

Federation announces Campaign 2025-26 chairmen

The Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania has announced the chairmen of the Federation’s Campaign 2025-26.

David Hollander has been an active member of the Scranton community since he was a teenager. Currently, he is president of Temple Israel of Scranton, contributes to the Jewish Federation of NEPA by serving on its Board of Trustees, is a Holocaust Symposium facilitator and is also the co-chair of the Community Relations Committee. David is also a member of the Scranton Jewish Community Security Council. Further, David is the immediate past president of the St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen and is the chair of its Long-Range Planning Committee. David was recently named to the Board of Directors for the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM),



David Hollander and Alex Itzkowitz

further solidifying his leadership in the HR community.

David is a Scranton native and graduate of the University of Scranton. He is employed by Maid-Rite Specialty Foods as the director of human resources and corporate procurement. David is married with three children and resides in Moscow. In his spare time, David is an avid runner.

Alex Itzkowitz is a real estate developer based in Scranton, where he lives with his wife, Ruth, and their four children. Since moving to Scranton seven years ago, Alex has become deeply invested in the local Jewish community, working to support its growth and sustain-

ability. Outside of work, he enjoys fishing, golf and skeet shooting – pastimes that reflect his appreciation for balance and focus. Known for his commitment to both family and community, Alex continues to play a meaningful role in shaping Scranton’s future.

Jewish Federation recognizes Margaret Sheldon

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania recognizes Margaret Sheldon for her invaluable contribution to the vitality of our community’s past, present and future.



roles at the Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania, as well as the Scranton Jewish Community Center, Foundation for the Jewish Elderly of Eastern Pennsylvania and Temple

Israel of Scranton.

Her leadership over the years as president of the Federation, Chair of the Investments Committee and an active member of the Board shaped the direction and development of our community.

Her commitment to Jewish life extended beyond the Federation, as she also assumed leadership

Margaret’s indefatigable efforts have made a strong impact on our community and shown her commitment to the Jewish people here at home, across the nation, in Israel and around the world. Her example serves as a role model for our Federation leaders. Thank you. *Todah rabbah!*

SPOTLIGHT

Holocaust survivor talks about time in Shanghai during WWII

BY JUDITH FALK

(JNS) – Despite dozens of Holocaust museums and memorials in the United States and extensive education and other programming about the Holocaust, the story of the some 20,000 Jews who fled from the Nazis in Central Europe to Shanghai remains little known, according to

Jerry Lindenstrauss. “Even though there were books and talks about Shanghai, still a lot of people don’t know – not even Jewish people,” the 96-year-old survivor told JNS. “That is why I talk about my life.”

Those experiences in Japanese-occupied Shanghai later See “Survivor” on page 11

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

In history

The latest history column continues to look at the years between WWI and WWII.

Story on page 5

Science news

Israeli researchers have found evidence of acoustic interaction between plants and insects.

Story on page 7

CANDLE LIGHTING

August 1	8:01 pm
August 8	7:53 pm
August 15	7:43 pm
August 22	7:33 pm
August 29	7:22 pm
September 5	7:10 pm
September 12	6:58 pm
September 19	6:46 pm

PLUS

Executive Director’s Column.....	3
Schedule of Services	8



Jewish Federation
OF NORTHEASTERN PA

CAMPAIGN OPENING EVENT

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 19TH
VIP EVENT: 1 PM
SHOW: 2 PM
SCRANTON JCC

MAGICIAN & MENTALIST
SHLOMO LEVINGER

Bais Yaakov of Scranton in the news 5785

BAIS YAAKOV PRODUCTION “THIS IS MY HOME”

Bais Yaakov’s annual production, an original play, “This is My Home,” written by Adina Turoff, took place in the JCC on January 11. Directed by Mrs. Leah Laury, Shira Laury, and Mrs. Yskah Arias, it was a smashing success and well received.



THE SMALL SCHOOL WITH THE BIG HEART

Purim is one of the highlights of Bais Yaakov’s *chesed* activities. It begins with the Od Yosef Chai family dinner and carnival to benefit the poor of Israel. A delicious dinner was served and prepared by Mrs. Leah Laury and Mrs. Nancy Ben Dov, assisted by volunteer par-

ents and others in the community. Great booths were created and run by the Bais Yaakov students and their friends. Funds raised were sent directly to increase the joy of families in need.

The B.Y. also distributed close to 400 *shalach manos* (gifts of food packages) throughout the community. Packages were delivered to Elan Skilled Nursing, Elan Gardens, Webster Towers, Clay Commons, Plaza 550, Meals on Wheels recipients and to many individuals. These treats are very much looked forward to and appreciated by the recipients.

This project is sponsored in part by Mr. Harris Cutler. Thank you once again!

In addition, students also pre-

pared delicious kugels and challah rolls to Webster Towers and others throughout the community every Friday.

THE BAIS YAAKOV AND ELAN SKILLER NURSING

The long-established program of the Bais Yaakov girls, assisting with mealtime daily continues in full swing. Residents who need assistance have young, smiling faces to talk to.

TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA

Students went to Philadelphia and were given a guided tour of famous historical sites. Girls toured Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, and stopped by the Mikveh Yisroel Synagogue, the oldest in the country built in 1704.

See “Bais” on page 9

Sponsored in May 2024, the ambulance is now saving lives in the city of Rahat in Israel’s South Dr. Benjamin and Susan Krevsky of Wyndmoor dedicate MICU for Israel in memory of their grandparents, Abraham and Minnie Sullum, founders of Sullum’s Department Store of Olyphant, and Daniel and Lillian Abrams of Scranton

Ramle, Israel (June 6, 2025)
– On May 11, Dr. Benjamin and

Susan Krevsky marked an important moment in their long history of philanthropic engagement with Magen David Adom (MDA) as they dedicated a MICU (mobile intensive care unit) for Israel in memory of their grandparents. Mrs. Krevsky’s grandparents were Abraham and Minnie Sullum, founders of Sullum’s Department Store of Olyphant, and Daniel and Lillian Abrams of Scranton.

The Krevskys, who live in Wyndmoor, PA, visited the Marcus National Blood Center in Ramle for the

dedication ceremony, during which they spoke of their powerful sense of connection to saving lives in Israel. Accompanied by Yoni Yagodovsky, director of MDA international relations, they also toured the secure, underground facility where the nation’s blood supply is tested and stored. The Krevsky MICU ambulance, which was donated in May 2024, is now stationed in Rahat in Israel’s southern region.

“We deeply appreciate the generous gift of a MICU by the Krevsky family,” said Catherine

Reed, CEO of American Friends of Magen David Adom. “Their dedicated support over decades, inspired by their family’s legacy of giving, continues to save thousands of lives and bring healing to the people of Israel.”

Supporters of MDA for over 20 years, the Krevsky family also previously sponsored a Life Support Ambulance in 2023, which is currently stationed in the city of Haifa.

About Magen David Adom: MDA is Israel’s emergency services system. A leader in mass-casualty response and in EMS technology, Magen David Adom treats and transports more than one million people to hospitals every year; collects, safety tests and distributes nearly all the blood to Israel’s hospitals; and, through its affiliation with the Red Cross movement, responds to disasters around the world. For more information, visit afmda.org.

The Reporter

Published by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania

“The Reporter” (USPS #1550) is published monthly by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 601 Jefferson Ave., Scranton, PA 18510.

President: David Fallk
Executive Director: Daniel Chejfec

Executive Editor: Rabbi Rachel Esserman
Layout Editor: Diana Sochor
Advertising Representative: Kathy Brown
Bookkeeper: Kathy Brown
Production Associate: Julie Weber

OPINIONS The views expressed in editorials and opinion pieces are those of each author and not necessarily the views of the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

LETTERS *The Reporter* welcomes letters on subjects of interest to the Jewish community. All letters must be signed and include a phone number. The editor may withhold the name upon request.

ADS *The Reporter* does not necessarily endorse any advertised products and services. In addition, the paper is not responsible for the *kashruth* of any advertiser’s product or establishment.

DEADLINE Regular deadline is two weeks prior to the publication date.

FEDERATION WEBSITE:
www.jewishnepa.org

HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES:
Mail: 601 Jefferson Ave., Scranton, PA 18510
E-mail: jfnepareporter@jewishnepa.org
Fax: (570) 346-6147
Phone: (570) 961-2300

HOW TO REACH THE ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE:
Phone: (800) 779-7896, ext. 244
E-mail: advertising@thereportergroup.org

SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION:
Phone: (570) 961-2300



Jewish Family Service
OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Help neighbors in need! Donate Your Vehicle or Real Estate

Your **vehicle or real estate** donation strengthens individuals, families, and communities.



Why Donate?

- Avoids costly repairs and maintenance
- Easy donation process
- Reduces taxes and fees
- Skips the hassles of selling
- You can qualify for a tax deduction

Donate your vehicle or real estate today!

Learn more and get started:
(877) JFS-4CAR | (844) 277-HOME
jfsnepa.org

Your ad could be here!

For more information, call
Kathy Brown at
800-779-7896,
ext. 244,
or e-mail advertising@thereportergroup.org

The Reporter

Published by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania

COMMUNITY NEWS

What makes the Jewish world go around?

I'm not referring to Judaism as an idea, but the Jewish world as the collective of the Jewish people. While, ideally, they should be one and the same, in reality, they are not. Jews are first and foremost people and, as such, we are plagued with differences of opinions – which we express more passionately than most other people. That very diversity of opinions has been our main survival mechanism over the centuries of our dispersion.

As a people exiled from our national center and living among diverse societies as a minority, we were always the object, not the subject, of historical events because we had no political power to speak of to alter governments' decisions. As a consequence, we were forced to find ways to adapt to the many changes in historical circumstances in order to survive as a people, preserve our unique identity and embrace our culture.

Whenever we were faced with a new set of historical circumstances, we had to come up with new ideas – and we always had plenty of them. If you read the Talmud, you find that it is not a collection of definite answers, but it looks more like a modern book of jurisprudence, with opinions on both sides of every argument. And



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DANIEL CHEJFEC, PH.D.

both (or more) sides are preserved in the text. And in the argument around the multiple ideas that emerged at different historical crossroads, we were – as befit a Jewish argument – passionate to a fault. And we still are.

The Jewish experience in America became probably the most challenging yet, for it represented a circumstance in which Jews had to confront a “yes.” Documentation of the days of Revolutionary times shows Jews deeply involved

in the construction of the American experiment because the new political construct saw them as citizens not because of nor despite their Jewish identity, but on the foundation of their own participation in the process. Levy, Sheftall, Seixas, Harding (not *those* Harding), Mordecai and Gratz are just some of the families who played a role in creating the American Democratic Republic. And they argued among themselves, too... which proves their Jewishness!

In our modern American Jewish community, while most Jews embraced political Zionism as the prevalent Jewish historical force of our times

(even when we argue what that means), there are still some Jews who do not embrace it. Not a surprise there. What comes as a novelty is how the non-Jews who oppose the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish state use those differences of opinion as a weapon not only against Israel, but against the Jewish people as a whole. They tokenize Jewish opposition to Zionism to “prove” that Jews have no right to self-determination and, in some cases, that we are not even a people, but just a religion – and as such, any attempt to self-determination is painted as discriminatory and even racist.

Zionism was a response to the unsustainability of Jewish identity in the wake of the failure of the Emancipation in Europe and of the Arab world use of antisemitism as a tool in their search for an evasive unity. It continues to be, today, the one idea embraced by the vast majority of Jews around the world.

Some modern Jewish philosophers defined Jewish identity as that of an “ever dying people” implying that it always was the external threat that kept us Jewish through history. I prefer Shimon Peres' definition, who pointed out as a significant characteristic of the Jewish people: their inherent dissatisfaction. He saw that dissatisfaction as the motor that always motivated Jews to better themselves, their society and the world. He saw dissatisfaction as the reason for the Jews' constant drive to question society and to improve things.

In a modern world in which our diversity (our biggest strength) is used against us, I remain proud of my cultural heritage, and of my people. I may disagree with some Jews – but I'm still proud of them because together – not separate – we embody the Jewish future.

Jewish Federation incorporates Susquehanna County to area of service

At the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania on June 19, the attendees were presented with the motion to formally incorporate Susquehanna County to the area of service.

Even before this formal vote, when residents of Susquehanna County logged in to the national website of the Jewish Federations of North America and searched for their Federation by entering their zip code, they were referred to our community. When added to that the fact

that our Federation already has active leaders who reside in Susquehanna County, the vote represented almost a mere formality.


While there are no existing Jewish organizations in Susquehanna, there are some Jews living there and we are looking forward to serving their needs and assist them. Our Federation now serves, officially, five counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania: Lackawanna, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna and Wayne.

(See page 4 for photos of the Annual Meeting.)

DEADLINES

The following are deadlines for all articles and photos for upcoming Reporter issues.

DEADLINE	ISSUE
Monday, August 11	September
Monday, September 8	October
Friday October 10 (early)	November
Monday, November 10	December



Jewish Family Service
OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Social Worker LSW/LCSW (full-time)

Established non-profit seeking social worker to provide counseling and mental health services to a diverse client population. Must have knowledge of current DSM diagnosis, work well within a team environment and be passionate about the behavioral health field.

Compensation and Benefits:

- 403 (b) Tax Deferred Annuity Plan for employee voluntary contributions
- 401 (a) Employee Pension Plan employer contributions, no match required
- Employee covered Medical, dental, vision and prescription drug plan
- Long-term Disability, Life Insurance
- Generous PTO to include up to 4 weeks vacation, holiday and sick time
- Competitive salary package based on experience
- Continuing Education with support from field preceptors
- Employee Sam's Club membership

Qualifications:

- Master of Social Work degree/ Licensed Social Worker/ Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Individuals who are looking to obtain their clinical hours for their LCSW license will have the opportunity to work while completing their mandatory hours.)

Email to apply: info@jfsnepa.org
EOE



Elan Gardens Senior Living

A Jewish Senior Life Community

Personal Care and Memory Care in Beautiful Northeastern PA

Call Us Today to Schedule a Tour!



465 Venard Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411 • 570-585-4400 • www.elangardens.org

Personal Care Services

- Private apartments
- Assistance with daily tasks
- Three delicious homestyle meals per day
- Clinical oversight and care coordination
- Weekly housekeeping with daily bedmaking and touch-ups
- Linen and personal laundry
- Full range of stimulating activities daily
- Scheduled transportation
- Television, long-distance phone, and internet services



The Reporter
Published by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Your ad could be here! E-mail Kathy Brown at advertising@thereporter.org.

➡ Check out the Federation's new, updated website at www.jewishnepa.org or find it on Facebook

Jewish Federation holds Annual Meeting



ROSH HASHANAH 5786 Greetings

Deadline: August 14 (September issue)

Once again this year, *The Reporter* is inviting its readers and local organizations to extend New Year's greetings to the community by purchasing a New Year's greeting ad, which will appear in our September issue.

You may choose from the designs, messages and sizes shown here - more are available. You may also choose your own message, as long as it fits into the space of the greeting you select. (Custom designs available upon request.) The price of the small greeting is \$20 (styles F and J), the medium one is \$38 (style H and I) and the largest one (not shown) is \$74.

To ensure that your greeting is published or for more information on additional styles, sizes & designs, contact Kathy Brown 1-800-779-7896, ext. 244; or e-mail advertising@thereporter.org. Checks can be made payable to *The Reporter* and sent to: *The Reporter*, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850.

Style H - \$38
Actual Size: 3.22" x 1.975"

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for good health, peace and prosperity.

Your Name(s)

Style I - \$38
Actual Size: 3.22" x 1.975"

ROSH HASHANAH Greetings

Deadline: August 14 (September issue)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Greeting Style _____ Message _____

How you would like it signed _____

We accept ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Print Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Address, City, State, Zip (Registered billing address of card) _____

Checks can be made payable to *The Reporter*, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850.

The Reporter
Published by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Style J - \$20
Actual Size: 1.52" x 1.975"

May this New Year be a time of peace & joy for you and all those you love.

Your Name(s)

Style F - \$20
Actual Size: 1.52" x 1.975"

Have a sweet, happy & healthy New Year!

Your Name(s)



Are you on the Jewish Federation's email list?

We send updated announcements and special event details weekly to those who wish to receive them.

Send Dassy Ganz an email if you would like to join the list.

Dassy.ganz@jewishnepa.org

The Jewish Federation
OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA



KOSHER MEALS ON WHEELS

Home delivered meals when you need them the most!

Learn more by calling (570) 344-1186

Meals prepared at the Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab, A Jewish Senior Life Community under kosher dietary guidelines.

The Reporter

Published by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Your ad could be here!

For more information, call Kathy Brown at 800-779-7896, ext. 244, or e-mail advertising@thereporter.org

Between the wars (Part II)

(Eighth article of history series)

BY DANIEL CHEJFEC, PH.D.

While the period between the 1929 Arab riots and the 1936-39 Arab uprising was relatively quiet, “relatively” does not mean without developments. In 1929, prior to the riots, Muslim authorities objected to the Jews putting up a *mechitza* for services at the wall. When we think of the wall in those days, we need to remember that the Western Wall Plaza as we know it today did not exist. The praying area in front of the Wall was a narrow alleyway, often used by Arabs as a garbage dump. The *mechitza* incident was the pretext that Arabs used for the riots. During the 1929 riots, Arabs created an organization called “The Green Hand,” which existed briefly in the Galilee for less than a year.

In 1930, a group of Palestinian Arabs founded a successor organization to the Green Hand, which they called “Al-Kaff al-Aswad” (“Black Hand”). This organization remained active between 1930 and 1935. It was originally led by Syrian-born Sheik Izz ad-Din Al Qassam, a follower of Amin al Hussein. The present day al-Qassam brigade is named after him. Al Qassam justified violence on religious grounds and led his organization in constant attacks on Jewish *kibbutzim* and villages. While his actual achievements were meager to none, Al Qassam became a popular hero and role model that inspired later militants during the 1936-1939 uprising.

A Qassamite (“Followers of Al Qassam”) group murdered two Jews early in 1936, prompting a retaliatory attack by the Hagannah, which killed two Palestinian Arab workers. This fed into the growing tensions between the Arab and Jewish communities, as well as low-intensity confrontations.

A month into this situation, Amin al Hussein declared May 16, 1936, to be “Palestine Day” and called for a general strike. This is probably the origin of the Palestinian tactic

of declaring “rage days” against Israel. Using his position as mufti of Jerusalem, he also declared that the Jews were attacking Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, inflaming the rage among Arab Muslims. Hussein’s called for a complete stop to Jewish immigration and the end of British colonial rule over Palestine. The general strike marked the recognition of Hussein as one of the main leaders of the Arab Palestinian community. While Hussein had approached the Nazi German government in 1934 to establish an alliance, he was rebuffed. According to Nazi records, however, Adolph Eichmann visited Jerusalem undercover in 1937 and met with Amin Al Hussein. Some historians believed that Eichmann provided German funding for the uprising at the time.

The British at the time had already developed oil fields in Iraq (1927), Kuwait (1928), and Saudi Arabia (1936). They saw Hussein’s leadership of the uprising and his meeting with Eichmann as threatening to their interests, expelling him from Palestine. Also as part of their attempts to control the unrest, Britain created the Palestine Royal Commission, headed by Lord Peel, with the mandate to find a way to quell the unrest. On July 7, 1937, the Peel Commission presented its conclusions, stating that the terms of the Mandate as defined by the League of Nations had become unworkable and recommended the Partition of Palestine. This was endorsed in principle by the British government which created the Woodhead Commission to examine in detail the idea and to come up with an actual partition plan.

The Arab Higher Committee, controlled by the mufti from exile, rejected the very idea of partition and demanded an end to British rule and the establishment of an (Arab) state in the whole territory of Palestine. The Zionist Congress, while rejecting the actual map presented by the

Woodhead Commission, accepted the principle of partition. The Jewish Agency presented its own plan for partition in 1938, although this plan did not get a good reception in London and became DOA. England, then, modified the Woodhead Commission proposal assigning even less territory to the Jewish State in an attempt to quiet the Arab riots. This modified proposal was rejected by the Jewish Agency.

In a further attempt to gain Arab support and protect their colonial interests, the British issued what became the first of several “White Papers,” redefining the obligations of Britain under the terms of the mandate. This first White Paper divided Palestine into three areas. In the first area, which included most of the Jewish communities, and where over 85 percent of the land belonged to Jews, people could buy and sell

land at will with no restrictions. In the second area, including some Jewish communities, any buying of land by the Jews would require approval by the Mandatory power. In a third area (comprising over 80 percent of the territory), Jews were forbidden from buying land. The British also rescinded Hussein’s exile and appointed him as “Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.”

On September 1, 1939, Nazi Germany invaded Poland, prompting a Declaration of War from Great Britain and France. World War II had begun. Palestine, as a colonial possession outside of the main war theater but with relatively easy access to Europe, became an industrial center in support of the British efforts against Germany. The Mandatory authorities made significant investments

See “Wars” on page 7

Support the JFS Annual Campaign

Even a small donation can make a big difference.



Scan the QR Code above or visit www.jfsnepa.org

Beth Shalom Academy

1025 Vine Street,
Scranton, PA 18510



BOOK YOUR VISIT TODAY!

Warm and welcoming atmosphere with individualized learning

ABOUT US

Providing high quality Jewish and Secular education to all children regardless of background and observance!

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Small classes, PreK-8.
- Involvement in the local community.
- Financial assistance available.

CONTACT US:

info@bethshalomacademy.com

To learn more, visit us at www.bethshalomacademy.com.

To get Federation updates via email, register on our website www.jewishnepa.org



Pledge or Donate online at www.jewishnepa.org/donate

➡ Check out the Federation’s new, updated website at www.jewishnepa.org or find it on Facebook

JCC Camp Daleville summer 2025 season kicked off with over 150 campers



Camp Daleville kicked off the summer with a week full of excitement, creativity and community, despite soaring temperatures reaching into the 90s. With sunscreen, water bottles and the pool as essential gear, campers and counselors embraced the heat with enthusiasm and energy.

The week began with classic icebreaker games, welcoming new campers and counselors into the fold. From there, the fun rolled right into the pool, where many campers made a splash every day.

STEAM activities were a hit as campers explored buoyancy and density through hands-on experiments. In Art with Carli, paper donuts were the craft of the day, while Jewish Culture introduced campers to Rosh Hashanah through stories, traditions and a sweet snack of apples and honey.

Sports played a major role this week under the guidance of Coach Shields. Campers enjoyed high-energy games like kickball, tetherball, gaga ball, red light green light and musical chairs. Elimination, a long-standing camp favorite, returned with fierce competition.

Shelter building offered a creative way to stay cool, with building impressive structures in the woods. Meanwhile, the MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) lessons brought out the strength and focus of campers, all who mastered new skills quickly.

Our older camp groups enjoyed a week of exploration, including a spirited water balloon fight and a scenic hike. Many campers found their groove in the kitchen during cooking sessions with Katie.

The camp's CITs (Counselors in Training) stepped up as leaders as they created and ran a scavenger hunt, led games and supported younger groups during activities. All of our CIT's and counselors demonstrated enthusiasm and leadership.

The week wrapped up with music where campers learned about musical instruments and their history through song and rhythm. Fishing also brought some peaceful moments to a bustling week. Every Friday, camp winds down the week with *oneg* Shabbat. Led by Rabbi Dovid Saks, campers enjoyed a Shabbat story and participated in all of the Shabbat traditions from lighting candles to enjoying challah bread!

With laughter, learning, and lots of splashes, Camp Daleville is off to an incredible start. Campers and staff alike are already looking forward to the adventures that await in the weeks to come.



Jewish Family Service of NEPA’s seventh annual Community Matters event

On June 24, more than 100 guests gathered at the beautiful Scranton Cultural Center to celebrate Jewish Family Service of NEPA’s seventh annual Community Matters event. This year, we were proud to honor Jim Alperin for his outstanding commitment to our community.

The evening was filled with warmth, music and purpose. Doug Fink served as our master of ceremonies, and we were inspired by words from guest speaker Rabbi Samuel Sandhaus. Guests enjoyed delicious food from Pocono Kosher and lively entertainment by the Doug Smith Trio.

Thanks to the generosity of our attendees and sponsors, the event raised more than \$30,000 to support JFS programs and services across Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Jim Alperin joins a distinguished group of past honorees including Jim and Susie Connors, Morey and Sondra Myers, Jane Oppenheim, Louis and Barbara Nivert, Natalie Gelb and Dr. Margaret Sheldon.

Thank you to everyone who made this night such a success!

A special thank you to our platinum sponsors, Michael and Sheila Cutler and Louis and Barbara Nivert.



TAU researchers discover first evidence of auditory interaction between plants and animals

BY JNS STAFF

(JNS) – In a world-first study, researchers at Tel Aviv University have discovered an acoustic interaction between plants and insects.

Focusing on female moths, the study found that the insects make critical decisions about where to lay their eggs based on sounds emitted by nearby plants. When plants emit ultrasonic distress signals – inaudible to the human ear but detectable

by moths – the moths avoid them in favor of healthy, silent plants.

The study was conducted in the laboratories of professors Yossi Yovel, from the School of Zoology, and Lilach Hadany, from the School of Plant Sciences and Food Security, at Tel Aviv University’s Wise Faculty of Life Sciences. It was led by students Rya Seltzer and Guy Zer Eshel, in collaboration with

See “Plants” on page 10

Wars. Continued from page 5

in infrastructure, education and health for the benefit of the Arab sector, leaving the development of the Jewish sector entirely to the Jewish Agency.

The next article will not delve into the rise of Nazi Germany and its anti-Jewish laws which, while extremely important, have been described in detail in multiple histories of the Holocaust. The article will delve into the developments in Palestine and the Middle East during the war.

SUMMER VIBE FUN FEST

SUNDAY AUGUST 17

NOON - 3:30 PM

Fawn Hill Family Park

RAIN OR SHINE - EVERYONE WELCOME!

LIVE DJ DANCING GAMES

Full Admission with Mini-Golf & Lunch

Kids \$15 Adults \$20

Family of 4 \$55

Classic NY Street Food!



Barley Creek

BREWERY & DISTILLERY

FREE TASTINGS



Ritas

FROZEN ICE

REGISTER NOW!

For Details & Registration

Visit: JFHF.ORG



Jewish Fellowship

540 Forest Drive, Lords Valley PA 18428 570-775-7497. jfhf.org - jfhf1516@gmail.com

The Jewish Federation of NEPA is excited to offer local, community organizations the opportunity to post events to our Community Calendar. Published events will be included in our weekly Ma Nishma NEPA email.



How to Submit a Community Event

Step 1

Visit www.jewishnepa.org

Step 2

Click the button (top right)



Step 3

Register or log-in

Step 4

Include your event details and submit the form. Events will be published once approved.

We reserve the right to edit the content of the event submissions and approve or deny publication of events.



jewishnepa.org  570.961.2300

➡ Check out the Federation’s new, updated website at www.jewishnepa.org or find it on Facebook

• *Regular Schedule of Services* •

ABINGTON TORAH CENTER

Rabbi Dovid Saks
President: Richard Rutta
Jewish Heritage Connection
601 Jefferson Ave., Scranton, PA 18510
570-346-1321 • website: www.jewishheritageconnection.org
Sunday morning minyan 8:15 am at Elan Gardens,
465 Vernard Rd., Clarks Summit, PA

BETH SHALOM CONGREGATION

Rabbi Alex Hecht
President: Asher Grossman
1025 Vine St., Scranton, PA 18510 (corner of Vine & Clay Ave.)
570-346-0502 • fax: 570-346-8800
Weekday - *Shacharit*: Sun. 8am; Mon., Thurs. & Rosh Chodesh 6:30 am; Tue., Wed. & Fri. 6:45 am; Sat. & holidays 8:45 am.
Mincha during the week is approx. 10 minutes before sunset, following by *Maariv*.

CHABAD OF THE ABINGTONS/ JEWISH DISCOVERY CENTER

Rabbi Benny Rapoport
216 Miller, Rd., Clarks Summit, PA 18411
570-587-3300 • JewishNEPA.com/minyan
Weekly service for Shabbat and all Jewish holidays
Kabbalat Shabbat at sundown (summer at 7 pm)
Saturday mornings: 9:30 am, *Kiddush* 11:30 am
Call for more information.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF THE POCONOS

Rabbi Mendel Bendet
570-420-8655 • website: www.chabadpoconos.com
Please contact us for schedules and locations.

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
Rabbi Elliott Kleinman
President: Liza Roos Lucy
Contact person: Cheryl Badner, Congregation Administrator
615 Court St., Honesdale, PA 18431
570-253-2222 • fax: 570-226-1105

CONGREGATION B'NAI HARIM

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
Rabbi Alan Berlin
President: Lisa Spector
P.O. Box 757, Sullivan Rd., Pocono Pines, PA 18350 (located at Rt. 940 and Pocono Crest Road at Sullivan Trail)
570-646-0100 • website: www.bnaiharimpoconos.org
Shabbat morning services 10 am-noon; every other Saturday.

JEWISH FELLOWSHIP OF HEMLOCK FARMS

Rav Shoshana Mitrani Knapp, ravshoshi@gmail.com
President: Jean Seltzer
1516 Hemlock Farms, Lords Valley, PA 18428 (located at 540 Forest Dr., Hemlock Farms, Lords Valley, PA 18428)
570-775-7497 • e-mail: jfhf1516@gmail.com
Friday evening Shabbat service 7:30 pm
Saturday morning Shabbat service 10 am

MACHZIKEH HADAS SYNAGOGUE

Rabbi Mordechai Fine
President: Meshulem Epstein
600 Monroe Ave., Scranton, PA 18510
570-342-6271

OHEV ZEDEK CONGREGATION

Rabbi Mordechai Fine
1432 Mulberry St., Scranton, PA 18510

TEMPLE HESED

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
Rabbi Daniel J. Swartz
President: Cheryl Friedman
1 Knox St., Scranton, PA 18505 (Off Lake Scranton Rd.)
570-344-7201 • website: www.TempleHesed.org
E-mail: templehesed@comcast.net
First Friday Shabbat 6pm, other Fridays 7 pm; Chanting Circle Saturdays at 11:30 am

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF THE POCONOS

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
Rabbi Daniel M. Zucker • President: Debbie Smith
711 Wallace St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360
(one block off Rt. 191 (5th Street) at Avenue A)
570-421-8781 • website: www.templepoconos.org
E-mail: tipoc@ptd.net
Friday evening Shabbat 6 pm; Saturday morning Shabbat 10:30 am

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF SCRANTON

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
Rabbi Miriam Spitzer
Cantor: Vladimir Aronzon
President: David Hollander, Hollanderx@aol.com
918 East Gibson St., Scranton, PA 18510 (located at the corner of Gibson & Monroe Sts.)
570-342-0350 • e-mail: office@templeisraelscranton.org
Mon. & Thurs. 7:15 am; Tues., Wed. & Fri. 7:25 am; Rosh Chodesh & *Chagim* weekdays, 7 am; Shabbat morning service 9:30 am

Jewish online resources

BY REPORTER STAFF

- ◆ Roundtable will hold the three-part virtual course “How Kabbalah Reimagines God” on Mondays, August 11-25, from 4-5 pm. The cost to attend is \$132. Daniel Matt will explore how Kabbalah, the Jewish mystical tradition, reimagines God. For more information or to register, visit <https://roundtable.org/live-courses/history/how-kabbalah-reimagines-god>.
- ◆ Uri L’Tzedek will hold the virtual program “Torah Ethics of Warfare: Must we Leave a Path for Escape?” on Wednesday, August 13, at 7 pm. The cost to attend is \$18. Rabbi David Polsky will discuss “the prohibition of enclosing an enemy on all sides.” For more information or to register, visit https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_O9WmXZcoQryAaDZs-ByzGiw#/registration.
- ◆ Roundtable will hold the three-part virtual class “Borscht Belt Culture, or Return to the Catskills” on Monday-Wednesday, August 25-27, from 11 am-noon. The cost to attend is \$132. Professor Phil Brown will explore the Jewish experience in the Borscht Belt of the Catskills. For more information or to register, visit <https://roundtable.org/live-courses/history/borscht-belt-culture-or-return-to-the-catskills>.
- ◆ The Museum of Jewish Heritage will hold two virtual book talks: “The Art Spy” on Monday, August 18, at 7 pm (<https://mjhnyc.org/events/the-art-spy>); and Stories Survive: “From Generation to Generation” on Tuesday, August 26, at 7pm (<https://mjhnyc.org/events/generation-to-generation-2>).

- ◆ The Jewish Grandparents Network will hold the virtual talk “Connecting with Your Teen Grandchild in the Age of Social Media” on Wednesday, August 6, from 7-8 pm. Erica Hruby and Rivkah Schack from The Jewish Education Project will discuss “digital literacy fundamentals (understanding the platforms, language, and cultural norms of teen online spaces) and will address common challenges grandparents face.” For <https://jewishgrandparentsnetwork.org/event/connecting-with-your-teen-grandchild-in-the-age-of-social-media>.
- ◆ My Jewish Learning is offering a new e-mail series “Jewish Views on Contemporary Issues.” The eight-part series explores “each issue to gain understanding through a Jewish lens.” For more information or to register, visit www.my-jewishlearning.com/explore-contemporary-issues-through-a-jewish-lens.
- ◆ In conjunction with the Museum at Eldridge Street’s current exhibition, “Lower East Side, 1975: Portrait of a Changing Jewish Neighborhood,” photographer and photography professor Sarah Barsness will to explore the cultural history of photography on Monday, See “Online” on page 10

PACE

Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment

Your gift to the Annual Campaign DOES A WORLD OF GOOD.

Endowing your gift allows you to be there for the Jewish community of NEPA forever.

A Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) is a permanent fund that endows your Jewish community Annual Campaign gift as a lasting legacy. A PACE fund will continue to make an annual gift in perpetuity on your behalf.

To determine the amount you need to endow your entire campaign gift, multiply your current annual gift by 20.

You can fund your PACE by adding the JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA to your will, or by making the Federation a beneficiary of your IRA. All contributions to establish a PACE are tax deductible.

Let your name be remembered as a blessing.

Endowments can be created through a variety of vehicles, some of which do not necessitate funding during your lifetime yet still provide your estate with considerable tax benefits.

They also enable you to perpetuate your commitment to the Annual Campaign in a way that best achieves your own personal financial and estate planning goals.

Examples Of Ways To Fund Your Pace Gift Are:

- * outright contribution of cash, appreciated securities
- * capital gain property such as real estate
- * charitable remainder trust
- * gift of life insurance
- * charitable lead trust
- * gift of IRA or pension plan assets
- * grant from your foundation
- * reserved life estate in your residence
- * bequest

Using appreciated property, such as securities or real estate, affords you the opportunity to eliminate the income tax on the long-term capital gain, will in some instances generate a full income tax charitable deduction and will remove those assets from your estate for estate tax purposes.

For more information contact Daniel Chejfec at Daniel.Chejfec@jewishnepa.org or call 570-961-2300, ext. 1.)

Bais Continued from page 2

TRIP TO STATE CAPITAL, HARRISBURG

On May 12, students attended a rally celebrating the EITC, OSTC programs offering funding to help promote School Choice. This program offers a tax credit to any Pennsylvania business or individual donating toward scholarships for private schools. This rally was to show our gratitude as schools that receive fundings from this program.

Students met with our state senators’ staff, thanking them and encouraging them to keep funding for these programs. To find out more about this program, you can contact the Bais Yaakov office at 570-347-5003. Students also attended a session in Congress and toured the majestic building. It was very informative and enhanced the American Civics class that they are presently taking.

MISHMERES PROGRAM

This program, created by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation, teaches the laws of proper speech. Girls learn two lessons daily.



END OF YEAR TRIP TO LAKEWOOD NJ

On June 11 students spent an exhilarating day in Lakewood, NJ. The day began with a tour of the Bikur Cholim Center in Lakewood, where many volunteers cook and package food daily to be distributed to hospitals and homes in need. Bais Yaaov girls rolled up their sleeves and assisted with packaging the days deliveries. From there, they enjoyed pizza and then a two-hour workshop on Jewish topics with renowned speaker and educator, Mrs. Yael Kaisman. Next was a trip to Toms River, NJ, where the girls enjoyed swimming and a barbecue dinner. The day was topped off by a tour of the stunning art gallery of Mrs. Rivka Lemberg, who also taught the girls a drawing technique.

Thank you to teacher Miss Shira Laury for driving and chaperoning.

REGISTRATION FOR 5785-86

Fall registration for 5785-86 has begun.



Contact the school office at 570-347-5003 or byscranton@gmail.com to apply.



The Reporter
Published by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania



Friends of *The Reporter* make big news!

The Federation is asking members of its communities to support its “*Friends of The Reporter*” Campaign which seeks to raise \$5,000 to assist in funding the newspaper.

The newspaper is delivered monthly to each and every identifiable Jewish home in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Reporter is the primary intercommunal newspaper of the Jewish communities of Lackawanna, Monroe, Pike and Wayne counties. Supplementing synagogue newsletters, bulletins and e-mails, *The Reporter* is issued to hundreds of Jewish households throughout our region. Over the past several years, the publishing cost of the newspaper has increased dramatically although the newspaper continues to be provided at no charge to members of our Jewish communities in northeastern Pennsylvania. The Federation has assumed the financial responsibility of funding the newspaper at a cost of \$23,990 per year and asks only that its readers assist it in raising \$5,000 as part of its “*Friends of The Reporter*” Campaign to offset a small share of these expenses.

Your gift to fund our regional Jewish newspaper matters a great deal to our readers and we would be very grateful for your financial support.

As always, your comments, opinions & suggestions are always welcome.

With best wishes,
Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director
Jewish Federation of NE Pennsylvania
601 Jefferson Avenue
Scranton, PA 18510

I will support continuation of our expanded Federation Reporter by contributing:

..... \$36\$54 \$100 other amt. \$ _____

Name(s) (as you wish to appear on our list of “Friends”) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

☐ Check here if you prefer your name not to be published

Please write and send tax deductible checks to:
Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania
601 Jefferson Ave. Scranton, PA 18510

The Reporter
Published by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Plants Continued from page 7

scientists from the Plant Protection Institute at the Volcani Institute. The findings were published in the journal eLife.

The study builds on a groundbreaking discovery published by the same research team about two years ago, which revealed that plants under stress emit ultrasonic sounds—frequencies beyond human hearing but perceptible to many animals. “After proving in the previous study that plants produce sounds, we hypothesized that animals capable of hearing these high-frequency sounds may respond to them and make decisions accordingly,” said Yovel. “Specifically, we know that many insects, which have diverse interactions with the plant world, can perceive plant sounds. We wanted to investigate whether such insects actually detect and respond to these sounds.”

Hadany added that “we chose to focus on female moths, which typically lay their eggs on plants so that the larvae can feed on them once hatched. We assumed the females seek an optimal site to lay their eggs – a healthy plant that can properly nourish the larvae. Thus, when the plant signals that it is dehydrated and under stress, would the moths heed the warning and avoid laying eggs on it?”

In the first experiment, designed to isolate the auditory component from other plant characteristics such as color and scent, the researchers

presented female moths with two boxes: one contained a speaker playing recordings of dehydrated tomato plants, while the other remained silent. The moths showed a clear preference for the “noisy” box, which they likely interpreted as indicating the presence of a living plant, even if it was under stress.

The researchers concluded that the moths do, in fact, perceive and respond to playback of plant-emitted sounds. When the moths’ hearing organs were neutralized, their preference disappeared, and they chose between the two boxes equally – clear evidence that their original behavior was driven specifically by auditory cues rather than other stimuli.

In the second experiment, female moths were presented with two healthy tomato plants – one accompanied by a speaker playing the sounds of a drying plant and the other silent. Once again, the moths showed a clear preference, this time for the silent plant, which emitted no distress sounds.

In another experiment, the female moths were again presented with two boxes – one silent and the other containing male moths, which emit ultrasonic sounds at frequencies similar to those produced by plants. This time, the females showed no clear preference and laid their eggs equally in both boxes. The researchers concluded that, when deciding where to lay

their eggs, female moths respond specifically to plant-emitted sounds rather than to similar sounds made by males.

“In this study, we revealed the first evidence of acoustic interaction between a plant and an insect. We are convinced, however, that this is just the beginning. Acoustic interaction between plants and animals doubtlessly exists in many more forms and serves a wide range of roles. This is a vast, unexplored field – an entire world waiting to be discovered,” the researchers said.

From left: TAU researchers Guy Zer Eshel, Lilach Hadany and Rya Seltzer. (Photo by Tel Aviv University)



Online.Continued from page 8

August 18, at 6 pm. There is sliding scale cost to attend. For more information or to register, visit <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/el-dridgestreet/items/647290/calendar/2025/08/?flow=918844&full-items=yes>.


◆ The National Yiddish Theatre Folksbienne is streaming the video series “Pearls of Yiddish” with Zalmen Mlotek, who will explore Yiddish music and welcome guest performers. To view the series, visit <https://nytf.org>.

◆ Tikvah is holding the online series “Living Through History: Learning from the ‘12-Day War.’” Jonathan Silver will be in discussion with Victor Davis Hanson, Ambassador Yechiel Leiter, Rabbi Meir Soloveichik and Hussein Aboubakr Mansour. For more information or to watch, visit <https://lp.tikvah.org/living-through-history>.

◆ The Jewish Heritage Alliance will hold the virtual course “Sefarad: The Untold Story that Changed the World” on Thursdays, August 21-28 and September 4, from noon-1:30 pm. The cost to attend is \$75. For more information or to register, visit <https://jewishheritagealliance.com/new-online-adult-education-series>.

◆ My Jewish Learning will hold the online class “Ancient Literature of the Jews of Iran: Mystical Epics, Poetry and Hidden Gems” on Wednesdays, August 6-27, at 7 pm. The cost to attend is \$60. For more information or to register, visit <https://my-jewish-learning.teachable.com/p/ancientlitofjewsofiran25>.

◆ The Blue Dove Foundation website has a section for caregivers called “Hineni | Caring for the Caregiver.” To view the resources, visit <https://thebluedovefoundation.org/caring-for-the-caregiver>.




Quick Reference Guide to Planned Giving

Use this planned giving quick reference guide to help determine the best strategy for achieving your philanthropic and financial goals.

For more information or to discuss these planned giving options, please contact Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of NEPA, 570-961-2300 (x1) or daniel.chejfec@jewishnepa.org.

If Your Goal is to:	Then You Can:	Your Benefits May Include:
Make a quick & easy gift	Simply write a check now	An income tax deduction and immediate charitable impact
Avoid tax on capital gains	Contribute long-term appreciated stock or other securities	A charitable deduction plus no capital gains tax
Defer a gift until after your lifetime	Put a bequest in your will (gifts of cash, specific property, or a share or the residue of your estate)	Exemption from federal estate tax on donations
Receive guaranteed fixed income that is partially tax-free	Create a charitable gift annuity	Current & future savings on income taxes, plus fixed, stable payments
Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of a home or other real estate	Donate the real estate or sell it to a charity at a bargain price	An income tax reduction plus reduction or elimination of capital gains tax
Avoid the two-fold taxation on IRA or other employee benefit plans	Name a charity as the beneficiary of the remainder of the retirement assets after your lifetime	Tax relief to your family on inherited assets
Give your personal residence or farm, but retain life use	Create a charitable gift of future interest, called a retained life estate	Tax advantages plus use of the property
Make a large gift with little cost to you	Contribute a life insurance policy you no longer need or purchase a new one & designate a charity as the owner	Current & possible future income tax deductions
Receive secure, fixed income for life while avoiding market risks	Purchase a charitable gift annuity or create a charitable remainder annuity trust	Tax advantages & possible increased rate of return
Give income from an asset for a period of years but retain the asset for yourself or your heirs	Create a charitable lead trust	Federal estate tax savings on asset & income tax deductions for deductions for donated income
Create a hedge against inflation over the long term	Create a charitable remainder unitrust	Variable payments for life plus tax advantages
Make a revocable gift during your lifetime	Name a charity as the beneficiary of assets in a living trust	Full control of the trust terms during your lifetime




IF YOU ARE

Going out of Town

Please let us know and we will temporarily update your address until you are back!

Contact 570.961.2300 x 3



Survivor..... Continued from page 1

strengthened Lindenstrauss. “Going through something like that, not having enough to eat and the diseases, it makes you stronger,” he told JNS.

That sort of endurance makes Lindenstrauss optimistic even as Jews struggle amid antisemitism that has been surging throughout the United States and abroad. “You will come out stronger,” he told JNS. “Even people in concentration camps. I know several people personally, one close friend in Auschwitz. He came out much stronger.”

Lindenstrauss shared his story on July 17 with his senior living community, Inspir Carnegie Hill, on Manhattan’s Upper East Side. The nonagenarian told fellow seniors, their families and staff at the senior center about being born in a small town, then part of Prussia and now Russia, to a family of assimilated, middle-class German Jews.

Before he was 5, his family was forced to sell its profitable department store for a fraction of its worth after the Nazis came to power. The family moved to different parts of the region, where life was tense and often difficult amid rising Jew-hatred, Lindenstrauss said during the event. After his parents divorced, his mother and new husband found out that the Nazis were going to arrest them, so they fled to Bogotá, Colombia. “She and her husband had to leave suddenly, because she was told she was going to be arrested,” he said at the event. “So she left in 1938 with her new husband without saying

goodbye to me.”

After Kristallnacht in November 1938, his family learned that they could emigrate to Shanghai without a visa. A ship set sail for Shanghai in July 1939, but tragedy came with it. That December, when Lindenstrauss was 10, his father Louis Lindenstrauss contracted pneumonia and died.

Life was challenging in Shanghai, although the occupied Japanese city was a haven for Jews fleeing the Nazis. The Japanese set up a ghetto in Hongkou, where Lindenstrauss and his family and some 18,000 Germans and Austrian Jews lived. (Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese envoy in Kaunas, Lithuania, issued between 2,100 and 3,500 transit visas to Jews fleeing the Nazis, knowing that they would arrive in Japan without being able to travel to destinations in Curaçao and other Dutch territories.) “That was the beginning of a very hard time,” Lindenstrauss told the audience at the event.

Conditions were harsh and unsanitary, with overcrowding and minimal resources. At one point, Lindenstrauss told the audience that he, his stepmother and her new husband lived in half a room, divided by a Persian carpet. A Chinese family lived downstairs in the house. “We had no running water,” he said. “We had an outhouse on the roof where we also had to cook. It was not pretty.”

The hardest part of life in Hongkou was the lack of food and rampant tropical diseases: “I had malaria and jaundice for two years until they

found the right medicine,” he said.

But Lindenstrauss also remembers being happy going to school in Shanghai. Wealthy Sephardic Jews, some of whom had been in Shanghai for a century, helped the Jewish refugees. One converted a building outside the ghetto into a school, the Shanghai Jewish Youth Association. “We got an excellent education,” Lindenstrauss told the audience, noting that there were “free lunches and afternoon sports.”

After World War II, Lindenstrauss’ mother sent him a ticket to Colombia and asked him to come live with her. “I didn’t even remember her. It was 10 years in the meantime,” he said at the event. “I certainly didn’t want to go.” He agreed and remembers his time in the country as happy. He learned to speak fluent Spanish, and “to party and dance,” he said at the event.

In 1951, his mother died. Two years later, Lindenstrauss moved to the United States, settling in New York City, where his stepmother and her husband lived. He leveraged his fluency in Spanish to work at a small export company. He met his wife, Erica, and the couple had a son. He subsequently started his own export company.

Lisa Walsh, director of resident experience at Inspir Carnegie Hill, told JNS that she was raised Episcopal and, working at the senior living community in Manhattan, she spends more time with Jews than she ever did before. “I’m obviously very aware of the Holocaust, but I wasn’t aware of the Shanghai aspect until I learned about it from Jerry firsthand,” she said.

GIFTING STOCK FORM

Gift of stock to a charitable 501(c)(3) organization is a great way to make a donation.

By gifting stock in which you have a large capital gain, you not only receive the benefit of making a sizable donation, but you also save the capital gains tax.

Example:
Gift: \$2,000
(Stock: ABC @ \$20 per share - Gift: 100 shares)

If you were to sell “Stock ABC” that you originally purchased at \$10.00 a share, you would have a \$1,000 capital gain and you would be required to pay at least \$150.00 in federal taxes, etc.

But by gifting the stock, you save the entire \$150.00 and you’ve found a way to help the Federation accomplish its mission:

“... ..to rescue the imperiled, care for the vulnerable, support Israel and world Jewry and perpetuate Jewish life in Northeastern Pennsylvania.”

Your gift will not only assist our local and regional organizations and agencies, but you will have the satisfaction of helping those in need.



The Jewish Federation
OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

You will be able to look back and say: “I’m just doing what my People have always done for each other.”

For further information on gifting stocks in payment of your pledge to our Annual UJA Campaign, please contact the Federation at 570-961-2300 (ext. 3) for details.

**DAVID HOLLANDER AND ALEX ITZKOWITZ, CO-CHAIRS OF OUR 2025-26 UJA CAMPAIGN.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**