Remembering Fort Bliss Jewish soldiers: A Jewish War Veterans project

In late November, the Jewish War Veterans (JWV) National Headquarters contacted our local JWV Post, the Maurice Kubby Post 749, about a very special Bar Mitzvah project as part of the national organization’s “Supporting Our Service Members” (SOS) program. For their Bar Mitzvah service project, two brothers, Matt and Jeremy Rosen (hometown unknown), wanted to show their appreciation to our Jewish service members and to reach out to JWV posts about supporting this project.

Maurice Kubby Post 749 members present at the Hanukkah gift bag event included Scott Feldt (USN), past post commander and Chapel 3 lay leader who performs weekly Shabbat services there and Scott Stevens (USA), past post commander and senior vice commander.

Ron Weingarden (USMC), our current post commander, and the post members would like to thank Matt and Jeremy for including us in the performance of this mitzvah. In El Paso, we decided to give gift bags to soldiers at Fort Bliss during Hanukkah week. My wife, Bonny, and I bought and wrapped a variety of items, including Hanukkah coffee mugs, dreidels, gelt and other chocolate candy, and Subway gift cards. We presented the gift bags to a group of Jewish soldiers prior to evening services on Friday, December 15, at Fort Bliss Chapel 3, the Jewish chapel on base.

The soldiers were engineers from New York and were at the Fort Bliss Transition Point temporarily. They had just returned from a deployment to the Mideast and are returning home soon.

They were very surprised and appreciative not only of the gifts, but also of the two brothers’ thoughtfulness. When I explained to the soldiers what this was about, some of their comments included “Thank the boys for their thoughts of us at Hanukkah — this is so nice of them,” “That’s a cool coffee mug,” and “I would not have thought of anything like this for my Bar Mitzvah!”

Scott Stevens
JWV Maurice Kubby Post 749
Message from the Federation President

With the beginning of 2018, the fiscal calendar year of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso is ending. I am pleased to state that in 2017, the campaign has had its fourth year of gain in a row. This rise in contributions displays a powerful testament to the continued support of the community in the mission of the Federation. The growth was made possible through tireless work and innovative ideas of the campaign chairs and campaign director. “Yashar-Koach” to Janet Wechter, Leslie Beckoff, and Sue Bendalin for a job well done.

The expansion in donations enables us to give added support toward our brethren across the world while continuing to better serve our community. The Federation recognizes that the cornerstone of Jewish life is reflected through education from an early age, and supporting education has always been part of our goals. In 2017, the Jewish Center for Early Learning (JCEL) was established, and the Federation is proud of taking part in its development. We are looking forward to working with the JCEL toward the building of a state-of-the-art school for our community’s children. In addition to JCEL, the Federation continues to support the El Paso Jewish Academy, operate the PJ Library and Camp Shamayim, and provide scholarships for campers via the One Happy Camper program.

Throughout the year, the Federation partners with local organizations in Las Cruces and El Paso with the mutual goal of implementing quality programs to benefit our community. Here too, we were successful. Hopefully, you were able to take part in at least some of the programs this past year. Last month, the Community Relations Council (CRC) sponsored the second lighting of the Hanukkah menorah at San Jacinto Plaza. The ongoing Cafe Europa for seniors and Shalom Shuttle are just a few of the other programs operated by the Federation. This coming May, we look forward to celebrating Israel’s 70th Independence Day.

We are continually looking for volunteers. If you want to get involved and can help us at the Federation, please do not hesitate to contact me at president@jfedelpaso.org.

Toda Rabah! Thank you for supporting our goals. Have a great 2018!

Eitan Lavi
President
Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso

Music plays important role in Jewish life and worship

I grew up in a home where music and religious traditions of Judaism were played a major role in the history and traditions of Judaism. There are different melodies for the trope or cantillation signs for the various books of the Bible and for different holidays. For example, the melody for Shabbat Torah reading is different from the one for the High Holy Days. The tune for reading the book of Esther is different from the Book of Lamentations, as well as the Book of Ruth. The Hebrew word for Cantorial chanting is “Nusach” and the Nusach for the weekday service is not as melodic as the Shabbat service.

There are differences between the Nusach of Festivals and the High Holy Days, between Shabbat morning, afternoon and evening services. Sephardic and Ashkenazi liturgy have different sounds. Many of the great composers of classical music have been Jewish including Felix Mendelssohn, Arnold Schoenberg and George Gershwin. Jewish composers of Broadway musicals include Oscar Hammerstein, Richard Rodgers, Leonard Bernstein, and Stephen Sondheim, just to name a few.

In fact many Christmas songs have been written by Jewish artists including Irving Berlin, Mel Tormé, George Wyle and Robert Wells. Among these popular songs are “White Christmas,” “Jingle Bells,” “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer” and “Winter Wonderland.” Some of the most outstanding and successful musical performers have been and continue to be Jewish such as Barbra Streisand, Neil Diamond, Barry Manilow, Al Jolson, Pink, Steve Lawrence and Edie Gorme.

The Kabalists who created the Kabalat Shabbat service every Friday evening open those prayers with Psalm 96. “Let us sing to Adonai, let us rejoice in our Creator. Let us greet God with thanksgiving, singing Psalms of praise.” It was the great Hasidic Master, Reb Nachman of Breslov who said, “All melodies come from the source of sanctity.” Another Hasidic rabbi, Abraham Yá’akov of Sadagouza, wrote, “Every people has its own melody, but Israel sings all of them in order to bring them all to God.”

Inspired by my father and through the generosity of one of my congregational members I was urged to and actually have now made a CD of my own which includes Cantorial, Yiddish, Ladino, Broadway and Hebrew songs. If you are interested, please contact me.

Rabbi Steven Leon
Congregation B’nai Zion

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Eitan Lavi
President
Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso
Federation looks forward to new year

A new year always comes with resolutions and renewed goals, not just for us as individuals, but for organizations as well. For the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, 2018 promises to be a year of fresh beginnings, thoughtful action, and exciting new accomplishments. One of the resolutions that always holds true for the Federation is the commitment to ensure strong and responsive leadership to meet the fast-changing and unique challenges facing our Jewish community. Having a robust team to oversee the Federation’s work has never been more crucial. As we begin a new year, now is the perfect time to enhance our administrative efforts and seize upon the opportunities that will move our Federation forward into the next decade. New leadership will be put in place to champion our causes, further build upon our solid foundation, and pave the way for future growth.

Until then, the Federation’s daily operations and initiatives will continue as usual as we begin the task of searching for a new Executive Director to take us to our next level of outreach and expansion. A Search Committee is in place; a job description has been developed; the position has been posted; and applications are currently being accepted through February 28, 2018. To review the job description, visit our website at www.jewishelpaso.org.

Our future is bright and exciting times await us in 2018. The Federation is poised with strategic initiatives that will take our El Paso/Las Cruces community to the next level of engagement. By working together, we can turn our resolutions into reality! Please join us!

JFNA Partners: Working together for Jews around the world

The Jewish Federation of North America organization works with three historic partners to make life better for Jews in Israel and in more than 70 countries around the world. Here’s a look at each of those partners:

The Jewish Agency for Israel

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Through a network of schools, colleges, training centers and programs in Israel, the former Soviet Union, Latin America and other countries, ORT works for the advancement of Jewish and other people by supplying them with the necessary skills, knowledge, training and education to foster economic self-sufficiency.

Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso seeks new Executive Director

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If I forget thee, Oh Jerusalem!

Last month President Donald Trump publicly recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. On the surface, seems like a rather bold move to be celebrated… or is it?

As the media started the hype for and against Trump’s announcement, and the different political and community players began issuing statements and declarations supporting it or opposing it, I decided to go check the text of the actual statement and to try to separate the wheat from the chaff.

According to the defenders of Trump’s announcement, they presented it as a long-overdue move that will strengthen the search for peace by eliminating a recurring obstacle from the negotiation table. Those who oppose it depicted his declaration as a reckless move destroying everything the U.S. worked for decades to achieve, endangering the peace process and destabilizing the region.

Now to separate the wheat…

• President Trump did issue the statement recognizing Jerusalem and asking the State Department to move the embassy. On these issues, let me clarify that, recognized or not, Jerusalem IS the capital of Israel, where most of the ministries and national offices are located. Furthermore, practically all Israelis, when asked what is the capital of Israel will answer “Jerusalem.” Trump’s declaration changes nothing on the ground, and even his instructions to start preparing to move the embassy are rather empty, considering that the planning stages for such a move will take longer than his remaining time in office and that he recently signed the six-month delay in cutting the State Department funding as required by the 1995 Jerusalem Recognition Act of Congress, like all prior presidents did.

• The importance of the declaration is more symbolic. Since 1948, at the insistence of then Secretary of State George Marshall, the U.S. refused to recognize sovereignity over Jerusalem by anybody other than the UN, as the operating assumption was that eventually the “Corpus Separatum,” envisioned by UN Resolution 181 on the Partition of Palestine, would be implemented. By recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, he is signaling that the U.S. no longer supports that idea – but little more than that.

• The borders of the Jerusalem municipality have changed many times over the years since the 1948 cease fire was signed with Jordan. The conflict with the Palestinians is over control of East Jerusalem (previously conquered by Jordan) and not-West Jerusalem (controlled by Israel since 1948). Even more, the real conflict is not over all of East Jerusalem as much as it is about the city within the walls, and more specifically the Temple Mount (Haram Al Shariff).

Trump specifically mentioned that the acknowledgement of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital does not imply the recognition of the current municipal borders, clearly mentioning that the final borders are to be decided by direct negotiations between the sides. He also clearly supported the continuation of the status quo on the Temple Mount.

• Trump also reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to a two-state solution to be achieved through direct negotiations between the parties, and the willingness of his administration to continue to serve as a facilitator.

• The President’s declaration will not change the State Department policy, to refuse to acknowledge Jerusalem as part of Israel. American citizens born in Jerusalem will continue to have the place of their birth listed in their passports as “Jerusalem,” NOT “Jerusalem, Israel.”

So why the reaction to this declaration? Why the media hype? It looks like, given the practical consequences, the whole issue is much ado about nothing… But each player has his/her own reasons for the hype.

• The President is signaling to his evangelical partners that he is with them, and he gave Prime Minister Netanyahu a “Hanukkah gift” that can help him avoid the looming Cabinet crises over policies in the territories and over his own legal problems.

• Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas found in the declaration a good tool in his perennial fight with Hamas over control of Palestinian society – a rallying cry. His Hamas opponents look at this also as an opportunity to take control. As a result, the Palestinian civil war, simmering on and off since 2006, will probably heat up again.

• Iran saw in this declaration the opportunity it was seeking to increase its influence in the Middle East, possibly strengthen their budding relationship with Erdogan’s Turkey, and giving them the pretext to “heat up” Israel’s northern border and cement their position in Syria. They might also feel that they can now attack Israel with impunity. They also see the declaration as a tool to undermine the budding coalition of Egypt-Israel-Saudi Arabia-Jordan-U.S. intended to contain Iranian aggression.

• Europe has been chafing for years under American influence. The EU has been struggling to define a political and diplomatic path more independent from the US and NATO. Trump’s electoral win added tension to the relationship. The diplomatic backlash over the statement perceived as an opportunity to reclaim more of that independence.

• North Korea might use the diplomatic environment as a way of building on its relationship with Iran and increase nuclear cooperation -- a most dangerous prospect.

The President chose to make a statement on a truism: Jerusalem IS the capital of Israel. In the process, the poor management of the diplomatic process opened several new conflict fronts. If the administration is to be blamed for anything, it is the poor management of change, which creates long-term consequences for the U.S. standing in the world and for the already frail so-called “stability” of the Middle East, arguably the most explosive region in our world today.

There is a lesson in this for all of us: even if we are convinced that we are doing the right thing, every one of our actions will have long-term consequences which need to be considered and integrated in the planning. Whether the system we affect is a family, an organization, a community, a nation or the world, the responsibility of those in positions of leadership is still the same: think about the consequences, short and long term alike, before you act.

As for Jerusalem, it will continue to be the capital of Israel but now that claim will be more under fire than ever before. Jerusalem is the heart and soul of the Jewish people and of the State of Israel; nothing will change that. We will, however, have to deal with the fallout of Trump’s unprepared actions – and we will have to convince an increasingly skeptical world that Israel still seeks peace. As for the people living in Jerusalem, they will probably continue to define their city with the phrase: “It’s complicated.”

For the sake of Jerusalem, Pray for Peace.

Daniel Chejfec
New Art Center & Signs owners welcome visitors to shop

In 1949, a Mr. Hackett and his wife started a small frame shop in the garage of their home in Central El Paso. All the neighbors appreciated the personal service and eventually the couple expanded and added a full line of art supplies. As a result of its success, the Hacketts decided that it was time to take the small shop to the next level. So, the little shop that started in a garage became a store that provides a variety of departments including sign making, framing, restoration, art supplies and airbrush supplies.

The most recent owners were the Rothschild family who owned the store for over 45 years providing outstanding service to all its customers. Recently, Hank and Susy Rothschild made Aliyah to Israel to fulfill a long-time dream. The community joins in wishing the Rothschild family much success and blessings in this new chapter of their lives. The new owners are the Hamicha family, who are so excited and happy to be taking on the store from them.

Dani and Dina Hamicha came from Argentina in 2001 and are active members of our Jewish community. They look forward to welcoming members of our community and people from throughout the area to Art Center & Signs, one of the very few full-service art supplies venues in the region.

No matter what you may need, they can help you with framing and much more. Bring in favorite frames for restoration or buy the finest frames for your art and photographs from a wide selection of frames. They will help you make all kinds of advertising signs and other signs as well. They and their staff are experts who can help you buy the finest art supplies – from paint to papers – from a wide selection of brands and products.

Dani, Dina and the rest of the staff at Art Center & Signs look forward to seeing you soon at the store at 3101 East Yandell Street.

Cafe Europa Celebrates Hanukkah at the Federation Office

Guests were treated to a delightful afternoon at Café Europa’s Hanukkah luncheon on Wednesday, December 13. A menorah was centered on each of the three large tables, and each plate featured a dreidel. Attendees enjoyed potato latkes, salad, and, of course, sour cream and applesauce. After saying the prayer and lighting the Hanukkah candles, many guests spontaneously sang Hanukkah songs. The dessert was a large sheet cake beautifully decorated with Hanukkah wishes, as well as birthday wishes for those celebrating birthdays in December. This wonderful afternoon was sponsored by the Jewish Federation and organized and prepared by our lovely hostess, Sylvia Cohen.

Eleanor Williamson, Rochelle Saks, Honey Phelps, Sylvia Cohen and Sue Bendalin standing

Eleanor Williamson, Rochelle Saks, Honey Phelps, Sylvia Cohen and Sue Bendalin standing
At the suggestion of the late Dr. Leonard Svarzbein to have a Hanukkah menorah in Downtown El Paso in the historic San Jacinto Plaza, his son, Peter Svarzbein, worked hard to make that happen in time for Hanukkah 2016. The event became a reality for the second year on the second night of Hanukkah, December 13. Peter was thrilled with the attendance, estimating that 250 people, both Jews and others from the community and about 100 more than last year, were on hand for the presentation, music, and lighting of the first and second candles. Using Congregation B’Nai Zion’s outdoor menorah, the ceremony was especially meaningful in showing what one man’s hope inspired: celebrating Hanukkah in the city’s cultural and social center.

On the third night of Hanukkah, December 14, the J Center for Early Learning had its inaugural Hanukkah performance. The theme was “Hooray for Hanukkah and Hollywood,” and the young stars were incredible. The two-year-olds in the Hummingbirds danced to the Hanukkah classic, “I Have a Little Dreidel.” The Cotontails’ three-year-old students performed the “Hanukkah Hop” and “La-La-Latke” to the tune of “La Bamba.” The Road Runners and Doves classes (four and five year olds) joined forces. The boys, dressed as Hanukkah Elvis, hammed it up to “You Ain’t Nothin’ but a Dreidel.” The girls did a beautiful dance to the Ladino song, “Ocho Kandalikas.” The students gathered on stage while their parents sang “Be A Light,” articulating their wishes for their children as they grow. The program ended with the children’s favorite, “Not by Might.” Almost 200 people attended to watch the children perform, eat sufganiyot and latkes, and participate in live and silent auctions of the children’s collaborative artwork.
Congregation B’nai Zion celebrates Hanukkah

In celebration of Hanukkah, the Legacy at Cimarron, El Paso’s newest Westside senior living community, hosted a menorah-lighting ceremony on the first night of Hanukkah, December 12. This was followed on December 13 with a festive traditional luncheon for the residents, friends and families. Legacy Chef Roberto Serrano and his talented team learned how to make matzo ball soup and latkes from Bonny Stevens. Bonnie Colton provided decorations and explained the importance of this festival to the non-Jewish residents. The story of Hanukkah and “The Mensch on a Bench” were read by Scott Stevens. The kids played dreidel games with the residents and all had fun.

Please help us support senior programs; the Jewish Federation treasures all members of our community and your donations and time make a difference!

Seniors enjoy Hanukkah at the Legacy

What a joy it has been for the El Paso Jewish Academy to join efforts with Congregation B’Nai Zion and the Talmud Torah for our annual Chanukah Event. For months we have been planning the menu, schedule, decorations, children’s activities, and could not believe that December 12, the first night of Chanukah, had arrived! We all had a chance to hear and see the children rehearsing on stage, and it took our breath away every time. Esther Kuchinsky and Nili Arusi prepared both the EPJA and the Talmud Torah students and we all agreed that all of the hard work was worth it when you heard the children’s voices.

“Working for the Chanukah program every year is exhausting for me and also for the students, but at the end, it pays off,” said Morah Esther, who has been with the EPJA for 20 years. “Every year we learn about this Holiday through the songs we are singing, the readings, and everything else that is involved. The students will always remember the experience of reliving the story of Hanukah and creating memories and traditions that they can pass on to their children.”

This year’s performance by the EPJA and Talmud Torah students was precious, funny and very meaningful. We could not be more proud of their hard work and how it left a positive impact on all of us in the audience. We could not think of a better way to spend the first night of Chanukah than by gathering to light the first candle, seeing the children perform, and enjoying the festive meal prepared by the B’Nai Zion kitchen staff and sponsored by Jerry and Stanlee Rubin.

Our event filled the Friedman Social Hall to capacity, allowing old friends to visit, new friends to meet, and to welcome the new B’Nai Zion members to receive and light their individual menorahs. It was a memorable night for all.

Elizabeth Montes
Head of School
El Paso Jewish Academy

Jewish Academy hosts Hanukkah Program

EPJA students and students from Congregation B’Nai Zion’s Talmud Torah group combined voices on stage at the Chanukah celebration
Temple Beth-El welcomes visitors to special programs

Rabbi Larry Karol addressed Temple members and guests of different faiths who gathered for the congregation’s “Interfaith Conversation” hosted at Temple Beth-El Las Cruces in November. The topic of the event – “People of Character: What Does It Take to be a Mensch?” – was one that could engage people of any background.

Chef Wasserman spoke at the special Saturday luncheon about the background and development of Jewish cuisine. She also taught a popular cooking class on Saturday night. The results of the cooking were delectable and her sharing of expertise and information was greatly appreciated by all attendees!

Temple Beth-El of Las Cruces, with the support of a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, hosted Jewish cookbook author and well-known chef Tina Wasserman in November. She guided children in the Religious School to make 6-braided challah on Sunday morning.

Tina Wasserman spoke during Temple Beth-El’s Friday night Shabbat service.

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**IT’S ALWAYS SOMETHING...THAT’S WHY THERE’S FEDERATION**
Temple Mount Sinai hosts Cantor-in-Residence weekend

Temple Mount Sinai brings one of Reform Judaism’s most accomplished cantors, Cantor Rosalie Boxt, to El Paso, February 2-4, for a very special Cantor-in-Residence weekend. Cantor Boxt serves as the worship director of the Union of Reform Judaism and has an extensive resume in Jewish music and education. After she was invested cantor from the School of Sacred Music of the School of Sacred Music of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 2001, she was cantor of Temple Emanuel in Kensington, Maryland, until 2017.

Before entering cantorial school, she worked for the URJ in NFTY Programs in Israel. A long-time songleader for NFTY, Goldman Union Camp and Kutz Camp, Cantor Boxt co-edited “Shireinu Chordster,” published in 2000. Cantor Boxt is a Synagogue 3000 Fellow and is a partner in the Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health.

Through PresenTense, an incubator for young Jewish social entrepreneurs and ConnectGen of the DCJCC, she has launched a non-profit business called Kesher Shir, a venture bringing together Jewish musicians from diverse backgrounds to study, collaborate, and create meaningful music to enrich worship and strengthen communities. She currently mentors cantors in the field and consults with congregations on their worship and music programs.

Weekend Activities

Shabbat Services, Friday-Saturday, February 2-3
Renowned for her engaging style of prayer leadership, Cantor Rosalie Boxt will participate in leading the music for Shabbat services on both Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Havdalah and Social Event, Saturday, February 3
Cantor Boxt will help us bring Shabbat to an end with a special Havdalah and dessert reception sponsored by the Temple Gift Shop.

Song Leading for Children and their Families, Sunday, February 4
Cantor Boxt will bring her love of music and extensive experience working with children to El Paso by conducting a song leading session for families during religious school activities on Sunday morning.

This program is made possible, in part, by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, with special thanks to Temple’s Sid and Rosa Dictor Music Endowment and the Temple Gift Shop. For more information, please go to www.templemountsinai.com or contact Carlos Gamez at 915-532-5959.

Jerusalem as capital: CRC statement

The Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso and Las Cruces welcomes the US recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and the planned move of the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. We agree with the President that this is a recognition of a fact, given that Israel as a sovereign Nation considers Jerusalem to be its capital and that it houses most of the government offices.

We also welcome the Administration’s reaffirmation of its commitment to a negotiated agreement between Israelis and Palestinians leading to two states for two people living side-by-side in peace and security. We are encouraged by the Administration’s determination to bring the parties together for direct negotiations, and we hope that such a call will be heard by the leaders of both sides as well as other regional leaders.
International Holocaust Remembrance Day

In commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, El Paso Holocaust Museum and the El Paso Jewish Federation Film Series will present a special screening of “The People vs. Fritz Bauer” on Sunday, January 28, at 2:00 p.m. at Alamo Drafthouse. The movie will be preceded by remarks in observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

On January 27, 1945, Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated by Soviet forces, and survivors were at last released from the horrors of that concentration camp. On the anniversary of this day the world is asked to remember the events of the Holocaust, to honor those who perished and those who survived, to reflect on a time that evoked the worst and best of humanity, and to respond with action today.

“The People vs. Fritz Bauer” is the true story of one man whose pursuit of justice led to the capture of the infamous Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi criminal responsible for the deportation and ultimately the murder of hundreds of thousands of Jewish men, women, and children in Auschwitz.

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