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TODAY!**

Annual Campaign Kickoff

Please join us on Sunday October 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.

הַבּוֹנִים – Habonim “The Builders”

The Jewish Federation of Western CT
invites you to our virtual
Annual Campaign Kickoff
on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.

We are proud to announce that our
featured guest speaker will be
Ambassador Meron Reuben,
Consul General of Israel to New England

RSVP to cconti@jfed.net by October 15, 2021
to receive the link to join our Campaign Kickoff

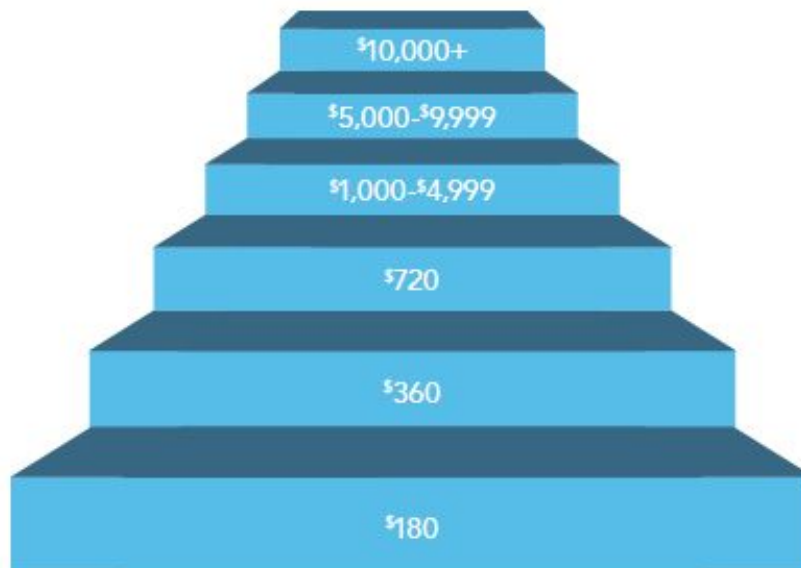


Jewish Federation®
OF WESTERN CONNECTICUT
444 Main Street North
Southbury, CT 06844



“The Builders”

Help us to build our Federation so that together we can create a more cohesive and vibrant Jewish community in Western and Northwestern CT.



The Virtual Annual Campaign Kickoff will also give us the opportunity to honor true Habonim of Jewish life throughout Western and Northwestern CT.

Each synagogue, school and other Jewish institution will have the opportunity to designate an individual to be honored for his or her unwavering support of that institution over the last 18 months.

[PLEASE REGISTER HERE!](#)

UPCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS!



Return, Live and In-Person.

With Soprano Liliya Bikbova on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm.
at the Jewish Federation of Western CT 444 Main St. North
Southbury, CT 06488



This mother & daughter duo has performed Carnegie Hall and now they will be performing songs virtually from around the world!

The cost of this event is \$10. Please RSVP by clicking the button below.

As a reminder, as per CDC guidelines, all guests must wear a mask.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Menu includes: Teriyaki Chicken, Fried Rice, Asian Blend Vegetables, Egg Rolls and Ambrosia

PLEASE RSVP HERE!



Return, Live and In-Person.

**With Airborne Trio on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 1:00 pm.
at the Jewish Federation of Western CT 444 Main St. North
Southbury, CT 06488**



Airborne formed in the 1980s the band celebrates years of recording projects, festivals, concerts, corporate and private functions, city and community events, healthcare centers, assisted living, senior centers, libraries, schools, educational workshops, residences, and clubs.

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As a reminder, as per CDC guidelines, all guests must wear a mask.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Menu will available next week.
Please RSVP to cconti@jfed.net

**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"**

RSVP to email cconti@jfed.net by November 1st.

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

HOW ONE MAN MADE HISTORY WITH A PURPLE DINOSAUR...

Media executive Larry Rifkin's career led him down a unique path. Rising to unexpected challenges and meeting them head-on, he brought national phenomena to the small screen while staying close to home and never working in a major media center. Rifkin took women's basketball from obscurity to a national pastime, making it the most transformative local franchise on PBS. He also was the executive in charge for Connecticut Public Television, the co-producer of *Barney & Friends*, one of the most popular children's television shows in history.

In *No Dead Air*, Rifkin invites fans of television history and success stories into his studio and home for a behind-the-scenes glimpse, including memories throughout his career in American media, descriptions of industry changes, and interactions with celebrities.

From the man who saved Barney from extinction comes an inspiring and entertaining journey that began in radio and transcended time and technology to continue into the age of podcasting. Larry Rifkin is still on the air hosting americatrendspodcast.com.



NO DEAD AIR

LARRY RIFKIN

NO DEAD AIR

Career Reflections From the TV Executive Who
Saved BARNEY THE DINOSAUR From Extinction

LARRY RIFKIN

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.

Enables College Students to Report and Address Antisemitism on Campus



Hillel, ADL, SCN Collaboration Will Review and Respond to Antisemitic Incidents on Campus, Track Hate and Ensure Safety for Jewish Students

Washington, D.C., October 6, 2021 -- Hillel International, ADL (the Anti-Defamation League) and the Secure Community Network are launching ***ReportCampusHate.org***, an online portal that allows Jewish students and their allies to report antisemitic incidents on college campuses and receive immediate support. Through the website, the three organizations will ensure that Jewish students are supported and empowered to appropriately address the growing antisemitism on college campuses. The portal will also ensure proper tracking and reporting of antisemitic trends.

Jewish college students often say they are unsure where and how to report antisemitic incidents on campus, and they fear being targeted or isolated by reporting bias incidents and/or hate crimes. A recent poll found 74 percent of Jewish college students who personally experienced an act of antisemitism did not report the incident and only three percent said they reported it to local or campus police. In addition, 41 percent of students said they did not know how to report an incident if it were to occur.

“It is essential that Jewish college students and their peers have access to tools and resources to address antisemitism and hate on campus so they can live and study in safe and welcoming environments,” said Adam Lehman, President and CEO of Hillel International. “***ReportCampusHate.org*** will empower students to report antisemitic incidents, knowing they will get the support they need and the response they deserve. Through this tool, Hillels will also be better equipped to address antisemitism with campus administrators and improve the campus climate.”

[*Click here to read more!*](#)

Scientist David Julius, whose grandparents fled antisemitism in Czarist Russia, wins Nobel Prize in medicine!



BY **SHIRA HANAU** OCTOBER 4, 2021 9:15 AM

(**JTA**) — David Julius, a professor of physiology at the University of California, San Francisco, whose grandparents fled antisemitism in Czarist Russia, was awarded this year's Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine on Monday. He shared the award with Ardem Patapoutian, a molecular biologist and neuroscientist at the Scripps Research center.

The Nobel Prize committee cited Julius and Patapoutian's research "for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch," which have improved treatments for pain caused by a range of diseases.

Julius was born in 1955 and grew up in Brighton Beach, which was then home to a large population of Russian Jewish emigres. Julius described the neighborhood as "a landing pad for Eastern European immigrants like my grandparents, who fled Czarist Russia and antisemitism in pursuit of a better life."

[*Click here to read more!*](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



This October 10, you can Walk together.
Roll together. Run together. Pedal together. Join together!

There are so many ways to speak up together as part of *ADL's Annual Walk Against Hate*. It's a great opportunity to move toward a future without antisemitism, racism and all forms of bigotry.

Join people from across the country in stepping up — solo, with your family, with your classmates, co-workers, congregations or community group — to make your voice heard in challenging antisemitism and all forms of hate.

To register and see how you can participate in your community, visit WalkAgainstHate.org today.

Be a part of the movement to show solidarity against antisemitism, bias, bullying and bigotry.





PJ LIBRARY PAJAMA EVENT AT CBI

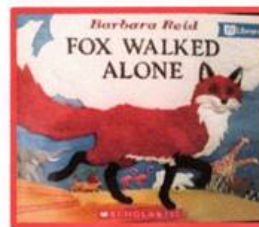
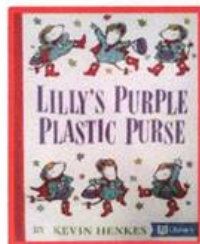
October 17th at 11:00 A.M.

**This program is open to the
greater Danbury Jewish community and it is free!**
The program is geared toward ages Pre-K to Grade 1.
An adult must accompany Pre-K child(ren)

Come in your pajamas
(or not, PJ's are optional)



We will share stories about "*G'milut Chasadim*"
acts of kindness and compassion toward others



along with art



and music



Please RSVP to: cbi193clap@gmail.com and let us know you are coming.

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
193 Clapboard Ridge Road
Danbury, CT 06811
203-792-6161

Learn More!



Virtual Mission

LATIN AMERICA

Monday October 18, 2021 at 7 PM

Experience the Jewish Communities of Latin America from the comfort of your home! Join Federation partner JDC, leading global Jewish humanitarian organization, as we highlight personal stories about the impact your support makes across the globe.

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**BOOK YOUR TICKET
TODAY!**

THE JCC IN SHERMAN JEWISH HERITAGE SERIES

CRITICAL MOMENTS IN JEWISH HISTORY

WITH RABBI ARI ROSENBERG

This series will be a discourse on "Critical Moments in Jewish History" from Biblical times through present trends in Judaism. Each class will be introduced with an overview of the subject, to be followed by class discussion, for a total of one hour. Each session will be an isolated unit so people can attend as they are available.



6- Week Series on Zoom - Fridays 4:30PM-5:30PM | October 22- December 3rd

No class the Friday after Thanksgiving 11/26

Each session is \$20 per person | Sign up for all 6 for \$100

Visit our website for the list of topics & to register

www.jccinsherman.org

JCC in Sherman 9 Route 39 S, Sherman CT 06784 | info@jccinsherman.org 860-355-8050

REGISTER HERE!

Tech2Peace:

Israelis & Palestinians Innovating a Better Future

A BYO brunch & learn workshop

The first in a new series on Israel's shared society



Panelists



Uri Rosenberg,
Co-Founder



Abeer Bandak,
Co-Founder



Adnan Jaber,
Alumnus & Volunteer



Jake Shapiro,
Dialogue Facilitator

Facilitator

Sunday, October 24 | 12 to 1:15 pm | Zoom

Tech2Peace leverages Israel's impressive high-tech ecosystem to build a cross-border network of young leaders who are working together toward a more peaceful future. It brings together young Palestinians and Israelis through intensive high-tech and entrepreneurship training, dialogue, joint start-ups, and an active alumni community. **In this interactive program, you'll meet Palestinian and Israeli staff and alumni of T2P and hear their perspectives and what they've learned by working together.**

Register by October 21 at <https://bit.ly/Tech2Peace1024>

Advance registration required.

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Celebrating 25 Years of Vision

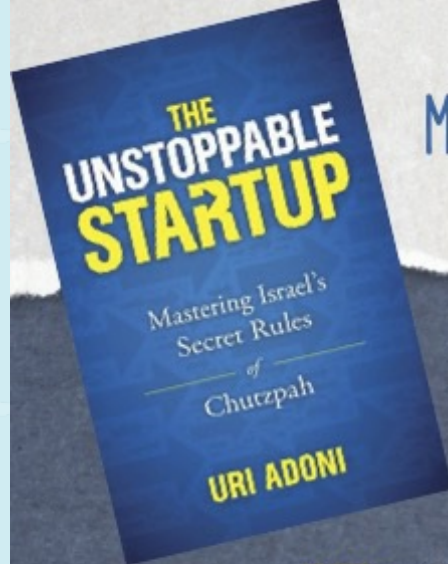
Thursday, November 4th, 8:00 p.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. PT

Registration is officially open!

In honor of JWA's 25th anniversary, join us on **November 4th, 2021** for a celebration of the history, achievements, and leadership of Jewish women. A multi-generational and spirited event for everyone!

RSVP HERE!





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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Jewish
Book
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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.



Jewish Federation Association
of Connecticut (JFACT)

INFO & REGISTRATION
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REGISTER HERE!

ADL | NEVER IS NOW

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.

Please register today at neverisnow.org and join us online from Nov. 7-9.

**SIGN UP TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST ANTISEMITISM
NOW**

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

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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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