

What Do the Musicals *Wicked*, *Rent*, and *Cabaret* Have in Common?

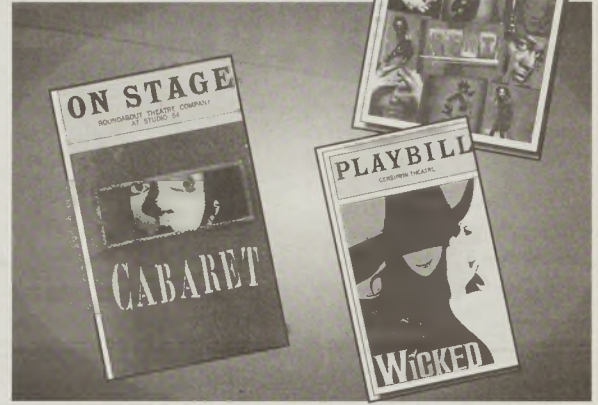
Find Out at the Jewish Wall of Fame

"Jewish Broadway Composers" is the theme of the second installation of the Jewish Wall of Fame in the Levine JCC. Six notable Jewish composers of Broadway musicals such as *Chicago*, *The*

Sound of Music, *Sweeney Todd*, *Rent*, *State Fair*, and *Wicked* are featured now through July. In addition to biographical information and lists of noteworthy musicals and songs, this display also features an audio component, with over 80 songs by these six composers playing during the day. Visit the wall to see and hear what Jews have contributed to Broadway.

The Jewish Wall of Fame committee is very grateful to Samuel and Raenea Siegel, for their sponsorship of the "Jewish Broadway Composers" exhibit. The Jewish Wall of Fame is located next to the snack bar, across from the Foundation for Shalom Park's offices. For more information on sponsoring a future exhibit, please contact Julius Silverman, 704-

849-0003, Fran Dordick, 704-708-4481 or Jenny Stern, 704-543-7922. ☆



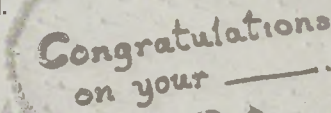
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By *Lorrie Klemons, publicity*

Over the past six years since 9/11, I have spent a lot of time thinking about the freedoms that my family and I enjoy, and which I never take for granted, especially in light of the unrest and terrorism in the international community today. Today, along with my fellow Americans, I grieve for yet another horrific tragedy on American soil: the bloody massacre at Virginia Tech University. As a mother, as a Jew, and as a citizen of these wonderful United States of America, my heart breaks for each victim of this tragedy, for their families, and for the damage that such an event does to our sense of freedom and safety.



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As you continue to pray for our armed forces and hope for a peaceful world, please include the Virginia Tech victims in your prayers. As a people of faith and as a nation, we must maintain our optimism about the healthy future of life here in America and throughout the rest of the world. We must maintain our hope — HaTikvah — for a lasting peace in the Middle East and for an end to acts of terror against all of God's children.

We must also commit to perpetuating the memories of those Jews who preceded us in eternal life and who played a major role in providing us with the religious freedoms we all enjoy in Charlotte today.

What causes one human being to pick up a gun and kill another human being in cold blood? What are the signs of someone gone mad? How can it be prevented? Can it be forewarned?

The news media has used the characteristic of "loner" to describe many of the madmen that have hurt us in the past. Does that mean that every person who is a loner has the potential for such horrific and catastrophic behavior? I believe that faith can play a role in the prevention of such behavior as it envelops individuals in loving and caring relationships that uplift the spirit and nurtures the soul.

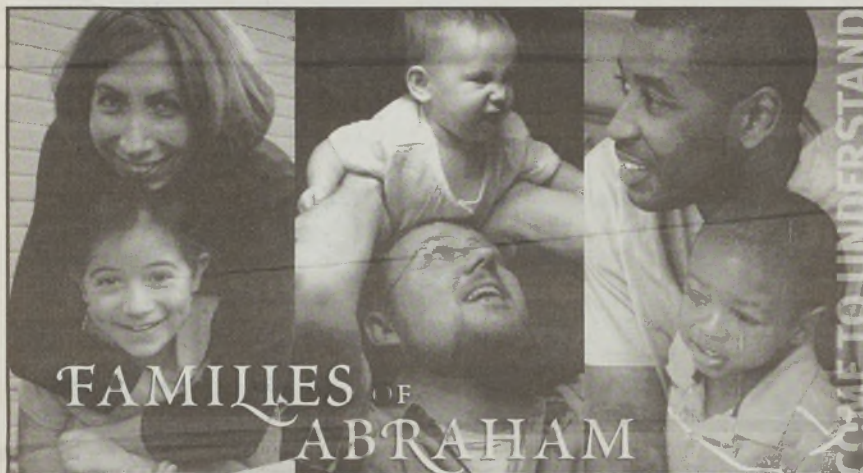
The Jewish faith believes in the concept of community. A faith community built on sharing and caring. A community that reaches out not only to its members, but to those in need. Judaism is a faith that honors and respects all people. It is a faith that recognizes that you can have disagreement without disrespect. It is a faith that respects and values human life. It is a faith that believes in the power of communal prayer.

To all Jewish parents and grandparents reading this article, I beg you to instill in your child a sense of Jewish faith. A belief in something greater than the sum of everything else on the planet. A belief in the dignity and value of human life. A belief in a sense of community... and the importance of that community.

Make your commitment right now. Whether you are young or old, healthy or sick, you owe it to yourself and your family to be a part of Charlotte's only Jewish cemetery. The Hebrew Cemetery Association of Charlotte is committed to the continued provision and maintenance of a sanctified and holy final resting place for its fellow Jews. An independent Jewish institution unaffiliated with any local religious organization, the Association is made up of local Jews who care about each other, in life and in death.

Members of the Cemetery Association are entitled to greatly reduced rates for plots and funerals after being dues-paying members for a minimum of two years.

Send your \$72 dues (or donation) to the Hebrew Cemetery Association, 5007 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC 28226. For more information about membership benefits, graves, prepaid funeral costs, or endowment donations, interfaith/cremated cemetery plots, call Cemetery Director Joe Kodsí at 704-576-1859. In order to ascertain that our cemetery records are accurate and current, if you already have a grave site(s) reserved for yourself or a loved one, kindly inform Joe in writing with the name of the individual(s) who will be interred in those graves: Joe Kodsí, 1847 Cavenish Ct, Charlotte, 28211. ☆



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Dinner and discussion with Marcie Cohen Ferris on the history and blending of Jewish and Southern foodways.
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