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SOMETHING WORTH CELEBRATING

THIS YEAR, EACH ISSUE OF *SHALOM Y'ALL* HAS highlighted one of the three values embedded in our mission statement: supporting, connecting, and celebrating. That's how we truly see Jewish life in our region: something worthy of support, built for deep connections, and always giving us something to celebrate. In this final issue of 2021, our focus is on the third and most joyful aspect of our mission: celebration.

As we compile this issue, we're in the midst of the High Holidays. By the time it reaches your mailbox, we'll be preparing for Thanksgiving. While celebrations have looked different over the past year and a half, our communities and our traditions have still brought us vital joy across each season. In Judaism, celebration and sorrow are comfortable in the same room; it's why we break a glass at a wedding, and eat favorite foods together following a funeral.

So what are we celebrating, even as we still wear our masks and shift programs online? We're very glad to share multiple answers to that question!

This summer, the ISJL rolled out a new strategic plan. You'll notice a slightly new structure to *Shalom Y'all*, which mirrors the new structure of our organization. Instead of six departments, we now have three service areas: Education, Culture, and Spirituality. An overview on page 6 highlights some of the other big changes shaping the ISJL's future, and some of the changes already implemented are giving us plenty to celebrate on every page of this magazine. We're also celebrating lives well-lived and legacy giving (page 14), a new name for some old favorites (page 7), and so much more!

More than anything, we celebrate our connections with you, and the support we offer to our communities. Supporting, connecting, and celebrating: it's not simply our mission, it's also our inspiration.

L'shalom,
The Board & Staff of the ISJL





FROM THE CEO



Michele Schipper
CEO

WITH ‘CELEBRATION’ AS THE theme of this issue, I want to share some exciting news! Over the course of the last two years, as a Project Accelerate cohort selectee, the ISJL was provided with the opportunity to raise matching funds to secure a challenge grant. We are so grateful for the challenge grant, supplied by a visionary anonymous Jewish philanthropy, and for the positive impact that Project Accelerate has had on our professional leadership and on the growth of our organization.

Because of every single one of you who contributed to the matching challenge, the ISJL was able to raise \$500,000, enabling us to receive the maximum amount of the 1:2 matching challenge: \$250,000. Thank you so much for all of your support in this endeavor!

This challenge dovetailed with our recent strategic planning process, and the opportunity to reflect on what the ISJL has been, is, and can be. With that in mind, I would like to share Rabbi Caroline Sim’s words from a recent “Taste of Torah” (a ready-to-go sermon, emailed weekly; sign up at isjl.org/taste-of-torah):

We, ourselves, are still emerging from a crucible of a year. As we navigate our ongoing journey toward a “new normal,” we can reflect on what the past year

has meant for us and how it has changed us. We should think about the obstacles we have overcome and the new solutions we found. We should acknowledge the difficulties but also celebrate our endurance and achievements. For truly, individually and collectively, we have persevered—and we should be inspired by that. After all, if we were able to do all that under those

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conditions, what might we be able to accomplish in the future?

What might we be able to accomplish in the future? I am challenged by that statement and excited by the possibilities every day as we work together to create a bright future for the next generation. It’s one of my most core Jewish values: *L’dor v’dor*, from generation to generation. This took on a special meaning for me as the first anniversary of my father’s *yahrzeit* fell on a Sunday this August.

I wanted to do something positive and special to honor his memory. Thankfully, the opportunity presented itself: I was

asked to substitute teach for the kindergarten class at Beth Israel Congregation, which includes a student of whom I’m particularly fond: my great niece, my Dad’s beloved great-granddaughter. Not only that, but the curriculum I was teaching from that morning was the ISJL’s, and the teacher I was subbing for that day was a student that I had taught in my pre-K class many years ago. On every level, it was a *l’dor v’dor* moment for me and I was able to commemorate the day by playing, singing, and sharing Jewish knowledge with young children in my home community.

Support, connect and celebrate Jewish life in the South: the ISJL’s mission inspires our work through our Cultural, Spiritual, and Education program areas. We are making a difference and enriching the lives of thousands of Jews and our neighbors in the South and beyond. I celebrate the ISJL board and staff members who make this happen. I celebrate our community partners, program participants, donors, and all of you who share in the joy of the ISJL and are part of the ISJL family. I hope you will help us to continue the celebration by making a donation today.

L’dor v’dor, from generation to generation. We are grateful for your support.



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Jay Hesdorffer
ISJL Board Chair

I'M EXCITED THAT WE'VE reached the third themed issue of this year's *Shalom Y'all* triumvirate: celebrate! Even now, even in a year with so many struggles, the ISJL has so much to celebrate.

We've completed our strategic plan for the organization's future, the Board of Directors has formally approved it, and the staff have started implementing it.

The strategic plan has already led to many positive concrete steps.

Our Fellows are now ISJL Program Associates, who continue their dynamic work across the South!

Our new home office is located within the walls of Beth Israel Congregation in Jackson, Mississippi. While we are separate and distinct entities, we are thrilled that our longtime neighbor is now sharing a building with us—a partnership that benefits BIC, the ISJL, and the local Jewish community.

We've streamlined our organizational structure, going from six departments to three service areas. More than that, our three areas of service are working together more closely than ever. We are now focused on Education, Culture, and Spirituality—three distinct aspects of Jewish life that are also often interconnected.

Our **Education** curriculum spans early childhood through 12th

grade and also includes a Hebrew curriculum, family programs, supplemental materials, and adult education. Our education partners represent 65 congregations from El Paso, Texas, to Williamsburg, Virginia, and every state in between.

Our **Cultural** programming features an amazing roster of Jewish talent we've brought to the

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South through our **Southern States Jewish Programming Series**.

When groups are travelling, we plan custom **Southern Jewish Heritage Tours**. And for those looking to stay connected with scholars, museums, historic sites, and southern Jewish stories while staying socially distant, we invite you to join us for a **Virtual Vacation**.

Our commitment to researching and preserving Jewish history is ongoing. You can go online and learn about congregations and

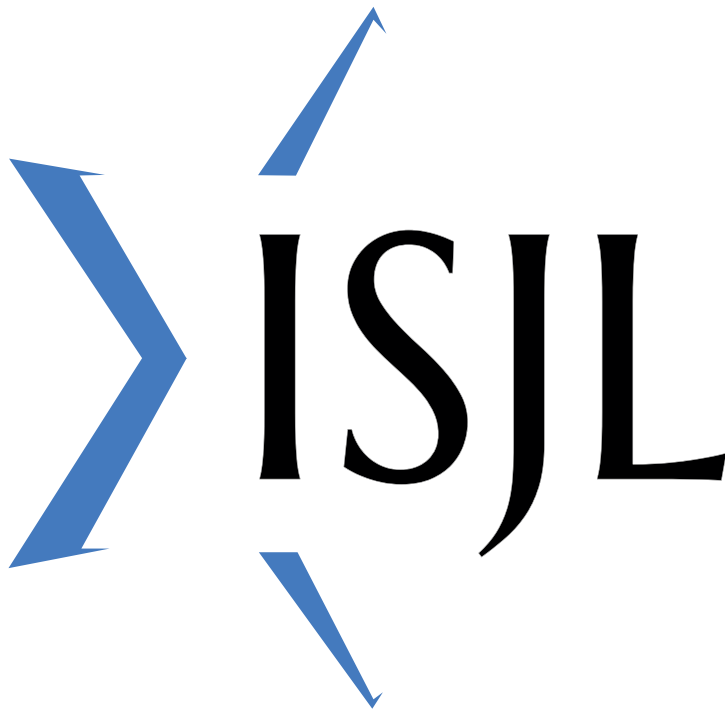
significant Jewish communities in the South through the **Encyclopedia of Southern Jewish Communities**.

When it comes to **Spirituality**, we are there for the multitude of southern synagogues that lack rabbinical leadership. We provide ongoing support, study, Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation, and more via video conferencing and in-person visits when safe.

In addition to these initial wins from the early implementation of our new strategic plan, we have received two generous and thoughtful gifts. One came from a generous family who knew of the ISJL and had given in the past, but now wanted to learn more about our work. The other came from a longtime supporter, who passed away this year. She commemorated her southern Jewish ties by honoring the ISJL with a gift through her charitable remainder trust.

We are truly honored by and so grateful for these inspirational gifts. It is through these selfless and generous acts that our work is acknowledged, validated, and made possible. Thank you!

As you consider your own year-end giving, we hope you will be inspired to support the work of the ISJL—and celebrate everything that lies ahead!



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THE ISJL STRATEGIC PLAN

**SUPPORTING.
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CELEBRATING.**

1 Three Core Services

Instead of six departments, the ISJL now has three core service areas: Education, Culture, and Spirituality.

2 Sustainability

At the heart of this strategic plan is sustainability – which we’re achieving through actions including shifts in staff roles, a move to a new building, and a new mix of online and in-person programming.

3 Community-Centered Approach

We’re recommitting to our core value of being a true partner to our communities, working with communities throughout the South and always ensuring small communities are not overlooked. We’re tailoring services more to meet each community’s needs.

4 Modern Updates

From a refreshed logo to ongoing online offerings, the lessons we’ve learned over the past two decades, throughout the pandemic, and during this strategic planning process are shaping the ISJL’s updates moving forward.



The ISJL Education team.

EDUCATION

ONCE A FELLOW, ALWAYS A... PROGRAM ASSOCIATE!?

RACHEL GLAZER

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO officially introduce to you, for the first time in this publication's history, the ISJL Program Associates!

You may be in the habit of calling them by their former title, Education or Community Engagement Fellows. Perhaps you've made well-meaning attempts to describe their roles (they have mistakenly been referred to in the past as interns, consultants, traveling bards...). During our strategic planning process, one piece of feedback we heard from members of the

Fellow Alumni Network, as well as from community members, was that the term "fellow" fell short in encompassing all that these staff members do.

The title "Program Associate," we feel, includes implicit messages which we hope will shine a light on the depth and breadth of their work:

• Within our three service areas, there are opportunities for these staff members to engage not only in Education programs, but also in offerings from our Culture and Spirituality areas.

• These staff members are full-time, salaried employees who have as much to teach as they do to learn!

• This title can be more widely understood in a variety of professional fields so that no matter what paths the PAs choose after their two years with the ISJL, they can start off strong as they look back on the time they spent with your communities.

Ready to meet the stars themselves? Check out our lightning-round interviews with the 2021-2022 Program Associates on the next page!



2021–2022 PROGRAM ASSOCIATES



DYLAN



GABBY



JULIAN

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The ISJL office is a notoriously boisterous and creative place. Since moving locations, we have all found a new rhythm working together in person and virtually. What are you known for around the office?

Making funny jokes and cracking myself up.

Landon

Overwhelming enthusiasm!

Sophie

Making people laugh and pontificating about Jewish history.

Dylan



Bringing all the baked goods.

Julian

Singing fun Jewish songs!

Lisa

Always lending a helping hand.

Gabby

My bonsai tree, sand garden, and smile.

Matthew

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We are in an era of finding innovative ways to bring meaning to special moments throughout the year. What is your favorite moment in the Jewish calendar?

The end of every week—I love the noisiness of kids and community running around at Shabbat dinner, and the peace of Saturday morning.

Sophie

Studying all night during Shavuot.

Matthew

Tash'lich— I'm inspired by learning from my mistakes.

Lisa

Passover. I love the hopeful and justice-focused themes of the holiday!

Gabby



Tu Bish'vat. I love to see people's different ways to celebrate this holiday, like seders and succulent parties.

Landon

Pesach, AKA Passover! (I just really love matzo ball soup.)

Julian

Passover; I love horseradish.

Dylan



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It sounds like y'all bring life to any gathering! Where might we find you at, say, an oneg?

Making sure everyone gets some challah.

Matthew

By the snack bar talking about (and eating) all the best sweets.

Landon

Eating all of the cookies with raspberry filling.

Lisa

Hovering over the shakshuka.

Dylan

Going back for thirds on dessert, talking, and playing Bananagrams.

Sophie

Schmoozing with community members or asking about allergens in the snacks.

Gabby

Israeli dancing.

Julian



LANDON



LISA



MATTHEW



SOPHIE

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Shakshuka and Israeli dancing—now there are some ideas I’ve got to bring to my next Shabbat gathering! What other kinds of contributions do you bring to team brainstorms?

Original ideas for games, arts and crafts activities, and text studies.

Sophie

Online games and resources or different ways to make your classroom tech-savvy.

Landon

Lots of suggestions for team games and creative challenges.

Dylan

Out-of-the-box ideas that often include bits of mysticism.

Matthew

Fun music for song sessions or *t'filah*, activities for families, and puns.

Julian



Holiday crafts and culture including movies, books, podcasts, and more!

Gabby

Using my large prayer repertoire and songleading experience to make your *t'filah* sessions as meaningful as possible!

Lisa

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One of the most powerful ideas getting many of us through this year is that there are always reasons to find hope and joy in our communities. What are you looking forward to celebrating?

A new year of growth and change.

Julian

Celebrating Chanukah with my communities.

Dylan

Being closer to all of my family in the South and sharing holidays with them.

Sophie

Another year seeing and feeling the creative ways Jews have supported and connected with each other safely.

Landon

A sweet New Year of Jewish learning!

Gabby

Pesach and getting to learn everyone's Passover traditions.

Matthew

Purim! It is a great holiday for all generations (and you can't forget about the fun costumes)!

Lisa



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Thanks to our Program Associates for sharing their enthusiasm and excitement! If readers would like to share what you are excited to celebrate this year, you can email us at jewisheducation@isjl.org. We can't wait to hear from you!

To learn more about Education at the ISJL, email jewisheducation@isjl.org.



FOCUS ON FAN

“FELLOW FAREWELL” WITH A TWIST!

AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED in the main Education article... we no longer have Education Fellows (or Community Engagement Fellows)! We now have ISJL Program Associates. This name change is part of our new strategic plan, and reflects direct feedback from a lot of important stakeholders—including, loud and clear, the members of our Fellow Alumni Network (FAN).

While everyone LOVED our Fellows and appreciated the job once they understood what it really meant... we learned during the strategic planning process that there was often some confusion about the nomenclature.

“Fellow” connoted an academic appointment for some; it implied unpaid intern to others. When applying for jobs and graduate programs post-fellowships, some FAN folks shared that explaining the breadth of the position was made more challenging simply because of the name. So after research and lots of conversation and consideration, we settled on Program Associates. Many nonprofits have a position with this title, and there’s a broader understanding that it means a full-time job working hands-on to deliver an organization’s programming—which is a nice, clear description of the position (that opens up the conversation

to discuss in more detail all the amazing things ISJL PAs get to do).

So that means the 2019–2021 ISJL Fellows were the last ISJL Fellows! But don’t worry, we think you’ll love our PAs every bit as much as you loved our fellows. These recently-finished fellows are also the newest members of the Fellow Alumni Network, which is still called FAN for now... though we’ll see how things “pan” out.

What are the LAST ISJL FELLOWS going to do next?! Glad you asked! Here’s what they’re up to now. For more fun with FAN folks, be sure to join us on October 28 for a FAN-coordinated WHO KNOWS ONE Jewish geography fundraising game!



JULIA KUNIS

"Thank you to all of the people who made my experience at the ISJL meaningful and transformative. I've enjoyed getting to know all of the communities I've had the opportunity to work with during my two years at the ISJL. For my next step, I'm not going too far; I will be staying in Jackson, Mississippi, to work with the Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits & Philanthropy as the Constituent Services & Support Coordinator. I am grateful that the ISJL has played a key role in my continued success in Mississippi."



ISAAC GAMORAN

"I'm so thankful for the special moments of connection with all of the wonderful individuals in our communities during my time as an Ed Fellow. One of my favorite moments was driving up to Greenwood, Mississippi, to help the Goldberg family create a min'yan for their son Walker's bar mitzvah. Post-fellowship, I will begin the Master of Urban Planning and Policy program at the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC)!"



AVA GADON

"I am so thankful for my absolutely life-changing experience at the ISJL and in all of your communities. I will never forget all I learned from speaking with teachers on Zoom, late-night conversations with my homestay families, and the ever-surprising answers from students during programming. I can't wait to take all of my new lessons and experiences to my position as Education Coordinator at Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington, D.C.!"



PAIGE BEAME

"I am so thankful for the ISJL and all the communities; they have helped me flourish and grow into the person I am today! My travels across the South have given me memories I will never forget, like the World's Largest Brick in Alabama, the World's Largest Chair and Chest of Drawers in North Carolina, The Star in Texas, and seeing the sunset on top of a mountain in Virginia. I cannot wait for my next journey to begin at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion for my Rabbinic Ordination and Master's in Jewish Educational Leadership!"



RENA LUBIN

"I am unbelievably thankful for how my time at the ISJL has shaped my relationship with Judaism and my Jewish identity (so a big thank you to every education director, rabbi, and community member I met over the past two years!). Looking back, some of my favorite moments during the fellowship were in leading Saturday morning text studies. They always pushed me out of my comfort zone, and I wanted to lead an experience for every participant. Post-fellowship, I will be pursuing my MA in Jewish Nonprofit Management at the Zelikow School of Jewish Nonprofit Management at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion... and in 2021-2022, I'll be completing my graduate internship right at home with the ISJL!"



MARGO WAGNER

"I am so thankful for the opportunity to cultivate so many useful skills in this job and to be able to use them in the Jewish field. I am also thankful for the many great connections I have made with different synagogues and people in the South. One of my many favorite moments as an Education Fellow was leading a Chanukah Color War competition between Congregation Emet V'Or in Newport News, Virginia, and Temple Beth El in Williamsburg, Virginia. It was a blast, and so great to see two synagogues come together to compete for that coveted Chanukah trophy! I am beyond excited to be starting Cantorial School at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion after the fellowship."

ISJL's Fellow Alumni Network Presents

Who knows one?

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SPIRITUALITY

CELEBRATING THIS SEASON IN ITS OWN WAY

RABBI CAROLINE SIM

DIRECTOR OF RABBINICAL SERVICES

GIVEN THE PAST YEAR, IT MAY seem hard to find many things to celebrate. Many people have enumerated the various hardships we have endured and overcome during the pandemic. But we may have forgotten to highlight our victories and accomplishments during this stressful time and to rejoice in our sense of hope for the future.

Some may say that we have not gained much ground in the past year. There's so much pressure to be productive, and some might wonder: what if all I've done is just hang on and keep going? Give yourself a pat on the back, because that's still an accomplishment!

To judge ourselves using the same rubric as before the pandemic does us all a disservice. Even if we have only maintained what we do as a community – whether that means still having prayer services, still coming together (perhaps online rather than in person) as a community, or something else—that is still “gaining ground,” given that the ground we stood upon suddenly became unstable.

If keeping the community going is what we have accomplished, that is absolutely something to be celebrated. It connects us to our heritage, as we too are now contributing to the Jewish tradition of surviving through adversity.

Many of us have found sustenance through rituals, habits, or routines. These are ways of giving ourselves stability in unstable times. We cannot control what is going on in the world, but we can manage our own actions.



Many of us have found spiritual and personal nourishment through a deeper exploration of Judaism, or of returning to habitual Jewish practices. Some of us have created new rituals to share as a family or household.

We found something that sustains us and keeps us connected to Judaism and to each other. We used these tools, relied on our own strengths, and asked for the help of others to get through these hard times. We may have bowed, but we did not break, and that is due to our inner strength and resilience.

There is a prayer that many of us know that fits well with the spirit of this time: the *shehecheyanu*. The prayer goes as follows: *Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha-olam, shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu, laz'man hazeh*, “Praised are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach

this season.”

Some say we recite this prayer too much—at every holiday, occasion, or new thing. In its heart, the *shehecheyanu* is meant to be said at exceptional events—holidays, yes, but also momentous occasions in our lives.

Is there any time more deserving of a *shehecheyanu* than now? We have survived our various trials and hardships. We have maintained our sense of self, our sense of family, and our sense of community, even if that “sense” has transformed into something new and unforeseen.

Throughout our lives, we grow and change. Although some periods may be more painful or fraught than others, it is still a victory to be celebrated that we have made the journey. It is still a victory to look towards, and march towards, the future. Our lives are still something to celebrate—in this strange season, and in every season.

To learn more about the ISJL's Spirituality service area, email rabbi@isjl.org.



DEVELOPMENT



LIVES WELL-LIVED: Remembering Miriam & Raymond Freedman of Muskogee, Oklahoma

RISA KLEIN HERZOG
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO CONNECT the concepts of “celebration” and “loss.” But truly, when a life has been well-lived and a legacy ensured, there is reason for celebration—as well as deep gratitude.

Recently, the ISJL received a bequest from Miriam and Raymond Freedman of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Having experienced the ISJL in action in Oklahoma over the years, the Freedmans wanted to make sure that beyond their lifetimes, the ISJL could continue to offer meaningful Jewish programming across the South, regardless of a community’s size. In this issue of *Shalom Y'all*, we celebrate Miriam and Raymond Freedman, both of blessed memory.

Raymond Freedman passed away in 2001. We lost Miriam just a few months ago, in April 2021.

My recent interview with

Jermaine Wheeler, Assistant to the Freedman Trust, and 25-year friend and colleague of Miriam Freedman, focuses mostly on Miriam—although the legacy of this couple is truly a shared one. Their gift, and this tribute, also celebrates the ISJL in action: educational, spiritual, and cultural contributions. Through the lens of Jermaine, I witnessed the ISJL’s work in Oklahoma and all the good that the Freedmans saw in supporting a Jewish cause like ours. The conversation was truly inspiring.

Living a long and meaningful life of 96 years, Miriam Klar Freedman was a driving force in every community in which she lived. Born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, she met and married Raymond Freedman during World War II. Together they had three children, Sally, Steve (Karen), and Robert (Charlotte) Freedman. The couple

settled in Dallas, Texas, joining Temple Emanuel and forming lifelong friendships there. Miriam volunteered her time to a wide range of causes from helping troubled adolescents, to participating in the League of Women Voters, to helping with the Women’s Division of the Jewish Welfare Fund. In addition to her volunteer efforts, she received a bachelor of science in social work from Texas Christian University and a Master’s Degree in Art History from Southern Methodist University.

Following the death of her stepfather, E. Phil Kirschner, Miriam and Raymond returned to Muskogee. It was there that she became the Managing Trustee of five charitable trusts founded by E.P. and Roberta Kirschner. Even after losing her beloved Raymond in 2001, Miriam remained in Muskogee, managing the Foundation until





her retirement in 2016. Then she moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she remained until her passing earlier this year. Through her efforts at the Kirschner Trusts, many benefitted in incredibly meaningful ways, including students in need of academic scholarships, single women in the workforce finding resources, children with disabilities being supported, and Jewish students training to become spiritual leaders.

“She was small in stature but tenacious in spirit,” says Jermaine of Miriam. “She was passionate, dedicated, and outspoken. She stood her ground and was able to articulate her views successfully. She had the ability to make the sad things in life into something better and to elevate the sad with her gifts. When she walked in a room, you knew she was there!”

ISJL founder Macy B. Hart remembers Miriam’s interest in the

ISJL from the early years. “Miriam was a magnificent lady who was committed to the ISJL’s work. She was passionate about the historical, rabbinical, and educational aspects of the ISJL. In her capacity, she left this wonderful legacy to the ISJL. She is a perfect example of someone who was inspired by a good idea and wanted to see those ideas live on.”

Miriam was a lifelong learner and a lover of Jewish knowledge and culture, so support to the ISJL fit naturally into her interests. Jermaine shared: “Although I’m not of the Jewish faith, I loved attending ISJL events with Miriam. When a traveling rabbi or one of the amazing ISJL performers came to town, it brought such life to our community. Wherever there was music and learning, Miriam was joining in the fun!”

Miriam’s interest in Jewish education, culture, and spirituality

was reflected in her involvement with Beth Ahaba Congregation of Muskogee. When it could no longer sustain membership and closed, Miriam helped preserve six pews, along with several stained-glass windows. She donated them to the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art in Tulsa, where bar and bat mitzvah students have used them for their Hebrew studies—another example of the intersection of the ISJL and her interests. (To learn more about the history of the Jewish community in Muskogee, visit the ISJL’s Encyclopedia of Southern Jewish Communities at www.isjl.org/history).

Years ago, Raymond and Miriam Freedman chose the causes they cared about the most. Together they made a goal to leave funds to a variety of charities with a specific dollar amount. They began with a modest donation and kept their goals in mind throughout the years. Over time, they added to that charitable account that was invested, so it continued to increase in value. On Miriam’s passing in April, the ISJL was one of the recipients of their generosity. Today the ISJL celebrates the legacy that the Freedmans helped provide: the ability to support, connect, and celebrate Jewish life in the South.

So let us celebrate the legacy of Miriam and Raymond Freedman when we see someone small in stature, yet tenacious in spirit, or when we bring Jews together as a community, large or small. We celebrate that their legacy will live on to create future generations of proud southern Jews throughout the South and beyond.

I am grateful for your belief in our shared work, and I celebrate your support of the ISJL. If you would like to discuss a bequest or any other contribution to the ISJL, I will celebrate the opportunity to have that conversation.



CULTURE

CELEBRATING SOUTHERN JEWISH HISTORY WITH THE ISJL VIRTUAL VACATION

NORA KATZ

DIRECTOR OF HERITAGE & INTERPRETATION

THE ISJL IS PROUD TO BRING you excellent cultural programs for and from the Jewish South. Launching our new strategic plan during a pandemic has required flexibility, creativity, and a spirit of collaboration and experimentation. In my work as Director of Heritage and Interpretation, I am passionate about bringing southern Jewish culture—and southern Jewish stories—to the widest possible audience.

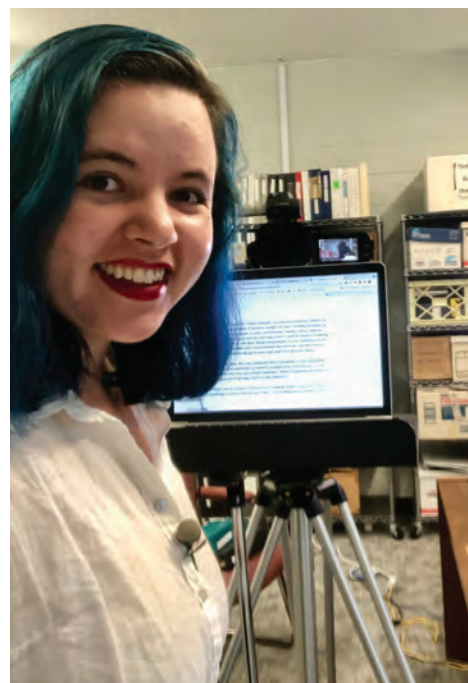
How do we make that happen right now? The ISJL Virtual Vacation!

The ISJL Virtual Vacation is a video series that happens to be all about celebration—celebrating the vibrant history and culture of the Jewish South, uplifting southern Jewish connections to American history, and dissecting the complexities of our history so that we can work together to build a better future. These are lofty goals, but we've found ways to make them a reality.

As the producer and host of the ISJL Virtual Vacation, I get to see the real-life impact of the program. During interviews for our episodes, our guest experts often thank me for taking the time to ask them about their work. I read the comments on our videos and see audience

members' thoughtful questions. Occasionally, folks take the time to email me about episodes they particularly enjoyed, sharing how the ISJL Virtual Vacation has had an impact on their lives and helped them celebrate southern Jewish life. In the interest of this celebration, I'd like to share some of their thoughts with you.

Left: Blue crab hummus at Saba in New Orleans. Below: Filming the Virtual Vacation in the new ISJL offices at Beth Israel Congregation.





Ziggy Gruber of Kenny & Ziggy's (featured in "Southern Jewish Restaurants") with a Fancy Schmancy Burger.

"Thank you for working to share all the positive cultural aspects of the Delta and the state of Mississippi."

- Malika Polk-Lee

(Executive Director of the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center, featured in the episode "Visit the Mississippi Delta")

"Truly a great way to capture our southern roots! Thank you for including Mom and her story."

- Pam Spanjer

(daughter of Perrye Lewis, who is featured in the episode "Holiday Shopping in the Jewish South")



The Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama

“Just finished screening the video and found it informative and entertaining... Your presentation answered a lot of Delta questions folks have been asking for years.”

- Benjy Nelken

(curator of the Hebrew Union Temple Century of History Museum and the Greenville History Museum, featured in the episode “Visit the Mississippi Delta”)

“Wonderful. Informative. As a former native of Shreveport, I so appreciated the perspective the program provided. I have... been away from Shreveport [for many years] but enjoyed the ‘visit’ back home.”

- Jack Schuster

“Thank you for asking me to participate in the Virtual Vacation! I enjoyed watching the tour and LOVED seeing my parents! Just wanted you to know how much I enjoyed the whole process—from being interviewed to watching the final product. Keep up the great work!”

-Rachel Reagler Schulman

(ISJL board member, featured in the episode “Holiday Shopping in the Jewish South”)



Maury Kohn (right) with Mendel Segal at Mendel's Backyard BBQ & Brew in Surfside, Florida (featured in “Southern Jewish Restaurants”)

“[My husband] and I are traveling from Chapel Hill to Nashville today and have just finished listening to the (entire!) ISJL Spotify playlist ‘Jews, Country, and Bluegrass.’ It is wonderful! Thank you for putting it together and sharing it with those of us who love music.”

- Teri Tillman

“Thanks for including me in your discussion on Jews in country music. I was absolutely honored to be part of it. Y’all were such a hoot to talk to and I hope I didn’t talk too much... I can’t wait to see y’all on the road sometime!”

- Joe Buchanan

(Jewish Americana artist, featured in “Southern Jewish Music: Jews and Country”)



Filming at Club Ebony in Indianola, MS.



A view from the side of the road in the Mississippi Delta.

“Thank you and your colleagues at the ISJL for their work to spread the cause of southern Judaism, support it, and make the world a better place.”

- Maury Kohn

(featured in the episode “Southern Jewish Restaurants”)

“The ISJL Virtual Vacation is an immense asset! I look forward to it... it offers the opportunity to learn so much.”

- Bob Morris

These folks aren’t the only ones who are excited to celebrate the ISJL Virtual Vacation. We are proud to announce that we recently received a \$15,000

American Rescue Plan grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council through support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which will support

our ongoing public history programs, including the ISJL Virtual Vacation. We can’t wait to continue celebrating southern Jewish history with you.

You can catch up on our past ISJL Virtual Vacation episodes (and sign up to receive updates about the series) on our website: www.isjl.org/virtual-vacation. If you’d like to share why southern Jewish culture matters to you, email us at heritage@isjl.org.



Sally Priesand and Michael Ginsberg, Bar Mitzvah (1969), Hattiesburg, MS.

CULTURE

HISTORY AS CELEBRATION AND CELEBRATIONS IN HISTORY

DR. JOSH PARSHALL
HISTORIAN

OF THE THREE VERBS IN THE ISJL mission statement—support, connect, and celebrate—it is the third that sometimes gives me pause. As a historian, I’m wary of simply “celebrating” the past. History matters, and simplified histories are too easily put to bad use. But celebrations are not necessarily about unqualified praise or frivolous fun. A celebration can include solemnity, after all, and perhaps the core meaning of the word has to do with marking something as significant. The ISJL’s public history work certainly starts with

the premise that southern Jewish stories matter—not that they are more important than other stories, but that they are a significant piece of a broader whole.

Through the Encyclopedia of Southern Jewish Communities and our other programs and resources, we preserve, interpret, and, yes, even celebrate southern Jewish history. However carefully I might use the word “celebrate” to describe what I do as a historian, there is no doubt that celebrations are a common theme in my research. Religious, communal,

and lifecycle celebrations—from holiday observances and synagogue dedications to weddings and funerals—provide much of the raw material for the ISJL Encyclopedia. For example, the recently updated entry for Hattiesburg, Mississippi, includes images that reflect three celebrations, each of which marks a distinct moment in the development of the local Jewish community.

Newspaper notices from the early 20th century advised customers that Jewish shops in Hattiesburg would be closed for

Rosh Hashanah. Not only do the ads help to identify Jewish-owned retail establishments, but also the two-day closures indicate that the business owners celebrated the holiday according to more traditional customs as opposed to the Reform one-day celebration of the holiday.

The cornerstone of Hattiesburg's B'nai Israel Congregation testifies to another celebration, which took place during the construction of the congregation's second synagogue in 1946. The cornerstone notes the original founding of the congregation in 1915 and the erection of a new building 21 years later. It also includes the names of B'nai Israel's officers and the building committee, celebrating them for their contributions to local Jewish life. The year of construction is significant, as Hattiesburg had experienced growth during the years of World War II, and the Jewish population sought a new, more distinguished home for itself in the mid-century era.

The third picture depicts a celebration in process. In 1969 Michael Ginsberg, son of local Jewish leaders Lou and Herb Ginsberg, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah ceremony under the supervision of Student Rabbi Sally Priesand. When Rabbi Priesand received her ordination from the Hebrew Union College in 1972, she became the first woman rabbi in the United States. Michael has the distinction of being the first bar mitzvah to train under the country's first woman rabbi.

There's something to be learned from celebrations, and more nuance to the word than it might initially seem. In part, the definition of the word refers to "important events and occasions"—which does tie in pretty firmly with the study of history.



From top: Daily News Rosh Hashanah store closing notice; Hattiesburg's B'nai Israel Congregation Cornerstone.

To learn more about southern Jewish history, email history@isjl.org.



Daniel Cainer performs in Edinburgh.

CULTURE

HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY CELEBRATE

ANN ZIVITZ KIENTZ
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING

WHEN IT COMES TO MY JOB coordinating cultural programs for the ISJL, the thing that makes me want to get up and dance is the fact that every day, I get to help your communities celebrate! This year, we have hosted a rich variety of programs—mostly over Zoom—featuring stellar speakers, musicians, comedians, theatrical performances, and more.

In the year ahead, we will continue to provide these programs both over Zoom and in person as community protocols and pandemic safety precautions allow. We are already booked with programs through May 2022! Part of why we are able

to continue steadily scheduling our incredible presenters is that everyone is on board and in good communication about our transparent policy to postpone, cancel, or move to Zoom any planned in-person event if necessary. We want our communities and our presenters to feel safe, comfortable, and respected... and we are committed to still celebrating Jewish culture, whatever it takes!

Our next region-wide event will be another Chanukah concert. After the tremendous success of last year's Chanukah celebration with the legendary Jewish singer-songwriter Julie Silver, this year we are thrilled

to announce another big name in Jewish music: Dan Nichols! The ISJL Dan Nichols Chanukah Concert will be on Thursday, December 2, at 7:00 pm Central time on Zoom. Interested in participating? Get in touch—we would love to have you.

In January, we're starting the new year strong with Daniel Cainer, a British Jewish entertainer who will have you laughing and crying with his musical storytelling.

These shared-expense events and others like them empower your community to celebrate Jewish culture with joy and ease—and that's truly something to celebrate.

To learn more about the ISJL's Cultural Programming, email programming@isjl.org.

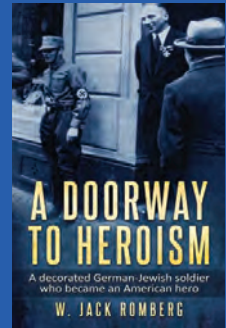


RABBI JACK ROMBERG A DOORWAY TO HEROISM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7:00PM CENTRAL

\$250 per organization | Sign up deadline: Friday, October 29

Rabbi Jack Romberg's new book is gripping and personal: imagine a German Jew who was a decorated German soldier in World War I, a resister in Cologne at the start of Hitler's reign of terror, and a Silver Star-decorated U.S. Army soldier. Three heroic actions, at three different times, in three different places. This is the true story of Richard Stern... who also just happens to be Rabbi Romberg's great-uncle.



DAN NICHOLS CHANUKAH CONCERT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 7:00PM CENTRAL

\$300 per organization | Sign up deadline: Friday, November 19

Dan Nichols is a proud product of the URJ camp movement. He has toured Jewish summer camps and congregations across North America for more than 15 years. A classically trained singer, Dan received his Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance at the University of North Carolina. Dan has been featured at conferences and conventions including the URJ Biennial, NFTY Convention, BBYO International, Limmud, and the Wexner Heritage Program. Your community won't want to miss this special holiday program opportunity!



DANIEL CAINER IN CONCERT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 7:00PM CENTRAL

\$250 per organization | Sign up deadline: Friday, January 7

Direct from London, award-winning musical storyteller Daniel Cainer brings his internationally acclaimed one-man show Gefilte Fish and Chips to audiences worldwide. With humor, wit, emotional resonance, and even a dose of spiritual profundity, Daniel looks at what it means to be Jewish—or in his case, British and Jewish. He's been dubbed "The Comic Bard of Anglo-Jewry." All of the human condition is here, in a remarkable collection of stories-in-song about family, hope, life, love, Jewish culture and history, diaspora, assimilation, current events, and, of course, bagels. Every song tells a story, and every story touches the heart. Bring Daniel's stories into your community!



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

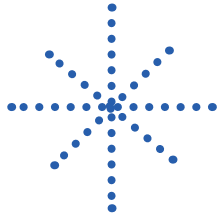
Every day, we're reminded of the importance of the work we do, together with our communities. Connecting Jewish people with Jewish history, learning, and programming enriches lives today and builds a more vibrant Jewish future all at the same time. Celebrating these moments of impact, big and small, helps us all remember how vital our collaborations can be. Here are a few words that staff and supporters recently shared, celebrating ISJL moments:

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“I am so happy that Nashville has opened its door to the incredible impacts of ISJL. Last year was such a challenging time for families, and the happy, engaging, inspiring Sunday school lessons that my two daughters had at The Temple in Nashville were so valuable. In just one year I could see what a difference this curriculum made for our Jewish educational programming, from supporting the teachers to energizing the students. Raising a Jewish family in the south is a very unique situation and requires special commitment to sharing the values and traditions of Judaism with our children and engaging them in a way that invites them to be proud and excited to celebrate being Jewish for a lifetime. ISJL offers the synagogues and southern Jewish communities so many valuable tools to make this happen for our children and therefore many future generations.”

- Abbey Benjamin, Nashville, Tennessee



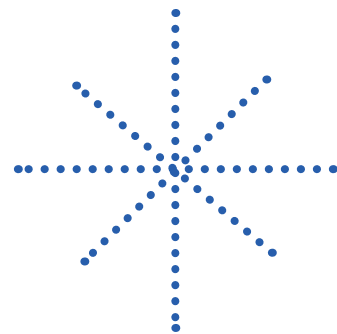


“Coming into the ISJL, I felt nervous and a bit insecure about my Jewish knowledge (or lack thereof), but once I entered the office, met my coworkers and leadership, I instantly felt like every part of me was meant to be here. The ISJL helped me grow, supported me in both my personal and professional development, encouraged me to step outside of my comfort zone and reminded me that they would be there if I were to fall, and most importantly to me, always made sure that I knew I was Jewish enough. Growing up feeling not-so-Jewish, I always felt a little less than or not as Jewish compared to someone else, but the ISJL made me into a person who is confident in what I know, is a voice for those who may not feel heard or seen by the dominant narrative in a Jewish space, and is willing to make every moment a learning opportunity. I am infinitely grateful for my time as an Education Fellow at the ISJL; I’ve shaped and grown into my own Jewish identity thanks to this job, become an educator and a leader, and have been given the tools, the relationships, and the opportunity to move onto my next steps with all the support in the world!”

– **Rena Lubin, 2019–2021 ISJL Education Fellow (Program Associate), Jackson, Mississippi**

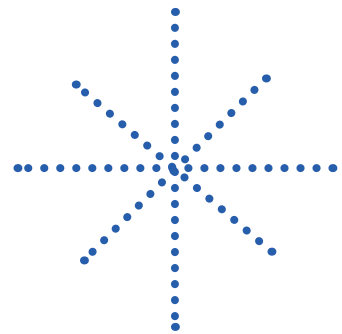
“[Musician and ISJL roster performer] Eliana Light’s Sunday programs with the [religious school] kids were great! She really did a wonderful job and was super engaging with both the younger and older kids. Thank you!”

– **Meryl Zimmerman Metairie, Louisiana**



“Several weeks ago I spoke with Dr. Josh Parshall about updating the Statesville, NC, entry to the ISJL Encyclopedia of Southern Jewish Communities. My request was made to provide a more accurate account of some of the history of Temple Emanuel and the generational role of the Wallace family. I am grateful for the time [Dr. Parshall] gave me and your excellent representation of the additional information. I recently sent a donation to ISJL in your honor as a token of my appreciation to you and your work on behalf of the southern Jewish experience.”

- **JoAnne Rosenblum,**
Asheville, North Carolina



“After a long year and a half of being in a virtual environment, it was a breath of fresh air to have the ISJL’s Rabbi Sim as the leader for my first in-person service. It was magical to listen to the beautiful high holiday melodies and thoughtful sermons in our light-filled sanctuary. We had a wonderful conversation over lunch as we got to know each other and discussed the challenges facing our synagogue. She had several creative ideas of how to approach these issues. I am looking forward to her next visit (and wish she could be our forever rabbi!)”

— **Rivka Zemke, Northwest Arkansas**



“I got a call out of the blue from someone who wanted me to officiate at their wedding in Biloxi, Mississippi, this fall. It’s nice that sometimes we get a truly pleasant, unexpected opportunity to serve and support the Jewish community in the South.”

— **Rabbi Caroline Sim, ISJL Director of Rabbinical Services, Jackson, Mississippi**



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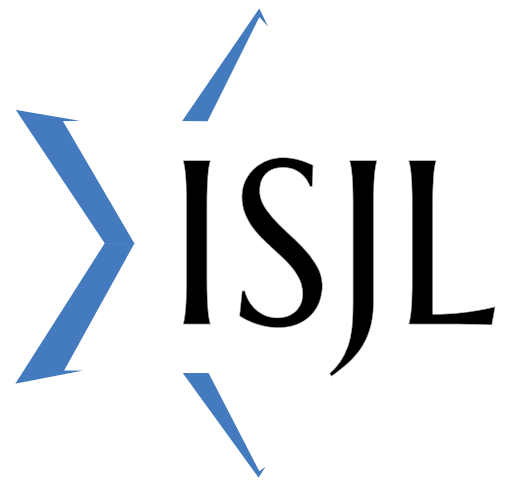
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