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**Unleash
Generosity**

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Let's build a more just + equitable world through generosity.

November 30, 2021

Join the movement & give back
Together we give. Together we heal. Together we stand.

On Tuesday 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!

Supporting our Jewish future

Your Jewish Federation is the home office and lead voice of the Jewish community in Western and Northwestern Connecticut. As a result, we fight for the safety, security and well-being of the entire Jewish community and all of the Jewish institutions in our part of the Connecticut. We provide funding to support Jewish education in synagogue and day schools. We provide Jewish campership scholarships, college scholarships and promote educational opportunities in Israel. We stand up for Israel and stand against antisemitism and bigotry and hatred of all kinds. Because Jewish

values require that we also look out for all those in need, we support local nonprofit organizations doing important work in the communities we serve and we work with other religious and secular organizations to help resettle refugees and to promote social justice.

We ask that you participate in our work every day. On Giving Tuesday, we ask that you make a contribution to support our work.

We will provide a special link for Giving Tuesday contributions. Donations associated with Giving Tuesday will be accepted through that link on Tuesday November 30, 2021. Contributions not associated with Giving Tuesday can be made by clicking on link provided below.

Thank you!

[Click Here to Donate Today!](#)

On Sunday, November 7th the Jewish Federation hosted a book presentation and signing with Larry Rifkin, author of “No Dead Air”.



Gary Jones and wife Jill, Cathy Conti
Manager of Events & Programs and then
Larry & Carmelita Rifkin

Gary Jones Executive Director, author
Larry Rifkin and Board Member Jill
Schoenfuss.

The event offered our Federation members the opportunity to meet Larry, to learn of his longtime Waterbury roots and to receive a preview of his book, which highlighted the different stages of his life, including his impactful and interesting career as a programming executive for Connecticut Public Television.

One of Larry's most notable achievements is his seminal role in

bringing one of PBS's most popular children's programs "Barney & Friends" to PBS. After leaving CPTV, in 2010 Larry returned to his radio roots and became the host of "Talk of the Town" on Waterbury radio station WATR1320.

Upcoming Federation Events

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

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
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chanukiah

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



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OPERATION MOSES

Operation Moses, the first covert operation to bring Ethiopian Jews to Israel, began on November 21, 1984.



Over the course of the mission more than 8,000 Jews were delivered to safety to Israel – with the help of Jewish Federations.

Community Events



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.**

This program is hosted by the Augustana Web Guild.



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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

NO COST TO ATTEND



**JEWISH
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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.

REGISTER HERE!

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.

Support your Federation 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

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**IF IT MUST ALWAYS BE
BETTER, IT CAN NEVER BE
GOOD ENOUGH.**

Jewish Proverb



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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