



The Shofar

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See How They Run!

It's no secret that we have athletic kids (and some people) in our congregation. Here are two who recently took their skills worldwide.



Rachel Kleinman Gordon after completing the Paris Marathon. Not visible is her doting mom (Betty) who's behind the camera.



Matea Fleischner (center) with parents Mark and Patti after completing the London Marathon. (Don't know who snapped the picture.)

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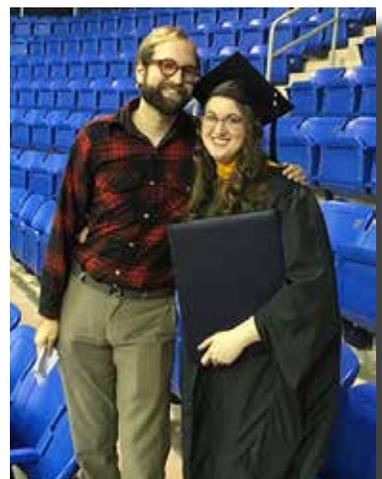
Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Sally Nicolosi, daughter of Sherrill and Anthony who graduated May 11 from Quinnipiac University with her Master's of Health Sciences Degree as Pathologists' Assistant.

Sally has a wonderful job at UAMS in the Pathology Department.

We wish her the best in her exciting new career.

Photo: Ian and Sally Nicolosi at her graduation ceremony.



Reb Shelly's Desk



Who is the Aggressor?

A CNN Reporter, BBC Reporter, and an Israeli commando were captured by terrorists in Iraq. The leader of the terrorists told them that he would grant them each one last request before they were beheaded.

The CNN Reporter said, "Well, I'm an American, so I'd like one last hamburger with French fries." The leader nodded to an underling who left and returned with the burger & fries. The reporter ate it and said "Now, I can die."

The BBC Reporter said, "I'm a reporter to the end. I want to take out my tape recorder and describe the scene here and what's about to happen. Maybe someday someone will hear it and know that I was on the job till the end." The terror leader directed an aide to hand over the tape recorder and dictated some comments. The reporter then said, "Now I can die knowing I stayed true until the end."

The leader turned and said, "And now, Mr. Israeli tough guy, what is your final wish?"

"Kick me in the ass," said the soldier.

"What?" asked the leader, "Will you mock us in your last hour?"

"No, I'm not kidding. I want you to kick me in the ass," insisted the Israeli. So the leader shoved him into the open and kicked him in the ass.

The soldier went sprawling, but rolled to his knees, pulled a 9 mm pistol from under his flak jacket, and shot the leader dead. In the resulting confusion, he jumped to his knapsack, pulled out his carbine and sprayed the terrorists with gunfire. In a flash, all terrorists were either dead or fleeing for their lives.

As the soldier was untying the reporters, they asked him, "Why didn't you just shoot them in the beginning? Why did you ask them to kick you in the ass first?"

"What?" replied the Israeli, "and have you report that I was the aggressor?"

Welcome to the CHI Family

We're delighted to announce that we have two new members in the CHI congregation. Meet Nathan (Nate) and Tina Bernstein, newly relocated from Southern Illinois. They have been married 33 years. They have three children: Ben (32) married to Chaya, Kenneth (32), and Joshua (22). Tina is an RN who will be working at CHI St. Vincent's Arkansas Health Network, and Nate has a position in Sales at Riser Ford.

Nate is an experienced Shabbat song leader.



Happy Shavuot

June 9, 2019



Ruth in Boaz's Field by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, oil on canvas, 1828; National Gallery, London

ARZA - World Union

“Jewish history is so dull, uninteresting.”
Exclaims Yudke, the penultimate character in Haim Hazaz’s classic 1942 story *The Sermon*. He goes on:

“It has no glory or action, no heroes and conquerors, no rulers and masters of their fate, just a collection of wounded, hunted, groaning and wailing wretches, always begging for mercy . . . I would simply forbid teaching our children Jewish history. Why the devil teach them about their ancestors’ shame? I would just say to them: “Boys, from the day we were driven out from our land, we’ve been a people without a history. Class dismissed. Go out and play football.”

And such is one classic Zionist narrative that the past is irrelevant and we’re a new species of Jew creating a new existence in our Land. But should we not learn history? Should we not be painfully and blatantly aware of our past, and how we got to where we are today?

Last Friday Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), confronted us with the question of what our narrative is and how we see our past. She told the hosts of the Yahoo News podcast *Skullduggery* that when she remembers the Holocaust, it has a “calming” effect on her to think that “it was my ancestors, Palestinians, who lost their land, and some lost their lives, their livelihood, their human dignity; their existence in some ways had been wiped out . . . all of it was in the name of trying to create a safe haven for Jews, post the Holocaust, post the tragedy and horrific persecution of Jews across the world at that time.” She was, she said, “humbled by the fact that it was [my Palestinian] ancestors that had to suffer for that to happen.”

Tlaib went on to explain that PM Netanyahu was solely responsible for the near impossibility that currently exists for a two-state solution. A friend asked me “if there was truth to what Talib said?”

I replied that she certainly believes so. And that is where history blurs into perceived reality and the power of narrative.

What actually happened after the Shoah? What led to the establishment of what many Jews see as the greatest moment in Jewish history, the State of Israel and Palestinians commemorated this week as the Nakba (Catastrophe). Renown Israeli historian Benny Morris was quick to explain in his response in the *Atlantic* that: “. . .the Palestinians’ contribution to the Holocaust was also more direct. Hussein, having fled Palestine during the revolt, helped pro-Nazi generals launch an anti-British rebellion in Iraq in 1941 (which itself engendered a large-scale pogrom against Baghdad’s Jews, the Farhoud). When that rebellion failed, he fled to Berlin, where he was given a villa and a generous monthly salary, and lived in comfort until the end of the world war. During the war, he helped recruit Muslims from the Balkans for the German army and the SS, and in radio broadcasts exhorted Middle Eastern and North African Arabs to launch Jihad against the British and “kill the Jews.”

Morris, as an historian does, picks up on the obvious historical inaccuracies of her comments and goes to great aims to show that he knows a lot and she doesn’t. Fine.

But how many impressionable minds out there listened to or read Tlaib’s short soundbite, and thought to themselves “hmm, makes sense to me,” without bothering to consult Morris or any other reputable historical reference? Probably a lot.

Some like writer Raphael Magarik (who I respect a great deal) rushed to her defense explaining that “Tlaib acknowledges and honors the need of the Jewish people for a “safe haven” after the Holocaust. She was explaining that she understands Jews’ desire and need for a place to go after the Holocaust and that a very serious good was ac-

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Oneg Recipes

Mildred's Cake

By **Kim Baron**

Contents

1 box Butter Cake Mix
1/2 C Sugar
1/2 C Cooking oil
1 C Sour cream
4 eggs
1 bag Heath Bar Bits

Directions

Grease pan with Pam and dust with granulated sugar
Mix ingredients together
Add eggs one at a time.
Mix well after each additional egg
Beat for 2 minutes
Stir in Heath Bar Bits

I make this in a long loaf pan, (Long bundt pan would probably work.)

Bake at 350 degrees for about 55 minutes until done.

Variations

1/4 C poppy seeds - I use a Lemon Cake mix
or

In place of sour cream, use 1 cup of pumpkin. Add a few pecans.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Anniversaries

Ira and Stephanie Kleinman	June 8
Mark and Patti Fleischner	June 12
Anthony and Sherill Nicolosi	June 14
Ross and Ruth Sedler	June 16
David and Cheryl Cohen	June 27

June Birthdays

Clarissa Kirsch	June 1
Sheldon (Shelly) Kleinman	June 4
Michael Richardson	June 4
Carol Kleinman	June 8
Andrea Parker	June 9
Randy Lewis	June 12
Mary Klompus	June 20
David Cohen	June 21
Yossi Baron	June 28
Jerry Chalmers	June 30

Mazel Tov

Meet Vivienne Rose Iverson, adopted daughter of Francis and Ben Iverson, and grand-daughter of Stuart and Kay Fleischner.



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| June 7 | Ross and Ruth Sedler
Betty Kleinman |
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| June 21 | Betty Forshberg
Cynthia Rephan |
| June 28 | Millie Baron
Ira and Stephanie Kleinman |

Reminder: If you are scheduled for an upcoming Oneg and need to change dates, please find someone to switch with and then let Carol Kleinman know so the information printed in the bulletin will be correct.

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

- Robert Burns
- Jerry Tanenbaum
- Ken Baim
- Annette Baim
- Ira Brand
- Irwin Kleinman
- Kate Tobakos
- Bill Ginsburg

Please offer prayers that they all have a full and speedy recovery.

June Yahrzeits

Kaddish Recited June 7

Dora Korngut

Mother of Fred Korngut

Tillie Crem

*Great Aunt of Rachel Schulman
Great Aunt of David D. Reagler*

Kaddish Recited June 14

Faye Kirsch

*Grandmother of Steven Kirsch
Grandmother of Mark Fleischner
Grandmother of Stuart Fleischner*

David Lockwood

*Grandfather of Susan Siegel
Grandfather of Diane Goltz*

Charles Bellin

Father of Ruth Sedler

Estee Klompus

Mother-in-law of Mary Klompus

Kaddish Recited June 21

Tikva Baron

Mother of Yossi Baron

Patricia Tanenbaum

Wife of Jerry Tanenbaum

Kaddish Recited June 28

Vicki Seligman

Mother of Diana Surfas

Morris Nathan Bauman

Father of Cynthia Rephan

Saralee Stark

Member of CHI

Louis Brown

Father of Betty Forshberg

Roxanne Smalley Capotosto

Sister of Kim Baron

John Hearn

Husband of Phyllis Hearn

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complished by them going to Palestine, though it came at the obvious cost to her people.”

An important nuance to the general surface level interpretations of Tlaib’s rather unfortunate and distorted portrait of the past.

This recent controversy raises some important questions for us to contemplate. Where does historical fact blur with personal or national collective narrative? Are our students growing up

in Reform communities in the Diaspora able to articulate their own historical narrative?

As we count up the days to the giving of Torah in 22 short days, the moment when our collective narrative was passed down to us throughout the generations, let us renew our commitment to familiarizing ourselves with our own narrative, and also those of others. Let us not be afraid to say that yes, it is important that we know what happened, that we can base our knowledge in historical fact and develop a nuanced perception of multiple narratives.

The rest, as they, is history, now go and learn it.

Weekly Parshah

June

B'chukotai

June 1, 2019

G-d promises that if the people of Israel will keep His commandments, they will enjoy material prosperity and dwell secure in their homeland. But He also delivers a harsh “rebuke,” warning of the exile, persecution and other evils that will befall them if they abandon their covenant with Him.

Nevertheless, “Even when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away; nor will I ever abhor them, to destroy them and to break My covenant with them; for I am the L-rd their G-d.”

B'midbar

June 8, 2019

In the Sinai Desert, G-d says to conduct a census of the twelve tribes of Israel. Moses counts 603,550 men of draftable age (20 to 60 years); the tribe of Levi, numbering 22,300 males age one month and older, is counted separately.

The Levites are to serve in the Sanctuary, replacing the firstborn, whose number they approximated, who were disqualified when they participated in the worshipping of the Golden Calf. The 273 firstborn who lacked a Levite to replace them had to pay a five-shekel “ransom” to redeem themselves.

Naso

June 15, 2019

Completing the headcount of the Children of Israel taken in the Sinai Desert, a total of 8,580 Levite men between the ages of 30 and 50 are counted in a tally of those who will be doing the actual work of transporting the Tabernacle.

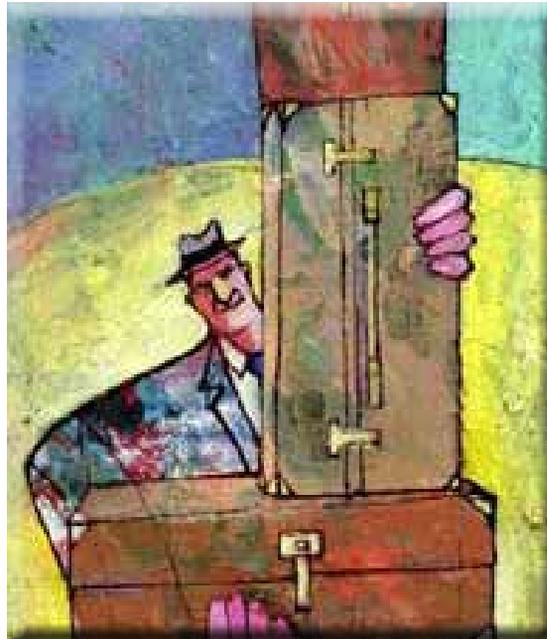
G-d communicates to Moses the law of the sotah, the wayward wife suspected of unfaithfulness to her husband. Also given is the law of the nazir, who forswears wine, lets his or her hair grow long, and is forbidden to become contaminated through contact

with a dead body. Aaron and his descendants, the kohanim, are instructed on how to bless the people of Israel.

B'haalot'cha

June 22, 2019

A “Second Passover” is instituted in response to the petition, “Why should we be deprived?” by a group of Jews who were unable to bring the Passover offering in its appointed time because they were ritually impure. G-d instructs Moses on the procedures for Israel’s journeys and encampments in the desert, and the people journey in formation from Mount Sinai, where they had been camped for nearly a year.



The people are dissatisfied with their “bread from heaven” (the manna), and demand that Moses supply them with meat. Moses appoints 70 elders, to whom he imparts of his spirit, to assist him in the burden of governing the people. Miriam speaks negatively of Moses, and is punished with leprosy; Moses prays for her healing, and the entire community waits seven days for her recovery.

Shelach

June 29, 2019

Moses sends twelve spies to the land of Canaan. Forty days later they return, carrying a huge cluster of grapes, a pomegranate and a fig, to report on a lush and bountiful land. But ten of the spies warn that the inhabitants of the land are giants and warriors “more powerful than we”; only Caleb and Joshua insist that the land can be conquered, as G-d has commanded.

The people weep that they’d rather return to Egypt. G-d decrees that Israel’s entry into the Land shall be delayed forty years, during which time that entire generation will die out in the desert.