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TODAY!**

The Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut wishes to thank State Senator Joan Hartley and State Representative Ronald Napoli Jr. for their strong public statement in support of the Jewish community and denouncing the recent spate of Antisemitism. We are grateful that these elected officials and many others have spoken out in support of the Jewish community in this difficult time. Here is the statement issued by Sen. Hartley and Rep. Napoli Jr. :

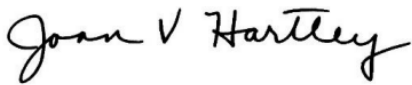
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Sen. Hartley and Rep. Napoli Release Statement Responding to Recent Rise in Anti-Semitism

Today, **state Senator Joan Hartley** and **state Representative Ronald Napoli Jr.**, members of the Waterbury legislative delegation, released the following statement regarding an increase in antisemitism in the United States amid recent confrontations between Israel and Hamas:

“It is incredibly distressing that the recent confrontations between Israel and Hamas have enabled a surge in hate speech and acts of violence toward the Jewish community here in the United States. These horrific, hateful acts have caused fear and heartache in families across the Jewish community, and we stand with them in denouncing this rise in antisemitism. Hate and intolerance have no place in a free and inclusive society.”



State Senator Joan V. Hartley

15th Senate District



State Representative Ron Napoli Jr.

73rd House District

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Strategies & Considerations for Reopening Jewish Health and Communal Organizations June 1 | 2PM ET



Join us to learn from the national health and legal experts how Jewish organizations can reopen their doors while keeping their staff and clients safe. Hear how one community is making this transition and have your questions answered by our panelists.

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**The United Jewish Center Presents
A Virtual Discussion**

**Adam Sol and Rabbi Felicia Sol:
“The Hill We Climb,” by Amanda Gorman
Poetry, Exegesis, and Imagining a
Better World**

On Sunday, June 6th, 2021, at 5 PM, United Jewish Center, Danbury Connecticut is proud and honored to present Adam Sol, MFA, PhD, and Rabbi Felicia Sol, the son and daughter of long-time UJC members Richard and Roberta Sol. They will explore “Poetry, Exegesis, and Imagining a Better World.” They will share their expertise using Amanda Gorman’s inaugural poem “The Hill We Climb” to illustrate both the powerful images of poetry and the Jewish spiritual connection to enable us to build a better world.



There is no charge to join. The program will be available on Zoom. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Adam is a poet, writer, and teacher. He has published one book of essays, four books of poetry, and the fifth book of poetry to be published by ECW Press in Fall 2021. Adam is the Coordinator of the Creative Expression and Society Program at the University of Toronto’s Victoria College. He and his wife Rabbi Yael Spalansky and three sons live in Toronto.

Rabbi Felicia Sol has served as a rabbi at B’nai Jeshurun, New York City, since 2001. She is the first woman to serve as a rabbi in this congregation in its almost 200-year history. She created the B’nai Jeshurun family Shabbat prayer book, received the 2005 Pacesetter Award, served on the board of Bend the Arc for 15 years, and is a member of the Rabbinic Council of Jews for Racial and Economic Justice. Rabbi Sol and her son and daughter live on the Upper West Side of New York.

Both Adam and Felicia grew up and were active in the UJC community through their teen years. They look forward to presenting their first program together “back home” as much as we are excited to learn from their expertise.

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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 19th 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.

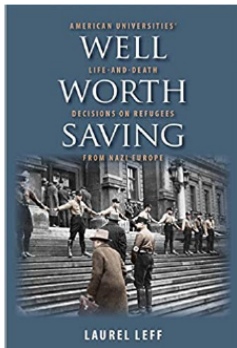
Checks should be made out to: Fractured Atlas, Inc.- write
Hevreh Ensemble in memo line

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

Rain Date will be Sunday June 20th

<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

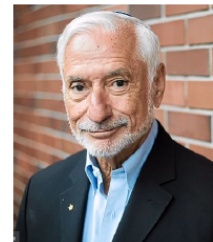
On ZOOM - Free and open to the public To register, go to: _____



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 Traison (right).



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

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Zoom link will follow!

The Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut is pleased

to provide a series of short videos prepared by our friends from Partnership2gether in Afula, Israel. This is the fourth video in a series of eight and it focuses on industry and technological innovation in the Afula-Gilboa Region in northeastern Israel.



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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.

SPECIAL FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SMALLER JEWISH COMMUNITIES!
ramahsportsacademy.org/grant

**RAMAH SPORTS ACADEMY
SUMMER 2021**

The Northeast's premier Jewish sports camp for athletes of all abilities and backgrounds.

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 or info@ramahsport.org

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IN CHALLENGING TIMES
WE ARE GRANDER TOGETHER**

With the uncertainty in our world it is imperative now more than ever that we join together as a Foundation of strength for each other.

Please consider a donation today. Our Federation may be closed nonetheless we are still working. Working to support our community.



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