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Hillel International Launches New Center for Community Outreach

WASHINGTON – After two years evolving under the umbrella of Hillel International, The David Project will become the Hillel U Center for Community Outreach, a new initiative to inspire relationship building across cultural, religious and ethnic divides on campuses throughout the Hillel movement.

The David Project was created to help Jewish student leaders build mutually beneficial and enduring partnerships with other student organizations so that the pro-Israel community is integrated and valued on campus. This work will continue with the new Center, combining The David Project's proven relationship building methodology with Hillel U's training and empowerment platform.

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Building off of the success of The David Project in recent years in bringing together diverse communities for dialogue and understanding, the new Center will provide resources needed for campus Hillels and their professionals to speak to the cross-cutting identities of today's college students. This work is built on the same values that underpin Hillel's engagement work, with the goal of creating authentic intergroup relationships based on listening and respect.

By organizing relationship building initiatives, students will engage their peers in conversation, organize jointly led programs with student groups, and create initiatives such as interfaith Seders, dialogue nights and cultural exchanges. These activities will actualize Hillel's concern for other campus organizations and the issues they advocate for on campus and beyond. Through this work, Hillels will broaden their network on campus, engage students across campus life in dialogue and educational programming, and strengthen the social fabric of their campuses.

"Hillel is a place for every Jewish student, and most students today identify as something other than just Jewish," said Philip Brodsky, executive director of the new Center for Community Outreach. "By strengthening intergroup relationships, Jewish groups and their partners will, together, address issues of importance to the diverse members of the Jewish community today such as social justice, fighting anti-Semitism and hate, and supporting Israel, while also addressing issues of concern for other campus communities and coming together to learn about and celebrate one another's vibrant cultures. The new center will be a one-stop shop for Hillel professionals who will in turn teach Jewish students how to feel confident in their Judaism in leadership positions outside of Hillel."

"In the last two years as part of Hillel International, The David Project has developed itself into a leader in bringing diverse communities together for dialogue and understanding around Israel, anti-Semitism and other pressing issues relevant to Jewish students and our community partners on campus," said Adam Lehman, interim CEO of Hillel International. "As the Hillel U Center for Community Outreach, we will expand this work by providing new tools and resources for Hillel professionals across the country and around the world to engage students in relationship building and building connections around cross-cutting identities, shared values and experiences."

The Center for Community Outreach will enable Hillel professionals in relationship building methodology through:

Community Outreach Cohorts: The Center will provide support to a cohort of campus Hillels each year in writing and implementing a two-year strategic outreach plan to build relationships with non-Jewish student communities.

Trainings: The Center will focus on specific elements of relationship building, such as how to get started with outreach and how to maximize the impact of an Israel

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trip for non-Jewish students, as well as trainings for Hillel's focused on engaging specific communities such as certain cultural, religious, issued-based or other leadership groups

National Summits: The Center will continue to bring together Jewish students and those from other communities for dialogue, increased understanding and strengthening of ties when students are back on campus (e.g. Black Jewish Summit, Latino Jewish Summit, Interfaith Summit).

Resources for Campus Israel Trips: Trainings will help Hillels hosting Israel trips think through recruitment, processing during trip, and how to ensure significant follow up. ✨

*The Weequahic High School
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*cordially invites you to join us for
our 22nd Anniversary and Hall of
Distinction Induction Ceremony*

Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 6 pm

**Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel
1000 Spring Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey**

Tickets: \$100

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Join us this Friday for a

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Apple Pie Extravaganza



Community comradery & commitment

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Join us this Friday afternoon for the CAS Rosh Hashanah Apple Pie Extravaganza. Learn how to make delicious Apple pies under the tutelage of Dubra Shenker. What a great way to spend time with friends, perform a mitzvah, & brush up on your baking skills.

A very special thank you to Dubra Shenker & Linda Bloom

This Friday at noon Congregation Ahavas Sholom

SIMON

SAYS

Thought Provoking Insights from Rabbi Simon Rosenbach



Rabbi Simon Rosenbach

✦ I am always amazed how our sages, at least in the weeks before Rosh Hashanah, organized the weekly readings to coincide with spiritual preparation of the High Holy Days. For example, Nitzavim occurs always on the last Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah, and Nitzavim

encapsulates the themes of Rosh Hashanah. I wouldn't say that Nitzavim presages the themes of Rosh Hashanah. I wouldn't even say that Nitzavim portends, or forecasts, the themes of Rosh Hashanah. I would say that Nitzavim is a reverse echo of the themes of Rosh Hashanah.

See, I set before you this day life and prosperity, death and adversity. For I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His laws, and His rules, that you thrive and increase, and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land that you are about to enter and possess. But if your heart turns away and you give no heed, and are lured into the worship and service of other gods, I declare to you this day that you shall certainly perish; you shall not long endure on the soil that are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day: I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life – if you and your offspring would live – by loving the Lord your God, heeding His commands, and holding fast to Him. For thereby you shall have life and shall long endure upon the soil that the Lord swore to your ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to them.

Rosh Hashanah (and Yom Kippur too) is all about life. Inscribe us in the Book of Life. Seal us in the Book of life. Moses could have said these words in the Book of Numbers. Moses could have said these words in the Book of Leviticus. Moses could have said these words in the Book of Exodus. But, no, Moses waited to the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah (or the sages arranged Moses' words), so the Torah coincides with the themes of the holiday.

As we approach the High Holy Days, the Torah also describes Moses' waning days, and the transfer of power to Joshua. It is good that we read the few last

parshiot in the Book of D'varim at this time in our real lives, because Israelis had an election on September 17, and the government is not yet settled. Next Tuesday, I will update those of you who have not followed the election results, and maybe we will have time for questions.

As I say every year at this time, if I have offended anybody, please forgive, but tell me what I did to offend you. Otherwise, I will not learn. ✡

Join us on Sunday evening for Erev

Rosh Hashanah services, the blowing of the Shofar

& Our annual Communal Rosh Hashanah Dinner



Congregation Ahavas Sholom

Sunday September 29, 2019

6:30pm

The Weequahic High School Alumni Association

HALL OF DISTINCTION INDUCTEES

Warren Grover, 1955 - Author, historian, and co-founder of the Newark History Society.

Stanley Markowitz, 1955 - Educator, professor, activist for peace and social justice.

Eli Hoffman, 1956 - President of the Jaqua Foundation in NJ.

Paul Tractenberg, 1956 - Founder of Education Law Center and Institute on Education Law and Policy.

Jacob Toporek, 1963 - Executive Director NJ State Association of Jewish Federations, WHS Note newsletter.

Steven Dinetz, 1965 - CEO of Next Media, President of the Chancellor Foundation.

Wilfredo Nieves, 1966 - Educator, President of Capital Community College in Hartford, Connecticut.

Carrie Jackson, 1968 - Jazz vocalist, producer/arranger, recording artist, CEO of C-Jay Records.

Honorable Sheila Oliver, 1970 - NJ Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the NJ State Assembly.

Antoinette Baskerville-Richardson, 1970 - Chief Education Officer for the City of Newark.

Hisani Dubose, 1971 - Film producer, screenwriter, director and founder of NJ Movie Maker's Network.

Dr. Frederick Tyson, 1972 - Scientific Program Director at the National Institute of Environmental Health Services.

Deceased

Dr. Nathan Weiss, 1940 - Longtime President of Kean University, graduate school named after him, and author.

David Schechner, 1946 - Attorney, leader in Jewish community, synagogue historian, WHS Alumni trustee.

Hal Braff, 1952 - Attorney, civil rights activist, co founder of the WHS Alumni Association and avid Mets fan.

Dr. Eleanor Lutzke Lewis, 1959 - Social and consumer justice advocate who worked with Ralph Nader.

Dr. James Oliver Horton, 1961 - Professor Emeritus, scholar of African American history, and author.

Sadie Rous, Faculty, 1935-1968 - Popular and well-respected Social Studies teacher for 33 years.

Coach Burney Adams, Faculty, 1968-2002 - Legendary football coach and mentor for 34 years.



Flora Sonners spends time with her new granddaughter

Congratulations to Flora Sonners on the arrival of her granddaughter, Clementine Marie Sonners, who was born on September 17, 2017 (Elul 17 5779) to Jared and Alicia Sonners. Mazel tov Jared and Alicia; and a special mazel tov to my dear friend Flora.



Clementine Marie Sonners

Boar's Head Brand Releases Pumpkin Pie Dessert Hummus!

SARASOTA, Fla., Sept. 25, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Boar's Head Brand, one of the nation's leading providers of fine crafted foods, invites you to fall in love with its new FallSpice™ Selection Pumpkin Pie Dessert Hummus. Designed to satisfy the sweet tooth of pumpkin spice lovers, this seasonal flavor is crafted with real pumpkin, creamy steamed chickpeas, ground vanilla beans, organic sugar, and warm fall spices like cinnamon and nutmeg.

"There is a real feeling of nostalgia around fall triggered by its sights, sounds, scents and flavors," says Elizabeth Ward, Senior Director of Marketing and Communications for Boar's Head Brand. "Pumpkin pie is one of those flavors and Boar's Head Brand is so excited to be part of the fall season with our newest hummus flavor. Every delicious bite of Boar's Head® Pumpkin Pie Dessert Hummus transports you to autumn and the rich flavors that come with the season. Whether smothered on a stack of pancakes, enjoyed as a dip with graham crackers, or just relished straight off your spoon – Pumpkin Pie Hummus is good any way you decide to indulge in it."

Boar's Head Brand continues to excite hummus fans with its unique line of dessert flavors. Boar's Head FallSpice™ Selection Pumpkin Pie Dessert Hummus joins the company's other two dessert hummus flavors, Dark Chocolate Dessert Hummus and Choco-



late Raspberry Dessert Hummus. In addition, Boar's Head Brand offers a full line of savory flavors including Everything Bagel Hummus and Sweet Chili Garlic Hummus. No matter the flavor though, every batch of Boar's Head Hummus starts with premium ingredients, including fork tender steamed chickpeas and select spices for authentic flavors that are gluten free, kosher*, and Non-GMO Project Verified. ✨

Kiddush Sponsorship Shabbat Services

Sponsoring Kiddush is \$150.00, which barely covers the cost of the lunch. Our goal is to have every Kiddush sponsored. To sponsor a Kiddush email Rabbi Rosenbach or contact Allah Eicheldinger at alla7815@yahoo.com. You can also help by shopping; which doesn't cost money, just a little time. We'll give you a list of items, you shop and we'll reimburse you. Whatever you can do will be appreciated, greatly.

Join us at Ahavas Sholom this Saturday for Shabbat services. Strangers, visitors; friends - old & new - our doors are open to you. Looking for a new home? New members are always welcome at Congregation Ahavas Sholom. Shabbat services start at 9:00am. Our congregation is open and welcoming; feel free to pay us a visit, anytime.



*Join us at Congregation
Ahavas Sholom this
Shabbat and help us
make minyon*