Otto

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#### In Honor of:

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Rabbi Jana

Connie & Donald Posner



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# Mazel Tov



- **❖ Laurie Horton** and Paul Hollocker are married. She is the daughter of Michelle Meyer and the granddaughter of **Gloria Meyer**.
- ☼ Will Browning earned fourth place in the Georgia state geography competition, His mother is Leslie Goldman Browning. His proud grandparents are **Sharon and Elliott Goldman**.

### **Yahrzeits**

April 3-4

Felix L. Alcus \*

Carol Manhein Crane \*

Myrtle W. Freedman \*

Abe A. Gilbert \*

Betty Cahn Grant \*

Charles D. Grieder \*

Inez Hafter \*

Aubrey C. Harris

Jeanette Katz

Arnie Lawrence \*

Mabel Cahn Landauer Levy

Simon Nelbert \*

Phoebe A. Rabinowitz

Isadore Selber \*

Louis Silverblatt

Donna Markham Tanner

Arlene Vernon

Norma Levy Weinstein \*



\* Memorial Plaque

#### April 4-11

Brad Lee Battarbee Melitta K. Frankel

Abram Ginsburg

Abrain Girisburg

Edmund Golden \*

Barbara C. Goodman \*

Mrs. Lois P. Kuperman

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Henry J. Weisman, Jr. \*

Walter Wolens \*

Doris Susman Yates

Jon Zuzak \*

#### April 12-18

Morris Anisman \*

Isadore Friedman

Salome Heiman Gardsbane \*

Madeleine Gariani

Louis Goldin \*

Alfred Grossman

Nathan Levi

Clara L. Lieber \*

Zel E. Lipsen

Nellie Schwartz

Larry Shirley

Miriam Mandel Sklar

Charles Zelinsky

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#### April 19-25

Lisa Gaye Arnold

Morrie J. Ellison \*

Flossie L. Goldin \*

Meyer Heiman \*

Birdie Frank Katzenstein \*

Connie Katzenstein

Isadore Kuperman \*

Bette Leff

Joseph J. Levy \*

Ioe Murov

Barbara Alcus Threefoot \*

Natalie H. Weiss \*

#### April 26-May 1

Dr. Louis Abramson

C. H. Baker

David Bernstein

Charles Boyd

M. T. El

M. T. Flaxman

Nancy Claire Fox \*

Emily Gassenheimer

Louis Glazer

Irving Greenberg \*

Simon Herold \*

Leah K. Joseph

Leonora Groner Kleban \*

Anne Lawrence

Oscar Levy

Mollie M. Lowenthal \*

Hyman P. Mandel

Leo Minder \*

Hermione Cahn Moss

Joseph Phillips \*

Isaac Raas \*

Conway Temple Sinclair \*

Seymour Van Os \*

Herman Willer

## May God Console:

### Family and Friends of

- **▼** Sam Loeb, husband of Joanne
- Debbie Rice, mother of Chris Brown
- ▶ Jeffrey Stratyner, husband of Shayne Zionts Stratyner and son-in-law of Harlyn Lattner and Rabbi Richard Zionts

  May Their Memories Be Blessing



April 2015 / Nisan ~ Iyar 5775						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12th of Nisan	2 13th of Nisan	3 14th of Nisan  Even Passover  Passover  No 6 PM Service 6:30 Seder 7:18	4 15th of Nisan  Passover 1  Service 11 am  No Torah Study  Exod. 12:37-42  Isaiah 43:1-15  7:55
5 16th of Nisan 1st day of the Omer  Passoner 2  NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	6 17th of Nisan 2nd day of the Omer Passouer 3	7 18th of Nisan 3rd day of the Omer Passover 4	8 19th of Nisan 4th day of the Omer  Passover 5  NO HEBREW  CLASS	9 20th of Nisan 5th day of the Omer Passover 6	10 21st of Nisan 6th day of the Omer  Passover 7  YIZKOR 11 AM OFFICE IS CLOSED Simcha Shabbat  Service 6 pm	11 22nd of Nisan 7th day of the Omer Sh'mini I Lev 9:1-10:11 Il Samuel 6:1-23  Torah Study 9:45am Service II am
					7:23 🕌	7:59 🕏
12 23rd of Nisan 8th day of the Omer NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Jewish Film Festival	9th day of the Omer  Jewish  Film  Festival	14 25th of Nisan 10th day of the Omer  Jewish  Film  Festival	15 26th of Nisan 11th day of the Omer  Jewish Film  Festival  BULLETIN  DEADLINE	16 27th of Nisan 12th day of the Omer YOM HASHOAH  Jewish Film  Festival	17 28th of Nisan 13th day of the Omer  Service 6 pm 7:28 🛓	18 29th of Nisan 14th day of the Omer Shabbat Tekumah Sh'mini I Lev 10:12-11:47 II Samuel 7:1-17  Torah Study 9:45am Service II am 8:04
19 30th of Nisan ROSH CHODESH IYAR 15th day of the Omer HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE St. Mark's Cathedral 3 PM KEEP THE MEMORY ALIVE Holocaust Memorial Day 2015	20 1st of Iyar ROSH CHODESH IYAR 16th day of the Omer	21 2nd of Iyar 17th day of the Omer BZ BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM Board Meeting Ladies' Lanch w/Rabbi 11 am	22 3rd of Iyar 18th day of the Omer YOM HAZIKARON  yom Hazikaron	23 4th of Iyar 19th day of the Omer YOM HAATZMA'UT	24 5th of Iyar 20th day of the Omer  Service 6 pm 7:33	25 6th of Iyar 21st day of the Omer Tazria-Metzora Lev 12:1-15:33 II Kings 7:3-20 IOT SHABBAT 9-9:30 AM  Torah Study 9:45am Service II am 8:09 2
26 7th of Iyar 22nd day of Omer BZ DONATE BLOOD 9-1 GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE	27 8th of Iyar 23rd day of the Omer	28 9th of Iyar 24th day of the Omer	29 10th of Iyar 25th day of the Omer	30 11th of Iyar 26th day of the Omer	MAY 1 12 Iyar 27th day of the Omer GRADUATION & SIMCHA SHABBAT Service 6 pm 7:38	MAY 2 13 Iyar  28th day of the Omer Acharei Lev 16: 1-2027 Amos 9: 7-15  Torah Study 9:45am Service II am  8:15



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### Purim Pictures IIII

















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