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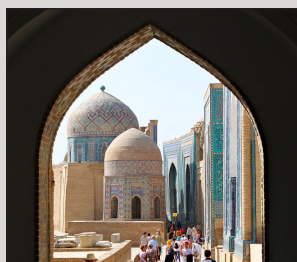
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Knowing Our Truth

It has been 18 months since we celebrated the grand re-opening of the Beckerman-Lender JCC Building after fire closed our doors for more than a year. Much hard work was invested by community volunteers to determine the best course in the wake of the fire, leading to a road map that has guided the re-imagining of programs, services and facility enhancements.

Café 360 is a great illustration of how re-imagining led to revitalization. The kosher café is at the heart of the building and draws many for great coffee, snacks, meals and conversation. With the addition of the new “MEATing Room” bringing a selection of deli lunches, take-away meals and treats, the buzz is even better than what you get after downing a cup of fresh brewed Willoughby’s coffee drinks. Personally, having my favorite kasha knishes recently added to the offerings has provided a happy and tasty treat, even if my waistline is not as grateful. We are so blessed by the investment of Abel’s Caterers into Café 360. They are truly a terrific and devoted partner.

Today we benefit from the wisdom of our leaders with bustling activity involving people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds and interests. While this is more than encouraging, we are still recovering from the financial impact of the fire as well as the realities that confront a facility that is more than 25 years old, with

many structures on the campus having exceeded their expected lifespan.

The Jewish Federation merged with the Jewish Community Center more than ten years ago. During the past four years we have worked with determination to fully integrate the operations, resulting in a combined budget and economies of scale with the elimination of redundancies and the streamlining of program delivery. We are very proud of the work we’ve done internally to strengthen the combined Jewish Federation/JCC enterprise.

Simultaneously while working to ensure the sustainability of the Jewish Community Campus, the Jewish Federation must also work toward an executable vision to ensure the sustainability of Jewish Greater New Haven. We are undertaking an effort to help identify core priorities and will take the additional important step to determine their feasibility. In an environment of shifting demographics, economic challenges and changing philanthropic investment, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven understands its great responsibility to secure the future. We need your help.

It will be critical to heed the words of the author George Sand who said “Let us accept truth, even when it surprises us and alters our views.” We look forward to engaging the community in this effort of uncovering our truth and pursuing



the path it puts us on. The road ahead will be challenging. To navigate the path we will keep in mind the words of Rabbi Tarfon, who said that while we are not obligated to complete the work, we still may not desist from it.

As I reflect on the continuity of community I cannot help but reflect on the continuity of my own family in the great circle of life. Ensuring a bright Jewish future is even more important to me as I think about the next generations. Yes, Rabbi Tarfon—I may not complete this critically important work but I must never desist from it.

November and December bring us the cyclical opportunity to reflect on all that we’ve been given and to offer our gratitude. It is also a time when we celebrate the joy of giving to others and bask in the warmth of family, friends, community and light. As you celebrate Thanksgiving and Chanukah, please remember the Jewish Federation, Foundation and JCC in your end-of-year giving to enable us to continue our important work as your philanthropic partner, so that we may ensure the continuity of a bright and lasting Jewish future.

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The Greatest Summer of My Life

by Alex Infeld
Scholarship Recipient

Alex Infeld received an Israel Experience Scholarship from the Jewish Foundation to attend NIFTY in Israel-L'dor V'dor Eisner Summer Program

As I step through the airport doors into the city of Prague, I am greeted by cheers from my new counselors. So begins one of the greatest summers of my life.

This past summer, with help from a scholarship from the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, I was privileged to join camp friends from the previous six summers exploring Europe and Israel for five weeks. We visited many sites of both religious and historical importance, and we learned more about the land, the state, and the people of Israel.

We started in Prague in the Czech Republic, where we learned of the many different communities that existed before the Holocaust. We visited many old and beautiful synagogues that were nothing like the ones we were used to back home. Later that week, we went to Auschwitz-Birkenau, one of the death camps set up by the Nazis during the Holocaust. This was a hard and eerie day for me, as we walked the same roads where one and a half million Jews had been sent to their deaths. After the darkness of this day, it only seemed



fitting that we went to a light for Jews all over the world: Israel.

After we arrived in Israel, we spent three days in the Negev. While there we enjoyed hiking, swimming and snorkeling in the Red Sea, and sleeping under the stars. This challenging experience brought us closer together and made our group stronger as a whole. After that, we made our way to the Teyelet—the Promenade—, and as a group took our first look over the holy city: Jerusalem. While there we went on a real archeological dig, explored the Old City, and touched the stones of the Western Wall. This experience was powerful and made me feel even more connected to the land and the people than at any other time in my life.

After that, we split into the chavayot, or experiences, that we had chosen. I had decided to do Tikun Olam in Israel, giving me a chance to learn more about the communities that live in the land. We helped senior citizens and assisted at a farm and at a food bank and many more places in and around Jerusalem. We reunited at the Sea of Galilee, where we met up with eight Israeli teens who would join us for the next week. We had fun playing in the water and riding banana boats. We visited the Golan Heights, where we sum-

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The First Orthodox Jewish Male Olympian Meets SCHA Students

by Sarah Lessing
Special to Shalom New Haven

Adam (AJ) Edelman, the first Orthodox Jew to compete in the Winter Olympics, came to visit Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy on Friday, September 27. Edelman, who represented Israel at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, met with fascinated students while answering questions about his life as an athlete and Orthodox Jew - two lifestyles that require intense devotion, strength, and commitment.

At first glance, one wouldn't guess that this modest 28-year-old represented Israel last year in one of the most extreme and dangerous sports at the Olympics. Edelman's chosen sport, known as "skeleton," requires athletes to ride a small sled down a frozen track while lying face-down and head first, in a thin uniform without padding in order to be as fast as possible. As he began speaking about his journey as a skeleton athlete and the challenges he faced as an Orthodox Jew, his deep inner strength started to shine. When reflecting on how a nice Jewish boy could find himself participating in such a dangerous sport, Adam commented, "I wanted to play basketball as a kid but I couldn't get the ball into the net, so I thought I would just throw myself on the track instead of spending hours trying to throw the ball into the net."



It's not that the path to representing Israel for skeleton was any easier. When he first began, the feedback he received was far from encouraging. The Lake Placid Drivers School, in its report to the Israel Federation, stated that "he [Edelman] will never be a true competitor. He cannot run. He is not equipped for this sport. He may achieve a small level of success but he will never be truly competitive." While such feedback may have stopped many people in their tracks, it proved to be a powerful motivator for Edelman. This evaluation gave him a strong desire to continue to perfect his sport. He worked obsessively on his physical and mental conditioning, admitting that "sport becomes your job;

everything I did: sleeping, eating, drinking, was in order to bring Israel to the Olympics." At the time he couldn't afford a coach, which is often a crucial element in performing at an Olympic level. Even this hardship did not stop Edelman in his pursuit of his dream. Instead, he watched 10 to 12 hours of video a day for four years in order to strengthen the split-second decisions required to be competitive. He didn't stop at videos, however, focusing on practice as well. While the average competitor will practice with 2-3 runs a day - the max that the human body should be able to endure - Adam endured a painful 7-9 runs. "I just shut down my brain," he explains. The preparation for the Olympics encompassed every element of his life. Waking up every day to the Olympic theme song for an alarm, setting his phone with a countdown to the big day, and weighing his food were also parts of his routine for four years. He eventually managed to raise his speed to 91-92 mph while the average speed is 80-90 mph, and he became an Israeli National Champion in skeleton four different times.

Edelman explained to the SCHA students that what helped him most was that "HaShem was behind him" the whole time. He revealed tips that carried him throughout his long journey, like his strong Emunah (faith), wearing his kippah all the time, having the Shema prayer on his helmet while sliding head-first on the ice, and putting on his tefilli **CONTINUED ON PG. 27**

Be Bold and Share the Color!



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

The summer is over and the Jewish holidays have come and gone. People from all over the world come to beautiful New England to see the orange, gold, yellow and amber colors hidden under the previously-green leaves. The green is the color we see when leaves are alive.

My grandson, Elliott, has reached the age of WHY. "Why is the sky blue?" With great delight, I always have the scientific answer and of course being an amazing ZJ - Zaedy Jeffrey - I want to be right there with the answer. Some people might say: "You could tell him anything and he would believe you!" But everyone prefers to hear the truth. So for all you science buffs and knowledge seekers: the reason leaves are green is because of the chlorophyll, which is a pigment found in the outer surface of chloroplasts in the leaves. The green chloroplasts are the organelles that carry out photosynthesis. Without photosynthesis the green leaves do not do their job. Their important job is to convert CO2 into O2 so that all living things that breathe oxygen can live. Think that is important? Of course it is! And as we read about the devastation of the rain forests, more and more and more people are becoming concerned about our planet.

The green of the leaves represents the life of the trees and plants. What is so very interesting to me is that under that

"life" is something incredibly beautiful, hidden by all the green covering up this beauty. Digging deeper, or looking under, or perhaps considering something that is "covered up" reveals something we did not anticipate.

All people have traits that reveal themselves in the way they behave, the way they dress, speak, or just how they interact. We all know these traits and some are simple - introvert, extrovert - but there are really more than fifty. There is one that is not well known by most people other than the psychologists reading this article. It is called "compassion fade."

Compassion fade is a tendency to act or behave more compassionately toward a small group of identifiable victims than a larger group of anonymous victims. This is a sentence you have to read more than once or maybe think about for a couple of minutes. We have a tendency to behave more compassionately toward someone we can identify than towards a group that we do not see. Everyone really knows this. In New Haven there are 4,500 homeless people. In New York City there are 63,000 homeless, yet we see the person at the subway exit or outside the department stores. So many roll down the window and give them a little money. These unfortunate people are easily identifiable and easy to be seen.

Our Jewish community has a wide reach geographically and offers some amazing services for Jews and non-Jews in our wonderful community. All agencies of our Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven are doing great, great things. We have great compassion towards the people that we can identify or who make themselves known to us. The number of people that come through the doors

of the Jewish Community Center is just amazing. They are self-identifying as people who want to enjoy what our JCC has to offer. The agencies, Towers, Jewish Family Service and our Jewish schools work with, educate, and bring comfort to these people. People are known to us not just by being needy, BUT BY JOINING OUR RANKS and making our community stronger and better. They join the J. They join synagogues and temples. They participate in programming and show up at events. They are the extroverts of our community. There are 25,000 Jews in the greater New Haven area and when our community puts on an event there should be standing room only ALL THE TIME.

The introverts are out there, too. The people who self-identify, that want or need our services, are easy to find. Maybe they are the "green" that we can all see. BUT UNDER THAT GREEN is real beauty and value in the people we CANNOT see - the leaves that are hidden behind the other leaves. Think about it:

the leaves that are not out in the sun die first; they are ones that show the true beauty hidden by the green ones.

Everyone in this wonderful Jewish community counts. We need to make sure that we do not have compassion fade. We need to ask our friends to be part of all the good things that are happening here. When you come to an event or support our community, BE BOLD and ask someone to come with you and experience everything we have to offer. You will be glad that you did and you will have helped make our community better and stronger. Cold weather is on its way and in the spring the green will come back, renewing our energies. We are doing great things in New Haven. Be part of it and ask others to join you. Thanks for the help that you have given, the help you are doing now, and help you will give our community in the future.

Sincerely Written

Jeffrey
Dr. Jeffrey Hoos

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Uzbekistan EXCURSION

March 16-26 2020

(With optional additional Israel days available)

Uzbekistan is the proud home to a fascinating architecture and ancient cities, all deeply infused with the history of the Silk Road. According to legend, the Jewish community in Uzbekistan was established more than 2,000 years ago after the destruction of the First Temple. The first documented Jewish presence in the region dates back to the 4th century C.E.



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Uzbekistan Jewry Strengthened by Support of JDC

Located in the heart of the Great Silk Road, Uzbekistan was conquered by Genghis Kahn and ruled by the Mongolian Empire before becoming part of the Soviet Union. Today, this Islamic country is home to beautiful mosques, exotic architecture, and a historic carpet-making industry. Uzbekistan's Jewish community, which traces its history back to the time of the Persian Empire, consists of both traditional Bukharan Jews and a newer, Ashkenaz community.

Today, in collaboration with the local Jewish community, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC):

SUPPORTS UZBEKISTAN'S POOREST JEWS
 JDC provides impoverished elderly Jews with critical humanitarian services includ-

ing food assistance, medicine, and winter relief. JDC's humanitarian assistance program also helps relieve loneliness by connecting these aging Jews to the community through homecare visits and social clubs.

To assist impoverished Jewish children and their families, JDC provides food, medical care, and other material assistance.

In addition to the main office in Tashkent, JDC operates regional branches in Andizhan, Bukhara, and Samarkand. There, JDC provides professional support and training to staff, which builds capacity and professionalism within the local community.

REVITALIZES JEWISH LIFE
 Throughout the region, JDC promotes Jewish life through Jewish community



development programs like family clubs, music and dance groups, and communal holiday celebrations.

In Bukhara, where there is a small Jewish community, the JDC branch is located in the heart of the old Jewish

Quarter. This branch offers Hebrew and computer classes, Jewish holiday celebrations, and dance and music workshops. The branch also offers special after-school Hebrew classes and cultural programs for children.

DEVELOPS TOMORROW'S JEWISH LEADERS

In Tashkent, JDC runs a volunteer initiative that inspires local Jews to take an active hand in helping their communities. Committed volunteers work to address various needs of the Jewish community, including helping Jewish elderly, children, and families at risk. In doing so, these volunteers foster community cohesion and inspire their Jewish peers to action, while making a real difference in people's lives. In the spirit of Tikkun Olam, the volunteers also initiate **CONTINUED ON PG. 27**

Supporting Israel: There's Something for Everyone



by Dr. Dena Schulman-Green
Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign Chair

The following was presented by Dena Schulman-Green, Eric Green and their children as this year's Yom Kippur Israel Appeal at Temple Beth Shalom in Hamden, CT.

Dena: In Israel, there is something for everyone. In fact, there are many some-

things for each of us. I've been to Israel eight times; in high school for a teen tour with United Synagogue Youth, in college to study at Hebrew University, with family for Passover, with the Wexner Heritage leadership program, for our twins' Bnai Mitzvah ceremony, and three times to conduct global health research as part of my work at Yale. The point of every trip, of course, was to be in Israel, but each time I came away with something else-new friends, new knowledge, a new way of experiencing Israel.

Eric: It has been one of Dena's and my greatest joys to experience Israel with our children. And there has been something different in Israel for each of them.

Eve: I made my first trip to Israel with my 8th grade class at Ezra Academy. Seeing Israel with my friends was exciting because everyone was as enthusiastic as I was to see the country, and we all learned together. It was such a fun trip, even more fun than going to Cancun, because in Israel I could practice my Hebrew, and it was way easier to find a kosher hamburger.

Ben: I was grateful to travel to Israel last December for Mia's and my Bnai Mitzvah ceremony. At the Kotel, it was hard to believe that I was standing in a place where our people have been praying for thousands of years. And it was finally my turn! The something I found in Israel was a sense of being connected, and also that riding jeeps in the Golan is pretty cool.

Mia: Having my Bat Mitzvah ceremony in Israel was very significant to me. It made me feel like part of the line of thousands of Jewish women who have lived there and who have helped to grow our people and the State of Israel. I left Israel knowing that it was my turn to take on Tikkun Olam, making the world a better place. I also learned that

I would be pretty happy working at the De Karina chocolate factory in northern Israel.

Lily: I loved being in Israel for our family trip, especially riding camels in the desert, digging for pottery in a cave, walking on the beach in Tel Aviv, and buying chocolate rugelach at Marzipan bakery in Jerusalem. I love that Israel is part of my life, whether it's learning about Israel at Hebrew School or Camp Ramah, hosting Israeli emissaries at our home, or dancing to Israeli music with my friends.

Eric: In addition to experiencing Israel as a tourist, I am a tax attorney, and I have been able to create the opportunity to help Israeli businesspeople and attorneys start and expand their businesses in the United States. There is something special about directly helping Jews in Israel. It gives me a reason to travel there and creates meaningful relationships.

Dena: There are many ways to experience Israel, and many ways to support it. I've had the opportunity to spend time in Israel with representatives of the Jewish Agency visiting Greater New Haven's sister city of Afula-Gilboa as well as other places in the country. I visited Beit Singer, a program for at-risk youth who have been removed from broken homes **CONTINUED ON PG. 27**



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JCC & Project CASY Partner to Speed Up Autism Research, Promote Inclusion

By Jeannette C. Brodeur
Shalom New Haven

The JCC of Greater New Haven has joined with Project CASY (Community Autism Socials at Yale) to not only help speed up the research and understanding of autism but also to create a safe, active, inclusive and life-long community for individuals with autism as well as their families, friends, and others who support them.

Project CASY targets young adults and adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and is dedicated to supporting research projects, training and novel interventions to enhance their lives. In just five years, the program has grown to include nearly 800 members.

This new partnership has generated several exciting upcoming events planned at the JCC in the next few

months, noted Scott Cohen, JCC Executive Director, starting with CASCADE, a modernized version of the old-fashioned video game arcades specifically customized for the autism community. CASCADE will be offered at the JCC on Saturdays, Nov. 9th and again on Dec. 7th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A SPARK (Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge)-focused event is planned on November 16th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A landmark autism research project, SPARK aims to build a research community of tens of thousands of individuals with autism and their families, who will be asked to share medical and genetic information with scientists and to agree to be contacted about future research studies. The data shared with SPARK researchers will power important new autism research. The Nov.



has to offer for ALL people while also providing a safe and welcoming place where the Yale Child Study Center can continue to meet the needs of the study.”

Cohen said the JCC’s inclusive programs will continue to grow and develop thanks to powerful partnerships like these, which provide expert help in reaching an otherwise underserved population.

Dr. Roger Jou, MD, PhD, MPH, an instructor at the Yale Child Study Center, first created Project CASY in April of 2014 on meetup.com to “improve quality of life for the autism community” and “fill voids in social recreation and supports for families.” Dr. Jou’s long career in the field of autism research first began when he was a medical student at the University of Pittsburgh, where he used neuroimaging to study the differences in brain structure.

“The JCC of Greater New Haven plays a major role in all Project CASY activities given the shared values and different resources which complement one another,” Dr. Jou said. “We will partner with the JCC to host events for SPARK, the largest genetic study of autism ever with the goal to speed up research and advance the understanding of autism. Project CASY is all about community and so is the JCC,” Dr. Jou explained. “The partnership will bring us even closer to understanding the autism community and their needs. This will spawn the research questions and studies that have bigger and more immediate impact on quality of life for the autism community.”

While the vast majority of Project CASY members live in Connecticut, Dr. Jou pointed out that the JCC’s network is much more extensive so the partnership could “potentially accelerate autism research by including the broader JCC network.”

As not only a researcher but also a psychiatrist who works with the autism community, Dr. Jou said his most important focus is on improving quality of life for those on the autism spectrum and identifying the “seemingly infinite ways to

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16th event, called SPARK Fall Fest, is an Autism Community Resource Fair. Expert speakers and activity rooms will be available.

The Project CASY/JCC partnership first began in June 2019 when the JCC hosted the first annual Autism Pride Day Extravaganza event at its facility. “From there, a beautiful partnership was born,” Cohen said; “This partnership aligns very closely with the JCC’s mission by opening the facility to all people, serving the needs of the community as a whole and creating an inclusive environment.”

Cohen continued: “Our goal is to showcase the wonderful things the JCC



“The JCC is a lifeline for me. I have attended classes for several years, and I am now physically stronger and feel wonderful. There is a nice array of classes but the best part is the trainers, who are exceptionally skilled and caring. Without meaning to, I’ve made many new friendships—the camaraderie in sweating through classes is strong—and this includes the friendships I have made with the trainers. When the JCC had to close for renovation after the fire, I ran into members everywhere and was always greeted with a smile and usually a hug. It was striking to see how everyone was so happy to see each other. The JCC is a true community center with a diversity of members as well as age groups. I cannot imagine my life without the J.”

Thank you!
Donna Lehman

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For example, if the securities originally cost \$2,000 and now have a fair market value of \$10,000, you do not pay tax on the \$8,000 gain and you may claim a charitable income tax deduction for the full \$10,000.

DONATING CASH VS. STOCK

In this example, you see that donating the stock results in no capital gains tax being paid, a larger itemized deduction, and more money for the charity of your choice.

	Option 1 Gift of \$10,000 Cash	Option 2: Gift of \$10,000 stock
Initial cost basis of securities/appreciation	Not applicable	\$2,000/\$8,000
Capital gains tax saved or paid, assuming 20% rate ¹	Not applicable	\$1,600
Personal income tax savings ² (0.35 x amount donated to charity)	\$3,500	\$3,500
Net Tax savings	\$3,500	\$5,100

Above example assumes 35% tax bracket, a cost basis of \$2,000, that the investment has been held for more than a year, and that all realized gains are subject to a 20% long-term capital gains tax rate. This does not take into account any state or local taxes.

Note: Certain federal income tax deductions, including the charitable contribution, are available only to taxpayers who itemize deductions, and may be subject to reduction for taxpayers with AGI above certain levels. Deductions for contributions of appreciated property generally are limited to 30% of the donor's AGI, however, excess contributions may be carried forward for up to five years. If you hold securities with a loss, it is usually better to sell first. By doing so, you can take the capital loss for tax purposes and then donate the cash. In most cases, donating appreciated securities can be a cost-effective way to benefit the charities of your choice. Please consult with your professional advisor to determine your specific situation. For more information contact Lisa Stanger, Jewish Foundation Executive Director, lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org, 203-387-2424, ext.382. or visit us at www.newhavenjewishfoundation.org or www.jewishlegacynewhaven.org/

Charitable Giving Opportunity Available for Those 70 1/2 and Older

The IRA Charitable Rollover creates an opportunity for donors to establish an endowment or make an outright charitable gift to a charitable organization. Your rollover can be directed for a capital campaign gift, current needs or restricted for endowment purposes. Your gift can be earmarked for your synagogue, a local Jewish agency, Jewish education, or any program or organization that is important to you.

Example: Mr. Cohn distributes \$18,000 from his IRA to his synagogue and/or to establish an endowment fund for his synagogue (Mr. Cohn names the fund after his grandchildren).

Without the IRA Charitable Rollover: Mr. Cohn would be subject to federal and Connecticut income tax on the amount of the distribution (even if it went straight to charity) – although he could claim a charitable income tax deduction on his federal return for the donation, he would not be able to do that on a Connecticut income tax

return and would have Connecticut income tax liability for the distribution—even if it was given directly to charity.

With the IRA Charitable Rollover: The \$18,000 distribution is not taxable income for federal and Connecticut income tax purposes (even if it is being used toward his required minimum distribution)—it is tax neutral. Mr. Cohn has created a wonderful Jewish legacy for his family and community, reduced his Connecticut income tax liability, and reduced his taxable estate!

What is the advantage? If you already have enough income and your IRA minimum distribution requirement only increases your tax liability, this allows you to donate your distribution directly to charity without realizing federal or Connecticut income tax liability on the amount of the distribution (you will not have to pay Connecticut or Federal income tax on that amount). In addition, if you have a taxable estate, your IRA, will be subject to income and estate taxes (once both spouses are deceased and the IRA is left to your children, grandchildren or other individuals). In fact, in a taxable estate, your non-spouse beneficiaries could end up with 25 cents on the dollar for your IRA assets! The rollover allows you to remove some of those tax-plagued assets from your estate while also providing you with the opportunity to make a significant charitable gift.

In addition, if you have a secondary smaller IRA, which is not a necessary income source, this is an opportunity to donate that IRA to our community and make a significant and much needed impact.

TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER:

1. The distribution from your IRA must be made directly to the charitable organization.
2. You must be 70 1/2 or older at the time that the distribution is made (note, this differs from the required minimum distribution where you only need to turn 70 1/2 during the year).
3. The IRA Charitable Rollover is permanent; you can do it this year and every year.
4. The maximum amount that can qualify is \$100,000.
5. The IRA Charitable Rollover will satisfy your required minimum distribution.
6. You can rollover more than your required minimum distribution and in addition to your required minimum distribution (up to \$100,000 to charity).
7. The amount of the IRA Charitable Rollover does not need to be reported as income on your federal or Connecticut income tax return.
8. Only distributions from traditional and Roth IRAs qualify.
9. To qualify, the distribution can only be for charitable purposes and cannot be designated for a donor advised fund, supporting organization, private foundation or life-income gift (charitable trust or annuity). No goods or services can be received in exchange for the distribution (i.e. tickets or dinner).
10. In most cases, you will need to contact your IRA plan administrator/financial institution.

Please consult your professional advisor concerning your tax plans.

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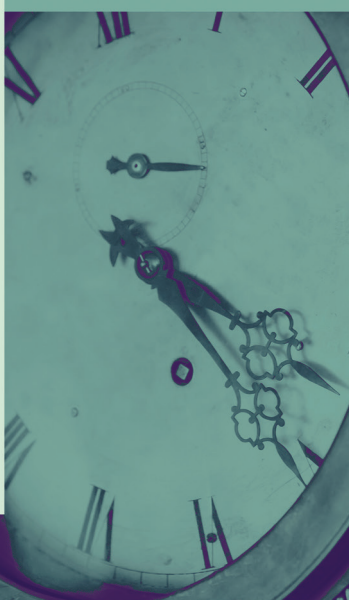
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The Pawlak Family: From Poland to New Haven

by Talya Hyman
Shalom New Haven Staff Writer

It started with a thank you letter. Rabbi Mati Pawlak and Hadassah Buchwald-Pawlak had sent a note of appreciation to the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven for having received a One Happy Camper grant— available to all local families with first-time campers attending Jewish overnight camp— which helped to send their 10-year-old daughter to camp this past summer. What came next revealed the Pawlak family's personal tale of Jewish endurance, preservation of identity, and finding belonging.

Rabbi Mati and Hadassah were both born in Poland with little to no knowledge of their Jewish background. Rabbi Mati grew up with the basic awareness that he was Jewish, yet he had no association with religion until his teen years. "In my family it was not a secret [that we were Jewish]. However, my family was not observant after the War," he said. "Many people were changing names, assimilating. My family didn't change their name; that was the Jewish identity."

Hadassah, meanwhile, was kept completely in the dark about her Jewish identity. With the fall of Communism, Hadassah and her mother moved to Israel where she became integrated into Israeli society by serving in the Israeli Defense Forces and working as an EMT. With her return to her birthplace of Poland, she met her husband, Rabbi Mati, and then became immersed in religious life.

The horrors of the Holocaust wiped Poland of its once flourishing Jewish life, yet Rabbi Mati and Hadassah became leaders in rebirthing and revitalizing Jewish culture and practice in their city. Rabbi Mati and Hadassah served as principals of the Lauder-Morasha School, the Jewish day school in Warsaw, and together they co-founded and managed the Lauder e-Learning Schools, an online school that enables Jewish students from all over Europe to readily access Jewish education.

Living in Warsaw, on the very bones of the Warsaw Ghetto, made Rabbi Mati, Hadassah, and their two daughters confront the reality that was their home. "When I used to kindle my Shabbos candles I would say [a prayer] for the memory of the people- they could be buried under the building." The echoes of Jewish pain and suffering reverberated



Hadassah and Rabbi Mati at the Lauder E-learning school that they co-founded in Warsaw, Poland.

from the street with every opening of the family's front door, but another echo could be heard, too: that of rebuilding after dissemination.

A recently built mikvah, initiated by the Chabad of Poland, now stands in Warsaw, personifying for the Jews of the community that stark juxtaposition of what was, and now, what is; a powerful rebirth. "You see the Ghetto wall, you see the monuments...You see that gray dark death, and suddenly you see that beautiful light; it's so empowering," Hadassah said. "Honestly, it's beautiful."

This respark of Jewish life in Poland has also been made possible by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), an overseas partner of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). JDC services the Polish Jewish community by funding their local institutions and organizing educational and cultural programs. Donations made to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven are partially allocated to JDC in support of their mission to strengthen Polish Jewry.

While Jewish and non-Jewish tourists to Poland alike may not understand why Jewish people voluntarily choose to live in a place of such death and destruction to their people, Hadassah believes that it is imperative to try and understand. Hadassah insisted that asking "Why are you still here?" may come across as insensitive, but "approach[ing] the subject of 'what does your Jewish life look like in Poland?' can instead open up a beautiful space

of dialogue and respect. Inquire, Hadassah suggested, "What does it take to be a Jew in a Polish community? What are the challenges, what are the sacrifices?"

The question of identity remains an integral part of the Pawlaks' internal family structure. Rabbi Mati instills a Polish identity within the lives of their daughters while Hadassah instills the Israeli. "What will my daughters' identity be in terms of which side do they connect to more?" Hadassah wondered. "I'm fascinated to see that." What remains equally as important, however, especially as they continue to integrate into their American life, is the topic of belonging.

At the forefront of the Pawlaks' minds in their decision to remain in the Jewish American way of life following a one-year position as the OU-JLIC couple at Yale, is their children, Doreen (13-years-old) and Yarden (the aforementioned 10-year-old camper). Having few Sabbath-observant or even Jewish friends their own age back in Poland put Doreen and Yarden into what Hadassah described as "social isolation." All that has changed with the girls' integration into their New Haven Jewish social circle as students at Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy (SCHA), as Rabbi Mati explained, "Here they have a lot of friends and they enjoy it very much."

Today, the Pawlak family reside in the Beaver Hill neighborhood of New Haven. Rabbi Mati commutes into New York City where he serves as a Prins Fellow at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, and Hadassah is a teacher at Beit Chana Academy High School for Girls and the development manager at SCHA. Suburbia may not be as bustling as city-life in Warsaw—or as powerful a reminder of the continuity of Jewish life— but for the Pawlaks, it is now their home; and they wouldn't have it any other way. "For us it's not the geographical space as much as the community, the people," Hadassah said. "We found that New Haven has an incredible community."

If your child will be a first-time camper at a Jewish overnight camp during Summer 2020, visit jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships/one-happy-camper to apply for an incentive grant or financial assistance.

Young Israeli Emissaries Bonding



Our young emissaries, Tal and Li'on had an opportunity to participate in activities that involved varying levels of strategy, cooperation, trust, and ultimately group effort with the Ezra Academy 8th Graders at Adam Kreiger Adventure Program in Hopkins School. It was a fun bonding day all around.

CHANUKAH HAPPY

The Miracle of Chanukah in Odessa

The menorahs in the Hesed social welfare centers in Odessa, Ukraine are alight with an added glow this Chanukah.

The joyful lights match those in Ira Sborovskaya's eyes. She can't help but marvel at the progress her country has made in the 25 years since Soviet oppression ended. Ira didn't discover she was Jewish until her late teens. But now, her seven-year-old wears a Star of David around her neck everywhere she goes, and is even leading the Chanukah celebration at the local JCC.

The Hesed centers are run by Federation partner the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). As JDC's point person in southern Ukraine and Moldova, Ira is playing a vital role in this return, helping JDC spread hope to a community beleaguered by ongoing conflict and anti-Semitism. During Chanukah, 32 Hesed centers in Ukraine are sponsoring food fairs, staging performances, providing classes and workshops, and of course,

handing out menorahs. In Odessa, home to a 35,000-strong Jewish community, Ira makes every effort to include many of the 2,800 internally displaced Jews in the celebration. She wants them to know that Hesed and JDC are sources of warmth, joy and comfort during yet another year away from home

"It was forbidden here to be religious... when we celebrate Chanukah so openly, it means we've really returned to our tradition," Ira says. She's especially proud of JDC's work engaging children in the holiday, especially those at risk. "When we see young people, who do it very naturally, it means there is really another [Jewish] generation today in Ukraine."

As a brutal, life-threatening eastern European winter begins, JDC is providing shelter, warm clothing, heating supplies and medicine to tens of thousands of Jews. It is this spirit of Hesed that makes Jewish life in Ukraine brighter this year.

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Holidays are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Jewish values and to have meaningful conversations with our children.

The story of Chanukah retells how a small supply of oil miraculously lasted for eight days. It's a story of light, perseverance, freedom of religion, and miracles.

The word "light" can be a metaphor describing joy, knowledge, or general well-being. The most treasured source of Jewish wisdom, the Torah, calls on Jews to be "a light to the nation." On Chanukah, this concept comes alive! For eight nights, Jews gather with family and friends to light the Chanukah menorah.

The special prayer inserted during Chanukah, Al Hanisim (for the miracles), highlights the "miraculous" deliverance we were granted by God and by courageous individuals: "You delivered the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few." This is placed next to the daily thanksgiving prayer which says, "We thank You for Your miracles which daily attend us, and for Your wondrous kindness." The Hebrew word "ness" also refers to a banner; in this context, a banner is something which we salute, which refers to our values and faith.

We learn to see miracles all around us and grow our appreciation for the wonderful things we see, even in our daily lives. Talk with your children about what they appreciate in their lives and how they can share the light with others. Ask "What would you consider daily miracles?" or "what is a miracle the world could really use?"

Here are some things you can do together as a family, beyond, of course lighting menorahs and enjoying holiday treats, to experience the meaning of the holiday.

1. Write a thank you letter to someone serving the Armed Forces—or put together a care package for them.
2. Start a journal and have your family share a "calendar in review" of the miracles they want to remember, either in your lives or something you saw on the news or happening in the world. Keep the journal with your menorahs to pull it out and add to it each year.
3. Collect outgrown and gently used warm winter items to donate to a homeless shelter.
4. Counteract the darkness and the cold by gathering with neighbors
5. Call or write to a relative you haven't talked to in a while, or connect with an old friend.

6. Say the "Shehechyanu" prayer (said on the first night of Chanukah, too) to stop and appreciate the moment of trying something for the first time or for the first time this year. This blessing gives thanks to God for enabling us to experience a new or special occasion. "Bah-ruk ah-tah Ahdo-nai El-o-hay-nu meh-lekh ha'o-lam sheh-hekh-yeanu, v'key-ye-mah-nu, v'hig-ee-yah-nu lah-z-man hah-zeh," which means "Blessed are You, Adonai our God, ruler of the Universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this moment."

7. Read a book together—it could be a PJ Library book or any family favorite!
8. Be with the community to celebrate Chanukah. You can join a community Chanukah candle lighting at the JCC, for instance, or participate in any of the PJ Library events.



Whitney Center The Jewish Federation and Foundation Annual Chanukah Party at the Whitney Center is on Monday, December 23, from 2-4 p.m. The event will feature a musical performance by Nu Haven Kapelye and light kosher meal will be served.



Wishing you a happy, healthy and peaceful Hanukkah. May this season be one of joy and contentment.

Chris Murphy
U.S. Senator Chris Murphy

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Anti-Semitism NEWS

As recently reported by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), anti-Semitism is on the rise. On October 8th, during the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, graffiti was found on the steps of the side entrance to Yale Law School. Not even 24 hours later, as Jews all around the world observed Yom Kippur, a gunman began a live stream, got in his car, and drove to a synagogue in Halle, Germany. During that time Jewish communities around the country were getting ready to commemorate the heinous Pittsburgh shooting at Tree of Life. Shalom New Haven will track anti-Semitic reports and share how Federation and its partners are working to keep our Jewish community safe.

JNS News Syndicate
October 17, 2019
UN releases 'unprecedented' report linking anti-Semitism to BDS movement
The report also recommends that all member states adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism. So far, 18 of them have done so.

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This afternoon, two instances of hateful and discriminatory graffiti were discovered in two separate student bathrooms. Each location contained similar handwritten anti-Semitic slurs and swastikas within stalls. A student who discovered the graffiti immediately reported the incident to school security. The graffiti does not indicate any specific or imminent threats. We are taking an uncompromising stance against such graffiti alongside school security and will ensure a safe and comfortable learning environment for all students.

Yale News
Swastika appears on Law School steps
SAMUEL TURNER & JACK TRIPP | 1:14 AM, OCT 08, 2019
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JNS News Syndicate
Israeli, Jewish leaders respond to Yom Kippur attack on synagogue in Germany
"I call on the German authorities to continue taking determined action against anti-Semitism," says Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after a gunman kills two people on the Jewish holiday.

March of the Living New Haven Delegation
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Pittsburgh Reflection

JNS.org - Members of Pittsburgh's Jewish community convened a press conference in September to talk about the Oct. 27 synagogue massacre almost a year ago and their plans moving forward.

At the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, a panel of leaders from the three congregations housed in the Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Synagogue building discussed how their members have been coping in the aftermath of the attack, and the struggle of taking care of their congregants and themselves.

Rabbi Jeffrey Myers from Tree of Life said, "I live with Oct. 27 every minute of every hour of every day, and I will for the rest of my life. Each of us finds the strength and the courage to integrate what happened into our beings, to move forward. I refuse to let the perpetrator make me another full-time victim. I won't let it happen. I refuse."

Stephen Cohen, co-president of the New Light synagogue, said his congregation is "committed to moving back to the Tree of Life building," but he expects that process to "take many years." He also called for



a discussion with state and city officials on how to memorialize the deadly shooting.

Details were also revealed regarding the "Remember. Repair. Together" program, complete with planned volunteer opportunities and Torah study.

The Jewish Family and Community Services said therapists will be on site during High Holiday services for congregants affiliated with Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha, Dor Hadash and New Light, with additional clinicians

- Joyce Fienberg, 75** of Oakland, City of Pittsburgh
- Richard Gottfried, 65** of Ross Township
- Rose Mallinger, 97** of Squirrel Hill, City of Pittsburgh
- Jerry Rabinowitz, 66** of Edgewood Borough
- Cecil Rosenthal, 59** of Squirrel Hill, City of Pittsburgh
- David Rosenthal, 54** (brother of Cecil), of Squirrel Hill
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- Melvin Wax, 88** of Squirrel Hill, City of Pittsburgh
- Irving Younger, 69** of Mt. Washington, City of Pittsburgh

being provided to other congregations upon request. The Center for Victims will also continue to offer support through the High Holidays, and at all public and private commemoration events.

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by Susan Donovan
 Director of Fitness & Wellness Services
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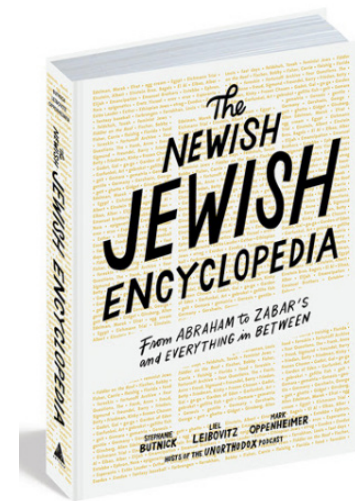
The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia

The community is invited to Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel on Sunday, December 15 at 10 AM for a book talk and brunch to celebrate the publication of The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham to Zabar's and Everything in Between, written by the hosts of Tablet Magazine's Unorthodox Podcast—Stephanie Butnick, Liel Liebovitz, and BEKI's own Mark Oppenheimer.

The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia is an edifying, entertaining, and thoroughly modern introduction to Judaism. The book is an alphabetical encyclopedia of short entries — some profound, some profane, and some both — heavy on the graphics and, like contemporary Judaism itself, featuring a panoply of divergent voices, all amusing and well-informed and none in perfect agreement.

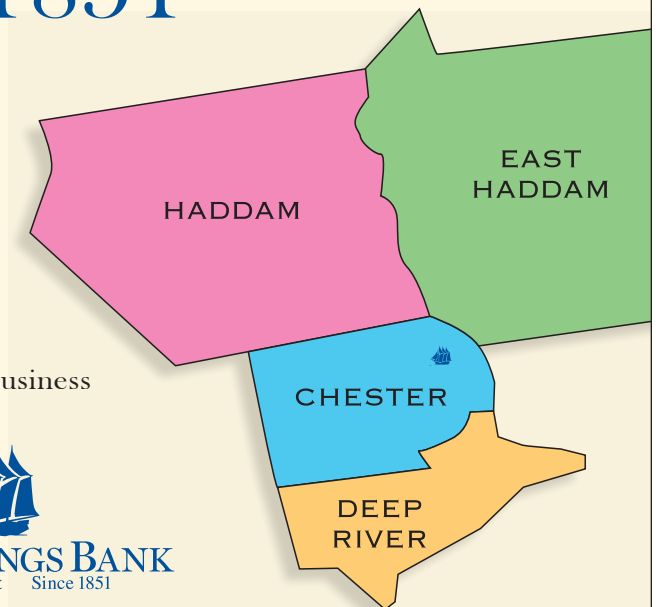
By weaving together the essential and the esoteric, the snarky, and the earnest, the Jewish and the Jew-ish, this book honors its title, offering a truly unorthodox approach to Judaism, and allowing each reader to find his or her point of connection with the culture, the tradition, and the religion.

Mark Oppenheimer will also appear in the November 6 Commemoration for Pittsburgh the shooting to discuss Squirrel Hill, A Year Later: Lessons from MY Pittsburgh Travels. See page 17 for ad.



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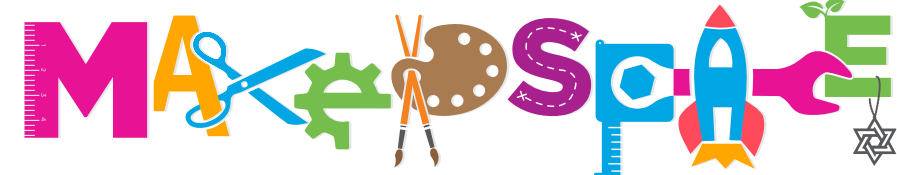
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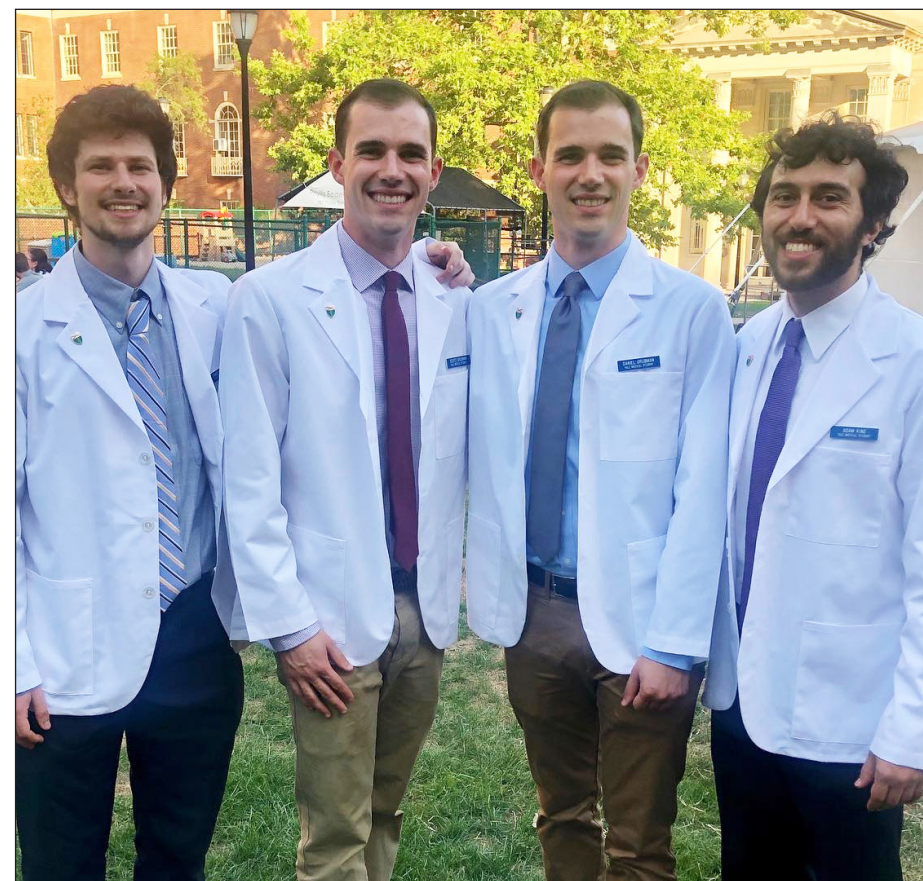
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HONORABLE MENSCHEN: Ezra Alumni at Yale Med School

The Ezra Academy had a great showing at the Yale School of Medicine, Class of 2023, White Coat Ceremony this summer. This group of mensches received over 100 heartwarming reactions on the Ezra Facebook page, including Mazal Tov's and thumbs up. Shalom New Haven staff spoke to Ezra teacher Lois Murray, who said she remembered all of them very fondly.

"Adam King was a great thinker, someone who always had an interesting take on things. He had wonderful sense of humor and would make me laugh quite often. He had an easy-going personality, which came in handy once when I, under the



Left to right— Jonathan Kluger E '09 (University of Pennsylvania), Scott Grubman E '10 (Dartmouth College), Daniel Grubman E '10 (Dartmouth College), and Adam King E '04 (Lawrence University).

impression that he had been adopted from Guatemala, pointed out the country on a map of Central America, calling it the "land of his birth." He assured me that he was his parents biological child, chuckling about the whole thing. He was someone who really was interested in the world around him.

Jonathan Kluger was always such a good student, always dedicated to excellence. I remember working with his brother Mikey one summer, meeting at the Westville Library, at the time that Jonathan was applying to medical schools. Jonathan would drive his little brother to the library, and while we worked, he would do exercises in the test book that prepares students for the MCATs. He was so dedicated that I predicted he would indeed be accepted. I am very happy to see that I was right in my prediction!

Scott and Dan Grubman were terrific kids when they were at Ezra. They were quite lively and charming, boys with big hearts who would stick up for their classmates when they were needed to do so. I remember how sweet they were to their little sister Ali, wonderful big brothers and true mensches.

I believe all four young men will make wonderful doctors some day, and I am very proud of all of them."

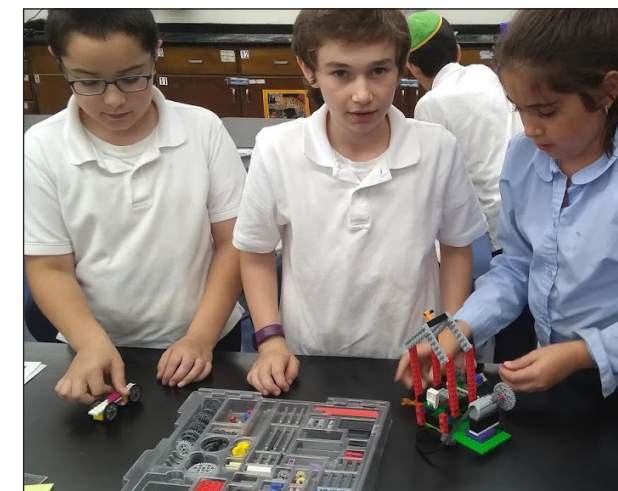
STARTUP through STEAM Offered at SCHA

SCHA to launch the first new educational project in North America, combining Lego robotics and STARTUP for its K-6 students!

Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy introduces a brand-new program for the 2019-20 school year: "STARTUP through STEAM." This innovative program is a joint venture with I-brick LEGO and Israeli Academy for Gifted Youth.

During the school year, the students will learn by building their own Lego models to become engineers, marketers, and problem solvers. "STARTUP through STEAM" brings science, technology, engineering, art, and math into the next generation by enabling students to put abstract scientific concepts into practice. From having an amazing creative idea to designing a model and understanding its operation, to budgeting and starting a company, this educational program promises to be a unique transformative experience that will spark the students' imagination, equip them with skills in analytical thinking, and have the potential to lead to a productive business career.

SCHA's mission is to provide an outstanding Judaic and secular education to its diverse community of Jewish children. The school aims to foster the individual growth of each child and empower its students to become active learners, respectful and responsible citizens, and independent thinkers. SCHA prides itself in the thousands of graduates, worldwide, who have benefited from



a curriculum that integrates traditional Jewish learning with a strong emphasis on science and liberal arts. The alumni's years at SCHA laid the foundation for their diverse positions and leadership roles in their respective communities and in the world at large.

As SCHA celebrates its 75th "Jubilee" year, the school continues to offer intellectual development at its best through the rich heritage of Jewish learning, coupled with cutting-edge general studies in an environment of traditional values and respect, and now with the addition of the new "STARTUP through STEAM" program, students will learn the skills to become entrepreneurs as well!

NextDor is Now jHaven!



Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Under-45 group is reinventing itself: so long, NextDor — shalom jHaven!

jHaven's new name reflects a rededicated commitment to plurality and inclusiveness, shedding the Hebrish (Hebrew-English hybrid) of our old name in favor of something more straightforward and accessible to everyone, regardless of your Jewish education.

This change is a lot more than just a new name, however. jHaven is a paradigm shift in how Federation caters to Jewish adults under 45. Gone are the days of one-size-fits-all programming that tried to appeal to everyone but in practice fit no one. Instead, we're rolling out jHaven Clusters: affinity-based micro-groups with their own targeted events.

From interests — such as arts & culture, food, sports and the outdoors — to lifestyles — recent grads, singles, young parents — and beyond, we want to help you connect with folks who "do Jewish" in the same ways as you.

If you want to learn more, contact Derek Holodak at (203) 387-2424 x217 or at dholodak@jewishnewhaven.org. Be sure as well to visit our website at jewishnewhaven.org/jhaven to learn about upcoming events.

Did you know?

Afula-Gilboa Land Purchasing was Funded by Connecticut Jews



Morris Mallove 1894-1973 (on right) was a New London Jeweler who helped raise funds to purchase land in the Jezreel valley of Palestine, near Afula

In 1899-1900 the American Jewish Year Book records a chapter of Chovevei Zion in New London, and in 1913 Morris Mallove, a jeweler in downtown New London established the Sons of Zion. Mallove became an active Zionist leader in Connecticut and helped raise funds to purchase land in the Jezreel valley of Palestine, near Afula.

The lands of Afula and Gilboa region were eventually purchased in the 20's through Yehoshua Hankin, and funded thanks to the Jewish Community of Eastern CT.

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I'll Forever Be Grateful

by **Yelena Gerovich**
New American Acculturation Coordinator

If you grew up in the United States, chances are you can sing "God Bless America." Irving Berlin's song was first performed in November, eighty one years ago. Berlin's family of 10 moved from Russia to avoid the widespread Jewish persecution of the early 1900's when Berlin was just five years old. When they finally arrived on American soil, free from the marauders who had burned their house to the ground, the boy was placed in a holding pen with his brother and sisters, while immigration officials decided their fate.

He lived in poverty and was forced to leave school when he was only eight after his father's death, singing for pennies on the sidewalks and later as a singing waiter at a Chinatown dive. But, his struggles as a Russian-Jewish immigrant with little education only motivated him to write some of the most famous songs of all time.

One day before "God Bless America" premiered in the United States, on November 9-10, 1938, in an event known as "Kristallnacht" or "Night of Broken Glass," German Nazis launch a campaign of terror against Jewish people and their homes and businesses in Germany and Austria. The windows of countless Jewish-owned establishments were smashed, and the attacks left approximately 100 Jews dead, 7,500 Jewish businesses damaged and hundreds of synagogues, homes, schools and graveyards vandalized. An estimated 30,000 Jewish men were arrested, many of whom were then sent to concentration camps. Since Irving Berlin was a Jewish immigrant there were some in the United States who questioned both his right to evoke God and to call the United States his "home sweet home." At a joint rally of the Ku Klux Klan and the pro-Nazi German American Bund in 1940, leaders called for a boycott of the song.

Irving Berlin wanted that every cent "God Bless America" ever earned went to a place that he thought would help to make his country's future brighter and stronger. In those months leading up to the U.S. entry into World War II, he selected the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts to receive the song's earnings – specifically, he wanted the royalties to go to Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs in impoverished and disadvantaged areas. His binding legal instructions are in effect to this day. So far, there has been more than \$10 million distributed to Scouting programs, and it's still coming in. For him to do this with 'God Bless America' was his sincere thank you to the country.

Thirty years ago at the age of 101 Irving Berlin died in his sleep. During his 60-year career he wrote an estimated 1,500 songs, including the scores for 20 original Broadway shows and 15 original Hollywood films, with his songs nominated eight times for Academy Awards. Practically all New American Acculturation program participants know "God Bless America," and when we listen to it or sing it, we remember that it began as — and at root will always be — a love song to this country from an immigrant grateful to have been given a chance at a new life.

For more information about the New American Acculturation Program, including sponsorships of specific programs, please contact Yelena Gerovich at 203-387-2424 x.321, or email ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org

Welcome to America

Я БУДУ ВЕЧНО БЛАГОДАРЕН

Есть ли вы выросли в Соединенных Штатах, вы знаете песню «Боже, благослови Америку». Песня Ирвинга Берлина впервые прозвучала в ноябре, восемьдесят один год назад. Семья Берлина из 10 человек бежала от еврейских погромов в России в начале 1900-х годов, когда ему было всего пять лет. Когда они прибыли на американскую землю, их поместили в камеру предварительного заключения и сотрудники миграционной службы решали их судьбу.

Берлин жил в бедности и был вынужден бросить школу когда ему было всего восемь лет. После смерти отца работал посыльным в лавке, разносчиком газет. В одном из кафе нью-йоркского Чайна-тауна заслужил репутацию «поющего официанта». Но этот тяжелый опыт только подстегивал его к творчеству и помог написать самые известные американские песни.

За день до премьеры «Боже, благослови Америку» в Соединенных Штатах, 9-10 ноября 1938 года, нацисты начали кампанию террора против еврейского народа известную как «Хрустальная ночь». Окна еврейских заведений были разбиты в Германии и Австрии, погибли сотни евреев, было повреждено 7500 еврейских предприятий, сотни синагог, домов, школ и кладбищ. Были арестованы около 30 000 евреев, многие из которых затем были отправлены в концентрационные лагеря.

В Америке песня Ирвинга Берлина стала причиной антисемитских и ксенофобских нападок на него – еврея, который посмел попросить бога благословить Америку и называть её своим «домом, милым домом». На объединенном митинге Ку-клукс-клана и пронацистского Германо-американского бунда в 1940 году их лидеры потребовали бойкотировать песню. Но это уже было невозможно.

Свои миллионные гонорары Берлин щедро жертвовал на разные общественные нужды. В месяцы предшествовавшие вступлению Америки во Вторую мировую войну, он передал права на песню и все доходы от неё в организации скаутов. Его юридические инструкции действуют по сей день, уже было выделено более 10 миллионов долларов на скаутские программы, деньги продолжают поступать. Так он выразил своё искреннее спасибо новой стране.

свою 60-летнюю карьеру он написал около 1500 песен, партитуры для 20 бродвейских шоу и 15 голливудских фильмов, его песни восемь раз номинировались на премию Оскар. Практически все участники программы New American Acculturation знают «Боже, благослови Америку», и когда мы слышим её, мы знаем, что это песня о любви к своей новой стране от еврейского иммигранта, благодарного за то, что ему был дан шанс на новую жизнь.

С вопросами и предложениями обращайтесь к координатору культурно-образовательных программ Елене Герович по тел. 203-387-2424 доб.321 ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org

JFS Enrichment Classes Offered

The Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven has been a landmark in the Jewish community of Greater New Haven since the early 1940s. Now, JFS is offering a new service: Family Life Enrichment groups and classes. The groups are to be led by licensed social workers and will focus on improving family life in a wide range of ways. Groups will discuss topics like how to comfort your child in today's unnerving world, mindfulness, divorce and bereavement support, teen empowerment, adoption, and support for family caregivers. While the dates for these classes have not yet been determined, please contact Margaliet Lingenstein at (203) 389-5599 ext. 105 or ml@jfsnh.org if you have questions or would like to learn more about the program.

B'nai Jacob: Spring Musical!

Congregation B'nai Jacob's award-winning theater company, B'nai Jacob Players, has selected The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee as their spring production. Winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, this musical comedy about a fictional spelling bee set in a middle school has charmed audiences with its effortless wit and humor. Featuring a fast-paced, wildly funny and touching book by Rachel Sheinkin and a truly fresh and vibrant score by William Finn, this bee is one unforgettable experience.

CBJ's Cantor Malachi Kanfer will be the show's Artistic and Musical Director. Cindy Gerber and Susan Jacobs will serve as Co-Directors of the multi-age cast. The producers are Amy Mindell, Miriam Sivkin and Ros Sperling. Rehearsals will begin in early January. Performance dates for this production will take place on Thursday, April 2 (dress rehearsal) and Saturday, April 4 (opening night).

For more information, please contact cbj.receptionist@gmail.com, or call the B'nai Jacob office at: 203-389-2111, www.bnaijacob.org

Dedicated Chabad Volunteers



Volunteers Honored at Chabad of Milford-HCW Dinner. Close to 100 people joined to celebrate community and show appreciation at an event held in September, "B'Lev Echad." Five dedicated volunteers were honored (Dalia Coleman, Shelley Hall, Adam Heyman, Elaine Wasserman, and Lori Weinstein). Some of these volunteers are following in the footsteps of their parents, who were

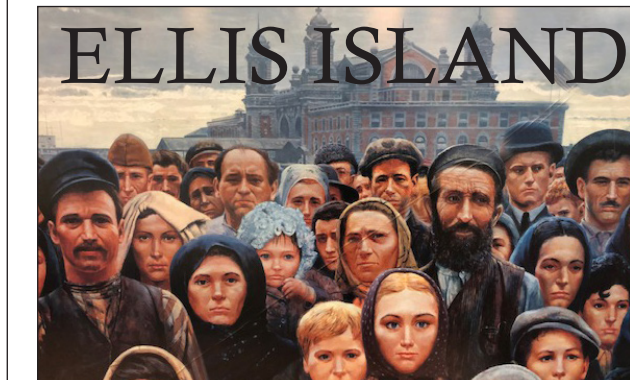
also an integral part of the Hebrew Congregation of Woodmont, in previous decades when the synagogue was open as a "summer Shul." The evening highlighted each of the volunteers and their stories, and concluded with a blend of mentalism and magic entertainment.

Joyce Saltman to Speak at Westville

Local humorist Joyce Saltman will speak on the topic of "Laughter for Survival" at Westville Synagogue's Melave Malka on Saturday evening, Dec. 14th. The event, to be held in the synagogue's Social Hall at 74 West Prospect Street in New Haven, will include wine and an elegant dessert catered by Abel's. Sponsorship opportunities are available; corporate logos and a Scroll of Supporters will be listed on a reusable canvas bag that will be distributed to attendees.

Reservations at \$54/person can be made on the synagogue's website, WestvilleShul.org. Contact Event Chair Betsy Schulman with questions: BetsySchulman@gmail.com

Coming to the Promised Land— Jewish Immigration and New Haven



Recently, with immigration so prominent in the news, we are reminded of our experience. We were, not so long ago, a group of immigrants, one of many such groups over the years, still making our way to America.

The mission of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven (JHSGNH) is to collect and

preserve historical records and to document the history of the New Haven Jewish community. Our collection consisting of thousands of items is archived. Ten volumes of "Jews in New Haven" have been published by the Society and may be purchased.

Join the JHSGNH at a catered luncheon featuring our archives, at noon on November 17, 2019 at the Ethnic Heritage Society Building, 270 Fitch Street, New Haven.

All are invited and urged to participate. Bring your memorabilia and family stories of the immigration experience to share. Judith Schiff, Yale Chief Archivist and founding member of the Jewish Historical Society will lead the discussion.

If you have interest in researching ancestors who arrived by way of Ellis Island, instruction on using the web site ellisland.org will be available.

Tickets: \$15 per person. Make check payable to JHSGNH, P.O. Box 3251, New Haven, CT 06515. Questions? info@jhsgh.org or (203) 392-6125
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Artist in Residence with Sheldon Low at Temple Beth David in Cheshire

Nov. 2, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tickets \$18 adults, teens are FREE. Temple Beth David, 3 Main Street, Cheshire CT, Contact: Mindy Fricke, mindy.fricke@gmail.com

Mitzvah Garden Get Together for Jewish Singles 40+

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JCC International Festival for Families,

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Nov. 4, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., The conference convenes scholars for the first public international conference dedicated to Auerbach's life and work. Sterling Memorial Library Lecture Hall, Yale Campus, 120 High Street New Haven. Contact: (203) 432-1879, fortunoff.archive@yale.edu

"We Remember Pittsburgh" Event

Nov. 6, 7:15-8:30 p.m. FREE. Beckerman Lender Jewish Community Center 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge Contact: Eliraz Shifman Berman eshifmanberman@jewishnewhaven.org

"Translating Job to Make a Difference"

Nov. 6, 5-7 p.m. FREE. W L Harkness Hall 100 Wall Street, Room 309, New Haven, Contact: Renee Reed, (203) 432-0843, renee.reed@yale.edu

Anti-Defamation League Voices-A Show of Unity,

Nov. 9, 5-9 p.m., \$5, Contact: Terry Sidera, tsidera@adl.org

Headline Entertainment & Congregation Or Shalom present a Night Of Laughter

Nov. 9, 7-9 p.m., Three comedians will perform. Doors open at 6:45 pm, Cocktail reception includes drinks 7-8:15 pm. Show starts at 8:30 pm. \$39.00 per person. Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Rd., Orange Contact: Ileana Kaczynski, (203) 799-2341, info@orshalomct.org

Second Annual East Coast Jewish Overnight & Day Camp Fair

Nov. 10, 1-3 p.m., FREE. Come to the JCC and LEARN about some of the BEST Jewish overnight and day camps. Beckerman Lender Jewish Community Center, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact: Lisa Stanger, (203) 387-2424, lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org

Roast of Rabbi Scolnic: Celebrating Rabbi Scolnic's 36 years at TBS

Nov. 10, 5-10 p.m. \$TBD, Temple Beth Shalom 1809 Whitney Avenue, Hamden. Contact: Lauren Piscitelle, (203) 288-7748, TBSWaysAndMeans@gmail.com

JCC and Jewish Federations of Greater New Haven's Men's Night Out

Nov. 11, 7-10 p.m. \$18 registration, Open to all me (ages 21+). Orange Ale House and Grill, 517 Boston Post Road, Orange. Contact: Derek Holodak, (203) 387-2424 x207, dholodak@jewishnewhaven.org

Senior Day at the J: Cake Decorating with Sandy

Nov. 12, 12-2 p.m., JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Scott Cohen, scottc@jccnh.org

PJ Library SHAL-OHM Movement - Mindfulness & Movement

Nov. 12, 5-5:45 p.m., FREE. Ages 2-7 with parents. JCC of Greater New Haven, Woodbridge. Contact: Stacey Battat, (203) 387-2424, pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org

JCC's Bagels and Babies

Nov. 14, 10-11 a.m., FREE. Ages birth to 18 months with adult, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge Contact: Deb Kirschner, (203) 387-2424 x253,

Havdallah Pajama with ShiraLaLa at Temple Emanuel

Nov. 16, 6-7 p.m., FREE. Temple Emanuel, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange. Contact: Michael Farbman, (203) 397-3000, rabbiteg@tegnh.org

B'nai Jacob presents The Power of Ten; a fundraiser

Nov. 16, 7:30-11 p.m., FREE. Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact: Susan Abdirkin, (203) 389-2111, cbj.receptionist@gmail.com

Temple Emanuel Shir Magic Concert with Shira Kline

Nov. 16, 7:30-9:30, \$18 per person. Temple Emanuel, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange. Contact: Michael Farbman, (203) 397-3000, rabbiteg@tegnh.org

Annual Kristallnacht Commemoration

NOV. 17, 9-11:30 a.m., FREE, Open to all. Congregation Or Shalom, Orange. Contact: Alvin Wainhaus, (203) 605-9318, armwainhaus@gmail.com

PJ Library Family Storytime with PJ Grandparents & Parents

Nov. 17, 11-11:45 a.m., FREE, Open to all. Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, 85 Harrison Street, New Haven Contact: Stacey Battat, (203) 387-2424, pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org

On the Map at The Towers

Nov. 17, 1-3 p.m., \$18, Kosher deli lunch will be served. The Towers at Tower Lane, 18 Tower Lane, New Haven, Contact: Jennifer Bayer, (293) 772-1816, jennifer@towerone.org

On the Camp Laurelwood S'mores & Tours

Nov. 17, 2-4 p.m., FREE, Camp Laurelwood 463 Summer Hill Road, Madison, Contact: Taylor McLeod, (203) 421-3736, info@camplaurelwood.org

Author: Carla Naumberg, "How to Stop Losing Your Sh*t with Your Kids"

Nov. 20, 6-7 p.m., \$5, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge Contact: Derek Holodak, (203) 387-2424 x217, dholodak@jewishnewhaven.org

Anti-Defamation League-Never is Now,

Nov. 21, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Contact: Terry Sidera, tsidera@adl.org

BBYO Connecticut Valley Region Fall Convention 2019

Nov. 22-24, 4 p.m. on the 22, and 2 p.m. on the 23-24 \$290 before Nov. 3; \$340 late registration. Danbury Crowne Plaza Hotel. Jen Kruzansky, jkrzansky@bbyo.org

Pop-up Shop: Peace Love Light

Nov. 25, 12 p.m. FREE. JCC of Greater New Haven 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Lisa Fero, lisafero@gmail.com, peacelovelightshop.com

Senior Day at the J: Fitness Fever

Nov. 26, 12-2 p.m. FREE. JCC of Greater New Haven 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Scott Cohen, scottc@jccnh.org

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Connecticut Cantors' Concert

Dec. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE, Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Cantor Malachi Kanfer, (203) 389-2111, Cantorkanfer@gmail.com

JCC 16th Annual Holiday Craft and Gift Fair

Dec. 8, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. FREE, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd.,

Woodbridge. Contact: Sandy Horvath, (203) 387-2424 x251, sandyh@jccnh.org

Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat

Dec. 8, 4:30-6 p.m. \$35 per person., Downtown Cabaret Theater, 263 Golden Hill Street, Bridgeport., Contact: Jewish Historical Society, (203) 392-6125, Info@JHSGNH.org

Federation Hanukkah Celebration

Dec. 12, 7-9 p.m. \$36 per person., Guilford Yacht Club, Contact: Amy Holtz, (203) 387-2424, aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org

Westville Synagogue Melava Malka

Dec. 14, 6:30-10 p.m. \$54 per person., Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Contact: Betsy Schulman, (203) 464-8729, BetsySchulman@gmail.com

BBYO Connecticut Valley Region Stomp It Out 2019

Dec. 14, 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$40 per person., JCC of Greater New Haven 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Jen Kruzansky, jkrzansky@bbyo.org

Brunch and book talk with the authors of The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia

Dec. 15, 6-9 p.m. \$xx per person., BEKI, 85 Harrison St. at Whalley Avenue, New Haven, Contact: Peggy Hackett, (203) 389-2108, office@beki.org

The JCC's 9th Annual Murray Lender 5k **BAGEL RUN '19**



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The Greatest Summer of My Life

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mitted the second tallest mountain in Israel, Har Bental. We also went to the security barrier and talked about the conflict. This was an enlightening discussion on the lives of Palestinians. Finally, we made our way to Jerusalem for one last week.

On one of the last days we went to Har Herzl, the national cemetery, where we learned about many of the extraordinary leaders who shaped Israel into what it is today. Finally, after one last Shabbat, we made our way to Ben Gurion Airport for our flights home.

This was a magical summer, one that I will never forget for the rest of my life. Thanks to the Jewish Foundation, I was able to experience Israel in a way that many people don't get to: and in depth and personal experience where we learned what Israel meant to us.

Supporting Israel

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to live and go to school in a therapeutic group setting. I met graduates of the Alma pre-military academy, a leadership development program that enables young underprivileged women to advance to leadership positions in the army that would likely be closed to them otherwise. I went to Beit Uri, a residence that allows developmentally disabled adults to live productively and with dignity and joy. There are so many amazing programs to support!

In the spirit of full disclosure, my attorney here (Eric) advised me to share that I am the Campaign Chair for our Greater New Haven Jewish Federation. Wearing that hat, I have many conversations with people about their philanthropy.

Over the past few years, I've been hearing from more people that they will not give to Israel because they don't agree with the Israeli government. I always want people to feel good about their tzedakah, and we all have our favorite causes, but it is difficult for me to understand the leap from disagreeing with the Israeli

government to withdrawing support from all Israeli programs and services. It seems like throwing the baby out with the bath water.

What's more is that Israel seems to be a special case. We don't always agree with the U.S. government, but that doesn't stop our philanthropy here. We may stop supporting a political party, but we don't stop giving to homeless shelters, cancer research, or other causes sponsored by American organizations. Why is Israel different? Could it be that, as with family, we are sometimes hardest on the people we care about the most? That we wouldn't be so upset if we didn't care so much?

And the truth is that Israel is a special case. It is the country of our dreams, our sweat, and our blood, of our holiest sites, and of our prayers across the ages. We cannot abandon her.

As family, we don't always agree with each other, but we still- we always- love and support each other. It's the same with Israel. We are family. We may not always

The First Orthodox Jewish Male

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first thing in the morning. He warmly recalled that he could always rely on Jewish communities for a Shabbat meal or even for a place to stay for the night. For this skeleton athlete, the choice to compete was very simple: "Hashem made you for a reason with gifts to fulfill your mission: I knew I was made to be an athlete with my skills and being so stubborn," he joked; so stubborn that when security teams in Europe asked him many times to take off his external Jewish items during competitions, he categorically refused, explaining he was "an ambassador" as a Jew. AJ transmitted his hard-earned wisdom to the SCHA students by advising: "You should expect success from yourself," and to "try even harder when people tell you that you cannot do something because you don't have the skills."

And success isn't yet over for this proud Olympian. After graduating from MIT with a degree in mechanical engineering, he now finds himself sliding head-first into his studies at Yale School of Management. If his past is anything to go by, his run of success won't end anytime soon.

agree with Israel's political leadership, but we need to support its vital programs. So find the cause you love in Israel, be it planting trees, supporting a start-up, giving to a hospital, or contributing to a program in Afula-Gilboa. I am pretty confident that you will find something, because in Israel, there is something for everyone.

In addition to your annual campaign gift, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven can facilitate your support to powerful worldwide movements such as Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and Jewish Joint Distribution committee as well as directly to the Afula-Gilboa community. Contact Amy Holtz, Chief Development Officer at aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org. 100% of your gift will go directly to the agency/agencies of your choice.

JCC & Project CASY

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"The more I learn about autism, the less I think of it as a disorder," he admitted. "It really is a difference between human beings but one that cannot be easily seen. Research is needed to learn how society can be more inclusive and leverage the strengths of its most diverse individuals." He stressed that Project CASY is "just one piece of the larger ecosystem that will improve and sustain quality of life for the autism community."

Over the past year, Dr. Jou said he has seen the rapid development of this ecosystem to include organizations outside the Yale community, including the SPARK clinical site network and partnerships with Autism Services & Resources Connecticut (ASRC) and the JCC of Greater New Haven.

Dr. Jou said events are now planned across the state and he encourages everyone to join the group to participate in all aspects of the ecosystem "whether it be leading a group in the community or participating in one of our research studies."

For more information on Project CASY, contact Dr. Jou at (203) 927-3970 (roger.jou@yale.edu).



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Uzbekistan Jewry Strengthened

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projects that assist the wider non-Jewish community.

A BRIEF LOOK BACK

Jews first came to Uzbekistan on the Great Silk Road, an ancient network of trade routes linking China and the Mediterranean. These first Jews settled in the city of Bukhara, where the community soon developed their own unique style of dress, music, food, and customs that they retain to this day.

The construction of the Trans-Caspian railroad in 1880 was a major turning point for the community, putting them in contact with the Jews of Europe for the first time in centuries. The railroad also provided Bukhara's Jews with the opportunity to make aliyah, and indeed many left Uzbekistan for pre-state Palestine. In fact, Jerusalem today has its own Bukharan Quarter named for the immi-

grants who settled there in the early 1900s.

In Tashkent, Uzbekistan's traditional Bukharan Jews were joined by Ashkenazi Jews from other parts of the Soviet empire in the late 1800s. The two communities remained distinct but supportive of one another. During the communist era, the Jews of Uzbekistan were granted greater religious freedom than those living closer to Moscow, and were able to retain more of their Jewish traditions.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the majority of Uzbekistan's Jews, both Ashkenazi and Bukharan, left the country for Israel and the United States. Those that remain are dedicated to maintaining and revitalizing their ancient community, and JDC is proud to be there as their partner in these efforts.

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