



On Monday, November 29, 2021, Governor Ned Lamont held a press conference to announce his support for Connecticut's effort to "Shine a Light on Antisemitism" during the Chanukah holiday.

The "Shine the Light" campaign is presented by all seven Connecticut Jewish Federations, its four Jewish Community Relations Councils, ADL Connecticut and the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT), and in partnership with NAACP Connecticut Chapter, Urban League of Greater Hartford, the Archdiocese of Hartford, the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford and the Connecticut Coalition for Interreligious Understanding (CCIU).

Joining the Governor at the press conference were a number of

State Senators, leaders of the NAACP and Urban League, executives from all seven of Connecticut's Jewish Federations, the interim Regional Director of Connecticut ADL and a number of Rabbis and other Jewish community leaders.

The Governor also issued an Official Statement with respect to "Shine a Light Week". It is reproduced below and we encourage you to read it. The Official Statement recognizes the many forms of Antisemitism, as well as the need for all people to stand in support of, and in solidarity with, the Jewish people. Importantly, it specifically endorses the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism as an essential tool in defining Antisemitism, noting that the Working Definition also includes useful examples of discriminatory anti-Israel activity that can cross the line into Antisemitism. We greatly appreciate the Governor's support and his recognition that anti-Israel activity is a growing component of contemporary Antisemitism.

Finally, please make every effort to attend our Shine a Light on Antisemitism webinar which will be held on December at 7:30. Please click on the button below to register for the webinar.



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This Chanukah,
let's fight hate with light.

SHINE A LIGHT ON ANTISEMITISM

Monday, December 6
7:30 – 8:40 pm | Zoom webinar

Register by December 5 at <https://bit.ly/shinealightCT>

Advance registration required. Link will be provided after you register.

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מרכז רפואי העמק

רפואה מתקדמת בדיוק בשבילך

The rise in antisemitism should worry us all because it's a sign of an intolerant society. By joining forces and supporting each other, we can work to fight it. Chanukah reminds us that even one small light has the power to illuminate darkness and spark hope.



Shabbat *Shalom*

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Upcoming Federation Events



love & knishes
luncheons

***Your Federation requests proof of vaccination
for all in person events.***

**Join us on Thursday, December 16 at 1pm for our
Love&Knishes Luncheon with Solid Gold Times Two
with Bob and Josie Schmidt!**



Bob and Josie are a husband and wife duo from Sandy Hook. Bob, a published singer-songwriter plays guitar, while Josie sings and plays the flute. They have an electronic drum & bass synthesizer that make the duo sound like a four piece band.

They play popular songs from the 1940's to the 1980's.

Menu includes: Chicken Marsala, Wild Rice Blend, Whole Green Beans with Red Roasted Peppers, Challah Rolls with margarine and Holiday Cookies!

RSVP HERE!

**Join us on Thursday, January 6th at 1pm for our
Love&Knishes Luncheon with Pierce Campbell!**



Pierce was the Connecticut State Troubadour for many years and has been a full time musician for over 35 years.

Pierce's diverse repertoire includes Rock & Roll, Celtic, Jazz and folk style original songs.

**Please contact Cathy Conti
at cconti@jfed.net**

Community Events



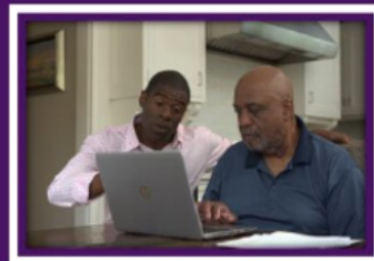
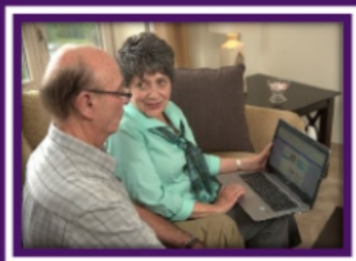
GREATER WASHINGTON COALITION FOR JEWISH LIFE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021 – 10:00 AM – VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Martin Puchner – *Why Words Matter: The Story of Rotwelsch and One Family's Secret History* Centuries ago in middle Europe, a coded language appeared, scrawled in graffiti. A blend of Yiddish, Hebrew, and many European languages, it facilitated survival for people in flight—whether escaping persecution or just down on their luck. The Nazis tried to erase it.

During his childhood in Germany, in the 1970s, Martin Puchner, learned about this secret language, which is called Rotwelsch. Now a Harvard University Professor of Comparative Literature, Puchner's research into Rotwelsch's history revealed a surprise in his own history: his grandfather's connection to the Nazis. Join us for a discussion of his family memoir which probes the meaning of language and family, inheritance and debt, and the power of words to destroy and rebuild community.

Professor Puchner, the Byron and Anita Wien Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Harvard University, is a prize-winning author, educator, public speaker and institution builder in the arts and humanities. His writings range from philosophy and theatre to world literature and have been translated into many languages. He has brought four thousand years of literature to audiences across the globe – from the Arctic Circle to Brazil and from the Middle East to China. His book, *Literature for a Changing Planet*, draws lessons from world literature for addressing climate change. He is a member of the European Academy and has received numerous awards, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Cullman Fellowship, the Berlin Prize, and the Massachusetts Book Award. His latest book, *The Language of Thieves*, interweaves family memoir with a reflection on Rotwelsch, the underground language of Central Europe, which he learned from his father and uncle.

To RSVP for this event, please email Sally Talarico at jewishlifect@gmail.com. The Zoom link will be sent to you on Friday, December 10, 2021.



Education Programs

End November/Early December 2021

PLEASE CLICK ON *DATE* TO REGISTER

Times listed are EST.

To find out about other programs, go to alz.org/crf

Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease

December 6 at 6:00 PM

ALZ Talks: Advancing the Science, Diversity and Equity in Dementia Research

December 6 at 6:30 PM

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

December 7 at 6:00 PM

Keeping Connected through the Holidays: Tips for Caregivers

December 9 at 10:00 AM

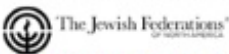
December 13 at 4:00 PM



AN EXCLUSIVE SMALL FEDERATION
3-PART VIRTUAL JOURNEY:

PARTNERING WITH THE ETHIOPIAN
ISRAELI COMMUNITY

JANUARY 10, 17, 24 @ 12PM ET



For decades, Small Federations have partnered with the Ethiopian Israeli community to address barriers to their full and successful integration into Israeli society. As Israeli society evolves, and as the Aliyah from Ethiopia continues, what will the future of our partnership look like?

Join JFNA for an exclusive Small Federation virtual journey to Ethiopia and Israel. Hear

personal stories and achievements of members of the Ethiopian Jewish community and learn about our Federations' longstanding involvement and support.

January 10, 17 and 24, 2022 12:00-1:00pm. Please register using this [*link*](#):

REGISTER HERE!

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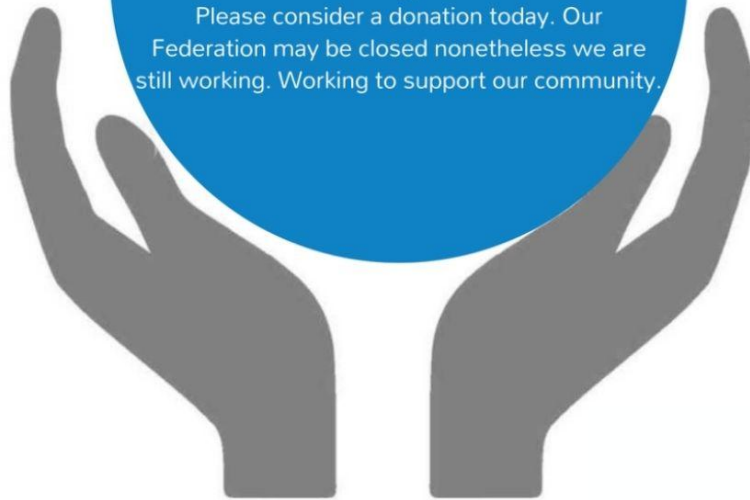


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Weekly Wisdom

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NOT WEALTH, SUCCESS, ACCOLADES OR
FAME — IS WORTH SPENDING A LIFETIME
DOING THINGS YOU DON'T ENJOY.**

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Saks z"l



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