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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

# "UNPACKING THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER STUDY"

MONDAY, JUNE 28TH

7:00PM-8:00PM

Join Dr. Becka Alper as she presents Pew findings focused on Jewish congregational life and younger Jewish Americans' attachment to Jewish institutions and Jewish life.

*Becka A. Alper is a senior researcher at Pew Research Center. She contributes to the Center's domestic religion polls and is an expert on the views and demographic profile of U.S. Jews. Alper is an author of Pew Research Center reports such as "Jewish Americans in 2020," "A Portrait of American Orthodox Jews," "The Religious Typology," "What Americans Know about Religion," and "What Americans Know about the Holocaust." Previously, she was a postdoctoral research associate working on the Youth Activism Project at the University of Arizona. Alper received doctorate and master's degrees in sociology from Purdue University.*



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**LOVE&KNISHES with "Hot ACOUSTICS"  
Wednesday – June 30, 2021 at 12 noon**

**We are happy to announce that we will host our very first  
"Welcome Back " luncheon celebrating Fourth of July at the  
Jewish Federation of Western CT.**

**Please join us for a box lunch with a musical performance.  
Alyce & Gary Bertz, a guitar and violin duo playing a wide variety of  
songs. Tunes include original renditions from jazz to popular.  
Cost of the program is \$10. Please RSVP by clicking the link  
below by Thursday, June 24th.**

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## AMERICAN RECORD GUIDE

INDEPENDENT CRITICS REVIEWING CLASSICAL RECORDINGS AND MUSIC IN CONCERT

SEP/OCT 2019

**ALDER: *A Path of Light***

Hevreh Ensemble, ETHEL

Ansonica 13-49 Minutes

This music by Jeff Alder is part romp and part moments that feel like an immediate and painless dive into the errs more on music's sacred side. "Hevreh" is a Hebrew word that means "circle of friends"; and this ensemble, this group of friends, makes music like a well-oiled, intuitive machine of interconnected parts and timbre, with sudden changes of tempo and mood that feel natural. With stunning moments brought about by the radically resonant pedal tones of Alder's bass clarinet and Naren Budhkar's tabla playing, this album belongs on the shelf next to your Silk Road Ensemble records. After all, when is the last time you heard Native American flutes, mini-moog, double bass, tabla, cello, violin, clarinets, and keyboards all come together to make something intimate and singularly fascinating? Bravo to Jeff Alder and all involved in this special collection. I'll be listening to this one over and over again.





**Hevreh Ensemble Invites You to Join Us For:  
"An Early Summer's Evening Concert"  
7 Ore Hill Road- Lakeville, Connecticut 06039  
Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM**

**Reservations may be made by email:  
*hevrehmusic@gmail.com***

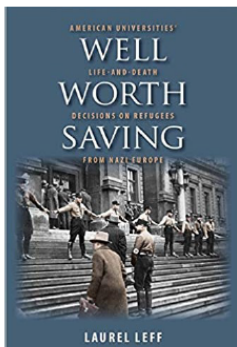
**Requested Donation: \$ 45 (with purchase of CD \$ 55)**  
The concert will be held outdoors with social distancing observed.  
Masks are required.

**Checks should be made out to: Fractured Atlas, Inc.- write  
Hevreh Ensemble in memo line**

You can pay at the door or also send your check to: POB 515  
Salisbury, CT06068

Rain Date will be Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>  
***<https://www.hevrehensemble.com/>***

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Please join us for a discussion of Laurel Leff's important new book....

## *Well Worth Saving: American Universities' Life-and-Death Decisions on Refugees from Nazi Europe*

**When:** Thursday, June 24, 2021

11:50 am Central Time / 12:50 pm Eastern Time / 6:50 pm in Poland / 7:50 pm in Israel

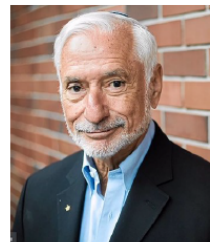
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The United States' role in saving Europe's intellectual elite from the Nazis is often told as a tale of triumph, which in many ways it was. America welcomed Albert Einstein and Enrico Fermi, Hannah Arendt and Herbert Marcuse, Rudolf Carnap and Richard Courant, among hundreds of other physicists, philosophers, mathematicians, historians, chemists, and linguists who transformed the American academy. Yet for every scholar who survived and thrived, many, many more did not.

To be hired by an American university, a refugee scholar had to be world-class and well connected, not too old and not too young, not too right and not too left, and, most important, not too Jewish. Those who were unable to flee were left to face the horrors of the Holocaust. In this rigorously researched book, Laurel Leff rescues from obscurity scholars who were deemed "not worth saving" and tells the riveting, full story of the hiring decisions universities made during the Nazi era.

Laurel will be interviewed by attorney and Holocaust educator, Michael Traisson (right).



For more information, contact (309) 793-1300 or [aross@jfqc.org](mailto:aross@jfqc.org).

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### **Naftali Bennett's Knesset address**

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## **STAYING FOR GOOD**

**By Rebecca Caspi, Director-General of Jewish Federation of North America's Israel Office.**

*Published originally in the El Paso Jewish Voice*

Whenever he called me from the United States, my uncle asked the same question, “Do you think you’re going to stay in Israel?” As the decades passed, the question turned more and more into a jest. And now that I’ve lived in Israel for almost forty years, including marrying and raising a family here, it’s pretty clear that I’m here for good. And I mean that last phrase in two senses—not just that I’m here permanently, but that I’m contributing to the vibrancy and vitality of my adopted homeland.

I’ve felt that profound sense of pride ever since I started working for the Jewish community in Israel in 1991—first for the Joint Distribution Committee, and then, since 2007, in my current role as the director of

the Israel office for the Jewish Federations of North America. And I've experienced it especially deeply lately, as Israel was under relentless rocket attack from ruthless terrorists for two nerve-wracking weeks in May, and as my staff and I at JFNA worked around the clock to manage Federations' emergency response and to keep the North American Jewish community up to speed on all the breaking news, up to and including the ceasefire that was finally declared.

It was also crucial to us to inform the Israeli public of the wave of antizionism and antisemitism that crashed upon North American shores in the wake of the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Promoting understanding and building awareness about the different challenges faced by American Jews and Israel helps us all to stay connected through thick and thin.

What was also truly fulfilling was the opportunity, just a few days after the ceasefire had been declared, to host the first senior leadership mission to Israel since the pandemic began. Their high-profile trip came on the heels of an emergency fundraising campaign by Federations that raised more than \$3 million to aid the victims of the bombings and the first responders. It included meetings with former Prime Minister Netanyahu and new Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. It featured a visit with an Israeli woman in Ashkelon whose house was ruined by a direct rocket hit in her living room and a tour of a neighborhood in Lod where violence between Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs jeopardized long-standing relationships that are now being painstakingly rebuilt. The delegation's message of love and support was heard loud and clear throughout the length and breadth of the land.

That visit was followed just a week later by one by the Israel Travel Alliance--a JFNA-convened collection of both Jewish and Christian organizations that sponsor trips, many of which are geared to young adults, to the Jewish State. We are working with the Israeli government to ensure that, by the end of the summer, more and more North Americans will have had the opportunity to visit Israel and deepen their own connections to the people and the land of Israel — some may even decide, as I did, to make Israel their home.

So, am I staying? You'd better believe it. I'm staying for good.

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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.



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@campl laurelwood.org](mailto:info@campl laurelwood.org) or [info@ramahsport.org](mailto:info@ramahsport.org)

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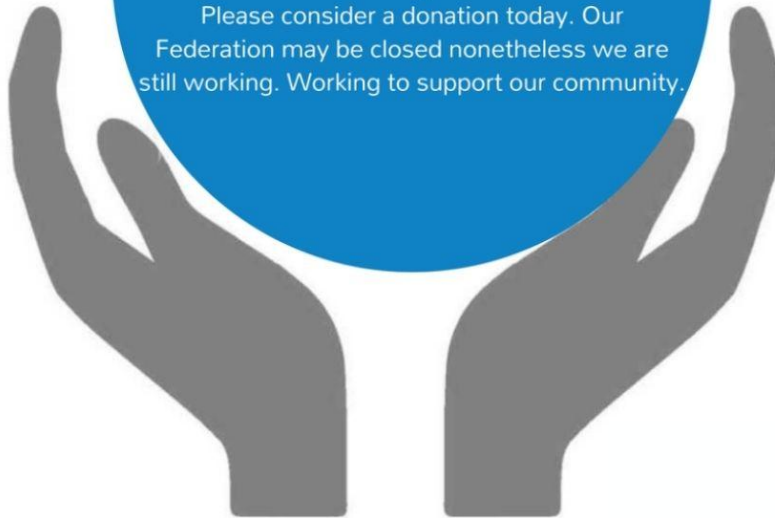


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## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GARY JONES**



The Federation's vision is to seek to be the place, both in real and in virtual settings, for thriving Jewish life, community, and values in the Western and Northwestern parts of the state.

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