

Super Sunday: In person! (And not)

The Jewish Federation is trying to return to in-person programming as much as possible. Super Sunday, hosted by Nivert Metal in Throop, PA, is no exception. Some solicitors made their calls from home, but, regardless, we had one of the largest volunteer groups whom we thank very much for their commitment to the mission of the Jewish Federation. We thank Louis and Barbara Nivert for the use of Nivert Metal. Thank you to Dr. Daniel Chejfec,



executive director of the Federation, for the detailed training that introduced Super Sunday. We thank all our donors for continuing to support our local agencies and Jewish communities around the world.

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Temple Israel of Scranton celebrates 100th anniversary

On October 21-23, Temple Israel of Scranton marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of the congregation with a weekend of celebration. Current temple members were joined by former members from near and distant parts of the United States, and the temple's Rabbi Emeritus David Geffen from Jerusalem, Israel.

The celebration began as members and guests gathered at the temple on Friday evening to greet each other before the Kabbalat Shabbat service. The service was led by Temple Israel's clergy, Rabbi Miriam Spitzer and Cantor Vladimir Aronzon, in the Engel sanctuary where congregants could reminisce about all the years of prayer under

the sanctuary's magnificent stained-glass dome. Following the service, the attendees moved to enjoy a delicious catered Shabbat evening dinner in the recently refurbished Levy Hall. During the dinner, David Hollander, temple president and chair of the anniversary celebration introduced the honorary co-chairs Ruth Gelb and Lewis Sare, and presented each of them with a commemorative photograph of the temple. David also recognized all the members of the Temple Anniversary Committee, who worked for one and a half years to organize the celebration.

On Saturday morning, attendees returned for the Shabbat morning service with participation of



Morning minyan at Temple Israel on Sunday, October 23.

members and former members joining with the rabbi and cantor to lead parts of the service. Older worshippers were thrilled to hear some melodies from bygone years used in the service. Following the service, and a delicious buffet lunch, Rabbi David Geffen, Ph.D., gave the keynote address, including many remembrances of his tenure at Temple Israel and his wishes for the commitment and strength of the congregation to work toward another 100 years.

During the afternoon and continuing the following morning, attendees could reminisce further by looking at memorabilia from years past that were on display in the temple's Louis Wolf library, Koppelman Hall and downstairs hallways. Included in the memora-

bilia were the contents of the time capsule buried outside the temple in 1996 on the 75th anniversary.

Additionally, there were two videos available to view. One featured the rehearsal from the first Sisterhood Shabbat service conducted by the women of the Sisterhood in 1995. The second was a professional video produced for the 100th anniversary containing memories recalled by several older members of their history and their family's history with the temple.

Then, on Saturday evening just before twilight, the congregation See "Anniversary" on page 12



Students of the Reba & Art Douglass Religious School, Temple Israel members and guests gathered after the burial of the 100th Anniversary Time Capsule on October 23.

CANDLE LIGHTING

December 2	4:16 pm
December 9	4:15 pm
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Elan Gardens Senior Living: important considerations when exploring personal care or nursing home care options

A common question among seniors and families looking into care options for themselves or their loved ones is whether to consider skilled nursing or personal care. Knowing the difference is important in making that decision.

An honest personal assessment of needs is the first step. Both settings offer:

- ◆ Private or semi-private accommodations.
- ◆ Assistance with day-to-day activities, such as medication management, personal hygiene, bathing, dressing, using the bathroom, etc.
- ◆ 24-hour supervision, monitoring and care support.
- ◆ Nutritious meals in a social setting.
- ◆ Housekeeping and laundry services.
- ◆ Activities and social programs.
- ◆ Memory care programming.
- ◆ A care team that become friends and family.
- ◆ Both settings are licensed and routinely inspected.

While there are many similarities in the care and services provided in each of these settings, there are some rather distinct differences.

- ◆ Amount of daily help needed:

Nursing homes provide a higher staffing ratio and can care for individuals who need more assistance in their day-to-day activities. Typically, those who need the assistance of more than one staff member to safely perform day-to-day activities or who use equipment in order to transfer between surfaces, such as mechanical lifts, are often limited to nursing home care. Each personal care home determines how much care they can safely provide; however, nursing homes provide an average of three hours of nursing care to each resident on a daily basis while personal care homes typically provide between one and two hours of care to each resident daily.

- ◆ Medical care: Nursing homes provide most of an individual's medical care at the facility. A physician is required to evaluate nursing home residents on a routine basis and be available for consultation on changes of condition on a 24/7 basis. Personal care homes typically assist individuals with arranging for medical care that is often provided

at the physician office. Staff are available at all times in the case of an emergency, but, if medical evaluation or care is needed, the individual will likely be transferred to the local Emergency Department for medical care.

- ◆ Skilled nursing care: Nursing homes can provide skilled nursing care and certain medical treatments, such as wound care, intravenous care, therapy services, etc., while all of the care provided at a personal care home is less medically based, [EG1] such as assistance with day-to-day activities. Personal care home residents who need skilled care can sometimes receive those services while living at the personal care home through a Medicare-certified home health provider.

- ◆ Payment options: Medicare, Medicaid and other third party insurances will often pay for all or a portion of nursing home care based on an individual's qualifying condition(s). Payment options for personal care homes are limited to private pay resources and veterans

benefits. War era veterans and their spouses may qualify for aid and attendance benefits, which will help cover the cost of care in a personal care home but not fully fund it.

- ◆ Regulatory standards: While both settings are licensed and routinely inspected, their licensing agencies and minimum standards are different. Nursing homes are under a more stringent set of regulatory requirements and are inspected by the PA Department of Health. Personal care homes regulatory requirements are less stringent and allow individuals more autonomy in their care and lifestyle than a nursing home.

- ◆ Finances: Nursing home care is more expensive than personal care because of the higher staffing ratios, increased regulatory requirements and higher care needs of the residents living there. Individuals who do not have the financial means to pay for care through their own private resources may qualify for medical assistance, which only pays for nursing home care. There are often

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What is skilled care? Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab explains your options

When faced with senior care decisions, it is important to understand the various options available and the services you can expect from each provider. For example, the term "skilled care" is one that is folded into our name, Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab, A Jewish Senior Life Community (formerly the Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania).

Skilled care typically refers to skilled nursing care and/or rehabilitation services, ordered by your doctor, and provided by licensed health professionals, such as nurses and physical therapists. Skilled care is provided in a nursing facility setting, which is also referred to as a nursing home or a skilled nursing facility (SNF).

Skilled nursing care and rehabilitation services can also be provided in other health care settings, such as a home health provider or an inpatient rehabilitation hospital. The Medicare program will often pay a portion of a skilled care stay provided in a nursing home setting when the nursing care and therapy services can only be safely and effectively performed by, or under the supervision of professionals or technical personnel. Skilled care providers offer around the clock licensed nurses to evaluate and manage a resident's individual treatment plan. Most skilled procedures are

provided by registered nurses and rehabilitation therapists, with physicians available as needed. A skilled care stay is usually a goal-oriented and client centered short-term stay averaging 14-21 days. Goals are established with a primary focus of improving physical function while recuperating from an acute illness, injury or surgery. At the conclusion of a skilled stay, individuals are often discharged back to their home in the community where they continue to live independently.

Individuals can also receive long-term care in a nursing facility. Some residents need more day-to-day assistance than can be provided in their home, which necessitates their transition to a longer term nursing home stay. Care and services are typically focused on maintaining functional and/or cognitive capabilities and effective management of future declines. The care focus expands to include permanent housing and social programming in addition to medical care. Long-term nursing home care is typically paid by the consumer or through the Pennsylvania Medical Assistance Program.

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- ◆ Electric stimulation for wound care.
- ◆ Virtual Reality Equipment or VRE to address balance, endurance and mobility.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Demos Kratos

Last month was a month of celebration of democracy. Elections held both in Israel and the U.S. made that celebration especially significant for American Jews. Voting is not a new phenomenon in Jewish history, but one that goes back quite a while. And it had rules! It is said that in the time of the Sanhedrin, when the discussions were done and it was time to issue an opinion (vote), it was customary to first ask the youngest members of the Sanhedrin to speak up... why? According to the rabbis, it was to make sure that the opinions of the young were not unduly influenced by the opinions of the old. In other words, to preserve the diversity of opinions!



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DANIEL CHEJFEC, PH.D.

This penchant for preserving the different ideas around a subject has been a staple of Jewish thinking. It is reflected in the Talmud,

in the rabbinical responsa and in so many other documents produced by our people over the centuries. Is it then a surprise that Israel's democracy includes so many political parties? We may not like all of them, but each of them represents a different opinion as to the direction and the future of the Jewish state.

It is that diversity of opinions that preserved our people and our culture over the long centuries between the destruction of the Temple and today. Judaism is, by definition, non-dogmatic;

Judaism is realistic and practical. We can disagree how that adaptation works in the real world and how it connects with the Torah and the Talmud; we may disagree about how much a role traditional *halachah* should (or should not) play in the modern world, but that disagreement in itself is a proof that our tradition is, as always, a vital and dynamic civilization created by a passionate people.

At the Jewish Federation, we believe in that diversity of opinions and we want them around the table. As the common table around which the whole community comes together, the Federation cherishes the differences that come from a passionate commitment to our people and its needs because we are all one family – sometimes it feels a dysfunctional one, but a family nonetheless.

At the end of World War II, Holocaust survivors wandered around looking for other survivors. The way to identify them was asking the question “*Amcha?*,” which in Hebrew means literally “What is your people?” They wanted to find other Jews to feel at home – not because it was a warrantee that the other person would be better, but because they were “*mischpoche*,” family. And family takes care of family. At the Federation we know that, and our Campaign helps our family in Northeastern Pennsylvania, around North America, in Israel and around the world. When a volunteer calls you for your pledge to the Campaign, he is asking “*Amcha?*” How will you respond?

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Netanyahu accepts mandate to form gov't

Likud Party leader Benjamin Netanyahu received the mandate to form Israel's next government from President Isaac Herzog on Nov. 13. “After a series of election campaigns, the people clearly decided in favor of establishing a government headed by myself,” Netanyahu said at the opening of his remarks after being tasked by Herzog to form a coalition. “I would like to thank all 64 members of the Knesset who recommended me. We will do everything so that, with God's help, it will be a stable and successful government, a responsible and dedicated government, which will work for the benefit of all the residents of the country without exception.”

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Jewish online resources

BY REPORTER STAFF

A variety of Jewish groups are offering educational and recreational online resources. Below is a sampling of those. *the reporter* will publish additional listings as they become available.

◆ Siegal Lifelong Learning will hold “How to get a Head in Ancient Israel: Exploring the Book of Judith” on Wednesday, December 14, from 7-8:30 pm. The non-member cost is \$5. Caryn Tamber-Rosenau, an instructional associate professor of Jewish studies at University of Houston, will discuss the ancient Book of Judith. For more information or to register, visit <https://case.edu/lifelonglearning/lectures/how-get-head-ancient-israel-exploring-book-judith-remote>.

◆ Biblical Archaeology Society will hold a virtual lecture in the BAS Scholars Series “Holy City Hotspot: Exploring Jerusalem’s Acropolis” with Andrew Lawler, journalist and author, on Wednesday, March 8, from 8-9 pm. Lawler will speak about Jerusalem’s Acropolis. For more information or to register, visit www.biblicalarchaeology.org/travel-study/bas-scholars-series-with-andrew-lawler/.

◆ The Center for Jewish History will hold the virtual program “The Women of Rothschild: The Untold Story of the World’s Most Famous Dynasty,” featuring author Natalie Livingstone, on Tuesday, December 6, at 1 pm. Livingstone will discuss the role of women in shaping the

legacy of the Rothschild dynasty from the beginning of the 19th century to the early years of the 21st. For more information or to register, visit <https://programs.cjh.org/event/women-of-rothschild-2022-12-06>.

◆ The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning will hold the class “Judith the Chanukah Heroine” on Monday, December 19, from 1-2 pm. The cost to attend is \$18. Sivan Rotholz, a professor of feminist Torah and creative writing, will discuss the Book of Judith and its relationship to the holiday of Hanukkah. For more information or to register, visit <https://events.org/events/calendarcourse?tid=25bfab14-c2d0-4db1-be9d-6dc1d337d351>.

◆ Hadassah Magazine will hold the virtual discussion “One Book, One Hadassah: ‘The Latecomer’” on Wednesday, December 7, at 7 pm. The event is free to all and captioning is available. Hadassah Magazine Executive Editor Lisa Hostein will interview Jean Hanff Korelitz about her latest book “The Latecomer.” For more information or to register, visit www.hadassahmagazine.org/2022/10/24/one-book-one-hadassah-the-latecomer/.

◆ Valley Beit Midrash will hold several virtual events, including “Hammerman Family Lecture: A Journey of Discovery and Truth-telling” on Monday, December 5, from 9-11 pm; “Speaking Religious Truth to Political Power” on Wednesday, December 7, from 3-4 pm; and

“‘The Jewish Jail Lady and the Holy Thief’: A Film Screening and Q&A” on Sunday, December 11, from 6-9 pm. For more information or to register, visit www.valleybeitmidrash.org/upcoming-events/.

◆ Siegal Lifelong Learning will hold several virtual classes during the winter: “Jewish Child Partisans in the Holocaust” on Tuesday January 24, from noon-1:30 pm (<https://case.edu/lifelonglearning/lectures/jewish-child-partisans-holocaust-remote>); “Black Power, Jewish Politics” on Sunday, January 29, from 7-8:30 pm (<https://case.edu/lifelonglearning/lectures/black-power-jewish-politics-book-talk-remote>); “Animal Affinities: Word and Image in Medieval Hebrew Books” on Sunday, February 12, from 2-3:30 pm (<https://case.edu/lifelonglearning/lectures/animal-affinities-word-and-image-medieval-hebrew-books-person-and-remote>); and “American Jews, Abortion, and the First Amendment” on Thursday, March 9, from 7-8:30 pm (<https://case.edu/lifelonglearning/lectures/american-jews-abortion-and-first-amendment-person-and-remote>);

◆ The Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center will hold the Hanukkah concert “Everylasting Light” featuring Grammy winners Anthony Roth Costanzo and Angel Blue; The Knights and the Brooklyn Youth Chorus, on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 pm. There is no charge to attend. For more information on these and other programs, visit <https://streicker.nyc/current-season/chanukah>.

◆ The Bender JCC of Greater Washington will hold two virtual archeological lectures: “Strong Inscriptional Confirmations of People in the Hebrew Bible” on Wednesday, December 14, at 8 pm; and “Tomb of the Royal Steward (Jerusalem)” on Wednesday, January 18, at 7 pm. The cost for each lecture is \$10. For more information, visit <https://www.benderjccgw.org/arts-culture-jewish-life/biblical-archaeology-forum/> or e-mail BAF.JCCGW@gmail.com.

◆ Maven will hold the virtual program “Masih Alinejad: The Woman Whose Hair Frightens Iran” on Thursday, December 15, from 3-3:45 pm. Alinejad, a human rights activist, will speak with Rabbi Tarlan Rabizadeh, a first-generation See “Online” on page 10

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Third American rabbi and eighth Jew awarded papal knighthood

American rabbi to receive high papal honor

Pope Francis will confer upon Rabbi A. James Rudin the Papal Knighthood of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great. Rabbi Rudin will be the third American rabbi and the eighth Jew to receive this Vatican honor since its creation by Pope Gregory XVI nearly 200 years ago. Representing the Pope, Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, archbishop of Boston, will present the knighthood at a ceremony at Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Florida on Sunday, November 20.

A distinguished professor of religion and Judaica at Saint Leo University and co-founder of the university's Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies, Rudin is being honored for his career of more than 60 years during which he fostered interreligious relations, dialogue and understanding. He is the American Jewish Committee's senior interreligious adviser and previously was the organization's longtime Interreligious affairs director.

Rudin was a member of the Camp David Presidential Retreat Chapel Committee and co-founded the National Interreligious Task Forces on Soviet Jewry and Black-Jewish Relations. Rabbi Rudin met many times with Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, and was the guest of honor at the 1994 Vatican symphony concert commemorating the Holocaust.

A prolific author, Rudin has written more than a dozen books including his recent memoir, "The People in the Room;" a biography of

Rabbi Stephen Wise, "Pillar of Fire," which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize; and "Christians & Jews: Faith to Faith." Rabbi Rudin is a columnist for Religion News Service and his commentary has appeared in *The Washington Post* and other media.

In response to this accolade, Rudin said, "I am deeply honored that Pope Francis has affirmed the extraordinary importance of Catholic-Jewish dialogue through this award. That he has continued the Church's historic commitment to care for the poor and disenfranchised, as my Jewish tradition calls it – *tikkun olam* – the repair of the world, makes this moment extremely special. I am pleased this ceremony, led by Cardinal Sean O'Malley, will take place at Saint Leo University where building positive Catholic-Jewish relations is an integral part of its mission. I am proud to accept this papal honor while remembering the many colleagues and friends who have been so important on my incredible interreligious journey."

Rabbi Rudin's daughter, Rabbi Eve Rudin Kleinman observed, "My father had a front-row seat to all the major developments in Jewish-Christian relations in the second half of the 20th century. I suspect that no other rabbi has traveled as widely or met with as many global religious leaders as my father."

Rudin's longtime colleague at the American Jewish Committee, former CEO David Harris,

said, "I can think of no one today more deserving of this immensely prestigious honor than my longtime American Jewish Committee colleague and friend, Rabbi Jim Rudin. He devoted decades of his professional life to deepening cooperation and understanding between the Jewish people and other faith groups, most notably the Catholic Church. The results have been nothing short of historic and can be felt daily across the United States and around the world. A heartfelt mazal tov to Jim on this extraordinary recognition and very special moment in his life."

Father John T. Pawlikowski, professor emeritus, Catholic Theological Union in Chicago observed, "Rabbi A. James Rudin has been a pivotal person in the dialogue between Christians and Jews generated by the Second Vatican Council's declaration *Nostra Aetate*. He has been at the center of key issues within the ongoing dialogue..."

Former Florida Congressman Ted Deutch, chief executive officer of the American Jewish Committee noted, "As the longtime director of interreligious affairs at AJC – now the agency's senior interreligious adviser – Rabbi Rudin represented the Jewish people with strength and dignity in its dialogue with other faith groups at the highest levels. As a prolific author, he demonstrates singular skill in his introductions to and explanations of Judaism for diverse religious and secular audiences worldwide. Rabbi Rudin

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◆ Shabbat services are weekly: Friday Shabbat services begin at 6 pm and Saturday Shabbat services begin at 9:45 am. Members and guests usually have the opportunity to actively participate in the services.

◆ Temple Israel of the Poconos Hanukkah celebration is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 18, from 5-7 pm. Homemade latkes, lasagna and *sufganiyot* are on the menu. Face painting, music and balloon animals

will be available, too.

◆ Preparations to celebrate Tu B'Shevat in February are underway to provide a Tu B'shevat seder for the school students with parent and family and congregational involvement. Purim, will be a joyous celebration with the membership dressing in costumes, noshing on hamantaschen and an animated reading of the megillah.

◆ Shabbat School for our younger generation has begun and continues to add more students as the word gets out about TIPOC's Hebrew School program. The students are grouped by age, in two classrooms with knowledgeable and experienced teachers. Hebrew reading, holiday rituals and history, prayer practice and participating in the Torah service each Shabbat are just a few of the Judaic studies programs. Shabbat school is included with family dues for children and grandchildren of members. Join Temple Israel of the Poconos to ensure a Jewish future for our children. The yearly dues are very manageable. Call 570-421-8781 for further information.

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JFNA allocates \$7M to support JDC's humanitarian efforts in Ukraine

BY JNS STAFF

(JNS) – The Jewish Federations of North America (or JFNA) has announced a new allocation of \$7 million that will contribute to aid for Ukraine in response to widespread power outages, as well as in anticipation of a worsening humanitarian crisis in the war-torn country this winter.

JFNA's allocation will help fund the relief efforts of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which recently said its staff and volunteers would initially provide "essential, life-saving support" to over 22,000 Ukrainian Jews. JDC is providing Ukrainian Jews with supplies including portable heaters and cooking stoves, sleeping bags that can withstand subzero temperatures, rechargeable flashlights and non-perishable foods for the first time, adding to its usual wintertime distributions of warm blankets and fleece-lined clothing, wood and coal, and subsidies for higher utility bills.

"As a new stage in the Ukraine crisis has begun, we have moved from a program of winter relief to winter survival. Among the tens of thousands of Jews we care for in Ukraine, we are seeing a drastic uptick in needs, from sources of sustainable warmth to covering the costs of living every day," JDC CEO Ariel Zwang said in a statement. "Our staff and volunteers have not stopped our life-saving services within Ukraine,

along with those for refugees in Europe, and will continue to ensure that Jews and Jewish communities have the supplies they need to survive the coming months."

Eric Fingerhut, JFNA's president and CEO, stated, "The winter forecast in Ukraine is extremely concerning, with the potential for an even graver humanitarian crisis, and our latest allocation reflects our attention to the evolving needs on the ground and our ongoing commitment to provide relief where it is most needed. The North American Jewish community continues to respond in tremendous ways to this crisis, and this collective response is a reflection of our Jewish values that dictate the utmost importance of charity – *tzedakah*."

The \$7 million JFNA allocation will also help subsidize the costs of *aliyah* (immigration to Israel) from Russia.



Ukrainian refugees in October. (Photo by Pawel Konarzewski/The Jewish Agency for Israel)

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limited options for personal care for individuals who do not have the financial resources to pay the monthly costs. Nursing home care averages \$9,000 per month, while personal care typically ranges between \$4,000-6,000 per month.

- In short:
- ◆ A personal care facility provides assistance with day-to-day activities, offers more autonomy with daily decision-making and is more cost-effective.
 - ◆ A skilled nursing facility provides higher levels of assistance with day-to-day activities can provide skilled services on a 24/7 basis for individuals with medically necessary needs, and is covered by third party insurances.

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Elan Gardens Senior Living brings our mission to life with the support of our sister community, Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab (formerly The Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania), which offers skilled nursing home care such as short stay rehabilitation and enhanced dementia care.

It is always a difficult decision for a senior to move from their home. Well-intentioned family members often think that their parent or loved one needs to move from living independently in the community directly to a nursing home. A personal care home is a great in-between option that provides assistance to the senior, but allows more autonomy in their day-to-day decision-making.

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Tapas-oriented Hanukkah: Latkes, wings and doughnuts

BY PAULA SHOYER

(JNS) – Paula Shoyer’s “Instant Pot Kosher Cookbook” was a near-instant success when it was published in March 2021. It offers 46 kosher-for-Passover recipes that can be used for other holidays, as well, from soups and salads to appetizers, sides to main courses and desserts – a number of which are vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free – this is the time to pull out that Instant Pot you received as a gift and were afraid to use.

A pastry chef who trained in France, Shoyer is the author of “The Kosher Baker,” “The Holiday Kosher Baker,” “The Healthy Jewish Kitchen” and “The New Passover Menu.”

The latke recipe is just right for Hanukkah, with the applesauce offering that last wisp of fall. The wings are a warm accompaniment, topped off by more fall flavor with the pumpkin doughnuts, a nod to oil-reminiscent foods for the holiday. Both come from Shoyer’s prior collections. Put them together, with a favorite salad on the side, to create a tapas-oriented lighter meal.

Potato and Scallion Latkes With Pickled Applesauce (*pareve*)

Everyone loves potato latkes but no one likes the mess of frying them or the guilt associated with eating them. These latkes are baked in the oven and easily won over my kids. You do need to watch them so they do not burn; they were done at different times in different ovens.

The Pickled Applesauce is a tangy accompaniment.

Latkes

2 Tbsp. sunflower or safflower oil, or more if needed

½ medium onion, quartered

3 scallions, ends trimmed, cut into thin slices or chopped into small pieces

3 medium potatoes (about 1½ pounds), scrubbed clean and unpeeled

2 tsp. fresh lemon juice

2 large eggs

½ tsp. baking powder

2 Tbsp. potato starch

½ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. black pepper

Pickled Applesauce

1 tsp. sunflower or safflower oil

⅓ cup red onions, chopped into ¼-inch pieces

2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar

2 Tbsp. light-brown sugar

2 apples, peeled and cut into ½-inch cubes

¼ tsp. ground coriander

¼ tsp. ground ginger

1 cinnamon stick

¼ tsp. salt

Pinch black pepper

Preheat oven to 450°F.

When the oven is hot, pour 2 tablespoons of oil onto 2 jelly-roll pans and turn them in every direction so that the oil coats the pans. Heat the pans in the oven for 5 minutes.

Place the onions and scallions in the bowl of a food processor and chop them into small pieces. Place them in a medium bowl.

Shred the potatoes by hand on the large holes of a box grater or in a food processor with the shredding blade and place in the bowl. Add the lemon juice, eggs, baking powder, potato starch, salt and pepper; mix well.

Very carefully (I mean, really carefully; move very slowly) remove one of the pans and use your hands or a spoon to scoop up and drop clumps of the potato mixture, a little less than ¼ cup, onto the pan. I use my hands. Press the mixture down to flatten it a little.

Place the pan in the oven for 10-12 minutes, and immediately remove the second oiled pan.

Repeat the same process with the remaining potato mixture and bake the second pan of latkes for 10-12 minutes. Bake them until the edges are well browned, and then with a slotted spatula turn them over and cook the latkes for another 8-10 minutes, or until the bottoms are browned.

May be made two days in advance and reheated in the oven.

To make the applesauce: Heat the oil in a small saucepan over medium heat. Add the onions and cook them for 3 minutes, until they soften. Add the vinegar and brown sugar, and cook for another 3 minutes. Add the apples, coriander, ginger, cinnamon stick, salt and pepper, and cook, covered, on low heat for 15 minutes, or until the apples are soft. Let the mixture cool for 10 minutes and then purée it, using an immersion blender or a food processor. May be made 4 days in advance, and served warm or cold.

Serves 6.

Everything Bagel BBQ Chicken Wings (Meat)

Years ago, I tested recipes for two of Susie Fishbein’s cookbooks and learned that the best way to make chicken wings was to boil them first and then bake them. The instant pot recipe makes the process faster.

*Time to pressure: 15 to 17 minutes
Cooking time: 5 minutes, plus broil for 10 minutes*

*Button to use: Pressure Cook
Release type: Quick Release*

Advance prep: May be made two days in advance

1 cup water

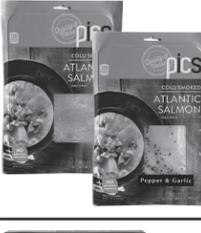
3 to 4 lbs. chicken wings

1 cup barbecue sauce of choice

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Happy Chanukah!

 <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">3⁶⁹ lb.</p> <p>Empire Kosher Frozen Whole Turkey Empire Frozen Turkey Breast \$5.99 Lb. [KAI] [U]</p>	 <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">3⁹⁹ lb.</p> <p>Empire Kosher Fresh Turkey [KAI] [U]</p>
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inspires us by living the life of an exemplary mensch who continues to be a powerful voice for the Jewish people and a stalwart defender of the State of Israel within and beyond his interreligious sphere.”

Rabbi David Saperstein, director emeritus of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and former US ambassador at-large for international religious freedom said, “Rabbi Rudin’s work in interreligious dialogue helped shape the state of Jewish-Christian relations today – most particularly of Catholic-Jewish relations. He has played an outsized role in bringing people of faith together and fostering a positive future of multifaith cooperation both within the US and globally.”

Rabbi James Rudin was born in Pittsburgh, PA, and grew up in Alexandria, VA. He attended Wesleyan University and graduated from

George Washington University with academic distinction. He received his rabbinical ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), and served as a United States Air Force chaplain in Japan and Korea.

The rabbi holds honorary doctorates from Saint Leo University, Saint Martin’s University and HUC-JIR. He also teaches at Florida Gulf Coast University Renaissance Academy.

Cardinal O’Malley’s office adds that the title of Papal Knight of St. Gregory the Great is the highest honor the Holy Father bestows upon individuals, both Catholics and non-Catholics, in recognition of their significant contributions to society. The Order of St. Gregory the Great was begun by Pope Gregory XVI (1745-1846) in 1831, and named in honor of St. Gregory the Great, who died in 604, and whose writings greatly influenced the Catholic Church.

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Persian American whose family fled Iran in the 1970s. For more information or to register, visit <https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/masih-alinejad-the-woman-whose-hair-frightens-iran>.

◆ Maven will hold the virtual program “DIY Hanukkah Papercutting with Jeanette Kivin Oren” on Wednesday, December 14, from 5-6 pm. The cost to attend is \$21. Oren designed the 2022 Hanukkah stamp for the United States Postal Service. For more information or to register, visit <https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/diy-hanukkah-papercutting-with-jeanette-kivin-oren>.

◆ The Museum of Jewish Heritage will hold the New York Jewish Book Festival at Sunday, December 11. Some of the programs will be available virtually, including “A Banker’s Journey: How Edmond J. Safra Built a Global Financial Empire” from 10-11 am; “Approaches to Portraiture of Holocaust Survivors and Global Conflicts with Martin Schoeller, B.A. Van Sise, and Jonathan Alpeyrie” from 11:30 am-12:30 pm; “Women Holding Things with Maira Kalman” from 1-2 pm; “Writing a Life in Film: A Conversation with A.O. Scott, Mark Harris, and Annette Insdorf” from 2:30-3:30 pm; “Our Country Friends” with Gary Shteyngart and Alex Halberstadt from 4-5 pm; “Happy Hour with Sloane Crosley, Isabel Kaplan, and Stephanie Butnick” from 5:30-6:30 pm; and “Koshersoul:” Cooking and Storytelling with Michael Twitty and Jane Ziegelman from 7-8:30 pm. For more information or to register, visit <https://mjhnyc.org/new-york-jewish-book-festival/new-york-jewish-book-festival-key-note-events/>.

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½ tsp. black pepper
3 to 3½ Tbsp. Everything Bagel spice, divided
Place the water into the inner pot and add the steam rack. Pile the wings on top.

Secure the lid, ensuring that the steam release handle is in the Sealing position. Press the Pressure Cook button and set the cooking time for 5 minutes.

When the cooking time is complete, turn the steam release handle to the Venting position to quickly release the pressure. Preheat the oven to broil. Press Cancel and open the lid.

Remove the wings to a baking pan. Pour the barbecue sauce and pepper on top and toss to coat. Sprinkle half of the Everything Bagel spice on top.

Place the pan into the oven on a rack in the top third of the oven, but not on the oven rack closest to the heat. Broil for 5 minutes.

Turn the wings over, and add the remaining Everything Bagel spice and broil for another 5 minutes, or longer until desired browning.

Serves 6.

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Pumpkin Doughnuts (pareve)

¼ oz. (1 envelope) dry yeast
¼ cup warm water
¼ cup plus 1 tsp. sugar, divided
2 Tbsp. light brown sugar
⅓ cup soy milk
2 Tbsp. margarine, at room temperature for at least 15 minutes

1 large egg
½ cup pumpkin purée (not pumpkin-pie filling)
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. nutmeg
½ tsp. pure vanilla extract
3 to 3¼ cups all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting

Canola oil for frying
¼ cup confectioners' sugar for dusting
In a large bowl, place the yeast, warm water, and one teaspoon of sugar and stir. Let the mixture sit for 10 minutes, or until thick.

Add the remaining sugar, brown sugar, soy milk, margarine, egg, pumpkin purée, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla and 2 cups of flour to the bowl, and mix on low speed with either a

dough hook in a stand mixer or a wooden spoon.

Add another cup of flour and mix well.

Add more flour, a tablespoon at a time, and mix it in until the dough becomes smooth, but not sticky, scraping down the sides of the bowl each time before you add more flour.

Cover the dough with a clean dishtowel and let it rise for one hour in a warm place. I use a warming drawer on a low setting, or you can turn your oven on to its lowest setting, place the bowl in the oven and then turn off the oven.

Punch down the dough by folding it over a few times and reshaping it into a ball. Then recover the dough and let it rise for 10 minutes.

Dust a cookie sheet with some flour. Sprinkle some flour on your counter or a piece of parchment paper and roll the dough out until it's about ½-inch thick. Use a 2½-inch round cookie-cutter or drinking glass to cut out circles and place them on the prepared cookie sheet. Re-roll any scraps. Cover the doughnuts with the towel. Place the cookie sheet back in the oven

(warm but turned off) or warming drawer. Let the doughnuts rise for 45 minutes.

Heat 1½ inches of oil in a medium saucepan for a few minutes and use a candy thermometer to see when the temperature stays between 365°F and 375°F; adjust the flame until the oil stays in that temperature range.

Cover a cookie sheet with foil. Place a wire rack on top of it and set it near your stovetop.

Gently slide the doughnuts, no more than 4 to 5 at a time, top-side down, into the oil and fry for 1½ minutes. Turn the doughnuts over and cook another 1½ minutes. Remove them with a slotted spoon, letting any excess oil drip off, and place on the wire rack to cool.

Repeat for the remaining doughnuts. Dust with the confectioners' sugar and serve.

Store covered at room temperature for up to one day and reheat to serve.

Makes 15.

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came together again for the *Havdalah* service that separates the end of Shabbat from the start of the new week. After the service, they were ushered into Temple Israel’s grand Levy Hall, which had been transformed into the “Centennial Speakeasy,” a homage to the era in which the temple was founded. The entrance to Levy Hall was transformed into a Prohibition-era-type bar, complete with a sliding window in the wooden door for passwords, and it set the tone for the party inside. Upon entering the dimly lit hall illuminated by candles, each celebrant got either a black fedora or a flapper headband and string of faux pearls. Throughout the evening, DJ Ed Kloniecke played the music of the past ten decades. Temple Israel’s own professional radio DJ Steve Rosenberg – the bee’s knees in his own Ritzy fedora, suit and Oxford shoes

At right: Extemporaneous music at the Temple Israel Speakeasy on Saturday night, October 22. L-r: Cantor Vladimir Aronzon, Rabbi Emeritus David Geffen (anniversary keynote speaker), Rabbi Jeffrey Eisenstat, Steve Weinberg, Rabbi Ezra Weinberg and Louis Nivert.



– served as master of ceremonies, providing masterful historic musical backgrounds. Cantor Vladimir Aronzon took everyone back in time with his moving solo of “My Yiddishe Mama” and later brought the crowd to their feet with a

unique mash-up of “Those Were the Days” and “To Life!” followed by a rousing hora. Party-goers had their pictures taken in a festive photo booth, enjoyed a delectable selection of desserts and beverages plus a cocktail bar and got 100th Anniversary commemorative souvenir pens to write their memories for inclusion in Sunday’s Time Capsule Ceremony. Everyone agreed the party was the cat’s meow.

On Sunday morning, attendees returned to temple for a morning minyan in the Goodman chapel, followed by a light breakfast and the burying of a new time capsule by the children of the temple’s Reba and Art Douglass Religious School. It was then time to go home with our souvenir *kippot* and copies of the 100th anniversary book of temple history, current information and congratulatory messages and ads. We all now to look forward to many more daily and special events at Temple Israel in its second century!

Temple Israel is a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and an egalitarian congregation. Temple Israel is currently conducting daily morning minyan services, Mondays and Thursdays in person and via Zoom, Saturday morning in person and via Live Stream, and Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday via Zoom. On Friday evenings, the temple conducts an early service for welcoming the Shabbat in person and via Live Stream.

Temple Israel is also proud to provide education for the children of the congregation through the Reba and Art Douglass Religious School and has ongoing education opportunities for the adults of the congregation. It has an active Sisterhood, Men’s Club and Mitzvah Committee.

For more information about the many facets of Temple Israel and links to our Zoom and Live Stream, visit the temple website at templeisraelcranton.org, e-mail office@templeisraelcranton.org, or call the temple office at 570-342-0350.



At left: Temple Israel President David Hollander and his wife Amy stand in front of the “speakeasy” entrance to the Temple’s Levy Hall on Saturday night, October 22.

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Barbara Dershowitz, director of the Reba & Art Douglass Religious School at Temple Israel, and organizer of the 100th Anniversary Time Capsule, prepared to fill the capsule before its burial.