



A message from our Executive Director Gary Jones



On behalf of the Board and staff of the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut, I would like to thank all of you who contributed to the Federation as part of the Give Local campaign sponsored by the Connecticut Community Foundation. It was a fun 36-hour period and we were honored to participate with so many terrific nonprofit organizations in Greater Waterbury and in the Litchfield Hills.

The gifts we received as part of the Give Local program, and throughout the year, enable us to continue our work in helping to fulfill the educational, spiritual, social, physical, and security

needs of the Jewish community in Western and Northwestern Connecticut, as well as supporting social service organizations serving disadvantaged Jewish communities in Israel and throughout the world.

Our fiscal year will be closing at the end of June. For those of you who have not yet contributed to the Federation during this year, please consider a gift today or at any time in the next two months. We work hard every day to earn your trust in the value we provide to all of the people in our catchment area. We are proud of what we have accomplished, notwithstanding the pandemic, and look forward to what we can do once we reach the other side. Over the next two months, we will endeavor to remind you of some of those accomplishments so that you will know that the Federation continues to be worthy of your generous support.

As always, please feel free to call or write if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for us.

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203-267-3177 Ext. #304**

SHARING HA'ATZMAUT JOY WITH OUR FRIENDS AT GREATER WATERBURY INTERFAITH MINISTRIES





Cathy Conti of the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut, GWIM Volunteer Chef Keith, and Maria Bruscino Sanchez founder of Sweet Maria's



Cathy Conti of the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut with GWIM's Volunteer, Michael Keating

Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, commemorates the establishment of the modern State of Israel in 1948. In celebration of Israel's 73rd Independence Day, the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut wanted to share the joy with our friends at GWIM, the Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries. Under the leadership of its Executive Director, Barbara Ann Dublin, GWIM's mission to feed the hungry in a respectful and dignified manner and to empower the homeless and the underprivileged to become self-sufficient.

GWIM does important work in our community and your Federation is proud to support its efforts in many ways. On Friday, April 16, the Federation arranged for 10 dozen cupcakes to be baked and delivered to GWIM by Maria Bruscino Sanchez, owner, and baker of Sweet Maria's, a beloved Waterbury bakery since 1990.

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month and we would like to join GWIM in highlighting one of the organization's volunteers who has given so much to GWIM and the people it serves, Michael Keating. This young entrepreneur founded his own nonprofit business, "Step by Step." Step by Step collects bottles and cans to be recycled. All of the proceeds are donated to food banks and shelters in the Waterbury area. Although the Federation's principal focus is the Jewish community, we know that Judaism also requires that we work hard to improve the world for everyone. We thank

GWIM, Michael, and all others who do so much to help our community!

UPCOMING EVENTS

LOVE&KNISHES WITH JACK LYNN ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH AT 2PM



Let's travel back with Jack Lynn to a time when things were a bit more relaxed, maybe a bit more easy-going. Jack takes us back to the days of the Rat Pack, back to the days when "Mr. Cool" was at the top of the charts and on every jukebox in town.

Join us for a "Swingin' Rat Pack Years" of the late '40s, 50's and '60s, as Jack sings all the great tunes made famous by Dean Martin and his Pals! To name a few of these oldies but goodies here are a few of Jack's favorites, "Remember Amore, Return to Me, Sway, Memories Are Made of This, Everybody Loves Somebody, and all the other great Dino hits".

RSVP HERE!

**FROM HATE TO HOPE - A JOURNEY TO REDEMPTION
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**



***You're invited to a very special webinar to kick off our
2021 Walk Against Hate***



Megan Phelps-Roper
Author, Speaker, Activist



Jeff Pegues
CBS News Correspondent

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Join us for a virtual conversation led by CBS News Correspondent Jeff Pegues and featuring Megan Phelps-Roper, a former member of the Westboro Baptist Church. She'll discuss her life inside America's most hated family and their worldwide notoriety for picketing military funerals and expressing hateful ideologies. A chance encounter on Twitter led her to doubt what she had been taught and ultimately led to her departure from the church and a new life as an author, speaker and activist exposing the dangers of extremism and hatred.

**NEFESH MOUNTAIN TO PERFORM IN
FREE ONLINE CONCERT AT UNITED
JEWISH CENTER OF DANBURY**

Sunday, April 25, 2021 - 3pm



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PRESS RELEASE

**NEFESH MOUNTAIN TO PERFORM IN FREE ONLINE CONCERT AT
UNITED JEWISH CENTER OF DANBURY
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 – 3 pm**



The United Jewish Center of Danbury will present Nefesh Mountain, one of the first bluegrass/Americana bands to openly represent Jewish American culture, tradition, values, and spirituality in the world of American roots music.

Nefesh Mountain is the place where Bluegrass, Old-Time, and American Roots music meet with Jewish heritage and tradition. Creators, band leaders and husband and wife team Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg are the heart of this eclectic offering, pioneering a new world of American culture which seamlessly blends their deep love for American and Western musical forms with their own cultural backgrounds as Jewish Americans.

The concert is free, sponsored by the UJC Robert S. Young Fund.

Registration is required.

Click here to register in advance:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcuiuqz0jHdl5D1jws9E_smo2Tnd_XDV4

**UNITED JEWISH CENTER ADULT EDUCATION
COMMITTEE PRESENTS
LIVING IN THE AGE OF COVID
Tuesday, April 27, 2021 - 7pm**



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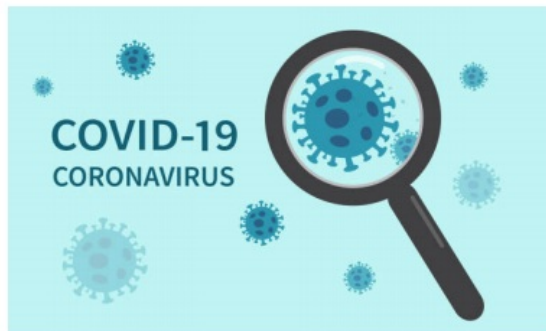
PRESS RELEASE

United Jewish Center
Adult Education Committee presents

TUESDAY, April 27, 2021, 7pm

LIVING IN THE AGE OF COVID

Join us on Zoom to hear a panel of experts discuss how COVID-19 has impacted our families, friends and co-workers.



Email office@unitedjewishcenter.org for
Zoom login information.

Hear from Dr. Myron (Buddy) Glucksman, psychiatrist;
Tammy Riefberg, public school counselor; and
Allyson Story, public school assistant principal.

You will be able to ask questions and hear about the stress factors
associated with Zoom fatigue, lockdowns, and isolation.

For more information, please email office@unitedjewishcenter.org.

Penny M. Kessler
Cantor/Senior Clergy

Daryl Bain
Director of Education

Lisi Marcus
President

**SPECIAL SPEAKER SERIES
PRESENTATION, THURSDAY,
APRIL 29 – 4:00 PM
Southbury vs the Nazis**

**“WHEN SOUTHBURY SAID NO TO
THE NAZIS!” – TWO SHORT FILMS
AND A PANEL DISCUSSION.**

*The premier of these films in Southbury
was so overwhelmingly popular, the
venue had to be moved to the High*

School Auditorium, which holds 900 and many were still turned away.

In light of recent events in our country, this presentation is more relevant than ever before. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Western CT, Temple B'nai Israel Southbury and The Greater Washington Coalition for Jewish Life, these two short films that honor the 75th Anniversary of when Southbury said no to the Nazis will be shown, followed by a panel discussion.



In 2012, a group of Southbury town leaders, including Ed Edelson (First Selectman from 2011 to 2014), Rabbi Eric Polokoff, Temple B'nai Israel Southbury and Reverend Shannon Wall, South Britain Congregational Church, Southbury, commissioned a documentary on this very important moment in Connecticut history. The documentary includes two short films, "*Home of the Brave*" and "*Honoring the Brave.*" The introduction of the films will be given by Rabbi Eric Polokoff and Rev. Shannon Wall (producer).

Following the films, a panel discussion will include Rabbi Eric Polokoff, Reverend Shannon Wall, Ed Edelson, Rabbi James Greene, Greater Washington Coalition for Jewish Life and Gary Jones, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut.

Home of the Brave: This film was produced to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the people of Southbury peacefully mobilizing to stop the German-American Bund (a Nazi-inspired organization) from building its largest youth training camp just south of what is now Exit 15 on Interstate 84. Combining original source documents and oral history, the film recites an inspiring story of how the events unfolded, the bravery of the town's leaders and the commitment of this small farming community to say (in today's language) "Hate has no home here!"

Honoring the Brave: This documentary has additional oral history as well as the emotional response of the community.

As a result of the documentary, the story came to the attention of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and is included in the major exhibit, "*Americans and the Holocaust,*" that opened in April 2018. When asked about the story, Museum Curator Rebecca Erbelding said, "that in all their research, Southbury was the only town to stand up against the German-American Bund."

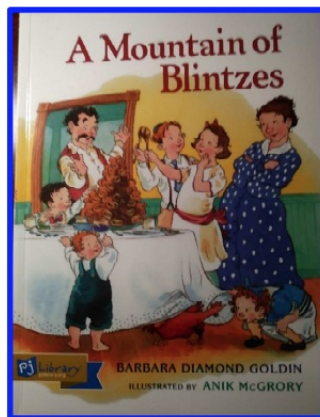
This event is virtual and free. To pre-register and get the Zoom link, email jewishlifect@gmail.com or call Sally Talarico at 860-868-2434.

PRE- SHAVOUT PAJAMA PARTY ON SUNDAY, MAY 16TH AT 10:30 a m



Mark your calendar for
Sunday, May 16th at 10:30 A.M. for our
Pre-Shavuot Pajama Party

Come one, come all, in your pajamas as we share a story, do a craft and sing a song or two with you on Zoom. Please **RSVP** by email to cbi193clap@gmail.com to receive an email with the Zoom link prior to the event.



SUPPLIES NEEDED

1. Tube from paper towel roll. (cut in half = 2 x 5-1/2" rolls).
2. Print out yellow sheet.
3. Print and cut out 2 blue sheets.
4. Print and cut out "10 Commandment" tablet.
5. Print and cut out 4 Torah handles.
6. Scissors.
7. White school glue.



A PJ Library event for the community at large facilitated by Rabbi Rhonda Nebel of Congregation B'nai Israel, Danbury, CT and the Jewish Federation of Western CT.

If you have any questions, please call 475-329-2611.

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We are delighted to announce Legacy Heritage Fund has established an incentive program at Camp Laurelwood and Ramah Sports Academy for new campers for two summers, starting in summers 2021 and 2022. This incentive program is for campers from smaller Jewish communities, and includes the Western CT Jewish Federation area! The program's goal is to enrich children's Jewish learning and identity by giving them the opportunity to attend camps with strong Jewish content and programming.

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ramahsportsacademy.org/grant

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SUMMER 2021**

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The incentive program provides a \$1500 grant to new campers entering 4th-10th grade for two summers! This is in addition to campership grants provided by the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut, as well as first-time camper grants, or any other discounts or assistance the camps provide.

For more information, contact the camps directly at info@camplaurelwood.org or info@ramahsport.org

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