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**GIVING  
TUESDAY**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Nov 30, 2021



**Jewish Federation**<sup>®</sup>  
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**GIVING TUESDAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!**

On November 30, 2021 the Jewish Federation of Western CT will be joining thousands of charitable organizations around the world who participate in Giving Tuesday, the largest online charitable day of giving! Giving Tuesday is an opportunity to give back to organizations that you deeply care about. Remember to add Giving Tuesday to your calendar and please remember to show support for the Federation!

Following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday is an opportunity to give back to organizations that you deeply care about.

## *Upcoming Federation Events*

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

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This Love&Knishes Senior Luncheon Program is unique in design. It will feature a musical performance as well as a book discussion by author Susan Schneider.

**Join us on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 1:00 pm. at the Jewish Federation of Western CT 444 Main St. North Southbury, CT 06488**



A grandmother's  
haunting tale of  
difficult choices,  
terrible secrets...  
and lessons learned

# *Fire in my Ears*

A Novel by

**SUSAN SCHNEIDER**

This Love&Knishes Senior Luncheon Program unique in design with not only a musical performance it will accompanied the book discussion by author Susan Schneider. The book "Fire in My Ears" is set in the 1950s' with two main characters, a grandmother and granddaughter. Mary's story is told by her grown up granddaughter Sarah who learned all her grandmother's lessons from nightly tales entrusted to her when she was a nine-year-old child in their shared bedroom. In the book there are references of popular songs of that era in which Jack Lynn will sing while the author Susan tells her story.

The cost of this event is \$10.

Menu includes: Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Green Bean Casserole (no mushrooms) Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll w/ margarine and Banana Crème Pie Tarts!

**PLEASE REGISTER HERE!**

please join us for a joyous

# Chanukah Celebration



The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg  
Community Function Hall

## Israeli Dancing

PARTICIPATE OR WATCH

## \*Latkes & Libations

\*Due to pandemic building restrictions, Latkes & Libations will be served outside in the pergola, so dress warmly!

Schmooze with friends you may not have seen in a while and meet new ones!

**adult guests only**

**COUVERT  
\$18 PER  
PERSON**

**Saturday  
December 4th  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Please RSVP by  
November 30th**

CANDLES  
DREIDEL  
SHE  
GIMEL  
nun  
chanukiah

**\*\*PROOF OF VACCINATION AND WEARING OF MASKS INDOORS REQUIRED**



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**444 Main Street North, Southbury**

**RSVP HERE!**

# Israelights

The purpose of Israelights is to showcase the variety of ways your Federation impacts various institutions and communities in Israel generally, and particularly in Afula-Gilboa, the Federation's sister region. Your support of the Federation enables us to enhance the work of so many important social service and community building agencies in Israel. In this section, we hope to give you a greater understanding of the value of your support.



The Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut is pleased to provide the third in a series of short videos prepared by our friends from Partnership2GETHER in Afula, Israel. This video focuses on Tarbut תרבות (the Hebrew word for culture) and the Old Market.

**Click the image above to watch the video!**

### Israel's New Budget

Last week, after marathon debates, Israel's parliament passed a budget for the first time since March 2018. In addition to sweeping reforms, the vote has far-reaching



national consequences, including enhancing the stability of the new coalition government. JFNA lays out the most important policies and their implications in ***this backgrounder***.

**READ  
MORE!**

Learn How to Apply for a Federal Security Grant

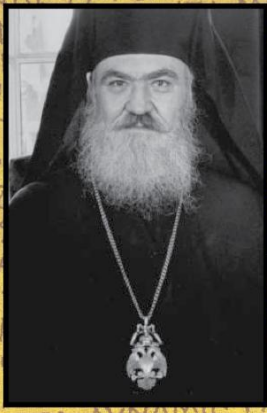
**Monday, November 29 | 12pm ET/ 9am PT**

Early next year, we expect funds will be available from the Department of Homeland Security under the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). The process is highly competitive and can be quite complex for the uninitiated. Learn from experts, including FEMA grant program managers and our partner the Secure Community Network (SCN), about key initial steps in how to navigate the NSGP grant program opportunity. Feel free to invite other Jewish and non-Jewish local partners to participate. This event will be held in conjunction with #ShineALight, a national initiative to spotlight Jewish pride and the dangers of antisemitism in all its forms.



**REGISTER  
NOW**

*Community Events*



Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens, Greece

# 15TH ANNUAL Kristallnacht COMMEMORATION

Sunday, November 14, 2021 - 9-11 a.m.

**ALL ARE WELCOME ON ZOOM**



Congregation  
**Or Shalom**



Jewish Federation  
OF GREATER NEW HAVEN



## 15th Annual Kristallnacht Commemoration

**Sunday, November 14  
9 AM on Zoom**

Please join us for our 15th Annual Community-Wide Kristallnacht Commemoration. This year, we will honor the conscience and heroism of Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens, Greece, who risked his life by ordering the churches under his jurisdiction to distribute baptismal certificates to Jews fleeing the Nazis, thus saving thousands of Jews in and around Athens. For his deeds he was named "Righteous Among the Nations" by Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust Remembrance Center.

The community-wide commemoration of Kristallnacht is presented by Congregation Or Shalom with support from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. Thank you to the American Society for Yad Vashem.

### Program Highlights:

- U.S. Senate Commendation presented by Senator Richard Blumenthal to the Archbishop's family
- Comments by survivors saved by the Archbishop
- Comments by Archbishop Elpidophoros of America
- Comments by Lea Garyfallia Micha, Head, Balkan Countries, Greece and Cyprus Desk, Yad Vashem
- Comments by Marlene W. Yahalom, PhD., Director of Education, American Society for Yad Vashem

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# FOR JEWISH LIFE



SPEAKER SERIES  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – 10:00 AM – On Zoom

Emeritus Professor Roger Griffin – “Longing to Belong: The Crisis of Cultural Identity in the Modern Age (and what we can do about it)”  
Roger Griffin, Emeritus Professor at Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom, hopes to stimulate discussion on the deeper cultural forces driving the rise of populism, fascism, identity politics, xenophobic nationalism and politicized and terroristic forms of radical religion all over the world. In particular, he will look at the forces of secularization and globalization that have 'disenchanted' the world for many and provoked a crisis of meaning and identity that is now unleashing a tsunami of ethnocentric and xenophobic 'hate politics' directed against perceived enemies. This in turn fuels such phenomena as Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and exclusionist forms of state politics in such countries as the UK, US, Hungary, Russia, China and Israel. The talk then considers the phenomenon known as 'heroic doubling' which can create both the destructive avatar familiar from acts of terrorism and systematic inhuman, and a humane, empathetic, compassionate one which we can all nurture inside ourselves, whatever our religion or lack of it.

He is best known for the many books he has written about fascism and for co-founding the journal *Fascism* and COMFAS, the Association for the Comparative Fascism Studies. His main achievement is to have formulated a non-Marxist definition of fascism which is now widely used in academia all over the world. Despite retirement, he continues to pursue his research interests in fascism, populism, terrorism, and more generally the way modern society generates a permanent crisis of identity for many, leading to a constant flow of minority movements of extremism and fanaticism.

To register for this Zoom event, please RSVP to [jewishlifect@gmail.com](mailto:jewishlifect@gmail.com)  
before November 11, 2021

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Please join us for a discussion of the important new book by Anna Hajkova, Czech Historian and Associate Professor at the University of Warwick.....

## *The Last Ghetto: An Everyday History of Theresienstadt*

**When:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021

**Time:** 11:45am Central Time/ 12:45pm ET/ 5:45pm GMT/ 6:45pm CET

*On ZOOM - Free and open to the public*

To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/3GxYjmO>



Terezín, also known as Theresienstadt, was a ghetto north-west of Prague. Set up by the Nazis on 24 November 1941, 80 years ago, it was a transit camp for Jews of Czechoslovakia, Central and Western Europe. Most of the prisoners were sent on to ghettos and camps in Nazi occupied East. In her brilliant study, Anna Hájková painstakingly analyzes the reality of this enforced society, one that goes beyond myths surrounding Theresienstadt. She presents a captivating portrait of the relationships between the Jewish prisoners and their captors as well as among the prisoners themselves.

**\*\*Anna will be interviewed by attorney and Holocaust educator, Michael Traison (right).**

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

**This program is hosted by the Augustana Web Guild.**



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**BREAKFAST  
FOR  
ISRAEL**

## MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021**

8:00 – 9:00 am ET

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER

**Yossi Klein Halevi**, *Senior Fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem*

**[jnf.org/breakfastforisrael](https://jnf.org/breakfastforisrael)**

NO COST TO ATTEND



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*Your Voice in Israel*

Join us virtually as we celebrate Chanukah and Giving Tuesday, the world's biggest day of giving, during our annual Breakfast for Israel! Come together for this spectacular event with local members of your community to learn how you can make the impossible possible for the land and people of Israel and hear from our keynote speaker, New York Times bestselling author and award-winning journalist Yossi Klein Halevi. Halevi serves as a Senior Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and co-directs a program that teaches emerging young Muslim American leaders about Judaism, Jewish identity, and Israel.

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*Donate Today!*

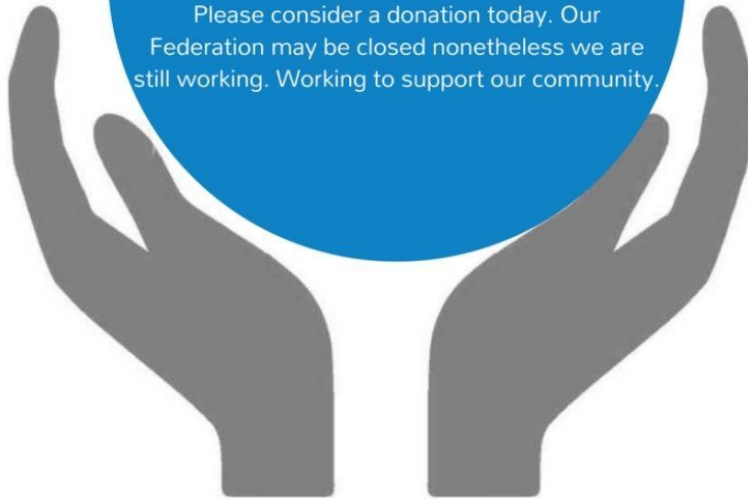


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DONATE TODAY -  
IN CHALLENGING TIMES  
WE ARE GRANDER TOGETHER

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.



## Weekly Wisdom

Hedy Lamarr was considered one of the most beautiful women in Europe. Born as Hedwig Eva Maria Kiesler on November 9, 1914 in Vienna, Austria-Hungary. By the 1930s she was a film star in Europe and not long after, in the U.S. But she didn't stop with movies. Hedy became an inventor. Inspired to help the U.S. effort in World War II, she worked to design a radio guidance system for Allied torpedoes that would defeat the threat of jamming. Ultimately her innovation was not used in the war, but the principles of her work are now incorporated into modern Wi-Fi, CDMA and Bluetooth technology. She was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2014.



# *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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