

# Park City Jewish News

## Serving the Wasatch Back

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### Jewish Holidays

**Purim** | March 17  
**Passover** | April 15-23  
**Yom Hashoah** | April 28  
**Yom Hazikaron** | May 4  
**Yom Ha'atzmaut** | May 5  
**Lag Ba'Omer** | May 19  
**Yom Yerushalayim** | May 28

\*All holidays begin at sundown

### Shabbat | Candle Lighting | Havdalah

**March 4-5** | 6:03 pm | 7:03 pm  
**March 11-12** | 6:11 pm | 7:10 pm  
**March 18-19** | 7:18 pm | 8:18 pm  
**March 25-26** | 7:26 pm | 8:25 pm  
**April 1-2** | 7:33 pm | 8:33 pm  
**April 8-9** | 7:40 pm | 8:41 pm  
**April 15-16** | 7:47 pm | 8:49 pm  
(Passover Yom Tov ends Sunday, April 17 at 8:50 pm)

**April 22-23** | 7:55 pm | 8:57 pm  
(Passover Yom Tov begins Thursday, April 21 at 7:54 pm)  
**April 29-30** | 8:02 pm | 9:06 pm  
**May 6-7** | 8:09 pm | 9:14 pm  
**May 13-14** | 8:16 pm | 9:22 pm  
**May 20-21** | 8:23 pm | 9:30 pm  
**May 27-28** | 8:29 pm | 9:37 pm

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## Jewish Fun Facts

### Purim

*Talia Goldberg*  
*Community Shlichah*

- Queen Esther's Hebrew name was Hadasaah ("Esther" is Persian)
- Mordechai was the first person in history to be called a "Jew." Esther was raised by her cousin Mordecai. He wasn't the first Jewish person. He's thought to be the first person to be referred to as a Jew rather than an Israelite or Hebrew.
- The day before Purim is a day of fasting, to commemorate Esther's fasting.
- Gd's name is not mentioned even once in the entire Book of Esther, but that doesn't mean he wasn't there!



- Purim is observed on Adar 14, the day that the Jews rested after trouncing their enemies in battle. In the capital city of Shushan, there were so many bad guys that it took an additional day of fighting to ensure their safety, so they rested on the following day, Adar 15. Since Shushan was walled, it was declared that all walled metropolises (chiefly, but not only, Jerusalem) would celebrate on that later date. This second Purim is known as “Shushan Purim.”
- There are four laws Jews must observe on Purim, and dressing in costume is not one of them!
- Those triangle-shaped cookies — typically filled with jam or poppy seeds — are usually known as hamantaschen, which is Yiddish for “Haman’s hat.” In Israel, however — where you’ll find some of the most scrumptious and creative varieties of this three-pointed treats — you must ask for oznei Haman, which means “Haman’s ears.”

## Purim Puns

*Moshe Borvick*

*Director Park City JSU & Jr. NCSY*

**What was the Queen’s of favorite material?**

*Poly-ESTHER*

**Who had the tallest family tree in history?**

*HAMAN!*

**Knock knock.**

*Who’s there?*

*Vashti!*

*Vashti who?*

*Vashti dishes already, we need them for the Purim meal!*

**How do we know that Achashverosh was the first person to own a telephone?**

*First he gave Haman a ring, then he hung him up*

**Why was the Hamantasch nicknamed Steph Curry?**

*He was known for his 3 pointers.*

**What month did the Megillah story start in?**

*Va’yehi Bi’May.... (it occurred in May)*



# D'var Torah

## Passover: 50 Words for Snow

Rabbi Aaron Kotler

PC 2nd Home Owner



In the late 1800's, Frank Boas, a Jewish, German born physicist, geographer, linguist, and archeologist, who would later become known as the father of American anthropology, moved from "highly civilized Europe" to remote Baffin Island, where he spent years studying aborigine Inuit culture.

No, that is not an island in the warm, languid, South Pacific, rather it is up in the cold icy wastes in Nunavut Canada, not far from the North Pole.

A graduate of three of Germany's finest universities, including the famed University of Heidelberg, Frank quickly learned that his civilized talents were utterly useless in a harsh arctic environment filled with disease, pestilence, mistrust, polar bears, starvation, and dangers like crevasses, unstable ice, and constant hypothermia. To survive he would have to ditch his Western clothes, tools, skills and even his way of thinking, and adopt native Inuit ways.

Once, when out on the frozen tundra, on a long, lonely winter trek across perilous terrain, after sledding twenty-six hours nonstop through impassable ice hummocks, too-soft-for-sledding snow, and temperatures below minus 50 Fahrenheit – in perpetual darkness – Frank wrote the following:

*"I often ask myself what advantages our 'good society' possesses over that of the 'savag-*

*es' and find, the more I see of their customs, that we have no right to look down upon them ... We have no right to blame them for their forms and superstitions which may seem ridiculous to us. We 'highly educated people' are much worse, relatively speaking ..."*

*"I am now truly like an Eskimo.... I scarcely eat any European food-stuffs any longer but am living entirely on seal meat."*

Frank was particularly intrigued by Inuit language, noting their elaborate terms used to describe the frozen landscape: aqilokoq for "softly falling snow" and piegnartoq for "the snow that is good for driving sled," to name just two. Frank eventually returned to 'civilization,' and in 1911 wrote a book called Handbook of American Indian Languages, in which he made a sensational revelation: the Inuit had hundreds of different words which they used to describe snow.

Although he lived well before Tik Tok and Instagram, his claim of so many Inuit words for snow went viral, sparking a century-long controversy. Linguists went mad, calling his claim the "Great Eskimo Vocabulary Hoax." The debate raged for more than a century, as recently as 2013 the establishment Washington Post attempted to resolve the controversy by definitively stating that "the latest evidence, however, suggests that Boas was right all along."

The WaPo, quoting Igor Krupnik, noted that "Central Siberian Yupik has 40 such terms, while the Inuit dialect spoken in Canada's Nunavik region has at least 53, including matsaaruti, for wet snow that can be used to ice a sleigh's runners, and pukak, for the crystalline powder snow that looks like salt."

Frank's claim is not so preposterous, think of words like: qanuk: snowflake; kaneq: frost; kanevvluk: fine snow; qanikcaq: snow on ground; muruanek: soft deep snow; nutaryuk: fresh snow; pirta: blizzard; and qengaruk: snowbank. That last one is where you don't want your car to land up in, and natyryuk is what we used to have plenty of, back in the good old days, here in Park City.

This year we have plenty of utuq, or ice that seems to last year after year, and the kind gentleman at the ski shop, ruefully assessing my skis for an urgent tune, noted that they looked like they had been through quite a lot of auniq, or ice that is filled with holes like Swiss cheese.

We Jews began our history back in blazingly hot Egypt, which had none of these. After our Passover redemption we spent 40 years in the desert, just north of the balmy Tropic of Cancer, where the closest we got to snow was the miraculous Manna, which our Torah tells us) Exodus 16:14) was snowlike: "When the fall of dew lifted, there, over the surface of the wilderness, lay a fine, fluffy substance, as fine as hoar-frost on the ground."

And there we have it, the first reference in Jewish history to snow, Manna, which sustained the Jews for 40 years in the desolate desert, deliciously described by G-d as "a daily fresh snowfall of a feathery white substance;" perhaps like a layer of fresh fluffy Utah pow, every day.

Despite our desert origins, snow was not alien to the Jews in Israel: The Torah, written over 3,000 years ago, writes in Deuteronomy that the northern region of Israel contained Mount Hermon, the tallest

summit in the Holy Land.

Hermon is rooted in the Hebrew word Harmah, or wasteland, something like what our friend Frank Boas encountered in his far north sojourns.

Way back then, the ancient residents of Sidon, today the third largest city in Lebanon, would look south at Mount Hermon, and the Torah in Deuteronomy tells us that these Sidonites in their language called it Sirion, or the “Armored Mountain,” as the majestic peak was crowned year-round with a beautiful snowy white helmet, which draped the sides of the mountain like a cape, akin to an ancient warrior ready for battle.

I betcha those folks skied Hermon, as did the Jewish tribe of Manasseh who lived there, and as I have. (Disclaimer: I don't recommend it for the kids for in-bounds skiing: one duck of the rope and you won't lose your pass; you will land up in Lebanon or Syria; getting you home would be quite the bother.)

For avoidance of doubt, the Torah further relates that the Amorites, a feared Canaanite tribe, called Hermon Mount Senir. Now does that sound suspiciously like “Mount Snow?”

Rashi, the greatest Biblical commentator of all time, and a leading linguist who lived in the 11th century, translates: “Senir - “snow” in the German language (Schnee) and in the Canaanite (Slav) language (Snih).”

What a great trivia question – what is the origin of the word snow? First citation: the Bible, Deuteronomy 3:9. You might just win Jeopardy with that one – don't forget to reference the Amori when you supply the question, or you might not come home with the grand prize.

Our beloved Mount Hermon, which if you ignore my advice and do choose to ski, affords you après ski time floating in Israel's Great Salt Lake – the Dead Sea - as I have done. It's only a 3-hour drive down from the 9,232-foot high (not 9990, but it's close) Hermon peak at the far Northern tip of Israel, to the Dead Sea, at the very Southern tip of Israel, the absolute lowest point on earth, 1414 feet below sea level.

Hermon has a fourth name in the Torah, Deuteronomy 4:48 describes Hermon as Sion, (in English Zion) linguistically related to Senir, marking the Northern entrance to the Land of Zion, standing as a lonely, eternal sentinel, watching over G-d's Promised Land.

On your next run through the trees off Mconkey's, or coming down Jupiter, we might contemplate the historic origins of our love for snow – with its reflections on Manna, which so lovingly sustained us for 40 years, by the hand of G-d Himself, and on the Land of Israel, which provides us everlasting hope, guarded by a year round sentinel – a pure-white snowcapped mountain, through which the ancient world was able to gain a glimpse of the land of the Jews.

Rabbi Aaron Kotler's rides Salomon QST 105's as his daily all-mountain ski. He was last seen in Super Condor Woods desperately seeking leftover fresh tracks. He and his wife, Jany, have had a home in Park City for many years and they love to host guests for Sabbath meals. They daven at the Canyons Shul on the upper level of Silverado Lodge, which is run by his dear friend the great Rabbi Yudi of Chabad of PC.

# Locker Room

## Jodi Berris Playing with the Inaugural Maccabi USA Women's Ice Hockey Team

*Jeff Stier*

*Park City Winter Season Snowbird & Contributor to The New York Post, The Los Angeles Times & The Wall Street Journal*

*With Contributions from Sara Lemma and Mackenzie Mager, Maccabi USA*

Growing up in Michigan, Jodi Berris played a wide variety of sports. So, it should be no surprise that this year she'll be representing Team USA as a member of the first ever Women's Ice Hockey Team competing at the Maccabi Games in Israel this summer.

From Karate to bowling to softball, she simply loved being active, learning to play ice hockey in the 5th grade. As a teen, Jodi took advantage of the opportunity to represent her hometown delegation, Detroit, in the JCCs of North America Maccabi Youth Games for 13-16 year olds, somehow playing five sports over five years of annual summer competitions: track and field, basketball, table tennis, soccer and tennis.

By high school, at her local public school, West Bloomfield, her sports included tennis and soccer, as well as racing on the ski team.

While the logistics of playing hockey with two working parents put her career on ice through middle school, she laced up again in her junior and senior years of high school. While volunteering for the local fire station for her National Honors Society service hours, she learned that the firefighters played hockey and got excited to give it another shot. She dusted off her skates and played as much as possible her last two years of high school, with an eye towards being able to compete at the collegiate level.

Indeed, Jodi tried out for the University of Michigan Women's Ice Hockey club team, in the fall of 1997, and played for four years of



college. Additionally, she played lacrosse her junior year and rowed on the crew team her senior year.

After college, Jodi continued to play in pick up hockey games and recreational adult leagues. She combined her love of organizing with her love of hockey to start company leagues during her time working for Nike and Adidas. She now runs spring/summer advanced games for women and teen girls in Park City, a year round weekly morning skate open to higher level players, as well as women's games in Portland.

Skiing is Jodi's favorite sport, where she gets on the mountain, daily, Sunday through Friday. She's amassed 118 days so far this season, with a minimum range of two laps on some weekdays to four plus hours on a Sunday. However, her second home is in the hockey rink. She's on the ice Sunday through Friday either playing, refereeing in the adult league, or helping coach the girl's team.

Jodi loves hockey because it is a great full body workout, with a strong social component, that is both fun and competitive.

Sport isn't Jodi's only passion. She's also a natural organizer. At the University of Michigan, Jodi started the sports program at Hillel, forming teams that competed in the university intramural sports league. When she moved to Portland, OR, a few years later, she put her leadership skills into overdrive in the Jewish community, organizing everything from bar and club parties, to sports leagues, to other types of one off Judaic events. These activities eventually evolved into weeklong Shabbatons and outdoor adventure trips.



In a profile of the popular Orthodox Jewish website, “Jew In The City,” Jodi explained that the goal of her Jewish organizing activities “is to create positive social opportunities for Jews so they can connect to each other and simultaneously build stronger bonds with their Judaism.”

Today, in Park City, Jodi runs a weekly pickleball league, in addition to the hockey. She organizes monthly Jewish bar night social events, programming for Jewish youth, women’s Israel trips through Momentum, and is the editor of the Park City Jewish News.

Jodi first became aware of the Maccabi Games as an 8th grader. She babysat for a family where the father played on the Masters Basketball Team in the games. Since then, she dreamed of playing, but because she felt that she didn’t excel at any one sport that was offered, she wished that women’s ice hockey would eventually be included in the competition.

Men’s Ice Hockey was first included in the 15th Maccabiah in 1997. But as in other sports, women were left behind. But after efforts of organizing, fundraising and recruiting, Jodi and a group of other women’s hockey enthusiasts have shattered the ice ceiling.

Finally, in 2022, female ice hockey athletes will be a part of the 1,200+ team members representing the United States in the games, which will be played in Israeli this summer. The American women will compete against Canadian and Israeli teams in this inaugural competition.

After a training camp in Philadelphia in early July, Jodi and more than 10,000 Jewish athletes from 80 countries will gather for opening ceremonies on July 14, 2022 at Teddy Stadium in Jerusalem. Her team will compete in Pais Arena in Jerusalem. Other competitions will take place in Haifa, Jerusalem, Netanya and Tel Aviv, during the two weeks of competition.

Devra Schorr, a founding leader of the women’s team says that “As a hockey mom, I know the challenges Jewish athletes and female hockey players face. We are proud to share the excitement of the Maccabiah Games and the State of Israel with more deserving elite athletes.”

Jodi, whose Jewish observance includes keeping kosher and Shabbat, says that “hockey is a particularly difficult sport to play with a team while observing the sabbath, since so many league games and tournaments take place over the weekend.” For this reason, the Maccabi Games, which accommodate religious observance, are a special opportunity to compete at a high level without that conflict.

The General Chair for the 21st Maccabiah Games, Lou Moyerman, himself a Maccabi athlete, is especially pleased about the inclusion of women’s ice hockey in this year’s games.

He said that “Maccabi USA is very pleased and excited to have its first ever Open Women’s Ice Hockey team join us in the upcoming 21st Maccabi Games. Increasing female participation on our team and at the games is a foremost goal of our organization. Bringing this team will help with our goal and strengthen these athletes’ pride in being Jewish and their ties to Israel.”

Each Maccabi participant needs to pay or fundraise for their \$8,500 entry fee. Fees cover a week touring in Israel with the entire US delegation, on Israel Connect, as well as all other expenses relating to staying and competing in the games – uniforms, accommodations, food, officials, transportation.

Utah features three other athletes, in addition to Berris; Henry Greenberg – U16 Tennis, Indigo Paine – U18 Water Polo, and Amit Lustgarten – Open Women’s Basketball. Shira Wein, whose family has a second home in Park City, is also going as the goalie for the Women’s Open Hockey Team. To make a tax deductible donation, feel free to use the link [support.maccabiusa.com/goto/jodiberris](https://support.maccabiusa.com/goto/jodiberris) or contact Jodi for the links to the other Utah athletes’ personal donor pages.

Jodi says she is “super excited to get to be a part of this inaugural team. I think it’s really special on so many levels because, one, I’m helping Jewish women from around the world get an opportunity to play this sport in Israel, partly because of my leadership with helping to get this new program off the ground, and two, it’s exciting to personally be a part of Team USA and to play at that level.”

Berris acknowledges that she will be the oldest and least skilled player. Most of the girls are playing their senior year in prep school, for NCAA college teams, or in the women’s pro league. “I’m much older, at least double the age of many of the players, I have had five knee surgeries, so I think I’m at a slight deficit.” Nonetheless, says Berris, “I’m honored to be a part of this team and inaugural program. I can’t wait to put on the Team USA jersey and step out on the ice with my fellow teammates.... in Israel, no less, a place where you wouldn’t think ice hockey would exist.”

# Social in the City

## Women of Har Shalom - Rosh Chodesh Groups

*Deb Sheldon*

*Temple Har Shalom Executive Director*

Ongoing every month, there are several unique groups that you can join. You must be a member of Temple Har Shalom and Women of Har Shalom to participate in Rosh Chodesh groups. Contact Sherri Zigman, for more information.

## Happening Around Town

### Two Orthodox Musicians in Park City in One Week – That Possible?

*Jodi Berris*

*Community Member*

Most people are very familiar Matisyahu's fame from the earlier 2000s, the reggae singing, beat boxing, orthodox performer who donned a black coat, black hat, and tzitzit fringes on stage. While he has altered his appearance, wearing baggier and more colorful clothing, he continued to dazzle a packed Cabin downstairs venue during what would have been Sundance Film Festival week. Cheering crowds bounced to the beats of his new music, but also to older and popular hits "Sunshine," and "King Without a Crown." Jewish and non-Jewish dedicated fans patiently awaited his 11:45 on stage debut, and were not disappointed one bit.

Just a few miles away, and days apart, Bentzi Marcus of the Jewish rock band "8th Day" warmed a crowd in the Silverado Canyon's Shul with a Kumsitz. This musical gathering featured spiritual moving songs, words of Torah in between tunes, and people sitting together, surrounding Bentzi. Chani Kushner, one of the attendees and tourists on vacation in Park City from Monsey, New York said that, "the Kumsitz was great! Bentzi is so talented. The singing, along with the thoughts he shared, made the night very special." While this Kumsitz



wasn't done outdoors with a bonfire, as many are, the locals and tourists had a special treat singing together, joyously, at 7,000 feet in the mountains of Park City.

## The History of Mahjong: A Chinese Game and the Making of a Modern American Culture

*Deb Sheldon*

*Temple Har Shalom Executive Director*

Many of us grew up with the words one Crack, two Bam resonating from our kitchens as our mothers played Mahjong. Some of us now play or will be learning to play someday. But most of us do not know how complicated the history of Mahjong really is!

Please join us on May 11 with Professor Annelise Heinz, author of Mahjong: A Chinese Game and the Making of Modern American Culture. Heinz teaches history at the University of Oregon and will share with us how the game traveled from China to the United States and how it has impacted Jewish women and others in so many ways. The event will take place at 7 pm and the link is:

[https://uso2web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUpOCvqjguEgHDxQxsF4oEJCwySiGjoW\\_o](https://uso2web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUpOCvqjguEgHDxQxsF4oEJCwySiGjoW_o).

## Yeshiva Week Break

*Jodi Berris*

*Community Member*

People know about Spring Break in Cancun, December's Winter Break at Disneyland, but how many have heard of Yeshiva Week Break? When is it, what is it, and why is Park City such a popular destination?

While most public and Jewish private schools stick with traditional vacation times of December break, February mid-winter break, and a break in the spring, at Passover, many orthodox day schools and yeshivas skip over December 25 and break in mid to late January at the semester's end. This tends to go over two or so weeks with different institutions giving off between two and seven days of vacation, on various weeks. Orthodox kids and teens, along with their families, flock to destinations in Florida and beyond, with one such popular destination being in Park City!

Having a Shul by the ski runs with a daily minyan, and a Chabad of Park City operated kosher restaurant steps away from the slopes is definitely a draw for many families. Some take advantage of getting kosher burgers, deli sandwiches, and steaks at the restaurant, night after night, for the week, while others pack suitcases of food and schlep it across the country in the belly of an airplane, or have items shipped in from Kosher supermarkets in New York and Los Angeles.

Girls and women, who dress modestly in skirts on a daily basis, don't leave those behind on the ski runs. It's not uncommon in mid to late January to see tzitzit fringes flying from men's ski pants in the wind, on



black diamond slopes, to women wearing skirt covered ski pants.

Hindy Gabioff, 17, from Brooklyn, New York, and a student at Bais Yaakov of Boro Park, explained that "coming to an out of town place is very exciting when you get to meet so many Jews from different places. The Chabad of Park City was packed with all different types of Jews. It's super cool to ski and to see so many "skirt girls" and meet fellow Jews on the chairlifts."

Brothers Eliyahu and Shlomo Freundlich, 10 and 8, from Jackson, New Jersey, perfected their skiing and snowboarding this past Yeshiva Week Break when away from their school, Tashbar. Eliyahu, said, "We had an awesome time in park city!! I am new at snowboarding and it was an awesome experience, and I especially felt accomplished doing the moguls!! I can't wait to be back!!" Younger Shlomo added, "I loved skiing in Utah! I got so much better and faster! The mountain was so much bigger than ones closer to home, in the east coast, and gave me a new opportunity!"

Whether a kid on school break or a parent away from a few days of work, it's exciting for everyone to see, or be a part of the influx of orthodox people from all over the country, congregating on the slopes, packing the shul, and improving their skills, one run at a time. Some like the beaches in Florida....and others like the snow and terrain of Park City.



## Women of Har Shalom

### Salon Speaker Series: HOW DID THIS GET IN MY FACE?

*Deb Sheldon*

*Temple Har Shalom Executive Director*

Women of Har Shalom invite all Temple members to attend our first Salon Speaker event featuring Temple Har Shalom member Sandy Shire, former Senior Regulatory Specialist at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

This brand-new program that will continue throughout the year. The WHS sisterhood will be highlighting women in our very own temple community that are specialists in areas that we would all like to learn more about.

Join us via zoom on Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 pm.

## Tikun Olam

### Temple Har Shalom's Community Partner of the Month

*Deb Sheldon*

*Temple Har Shalom Executive Director*

Each month THS will be highlighting a non-profit or agency in our community, both to increase awareness of these wonderful resources and to provide opportunities for engagement and volunteering.

Image Reborn was the community Partner for February. Image Reborn was created in 1998 by Dr. Renato Saltz, THS member and board certified plastic reconstructive surgeon. Their mission is to provide no-cost healing retreats to women diagnosed with breast cancer, and to assist them in living rich and fulfilling lives. Thousands of women have attended Image Reborn Foundation's retreats over the years. The majority of the retreats are hosted in the Park City area. To learn more about Image Reborn and the other organizations we have partnered with please contact Temple Har Shalom for more details.

## Jewish Family Service Offers Virtual Programs for Connection, Creativity, and More

*Wendy Vurik*

*JFCS Development and Marketing Coordinator*



### Jewish Family Service

**Caring for all Utahns since 1872**

Jewish Family Service has been serving the people of Utah since 1872, and works to strength individuals and families are all backgrounds through counseling, advocacy, care management, and education. Our organization has offices in Salt Lake City and Park City.

Jewish Family Service continues to serve the community during the pandemic by offering parenting classes, coping skills

workshops, caregiver support groups, Gleeeful Choir, and now a creativity class - all of them virtually.

"Even though we can't meet in person, we still are able to create connection and provide valuable support to whomever needs it via programs offered virtually," said Alle Salazar, Director of Professional Services at JFS.

Starting in the spring, JFS will offer a free parenting workshop open to anyone who wants to strengthen their family relationships. The class begins on April 18 and will meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for six weeks. Amy Edwards, Clinical Mental Health Counselor, will facilitate these classes.

Amy will also co-facilitate a Mind Body Skills workshop, starting May 3, alongside Mara Rabin, MD. This course will help with self-regulation and reduced reactivity as you learn to become more present in your everyday life. This course will meet every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm through May 31. The cost is \$250, and scholarships are available.

JFS provides caregiver support groups for those who are caring for loved ones with dementia. “The biggest benefit of our educational support group is the invaluable connection with others who are on the same journey,” said Older Adults Care Manager, Rosemary Quatralle, who oversees these groups. Rosemary also leads a Dementia-Friendly Activities class, which meets twice a month on Thursdays at 11:00 am. This class also engages participants with dementia-friendly crafts and activities.

Our Gleeful Choir continues to engage those living with dementia and their caregivers. Emily Christensen, Arts & Aging Coordinator, has led this group for five years. While transitioning the group to an online format was daunting at first, Emily continues to see the positive effects of music on those who participate.

“As a caregiver and member of the choir - each week is a wonderful opportunity for my wife who has dementia and me to have together time, with respite and joy. Everyone is touched with the joy of singing,” said one participant.

The Gleeful Choir is free and meets every Wednesday at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

For those in the second half of life looking to cultivate wellness through creativity, JFS is inviting you to join the new Exploring Creativity Group, also led by Emily Christensen. Each month the group explores a different form of art while building new friendships. Beginners are encouraged to participate. Exploring Creativity is also free and meets every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 am via Zoom.

For more information on any of these programs, please call Jewish Family Service at 801-746-4334 or visit [www.jfsutah.org](http://www.jfsutah.org).

## Youth & Teens

### Temple Har Shalom Youth Events

*Deb Sheldon*

*Temple Har Shalom Executive Director*

The feeling of fun and togetherness is quite evident these days at Temple Har Shalom. Between our Create your own 80's music video contest, to our family days it's been quite an exciting time!

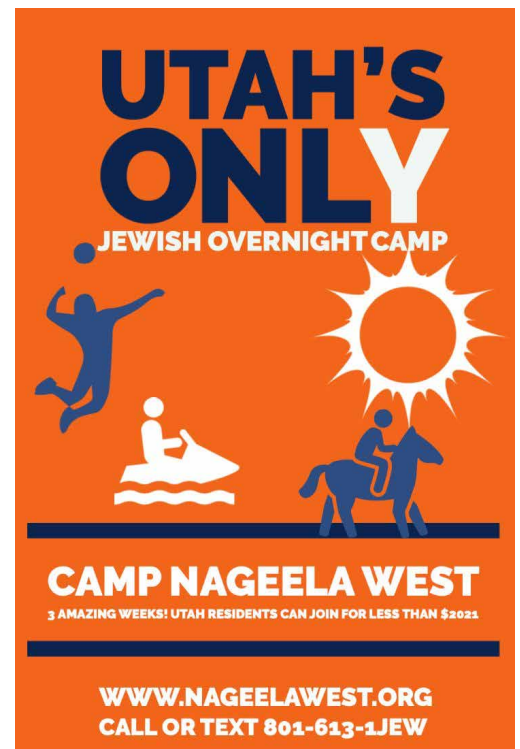
In February, we had a magician come to our family day. Our teens connected with our friends at BBYO. In March, we will be having our “Parent Vs” events. Parents and their children will be competing against each other in fun activities and games. We will have separate days for young families and families with teens.

### JSU & Jr. NCSY Wrap-Up

*Moshe Borvick*

*Director Park City JSU & Jr. NCSY*

Although this winter hasn't brought the best snow, we did find beautiful ice on our NCSY trip to the Ice Castles. A winter photography contest, ice slides, and of course hot drinks made for an incredible experience. Although there was more white than green around us, it was a great opportunity to reflect on the Jewish holiday of Tu B'shvat that had just passed and appreciate the beauty of nature and the connection between Adam and Adama, humans and the land. JSU also made sure to commemorate the International Holocaust Remembrance Day with a powerful club at Park City High School. We discussed the horrors of the Holocaust and what we can do today to help ensure that the Holocaust will not be soon forgotten and the importance of standing up against all forms of hate.



## Jewish Juniors



### Eitan Berger

**What are you most looking forward to, this Passover?**

I'm looking forward to seeing my family and eating matzah.

**What's your favorite part about the Passover Seder?**

I love seeing my cousins (even over zoom) & eating matzah!

**If you find the Afikoman, what type of prize will you ask for?**

I love cars & trucks so I'd probably ask for another one for my already too large collection.

**What foods do you like eating on Passover?**

I love matzah!!

**Are you going to sing Ma Nishtana since you're probably the youngest at your Seder?**

I'm going to try! I've already started practicing and I hope to get lots of help from my cousins.

## Ha'Aretz | The Land

### UTAH CELEBRATE ISRAEL WEEK!



☆ 5/1

Celebrate Israel Carnival with Yalla Food Truck at the McGillis School @12:00 PM

☆ 5/2

Yalla Kosher Food truck at Temple Har Shalom @3PM-7PM

☆ 5/3

Yalla Kosher Food truck at Chabad Lubavitch of Utah @12-8 PM

A conversation with IDF Lone Soldier Parents Jody and Barry Sobel @7:30 PM, Via Zoom

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## From the IDF to the Slopes

Jodi Berris

Community Member

When many Epic Pass holders think of where they can use their season pass abroad, one destination that comes to mind may be ‘down under’ at Australia’s Perisher Ski Resort. That’s where Asher Wiener grew up skiing. He did what many Australians do who hold an Epic Pass - come ski Utah resorts - but first, he had a two-and-a-half-year stop serving in the Israeli army.

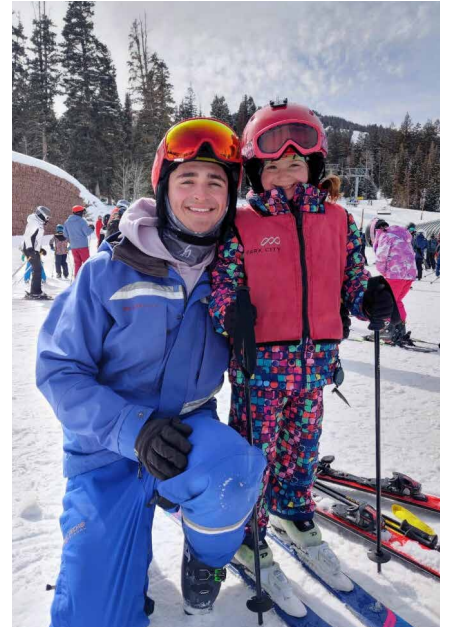
Asher thinks Jewish life in Australia is great, especially when he compares it to other cities, and what his friends have experienced, around the world. In Melbourne, there are Reform Jews, Chareidi Jews, and everything in between. Melbourne has a big sense of community and he really missed it when he left. “Everyone knows you – at shul, at school, everyone says hello,” he said.

One of the cornerstones of Asher’s Jewish identity and connection to Israel stemmed from his Jewish school, Yavne, a modern Orthodox, co-ed day school affiliated with Zionist movement B’nei Akiva. Asher grew up in a very Zionist household and community, was taught about Israel extensively, and Yom Ha’Atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, was big in his community. He had also visited Israel many times as a kid, and had his Bar Mitzvah there.

Asher was very immersed in Israeli culture and at this point, was old enough to understand Operation Protective Edge, what it meant and what was going on. This created a spark and made him want to go Israel at age 14, on his own for nine months, to an Israeli boarding school.

At that school, teens talked about their future army service. He was there during the small intifada in 2015 and someone from his school was killed. That left a huge impact on him.

Because he had “everything” back in Melbourne, people wondered why he left. He had gotten into the university he wanted, in the course he wanted, but thought going to the Israeli army at that point in his life, after



graduating high school, was more important than going to study commerce. He wanted to do something with purpose, to achieve something.

At 18, Asher went to Israel. First, he did a pre-army program and joined the paratroopers. “You have to pass a two-day long selection period to get into the unit. Next, training is up to a year long,” he said. He explained that “it was very hard, getting pushed to your limits, and a lot of people drop out. Every person has a role in the unit and I was in charge of machine guns.”

Asher’s first deployment was on the Gaza boarder for six months, followed by four months of training with his unit to keep up their skills. He was then selected for a Commander’s course and four months of training. After that, his first assignment was Basic Training Sergeant, training younger soldiers. He would take 18-year-old boys off the street, and freshly in the army, and in just four months turn them into soldiers. This was grueling, sleeping an hour a night on average. His words for this, “very, very hard.” His next assignment, and final four months of service, was sergeant in a different team in a West Bank deployment. This concluded his two and a half years in the IDF.

Speaking from the slopes, Asher describes the major takeaways. “You’re stuck with your team in the army and can’t change it and you can’t go to a different team. You have people you’re with that you can’t stand and everyone comes from different backgrounds, but by the end of the service, you’re brothers and best friends - so extremely close. People you’d never want to talk to in life become your best friends and it teaches you how to get along with anyone and overcome confrontation. You have to do everything you can to connect and bond with them and you ultimately bond over the experience.”

He described it physically and said it pushed him to the limits. “You have new boundaries because they have all been pushed.” Asher’s first jump as a paratrooper was solo. “They break you down and build you up – that’s how the army works.” He added, “you really push your boundaries.



Everything you think you can't do, you end up doing." An example of this was when he carried 99 pounds on his back, for a few days, 18 miles per day. Asher explains, "if you just push yourself, you can achieve amazing things."

Turning to his time in Park City, Asher said the season has been fun and a completely different experience from anything he's done in his life. Skiing almost daily has been awesome for him and he's been able to improve his skills, including getting his PSIA certification.

Post army, this Utah experience has given another growth opportunity where Asher has done and seen a lot of new things: being in a different country, on his own, and making things work. Not many people did what he did – coming alone – and therefore, he was forced to meet people. He said, "other instructors came with their friends, but not many people did what I did - not knowing a single person. At the start, it was hard, but it forced me to talk to people and be social. It pushes you way out of your comfort zone."

Another major plus of his time in Park City was being taken in by the Nelson family. Through a series of connections, he landed on their doorstep, upon arrival. Asher raves about Norm, Holly, Danny, and Sarah and how they have been extremely generous, essentially taking him in as one of their own. "I feel like one of their kids now!"

Some highlights in his American home are making Shabbos meals with them, baking challah with Holly, which he describes as a "massive bonding experience," and helping cook for the meal. "Being at the Shabbos meal with them, they welcome me to the table and treat me like I'm a part of the family, and I actually make kiddush for the family."

Holly Nelson shared that "we truly "adopted" Asher into our family this past winter and we are grateful he found his way into our home. From our weekly challah bake, to the walks we took, the talks we had, and even the career advice we shared, Asher bonded with every member of our family. We are grateful to have found a new, special friend in Asher."

While Asher is still working on his plans for after the ski season, he hopes to eventually return to Israel - The Homeland. Maybe we'll find him studying commerce, or maybe we'll find him on the ski slopes of Mt. Hermon? I guess we'll find out soon.

## Jewish Holidays

### Tu'Beshvat Seder

*Jodi Berris*

*Community Member*

Tu Beshvat Seders can be executed in so many different ways, from eating a variety of fruits and nuts, to incorporating Kabbalistic traditions, to making a special Shehechianu blessing for tasting something new for the first time or for the first time, this year.

Several neighbors and friends joined up for an impromptu "Silver Springs" Tu Beshvat seder. It started with one participant explaining the origins of the holiday, sharing what we traditionally eat on the New Year of the Trees, while connecting it to agriculture today. The Seder finished with snacking on figs, dates, olives, nuts, and other various peeled fruits, while sipping down grape juice and white and red wines.



# Arts & Culture

## Park City Jewish History Tidbits: Morris Wolf still thought of Park City

*Mahala Ruddell*

*Historian*

In the last issue of Park City Jewish News, we were introduced to Morris Wolf (sometimes Wolfe or Wolff), a Jewish Parkite born in Galicia in the 1890s. Morris moved to Park City in 1915, boarding with Hyrum Weisberg, also from Galicia, and working at the Golden Eagle Clothing Store that Weisberg owned.

In 1920, Weisberg and his family decided to leave Park City on account of Hyrum's declining health. Morris seized the opportunity to work out a business deal with his friend, purchasing the entire stock and reopening the store that December.

He did well despite competition, specializing in men's and boys' clothes at affordable prices. But in January 1927, as he passed his 30th year, he must have started feeling some pressure to settle down and start a family. Turning over management of the Golden Eagle business to D. Mayloff (another Jewish Parkite), Morris left town to travel through Europe for several months visiting family and friends.

Upon returning, he regaled the locals with grand stories of his trip, staying with his parents in Berlin, enjoying the music scene in Vienna, and visiting the art museums of Paris. He even reported that he'd spent \$170 on his week-long stay at the Paris hotel, which comes out to about \$2,700 today. The "small sum...was worth it," he said.

Less than a year later, in March 1928, Morris sold the Golden Eagle to D. Axelrad (also Jewish!) and started making preparations to leave Park City. "He will return to his home in Germany," the Park Record noted, cheekily adding that "report has it, he will be married and settle down for a time."

1928 was not a great time for a Jew to move back to Germany. Digging into Morris' post-Park City life, we find that he did indeed spend time in Berlin and married a fellow Eastern European Jew, Sophia Schmerz, but the young couple likely saw the writing on the wall. Morris was a naturalized American citizen, with access to a US passport, and in the 1930s, began making preparations to move his family back to the States, choosing to settle in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Tracing Morris through passenger lists and port arrival records, we can see that he traveled back and forth to Germany several times, in 1932, 1933, and 1934. Hitler took power in 1933 and revoked the citizenship of Germany's Jewish population in 1935. By then, Morris and Sophia had a son, who had inherited his father's American citizenship. But, Sophia, not yet naturalized, would no longer have been able to travel. Morris also becomes harder to find in the records, indicating that he likely stopped traveling to Germany by then as well. The two had



The Golden Eagle Clothing Company was not the only clothing store in town, but Morris Wolf was a successful manager and owner. Several other clothing stores, including Frankel's and Axelrad's, were also owned and operated by Jewish Parkites. Image from the Park Record, March 29, 1918.



Morris and Sophia Wolf are buried in the Ahavath Achim Cemetery in Fairfield, Connecticut. The two were involved in the Connecticut Jewish community until their respective deaths in 1974 and 2000. Image from findagrave.com.

managed to bring over Sophia's mother, father, and siblings by then, and the extended family all settled in Connecticut with the Wolfs.

Despite never returning to Utah, Morris kept in touch with his friends in Park City for the rest of his life. Periodic updates about his family and business life were published in the local paper. And when visiting the east coast, many Parkites made a point to stop in for a visit with him. He even maintained a Park Record subscription, using it to "[keep] up with all the activities in his one-time home town." A 1972 article, just two years before his death, noted that he "STILL thinks about Park City! He moved away in 1928 but never lost his interest in the town where his clothing store was a fixture."



## New Kids on the Block



### Evehard Family

**Sara/Greg:** We met in Aspen, Co in 1987, after graduating from college. I was taking a year off before going to grad school and he had 8 months before going to pilot training. Our ski bum romance turned into 5 years of long distance dating and 30 years of marriage, plus 3 daughters, Sophie, Emily and Olivia and our dog, Ziggy Stardust.

**Sara:** Sold Arnold Schwarzenegger a ski ticket for Aspen Mountain in 1986.

**Greg:** Is a pilot for United Airlines. He is the head of communications for the pilot union.

The girls were raised in Castle Rock, Colorado until we moved to Manhattan Beach, Ca in 2006.

Sophie, 28, now lives in Williamsburg, Brooklyn and works for the start up music company, Sofar Sounds. She is the head of North American operations.

Emily, 25, is in her 2nd year of graduate school for film at Columbia University.

Olivia, 24, lives in San Francisco and works as a corporate headhunter for SPMB.

We love having a place in Deer Valley now where we can all come together as a family and enjoy the mountain life again.

## Commerce in the Shtetl:

### Women of Har Shalom Passover Fundraiser with Miss Chocolate

Just like last year you can order Passover candy, nuts, and chocolate for the holiday through a special website. Each time you shop, Women of Har Shalom will receive a percent of the sale.

### Bistro Kosher Deli

The only kosher restaurant in town is now open for the season, Sunday through Thursday, 4-9 pm. It's located in the Silverado Lodge in Canyons Village. Special Shabbat packages are available. For more details and information, visit [parkcitykosher.com](http://parkcitykosher.com) or call: 435-602-9015. The restaurant will be open until approximately April 7.

### Judaica Shop

The Women of Har Shalom Judaica Shop, at Temple Har Shalom, is open Fridays from 5:45 to 6:30 pm. [parkcitykosher.com](http://parkcitykosher.com) or call: 435-602-9015. The restaurant will be open until approximately April 7.

# What's Coming Up:

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**March 1** – Afghan Refugees & Their Allies in Resettlement | Zoom | 7:30 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**March 4** – Challah Making Class | 10 am | For Members | Temple Har Shalom

**March 6** – Winter Membership Walk | 3 pm | For Members | Temple Har Shalom

**March 6** – C Kids Purim Bake Off | 4 pm | Chabad of Park City

**March 16** – Megillah Reading | 8:15 pm | Chabad of Park City

**March 17** – Mining History of Park City Ski Tour @ PCMR | 9:15 am | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**March 17** – Megillah Reading & Purim in Morocco Party | 5 pm | Chabad of Park City

**March 20** – A Chat w/K'far Silver Youth Village Ambassadors | Zoom | 9 am | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**March 20** – Purim Palozza @ Sugarhouse Park | 1:30 pm | PJ Library

**March 21** – The LGBTQ Community in Israel | Zoom | 7:30 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**March 22** – Mining History of Park City Ski Tour @ PCMR | 9:15 am | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**March 24** – Park City Jewish Bar Night | 7 pm | GoJo Bar & Lounge | PC & PDX Jewish Events

**March 25-27** – Shabbat Ski Weekend w/Las Vegas and Orange County | PC JSU & Jr. NCSY

**March 28** – What Judaism Teaches Us About Abortion | Zoom | 7 pm | Women of Temple Har Shalom

**March 31** – Women's Lunch & Learn w/Isaac Levy, Yvel Founder | Zoom | 1 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**April 3** – C Kids Passover Freedom Machine | 4 pm | Chabad of Park City

**April 6** – The FBI's Global Mission | Zoom | 1 pm | United Federation of Utah

**April 10** – Learn More About Jewish Portugal w/Paolo Scheffer | Zoom | 5 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**April 11** – Women's Dinner & Discussion - A Conversation w/ "Uncovered" Author, Leah Lax | Zoom 7 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**April 15** – Passover Seder | 8 pm | Chabad of Park City

**April 16** – 2nd Night Zoom Community Seder | 6 pm | Temple Har Shalom

**April 16** – Passover Seder | 8:30 pm | Chabad of Park City

**April 18** – 5th Annual Pride Seder | Zoom | 6:30 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah



**April 20** – Men's Night Out - A Conversation with Carl Roepke: US National Luge Champion & Olympic Announcer | Zoom | 7 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**April 24** – Pickleball Party @ The PC Marc | 2 pm | Temple Har Shalom

**April 24** – Teen Day @ Saddle of Love | 2 pm | Temple Har Shalom

**April 24** – A Sweet Mimouna Afternoon @ Sugarhouse Park | 2:30 pm | PJ Library

**April 24** – BeeCHAIS Mimouna Celebration | 7:30 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**April 27** – Having the Conversation: People's Health Clinic | Zoom | 5 pm | Temple Har Shalom

**April 27** – Dreams of Hope: Film Viewing & Discussion on Zoom & @ The U Museum of Fine Arts | 6:30 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah & JCC

**April 27** – Film Discussion: The Conference | Zoom | 7 pm | Temple Har Shalom

**April 28** – Yom Hashoah Commemoration w/Speaker Howard Ungar | Zoom | 12 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**April 29** – Challah Making Class | 10 am | Temple Har Shalom

**May 1** - Passport to Israel Carnival w/Yalla Kosher Food Truck @ The McGillis School | 12 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**May 2** - Yalla Kosher Food truck @ Temple Har Shalom | 3-7 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**May 3** - Yalla Kosher Food truck @ Chabad Lubavitch of Utah | 12-8 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**May 3** - A conversation with IDF Lone Soldier Parents, Jodie & Barry Sobel | Zoom | 7:30 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**May 4** - Yalla Kosher Food truck @ Congregation Kol Ami | 3-7 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**May 4** - Israel Movie + Discussion @ Congregation Kol Ami | Zoom | 7 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**May 4** - Book Discussion: The Lost Shtetl by Max Gross | Zoom | 7 pm | Temple Har Shalom

**May 5** - Yalla Kosher Food truck @ IJ & Jeanne Wagner JCC | 11-4 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**May 5** - BeeCHAIs Israeli BBQ | 7:30 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**May 6** - Shabbat In the Shuk, a YJP Dinner @ Chabad Lubavitch of Utah | 8:30 pm | United Jewish Federation of Utah

**May 17** – Book Discussion: People Love Dead Jews by Dara Horn | Zoom | 7 pm | Temple Har Shalom

## Series & Ongoing Events:

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**Religious School** | Temple Har Shalom | Mondays | 4:30 pm  
**Ski Shul (Sunset Cabin@ Deer Valley)** | Temple Har Shalom | Fridays until April | 3:00 pm  
**Shabbat Services** | Temple Har Shalom | Fridays | 6:30 pm  
**Meditation & Torah Study** | Temple Har Shalom | Saturdays | 8:30 am (via Zoom)

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## Park City Jewish Organizations

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### **Camp Nageela West – Utah**

Rabbi Dani Locker | nageelawest.org/home | info@nageelawest.org | 801.613.1JEW

### **Chabad Lubavitch of Park City**

Rabbi Yehudi Steiger | jewishparkcity.com | rabbi@jewishparkcity.com | 435.714.8590

### **Jewish Family Service**

Ellen Silver | jfsutah.org | ellen@jfsutah.org | 435.731.8455

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### **Park City Momentum Moms' & Dads' Israel Trips**

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