

# P A R K C I T Y JEWISH NEWS

Serving the Wasatch Back

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## Upcoming Jewish Holidays

September 21-27 *Sukkot*

September 28 *Shemini Atzeret*

September 29 *Simchat Torah*

**\*All holidays begin at sundown the evening before listed date**

## Shabbat Candle Lighting | Havdalah

September 24-25 | 7:01 pm | 7:58 pm

October 1-2 | 6:49 pm | 7:46 pm

October 8-9 | 6:38 pm | 7:35 pm

October 15-16 | 6:27 pm | 7:24 pm

October 22-23 | 6:16 | 7:15 pm

October 29-30 | 6:08 pm | 7:06 pm

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## Jewish Fun Facts

### *The Festival of Sukkot*

Rabbi Dani Locker



- Sukkah walls may be built out of anything, even lego!
- The first night of Sukkot is always on a full moon.
- There's a Mitzvah (commandment) to be happy on Sukkot.
- During the Holy Temple era (between 2 and 3 thousand years ago) the entire Jewish nation (men, women, children) would gather in Jerusalem on Sukkot every seventh year.

## Locker Room

### *Soaking It Up at the 2022 Maccabiah Games*

Jodi Berris

Indigo Paine, 17, is from Mammoth Lakes, California and has been living in Park City for the last 7 years. The 11th grader at Park City High School spends most of his time white water kayaking, sailing, studying, swimming, and teaching Hebrew school at Temple Har Shalom.

This year, his focus will shift because he was selected to be on the Maccabi USA “Juniors” U-18 Boys Water Polo team. He found out about Maccabi Water Polo when he met Coach Brad Silver at the Junior Olympics. Indy was randomly telling other friends and coaches a story about his Bar Mitzvah, and the Jewish connections started linking up. Coach Silver noticed “Indy’s ability for team play – he is always looking at everything going on instead of only the person is guarding or who is guarding him. His communication with teammates is constant and he makes things happen instead of waiting.”

Indy’s water polo days began 9 years ago when his mom suggested that he get into the sport. It was a tough sport, initially, but he got more into it when he moved to Park City and had to choose between skiing and being in the water. Time perfected his skill and since, has played for the Park City Water Polo club and for the regional Mountain Premier team, which has competed at the National Junior Olympics.

This will be his first trip to Israel and has always wanted to go. He’s always had to choose between playing in summer competitive water polo tournaments or going on an Israel trip. Now, he says he can simply do both together. He’s hoping to raise a good portion of the \$8,500 trip expenses via his Go Fund Me page – contact Indigo for more details at 435-901-8441.

The Maccabiah started as a dream to develop Isra-

el as a nation through sports, and to promote fitness and athleticism among Jewish youth. It has since grown to become the third largest sporting event in the world, offering athletes of all ages an opportunity to participate in the sport they love and proudly represent their country. It’s a global celebration of Jewish community and pride. The Maccabiah is an opportunity to connect to the people and land of Israel; its beauty, its culture and history. In 2017, at the 20th Games, Israel hosted the largest Maccabiah ever with over 10,000 athletes from 80 different countries. The 2021 Games, now in July of 2022, will be the 21st Maccabiah.

### *Pickle What?*

Jodi Berris

Pickleball, the fastest growing sport in America, has become very popular, especially Park City. Richard Gottlieb, a native New Yorker, has lived in Park City for the last 6 years with the goal of living a healthier, active outdoorsy lifestyle through hiking, biking, and pickleball. Gottlieb took up Pickleball, per a friend’s suggestion, four years ago and is now completely addicted to the sport. Whether playing on the indoor courts of Basin Rec and the MARC in the winter or the dedicated outdoor courts at Willow Creek in the summer, he just can’t enough of the competition, comradery, and exercise that the sport affords him.

Pickleball is a combination of tennis, ping pong, and racquetball, played on a court a third the size of a tennis court. A graphite paddle and whiffle ball are used. Initially, the game was most popular with folks in their 60s and 70s, but is now a sport embraced by kids, teens, young adults, and families.

Gottlieb not only enjoys playing the game, but is engaged on a leadership level as well with the Park City Pickleball Club and Park City Mountain Sports Club in coordinating organized social play multiple times per week. The PCPC has grown to over 600 members in one year, of which a sizeable number of folks are from the Jewish community. Gottlieb’s love of pickleball has nearly reached his enjoyment of a bagel with nova....but not quite.

## Social In The City

### *Friends of the Federation*

Anonymous

My husband and I had the opportunity to attend a Friends of the Federation Event, hosted at the home of Avi Markowitz and Elana Spitzberg in July. We are relatively new to Park City so it was lovely to meet so many other like-minded Jews in the community from all backgrounds and denominations, united under the same mission. We heard from two of Park City’s spiritual leaders, Rabbi David Levinsky of Temple Har Shalom and Rabbi Yudi Steiger of Chabad of Park City. It was a nice summer evening with good food, conversations and weather. We look forward to connecting with others in the community in the near future.



**Park City Jewish Bar Night**  
Jodi Berris

Jewish Bar Night, starting back in December, 2020, has been a big hit in town for those 21 and up....and up, meaning 84, so far. The monthly social event has been held at a different local establishments, with the goal of being outdoors where possible. Venues have included the Lawn at Versante, Boneyard, No Name Saloon, Squatters, Maxwell’s, Red Tail Grill, and more. The events have drawn individuals and couples, of literally all ages, and sometimes even entire families of parents and adult kids.



Both the July and August events each hit nearly 50 attendees. It’s a great opportunity to meet new people in the community, over a tasty beverage, whether you’re new to town or a veteran local. The next Jewish Bar Night will be October 20th at Wasatch Brewery, on the patio. Make sure dress warm, and RSVP to get a spot!

**Federation Summer Event**  
Anonymous

Reunited and it feels so good! - For the first time in 2 years the United Jewish Federation of Utah held its summer event. It was an incredible feeling to be together again as a community - to share smiles & laughs and to create new friendships. The event was held on August 25th at the Promontory Club in Park City, and had attendees from Park City, Salt Lake City, and even Ogden! Members of the LDS Church were in attendance as well. Thanks to the generosity of our guests, which allows us to continue to increase our impact locally and in Jewish communities around the world.

**Youth & Teens**

**Why I started**  
**Park City High School**  
**Jewish Student Union Club**  
Lindsay Benedek

If I’m being honest, I wish I started a long time ago, but never knew how. I moved to Park City, from California, before my junior year at Park City High School. This was after my sophomore year, first semester, in Israel at Heller High, a URJ program located in the Judean Hills on Kibbutz Tzuba.

In Park City, especially, and even broader Utah, there is a very small Jewish population. After the Israeli/Palestinian crisis last year, I felt an urgency I’d never felt before to get started on trying to connect with and get other Jews connected to each other. Not only is it important to have Jew-

ish friends and community, there is now more, than in a long time, rising antisemitism. It pains me to have to bring it up every time I talk about Judaism to non-Jewish friends, but that is just reality.



I hope by starting this club, it not only gives a community to my fellow Jewish classmates at PCHS, but also opens both Jewish and non-Jewish students’ eyes to Jewish values and cultural life, while raising awareness and hopefully decreasing antisemitism.

We were impressed with how many students stopped by our information table at the school’s club fair on September 9th. Mr. Goldberg, our club’s staff liaison, and I are going to hold bi-weekly events starting later in September with games, Jewish foods, speakers, and activities.

He is honored and humbled to be a part of this movement. He eagerly looks forward to supporting the vision and mission of the JSU high school club and bringing light to the dark.We’re super excited to be the first Jewish Student Union high school club in Utah, that is part of 350 other clubs in high schools across the USA.

**Lagoon & More w/JSU & Jr. NCSY**  
Moshe Borvick

Park City JSU (Jewish Student Union) & Jr. NCSY, that kicked off in Park City last October, returned to Utah for its first event of the school year. It was wonderful seeing both new and familiar faces joining together for an incredible day of fun at Lagoon Amusement Park. Kids and teens, from 5th to 12th grade, spent a fun-filled afternoon at the park making new friends, getting dizzy on roller coasters, and challenging each other for prizes at the park’s “Hang Time” game.



If you missed the kickoff event, don’t worry as the fun has only just begun. JSU & Jr. NCSY will be meeting on September 19th at Willow Creek Park at 5:30pm for a creative Sukkot event that will be sure to get the teens into the holiday spirit. On October 3rd, Latte & Learn, which features coffee, hangout time, and fun Jewish games, will begin for the year. Coming up on October 17th will be a huge highlight event for the year - the challenging and thrilling Via Ferrata cliff walk climb!

**Jewish Juniors**

**Talking Shabbat with Sophie**



Q:What is your favorite part about Shabbat?  
A: Making Challah with Daddy!  
Q: What do you enjoy about making challah?  
A: I like to make the braids.  
Q: What is your favorite topping/ingredient?  
A: Cinnamon and sugar for dessert challah.  
Q: What is your favorite part of the challah to eat?  
A: I really like to eat the butt.

**Still Need an Etrog & Lulav for Sukkot?**



Chabad Park City is selling them!

**Ha’Aretz | The Land**

**Thoughts About My Momentum**  
**Israel Trip Experience**  
Jumi Kim Ben-Shahar

My Momentum trip, this past July, really taught me about the meaning of Jewish community. Seven years ago, I converted to Judaism after falling in love with an Israeli. He was the grandson of four Holocaust survivors, so I really wanted to honor their memory by raising my children in a Jewish home. Conversion taught me the traditions of Judaism and the history of those traditions. I learned prayers and songs and a little Hebrew, but I always felt there was something missing. I never had a Jewish mother, I didn’t go to Jewish summer camp, and I never had a Bat Mitzvah. I could wear a Kippah if I really wanted to, or bake a challah or burn a roast.

My Momentum trip fulfilled all those things about being Jewish that I thought I missed out on. I was surrounded by over 100 Jewish mothers, sharing their wisdom and kindness and humor. I experienced the best parts of Israel with a group of women who I can now call my friends. I was able to experience the Western Wall, and hear hundreds of

people praying, gathering in song and welcoming in Shabbat.

I love being a part of the Jewish community now. I learned a lot about traditional Jewish wisdom from the amazing speakers at Momentum and how it is applicable to modern life. I feel energized and enthusiastic. My kids love being Jewish and I’m proud to know that I had a small part in that.



*Pictured left-to-right: Randi Kotler, Andrea Kaplan, Jumi Kim Ben-Shahar, Jodi Berris*

I got a message one day after my trip with Momentum. It was the religious school director from our temple, Temple Har Shalom, asking if I was interested in teaching the pre-school class at the temple. Without hesitation, I accepted the offer. What better way to share the feeling of community that I received in Israel, than to bring it home to my temple.

**Gettin’ Techie With It**  
Jodi Berris

Ryan Bookman, a junior at Waterford, traveled to Israel for the first time, this past summer, on NFTY’s specialty SciTech trip. The trip focused on visiting tech companies around the country, while also seeing the major tourist spots.

The shuk market places in Tel Aviv stuck out for Ryan. He thought it was really fun bargaining at the shops while wandering around with friends. Other highlights for him were The Kotel (Western Wall) and floating in the Dead Sea. The Kotel was very spiritual for Ryan and truly showed him how long Judaism has been around - much longer than he ever really conceptualized.

The group of 30 teens visited the Soda Stream factory, an eye opening experience, seeing how his daily used item, back at home in Park City, was made. They visited a company that designs robots, used in the Israeli and US military, that find tunnels that should not exist.

While most teens were from NY and Boston, Ryan represented our great state with excitement! Since his return, he’s attended weekly Friday night services at Temple Har Shalom, where he also got his confirmation from the religious school, last year. In his spare time, he likes to do the typical activities for Parkites - biking and skiing - and enjoys watching The Office. He definitely wants to go back to Israel again, potentially on Birthright.

**Taking Flight: A Look at the Science Behind the Next Generation of Airplanes**  
Vicki Buder

On August 12, 2021, The American Technion Society held their second in a series of virtual event for the Park City community in partnership with Temple Har Shalom. The featured speaker was Technion Professor Daniella Raveh from the Faculty of Aerospace Engineering. Prof. Raveh spoke

about her work in aeroelasticity, the interaction between aerodynamic forces and flexible structures. In an attempt for green aviation, new aircraft designs are lighter and more flexible, and thus experience aeroelastic phenomena that must be controlled. To that end, she and her students built a 3D-printed unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) that serves as a platform for aeroelastic experimentation.



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**Happening Around Town**

**The Challah Squad**  
Candice Sussman & Jodi Berris

Candice Sussman is excited to be living in her happy place. She just relocated to PC with her family, husband, 2 kiddos and of course, 2 dogs. Candice loves making challah every Friday for her family and thought what better way to not only meet women, but also teach them so that they can share it with their families.

Since her arrival to PC this summer, she’s welcomed dozens of women into the “Challah Squad,” laughed with them, shared stories and kneaded, rolled dough and ‘blinged’ out their challahs. They’ve done sweet ones, savory ones, and just plain fun ones.

To join the “Challah Squad” at an upcoming bake, please be in touch with Candice at [candice@candicesussman.com](mailto:candice@candicesussman.com).

**Two Tablets....Two Torahs To Park City**  
Anonymous

Chabad of Park City had the distinct honor of welcoming not one, but two new Torah scrolls to the community on September 12th. One of the Torahs was dedicated in honor of Chabad of Park City by the Frimmer Family and the 2nd in honor of Devori Steiger’s grandfather by Ari & Nomi Greenwald. The community danced outside of the Canyon’s Shul with music provided by an energetic band who came in from Los Angeles. Children and adults alike enjoyed food and celebrated on a beautiful day, the weekend following Rosh Hashanah.



Ari Greenwald reflected on the profound impact his and Devori’s grandfather had on the family and community and the honor to be able to dedicate a Sefer Torah in his memory. Rick Frimmer spoke about the history of one of the Torah scrolls, coming from a community in Johannesburg, South Africa and surviving riots and fire-bombings. Mr. Frimmer felt compelled to bring a Torah into the community with a profound back-story dating to the 1800’s and now continuing to establish and enrich the Jewish community here in Park City.

**New Kids On The Block**

**The Nelson Family**  
**2nd home owners from Philadelphia**



•Holly is an aspiring writer, an active Jewish volunteer and philanthropist, and a solid Blue skier who only learned to ski at the age of 40!  
•Norm loves all things adventure, winter and summer (skiing, hiking, mountain biking, golf...), and he still loves his day job as a financial advisor.  
•Sarah (far right) just earned her degree from NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts and will be a snowboard instructor this winter at Park City Mountain.  
•Danny (far left) is a Crypto-Currency journalist for an online crypto news source called Coin Desk.  
•Fun fact: Their niece, Timna Nelson-Levy, is a Tokyo Olympic Games bronze medalist from Israel, who competed in Judo.



# What's Coming Up:

September 19 – PC JSU & Jr. NCSY “Build-A-Sukkah Out of Candy” | 5:30 pm

September 20 – Park City High School Jewish Student Union Club Kickoff | 2:30 pm

September 22 – Temple Har Shalom’s “Having the Conversation,” an Interview with Ellen Silver of JFS Utah | 5:30 pm  
on Zoom

September 23 – Federation’s “Men’s Night Out” | 7:00 pm on Zoom

October 3 – PC JSU & Jr. NCSY “Latte & Learning” | Jr. NCSY (5th-8th)-5 pm; JSU (9th-12th)-6 pm

October 5 – Temple Har Shalom Ladies Book Club | 6:30 pm

October 11 – Federation Utah Lion of Judah Event

October 17 – PC JSU & Jr. NCSY “Via Ferrata” Cliff Walk & Climb

October 20 - Jewish Bar Night | 6 pm – Wasatch Brewery