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LIZ FELDSTERN

Executive Director, Institute for Holocaust Education

Allison Nazarian is the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors and an award-winning copywriter. Her most recent book, *Aftermath: A Granddaughter's Story of Legacy, Healing, & Hope*, explores why her family's history empowered and made resilient people like her grandmother, whose life was a triumph until the day she died, well into her 90's – while it haunted and ultimately destroyed others, like her mother who took her own life at the age of 51. *Aftermath* is a powerful look at healing, forgiveness, breaking old patterns, and finding the delicate balance between a proud legacy and a burdensome responsibility.

Allison is a fascinating and dynamic speaker and will be presenting in Omaha on **Sept. 6 and 7**. Her visit is a collaboration of the Jewish Federation of Omaha, Institute for Holocaust Education, ADL-CRC, Jewish Family Service, and Temple Israel,

with support from the Special Donor Advised Fund of the JFO Foundation.

On **Wednesday, Sept. 6** Allison will present at Temple Israel's Adult Education Class. From **6:30-8 p.m.** she will share, "Growing up as the Grandchild of Holocaust Survivors: What was it Really Like?". The talk is open to all.

On **Thursday, Sept. 7** a workshop will be offered at the JCC for local Mental Health Professionals. Allison will discuss, "Healing from Family Trauma: A Granddaughter's Perspective". The **10-11:30 a.m.** workshop will explore inherited trauma, the "family hero" and more, and will offer continuing education credit (CEU's) through Jewish Family Service. Advance registration and payment is required, by contacting JFS at 402.330.2024.

The Dorothy Kaplan Book Discussion Group will be reading *Aftermath* and will discuss the book (with the author!) at **1 p.m.** in the Kripke Jewish Federation Library. All are welcome to attend.

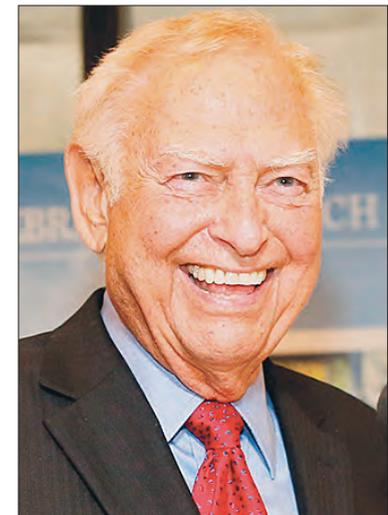
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Announcing The Stanford Lipsey Jewish Press Endowment Fund

LINDA POLLARD

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Throughout his life, Stanford Lipsey described himself as, "just a little kid from Omaha." In fact, he was an award winning publisher, community leader, photographer, philanthropist, and visionary. He was a husband, first to the former Jeanne Blacker of Omaha, and then Judi Hojnacki of Buffalo, NY; father to Janet and Daniel, and grandfather to two grandsons. He was referred to as the most powerful man in Western New York, a friend to governors and senators.



Stan Lipsey

Stan was a man of words, but also a man of action. He had a determination and desire to make things happen. His wife, Judi, described him as "unassuming, energetic, a thinker and a doer." She said that he kept a lighted pen by his bedside, getting up two or three times a night, to write down ideas and thoughts. She said Stan was "always thinking of what to do next," and that he believed time was a luxury not to be wasted.

Stan loved his upbringing in Omaha. Both parents came from large families, making family gatherings big, crowded and full of joy. At age ten he received a brownie camera from his parents, which launched his lifelong passion for photography. He graduated in 1945 from Central High School where he was the photographer for Central's *Register*, and in 2013 was inducted into Central's Hall of Fame. Stan received his BA in economics from the University of Michigan in 1948, where he was the photography editor of the yearbook, and a photographer for the *Michigan Daily*.

After graduation he moved to Los Angeles with his family, and worked in sales and public relations. Stan served in the Air Force during the Korean War, and was the editor of the base newspaper at Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Offutt AFB. Years later Stan would become a founding member of the Strategic Air and Space Museum, which involved the restoration
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Kehilla Cup competition

STEVE LEVINGER

Chief Development Officer, JFO

Kehilla is Hebrew for "community." It's an appropriate name given to the Kehilla Cup that is, for the third year in a row, up for grabs. KCup, as it is less formally dubbed, is a friendly team competition where volunteers help connect the Jewish Omaha community with the Federation and its Annual Campaign. During last year's Annual Campaign, the second Kehilla Cup winner was the "Shayna Maidel Squad", a team led by Sandy Epstein.

This year's KCup will be chaired by Jess and Shane Cohn, and the competition will occur between

Aug. 31 and Oct. 27.



Jess and Shane Cohn

So how does KCup work? Each Team Captain selected or were assigned 50-60 Campaign donor pledge cards at the *Captain's Draft Party* at DJ's Dugout on **Wednesday, Aug. 16**. The Team Captains will also recruit and solicit about 8 to 10 team members each. All Team Captains and players were invited to attend the *Kehillah Cup Competition Kickoff* taking place on **Thursday, Aug. 31** at the JCC. Here, they will

learn about the KCup and deepen their knowledge of the Federation's agencies and the people who are helped by the dollars raised. The competition itself is based on a point system awarded for a variety of activities and successful interactions with our community's donors.

Director of Development Nate Shapiro explains: "The Cup will unite and inspire our own Omaha Jewish community via a friendly team competition where participants connect with fellow Jews, learn of their Jewish interests, educate themselves about our Federation mission and, ultimately, secure 2018 Campaign gifts."

The Cohns are excited to lead this year's KCup as they feel it serves as
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Finally, Allison will speak to the whole community on **Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.** in the JCC Theater. Her topic, *“The Legacy of Tragedy: Why Some Thrive, While Others Suffer”* will share insights on the unique inheritance passed down through some families in our community. Come share in Allison’s journey - finding ways to remember the past while being able to live a life of peace and joy in the present.



Allison Nazarian

The JFO, IHE, ADL-CRC, JFS, and Temple Israel are excited and honored to be partnering to bring this speaker to our community. Allison Nazarian brings a unique perspective and an ability to reach wide audiences with her message of legacy, healing, and hope.

Copies of Allison’s book, *Aftermath*, will be available for sale and signing at each event. The book is also available in advance at Amazon.com.

For more information or questions about any of these events, contact the IHE at 402.334.6576 or info@ihene.org.

Leo Kohll at Maccabi

Leo Kohll was the sole Omaha participant at the Miami Maccabi games held earlier this month. He played basketball on a mixed city team and was technically part of the St. Louis delegation. Thanks for representing Omaha!



Do you know who this is?

The Nebraska Jewish Historical Society needs your help identifying the person in this photo. If you know who this is, please contact NJHS Executive Director Renee Corcoran at rcorcoran@jewishomaha.org or call 402.334.6442.



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Temple Israel Religious School welcomes students

WENDY GOLDBERG

“I’m looking forward to meeting my new teacher. I really want to do more work learning about Hebrew. I like seeing my friends from other schools,” exclaimed Audrey Meyerson, second grader as Temple Israel’s Religious School welcomed students on Aug. 20.

“Families who choose Jewish religious education for their children are giving their children a gift,” suggests Rabbi Brian Stoller. “At Temple Israel, we aim to make Jewish learning a transformational experience for our students by nurturing a love of God, Torah and humanity, by teaching values to help our kids develop strong moral character, by building community, and by helping our children feel part of something greater than themselves.”

“We’d like our kids to learn about Jewish history, traditions, and experiences,” Dinah Kogan a Temple parent noted. “We want our children to learn strong moral principles, learn about spirituality and be proud of their background.” Kogan echoed the sentiment of many other parents, “We want our children to make friends with kids with similar backgrounds and family values, and to be part of a community.”

“I am inspired by our outstanding Education Director Sharon Comisar-Langdon and her stellar teaching staff,” Rabbi Stoller added, “I am excited to work in partnership with them to bring this vision to life for our children and our community.”

“We are lucky to be welcoming back our strong teaching team of skilled and experienced teachers, high school madrichim, as well as our newly-ex-

panded role for college assistants who add a seasoned dimension of experience, learning, and commitment to our Temple community.”

“We help our students form ideas of what kind of Jewish teenager and then adult they want to become,” shared Naomi Fox. “We strive to open their eyes to their community and Jewish world so they can decide how they want to play a role in our Jewish mission of Tikkun Olam. I am looking forward to see what they come up with and what kind of goals they make for themselves.”

Fifth grader, Aiden Meyerson agrees, “I’m really looking forward to meeting my new teacher also and seeing old friends. I want to learn how to speak Hebrew fluently, using words you could use in a real conversation.”

“In fifth grade, we see so much growth in Hebrew skills including prayer fluency and understanding,” Naomi Fox explains. “I love to see how far the students take their Hebrew achievements and how proud they are when they meet their goals and milestones throughout the year. Language learning is the best!”

Ainsley Meyerson, a 7th grade student, is looking forward to beginning middle school curriculum. “I want to start working more on my Bat Mitzvah since it’s coming up soon. I really love my teacher from last year, Margaret Gurewitz-Smith. She is amazing. I’m excited to work with her as my Hebrew school teacher and mentor again this year.”

Margaret Gurewitz-Smith shares her excitement and looks forward to seeing how the students build on their earlier experiences in religious school as they move toward their Bar and Bat

Mitzvahs, figuring out who they want to be as Jews both in our community and in the broader world. Gurewitz-Smith said, “I enjoy working with the 7th grade because it’s a time when students explore the history of Judaism and its texts to figure out their implications for how we as modern Jews can work to create a more just world.”

“This will start my eighth full year teaching a classroom at Temple Israel Religious School,” said Naomi Fox. “It is amazing to be surrounded by such caring educators who have so much knowledge and support to share with the students and staff. I love teaching with Patsy Wallace. She is an incredible educator.

I learn so much from her regularly, about so many topics. Sharon is a wonderful director; we are so lucky to have her leadership, creativity, and positive attitude.”

Temple Israel high school students will participate in clergy-led classes, Bet Café Community and Wednesday dinner weekly at 6 p.m. Our 9th and 10th grade students will travel to either New York or Washington, D.C. Our 11th and 12th grade students will travel to either Israel or on a college campus tour.

The Temple Israel Religious School Steering Committee has new chairs: Jamie Friedland and Suzanne Pocras. All members are welcome to join in a number of exciting upcoming Religious School events, including: PreK Bagels and Blessings with Rabbi Berezin for our PreK students and their parents, 10 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 10; Erev Sukkot Service and Bonfire, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4 and Erev Simchat Torah Service and Consecration, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11.

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Grab your lawn chairs and picnic blanket. Pack the cooler. Bring the family and invite your friends to our 7th Annual FREE Backyard Concert Series! Relax in our backyard!

- During each concert, a local youth group will be selling desserts as a fundraiser.
- Jewish Family Service will be taking donations for their food pantry. The greatest need is for personal care items such as toilet paper, soap, shampoo, lotion, tooth brushes, and tooth paste. Canned meats such as chicken and salmon are also appreciated. Look for the blue bins! Please no expired items.

All concerts are from 5:00-7:00 p.m. next to the pavilion! In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the JCC Theater.

Sunday, August 27

Mitch Gettman

Sept. 10

Tara Vaughan

Sept. 17

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