

Fresh Voices submitted by Morah Karen Jacobs

Our Temple Israel 6th graders have been working hard this year on learning the Torah service, studying ethics, and discussing some of Judaism's greatest debates. I asked the students to provide either an essay or picture explaining their favorite debate reviewed so far this year.

Both Poppy and Judah chose Zelophehad's daughters and land inheritance rules. Stella chose the argument between Moses and Korach on leadership.

Poppy Sommers & Judah Nathan

When we look back on female history in ancient times, we see one thing in particular. This debate, or rather victory for females, takes place in ancient Israel. In ancient Israel, when a father died, his land was passed to his sons. However, this rule was brought to an end by the daughters of Zelophehad. Zelophehad had passed away while they were wandering in the wilderness and had no sons. Therefore, because there was no son to inherit the land, the daughters would lose the entitlement of the land. Zelophehad's daughters, enraged at the possibility of being homeless, decided to question Moses on this law. In the debate, Moses disagrees with the daughters but G-d finally convinces Moses to let the daughters have their way.

The thing I find fascinating about this debate is that women's rights have always been a struggle, even in ancient times. The real turning point to this debate, however, is how laws can get changed if we feel strongly enough about them. For example, the daughters of Zelophehad felt strongly enough to inherit their father's land that they even went to Moses!

The moral of this debate is that if feel strongly enough about something and you question what makes this impossible, it might not be so impossible anymore.



Stella Verbun

For my great debate I picked Moses vs. Korach. And in this great debate it talks about leadership. Moses and Korach go back and forth arguing about who should be the leader. We find out that they both want different styles. Moses wants the power of being a leader and leading the community to be limited to a few people who are best suited to be a leader. But Korach wants the power to be shared among as many people as possible. And I will be writing about how both of the ideas are good and bad.

First, let's talk about Moses. Moses wants only a few people to have the power of being a leader. This is a good idea because less people will fight. On the other hand, a bad idea because the people who don't have power will be mad that they sometimes don't get a say. Another way that it is a good idea is that decisions will get made faster. In the end I think Moses' style of being a leader is pretty good and there would be less arguing.

Next, let's talk about Korach's idea. Korach wants the power of being a leader to be shared with as many people as possible. This is a good idea because everyone will be happy that they get a say. But this is bad because it will get out of control because of how many people are talking at once. Also, decisions will take a long time to make. Overall, I would not recommend using Korach's idea. It is disorganized, messy, and everyone will just stand around all day arguing.

In the end, if you were stuck between only a few people being a leader or everyone, you should pick only a few people. It will help your group stay organized and everyone will get along (most of the time, no guarantees.)



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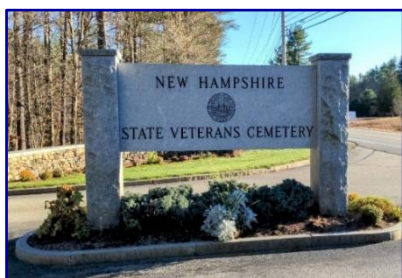
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New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery Project

by Rabbi Gary Atkins



Are you aware that New Hampshire has a beautiful Veterans Cemetery up in Boscawen, north of Concord? I was not aware of this until I was asked to officiate at the interment of a Jewish veteran there last year. It brought back memories of my being at the largest military ceremony overseas, in Manila, Republic of the Philippines. There are over 20,000 veterans from World War II interred there, of whom over 200 are Jewish. After the service for Colonel Katz, I wondered how many Jewish souls might be interred in the Boscawen cemetery. The director told me they did not keep religious affiliation records. So, with the assistance of the Guttman family from Temple Israel / Manchester, we canvassed the grounds and saw over sixty markers with Stars of David.

The cemetery has a Memorial Garden near the administration building, where, over the years, many organizations have erected monuments in honor of specific groups of veterans. When my wife Iris and I walked through the Memorial Garden area (see link to photos below), we realized there was no monument remembering/ honoring Jewish veterans. I talked with the cemetery administrator, and he said that there were spaces available in the garden, and he would welcome the Jewish community erecting a monument.

With my personal history of being a military chaplain, I decided to make this happen. I started corresponding with Rabbis Davidson and Nafshi, plus a number of people in the community, many of whom were veterans themselves. The Jewish Federation has agreed to assist in this project and is allowing funds to be donated through the Federation for the cost of a monument.

We have decided on a design and are now starting fundraising, with a goal of having the monument up in time for a dedication on Memorial Day this spring.

I will be happy to share with anyone the design of the monument, and I earnestly ask for your financial support. We need \$9000 for the monument, foundation, and associated costs. Checks may be sent to the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, 273 South River Road #5, Bedford, NH 031001 earmarked to Veterans Monument Project.

Link to an overview of the cemetery: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CE8hOxwJKYw>.

Link to photos of the Memorial Garden and some of the monuments: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/qUP63C94bdySeVQQ8>.

With sincere appreciation,

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Thelma and Louise by Ruth Chevion

There was no way my mother could have escaped from the Lvov ghetto without help from outside.

She might have tried, along with her mother and her brother, to get past the guards at night. But what then? Walk to the train station like a family of skeletons in rags? Without German I.D. papers? No shoes? No coats? And even so, where would they sleep the first night? Where would they get money for a meal, for train tickets? No. It was not possible to escape without help from outside. But help did come. It came in the form of the two women in the photo below.



Please dear reader, look at the photo closely. What do you see? Are these women sisters? Notice the Polish peasant blouses. Notice their intimate pose with heads together. Are they Polish? Or are they Jews passing for Polish?

The woman on your right as you face the photo- the one with the round white collar - was my grandmother's younger sister Felicia, whom we called Fela. Though Jewish by birth, she had never been caught because she had a perfect Polish identity. She had married a Polish army officer several years before the war and taken his name. To her family's chagrin, she had left the Jewish identity behind. By the time of the war the husband had died, and she was in all respects a proper Polish widow with genuine papers.

The woman on your left as you face at the photo - the one standing slightly behind the other - is Alicia Moskalska. We called her Ala. She is about 21 years old in this photo. She is the Polish woman who volunteered to help Fela save her family. Ala provided Fela with something very rare and precious during the war: She provided Polish cover. With Ala at her side, Fela could be out and about. In Ala's company, Fela could pass for Polish. For Ala of course, the opposite was true. She was taking on the risk of being associated with a Jew.

That is the message of the photo. See how they have mocked up their clothes, hairdos, and expressions to make Fela look Polish by association? Besides providing cover, Ala could also stand in for Fela when necessary. One time Ala took Fela's place to fetch Fela's son from the convent where he had been hidden.

In the incident that is the subject of this particular story, Fela and Ala rescued seven people from the Lvov ghetto. They were my mother Herta, Grandmother Susha, Mom's brother Oswald, three cousins named Carl, Mark and Leo, plus Edmund, the father of these three cousins. For each of these seven people, the two women provided an Aryan identity story together with Nazi issue I.D. papers to match the story, some street clothes, and an address where they could sleep. All this they arranged in advance. The trickiest part was the I.D. papers.

Because it was not feasible for them to buy seven sets of I.D papers on the black market, Fela and Ala decided to make the I.D. papers themselves. They could get a camera for the photo, and an ink pad for the fingerprints. But where to get the genuine blanks with the proper Nazi insignia on the correct grey paper? They needed the blanks.

They came up with a plan. Both Fela and Ala were employed at the time by the Polish Forest Service. Upstairs from their office, one entire floor was occupied by the Gestapo.

One night after work, they went back to their office in the Forest Service. They went into the ladies room, and opened the window. While Ala stood guard, Fela (the one on your right in the photo) climbed up the side of the building, opened the window to the upstairs ladies room in the Gestapo office, went in and stole a stack of blank Generalgouvernement I.D. booklets with Nazi insignia already printed inside.

She then climbed back down the way she came, shut the window, and the two went home with what they needed. A few days later, Fela took the train to Lvov, snuck into the ghetto and got everyone out.

Think Thelma and Louise. Besides getting those seven people out of the Lvov ghetto, the two of them went on to rescue another two families out of the Warsaw ghetto - the Jaffes, and the Korngolds. By the end of the war there were some twenty people sleeping like sardines on the floor of Ala's Krakow apartment.

After the war, Fela went on to remarry and live out her life in Tel Aviv. Ala remained in Krakow until her death in 1998. She married and had a daughter. She is honored at Yad vaShem in Jerusalem in the garden of The Righteous among the Nations.

March – Adar 8 to Nisan 9, 5783

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1	Morning Minyan – 700am. Contact Jeff Klein at jklein@comcast.net for info.
3	Light Candles at 5:19pm
4	Shabbat Service at 10:00am. Parshas Tetaveh
5	Emergency Preparedness Seminar for Houses of Worship and Faith Communities. To register, type the following link into your web browser https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=561&ee=1422
6	Purim Masquerade Party – 6:00pm. RSVP required by Feb 27. https://conta.cc/3X5yTEq
7	Purim – NO SERVICES
8	Morning Minyan – 700am. Contact Jeff Klein at jklein@comcast.net for info.
10	Light Candles at 5:27pm
11	Parshas Ki Sisa
12	Sunday Funday 9:30am to 10:15am. Contact familyeducator@outlook.com for information
15	Morning Minyan – 700am. Contact Jeff Klein at jklein@comcast.net for info.
17	Family Shabbat & Dinner with Rabbinic Candidate Micah Friedman. RSVP by noon on March 10 https://conta.cc/3YrXrc7 . Light Candles at 6:36pm
18	Shabbaton & Lunch at 10:00am with Rabbinic Candidate Friedman, Cantor Marc, and Soloist Ari Strasser. RSVP by March 10 https://conta.cc/3lwCuxS . Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei.
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