

# TULSA *Jewish Review*

Tishri/Cheshvan 5781  
October 2020



**THE RISE OF ANTISEMITISM  
IN TURBULENT TIMES - PAGE 6**



Small class sizes.



162-acre campus.



# The SPACE to EXPLORE.

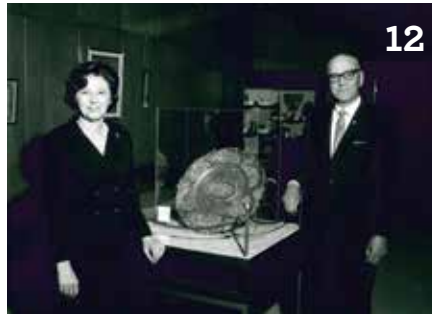
Call 918-879-4755 for more information on admission and financial aid or visit [hollandhall.org/admission](http://hollandhall.org/admission).

Holland  
Hall

Tulsa's PreK through Grade 12 Independent Episcopal School

# CONTENTS

OCTOBER 2020  
TISHRI/CHESHVAN 5781  
VOLUME 91 • NUMBER 10



- 4 Shana Tova & Chag Sameach from our New Shlichah
- 5 JFT Happenings
- 6 75 Years after the Holocaust it is Shameful that Antisemitism is Rising Around the World *by Charlotte Shuman*
- 9 CRC Scene
- 10 October Community Events
- 12 The Early History of The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art *by Phil Goldfarb*
- 15 The Prayer Wall of Black Wall Street *by Phil Goldfarb*
- 16 Find Your Fit at the JCC
- 17 Recipe Corner
- 19 Zarrow Pointe Butterflies
- 20 Congregation B'nai Emunah News
- 22 Temple Israel News
- 24 From “Heil Hitler” to Kippah and Tefillin. The Neo-Nazi Who Became a Jew *by Nancy Pettus*
- 25 Chabad News
- 26 *The Nation of Butterflies: Finalist at the Near Nazareth Film Festival in Israel* *by Michael Mudd*
- 27 There is an Israeli Dog *by Ross D. Clark, DVM*

## This Month's Advertisers

This publication is brought to you each month thanks to the support of our advertisers. Please be sure to use their products and services and mention that you found them in the Tulsa Jewish Review.

### Don Thornton Automotive Group

918.665.3420

### Fitzgerald's Funeral Home

918.585.1151

### Holland Hall

918.879.4755

### J. David Jewelry

918.251.6300

### Lexus of Tulsa

918.665.3987

### Levinson Sullivan Dentistry

918.496.1358

### Southwood Nursery

918.299.9409

### The Eye Institute

918.584.4433

### Tulsa Bone and Joint

918.392.1400

### Woodland West Hospital

918.299.1208

### Woodland West Pet Resort

918.299.5720





Founded in 1930 by Tulsa Section,  
National Council of Jewish Women

(ISSN# 2154-0209)  
*Tulsa Jewish Review*  
(USPS 016-928) is published monthly by  
**JEWISH FEDERATION OF TULSA**  
2021 E. 71st St., Tulsa, OK 74136. Periodicals  
postage paid at Tulsa, OK.

#### STAFF

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
DREW DIAMOND  
execdir@jewishtulsa.org

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**  
ALIX LIIV CAPLAAN  
alix@jewishtulsa.org

**EDITOR**  
DEBBIE O'HEARN  
federation@jewishtulsa.org | 918.495.1100

**ADVERTISING MANAGER**  
MINDY PRESCOTT  
mprescott@jewishtulsa.org

**ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE**  
LEE HUBBY  
leehubby@cox.net

**LAYOUT**  
MICKEL YANTZ  
curator@jewishmuseum.net

#### BOARD

**PRESIDENT, JEWISH FEDERATION OF TULSA**  
ANGELA TAUBMAN

Postmaster: Send address changes to  
*Tulsa Jewish Review*, 2021 E. 71st St., Tulsa, OK 74136

## COVER PHOTOGRAPH

*The photograph used on the cover is  
courtesy of Credit:  
Dan Porges/Getty Images*



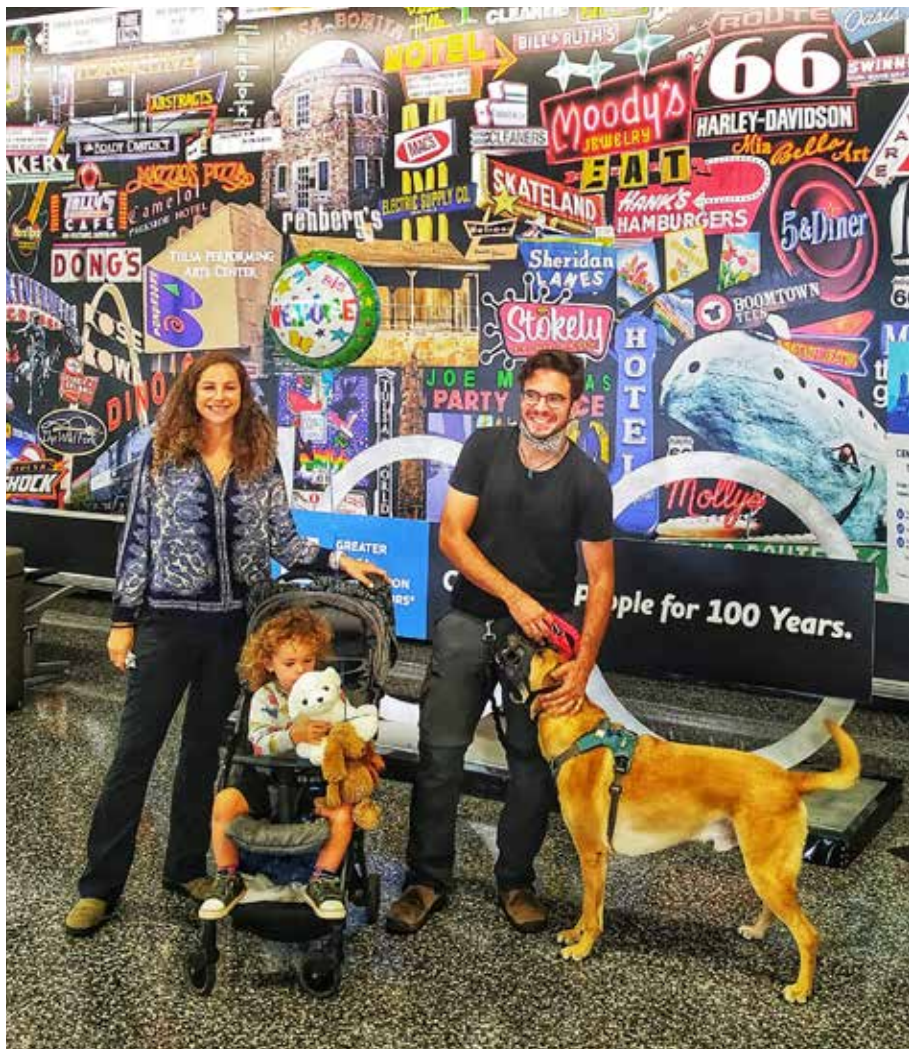
## Shana Tova and Chag Sameach from our New Shlichah

**T**HE DEPARTURE FOR our journey to Tulsa felt like the Exodus from Egypt. Our journey began more than six months ago. In it, we got the exciting news about coming here to your community in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Even before we had time to celebrate and find out more about Tulsa, the coronavirus pandemic broke out, and the world as we knew it changed. From that moment on, we realized we were on a roller coaster. One moment we were happy we would arrive in Oklahoma, a moment later, we enter a pandemic closure and do not know what will happen. The next month, things got back on track, but then the US embassy closed and could not issue our visas. Only after they accepted us as an emergency case, we were finally able to get them. From that moment, we started the crazy sprint. We had to pack our house and say goodbye to our life in less than a month.

We set off together, my husband, Tal, our two and a half-year-old son, Agam, and our dog Buddha. After three flights and more than 27 hours, we finally arrived in Tulsa. As we left the terminal an exciting welcoming party awaited us, and we realized we've come to the right place. Our family's journey is just getting started, and we would love to park in Tulsa. Park in your, or actually our, 'Sukkah.'

On this occasion, I would like to invite you to come to the Jewish Federation's Open Sukkah event on October 4th. We will practice social distancing, while wearing masks, but we will be connected and close in our hearts. More details to come.

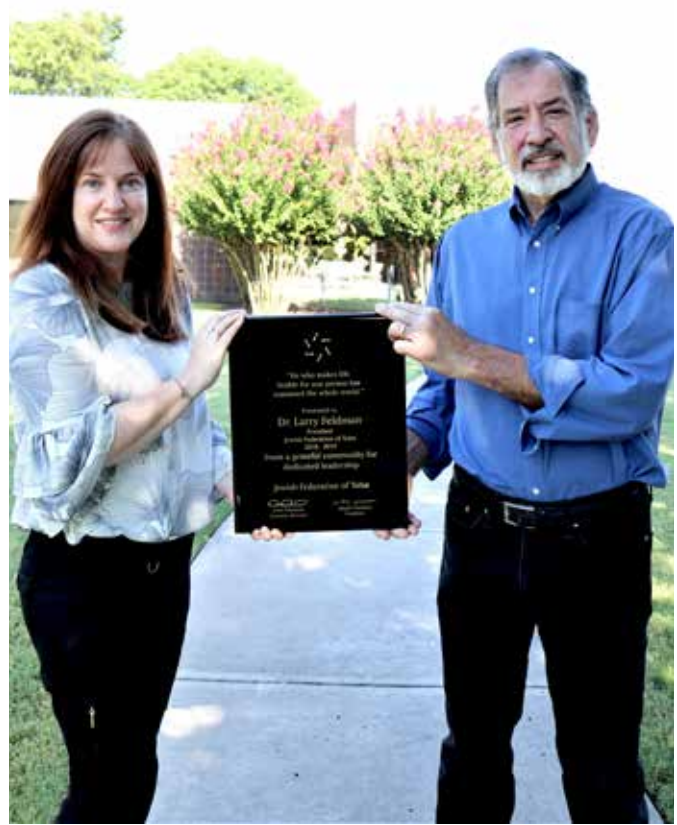
May we all have a happy holiday and Shana Tova.  
The Shoval-Yogev family. ■



# JFT Happenings

## Thank you Larry

On May 27th, 2020, with the pandemic upon us, the 82nd JFT Annual Meeting was held via Zoom. Angela Taubman, the incoming President, presents outgoing President Dr. Larry Feldman with a plaque honoring his service to the Federation for the last two years.



## Rosh Chodesh – September 10th

For this month’s Rosh Chodesh, women of our community came together for a much-needed conversation about the impact of uncertainty on our mental health. We were joined by a mental health expert, Dr. Melanie Spector, who gave us guidance, advice, and answered our questions. More specifically, some takeaways include a breathing exercise to bring down one’s heart rate in times of stress. To do this, you inhale deeply and push the breath through your teeth during the exhale. Secondly, Dr. Spector explained the anatomy of the brain and where we make our decisions versus our fight or flight response, which can result in stress and anger. When we find ourselves feeling more stressed and anxious, we must remind ourselves to “come back upstairs,” which means bringing attention to the frontal lobe of our brain where we make decisions to have a more thoughtful response. She stressed the importance of knowing that you’re not alone, and we are all in this together. We left the program with techniques and resources to guide us through stress and anxiety during times where we may not see the light at the end of the tunnel.



## Young Jewish Professionals’ Summer Soiree – August 19th, 2020

Our Young Jewish Professionals’ Summer Soiree was a great success! We had nearly 50 Young Jewish Professionals join together for a night of social distancing in Woodward Park. Everyone brought their own blankets, food, drinks, and a mask. The importance of human connection and community feels more important now than ever.

## Feeding the Soul with Foolish Things High Dive – August 27th, 2020

We enjoyed a food pick-up followed by a Zoom to hear from the owner, Justin Carpenter, and chef, Nick Corcoran about their journey in the food industry. They discussed a variety of topics, including their work environment, passion for serving quality food to Tulsans, battling working in a restaurant in times of COVID, and more.



## American Jewish Committee

In the *Tulsa Jewish Review* July issue, an article written by Nancy Pettus, Director of Holocaust Education, described the new connection between the Tulsa Jewish community and the American Jewish Committee’s Dallas chapter facilitated by Charlotte Schuman. The article did not mention that, at one time, Tulsa had a very active influential AJCommittee chapter with members like Dr. Arnold and his wife, Bess, August Goldstein, and Dr. Emanuel Lubin having a national role on the AJC’s Board of Directors. In the late 1950s and 1960s, I attended many AJC meetings in Tulsa homes where the speakers were the national directors of AJC’s various departments. In later years I served on the Board of the Houston chapter and later as the regional director for the Portland, OR, and St. Louis, MO chapters. I commend Charlotte for bringing AJC back to Tulsa.

- Rosalyn Borg

# 75 Years after the Holocaust it is Shameful that Antisemitism is Rising Around the World

by CHARLOTTE SCHUMAN

**A**NTISEMITISM IS STILL based on the same stereotypes from the Middle Ages. In addition, today, there is great resentment to the Jewish State of Israel. Add to this a new phenomenon: internet hate that offers profoundly effective ways of disseminating the venom of antisemitism in our current technological era.

Recognizing that prevention is a global challenge, the United States government has commissioned a Special Envoy on Antisemitism at the State Department level. Through efforts of the Special Envoy and in cooperation with other countries, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) has approved a “Universal Working Definition on Antisemitism.” Twenty-six countries have adopted by legislative act or government decision this working definition. More countries are being encouraged to do the same.

Another positive action has been taken by the UN. The High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations has now been charged with more carefully monitoring incidents of antisemitism, building coalitions for better understanding among nations, and using tools for enforcing the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism. Education, coalition-building, legislation--these transformative actions are crucial to solving the global challenges we face.

Our Jewish Federation of Tulsa is partnering with the American Jewish Committee (AJC) and the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at the University of Texas, Dallas (UTD), on a four-part series entitled: **The Rise of Antisemitism in Turbulent Times**. It will offer historical as well as contemporary insights into the increasing incidents of hate crimes around the world and will include initiatives we may use for the fight.

All lectures will begin at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The topics will be:

- October 15, Thursday – “What History Can Teach Us: Patterns of Antisemitism” by Dr. David Patterson (UTD)
- October 22, Thursday – “The Impact of Nationalism on Antisemitism: The Holocaust and Other Events” by Dr. Nils Roemer (UTD)
- October 29, Thursday – “Antisemitism in the Digital Age: Current Trends on Antisemitism” by Holly Huffnagle (AJC)
- November 5, Thursday – “Israel and Antisemitism: The BDS Movement” by Rabbi Andrew Baker and Seffi Kogan (AJC)

With knowledge from this series we can better educate ourselves and others to the harm of pre-judgments. We may also come to realize the many shared values that are intrinsic to the shared history of the family of man. ■

**EDUCATION IS THE ANSWER TO TURNING HATE AND FEAR TO LOVE AND HOPE.**

**LEGISLATION AND COALITION-BUILDING ARE THE MEANS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.**

## GERDA WEISSMANN KLEIN

For nearly seventy-five years, since arriving in the United States, I have basked in the freedom our nation stands for and protects. While we all are eternally grateful for this freedom, we know that the scourge of racism, antisemitism, and other forms of bigotry still exist. Precisely because we are blessed with protections that our Constitution and laws afford us, it is our responsibility to call out all forms of discrimination – whether directed at ourselves or others.

I have often noted that Hitler would not have come to power without his mastery of radio – the communication tool of the 1930s. So, it is gratifying to see that among the topics to be examined is how today’s technology, which allows us to communicate in so many positive ways, can also be misused as an instrument of hate.

Young people are messengers to a time I shall not see. I am comforted to know that the message of tolerance and love for one another will be carried forward through programs such as these.

Gerda Weissmann Klein is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and author of *All But My Life*, her autobiographical account of the Holocaust.



Nancy Pettus and Gerda Weissmann Klein

## DR. DAVID PATTERSON

Dr. David Patterson holds the Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies at the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, University of Texas at Dallas. He is a commissioner on the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission, a member of the Executive Board of Academic Advisors for the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP), and a member of the Executive Board of the Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches. Dr. Patterson has lectured at universities on six continents and throughout the United States. A winner of the National Jewish Book Award, the Koret Jewish Book Award, and the Holocaust Scholars' Conference Eternal Flame Award, he has published more than 35 books and more than 220 articles, essays, and book chapters on topics in literature, philosophy, the Holocaust, and Jewish studies. His most recent books are *Shoah and Torah* (SUNY, forthcoming), *Elie Wiesel's Hasidic Legacy* (SUNY, forthcoming), *The Holocaust and the Non-Representable* (SUNY, 2018), *Anti-Semitism and Its Metaphysical Origins* (Cambridge, 2015), *Genocide in Jewish Thought* (Cambridge, 2012), and *A Genealogy of Evil: Anti-Semitism from Nazism to Islamic Jihad* (Cambridge, 2010).



## DR. NILS ROEMER



Dr. Nils Roemer serves as the Interim Dean of the School of the Arts and Humanities, the Director of the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, and is the Stan and Barbara Rabin Professor at The University of Texas at Dallas. He received in 1993 his MA from the University of Hamburg and in 2000, his PhD from Columbia University. Dr. Roemer published *Jewish Scholarship and Culture in Nineteenth-Century Germany: Between History and Faith* (2005), *German City – Jewish Memory: The Story of Worms: German* (2010), numerous articles, and several co-edited volumes. He is also the co-editor of *Germanic Review*. His specialized fields of interest are the Holocaust and German and Jewish cultural and intellectual history.

## HOLLY HUFFNAGLE

A committed Christian, Holly Huffnagle first learned that Christianity had fueled centuries of antisemitism while studying abroad in Poland during college. After visiting the Nazi concentration and death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Huffnagle vowed to devote herself to stopping the spread of Jew-hatred. "I wanted to understand why [antisemitism] didn't end with the Holocaust like it should have."

She has honored that pledge. After five years at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum as a researcher, she served as the policy advisor to the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism at the U.S. Department of State. Her expertise in fighting antisemitism in Europe and around the world have equipped her to fight the problem here at home.

Now AJC's first U.S. Director for Combating Antisemitism, Huffnagle tackles multiple sources of Jew-hatred every day, including white supremacy, far-left anti-Zionism, and Islamist extremism.



## SEFFI KOGEN



Seffi Kogen is Global Director of Young Leadership for AJC, coordinating the organization's activities for the rising generations of American Jews. He oversees AJC's LFT (Leaders for Tomorrow) program for high school students; its Campus Affairs Department; and ACCESS, AJC's young professional division. Seffi previously served as AJC's Director of Campus Affairs and as Senior Associate in AJC's Marketing and Strategic Communications Department. He received the AJC Innovation Award for his work founding the LFT program, which equips young Jews with advocacy skills and empowers them to be Jewish advocates on their college campuses. In 2018, he conceived of AJC's #ShowUpForShabbat campaign as a show of solidarity and strength in the wake of the antisemitic shooting in Pittsburgh. Seffi holds a B.A. in history from Columbia University and a B.A. in Talmud and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary. He has written for USA Today, Ha'aretz, The Forward, and The Times of Israel. He is also the host of People of the Pod, AJC, and The Times of Israel's weekly podcast, which can be found at [AJC.org/PeopleofthePod](http://AJC.org/PeopleofthePod) and on your phone's podcast app.

## RABBI ANDREW BAKER

As Director of International Jewish Affairs, Rabbi Andrew Baker is responsible for maintaining AJC's network of relationships with Jewish communities throughout the Diaspora and addressing their issues and concerns. He has been a prominent figure in international efforts to combat antisemitism and in addressing Holocaust-era issues in Europe. In January 2009, he was appointed Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Antisemitism and has been reappointed for each successive year. He was a member of Government Commissions in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Lithuania, and Romania established to examine Holocaust-era history and address the claims of its victims. He is co-chair of the Lithuanian Good Will Foundation and a long-time officer of the Jewish Claims Conference. Rabbi Baker directed AJC participation in the development of the Belzec Memorial and Museum, a joint project of AJC and the Polish Government on the site of the former Nazi death camp in Southeastern Poland.



**At the Don Thornton Automotive Group our promise is to always make business about PEOPLE.**

**Today, PEOPLE want and need different things from their automobile dealership.**

**We just want you to know that we are here and ready when you need us.**



[www.donthorntonauto.com](http://www.donthorntonauto.com)

**WE ARE OPEN**

**OUR SHOWROOMS ARE OPEN AND NOW OFFERING CURBSIDE SERVICE**

**71st & Aspen | 101st & Memorial | [Jdavid.com](http://Jdavid.com)**



# CRC Scene

by ANDREW SPECTOR, CRC CHAIR



## **S** TATE QUESTION 805 – Getting Ready for Election Day on November 3rd, 2020

1. The last day to register to vote for the November 3rd Election is October 9th.
2. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is 5 p.m. on October 27th.
3. You should be ready to vote on State Question 805 on November 3rd.

The purpose of this article is to inform you about State Question 805 in understandable language and support you in making your decision.

State Question 805 is the Criminal History in Sentencing and Sentence Modification Initiative. It's on the ballot as an initiated constitutional amendment.

What's a State Question? It's a law or amendment that citizens have proposed and get the opportunity to vote on.

What's a constitutional amendment? It's what it sounds like – an amendment to the constitution. Sections 1 and 2 of Article V of the Constitution say that citizens of the state have the right to amend their constitution through the process of initiated constitutional amendments. To date, Oklahoma has more than 150 constitutional amendments.

What is State Question 805? It's a sentencing reform to end the use of sentence enhancements for repeat, nonviolent offenses. Sentence enhancements are policies that mandate that people who have committed a prior crime receive a longer sentence for their new crime. Nonviolent offenses are defined as property, drug, and public order offenses which do not involve a threat of harm or an actual attack upon a victim. The most frequently identified nonviolent crimes involve drug trafficking, drug possession, burglary, and larceny.

What is sentencing? The punishment given to a person convicted of a crime.

What's the reasoning behind State Question 805? We have the second-highest imprisonment rate in the country (1,079 per 100,000 people), with a total of 43,000 Oklahomans behind bars. This imprisonment rate is fueled by sentence enhancements for nonviolent crimes. For context, the United States' average is 698 per 100,000 people, and the United Kingdom is 139 per 100,000 people. Imprisonment separates families, costs taxpayers (Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs estimates that passing State Question 805 would reduce state expenses by up to \$27 million per year), reduces our workforce and leaves families in poverty. Moreover, research shows that sentence enhancements don't actually improve public safety; they don't deter people from committing crimes or lower recidivism (the tendency of a convicted criminal to re-offend).

Where can I learn more? Ballotpedia is a really good starting place. It includes arguments for and against. If you want to better understand the reasoning behind it, check out [yeson805.org](http://yeson805.org).

Please feel free to reach out to me at [AndrewLSpector@gmail.com](mailto:AndrewLSpector@gmail.com) if you have questions about State Question 805. I can answer your questions or point you in the direction of someone who can. ■



### MoveMeant

Sun., Oct. 11 • 1:30 p.m.

MoveMeant was founded by Yonatan Yosef Arnon, Dancer/Rabbinical student living in Israel and Kobi Goodwin, Musician/Vocalist living in New York City so that every human being might feel more at home and at peace in their own body. This is a spiritually-infused embodied journey exploring our connection with ourselves, with community, and with the divine. The workshops incorporate mindfulness and movement techniques while reviving ancestral words and chants through niggunim, poetry, music, and song. In the workshops, we reignite our inner light using live music, singing, ritual, text, and liturgy. Please RSVP to Isabella at isilberg@jewishtulsa.org. Spots are limited.

### AIPAC | "Campaigns and Elections: What You Need to Know"

Mon., Oct. 12 • 7 p.m.

Ed Miller, AIPAC's National Deputy Political Director, briefs congressional candidates on the situation in the Middle East and the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship. He is also responsible for keeping AIPAC's political activists updated on races and political events across the country. Registration is required. The virtual event link will be provided within 24 hours of the event start time. For questions or to register, please contact Kate Middlebrook at kmiddlebrook@aipac.org.



### Virtual Men's Club

Wed., Oct. 14 • Noon • Zoom

Our speaker today will be Lou Diamond, whose topic will be The Jewish Vote. Please RSVP to Mindy at mprescott@jewishtulsa.org or call 918.935.3662 for the Zoom link.

### Film Festival in partnership with Circle Cinema

Sun., Oct. 18 and Wed., Oct. 21 • 7 p.m.

We have partnered with Circle Cinema to continue our annual Film Festival by hosting a two-part drive-in movie series. The first night will be "Family Night" on Sunday, October 18th where will be showing a family-friendly film. The second night will be "Adult Night" on Wednesday, October 21st. Showtime will be at 7pm in the JCC parking lot. For questions, please contact isilberg@jewishtulsa.org.

### Virtual Men's Club

Wed., Oct. 28 • Noon • Zoom

Our speaker today will be attorney Christine Umeh, whose topic will be "Still She Rises," the first holistic defense office in the country dedicated exclusively to the representation of mothers in both the criminal and civil legal systems. Please RSVP to Mindy at mprescott@jewishtulsa.org or call 918.935.3662 for the Zoom link



## The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art

### Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust

Now – Dec.

Our newest exhibit from Yad Vashem in Israel, *Spots of Light, To Be a Woman in the Holocaust* is now open! This exhibition gives expression to the unique voice of Jewish women in the Holocaust: their choices and responses in the face of the evil, brutality, and relentless hardships with which they were forced to grapple. Featured are nine facets of daily life during this period of history: Love, Motherhood, Caring for Others, Womanhood, Resistance and Rescue, Friendship, Faith, Food, and the Arts. Each segment is accompanied by a poignant narrative related in the first person, documenting and highlighting the survivors' faces and voices liberated from the darkness and silence.

### Sacal: A Universal Mexican, Sculptures by the late José Sacal

Now–Dec.

José Sacal is undoubtedly one of the most prominent representatives of contemporary sculptural art. Known for his experimentation and freedom, Sacal recognized no boundaries in his sources of inspiration and was not afraid to find new meaning in old forms. Sacal's work has been showcased in more than 40 individual exhibitions and dozens of collaborations in Mexico and around the world. In 2006, he became the first Mexican to have his sculptures permanently displayed in the country of China. Today, more than 20 Sacal sculptures can be found in public spaces across Mexico, Israel, and the United States, including Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. The sculptures featured at the Sherwin Miller Museum comprise two series: The Paraphrase, inspired by distinguished artists like Michelangelo, Frida Kahlo and Picasso, and Characters of Impact, in which Sacal recreates unmistakable historical figures like Einstein and Churchill.

### View from the Collection Room

Now–Dec.

Take a glimpse into the 3-D world of artifacts from The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art's permanent sculpture collection.

### Arthur Szyk Illuminations

Now–Dec.

Arthur Szyk (pronounced "Shick") is considered by scholars to have been the greatest 20th-century illuminator working in the style of the 16th-century miniaturists. Szyk was the leading political caricaturist in America during World War II. Come see select lithographs from his "Visual History of Nations" series dated 1945 to 1949.

### Witness: The Art of Samuel Bak

Sept. 10 – Jan. 2021

Samuel Bak is an American painter and writer who survived the Holocaust and immigrated to Israel in 1948, but has lived in the U.S. since 1993. Much of Samuel Bak's art is influenced by his experiences of surviving the Holocaust as a child in Vilna, Poland. Bak explains: "I certainly do not

make illustrations of things that happened. I do it in a symbolic way, in a way that only gives a sense of a world that was shattered."

### Tikkun Olam: Repairing the World

Sun., Oct. 25 • 7 p.m. • Zoom

Celebrate the 54th Anniversary of The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art! We will honor the legacy of Mildred & Julius Sanditen and Herman & Kate Kaiser at our annual premier fundraising event. Live, love, and laugh with entertainers from around the world, enjoying performances by Tovah Feldshuh, Harold Sanditen, Sarge, and a special appearance by Tim Blake Nelson. We will celebrate the grand opening of the Sanditen/Kaiser Holocaust Center located in the recently expanded Museum, as we usher in a new era of educating and enlightening that will inspire the next generation to repair the world. If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Herst-Woods, Deputy Director of The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, at 918.492.1818.



### Two Rabbis and ...

Every Fri. • 11 a.m.

Every Friday Rabbis Fitzerman and Kaiman convene a weekly conversation to reflect on pertinent topics of the day, interview special guests, and talk about ideas relevant to Synagogue life. They hope you'll join them. This month, the sessions will take place on October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Zoom meeting ID: 918-583-7121.

### Panim el Panim Shabbat Morning Service

Every Sat. • 10 a.m.

Our tradition speaks of a special power that exists when a group of people gathers together for prayer. "Panim el Panim" is a live broadcast service led by Rabbis Kaiman and Fitzerman. Rooted in our in-person Shabbat morning service, we spend time singing, reflecting, studying Torah, and connecting. This month, Yom Tov services will take place on October 3 and 10, and regular Panim el Panim services occur on October 17, 24 and 31. Zoom meeting ID: 918-583-7121.



### Sukkot Dinner

Fri., Oct. 2 • 3 p.m.

Sukkot Dinner will take the form of a ShalomFresh holiday meal. Raw materials for this meal will be available for pickup beginning at noon and ending at 2:00 p.m. An hour later, at 3:00 p.m., Rabbi Kaiman will take to Zoom to lead in preparing ricotta gnocchi with a delicious array of accompaniments. You should be able to finish your work on this Shabbat/Sukkot Dinner no later than 4:15 p.m. Please call or check the Synagogue website (tulsagogue.com) for ShalomFresh prices and to make reservations. Zoom ID is 918 583 7121.

**PrairieJews: Millennials at Redbud Valley**

Sun., Oct. 4 • 9 a.m.

Synagogue Millennials are invited to join Simon Lowen as he leads a socially-distant hike of Redbud Valley Nature Preserve's best trail – a gorgeous one-mile loop through rugged bluffs and beautiful forests. Reach out to Simon at slowen@bnaemunah.com to reserve your spot! More details on page 21!

**ToGather**

Sun., Oct. 4 • 3 p.m.

Our monthly Sunday morning series for families with young children is coming to your home! Each month a ToGather Toolbox will be delivered to your door and will include recipes, blessings, activity ideas, materials for a project with a link to a demo by our own Morah Tona, and Peninah the Peacock, and much more. We'll also offer ToGather Live for families to come together live for singing and a story online. Can't make it to the scheduled session? No problem! Sessions will be recorded and easily accessible for viewing at a time that is convenient for you. October's Toolbox will be all about Sukkot. We hope that this program will give families the tools they need to "do Jewish" at home, connect to other families and their Synagogue community. Please be sure to be in touch with Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaemunah.com to receive a ToGather Toolbox.



**Jewish Geography Zoom Racing!**

Thurs., Oct. 8 • 7 p.m.

Join us for a hilarious night of connection-building, hosted by Micah Hart, a celebrity in the online Jewish game show world! We'll be watching two contestants race towards the Chosen One, a pre-selected person unknown by either contestant. The game ends when the Chosen One enters the Zoom room, leading to cheers all around. More details on page 20.

**Shabbat Together**

Fri., Oct. 9, 16 and 23 • 6 p.m.

As days and weeks go by, our tradition asks that we take time to pause, reflect, and enjoy time together. Shabbat Together is a short, digital gathering where we take a few moments to pause with community as we enter Shabbat. The content is songs for the Shabbat table, and we'll conclude in time for you to enjoy a Shabbat meal at home. Zoom meeting ID: 918-583-7121.

**Simchat Torah in the Streets**

Sun., Oct. 11 • 3 p.m.

Marking the end and beginning of the annual Torah reading cycle, Congregation B'nai Emunah will flow into the streets of Maple Ridge in celebration of Simchat Torah. Families and individuals are invited to bring their bicycles, strollers, and scooters to the front parking lot for a parade through the streets of the neighborhood immediately surrounding the Synagogue. We'll have decorating supplies and signs on hand – you are welcome to get creative as you prepare your wheeled-transport for this unique experience. With a Torah scroll serving as grand marshal, we'll make traditional circles through the streets while delighting in shared music, confetti, and

celebration. The route will culminate back at the Synagogue with special sweet treats, an outdoor dance party, and a ceremonial public Torah reading that marks both beginning and end. For more information visit tulsagogue.com

**Blatt and Blue: "An Act of Defiance"**

Thurs., Oct. 15 • 7 p.m.

The Synagogue's ongoing program on Jewish cinema and television will focus in October on *An Act of Defiance*. Featured at several Jewish film festivals, and well-regarded by the critics, the film tells a riveting story of resistance in apartheid South Africa. Television enthusiasts David Blatt and Alice Blue will begin with a summary of the movie, and then discuss their juiciest takeaways, whilst fielding questions and comments from the audience. The film is available on Prime, and the Zoom meeting ID is 918-583-7121.

**Bibi-Dibi Online**

Fri., Oct. 30 • 6 p.m.

It's our monthly Shabbat gathering for little ones designed to enhance your home-centered experience of Shabbat. The experience is particularly focused on our toddler cohort, but all are welcome; no toddler necessary! We'll wrap up in plenty of time for you to enjoy a Shabbat meal at home. Zoom meeting ID: 918-583-7121.

**Baker's Dozen: Tuesdays and Thursdays**

Our cookie-baking program is in full swing, and we need bakers! We're collecting cookies, bars, and other single-serving baked goods every Tuesday and Thursday morning, and delivering them right away to frontline workers around the city. Any donation of baked goods is deeply appreciated; just let us know what works for you, and we'll work you into the schedule as smoothly as we work our pastry dough! All of our recipients have been deeply grateful.



**Pirke Avot with Rabbi Weinstein on Zoom**

Thurs., Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 • 2 p.m.

Pirke Avot, The Ethics of our Ancestors provides words of wisdom and an approach to living a good life. Our study in Pirke Avot will bring us together as one sacred community. Join Rabbi Weinstein for this weekly class as we learn together and grow together



**Sukkah Decorating & Sukkot Pick Up: Family Craft**

Thurs., Oct. 1 • 3 p.m./4 p.m.

Reserve your slot for decorating the Sukkah and pick up a special Sukkot family craft in the Temple Israel parking lot.

**Erev Sukkot Drive-in Service**

Fri., Oct. 2 • 6 p.m.

We may not be gathering in the Sukkah, but we are celebrating under the stars. Join Temple Israel for this festive service in the Temple Israel parking lot.

**Shabbat Learning Through the Ages**

Sat., Oct. 3 • 10:30 a.m.

Borrowing from our Temple Israel monthly Shabbat morning experience we will join to study and learn from one another. We will explore Torah and Traditional Rabbinical texts based on themes of this week's Parsha, Torah Reading.

**Havdalah with Cantor Laurie Weinstein & Cantorial Soloist Jenny Labow on Facebook Live**

Sat., Oct. 3 & 24 • 7 p.m.

Join your Temple Israel Music Team as we separate the sacred from the sublime and begin the week anew. They will offer the prayerful songs of Havdalah and their soulful music of the new week.

**Simchat Torah Candy Pick up**

Thurs., Oct. 8 • 4 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come by the Temple Israel parking lot and pick up a sweet candy treat for this wonderful time of year!



**Young Adult Mario Kart Tournament**

Thurs., Oct. 8 • 7 p.m.

Calling all young adults – it's time for some fun! If you love games, this event is for you! For more information contact Rabbi K. at rabbikay@templetulsa.com.

**Shabbat & Simchat Torah Service on Zoom & Facebook Live**

Fri., Oct. 9 • 6 p.m.

Our community celebrates the gift of Torah during this festive service.

**Zamru L'Shabbat Drive-in Service**

Fri., Oct. 16 • 6 p.m.

Join Cantor Weinstein and Elijah and the Minor Prophets as we welcome Shabbat with a joyous and musical celebration in the Temple Israel parking lot – drive-in style.



**Shabbat Service w/Torah on Zoom & Facebook Live**

Fri., Oct. 23 • 7:30 p.m.

Join your Temple Israel Clergy Team as we welcome in Shabbat.

**Young Adult Happy Hour on Zoom**

Wed., Oct. 28 • 5:30 p.m.

Young adults are invited to attend "Virtual Happy Hour." Just grab your favorite beverage, login, and we'll chit-chat away!

# The Early History of The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art

by PHIL GOLDFARB

**T**HE INSPIRATION TO organize a Jewish Museum in Tulsa was precipitated by a 1965 traveling exhibit from the Jewish Museum in New York, hosted by B'nai Emunah Synagogue, titled "Traditional Ceremonial Art," which generated a great deal of interest in Jewish culture and art.

The organizational meeting of the Gershon & Rebecca Fenster Gallery was on March 17, 1966, as the rules and bylaws written by Sherwin Miller were adopted along with an initial contribution of \$18,000 from Julius and Mildred Sanditen. Rebecca Sanditen Fenster (1889-1961) was Mr. Sanditen's older sister. The first Board members included: Tybie Satin, Jack Brown, Sherwin Miller (Chair), Jean Eichenberg, and Mildred Sanditen.

In two short months, the formal dedication of the Gershon & Rebecca Fenster Gallery happened on May 15, 1966, at 5:00 p.m. Program participants included:

Julius Sanditen, Founder; Sherwin Miller, Curator; A.H. Eichenberg, President-Congregation B'nai Emunah; Cantor David Silverman, Congregation B'nai Emunah; Rabbi Norbert Rosenthal, Temple Israel, and Jack I. Brown who acted as master of ceremonies. The first gallery location was in the south foyer of Congregation B'nai Emunah's Sanctuary Building, which contained 3,100 square feet of space and remained there until 1998. The creation of the Gallery was a featured part of B'nai Emunah's celebration of its 50th year in Tulsa. The first director of the Fenster Gallery was Dr. Gerald Richards, and the first curator was Sherwin Miller.

The Fenster Gallery founding patrons of the arts possessed a global perspective of the cultural diaspora of peoples of Jewish heritage, and it began purchasing and receiving donations of Jewish artifacts at that time. Gershon Avigdor Fenster (1895-1947) was a discriminating collector of art, with a magnificent collection of Judaica. Before the Museum, the second floor of his home served as a gallery to display his collection. The Gallery's very first acquisition was a brass cabinet in the shape of the Ark of the Torah, which was from Mr. Fenster's original collection. This cabinet was crafted by Boris Schatz, the founder of Israel's Bezalel Movement. The oldest object in the Gallery was an oil lamp inscribed in ancient Aramaic Hebrew, which dates to the Bronze Age of 20-18 BCE. It remains the oldest artifact for the Museum today.

Initially, in early 1966, the Gallery hours were 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sundays only. Special tours were possible by arrangement with Shirley Levin, office manager of Congregation B'nai Emunah. By the end of 1966, the Gallery's permanent collection numbered 87 objects. Among the first objects for the collection were donations from Julius and Mildred Sanditen, the Fenster families, and the Guterman family. At the time, the Fenster Gallery was the third largest collection of Jewish art objects in the nation.

In 1967 a formal Docent Committee was established, and Sherwin Miller conducted the first training session for trainees Irene and Susan Fenster, and Rosalee Minsky. That year, 15 tour groups were recorded, including Holland Hall School and All Souls Unitarian Church. By the end of 1967, the collection contained 121 objects with an estimated value of \$57,225. In 1968, Curator and Board Chairman Sherwin Miller resigned from the Gallery as he was moving to Mexico City for business, and a December Champagne Reception transpired in his honor.

The First Collectors' Group, formed in early 1970 for acquisitions and collections management, unveiled the first item purchased and exhibited by the Collectors' Group on March 24, 1970 - a Yemenite Bridal headdress - at their first meeting. Dues of \$25 were paid to join the Collectors' Group. Memberships totaled 106 members in 1971, 140 members in 1974, and 161 members in 1976 at the tenth anniversary of the Gallery. Collections review, professional evaluations, and authentication of objects were high priorities throughout the early decades, culminating in a great reputation for the Fenster Gallery and creating demand for loans - particularly for archeological artifacts and antiquities.

In 1971 the Fenster Gallery joined the Oklahoma Museums Association and also acquired tax-free status. That year, the Board began its first serious discussion of a permanent home for the Gallery. A building replicating the Temple of Solomon was even considered! In 1978 the Gallery joined the American Association of Museums, Council of American Jewish Museums in 1987, and



Julius and Mildred Sanditen in 1954 in the Fenster Gallery

became a Blue Star Museum in 2010.

In 1972 a grant proposal was submitted to the National Endowment of the Arts for the purpose of producing the first printed catalog of the Gallery. The Gallery received a matching grant of \$3,500, and the Collectors' Group donated the matching funds. Hopkins Photography was chosen to photograph the collection for the catalog, and Tulsa Litho Co. was chosen to print the catalog, which included a color plate insert on the cover. It was completed in 1973. The National Foundation for the Arts requested 150 copies to be sent to the U.S. Information Office for distribution overseas, while 150 additional catalogs went to the American Library Information Centers. At the 1974 Collectors' Group meeting, Dr. Gerald Richards read thank-you notes from individuals who were sent copies of the catalog, including one from President Richard M. Nixon.



Julius and Mildred Sanditen and Sherwin Miller in 1954 in the Fenster Gallery

The first building campaign happened in 1976 with a goal of \$350,000 (garnering Board pledges of \$180,000). The Board voted in 1980 to expand the Collectors' Group into a formal membership program, and a fee structure was adopted. The collection was valued at \$524,352 at that time. The late 1980s brought an official name change to "The Gershon and Rebecca Fenster Museum of Jewish Art," reflecting its expanded role in the community and the scope of its collections.

In 2000 the Museum was renamed The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art in recognition of Mr. Miller's seminal vision. A Tulsa native, Sherwin Miller's love for Judaism and family was foremost in his life. He graduated from the University of Texas in Austin, was a civilian pilot during World War II for the Ferry Command of the U.S. Army, and served in the military during the Korean conflict. After military service, Sherwin returned to Tulsa where he developed a reputation for embracing both Jewish and secular projects with great enthusiasm, clarity, and objectivity. The Museum that bears his name is the fulfillment of Sherwin's dream of preserving Jewish history in Tulsa and displaying the priceless collection he was instrumental in creating.

The Museum, destined to become a major cultural resource in the region, began the process of moving from temporary quarters and installing exhibits in September of 2003 in their current location on the Zarrow Campus. Its grand opening and dedication took place in November 2004. The 13,700 square-foot facility enabled the Museum to put much more of its collection on display.

A permanent exhibit on the upper level displays art and artifacts from the 5,000-year history of the Jewish people, beginning in the pre-Canaanite era in the Middle East down to the settling of the Jewish communities in Oklahoma and Tulsa.

It is the only American Jewish Museum in the region and preserves the largest collection of Judaica in the Southwest United States. It serves as the headquarters of the Jewish Historical Society of Oklahoma, The Julius and Gertrude Livingston Oklahoma Jewish Archives, as well as the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tulsa's library. The Museum's permanent collection consists of more than 16,000 pieces, including items of archaeological and ritual significance, ethnographic costumes, synagogue textiles, historical documents, fine art, as well as a model synagogue made of furnishings from the closed Beth Ahaba synagogue in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The Herman & Kate Kaiser Holocaust Collection focused on survivors who came to live in Oklahoma and those Oklahomans who helped liberate the Nazi concentration camps.

The mission of the Museum was abbreviated in 2012: "To preserve and promote Jewish heritage, culture, history, and community through art and education." In October 2013, the Museum received national accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums...a goal since inception. Just six percent of the nation's 17,500 museums are nationally accredited.

The new 1,200 square-foot Sanditen/Kaiser Holocaust Center, named in honor of Mildred and Julius Sanditen & Herman and Kate Kaiser, will have its grand opening in conjunction with the SMMJA Gala on October 25, 2020, bringing the total square footage to 16,200.

*Phil Goldfarb is President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tulsa and can be e-mailed at phil.goldfarb@cox.net. ■*



**Marc A. Goldberg, MD**  
**Daniel Corbett, MD**

Cornea & External Disease & Refractive Surgery  
Cataract & Complex Lens Implant Surgery  
General Ophthalmology

2000 S. Wheeling, Suite 1010  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104

t (918) 584-4433  
f (918) 584-4479  
eyeinst.com

HAND-SELECTED.  
METICULOUSLY INSPECTED.



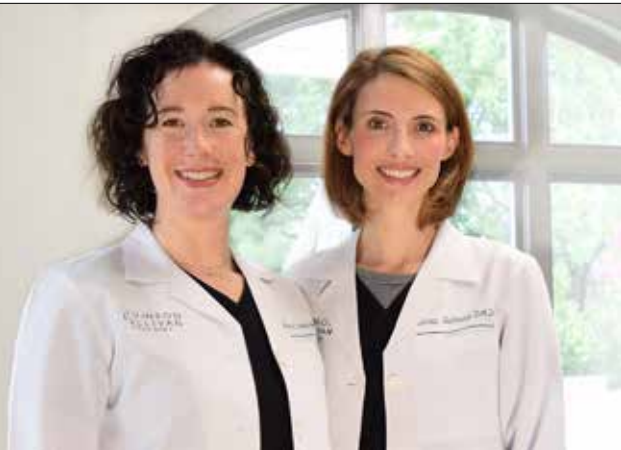
CERTIFIED  
PRE-OWNED



Lexus was Named "Best Certified Pre-Owned Program" for 2020 by U.S. News & World Report. And it's a smart choice with the Lexus Two-Year Unlimited Mileage L/Certified Warranty...Which gives you peace of mind along with innovative design, technology and performance in every masterfully crafted vehicle.



42ND AND MEMORIAL  
[WWW.LEXUSOFTULSA.COM](http://WWW.LEXUSOFTULSA.COM)



**Providing Advanced Restorative  
& Cosmetic Dental Care**

Marti Levinson, DDS  
Carla Sullivan, DMD

**LEVINSON  
+ SULLIVAN**  
DENTISTRY

71<sup>st</sup> & Harvard | Tulsa, OK  
(918) 496-1358 | [levinsonsullivan.com](http://levinsonsullivan.com)

CALL FOR A TOUR  
PRE-SCHOOL  
TO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



Teaching. Tradition. Excellence.

**MIZEL**  
FLO AND MORRIS MIZEL  
JEWISH COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL

2021 E. 71st St. • Tulsa, OK 74136  
**918.494.0953**

[www.mizelschool.org](http://www.mizelschool.org)

# The Prayer Wall of Black Wall Street

by PHIL GOLDFARB, PRESIDENT, JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TULSA

**T**HE AUGUST LEAD story in the *Tulsa Jewish Review* was titled “The Grandmother of Greenwood,” written by my good friend Rev. Dr. Robert R.A. Turner of the Historic Vernon AME Church. In his article he outlined the history of the church spoke about the 1921 Race Massacre, his coming to Tulsa, and the need for money to help repair the church.

The article was submitted before he was able to tell you about the grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Thanks to Tulsa’s own Marty Newman, Trustee Emeritus of the National Trust Community Investment Corporation, who I brought to meet Reverend Turner and tour the church back on February 3, the church was awarded in July a grant of \$150,000 by the African-American Cultural Heritage Action Fund to help restore its beautiful stained glass windows throughout the church which are literally falling out of their mountings, frames, and sash. The amount was the largest single amount awarded by the Trust this year! According to Brent Leggs, executive director of the NTHP: “The social fabric of the Tulsa community was devastated and destroyed because of racism. We believe that preservation is a form of repair to not only memorialize the injustice that happened there but also to continue to revitalize the once-thriving center of Black life in Oklahoma.”

The grant is just the beginning. As Reverend Turner mentioned, according to the architect’s report, it will cost upwards of five million dollars to complete the repairs on the entire church. But what else can we do as a community? While on a tour of the Vernon AME Church in January, Reverend Turner showed several of us the only wall still standing and not destroyed from the Massacre of 1921 made of brick that had been plastered over. It was then that he mentioned his vision of having this be the “Prayer Wall of Black Wall Street,” in reverence to the Western Wall of Jerusalem, a place where people of all faiths, creeds, and color can come and pray for racial healing for our city, state, nation, and the world. Eureka! Does Tulsa, Oklahoma, have a unique marketing opportunity that no one else in the country has? Can this be a tourist attraction and destination place for hundreds of thousands of people a year? Think of the potential recognition and distinction for our city!

We brought in a master mason, and unlike the Western Wall of Jerusalem, the wall at the Vernon A.M.E. Church is made of brick and not stone, so ridges or crevices cannot be dug into the wall to leave notes like in Jerusalem. However, by removing the plaster on the brick and returning it to its original brick surface, we can do wonders. Can you visualize people coming to pray and leaving notes in a special box set up by the Wall? Can you envision people coming to meditate and reflect, have a wedding, christening, confirmation, or yes, even have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in front of “The Prayer Wall of Black Wall Street?” Could we take the area around it, make it really beautiful and secure, put in benches to sit, have cameras 24/7 offering a live view of the Wall, much like the Western Wall of Jerusalem? On a fund-raising note, we could have donations sent in online as well, just as they do for the Wall in Israel.

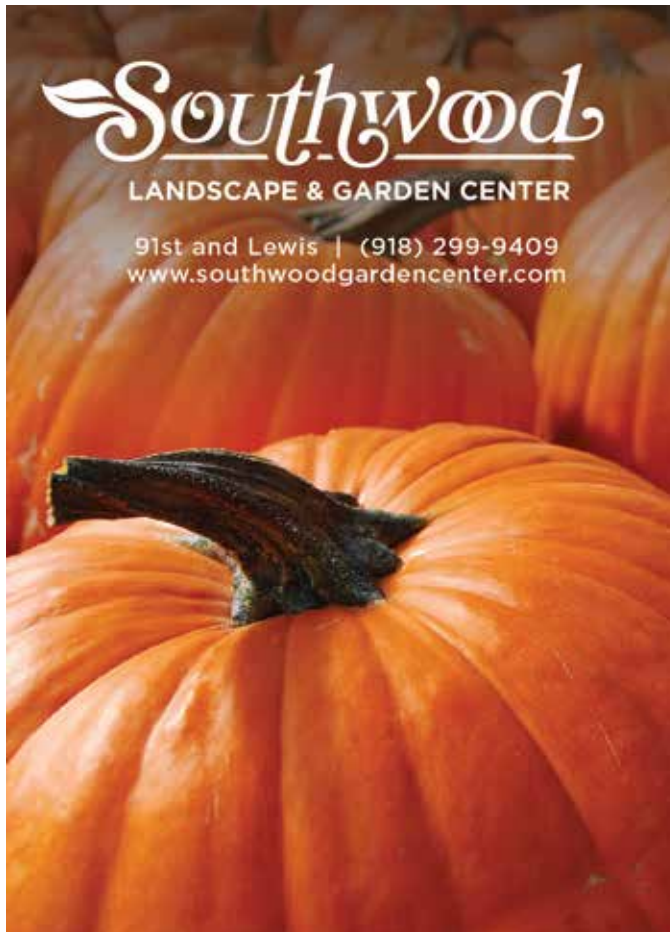
That is the vision of the Historic Vernon AME Church and some of us with marketing skills who are salivating at the opportunity!

We are in the process of determining the cost for the Wall and will start collecting funds to make “The Prayer Wall of Black Wall Street” a reality in time for the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre in May 2021. If you have any questions, ideas, or thoughts, please contact me at phil.goldfarb@cox.net or Reverend Robert Turner at robertturner15@hotmail.com. ■

**The 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre was one of the low points in Tulsa history. However, we know there were Jewish families that helped Tulsa African-American families by giving support or even hiding them from this atrocity. Phil Goldfarb, President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tulsa is writing a story about this time in Jewish Tulsa history and would like to hear from anyone whose family helped. Do you have a story that was passed down to you? Please either e-mail Phil at phil.goldfarb@cox.net or call his cell phone at: 918-809-8500.**



TJR August 2020 cover photo



# FIND YOUR FIT AT THE JCC



## Muscular Endurance - Mondays 9-10 AM

Muscular Endurance class has two main sections and the first-half is approximately 30 minutes of non-stop light weights. The free weight exercises are designed to work all muscle groups used in day to day activities. The second-half consists of lower body exercises, standing ab work, and balance work.

## Core and Conditioning - Mondays Noon-1 PM

Be prepared for a fun mix of exercises and movement patterns that will tighten, strengthen and shape your core! We will execute body exercises to improve our cardiovascular fitness, core strength, and challenge our body.

## Circuit Training Class - Tuesdays/Thursdays 9-10 AM

A fun-filled hour of muscular conditioning and cardiovascular conditioning. This class is a great way to get a full body workout at your own intensity level. Each participant receives a unique workout routine guided by Hannah based on each individual's goals and needs.

## Barre Belles - Tuesdays/Thursdays 10-11 AM

This is a low impact, classic barre exercise class that includes upper body weight work. With regular attendance, this class will improve your posture, align your chassis, boost that booty, tone arms & legs, increase flexibility, improve balance, strength the core and prevent back pain.

## Midweek Movement - Wednesdays 9-10 AM

Midweek Movement incorporates balance, agility, strength, and cardiovascular exercises all in one class! Starting with a warm-up, each class teaches four exercises that vary from week to week. Ending with a cool down and stretching session.

## Tap 'N Tone - Wednesdays 10-11 AM

A class where we have fun, learn new skills, and raise our heart rate to some fun beats. Good for all ages and skill levels. Tap shoes are not required.



## Spin- Tuesdays/Thursdays Noon-1 PM and Fridays 10:30-11:30 AM

Spin is an indoor bike ride that is proven to achieve faster weight loss than any other indoor exercise. This class lasts for about 45 minutes with challenging spin intervals. The class is kept light and fun and keeps you on your toes, because you never know when Hannah will throw something new at you!

## Jukebox Jams - Fridays 9-10 AM

Jukebox Jams is a low impact dance-fitness class perfect for beginner fitness levels. Jam out to 50's and 60's music while moving and exercising in a fun way!

## Bootcamp - Wednesdays/Fridays Noon-1 PM

Bootcamp is approximately 45 minutes of high intensity exercises that will keep the heart rate up and challenge your muscles. Perform strength exercises and cardiovascular activities using variety of equipment from dumbbells to medicine balls and kettlebells. Intermediate to advanced fitness levels recommended.



**Classes are free to members!**

Stay tuned for more evening classes and Zumba!

**CONTACT:** [FITNESS@JewishTulsa.org](mailto:FITNESS@JewishTulsa.org)



## JCC OCTOBER CLOSINGS:

**Saturday, Oct 3rd**

JCC Closed for Sukkot

**Sunday, Oct 4th**

Fitness Center Open Noon-5pm

**Saturday, October 10th**

JCC Closed for Erev Yom Kippur

**Sunday, October 11th**

Fitness Center Open Noon-5pm



# Sweet 'n Sour Meatballs

by NANCY BAKER LOBO

Things I've learned during the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Cooking and baking is therapy, much like hand-watering the garden in summer at dusk;
2. Shopping pre-pandemic I considered a chore and, out of necessity, would tend to that task every two to three weeks (ordering salads online and an occasional favorite carryout), so not that much has changed; but
3. Missing dining out with friends and family has changed, and to a painful extent. ■



1 to 1¼ lbs. ground Sirloin or extra-lean ground beef (crumble and lightly salt/pepper)  
1 lg. Egg (beaten with next two ingredients)  
½ tsp. Worcestershire  
1½ tsp. chopped roasted Garlic  
2 tbsp. Breadcrumbs –or– Passover matzo meal  
½ tsp. Paprika  
½ tsp. Coriander ground  
½ tsp. Turmeric powder  
(Kabob seasoning 2 tsp. may be substituted, blended w/breadcrumbs)  
Combine meat, beaten egg mixture, seasoned breadcrumbs; and  
Divide into 10-12 portions and hand roll 2-½ inch meatballs;  
Arrange on greased roasting rack; and  
Convection bake at 350 deg. F for 18 mins. (medium/pink center or 145 deg. internal temp)  
while preparing sauce.

Sweet 'n Sour Sauce ingredients:

- 1- sm. Tomato paste
- ¼ c. Apple cider vinegar
- ¼ c. Brown sugar
- ¼ c. Guava jelly (or Apple jelly)
- 1 c. Chicken broth

Whisk together above ingredients in 2 qt. heavy saucepan or pot over medium heat;

Add vegetables and fruit, chopped chunky, such as:

Red bell pepper (approx. ¾ c.)

Red onion (approx. ¾ c.)

Celery (approx. ¾ c.)

Mango (1 c. fresh, frozen or canned)

Add baked meatballs and submerge in heated sauce;

Simmer covered for 20-30 mins. (or until bell pepper/onions are soft).

Serve over rice or tri-colored cous-cous (five adult portions).

Freezes well. ■

★ THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF TULSA & AIPAC ★

*present*

# CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

7 PM CT // MONDAY // OCTOBER 12, 2020

We hope you can join us virtually for a political update on the 2020 congressional elections, the presidential race, and their implications on the pro-Israel community.



*featuring*

**ED MILLER**

**AIPAC's National Deputy Political Director**

Ed Miller briefs congressional candidates on the situation in the Middle East and the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship. He is also responsible for keeping AIPAC's political activists updated on races and political events across the country. Ed began working in politics by conducting public opinion polling for political candidates in the United States and Israel. During that time he wrote for many national and international publications and spoke on behalf of the Jewish Federations of North America, analyzing political events in the U.S. and Israel. Before joining AIPAC's national office in Washington, D.C., Ed also practiced corporate law.

**Registration is required.**

**The virtual event link will be provided within 24 hours of the event start time.**

**For questions or to register, please contact Kate Middlebrook at [kmiddlebrook@aipac.org](mailto:kmiddlebrook@aipac.org).**



# Butterflies

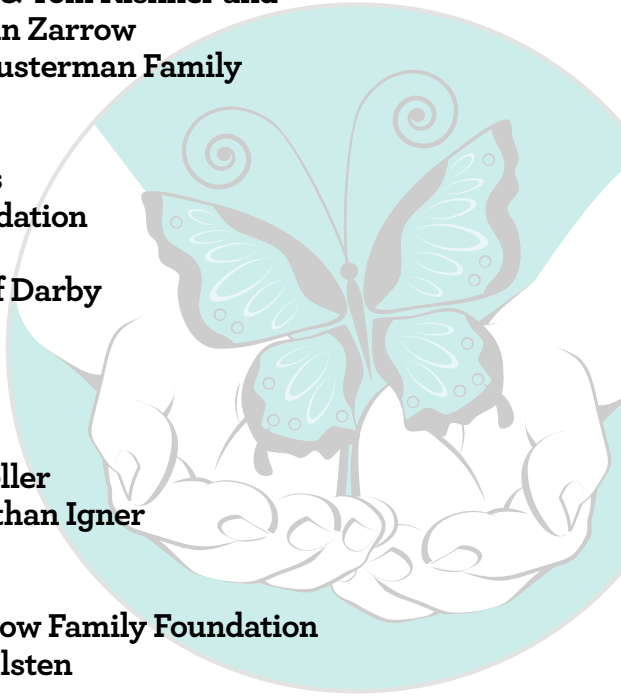
Honoring Donors to the Zarrow Pointe



ZARROW POINTE BUTTERFLIES

## FROM

The Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation  
 on behalf of Judy & Tom Kishner and  
 Stuart & Gaye Lynn Zarrow  
 Charles & Lynn Schusterman Family  
 Foundation  
 Yolanda Charney  
 Ron & Kathy Collins  
 Coretz Family Foundation  
 Joe Degen  
 Janet Dundee & Jeff Darby  
 Norma Eagleton  
 Joe Goldenstern  
 Linda Goldenstern  
 Gayle Goodman  
 Gerald & Sharon Heller  
 Tom, Donna & Jonathan Igner  
 Marilyn Kulick  
 Nancy Mason  
 Maxine & Jack Zarrow Family Foundation  
 Malcolm & Paula Milsten  
 James Nathan  
 Ruth Nelson



Bob & Linda Reis  
 Sherrie H. Robinson  
 Robert Segall  
 Marilyn Smith  
 Barbara Sylvan  
 Tulsa Community  
 Foundation  
 on behalf of the Annie &  
 Jeff Van Hanken Fund  
 Karen Thomas  
 Andrew & Nancy Wolov  
 Susie Zohlman

## IN MEMORY OF

Rae Annis  
 Sam Brenner  
 Barry Davis  
 Karen Davis  
 Ryan Hager  
 Dr. E.N. Lubin and Marjorie  
 Lubin  
 Ronald Harold Paushter  
 Louise Ritchey  
 Nancy Stolper

**MoveMeant**  
 Sunday, October 11th at 1:30pm

Please join us for a holiday celebration with songs, text study, and a breakout session

RSVP to Isabella for Zoom link at [isilberg@jewishtulsa.org](mailto:isilberg@jewishtulsa.org) or 918.495.1100  
 Spots are limited.



David Dopp



Levi Olsen



BOULDER AT FOURTEENTH, TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74119  
918.585.1151

## Blatt + Blue Review “An Act of Defiance” on October 15

**T**HE SYNAGOGUE’S ONGOING program on Jewish cinema and television will focus in October on *An Act of Defiance*. Featured at several Jewish film festivals, and well-regarded by the critics, the film tells a riveting story of resistance in apartheid South Africa. Filmmaker Jean van de Velde focuses on Nelson Mandela and his inner circle of black and Jewish activists. Chief among them is lawyer Bram Fischer, who defends Mandela and his cohort when the authorities arrest them. What is not clear to his government opponents is that he is putting his own freedom at stake, thanks to his personal involvement in the anti-apartheid cause.

Blatt + Blue spotlights film and television enthusiasts David Blatt and Alice Blue, who begin each session with a summary of the featured material. It means that you’ll be able to follow the conversation even if you have to delay your viewing of the film itself. For the rest think A.O. Scott and Manohla Dargis and the quick by-play between two movie lovers. After that, it’s questions and comments from the Zoom Room audience.

The film is readily available on Amazon Prime for those who have already chosen that platform as their primary streaming service. If you haven’t done so already, there is an option for a trial subscription at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Access *An Act of Defiance* for a small fee the way you would any other program on Prime, and join us on Zoom for a stimulating discussion on the film. The Zoom meeting ID is 918-583-7121. If there is a film you’d like to see in these sessions in the future, reach out to Simon Lowen at [slowen@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:slowen@bnaiemunah.com). ■



## Jewish Geography Zoom Racing – October 8, 7:00 PM

**W**HEN JEWS MEET each other for the first time, there’s a frequent “game” that’s played – Jewish Geography. We try to figure out who our mutual friends are and why they are present in both of our lives. Often this practice makes those new to our communities feel excluded, as the game inherently relies on both parties being well-networked in Jewish circles. At this time of Sukkot, our tradition calls us to welcome ushpizin, guests, into our temporary dwellings to share in food and rest. The central mitzvah of this holiday is to be inclusive, so allow us to introduce an old classic with a new twist!

Jewish Geography Zoom Racing, unlike the physical “game,” pits two contestants against each other in a hilarious race to connect with Chosen One, a Jew unknown by either contestant. The contest takes place on Zoom, and the audience watches the Zoom on the Synagogue’s Facebook Live. The contestants are given hints as to the Chosen One’s identity (they’re a computer science wizard and went to URJ camp in 1958, for instance), and are sworn to no Facebook searching, Googling, etc.

The contestants each reach out to the person in their lives they think has the fewest degrees of separation to the Chosen One. Unlike the physical “game,” wherein your entire network is crucial, this Zoom version only requires participants to know ONE other Jew. Contestants each invite their one person onto the zoom call, and the race is on! As the teams grow, and the two paths of human connections near the Chosen One, the tension builds under the hilarious co-hosting of our very own Rabbis in conjunction with Micah Hart, the brilliant creator of this game. Finally, the Chosen One is invited to Zoom in, ending the round and leading to cheering on all sides, in the now-full Zoom room!

There will be three rounds, with different contestants each round. Throughout the experience, we’ll be laughing hysterically thanks to the expert co-hosting of our very own Rabbis in conjunction with Micah Hart, the brilliant creator of this game. Check out previous examples of the game in action, and tune in to the Synagogue’s Facebook page to watch the hilarity ensue. Who knows? You might be the missing link in the chain between the contestant and the Chosen One! ■

## 2020 Touro Award Announced

**C**ONGREGATION B’NAI EMUNAH is pleased to announce that its 2020 Touro Award honoree will be Betty West Lehman. Postponed because of the pandemic, this joyful event will now take place digitally and in three dimensions on Sunday, November 15. A drive-by salute under the portico of the Synagogue will begin at 11:00 a.m. A digital tribute with fancy boxed treats will continue at 7:00 p.m. Official invitations will be sent to every member of the congregation and the Jewish community. Contribution categories have been deliberately re-scaled so that the event should be accessible to many more participants. The event will focus on Betty’s many gifts and the hope that she will continue to be an active, energetic congregant, serving as a leader in Synagogue life. ■



# Sustainable Tulsa's Scor3card in Action

**F**OR FOUR YEARS now, Congregation B'nai Emunah has participated in Sustainable Tulsa's program the Scor3card. The "3" stands for the triple bottom line of People, Profit, and Planet, and the program focuses on enabling organizations to maximize their triple bottom lines. We have found this tool truly invaluable. It's a straightforward system – you gain points for doing well by your employees and by the planet, and frequently those actions also benefit your finances. Who doesn't enjoy a gold star now and then?

Through this program's holistic vantagepoint, we've deepened our resolve as an organization to act in sustainable ways. We're continuing our long-term commitment to building a deeper relationship with our communities and the environment at the same time. We've begun composting, diverting literal tons of food waste from landfills. We've switched to recyclable and compostable options for cutlery. We have replaced hundreds of incandescent bulbs with LED's and installed high-efficiency HVAC units, both of which have lowered our electric bills and our participation in the burning of fossil fuels. For these efforts and many others, ranging from our Monarch Waystation to our WaterSense sprinkler system, we've been awarded two Silver Medals in years past. This year, we upped the ante - we received Gold.

Our inspiration and resolve have now reached a whole new level - look out for electric car charging stations, solar panels, and monthly sustainability challenges to come! We are so proud to be on the path towards becoming carbon neutral, and we hope to bring the faith communities of Tulsa along with us in our continuous journey towards a healthier world. ■



## PrairieJews: Millenials at Redbud Valley

“Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement...get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.” – Abraham Joshua Heschel

At Congregation B'nai Emunah, we try our best to live life in radical amazement. To notice every petal of a flower, to marvel at the designs of stones, to be blown away by the clouds. PrairieJews, our monthly hiking experience, has been helping out! We've learned about Earth-Based Judaism, studied some ecology and conservation, and, most importantly, have enjoyed simply practicing radical awareness and gratitude while outside.

This month, Synagogue Millenials are invited to join our PrairieJews hike at Redbud Valley. Our socially-distant hike of Redbud Valley Nature Preserve's best trail – a gorgeous one-mile loop through rugged bluffs and beautiful forests – is only a short drive away, and well worth your time! We'll frequently stop throughout the hike to practice radical amazement, explore the scenery, and to engage with meaningful meditation prompts. We'll maintain social distance while stopped, and we'll be spread out on the trail for most of the experience. To ensure effective distancing, we'll be capping this experience at nine participants. Masks are welcome. Make sure to bring a liter of water. Reach out to Simon at [slowen@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:slowen@bnaiemunah.com) to reserve your spot! ■

**TEMPLE ISRAEL**  
Est 1914

Young Adults are invited to attend

## Virtual Happy Hour

Sunday, October 11  
8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 28  
5:30 PM

**RSVP@TEMPLETULSA.COM**  
FOR ZOOM INFO

**TEMPLE ISRAEL**  
Est 1914

## BOOK CLUB

MILTON STEINBERG  
with Rabbi David Wolfe

### AS A DRIVEN LEAF

Read an excerpt on  
<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/as-a-driven-leaf/>

Zoom Discussion  
with Rabbi Kowalski  
**November 23 @ 7:00 PM**

**RSVP@TEMPLETULSA.COM**  
FOR ZOOM LINK

**TEMPLE ISRAEL**  
Est 1914

WISHES YOU A

# Happy Simchat Torah!

Families are invited to swing by Temple Israel to get a "taste" of the sweetness of the Torah to celebrate Simchat Torah!

**Thursday, October 8**  
**4:30PM - 5:30PM**

**RSVP@TEMPLETULSA.COM**  
by Monday, October 5  
to reserve your treats!

**Sweet Tooth**  
Candy & Gift Company



**TEMPLE ISRAEL**  
Est 1914

As we fast and pray for this year's

# Yom Kippur

we offer you sincere love and compassion.

*G'mar Hatima Tova*

*from your Temple Israel Staff & Board Leadership*

## TEMPLE ISRAEL SUKKAH HAPPENINGS

COME VISIT THE TEMPLE  
ISRAEL SUKKAH DURING  
HIGH HOLY DAYS 5781!

2004 East 22nd Place  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114



*Happy Sukkot*

**Thursday, October 1st**  
**3:00 - 6:00 PM**  
Sign up for a 30 minute block to  
decorate the Sukkah

**Saturday, Oct 3rd - Thursday, Oct. 8th**  
Sign up for a 2 hour block to  
dwell/dine in the Sukkah.

*Space limited.  
Must bring your own food/drinks.*

SIGN UP FOR A  
SUKKAH SPOT  
on SignUp Genius:

**HERE**



**TEMPLE ISRAEL**  
Est 1914



**Thursday, October 1st**  
**4:30 - 5:30 PM**  
Family Sukkot Craft Kit  
pickup @ Temple Israel

**Friday, October 2nd**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Erev Sukkot Service**  
DRIVE-IN-STYLE  
with car decorating  
parade!

RSVP@TempleTulsa.com  
to reserve your space



# From “Heil Hitler” to Kippa and Tefillin. The Neo-Nazi Who Became a Jew

by **NANCY PETTUS**, DIRECTOR OF HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

“Very helpful [discussion] as we continue to strategize ways to keep people, especially youth, from ever getting entrenched with hate groups.”

-Participant **Moises Echeverria**, President and CEO of the Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice (OCCJ)

**A**LTHOUGH IT’S BEEN eleven years since former neo-Nazi Yonatan Langer, now age 36, abandoned his affiliation with the extreme right, still he beseeches Adonai to “undo this entanglement.” On Sunday afternoon, July 19 from 1 to 3 pm, 60 people gathered on Zoom to hear the incredible story of this young man’s journey to open his heart to a people that, for nearly ten years, German Lutz Langer (Yonatan’s former name) dreamed of destroying.

In our conversation, Yonatan explained how he “became another person” after a dream that included the word “Kabbalah.” Curious to find out what this meant, Yonatan took an introductory class in Kabbalah, which sparked a light and desire to recognize and question his past way of life. Embracing this path of respect for people from all walks of life was no easy task. In the Q & A portion of our conversation, we learned that one of Yonatan’s most difficult tasks was telling his parents, who were not aware of his neo-Nazi affiliation, until he informed them of his decision to convert to Judaism. Fortunately, after coming to terms with the shocking news, his parents were very supportive.

Langer’s quest for wisdom and redemption led him to London where he volunteered at a Kabbalah center. This life-giving experience introduced him to positive people who wanted only the best for him. Yonatan notes the “light, love, and optimism that surrounded him made him realize he wanted to be a Jew.”

A student of Kabbalah for over 11 years, Yonatan admits his journey toward wholeness is not complete, as undoing the “entanglement” of the past remains a work in progress. Liat Gal, Nancy Pettus, and the Tulsa Community are extremely grateful to Yonatan for his courage and determination in offering this story to our community. ■





## Woodland West

### Animal Hospital & Pet Resort

9360 & 9380 S. Union Ave • Hwy 75 & Jenks Rd.

**Open & Caring  
7 Days A Week  
7am-8pm  
365 Days**

[www.woodlandwestanimalhospital.com](http://www.woodlandwestanimalhospital.com)
 [www.woodlandwestpetresort.com](http://www.woodlandwestpetresort.com)

**FULL VETERINARY SERVICES**

**BOARDING 🐾 TRAINING 🐾 GROOMING**

- Laboratory Services
- Laser Surgery
- Digital Radiographs  
OFA Certification
- Permanent Pet I.D.  
Through Microchipping
- Behavior Consultations
- Physical Therapy
- Tonopen For  
Glaucoma Screening
- Dentistry
- New Dental Suites

*The Ultimate Pet Vacation For Dogs & Cats*

*Large Exercise Area & Play Yards • AC / Heated Runs • Indoor / Outdoor Runs*

- Luxury Suites With TV  
& Couch Available
- Supervised Day Camp Available  
7 Days A Week
- Supervised Playtimes Available
- Includes Large Dog Park  
With Swimming Pool
- Buddy Sleepovers & Cageless  
Boarding Available

(918) 299-1208

(918) 299-5720



# Sukkot drive-by ב"ה

Make an appointment to  
 shake the Lulav and  
 grab a bite in the sukkah



A slot will be reserved especially for you to do the Mitzvot of this joyous holiday in a Socially Distanced Sukkah.

Appointments available Oct. 5 - Oct. 9  
 Call 918.492.4499 or at [JewishOK.com/Sukkot](http://JewishOK.com/Sukkot)



THE SHERWIN MILLER MUSEUM of JEWISH ART

## Museum Gala

A ZOOM EVENT

PERFORMANCES BY TOVAH FELDSHUH, HAROLD SANDITEN AND SARGE  
 SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY TIM BLAKE NELSON

HONORING THE LEGACY  
 of  
 MILDRED & JULIUS SANDITEN  
 HERMAN & KATE KAISER

OCTOBER  
**25** 2020  
 7:00 PM

For information about sponsorship, contact Tracey Herst-Woods 918.492.1818



THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF TULSA  
 AND CIRCLE CINEMA PRESENT



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH | FAMILY NIGHT  
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST | ADULT NIGHT  
 SHOWTIME 7:00 PM  
 JCC PARKING LOT



For more information,  
 contact Isabella at  
[isilberg@jewishtulsa.org](mailto:isilberg@jewishtulsa.org) or  
 918.495.1100

## *The Nation of Butterflies*: Finalist at the Near Nazareth Film Festival in Israel

by MICHAEL MUDD

**C**ONGRATULATIONS TO THE Tulsa team at Levites Studios that produced the movie: *The Nation of Butterflies*. The film was recently announced as a finalist in the Near Nazareth Film Festival in Israel. This movie was written and directed by the talented Felipe Oyarzo. The production team and talent included many members of the Tulsa Jewish community and has the special participation of actress Patricia Manterola (HBO, *Ugly Betty*, *The Dukes of Hazzard: Hazzard in Hollywood!*, *The Perfect Game* and *The Champion*, among other major films). This is the first nomination received by the movie in the best feature film category. We would like to thank all members of our community who supported the making of this feature film as well as a special thanks to the Jewish Federation of Tulsa and Mizel Jewish Community Day School. *The Nation of Butterflies* continues participating in international film festivals prior to distribution.

Synopsis: A Latin American country receives international attention after a deep intellectual transformation that led to the end of poverty, crime, and corruption. The government, companies, and citizens have come together to create an incredible and prosperous nation devoted to its people, wildlife, and the environment. Although most have welcomed this change, there are those who will do whatever they can to hold on to the old ways.

\*For more information about this project please visit [levitesstudios.com](http://levitesstudios.com). ■



Patricia **MANTEROLA** • Hubert **GALLARDO** • Mabel **CABRERA SÁNCHEZ** • Cristofer **OYARZO**  
Renato **NAJERA** • Mía **ANZOLA** • Edna **GARCÍA** • Emily **MIRANDA**

SPONSORED CONTENT

# There is an Israeli Dog

by **ROSS D. CLARK, DVM**, WOODLAND WEST ANIMAL HOSPITAL AND PET RESORT

**T**HIS BREED IS indigenous to Israel, dating back many centuries. Drawings of a dog almost identical to the Canaan dog were found in the tombs of Beni Hassan dating back to 2000 BCE. The breed served as herders and guards of the Israelite flocks until the Roman Diaspora. Then the Canaan dog returned to the desert where it largely remained feral until Dr. Rudolphina Menzel began training them as guard dogs for the future state of Israel. During the conflicts in Israel, these dogs were used as mine detectors (where they proved superior to the mechanical devices) to carry messages over the rocky desert and to find the wounded. In 1965, Ursula Berkowitz of California imported the first four Canaan dogs to the United States. The breed entered the Miscellaneous class in 1989 and was admitted to the Herding group in 1997 as the AKC's 144th breed. They are primarily used as a watchdog for herds or houses and as a guide dog for the blind.

The Canaan Dog is alert, vigilant, devoted, and docile with its family; reserved and aloof with strangers. It is highly territorial, serving as a responsive companion and natural guardian. It is also very vocal and persistent and easily trained. Faults are shyness or dominance around people.

Pugnacious, devoted, gentle, home-loving, and extremely clever, the Canaan is highly trainable and an exceptional companion dog. They have natural herding abilities but not in the same way as other breeds like the Border Collie.

The Canaan will live to be 12 to 15 years old, and some may live as long as 17 years.

*Ross D. Clark, DVM, is the founder of Woodland PetCare Centers and a co-founder of National PetCare Centers. Over the past 45 years, Dr. Clark and his partners have cared for show dogs from most states in the USA plus show dogs from Canada, Mexico, and Spain. He is the author of eight books including, Medical, Genetic, and Behavioral Aspects of Purebred Cats and the co-author of the first and second edition of Medical and Genetic Aspects of Purebred Dogs. Dr. Clark is currently owner and/or managing partner of four small-animal practices and three pet resorts in Oklahoma. ■*

Cool Breeze Blowing (Breeze)  
Owner: Rosette Davila



Tulsa  
**Bone & Joint**

**MOVING LIFE FORWARD.**

TULSA CAMPUS 169 & BA EXPRESSWAY  
OWASSO • BARTLESVILLE • STILLWATER • SAND SPRINGS

TULSABONEANDJOINT.COM • 918.392.1400



Jewish Federation of Tulsa  
2021 East 71st Street  
Tulsa, OK 74136

Jewish Federation of Tulsa  
Ensuring a vibrant Jewish future

# How do ***YOU*** do Jewish?

At any stage of life, the Jewish Federation of Tulsa is here for you!

PJ Library



Camp Shalom



BBYO



Midrasha



Hillel



Jewish Young Professionals



Community Relations Committee Member



JCC Member



Board Member



**Jewish Federation**  
Tulsa

Contact [federation@jewishtulsa.org](mailto:federation@jewishtulsa.org) to find out more about how you can take your Jewish journey further.