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Let Your Voices Be Heard

I recently went hiking with a friend in the woods of Madison, Connecticut. I couldn't help but notice the beauty of the winter landscape. From the ice flows which formed along the sides of the streams to the tree limbs quiet as they rest before spring renewal, the path mirrored the path of our community—quiet but ready for springtime.

We have been busy with our community strategic planning process. Work began over the summer months. We are now in the throes of information gathering; this will inform a study and report produced by The Melior Group of Philadelphia, which will then be passed onto Panoramic Strategic Solutions to help develop action steps to continue moving our community forward.

While the hiking trail was isolated and solitary, for this informative process to reach its full potential, every voice must be heard. This is a study of our collective community. The survey will be avail-

able online later in March. We strongly encourage you to take the survey. And, equally important, we encourage you to share the link with family and friends, especially those who may not receive Jewish Federation communications. You can easily share from our Facebook page, email it to friends, or even come in to the JCC and fill the survey out in person. Every voice matters and we are striving for input from all. We need your help.

This moment of needing help to reach goals is familiar. Purim and Passover are just around the corner and within each story we find heroes and heroines who relied on others to help them. We are Esther as she understood that she needed to carefully navigate her relationship with the king and rely on Mordechai for his counsel. And we are Moses as he sought to lead the Israelites out of Egypt as he relied on Miriam, Aaron and the people to stand together as they followed the path to

redemption. Neither of their struggles was easy and each required faith and determination.

It is with similar resolve that the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Board of Directors is leading our community forward. With your help, we will find the answers to our most important questions: what are our community's values and priorities, and how can we best meet our responsibility to them as we understand our geographic, demographic and economic realities.

I am looking forward to taking these next steps with you as we build a strong, vibrant and secure future for our Jewish community.

With best wishes for a joyous Purim and Passover,



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Jewish Council Focuses on Community Relations

On February 8-11, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), an organization for 125 community and 16 national member agencies, held its annual conference in Washington, D.C. Arthur and Betty Levy, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater New Haven's co-chairs, and Director Eliraz Shifman Berman attended along with other JCRC representatives.

In the opening Levering Community Relations to Fight Anti-Semitism panel, Dr. Deborah Lipstadt and others discussed their first-hand experiences and shared strategies to bolster community relation efforts. During the conference, advocates and experts spoke about gun violence prevention, climate change, religious liberty and anti-discrimination protections, ending detention and deportation, and many other topics.



One takeaway the Levys found important was Rep. Brenda Lawrence's (D-MI) effort as the founder of the new bipartisan Congressional Caucus on Black-Jewish Relations to bring together politicians from both communities and sides of the aisle to advocate for joint concerns. A local example is JCRC's Jewish Coalition for Literacy, which brings volunteers to work with children in six New Haven public schools, said Betty Levy. Another notable takeaway was provided by Dr. Tal Becker, an Israeli legal expert and former peace nego-

tiator who spoke on Israel and peace during a time of polarization. "It is difficult to bring people together but Dr. Becker challenged us to remember that we all love our countries, both Israel and the United States; even if we sometimes don't agree with the prime minister or the president in some instances, we will still love the country," the Levys noted. "Criticism is not productive, but discussion of ways in which a government can be made better, can be productive."

The Levy's and Shifman Berman also lobbied congressional leaders while in Washington, D.C. Along with JFACT Executive Director Michael Bloom and other Connecticut colleagues, they spoke with Senators Blumenthal (D-CT) and Murphy (D-CT) about increased funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant program, additional FBI office resources in New Haven, and the Never Again Education Act.

On April 1 at 8:30 a.m., the JCRC of Greater New Haven invites you to join the Annual Legislative Breakfast in Hartford. Legislative priorities and issues of importance for the Jewish community will be discussed with local elected officials. RSVP at jewishnewhaven.org/rsvp.

Life-learning with Limmud

Limmud (coming from the Hebrew word meaning "to learn") is a volunteer-run festival, a conference, and a gathering of learners interested in unfiltered and cross-community Jewish learning. Limmud is the ultimate celebration of Jewishness and diversity within the Jewish world with programming for everyone, including teenagers, children, adults, young professionals, Russian speakers and others. A successor of the "Taste of Honey" event, this exhilarating day of learning, music, arts and other workshops marks the inaugural Limmud New Haven. Children can be dropped off for their own fun, educational pre-Passover program, enabling parents to learn as well. Multiple 45-minute sessions are offered simultaneously throughout the afternoon. Our event will be among over 90 Limmud events in over 42 countries.



Limmud is a volunteer-based community festival. Above, the steering committee in action.

More Than Hava Nagila: An Introduction to Klezmer Music and Dance will be one of the wonderful workshops at Limmud. Have you ever been to a simcha and wondered about the Klezmer music and how you're supposed to do the dances to it? Dance instructor Bonnie Kaplan show you the basic steps for popular Jewish dances from Eastern Europe while David Chevan, who plays bass in jazz, gospel, polka, klezmer and Italian wedding bands, leads musicians who will accompany the dancers.

Steven Wilf will present: The Kiss in Jewish Law as another interesting adult program. How has the kiss evolved in Jewish law? The kiss is a barometer of intimacy, a social convention and an indicator of the degree of connection between people. Steven Wilf a scholar and author whose research focuses on intellectual property **CONTINUED ON PG. 27**

Have your say!
Take part in our
Community Survey

SURVEY OPENS: March 26

As we plan for the years before of us, we would like to include your thoughts and opinions on what we do next to improve our community.

Make your voice heard!

There are several ways you can access our survey if you don't have a computer at home:

1. Find our dedicated laptops while attending Taste of Limmud on March 29 (details on page 3).
2. Stop by the JCC to use a computer set up in our lobby exclusively for the survey,
3. Go to one of our Greater New Haven locations: Evergreen Woods, The Towers at Tower Lane, or the Whitney Center.

OR SIMPLY GO TO:
jewishnewhaven.org/yourvoice

All survey participants will be entered into a raffle drawing!



2020 Legislative Breakfast

Wednesday, April 1 | 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Old Judiciary Room, 3rd Floor, Connecticut State Capitol | 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

Come join us for a breakfast and a face-to-face meeting with our Connecticut legislators!

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater New Haven invites you to join the annual legislative breakfast. We will discuss our legislative priorities and issues of importance for the Jewish Community, with our local elected officials.
Kashrut observed.

RSVP: jewishnewhaven.org/rsvp

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Questions? Contact: Eliraz Shifman Berman, JCRC Director, eshifmanberman@jewishnewhaven.org

How Lucky Are We? How Lucky We Are!



by Dr. Jeffrey Hoos
Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven President

I wonder if a writer really thinks about their titles when they write an article or a book. Is it to peak interest or is it to give a hint about the contents?

In my letter's title, switching around the word order makes a difference in its meaning. Thinking about the "how lucky are we" phrase and when things are not going so well, Michele Hoos usually mentions that it could be worse and we could be living in Hotel Rwanda. That does put it in perspective, like the old story about crying when I had no shoes until I saw a man with no feet being worse off than me. The problem is your feet still hurt when you are walking with no shoes; when times are tough, it is so

hard to stop thinking about your feet. We have all been there and fortunately, for most of us, things seem to work out. We think how lucky we are when good things happen. We have to focus on the good things that bring us happiness.

We also have to focus on the good times and the great things we are doing in and for our community and families. We see pressures on our Jewish community. We see a decrease in attendance at services and events. But we still have so much we are doing and so much we need to do for our community.

Many speak about being tired and complain that, "they are always asking, there is always a need, and there is always a campaign for raising money for the Jewish community." The answer is yes, there is always a need. Moses once told his people that every person had to contribute to the "cause" and participate in helping the community...even the poorest of the poor. We all have to participate. There are 23,000 Jews in our community representing a range of peo-

ple who provide for community needs and those who receive our support.

We know that our families, our health, being a good person and being part of a community are all important. When I think about all of these things, I know how lucky my family and I are. All of us face adversity and problems, but I suspect most of us think how lucky we are.

So what is our obligation to our families and our community? It is an interesting question. What does our organized community owe to all members of our Jewish and non-Jewish communities?

We cannot just use our words and hope that things will be great. We need to work harder and show our love with deeds and actions. What is it that our community needs to provide? We do provide some basic needs through Jewish Family Service and through The Towers at Tower Lane by providing a place to live and learn.

This community is amazing and wonderful. We are fortunate that so many in our community give and help relieve

the suffering of others. It takes so much more than words as our Jewish community continues to work together to help others. But we have to do so much more. If we do it together, it will be easier to make it happen. We really need to remember how lucky we are.

We are so lucky to be in this community and to be with each other. We are so lucky to have professionals, lay leaders and community-minded people who want to make a difference. What will it take to make everything even better for those who use our community's services and enjoy the great things the Jewish community of Greater New Haven has to offer?

Remembering how lucky we are helps us work together for others in our community.

Dr. Jeffrey Hoos

Nefesh Mountain Combines American and Jewish Music



Music & More at Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek (CBSRZ) brings the Nefesh Mountain band to the stage on April 5 at 4:00 p.m. The critically acclaimed progressive bluegrass quintet, who tour internationally as a beacon of diversity, combine American Roots music with Jewish heritage and tradition.

Band leaders and husband/wife team Eric Lindberg and Doni Zasloff are the heart of this eclectic offering, alongside band members Alan Grubner (fiddle), David Goldenberg (mandolin) and Max Johnson (bass). Nefesh Mountain (www.nefesh-mountain.com) combine their string virtuosity and composed arrangements of a modern folk/bluegrass band with songs of the heart and sense of diversity, oneness and purpose.

For more information, contact the CBSRZ office at (860) 526-8920 or office@cbsrz.org. Advance tickets can be purchased through cbsrz.org or [facebook.com/music.more.cbsrz](https://www.facebook.com/music.more.cbsrz). Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek is located at 55 East Kings Highway in Chester.

Coping With Bereavement

To help older adults cope with feelings of grief, sadness and loneliness, JFS Aging Adult Services is offering a four-week Friday group for those grieving the loss of a spouse, family member or significant person. The series will take place at 11 a.m. on March 13, March 20, March 27 and April 3 at Jewish Family Service, located at 1440 Whalley Avenue in New Haven. The sessions are free of charge but preregistration is required.

Contact Andrea Joseph, LCSW, at (203) 389-5599 x112 or ajoseph@jfsnh.org to preregister.



THEY SEE TUG-OF-WAR. YOU SEE TEAMWORK. Up to \$1000 off Jewish Camp!

One Happy Camper Program Offers Grants, Financial Aid

The Jewish Foundation's One Happy Camper New Haven program provides incentive grants for first-time campers and returning as well as financial aid to over 195 different Jewish overnight camps. Campers must reside in the Greater New Haven catchment area.

To learn more or apply, please visit:
jewishnewhaven.org/one-happy-camper

JCC'S SPORTS BANQUET
May 3, 2020 | 10 a.m. | \$50 per person

Kosher Brunch will be served
Vine Family Auditorium | JCC of Greater New Haven
360 Amity Road, Woodbridge

Honoring Allan Greenberg

"A good coach can change a game; a great coach can change a life."
— John Wooden

Join us at our Sports Banquet to support our JCC and honor Allan for his 45 years of dedication to our community

RSVP: jccnh.org/rsvp

Sponsorships, table captains and tribute-book ads are available.

Contact: Lindsey Barger, (203) 387-2424 x276 by April 1, 2020 to be included.

CLASSICAL
Orin Grossman, Michael Haber, and Sheryl Staples
Beethoven at 250
Sunday, March 8, 2020 | 3 pm

A special celebration of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday in 2020! Pianist and Fairfield Emeritus Professor Orin Grossman will be accompanied by cellist Michael Haber, former member of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and Cleveland Orchestra, and violinist Sheryl Staples, the Principal Associate Concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic.

JAZZ TANGO
Pablo Ziegler Trio
Friday, March 13, 2020 | 8 pm

Grammy-winner Ziegler and his Trio will perform modern classics by Ziegler's longtime collaborator Astor Piazzolla as well as fiery, improvised solos and perfectly orchestrated ensembles.

DANCE
MOMIX
Friday, May 1, 2020 | 7:30 pm

Sure to entertain the whole family, MOMIX is a company of dancer-illusionists known for presenting works of astounding inventiveness and physical beauty.

CAFÉ 360 AND COMMUNITY

Expanding Food and Kosher Offerings

Café 360, located in the JCC of Greater New Haven, is expanding the number of kosher items available to JCC members, visitors and the community. With shrinking options, residents have searched beyond the area for some of their kosher needs.

Café 360 offers everything from artisan coffees, smoothies, New York bagels, sandwiches and pastries to holiday specialties, challah and dinners to go. The café will now include more brands residents are looking for in both the refrigerated and frozen sections, including Natural & Kosher Cheese; A&H hot dogs, salami and other meats; Junior's Cheesecakes; Whole Fruit frozen bars; Ba-Tampete pickles; and kosher bacon. The offerings will be greatly expanded with deli meats, cheeses, a variety of salads, prepared meals of varying sizes, "lox boxes," whitefish salad, grain bowls, prepared chicken dishes, soups and more. Meat and dairy products will be packaged separately off-site at Abel Caterers, supervised by the Vaad haKashrus of Fairfield County.

"Our goal is to provide high-quality food and great customer service to everyone in the community. And with everything at Café 360 being kosher, we can provide



new fresh and frozen options for families keeping kosher," says Meredith Abel, owner of Abel Caterers, which operates the café and has been a kosher catering resource in the New Haven area for nearly 50 years.

The café area is the heart of the JCC of Greater New Haven's building. Centrally located in the middle of the upper floor, it boasts wood-textured ceramic tiles,



upgraded seating, enhanced LED lighting, a large open space and upgraded WiFi.

With more items overall, additional items you love and more of the brands you recognize, you can do your kosher shopping minutes away. You can spend your Sunday at home rather than traveling far for kosher items.



at the JCC of Greater New Haven
360 Amity Rd, Woodbridge

Just off of the Merritt Parkway, Exit 59

NEW! Meat Section

NEW! Fresh and Frozen Kosher items

Café 360, in the heart of the Jewish community building, boasts a fresh modern decor and comfortable seating. All offerings are strictly kosher. Café 360 also provides catering and the JCC is available to rent for special events and meetings.

jccnh.org



(203) 387-2424 x360



Passover 2020



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Let us do the
cooking.
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Passover!



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Order deadline 3/31

PJ Library Celebrates Earth Day

The month of April heralds springtime and the annual Earth Day celebration on April 22. PJ Library is marking this time of the year with its Good Deeds and Earth Day event on April 26 from 2-4 p.m. in collaboration with Massaro Farms and Little Scientists. The family event for children ages 5-8 will include hands-on experiments to help the children understand the importance of taking care of the earth.



They will explore the natural sciences on Massaro Farms in Woodbridge, create a recycled art project and learn about solar energy. Please bring several water bottles for the project. Dr. Heidi Gold-Dworkin of Little Scientists will focus on weather changes, conserving natural resources and protecting the planet.

Founded by Dr. Gold-Dworkin, the Connecticut-headquartered Little Scientists was launched 25 years ago with lessons at the JCC. The programs have now been implemented in schools in the

U.S., Brazil and Japan.

Massaro Community Farm, a nonprofit, certified organic farm on 57 acres of land in Woodbridge, collaborates with organizations to share a passion for locally grown food, land stewardship and education.

PJ Library is a national book and engagement program for families raising Jewish children ages 0-12, along with opportunities and grants to get together with other Jewish families. Our local PJ Library provides value, holiday-based and Shabbat programs for families in the Greater New Haven area.

The suggested donation for the event is \$5 to \$10. Healthy snacks are provided for the children.

To reserve a spot, email Stacey Battat at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org or visit jewishnewhaven.org/pj-library. Massaro Farms is located at 41 Ford Road in Woodbridge.

Ezra Academy Receives Jewish Education Grant

Ezra Academy is the proud recipient of a Jewish Education Innovation Challenge Grant (JEIC), awarded by the Mayberg Foundation. The Mayberg Foundation invests in organizations and initiatives with bold ideas to inspire, educate and strengthen Jewish communities. The JEIC grant is for radical improvement in Jewish day schools, challenging them to optimize student internalization of Jewish wisdom, identity and decision making. Ezra Academy's grant was awarded in recognition of its sixth- through eighth-grade social justice curriculum, which benefits five small Jewish communities across the country.

After studying U.S. history, government and the concept of advocacy, the school's seventh grade then spent a week in Washington, D.C.



The social justice curriculum involved Ezra Academy's sixth grade studying the American Civil Rights Movement and participating in a subsequent learning journey to Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma in Alabama. They are pictured above on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma.

This year, Ezra Academy's eighth grade curriculum will include the design thinking concept and its influence on science, technology and innovation. The class will then examine Israeli companies that are using the design approach to develop products and concepts that tackle issues of social justice and equity. The students will spend two weeks in Israel in May, which will include visiting companies and facilities to see design thinking in process.

ROCK TO ROCK



For the second year in a row, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's jHaven group will partner with students, lay leaders and professionals from faith groups throughout the New Haven area to host a multifaith hike, bike ride and celebration on Sunday, April 26. The event is in support of Rock to Rock's 12th annual Earth Day Ride, which will be held the previous day.

Initially organized last year as an alternative ride for observant Jews who could not participate in the official Rock to Rock festivities on Saturday, the event took on new significance when a series of coordinated terrorist attacks were perpetrated upon the Muslim residents of Christchurch, New Zealand. It was in response to this hateful act that jHaven member Josh Weinstein had the idea to turn his "Jewish alternative to Rock to Rock" into a multifaith community-wide celebration of pluralism, collaboration and mutual support.

"Like hatred and intolerance, the effects of climate change are felt equally by members of all faiths. This event provides an opportunity for us to model what it can look like when we all come together to address a common adversary," says Weinstein.

Participants will have the choice to take part in either a 12-mile bike ride or 2-mile hike, both of which will depart from the College Woods section of East Rock Park, beginning at 12 p.m. Afterwards, riders and hikers will reconvene at the College Woods Pavilion for a multifaith celebration of hope and resilience in the face of adversity.

JHaven connects young adults, ages 22-45, to one another and the Greater New Haven Jewish community through volunteer opportunities, social outings, networking events, and more.

For more details and registration, visit jewishnewhaven.org/rocktorock2020.





HOLIDAYS OUR WAY



Purim Party

Thursday, March 5, 2020 | 5-7 p.m.
JCC Auditorium | 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge

\$5 suggested donation

Families with Children ages 3-8



The party will include:

- Purim themed arts and crafts
- Interactive Retelling of the Purim Story
- Costume Parade with DJ Charles
- Games and Toys for all ages
- Kosher Dinner available (starting at 5:30)

RSVP: jewishnewhaven.org/rsvp

For more information—or to volunteer at this event, contact Sam Forman, sforman@jewishnewhaven.org, or call (203) 387-2424.

Heartfelt Thank You for Friends of the J Supporters

The 2020 Friends of the J campaign was a rousing success. Your generosity enables us to continue nurturing connections to people in our Greater New Haven community. With your help, we can offer more needs-based scholarships to our JCC Day Camp, early childhood education and after-school programs. Your contributions enable us to provide access and programming to adults and children with disabilities. Cultural arts, such as film showings, author talks, theater shows and visual arts displays, are further helped by your support for the JCC community.

On January 26, we celebrated our Friends of the J donors with a thank you event and raffle. The grand prize winners were Abi and Tzipara Vail. Other raffle winners included Shelley and Richard Gans, Lindy Lee Gold, Fran and Steve Grodzinsky, Lizanne Cox, Linda Green, Diana Fox, Eaton Chen, Richard and Ilene Bronen, and Robert and Ruth Lesser. The Elm City Winds also held a classical music concert for our donors on February 9.

We are proud and excited to announce the raffle winners:

SHELLEY & RICHARD GANS

- JCC PROGRAM PACKAGE *Donated by the J*
- 30 minute Focus Massage (\$40)
 - \$25 certificate MakerSpace classes
 - \$25 certificate good for JCC Day Camps

LINDY LEE GOLD

- JCC SPA PACKAGE *Donated by the J*
- One 60 minute Swedish Massage
 - 3 months of Spa locker room membership

FRAN & STEVE GRODZINSKY

- GIFT CARD TO RED BARN *Donated by Ellen Eisenberg*
- \$100 Gift Card to Red Barn

LIZANNE COX

- SWEET TREATS *Donated by Melt Chocolatier & Claire's Corner Copia*
- A Chocolate Basket filled with an assortment fine chocolates and truffles
 - Bag of Treats and Gift Certificate to Claire's

LINDA GREEN

- WEEKEND FUN! *Donated by Charles Rosenay*
- \$200 Gift Certificate for DJ Service
 - Tickets to Fright Haven Haunted House "Valentine's Day Massacre" weekend Feb 14-15



DIANA FOX

- COFFEE & CAFES IN NEW HAVEN *Donated by individual places*
- \$25 Gift Certificate to Bella's Café
 - \$20 Gift Certificate to Manjares
 - Starbucks
 - \$25 Gift Certificate Café 360 and Hot Mug

EATON CHEN

- STUB HUB *Donated by Stub Hub*
- Two Tickets to a future event
 - TBD - Boston Celtics Game

RICHARD & ILENE BRONEN

- MARRIOTT GIFT CARD *Donated by Traveland*
- \$100 Marriot Gift Card

ROBERT & RUTH LESSER

- BASKET OF CHEER *Donated by Amity Wine & Spirits & New England Brewing Co. & various donors*
- Varies bottles of wine, champagne, and beer

GRAND PRIZE +\$500

- Abi & Tziporah Vail
NEW YORK YANKEES TICKETS *Donated by Richard & Debra Epstein*
- Four Tickets in Section 123, Row 8 and parking pass. To mutually agreed upon game
- Congratulations to all of our winners!**

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven Names Honorees

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFSGNH) is proud to announce their honorees for their Spring Celebration, which will take place at Congregation B'nai Jacob on Thursday April 23, 2020, from 6-8 p.m. Debra and Richard Epstein and Betsy Flaherty will be recognized for their outstanding, ongoing commitment to JFSGNH. In their various roles as board members, volunteers, program founders, advocates and donors, these three individuals have worked diligently to improve the lives of children and families in our community who rely upon JFS' vital programs and services.

The accomplishments of the 2020 honorees also serve as inspiration for the Spring Celebration's fundraising goals. All proceeds raised will benefit these essential JFS programs: Child and Adult Mental Health Services, Food Assistance Programs (Pantry and Food4kids), Social Work Outreach Services Program (SOS), and the Holocaust Survivors Program.

"It is not other people's family members who need our food pantry, weekend supplemental food, warm clothing, counseling, vocational outreach, emergency financial service assistance or are Holocaust survivors. It is every one of us—our families, friends and neighbors," explains JFS CEO Amy Rashba. "We must continue to support one another."



ABOUT THE HONOREES:
Richard Epstein, a lifelong resident of New Haven is president of the L.H. Brenner/Thompson and Peck Insurance Agency. He's been involved in several local organizations—as chair of the CT Special Olympics Games, president of Congregation B'nai Jacob, board member

of Hamden Hall Country Day School, chair of the New Haven Police Commission and as past president of Jewish Family Service.

For the past 40 years, Debra Epstein has served on numerous community boards, including Congregation B'nai Jacob, VP of Women's Philanthropy, past chair of Rachel's Table and the co-founder of Food4Kids New Haven.

Both Debbie and Rick are proud parents to Kate and Adam Fierman, Emily Epstein, Herbie and Michelle Epstein as well as grandparents to Zachary, Noah, Reid, Levi and Elyse. "We became involved in JFS because of the services they provide, regardless of one's economic situation or religious affiliation," she shares. "JFS uniquely allows its volunteers to be 'hands on,' thereby directly impacting the quality of life for the disadvantaged."

Betsy Flaherty, who previously served on the Congregation B'nai Jacob and Ezra Academy boards, is

currently a board member of Woman's Philanthropy of Greater New Haven, a regional board member of ADL as well as a facilitator for the ADL Words to Action program. Betsy began volunteering at the JFS Food Pantry in 2013. "Working at the pantry has given me insight into the extent of food insecurity in our community," she says. "Getting to know and care about Pantry clients allows me to treat them with the integrity and respect they deserve, while helping them make ends meet." A resident of Bethany, Betsy and her husband Sean are parents to Cassi and Michael DiLorenzo, Hannah and Simon and grandparents to Mia and Vinny.

JFS CEO Amy Rashba feels privileged to honor both the Epsteins and Betsy Flaherty. "I was so impressed with Betsy's personal touch and compassion," she says. "When she posted a Facebook photo of our nearly depleted Food Pantry shelves, our community was stirred to quickly fill them! And long-time JFS supporters Rick and Debbie are so passionate about feeding hungry school children over the weekends with our FOOD4KIDS program. All three honorees are the embodiment of all that is great within Greater New Haven. They genuinely understand the critical needs of our clients, the significance of these fundamental programs and through their actions, encourage others to support the entirety of JFS. I invite everyone to join us on April 23 to honor their amazing efforts."

For more information, visit jfsnh.org

In-depth Events Offered by Temple Emanuel



Rabbi Richard Eisenberg

This March, Temple Emanuel delves into Judaism and addiction, Holocaust testimonies and more as part of its community event schedule.

On March 1 at 9:45 a.m.

Rabbi Eisenberg will discuss his new book, *Judaism, Addiction and Recovery: A Spiritual and Faith-based Approach*. He presents a Jewish faith-based perspective on chemical dependence, an approach that draws upon models that extend beyond the 12-step philosophy. His spiritual and faith-based outlook offers newer ways of understanding addiction and recovery. His focus is applying Jewish principles and values of spirituality to treatment as well as conveying the message and power of recovery to Jewish communal life. Eisenberg was a rehabilitation counselor at The APT Foundation in New Haven for 10 years. His book will be available for purchase at the event. Bagels will be offered at 9:45 a.m. with the discussion to begin at 10 a.m.

On March 12 at 7 p.m.

The Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies' Director Stephen Naron will speak about the archive's history, the methods used for digital preservation and testimony excerpts in addition to explaining how the public can access the interviews. Although the collection has its roots in New Haven, it now includes testimonies from the Americas, Europe and Israel. In 1979, the Holocaust Survivors Film Project began videotaping Holocaust survivors and witnesses in Connecticut. In 1981, the original collection of testimonies was donated to Yale University.



Holocaust Testimonies' Director Stephen Naron

The Fortunoff Archive currently holds more than 4,400 testimonies of individuals with first-hand experience of the Nazi persecutions, including those who were in hiding, survivors, bystanders, resisters and liberators. For more than three decades, its mission has stayed the same: to record and project the stories of those who were there.

Temple Emanuel's Annual Scholar in Residence weekend will take place March 27-29 with Professor Christine Hayes of Yale University's religious studies department. The weekend launches with a Tot Shabbat, Shabbat dinner and a Kabbalat Shabbat service focused on aspirations to holiness.

During the weekend, attendees continue to learn and pray, covering topics such as the "truth" about Torah, and biblical and rabbinic debates over the best ways to engage those who appear to us to be ignorant or wicked. Prof. Hayes is a Robert F. and Patricia R. Weis Professor of Religious Studies in Classical Judaica at Yale. Her published works include several books and many articles in *Vetus Testamentum*, *The Journal for the Study of Judaism*, *The Harvard Theological Review* and various scholarly anthologies. Her most recent book, *What's Divine about Divine Law? Early Perspectives*, has received multiple awards, including the 2015 National Jewish Book Award in Scholarship. The weekend is supported by an anonymous TE Leave a Legacy donor.

For more information on the events and to register, visit tegnh.org or call (203) 397-3000.

Leffell Family Establishes Fund at The Towers at Tower Lane

Cindy and David Leffell, along with David's three brothers (Jonathan, Daniel and Michael) recently endowed a fund at The Towers at Tower Lane to honor the memory of their mother, Freda Leffell.

"It was a wonderful home. The staff was extremely warm. They knew her well and really looked out for her," says her daughter-in-law, Cindy, about Freda Leffell's six years as a resident at The Towers.

Freda had spent most of her life in Montreal. Her husband, Bernard Leffell, the founding rabbi of Congregation Shaare Zedek, passed away in 1999. Freda continued to live in Montreal even though her four sons were all in the Northeast. After considering options in Boston, Westchester and New Haven near her children and grandchildren, they decided that The Towers would be the best environment and best location for her. Freda was an active participant in The Towers' synagogue, horticulture group, book discussions and knitting group.

When Freda passed away, the Leffells wanted to create something that would honor her memory and reflect the values that were most important in her life. The Leffells established the Freda Leffell Fund for Jewish Life at The Towers to support all



that The Towers does to add to the spiritual life of its residents—the synagogue, rabbis' discussion groups, pastoral care, mashgiach, and cultural and artistic performances.

"It was interesting to observe that as Freda aged and her dementia progressed, the rhythms and cycles of the Jewish calendar were among the habits and memories she held onto the longest—preparing for Shabbat, the prayers and melodies of the Shabbat service. We imagine other residents may experience this as well. The Towers has wonderful programming to support these needs, and we want to ensure its continuation," says Cindy Leffell, currently the vice chair of The Towers' board of directors. She has regularly served on the board and various committees for more than 25 years.

Similar to all of The Towers' endowments, the Freda Leffell Fund for Jewish Life at The Towers is managed by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. To find out how you can create your family legacy for the Towers, contact Jennifer Bayer, The Towers at Tower Lane's Director of Development and Community Relations, at (203) 772-1816, or Lisa Stanger, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven's Executive Director, at (203) 387-2424 x382.

17 New Funds in 2019

THE JEWISH ELDERLY

- Jewish Elderly Services Fund
- Leo Links Fund for the Jewish Elderly

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

- Sara-Ann & Hillel Auerbach Family Foundation for the benefit of JFS
- Mark and Linda Caplan Family Fund for the benefit of JFS Aging Adult Program

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

- Marcel & Lea Gutman and Levi & Batya Glenn Holocaust Education Fund
- Barbara Weber Rosenthal Holocaust Education Fund

BBYO

- BBYO Fund for the Future

UCONN HILLEL

- Lawrence Handler UCONN Hillel Fund

JCC

- Caron and Norman Alderman Fund for the benefit of the JCC

- JCC of GNH Endowment Fund in honor of Allan Greenberg

THE TOWERS

- Freda Leffell Fund for Jewish Life at the Towers

LOJE/JEWISH FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

- Jody Ellant Lion of Judah Endowment

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

- Suzanne Hecht Endowment to support Confronting Anti-Semitism

JEWISH CAMPING

- The Nevas-Price Camp and Israel Scholarship Fund

BUILD A TZEDAKAH/YOUTH PHILANTHROPY FUND

- Adin Hootnik Tzedakah Fund

MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS

- Rogol Family Fund

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Current Assets

\$60,033,027

17 new funds established
681 total funds and trusts

Contributions

\$5,780,009

In gifts received

Grants and Charitable Distributions

\$2,703,134

In grants and distributions to charitable organizations – 75% of grants were to local Jewish organizations and synagogues.

Operating Expenses

\$608,247

Investment Return

16.88%

One-year (as of 12/31/19)*

3.63%

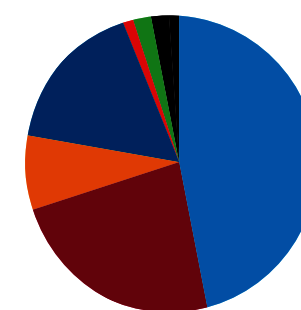
One-year (as of 12/31/18)*

14.81%

One-year (as of 12/31/17)*

Asset Allocation

12/31/19



Public Equity	47%
Fixed Income	23%
Hedge Funds	8%
Private Equity	16%
Cash & Equivalents	1%
Private Real Assets	2%
Private Credit	2%
Other Assets	1%
TOTAL	100%

*Beginning in 2017, the Jewish Foundation changed investment advisors. Because of this, we do not have long-term returns.



TOTAL 2019 CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

\$2,703,135

LOCAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS AND SYNAGOGUES
\$2,019,164

NON-LOCAL JEWISH
\$135,445

LOCAL SECULAR
\$301,177

NON-LOCAL SECULAR
\$179,949

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
\$67,400

BREAKOUT OF LOCAL JEWISH DISTRIBUTIONS

Local Jewish Organizations and Synagogues
\$2,019,164

*Includes distributions w/ from Restricted Funds, Donor Advised Funds, and Unrestricted Funds

SYNAGOGUES
\$573,903

JCC
\$63,054

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven
\$753,170*

LOCAL JEWISH OTHER
\$152,358

DAY SCHOOLS
\$98,046

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE/ JEWS IN NEED
\$288,492

JEWISH EDUCATION
\$26,355

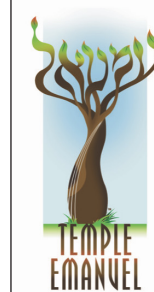
JEWISH AGED AND THE TOWERS
\$50,978

CAMP LAURELWOOD
\$12,808

2020 Mitzvah Day Events



Sunday, March 15 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.



Temple Emanuel,
150 Derby Ave.,
Orange, CT
(203) 397-3000

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Project

A fun, educational way for the Greater New Haven Jewish Community to join Temple Emanuel's families and Religious School students by lending a hand to pack nutritious meals for people in critical need of food across the globe.

Help make a huge impact worldwide through meaningful learning and community bonding.

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- Volunteers also need to help unload and load the truck @ 8 a.m.
- Financial support is needed to help make this tikkum olam project possible. Donations can be made online.

We are committed to preparing over 10,000 meals in one day...won't you help us help others?

To register: events.riseagainsthunger.org/TempleEmanuel03-15-2020

Sunday, March 15 | 9:30-11 a.m.



Congregation Or Shalom

Congregation Or Shalom
205 Grassy Hill Road,
Orange, CT
(203) 799-2341



Mitzvah Activities & Breakfast

- Making hygiene bags for Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen
 - Assembling candle bags for Holocaust Remembrance
 - CPR Training (12 people max.) Note: This is not a certification class
- To volunteer, contact: Nancy Kline, nancykline@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, June 7 | 9-11 a.m.

JEWISH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

360 Amity Road
Woodbridge, CT
(203) 387-2424

LOCATION:
Congregation Mishkan Israel Cemetery,
Jewell Street,
New Haven, CT



Ages 12+
Improve the neighborhood aesthetics around the cemetery on Jewell Street in New Haven. Congregation Mishkan Israel's cemetery is where many of the earliest Jews in New Haven are buried. To volunteer, contact: Andy Hodes, (203) 387-2424 x303

Mitzvah Day events are supported by and in partnership with the Jewish Federation, the Foundation, and the JCC of Greater New Haven



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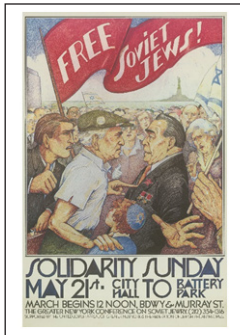
JCC

HOOS FAMILY ART GALLERY NEW AT THE JCC Opening March 29

POWER OF PROTEST: The Movement to Free Soviet Jews

SHOWCASING A SUCCESSFUL HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven is proud to present Power of Protest: The Movement to Free Soviet Jews, a traveling exhibition created by the National Museum of American Jewish History that explores one of the most successful human rights campaigns to date. The panel exhibition showcases Americans' efforts in the late 1960s through 1990 to free refuseniks—Jews who lived in the Soviet Union and were denied the rights to live freely, practice Judaism or leave the country due to their religion. The exhibition will be on view at the JCC of Greater New Haven from March 26 through May 4.



Poster, Solidarity Sunday, New York, 1978. National Museum of American Jewish History. Gift of New York Coalition for Soviet Jewry

“The successful movement to free Soviet Jews has compelling connections to modern-day advocacy, highlighting how grassroots efforts can have an enormous impact,” states Josh Perelman, Chief Curator and Director of Exhibitions and Interpretation at the National Museum of American Jewish History. This exhibition serves as a reminder of how individuals can help preserve, protect and expand America’s unique promise of religious freedom, even for individuals on the other side of the world.”

Power of Protest: The Movement to Free Soviet Jews walks visitors through the human rights campaign that took place on behalf of Soviet Jews, one that brought together organizations, student activists, community leaders and thousands of individuals—and reached the highest echelons of the American government. Americans staged public demonstrations across the country, held massive rallies and called for politicians to speak out. The exhibition celebrates the struggles and successes of this movement, as well as the experiences of Jewish emigrants from the U.S.S.R. who came to the United States and have contributed in countless ways to American society and culture. Their stories of courage offer meaningful opportunities for conversations and activism surrounding immigration, the reception of refugees, and the continuing limits on political and religious freedom placed on minorities around the world.

The National Museum of American Jewish History was awarded a generous \$150,000 grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to support the exhibition’s development. Power of Protest was created by the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. The exhibition is supported, in part, through a Museums for America grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a government agency dedicated to advancing innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Additional support provided by Alkemy X, the Charlestein Family in memory of Malvina and Morton Charlestein, and the Genesis Philanthropy Group.

Elm City Kallah: Weekend of Jewish Learning



Rabbi Ethan Tucker

The fifth annual Elm City Kallah weekend educational experience is a collaborative effort between Westville Synagogue, Beth El-Keser Israel and Congregation B’nai Jacob. Taking place April 24-26, this year’s Scholar in Residence Rabbi Ethan Tucker will lead the weekend of exploration and learning with a focus on navigating the world as a Jew and as a human being. All of the events throughout the weekend are free and open to the community except for the Friday night dinner, which requires a reservation.

At the Friday night dinner at the Westville Synagogue, Rabbi Tucker will speak about filial loyalty and divine commands, touching upon what we do when parents expect things of us that the Torah forbids. On Saturday, he will be at Congregation BEKI, where he will speak about navigating relationships in a world of difference following a kiddush luncheon. Ethical Norms as the

Foundation of Torah is the topic on Sunday morning, which will take place at Congregation B’nai Jacob, preceded by a light breakfast.

Rabbi Tucker, a 1989 Ezra Academy graduate, is President and Rosh Yeshiva at Hadar, a liberal, modern yeshiva in New York City, and chair in Jewish Law. He also directs Hadar’s Center for Jewish Law and Values. He was ordained by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and earned a doctorate in Talmud and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a B.A. from Harvard College. A Wexner Graduate Fellow, he was a co-founder of Kehilat Hadar, one of the first independent minyanim, and a winner of the first Grinspoon Foundation Social Entrepreneur Fellowship. Elm City Kallah is made possible by a grant from the James M. Shure Educational Fund. Members of each congregation are invited and encouraged to attend events at one another’s synagogues to make this a real community event. The Friday night dinner is \$20 per person or \$60 per family. To reserve a spot by April 19, visit westvilleshul.org/elmcitykallah2020. Questions can be addressed to Barbara at (203) 589-1100 or the synagogue at (203) 389-9513.

Honoring the Dedicated Work of Jack and Helen Davis

Helen Hyman Davis (Oct. 6, 1930-Dec. 22, 2019) grew up on Long Island before eventually making her way to Connecticut, where she left a legacy in the Jewish community with her husband, Jack.



After getting married in 1954, Jack and Helen moved to Madison in 1956, where there were only a handful of Jewish families. Their family grew to include their sons, Stephen, Russell and Jerry. In the early 1970s, Jack, Helen and a group from Branford purchased a track of land to found and build Temple Beth Tikvah (TBT). TBT is now the Jewish home for many families in the area. Jack, 96, served as the official shofar blower for many years. Their son Stephen has continued the tradition by serving as president of Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek in Chester.

“That we celebrate her life today in the sanctuary at Temple Beth Tikvah is another accomplishment, the result of an audacious dream she, my dad and others had nearly 50 years ago,” said Jerry Davis at his mother’s funeral. “That we continue to gather here for generations to come was her great hope... that [Temple Beth Tikvah] can evolve to serve the needs of future generations, providing a place of refuge, worship and beauty.”

One of the Davises’ lasting legacies was their work with the Grove School, a residential high school for children with psychological issues. Helen, with a masters in special education, and Jack helped transform the small summer resource into an innovative treatment center that helped thousands of teens.

Their work extended internationally. The Davis family traveled with their sons on exotic trips to the Amazon, Afghanistan, Nigeria and even Iran. Jack and Helen worked with a psychology group in Israel to help those who lost family members in the 1967 and 1973 wars. They traveled to Tehran in the days of the Shah to do work with ORT.

In May of 2019, the Madison Historical Society honored the Davises’ commitment to Madison; through their Davis Realty firm, they worked to develop Madison and preserve the town’s historical buildings. The family foundation helped many local charities and organizations, including the Madison Fire Department, Hand High School, Rotary Club, the Madison Art Mile and the annual July 4th Concert on the Green. In addition, Helen chaired The Country School’s board of trustees, and served as president of Temple Beth Tikvah.

CELEBRATING PASSOVER

“Passover affirms the great truth that liberty is the inalienable right of every human being.”
Morris Joseph

Jewish Federation OF GREATER NEW HAVEN



Passover: Time-honored and New Traditions

Passover is a time of traditions, some simply accepted as “what we have always done,” and others that may hold a deep meaning for us. It is also a time on the Jewish calendar that begs for efficient planning with the amount of dishes that make their way to the seder table! Here are some fun, interesting, “feel good” ideas for your seder this year.

PLANNING IS KEY, BUT HAVE FUN: A memorable seder need not be so because of the time it takes to get to the food and the long haggadah script. Planning ahead with friends and family attending can turn the seder into an interactive, fun time for all ages. Dr. Ron Wolfson in My Jewish Learning recommends giving “homework” in preparation for the evening, whether it is bringing a poem, creating or singing a song of their choice, or children’s artwork tied to the Passover theme and the seder. Turn the search for the afikomen into an inclusive experience with a scavenger hunt with hints and alternative prizes so all ages can “win.”

CREATE A PLAGUE BAG: A simple paper bag filled with items from a dollar store can represent the 10 plagues and bring laughter to your seder. Little plastic frogs (*frogs*) and small black insects (*lice*) can “plague” your table as the kids try to jump them around while small cows can stand in for *livestock pestilence* and rubber insects for *locusts*. Cotton balls or light-colored bouncing balls can take the place of *hail*. As for *darkness*, sneak in an eye mask or sunglasses to darken your eyesight. A tiny plastic red cup can be used to show how water added to it “turns into” *blood*. For *boils*, a sheet of tiny white/red stickers will garner giggles as the children stick them on each other. Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Get each child their favorite *wild beast* to play with at the table. As for the *slaying of the first born*, a tiny plastic skeleton might do. Use your imagination to find these fun items at your dollar store or online.

ACT IT OUT: For those that dare, run out and knock on your neighbors’ doors who also celebrate Passover. Laughter will ensue as you yell at them to hurry as it is time to escape Egypt! You can also stay at home and put on short plays reenacting the story, including the plagues and the escape. Create your own as a family or work with those in *Passover Parodies: Short Plays for the Seder Table* by Shoshana Hantman.

A TIME FOR MITZVOT: As we get ready to welcome our families into our homes to retell the stories of Passover and eat a plentiful meal, we should remember those that are less fortunate. Following the Passover theme of escaping and helping others up, volunteering your time or donating to local organizations enables you to provide for others directly or indirectly. Here are some local ways that you can give immediate assistance.

- Sign up with Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement (JCARR) to give your time, fulfill the wish list of items needed and/or donate monetarily to help new refugees coming to our country to start a new life.

- There are a plethora of scholarships offered to our community members to help with experiencing Israel, college financial assistance, professional development grants for Jewish educators, Jewish camp for children, Talmud Torah classes for children with individualized learning and special needs, and so much more. Donating your time or funds to the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven can go a long way!

- Join the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven’s Women’s Philanthropy to participate in a variety of educational, social and fundraising events.

Share some of your traditions with us at nkohl@jewishnewhaven.org. We would love to spotlight our Greater New Haven Passover innovators!



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Solving the After-the-Seder Recipe Dilemma

While most of the effort for Passover is poured into cleaning for the holiday, planning the seder meal(s) and preparing the house for guests, finding an interesting “matzah-topper” recipe would be beneficial for the following days after seder leftovers are finished.

Enjoy the recipe, shared and demonstrated by Chef Khadija at the Women’s Philanthropy Sabra Society’s A Taste of Syria event in January.



Baba Ghanoush b’Khodra (Baba Ghanoush with Vegetables)

For 10 people; preparation time is about one hour

- 4 large eggplants
- 1 large green pepper, seeded and stemmed
- 1 large red pepper, seeded and stemmed
- 1 large bunch Italian parsley
- 1 bunch mint
- 1 head romaine lettuce
- 3 cloves garlic, pressed
- 4 roma tomatoes, finely chopped
- 1 cup olive oil
- 1 cup pomegranate molasses plus more for drizzling
- 2 Tbsp. salt (or to taste)
- 5 Tbsp. lemon juice (or to taste)
- Pomegranate seeds

Broil eggplants: pierce with knife in several places and broil 30 minutes, turning halfway through. Eggplants should be very soft. Let cool and drain off liquid.

In a food processor, chop the eggplants, in batches if necessary. They should retain a bit of texture and not be completely pureed. Transfer to a mixing bowl. Without cleaning the food processor bowl, process red and green peppers until finely chopped but not pureed; add to mixing bowl. Then process parsley, mint and romaine lettuce until finely chopped; add to bowl. Add pressed garlic and chopped tomatoes to mixing bowl and mix. Add olive oil, pomegranate molasses and mix thoroughly. Then add salt, and mix. Finally, add lemon juice and mix, adjusting any flavors with salt, lemon juice and/or pomegranate molasses.

Transfer to a serving platter. Make several deep decorative ridges with the side of a spoon. Drizzle with a bit more pomegranate molasses and sprinkle pomegranate seeds over top, or arrange seeds in a decorative pattern.

PJ Library Printable Passover Question Catchers & More!



HOW TO FOLD YOUR QUESTION CATCHER:

1. Turn the page to the blank side. Fold each corner point to the center of the paper.
2. Flip the page to the question side, and fold each corner point to the center of the paper.
3. Fold the page in half so the numbers are facing each other on the inside.
4. Slide your thumb and index finger behind two square pockets and pinch. Repeat with your other hand.

HOW TO PLAY:

The Player picks a Passover symbol or color, and the Holder shuffles the number of times that symbol appears. The Player then picks one of the numbers visible and the Holder shuffles that number of times. The Player then chooses a number and unfolds that flap to reveal a question.

Remember when you were in the fourth grade and looked to "origami fortune tellers" for answers to life's big questions? We've transformed them into Passover Question Catchers.

The yellow and green catcher is for ages 4 and under. The blue is for ages 5 and up. Both are great for family fun!

Download the template of your choice, fold along the red lines to make your catcher, and use the instructions below to get set up and to learn how to play.

Source: pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/march-2017/printable-pj-library-pass-over-question-catcher.

Having Fun Celebrating Passover with Kids

PJ Library is full of activities and information to engage our children in Passover. Look for more resources, recipes and activities, including an introduction to Passover for our little ones, at pjlibrary.org/passover.

Here are just a few ideas to use with your children from PJ Library's Passover for Kids resource:

LEARNING SONGS IN THE PASSOVER HAGGADAH: This resource offers sheet music and audio files to help your children learn the songs in the haggadah.

PRINTABLE PASSOVER SCENE: You can use this printable activity to act out your own Passover story scenes.

10 THINGS TO MAKE WITH MATZAH BOXES: What can you do with your empty matzah boxes? Be creative with your family turning them into musical instruments, fun toys and other objects.

Connect with Stacey Battat, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's PJ Library Program Professional, at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org and jewishnewhaven.org/pj-library to find out more about local events and resources.



Hadassah Chapter Honors Joanne Weiner Rudof

The Wepawaug-CT Valley-West Rock Chapter of Hadassah will honor Joanne Weiner Rudof, a retired archivist at Yale University's Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, at the Sandi Adler Woman of Valor luncheon on Sunday, May 3, at Grassy Hill Country Club.



Rudof had a distinguished career at Yale, serving as the archivist for the collection for 33 years before retiring in 2017. She has written numerous articles, book chapters and conference papers on Holocaust testimonies in addition to editing and producing documentaries such as "Voices from the Yugoslav Holocaust" and the award-winning PBS broadcast, "Witness: Voices from the Holocaust." She has coordinated over 20 Holocaust testimony projects around the world.

She was most recently cited for "Distinguished Contribution to Holocaust Education, Lessons & Legacies" by the Holocaust Education Foundation in November 2018. She currently holds the inaugural Laurel Vlock Filmmaker-in-Residence Fellowship at Yale's Fortunoff Video Archive for 2019-2020.

Rudof has also been active in the community for decades, holding leadership roles at Tower One-Tower

East, the local Wepawaug-CT Valley-West Rock Chapter of Hadassah, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and other organizations.

The Woman of Valor luncheon is named for Sandi Adler, of blessed memory, a Woman of Valor who was a founder and president of the local Hadassah chapter, as well as president of Hadassah Connecticut. She was a dedicated community activist, leader and mentor.

The luncheon is open to Greater New Haven community members, family and friends, Hadassah members, Yale associates and colleagues, and others. For more information or to RSVP, email wepawaug@gmail.com.



Greater New Haven's Israeli emissary, Tal, joined the Boy Scout Troop 41's meeting, hosted at Congregation B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge. He had the opportunity to learn more about the Boy Scout program in America while troop members learned about the Tzofim, Israel's scouts program.

Jewish Federation OF GREATER NEW HAVEN



Two Commemorations in April

Yom HaShoah Community-wide Commemoration

Sunday, April 26, 2020 | 1 p.m.

The Towers at Tower Lane
18 Tower Lane, New Haven
FREE and open to the community



FEATURED SPEAKER: Esther Geizhals, Holocaust Survivor
Esther was born in Lodz, Poland in 1929. At the age of 10, she and her family were moved to the Lodz Ghetto. She was transported to Auschwitz in 1944, and then to the Bergen-Belsen and Rochlitz concentration camps. Mrs. Geizhals and four others managed to escape on a death march in 1945. After liberation, she returned to Lodz where she was reunited with her father, the only other survivor from her family. Esther Geizhals arrived in the United States in 1947.

For more information please contact Jeanette Yurman at juryman@jewishnewhaven.org.



Yom HaZikaron Ceremony

Monday, April 27, 2020 | 6:30 p.m.

Beckerman Lender Jewish Community Building
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BBYO Teens Explore Their Jewish Identity

Nearly 200 Jewish teens from around Connecticut and Western Massachusetts came together January 24-26 for the BBYO Connecticut Valley Region Winter Kallah convention.

The convention, which was hosted at the Danbury Crowne Plaza, invited teens to learn more about Judaism and their relationship to Israel with art, cooking, athletics and politics programming tracks.

Speakers included National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame inductee Adam Greenberg; JFACT Director Michael Bloom; State Senator Julie Kushner; LGBTQ activist Hannah Simpson; and Pamela Schuller, a comedian and mental health advocate. The sessions included cooking traditional Jewish foods with Jeffrey Yoskowitz, creating a communal mural with an Israeli artist, learning krav maga from The Legion, making



hummus with a local chef, and Israeli dancing. The teens gave back to the community by making dog toys out of gently used clothing that were donated to the Ridgefield Operation Animal Rescue.

Throughout the weekend, BBYO Connecticut Valley Region hosted creative prayer services, encouraging teens to connect to prayers through the lens of astrology and the stars during the Friday evening services. On Saturday morning, BBYO teen and song leaders Happie Hoffman, Eric Hunker and Axel Mansoor paid tribute to the 26 individuals who perished in Sandy Hook and honored Stamford BBYO teen Evan Hyman, who passed away in 2016. The "Night in Tel Aviv"-themed havdallah on Saturday evening also included falafel, schwarma, pita and other traditional Middle Eastern food.

For more information on BBYO, contact Regional Director Jennifer Kruzansky at jkrzansky@bbyo.org.

Spelling Time with B'nai Jacob Players' Musical Comedy



How do you spell T-E-R-R-I-F-I-C? Congregation B'nai Jacob's (CBJ) award-winning theater company, The B'nai Jacob Players, will present The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, an evening of dinner and musical theater, on Saturday, April 4. This musical comedy about a fictional spelling bee, set at the Putnam Valley County Middle School, has charmed audiences with its effortless wit and humor.

CBJ's Cantor Malachi Kanfer (musical director), along with Cindy Gerber and Susan Jacobs (co-directors/cast), lead a multi-age cast of performers who portray quirky spelling bee contestants. The B'nai Jacob Players include veterans David Mindell, David Reis and Harry Schwartz, along with new actors L. Faith Miller, Andy Dows and Dawn Kopel. Rounding out the cast is Stacey Battat, Cantor Kanfer and a chorus of spellers.

Tickets are \$54 for adults and \$36 for children under 13 for the April 4 evening performance. There will also be a preview performance (no dinner) on April 2 for \$18 a ticket. Sponsorship and ad book opportunities are available on the synagogue website.

To purchase tickets, visit bnaijacob.org or call (203) 389-2111. For more information, contact the B'nai Jacob office or producers, Amy Mindell, Miriam Sivkin and Ros Sperling, at bjplayersshow@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Dr. Deborah Skolnick-Einhorn

Congratulations to Dr. Deborah Skolnick-Einhorn! She has been named as the next Head of School for Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital in Washington, D.C. She currently serves as Associate Dean of Hebrew College's School of Jewish Education. Dr. Skolnick-Einhorn, a New Haven native, is the daughter of David and Judy Skolnick.

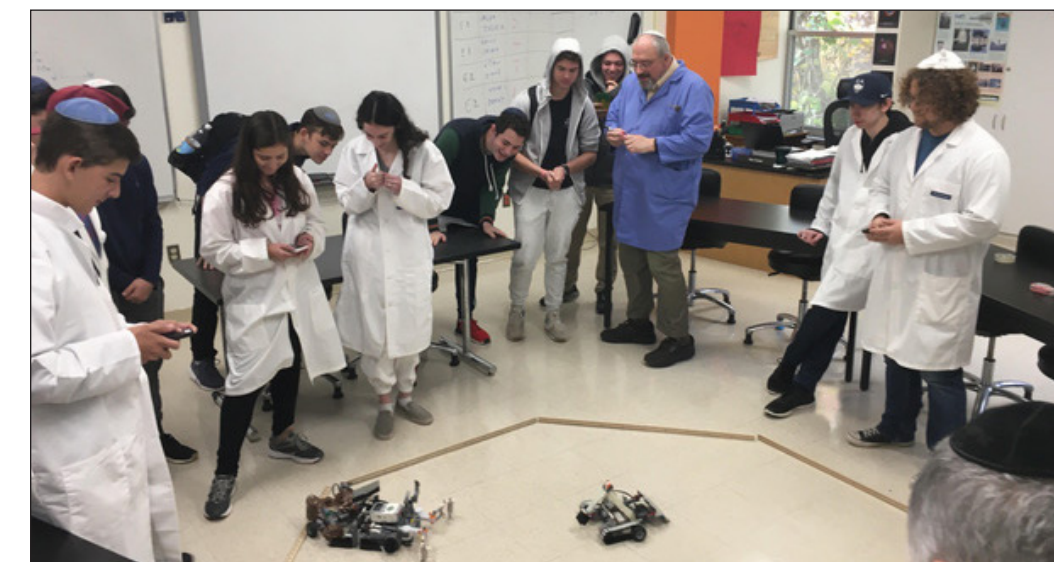
Full Fall Season for Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy Students

Students at Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy Upper School marked the end of the fall 2019 semester with a Shabbaton in Canaan, New York. Over the weekend, students were treated to an array of guest speakers, staff-led learning opportunities and student-led games.

In November, the Israel Advocacy Club of Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy Upper School hosted Betsy Berns Korn, president-elect of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), who spoke to students about her experience as an intern at AIPAC in 1989.

Organized by Dr. Paul Castle and William Berson, who teach the high school's two-year CIJE engineering program, the Bi-Cultural Upper School Battle Bot contest challenged students to build robots with attacking and defensive capabilities that they could control via an app on their phones. The winners were juniors Etan Doft and Zane Roshe.

For more information on Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy, visit bcha-ct.org.



Students battle it out in Battle Bot contest



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Betsy Schulman, Event Chair

Distraction Solutions

Technology makes our daily lives so much easier but does it, in turn, contribute to unhealthy stress levels and a lack of ability to focus and be present?

With the constant bombardment of cell phones ringing, text messages buzzing and notification alerts, staying focused and attentive to the task at hand can be challenging for all of us. Technology allows us to be accessible 24/7, which also makes it a source of constant interruption. The urge to constantly respond or interact can upset our work-life balance and wreak havoc on our stress levels.

As daily stress mounts, so do harmful stress hormones in our bodies. Elevated cortisol levels can contribute to illness, high blood pressure and heart disease, to name a few, and can affect overall health, diet and sleep habits.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

The first step is deciding that your health and well-being are important and make a commitment to small lifestyle changes that can yield a big difference in your stress level and health.

SparkPeople (sparkpeople.com) offers a few tips from on how to get started.

1. Choose small pockets of time and create a “no devices” rule. Mealtime is a great place to start.
2. Unless needed for heart-rate monitoring, leave your cell phone locked in your locker when working out.
3. Keep your phone in your purse or briefcase when driving.
4. Power down your devices an hour prior to bedtime.
5. Retrain your brain to focus. Keep your devices in another room when working if you possible.
6. Engage in hobbies and play games that stimulate the parts of the brain responsible for focus. Puzzles, journaling, coloring and painting are all great options.
7. When stuck in a checkout line, strike up a conversation with the person behind you instead of reaching for your phone.

With practice, you can rise up against distraction, become more present in your life, and look forward to safer, calmer, better focused and more fulfilling days ahead.

Susan Donovan is Director of Wellness Services for the JCC of Greater New Haven. Find out more about the JCC's offerings at jccnh.org/programguide.

Feel and Sleep Better

Join Stephanie Weyrauch, PT, DPT, MSCI, a physical therapist from Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers in Orange, as she shares her insights and knowledge on women's pelvic health issues in the Mind Over Bladder workshop on March 11 at 12 p.m. at the JCC of Greater New Haven. This free program will focus on pre- and post-partum pelvic issues as well as common pelvic issues facing an aging body to help attendees “turn incontinence into confidence.” To register, sign-up at the JCC's Fitness Desk or email susand@jccnh.org.



The Intro to Sleep Solutions workshop, to be held on March 25 at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the JCC Terrace Room, will open your eyes to ways to get better sleep. If you are curious about how to enhance your sleep naturally with no supplements or drugs, attend the workshop to learn about and experience natural sleep strategies and solutions with facilitators Helaine Fischer, BA, and Betsy Bell Osterholm. There will be a focus on the internal family system (IFS) model for greater insight. IFS is the bridge from your conscious mind to subconscious and can help you improve your sleep if you have difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep due to overthinking or anxious thoughts. The sleep workshop is \$20 for JCC members and \$25 for non-members. Sign up at jccnh.org/rsvp.

Turning Neighbors into Friends



Many studies have reported on the damaging effects of social isolation, particularly among older adults. Researchers compare the health impact of loneliness to smoking 15 cigarettes a day, calling it “more dangerous than obesity.” Klaatch, an innovative pilot program at the Towers at Towers Lane supported by The Towers Foundation and The Tufts Health Plan Foundation, will help adults build relationships as an antidote to loneliness through sharing, reciprocity, self-reflection and self-efficacy.

Klaatch was the brainchild of Adam Greene, a “recovering investment banker” from Brooklyn, New York, whose father experienced chronic loneliness after the death of his wife. While Klaatch has proven successful on a national level, The Towers project is a first for New England. Social isolation and loneliness are common challenges for older people, who may be living in a new environment away from longtime friends, or adapting to mobility or transportation challenges. Through a grant from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation's Momentum Fund, The Towers' Klaatch program will train four coaches to use a support model focused on active listening, group dynamics and empathy. Each coach will lead a group of eight to 12 residents in weekly one-hour, face-to-face, judgment-free social interactions for 12 weeks.

“Through our partnership with Klaatch, we are helping older people change the way they develop new connections with others,” says Gustave Keach-Longo, CEO and President of The Towers. For more information on the program, contact Jennifer Bayer, M.A., Ed.M., The Towers Foundation's Director of Development and Community Relations, at jennifer@towerone.org.

A Taste of Syria with Sabra Society



Women's Philanthropy Sabra Society hosted an event on January 22 centered around unity, perseverance and delicious food. Sabra Society Co-Chairs Emily Sandberg and Lauren Faith Miller, along with Event Chair Nicole Korda, rallied women from across Greater New Haven to come together and experience a hands-on cooking demo led by local Syrian refugee, Chef Khadija.



Khadija is an experienced chef from Aleppo, Syria, a city renowned for its cuisine. She and her family came to the United States in 2017; with the assistance of the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement, they settled in the New Haven area. This enriching event was a beautiful opportunity to both support Chef Khadija's catering business as well as see firsthand how Jewish Federation dollars help support the important work of organizations like JCARR.

JCARR is a coalition of five synagogues and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. Partnering with Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services (IRIS), JCARR assists refugee families as they begin their new lives in the New Haven Community.

This enriching event was a beautiful opportunity to both support Chef Khadija's catering business as well as see firsthand how Jewish Federation dollars help support the important work of organizations like JCARR. The reach we have through the dollars we give to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign is vast and the impact on the lives of individuals locally and around the globe is truly remarkable. If you have not yet had an opportunity to make a gift to the Federation Annual campaign, contact Kayla Bisbee at kbisbee@jewishnewhaven.org or call (203) 387-2424, ext. 300 to make your gift.

Please turn to our Passover Section in this issue (pages 13-16) to get one of Khadija's delicious Syrian recipes

Announcing JCC Programs for Adults



Are you looking for new things to do, people to meet and learning experiences? The JCC of Greater New Haven will be offering new programs for adults under the direction of Susan Skalka. The goal of these frequent programs is to provide a balance of educational material and entertainment while growing social circles for the adult community.

There will be a program of interest for all with topics such as film discussions, mask-making, taking a deeper look at

politics, Kwanzaa, cupcake decorating, a variety of concerts, starting a garden, learning self-help exercises, poetry reading and writing, an introduction to Islam, New Haven's history in the film industry, and so much more.

These programs are free and open to all adults from the Greater New Haven area. On March 5, participants will meet each other while preparing a JCC mailing and welcoming other volunteers. On March 24, Dr. Naomi Rogers, a Yale University professor focused on the history of disease, will present on the history of polio and current concerns.

For more information and to share ideas for other topics, connect with Susan Skalka, Senior Programming Coordinator, at (203) 387-2424 x255 or susans@jccnh.org.



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The Power of a Dream

by **Yelena Gerovich**
New American Acculturation Coordinator

History is filled with those who achieved success in spite of the problems, unfavorable circumstances and obstacles they faced.

On December 6, 1987, more than a quarter million American Jews gathered on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., with a single unified message as old as the Exodus story: "Let our people go!"



Going back in time: Shalom New Haven editor Ariana Fine protests at the Rally for Soviet Jews in Washington, D.C. mall on Dec. 6, 1987

After the Six-Day War, the Soviet Jews began their struggle for the right to immigrate. "Our people" were the Jews of the Soviet Union who were being discriminated against, deprived of their freedom of expression and religion, and prevented from immigrating. The refuseniks—the Soviet Jews who had been denied an exit visa—cried out for help from Jews all around the world. Israeli and American Jewish activists answered the plea. The refusenik stories of American Jewish activists and Soviet Jews are brought to life in the Power of Protest: The Movement to Free Soviet Jews exhibition, which was created by the National Museum of American Jewish History. The exhibition will open on March 29 at the JCC of Greater New Haven.

"The best way to describe anyone is to give an example of the kind of things he would do," wrote Isaac Asimov (1920–1992), a prolific science fiction writer who wrote and edited over 500 books over his four-decade career and whose 100th birthday we celebrate in 2020. When Asimov was three, his family moved from a small town in the Soviet Union to Brooklyn, New York.

An early avid reader whose parents spoke only Russian and Yiddish, Asimov began a course of Anglophile self-education at public libraries. At 15, he applied to Columbia College but was rejected because "[the school's] quota for Jews for the coming year was already filled." Instead, he attended the Columbia-affiliated Seth Low Junior College. He completed his post-graduate studies and earned his Ph. D. in chemistry. However, his dream was to become a writer.

Asimov coined the term "robotics," enumerating its three standard laws, which was reminiscent of Rabbi Hillel and the exegetic penchant for threes. These laws explain that a robot cannot hurt a human, must obey humans and must protect itself as long as there is no conflict with the first two laws.

As we celebrate Passover soon, we should remember that the struggle for freedom continues. The lessons of the Soviet Jewish movement taught us how to respond to current and future challenges: as a people, we must never stay silent when Jews are in need. As a community, we are strongest when we stand together.

The seder is about many things, including traditions, food, family and memories. It is also about people standing up to an oppressive power and freeing themselves. We are told in the Torah that we must remember that we were once slaves in the land of Egypt. This phrase is taken by rabbis to mean that Jews must act to correct injustice that they see in the world. Since 2016, one in five Americans have attended a political protest or rally, according to a poll conducted by The Washington Post.

In its own way, the upcoming Power of Protest exhibition (March 29-May 8) shows how everything we see is a result of someone's dreams and actions. Former Soviet Jews have changed the way we live through various innovations.

For more information about the New American Acculturation Program, including program sponsorship opportunities, contact Yelena Gerovich at (203) 387-2424 x321 or email ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org.

Welcome to America

Сила мечты

История полна примерами о людях, которые столкнулись с трудностями но достигли успеха, несмотря на все препятствия.

6 декабря 1987 года более четверти миллиона американских евреев - республиканцев и демократов, религиозных и нерелигиозных - собрались в Национальном торговом центре в Вашингтоне, с требованием, столь же старым, как история Исхода: «Отпусти народ мой!»

После Шестидневной войны советские евреи начали борьбу за право на иммиграцию. Им пришлось рисковать своей жизнью и жизнью своих близких, добиваясь права выехать из Советского Союза и обрести свободу. Отказники - евреи, которым было отказано в выездной визе, зывали о помощи. Израильские и американские еврейские активисты ответили на их призыв. Истории об отказниках будут рассказаны в рамках выставки «Сила протеста: движение за свободу советских евреев», которая была подготовлена Национальным музеем истории американских евреев. Выставка откроется 29 марта в Еврейском Центре (JCC, Woodbridge).

«Лучший способ описать кого-либо - это рассказать о том что он делает», - писал Исаак Азимов (1920–1992), знаменитый писатель-фантаст, который за четыре десятилетия написал и отредактировал более 500 книг и чье столетие мы отмечаем в этом году. Азимова привезли в Соединенные Штаты в возрасте трех лет из Петровичей, небольшого городка в Советском Союзе. Семья обосновалась в Бруклине, Нью-Йорк.

Азимов был заядлым читателем уже к пяти годам. Поскольку его родители говорили только на русском и идиш, он начал курс самообразования в публичных библиотеках. В 15 лет он попытался поступить в Колумбийский колледж, но не был принят, потому что «квота на евреев на предстоящий год уже была заполнена». Он начал учиться в колледже Сета Лоу, который был связан с Колумбией. Несмотря на все трудности, он закончил аспирантуру и получил докторскую степень по химии. Но его страстью и самой большой мечтой было желание стать писателем. Именно Азимов придумал термин «робототехника», он также создал три основных закона поведения роботов, напоминающих нам о трудах раввина Гиллеля и его склонности к тройничности. Законы Азимова объясняют, что робот не может причинить вред человеку или своим бездействием допустить, чтобы человеку был причинён вред. Робот должен повиноваться всем приказам, которые даёт человек, кроме тех случаев, когда эти приказы противоречат первому закону.

Скоро мы будем праздновать Пасху, чтение Агады напоминает нам , что борьба за свободу ещё продолжается. Опыт борьбы за свободу советских евреев научил нас, что мы можем и должны протестовать, что мы не должны молчать, когда нужны наша помощь и поддержка. Мы сильнее и можем добиться весомого результата когда объединяемся. Пасхальный Седер - это совокупность многих вещей, включая поддержание традиций, вкусную еду, сбор всей семьи и воспоминания. Мы вспоминаем о группе людей, противостоящих угнетающей их власти и добивающихся освобождения. А Торе учит нас, что мы должны помнить, что когда-то мы были рабами в земле Египетской. Нам завещано помнить и действовать, ибо миссией евреев является сделать жизнь на нашей земле лучше.

С 2016 года каждый пятый американец участвовал в политических акциях протеста согласно опросу, проведенному газетой The Washington Post. Еще одним примером успеха является Сергей Брин, который родился в Москве, затем иммигрировал в Соединенные Штаты благодаря движению за свободу евреев. Он стал одним из главных создателей Google, и это только один пример из множества других.

Когда я просматривала брошюры к предстоящей выставке «Сила протеста» (29 марта - 8 мая) я вновь осознала что все, что мы видим, является результатом чьих-то мечтаний и действий. Приходите, вход на выставку бесплатный. Мы ждём вас. ВС вопросам и предложениями обращайтесь к координатору культурно-образовательных программ Елене Герович по тел. (203) 387-2424 доб.321 ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org [@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org)

BEKI Spotlights Artist Leslie J. Klein



In addition to expanded options at the Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI) gift shop, the T'chiah: Spirit and Fire retrospective exhibit by mixed media and fiber artist Leslie J. Klein opens March 10 in the BEKI Art Gallery. A reception and guided tour by the artist will be held on Sunday, March 15, from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m.



Klein has worked in pastels, oil pastels, graphite, mixed media and fabric, creating her images from a Jewish and feminist perspective. Objects, wire, beads, machine embroidery, photo-transfer and other complex cloth techniques conceptually allude to ideas, messages and symbols.

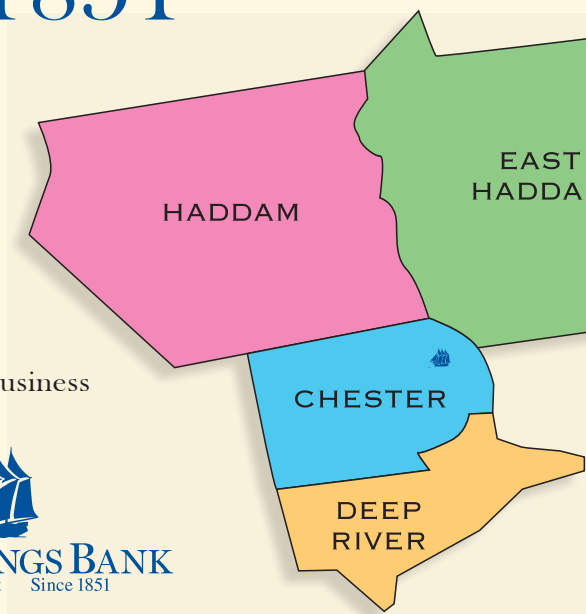
The BEKI exhibition includes images from Klein's The Eden Trilogy installation in oil pastel as well as her touring fiber arts exhibit addressing the historical events of the Holocaust. After the exhibition at BEKI, All That Remains will next be presented in October 2020 at the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond, Virginia.

The BEKI gift shop also has new leadership, and expanded hours and inventory, including Passover seder merchandise, household religious items, bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah gifts, adult and children's books, Israeli-made jewelry, snacks, and sweets.

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Tributes & Remembrances

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In honor of Karyn & Norman Ravski's new grandson

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In honor of Karyn Ravski's birthday

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In honor of Maxine Rudnick

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Rabbi Steven & Caryl Steinberg

In honor of Noah Diamondstein Artist-in-Residence Brunch & Learn

David & Stacey Trachten

In memory of Martin Leibowitz

Elliott & Sandy Kerzner

In memory of Seymour Shapiro

Elliot & Sandy Kerzner

In memory of Bernard Levine

Joseph & Betty Lou Blumberg

In honor of Abi & Tziporah Vail's new baby boy

Judy Alperin

In memory of Joel Teller, brother-in-law of Jeffrey Hoos

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*Judy Alperin
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Barry & Hyla Vine*

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Rita Brieger
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Cathie & Ronald
Nancy & Mark Weber
Sue & David Millen
Christine & Monte Radler
Julia Belagorudsky*

In honor of Tess Belitsky's birthday

Donna Golden, Richard Belitsky & Noah Belitsky

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Community Calendar

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Rabbi Richard Eisenberg discusses his book on addiction and recovery March 1,

9:45-11:15 a.m., FREE. Temple Emanuel, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange. Contact: Ruth Gross. (203) 397-3000, rgross@gmail.com

Jewish Author Series: Edmund Case, "Radical Inclusion" March 1, 12-2 p.m.,

\$5. JCC, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. Contact: Derek Holodak, (203) 387-2424 x217, dholodak@jewishnewhaven.org

JCC's Intro to Spin March 1, 10:30-

11:15 a.m, FREE. JCC, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. Contact: Susan Donovan (203) 387-2522 x265, susand@jccnh.org

Westville Synagogue University presents Rabbi Dr. Yonatan Adler March 4, 7:30-9

p.m. FREE. Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven. Contact: Steven Zalesch, (203) 387-9666, sezph@aol.com

JCC's Holidays Our Way - Purim Festival

March 5, 5-7 p.m. FREE. All ages. JCC, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. Contact: Sam Forman, sforman@jewishnewhaven.org

JCC's MakerSpace Adult Woodworking

March 5, 7-9 p.m. \$25 per class/members, \$30 community. Learn the basics of woodworking. Must be 18+. Contact: David Bennett, makerspace@jccnh.org, (203) 387-2424 x605

Kirtan in the Yurt March 5, 7:30-9 p.m.,

every 7 days until May 21, 2020. FREE. The Yurt, 550 Amity Road, Woodbridge. Contact: Shelley Gans, (203) 687-8658, shelleywgans@gmail.com

Ezra 2020 Gala March 7, 7-9 p.m. \$180

per person. Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmnon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: Lauren Hass, (203) 535-2784, laurenhass@hotmail.com

Dance the Night Away with Boom! Purim Celebration March 7, 7-10 p.m. \$36

per person. Live music, Costumes not required. 18+, Light fare and drinks. RSVP suggested. Temple Beth David of Cheshire, 3 Main Street, Cheshire. Contact: Rachel Barnett, (203) 272-0037, office@tbdcheshire.org

Westville Synagogue University Film Night presents "Transit" March 7, 7:30-10 p.m.,

FREE. Movie "Transit", followed by a discussion led by Miriam Cohen. Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven. Contact: Steven Zalesch, (203) 387-9666, sezph@aol.com

PJ Library Purim Family Costume & Bowling Fun March 8, 4-5:30 p.m., \$35.00 per

game. Amity Bowling Lanes, 30 Selden Street, Woodbridge. Contact: Stacey Battat (203) 915-1734

Temple Beth David Preschool Story Hour

March 8, 10-11 a.m., FREE. Join us for a Purim-themed story hour, creative art projects, music, and fun! Children birth through age 5 and their caregivers. Temple Beth David of Cheshire, 3 Main Street, Cheshire. Contact: Rachel Barnett,

(203) 272-0037, office@tbdcheshire.org

JCC's Pain Free Office Workshop – Better Backs March 8, 1:15-2:45 p.m. \$20. A

Corrective Exercise and Somatic Practice to Align Your Posture, Ease Your Pain to Reclaim the Life You Love! JCC, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. Contact: Susan Donovan, (203) 387-2424 x265,

susand@jccnh.org

BEKI Purim Megillah Reading. March

9, 6:30-8 p.m., FREE. Costumes for adults and children are encouraged. Groggers (noisemakers) will be available. Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI), 85 Harrison Street, New Haven. Contact: Peggy Hackett, (203) 389-2108, office@beki.org

BEKI Purim Seuda (Festive Meal) March

10, 5-7 p.m., If paid by March 5: \$10 per person/\$18 per household. Cost after March 5: \$18 per person/\$36 per household. The Big Gulp Purim Seuda (Feast & Party). Light Dairy dinner will be served. Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI), 85 Harrison Street, New Haven. Contact: Peggy Hackett, (203) 389-2108, office@beki.org

PJ Library Presents Bagels & Babies, March

11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE. JCC of Greater New Haven, Terrace Room, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Stacey Battat, (203

Jewish Music with the Next Generation

On January 26, religious school students and teachers, rabbis, cantors, cantorial soloists and instrumentalists from seven area synagogues came together for a morning of singing in celebration of the power of Jewish music. The free Kol Shira concert took place at The Towers at Tower Lane.

The participating congregations included Congregations B'nai Jacob (Woodbridge), Mishkan Israel (Hamden) and Or Shalom (Orange) in addition to Temples Emanuel of Greater New Haven (Orange), Beth David (Cheshire), Beth Tikvah (Madison) and Beth Shalom (Hamden).

The annual event was dedicated to the memory of the musical legacy of Debbie Friedman, z"l, a Jewish musician who died in 2011. In addition to several iconic songs by Friedman, traditional tunes and songs were performed by two generations of musicians who were influenced and inspired by her ability to bring a woman's voice and perspective into late 20th-century Jewish music, and to write accessible songs combining liturgy and social commentary.



Providing Nourishment to Homeless Community

The JCC of Greater New Haven is proud to launch a new program to help alleviate food insecurity for the area's growing homeless population.

Although some people can be uncomfortable giving money directly to those on the street, there may not be a close, reasonable place to purchase food for them. The JCC is launching its new Nourishment Bag program to ease this discomfort.

Using seed money to purchase supplies, adult community members will package nourishment bags that will include healthy, nonperishable food as well as messages of hope and caring.

The initial 100 bags were packed at the JCC by adults from local senior facilities. The next step is to sell the bags, at cost (\$5 each), to people that are interested in keeping readily available nourishment in their cars. If approached, they can help take care of their community without the awkwardness they might feel around giving money.

Establishments that will sell the bags and/or refer volunteers to the project are needed in order to achieve success. The JCC is reaching out to the community to further help with the project by selling the nourishment bags at your business or organization, referring volunteers to organizer Susan Skalka, and/or giving to the seed money fund.

For more information, contact Susan Skalka at (203) 387-2424 x255.

Life-learning with Limmud

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law and legal history, will talk about how Jewish law and custom have addressed the kiss over two millennia.

Other adult programs include Liana Rothman on Judaism and the Environment: What's Jewish about Pickles?, Dan Oren on The Doctor is In" Jewish Genealogy Workshop, Ora Horn Prouser on Pluralism In the Jewish community, to name a few. Rabbi Michael Farbman, writer and journalist Roya Hakakian, "Unorthodox" host Mark Oppenheimer and Imam Omer Bajwa are some of the other presenters. Family programs include creating Passover cups, making a plague bag and matzah baking, Passover rock climbing and exodus obstacle course, and more. The Family 'Passover Plagues' Yoga class is for the community to enjoy the many benefits of yoga with their children by integrating Jewish learning through movement. Kids will roll like matzo balls, act out a short story about Passover and freedom through yoga poses, and enjoy Freeze Dance yoga, and so much more.

There will be babysitting; exhibitions; and a Pesach marketplace offering jewelry, Judaica objects, wine, environmental cleaning supplies and organic kosher products. There will be so much to learn and see at this reimagined day of Jewish learning and life.

To conclude the afternoon of Limmud programming, all participants will gather in the auditorium for a special program featuring local Jewish musicians. Featuring a repertoire of their own original Jewish music, as well as some tunes by known artists, the group will lead the community in a joyous song session. The event caters to those looking to sing as their voices will add to the joyful music; it is for those that just want to listen; and for those who are moved to dance.

Come join our day of learning on March 29 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the JCC of Greater New Haven. Join us to end our celebration of Jewish life and learning in this galvanizing way, full of joyful song, spiritual connection and communal gathering.

Learn more at jewishnewhaven.org/limmud.

Atkin's Dedication to JCC Aquatics Program



An emotional dedication ceremony took place on January 16 on the Marcia & Stanley F. Reiter Swimming Pool deck at the JCC of Greater New Haven. Drs. Rosalind Atkins and Stephen Atkins dedicated and donated to a fund to benefit the JCC of Greater New Haven's aquatics program in memory of their two sons, Joshua and Michael Atkins. In early adulthood, the men experienced physical challenges due to a degenerative disease and passed away in their early 40s and early 30s, respectively. The parents' donation in their memory has already enabled the JCC to purchase a special wheelchair for entering the water on the ADA-accessible pool ramp. The dedication was well attended by family, friends and the swim community.

"In the pool, we are all equal, stated Dr. Jeffrey Hoos, President of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. Whether you are big or small, physically challenged or not, in the pool none of that matters; the pool is a great equalizer, he said to an emotional audience."

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