



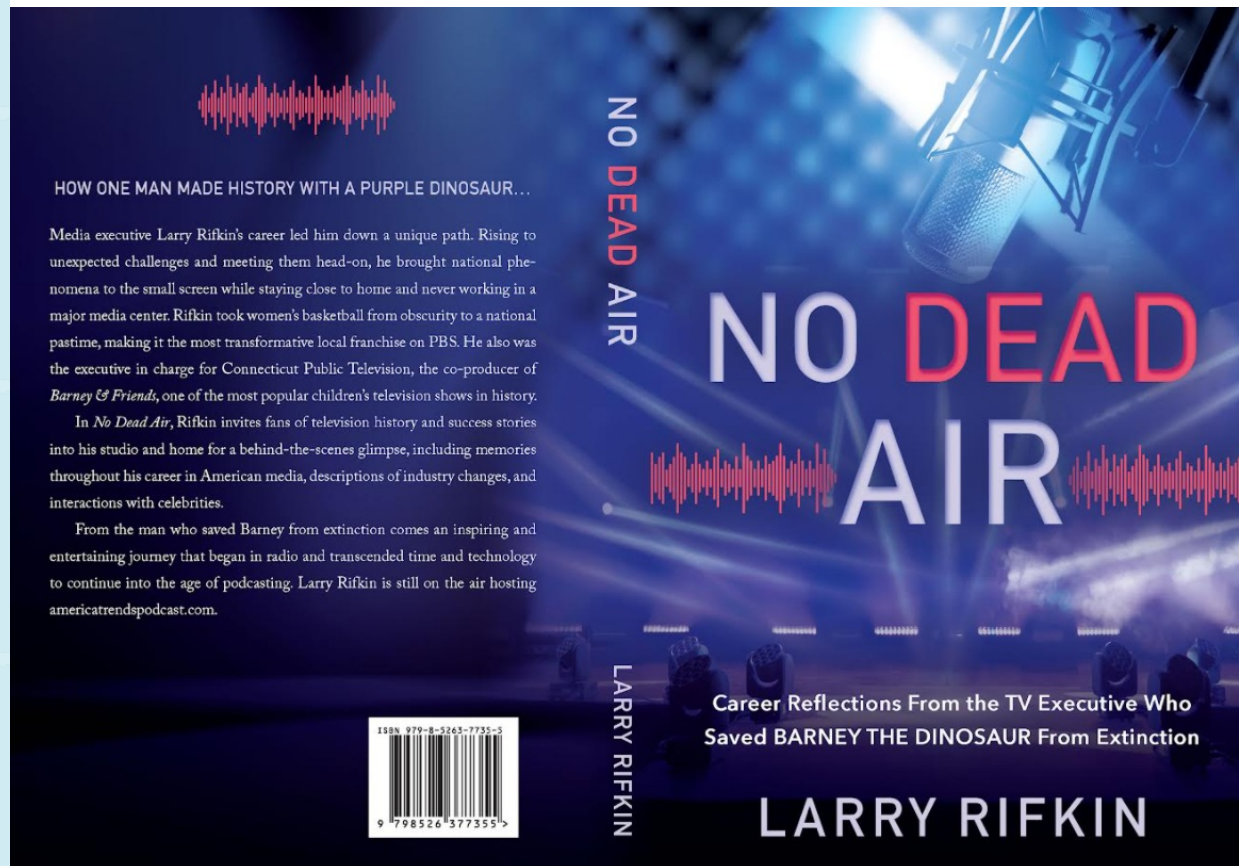
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE - DONATE
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Upcoming Federation Events

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

**Please join us on Sunday, November 7th
at 2 pm for a presentation and book signing as former**

Connecticut Public Television Executive and former WATR radio talk show host Larry Rifkin introduces us to his newly released book "No Dead Air"



**AT THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF WESTERN CT LOCATED AT
444 MAIN STREET NORTH SOUTHBURY, CT 06488**

Larry Rifkin was the programming executive for Connecticut Public Television (CPTV) for over a quarter of a century, from 1986 to 2009. CONNECTICUT Magazine characterized his time at the station as the 'Elvis years' because of the many programming accomplishments attributed to his leadership.

Most notable, Rifkin was responsible for bringing 'Barney & Friends' to PBS. It went on to become one of the most successful children's television series in history and he introduced UConn Women's Basketball to television and helped to propel women's sports on TV nationally.

Under his leadership, CPTV amassed over fifty (50) Emmy Awards in the Boston/New England competition. And Mr. Rifkin was inducted into the Boston/New England Silver Circle in 2006. This is the regional television equivalent of a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Rifkin was a skilled on air presenter on CPTV and returned to his radio roots full-time back in 2010 as host of 'Talk of the Town' on WATR 1320 for a seven year period.

He now hosts the podcast, americatrendspodcast.com, where he looks at changes in our society and our politics. He is approaching 500 episodes

recorded.

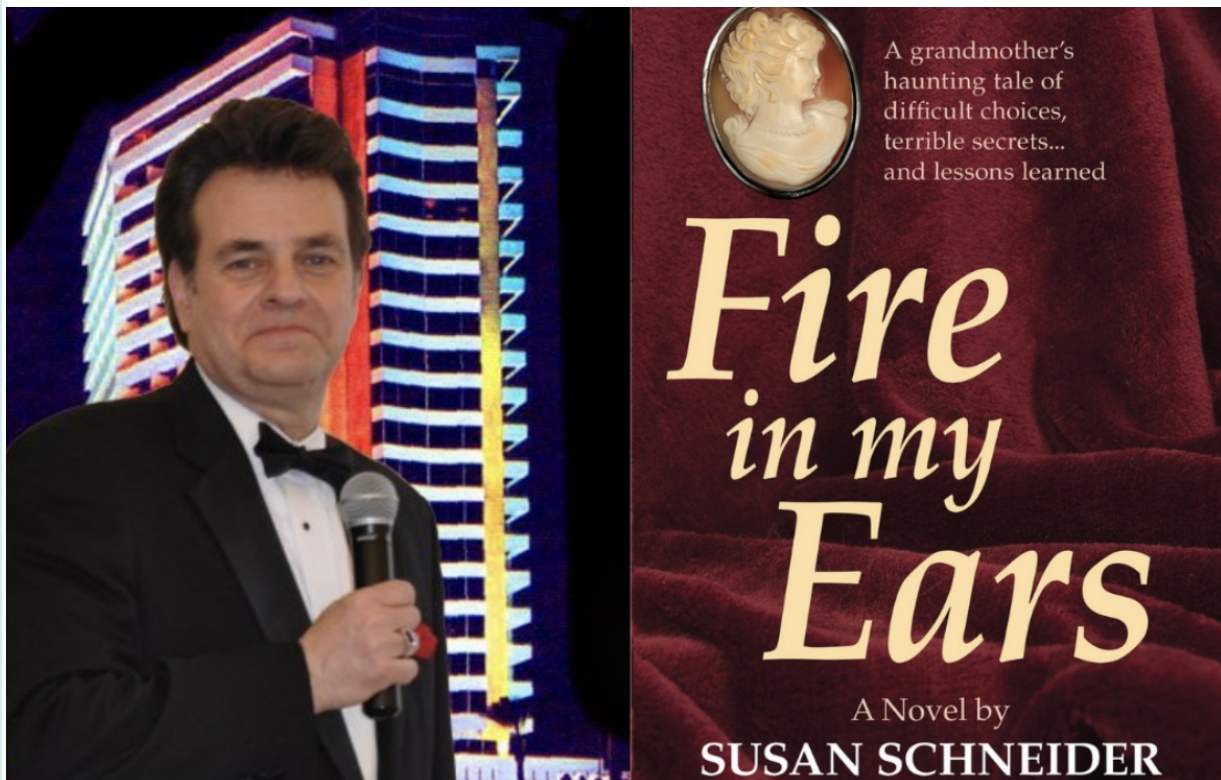
His new book is titled 'No Dead Air' and it will be released in the fall.

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This Love&Knishes Senior Luncheon Program is unique in design with not only a musical performance but will also include 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



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!

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we give.

SAVE THE DATE
Nov 30, 2021



**GIVING
TUESDAY**

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! Every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give.

Following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, 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!

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 a series of short videos prepared by our friends from Partnership2GETHER in Afula, Israel. This video focuses on food & attractions! Take a visit to the Partnership region.

Click the image above to watch the video!



Israeli Prime Minister & Nobel Peace Prize winner Yitzhak Rabin, z"l, remains a universal symbol of hope and peace. See him here as he shares an inspiring message of Jewish unity at a 1993 United Jewish Appeal event.

World Series Nachas



Two noteworthy Jewish milestones were achieved in the recently completed the World Series in which the Atlanta Braves beat the Houston Astros. On October 27, in the second game of the World Series, when Atlanta pitcher Max Fried pitched to Houston third baseman Alex Bregman, it became the first time in World Series history that two Jews faced one another.

That milestone was perhaps surpassed in the sixth and final game of the World Series on November 2. In the bottom of the second inning, Max Fried again faced Alex Bregman. In that at-bat, Bregman flied out to Atlanta right fielder, Joc Pederson. Pederson is also Jewish – making that out perhaps the most Jewish play in World Series history.

Community Events



Our congregation will remember Kristallnacht during Kabbalat Shabbat worship services this Friday evening (Nov. 5) at 7:30 PM. Translated as The Night of Broken Glass, this monumentally tragic event carried out by the Nazis occurred on the evening of November 9, 1938. Considered by many to mark the beginning of the Holocaust, Kristallnacht was a night of terror that forever changed the lives of the Jewish people.

At B'nai Israel, we remember those dearly who experienced Kristallnacht and the Shoah by reciting special prayers, readings, and songs. This week, our religious school students heard the children's story Benno and the Night of Broken Glass, a beautifully written and illustrated picture book that helps connect even our youngest students with the historic significance and Jewish perspective of Kristallnacht.

During Friday evening's Kristallnacht remembrance we light six yellow candles as a powerful reminder of the six million Jewish lives lost during the Holocaust. We invite those whose families were personally touched by this tragedy to come forward to light one of our six candles.

Please let us know if you would like us to include you in this special candle lighting by emailing me ateducator@bnaisraelssouthbury.org.

Rabbi Eric and Linda Goodman will be joined by Makeala (our choir) and students in Grade 7 and Confirmation class. Please join us in person or on-line for this important and meaningful service.

Lizkor v'L'Shalom, in remembrance and with peace –

Rabbi Eric Polokoff
Abby Peklo, Director – B'nai Israel Religious School



IS KRISTALLNACHT RELEVANT TODAY?

Find out Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021
at 7:00 PM on Zoom

JONATHAN FEINSTEIN

State Director for Texas for the Education Trust
will speak on why we recognize Kristallnacht in 2021.

Jonathan Feinstein will discuss
Texas HB 3979 and all its
implications of presenting the
'opposing views' of the Holocaust
(and other historic events) to
students. It's gotten a lot of
national press and Jonathan has
been an excellent speaker on why
the bill was created and why it's
bad.



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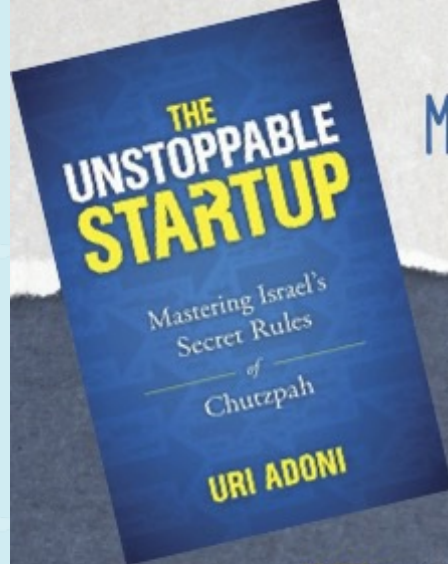
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THE UNSTOPPABLE STARTUP: MASTERING ISRAEL'S SECRET RULES OF CHUTZPAH MONDAY, NOV. 8, 12 NOON

Tune in for a conversation between **URI ADONI**, former CEO of MSN Israel and leading Israeli venture capitalist, and Westport's **CLIFF SIRLIN**, managing director of Launch Capital, for an inside look at Israel's success as a start-up nation.

URI ADONI has over 20 years in the high-tech world as a venture capitalist at Jerusalem Venture Partners – one of Israel's leading venture capitals with an impressive track record – angel investor, international speaker, and the CEO of MSN Israel (Microsoft Networks). He was also a commander of a combat unit (Major) in the IDF.



As Managing Partner at Launch Capital, **CLIFF SIRLIN** has created marketplaces and disrupted supply chains across industries. His businesses have spanned energy, drycleaning, real estate, and publishing. Most recently, he served as the CEO of Domino. As an active investor, Cliff's investments include Seamless, InVision, Ponds, Living Social, Atlas Obscura, Greatist, Transactis, Big Fuel, and many others. Cliff received his Law degree from The New York University School of Law and an undergraduate degree from Colgate University. Cliff lives in Westport with his wife and their two children.



Behind the Pages

brings authors to the Upper Fairfield County community, co-sponsored by Federation for Jewish Philanthropy and Jewish Book Council. For a full program, visit shalomct.org/behindthepages.



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This program is co-sponsored by JFACT (Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut) and the CT-Israel Chamber of Commerce, a new not-for-profit organization that fosters and strengthens trade, business, academic collaboration, and cultural exchange between Connecticut and Israel to benefit the economy and community of each location.



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UNITE. LEARN. ACT. NOW. NOVEMBER 7-9, 2021

Join us at the ***Never Is Now Summit on Antisemitism and Hate*** as ADL presents its Courage Against Hate Award to Jean-Paul Agon, Chairman of the L'Oréal Group. A true leader who not only fights against hate but inspires others to do the same, Agon will receive the award at Never Is Now's Opening Session on Sunday, November 7, which starts at 7:30 PM ET / 4:30 PM PT.

Jean-Paul Agon, Courage Against Hate Award Recipient



"Receiving the Courage Against Hate Award is one of the greatest honors of my life," Agon said. Under his leadership, L'Oréal has shown a deep commitment to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion within the company and to respecting human rights and combating hatred in society, particularly to combating antisemitism.

ADL is pleased to recognize Agon at Never Is Now, following previous Courage Against Hate honorees including Apple CEO Tim Cook (2018), Chobani CEO and Founder Hamdi Ulukaya (2019) and Merck Executive Chairman of the Board Kenneth C. Frazier (2020). The award honors visionary leaders who promote understanding and unity in a complex world and exemplify ADL's core values, including courage, collaboration, inclusion and integrity.

The ADL/L'Oréal Holocaust Education Partnership

L'Oréal USA, the largest subsidiary in the L'Oréal Group, will be partnering with ADL on a new initiative reaching more than 100,000 middle and high school students at approximately 1,750 schools across the country with a new educational curriculum designed to raise awareness and promote understanding about the Holocaust.

As Stéphane Rinderknech, President & CEO of L'Oréal USA, says about the initiative, "The rising tide of antisemitism is alarming, and we hope to be able to help turn back the tide by promoting understanding and empathy among a new generation of students."

This new initiative will share testimonials, personal narratives, and primary sources with students, focusing on the humanity of Holocaust survivors through self-paced independent learning opportunities and digital interactions.

We hope you'll join Jean-Paul Agon, as well as community leaders, students, academics and business leaders from across the county for this year's Summit. You will be inspired, empowered and challenged by our unmatched lineup of speakers and sessions to combat the ever-present challenges of antisemitism, bigotry and hate.



Vice President Harris will commence our opening session on November 7 at 7:30pm ET/4:30pm PT with a vital reminder that antisemitism knows no political party nor does it adhere to any partisan divides.

She will discuss how the Biden Administration is working with other leaders in Washington to combat antisemitism in the U.S. and around the globe. She will underline the need to reject 'boycott and divestment' campaigns targeting Israel and any other efforts that single out the Jewish state for exclusion. We cannot allow hate crimes to surge and extremism to flourish in this country. Vice President Harris will address our national resolve to push extremism back to the margins of society, and to root out violent domestic terrorism.

After a year of escalating antisemitism and hate,
we must come together at Never Is Now to unite, to learn and to act.

Now is the time for Never Is Now.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Tracee Ellis Ross
Actress, Producer,
CEO



Baratunde Thurston
Writer, Activist,
Comedian



Sheera Frenkel
Author and *New York Times* Cybersecurity
Correspondent



Kara Swisher
Host of Sway
Podcast and
Contributing Writer
for *New York Times*
Opinion



Jean-Paul Agon
Chairman of L'Oréal



Sue Bird
4x WNBA Champion,
5x Olympic Gold
Medalist, Activist



Daniel Dae Kim
Actor, Producer,
Activist



Yair Lapid
Israel's Alternate
Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign
Affairs

**SIGN UP TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST ANTISEMITISM
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**GREATER WASHINGTON
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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
before November 11, 2021



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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*

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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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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.



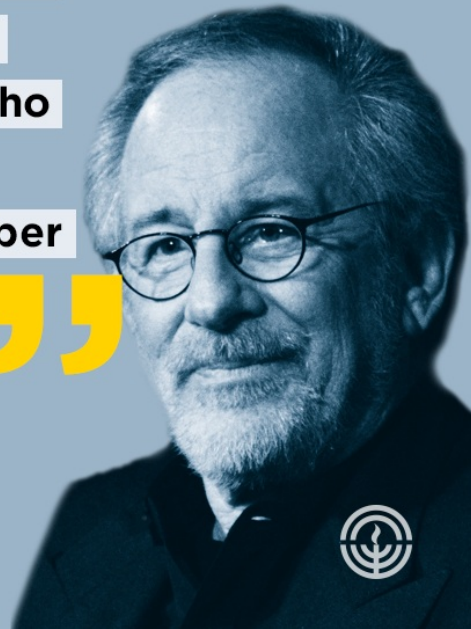
Weekly Wisdom

“

The most combative
way to fight intolerance
and honor those who
survived and those who
perished is to call on
each other to remember
and to never forget.

”

- STEVEN SPIELBERG



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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