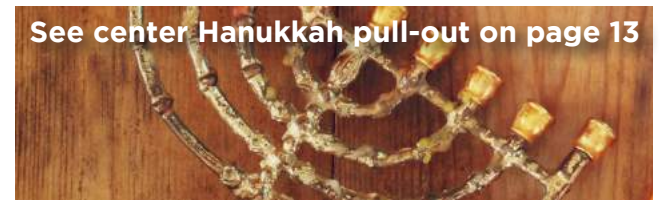


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Warsaw Offers Glimpse of Our Tragic Past, But Also Hopes for Renaissance of Jewish Life

This month's column is written from Warsaw, Poland, where I am proud to be part of a delegation from our community to visit Warsaw, Lublin and Krakow before flying to Israel to continue our mission and concluding at the Jewish Federations of North America's General Assembly.

Warsaw is a beautiful, modern, thriving city. It's difficult to square today's reality of modern Warsaw with the black and white images of the horrors of the Warsaw Ghetto, the forced deportations and massed killings of more than 300,000 Jews from Warsaw alone at Treblinka.

It's important to understand our history and to bear witness to all that happened here. But equally important was how we completed our first day of the mission.

After a day walking in the footsteps of the past, immersed in the tragic realities that befell the Jews, we concluded with an inspiring visit at the Warsaw JCC. The bright and cheery building, located in a hip, young and thriving area of the city, is about to celebrate its fifth anniversary and is enjoying steady growth of programming, membership and engagement. It has become home to activities and programs for youth, families, men and women and is a major part of the renaissance of Jewish life. The visit was inspiring because of the passionate leaders we met there like Agata Rogavitzka, Director of the JCC. Agata

has one Jewish parent but didn't know her Jewish story. Hers is a common tale — after WWII and the rise of Communism, religious identity was something to be tamped down. It was only after the fall of the Soviet Union when a spiritual awakening became possible. The JDC, our overseas partner supported by our community's Annual Campaign, was on the ground to help and begin the process of supporting the Jewish community. Agata was sent to Jewish summer camp by the JDC. At Camp Szarvas in Hungary, she met hundreds of other kids like her who were discovering that they were Jewish and immersed in Jewish summer camp fun and ritual. She returned a changed person and became more involved in learning about her heritage and helping lead the community.

Current studies tell us that the Millennial Generation and those that follow will not see their part in Jewish peoplehood through the lens of the Shoah. The bond to the Jewish people and to Israel must be formed through experiences that celebrate the beauty of and deepen understanding of Jewish culture, learning, ritual and connection.

Experiential education also creates a lifelong impact. This is why our community provides gateways to those experiences like March of the Living, Israel programs -Birthright Israel, MASA, Jewish learning programs and Jewish overnight camp. Not everyone will be able to participate, many due

to financial limitations, so as a community, we must work harder to raise funds to help enable our kids to build a strong foundation and affinity with Jewish life.

With the help of donors to the Annual Jewish Federation campaign, nascent Jewish communities are growing — supported and enriched at places like the Warsaw and Krakow JCCs. Young Jews are re-discovering their identities and putting down new Jewish roots in Poland.

And those roots can be rekindled in unexpected places. There have been several goose bump moments. But the best one for me today came when Dr. Harry Schwartz shared that as a son of a child survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto he had seen this experience as something connecting him to his past but after listening to Agata at the Warsaw JCC, he was proud and happy to consider himself a child of Warsaw.

My mentor and friend, Mark L. Goldstein, z"l, the former Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley, used to comment that there was nothing like a Jewish Federation mission. For Harry and for each of us who are having moments that will last a lifetime, Mark continues to be very right.

Judy



Members of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's mission trip to Poland and Israel shared a meal together and made new friends at the Warsaw JCC, which is about to celebrate its fifth anniversary.



Karen Burstein-Ayalon (left), & Nave Yogev (right) of Partnership2Gether/Afula-Gilboa-Southern New England, and The Jewish Agency for Israel, joined Federation CEO Judy Alperin (center) to visit the oldest synagogue in Afula, Israel. Beit HaKnesset HaGadol Beit Shalom was built with the support of families from New Haven.

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Vine Family Sponsors Auditorium Improvements

by Scott Cohen
JCC Executive Director

The Vine Family Auditorium, long the home of cultural arts programs, communal events and family programs, is in the midst of a facelift and a major technology improvement.

Through the generosity of Barry and Hyla Vine, a major investment in new technology will improve the quality and the accessibility of any event held in the Vine Family Auditorium. The improvements begin with a new projector and screen for movies and presentations. The powerful projector and ambient light-rejecting screen will improve the quality of all presentations with a brighter and sharper image. The new screen will support the wide-screen format of new films and make subtitles easier to read. In addition, connecting to the projector can be accomplished wirelessly and seamlessly. A ceiling-mounted spotlight will allow for a better audience experience by highlighting our presenters.

New speakers and microphones will guarantee sound quality and distribution, ensuring that wherever you sit, you will be able to hear a speaker, musician or movie. The final upgrade to be installed is a hearing impaired device to allow audience members to listen to the audio through earphones connected to their smartphone or a device provided by the JCC.

All of these upgrades were possible because of the generosity of the Vine family and their interest in helping the



JCC better serve our community. This is the theme of our Capital Campaign, Building Memories. As we look to the future, the JCC was rebuilt after the fire with many new features, including new program spaces and accessibility improvements. The JCC is seeking generous community members to help fund the improvements. If you are interested in building memories for the current and next generation of JCC users, contact Amy Holtz, Chief Development Officer, at x254 or aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org.

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JFS Launches Ken's Closet Program for Community

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFSGNH) is excited to launch a new program called Ken's Closet, clothing for men and women.

This program honors the memory of the late Ken Sperling, who had a passion for JFSGNH, as well as a clear understanding of how looking presentable positively affects self-esteem.

Through Ken's Closet, JFSGNH will supply work-ready clothing to clients who need help navigating the challenges of the job market – with encouragement as their goal.

Prospective Ken's Closet clients will be screened through the JFSGNH Social Work Outreach Program (SOS).

"Women's and Men's Business Clothes to Corporate Attire" will be collected, sorted and inventoried by Ken's' Closet volunteers.

Donation racks were set up at partici-



pating area synagogues over the High Holidays.

Alternatively, donations of suits, blouses, slacks, skirts, blazers, dresses (cleaned and on hangers), dress shoes and accessories will be accepted by appointment at the JFSGNH office at 1440 Whalley Avenue, New Haven.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment to drop off a donation, contact: kenscloset@jfsnh.org or call Mara Ginsberg at (203) 389-5599 X119.



Group Helps Families Explore Adoption



Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven is planning an Infant Adoption Homestudy Group.

Homestudy courses are offered by JFS periodically throughout the year for families interested in adopting infants and younger children. This group helps families prepare to be parents and to decide what types of adoption to pursue. As part of a homestudy group, participants must attend all sessions and prior registration is required. Some of the topics this group will address include:

How adoption is the same/different from parenting by birth

What the adoption experience is like for birth parents

Coping with adoption and the child's cultural background

How to help children understand adoption and feel good about their heritage

How to handle the technical details of different types of adoption

To learn more about the adoption process, contact Amy Rashba at (203) 389-5599 x113 or arashba@jfsnh.org. Families of all ethnic and religious backgrounds are welcome.

Jewish Family Service Welcomes New Board Members

At the June annual meeting, Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven welcomed three new members to its Board of Directors.

Harvey Bixon, Rabbi Herbert Brockman and Enid Groves bring a variety of experience, talent and knowledge to the agency.



Harvey Bixon

A native of New Haven, Harvey Bixon is a returning member to JFSGNH Board. An alumnus of the Southern CT Hebrew Academy and a 1979 graduate of Bryant University-Smithfield, RI, Bixon built a successful career as a former New Haven Scrap Metal business owner, and later worked as an Industry Consultant for Sims Metal Management, CT.

He has consistently been involved in

local Jewish organizations and many cultural, civic and educational activities. Currently, he serves on the Board of the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and the Orchard Street Shul.

Rabbi Herbert N. Brockman

Herbert N. Brockman is a seventh-generation rabbi who recently retired from his 32 years at the pulpit of Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden.

His leadership and advocacy for many social justice and interfaith

programs have been recognized on local, state and national levels.

These include Abraham's Tent— an annual interfaith program that shelters the homeless, the "PEAH project"— a long-standing initiative by CMI mem-

bers that raised vegetables for local soup kitchens, the Interfaith Cooperative Ministries, Hartford Seminary and the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement. Brockman, who taught at the Yale Divinity School for over 10 years, earned his MAHL at Hebrew Union College and his PhD from St. Mary's Seminary and University.

In 2014, he was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Albertus Magnus College.

Enid Groves

Originally from Queens, NY, Enid Groves has been a member of the New Haven community for 45 years. Throughout her professional career as the Director of Women's Philanthropy

of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, and as Director of Special Events at the Jewish Community Center, Groves worked closely with a variety of local lay leaders, staff and volunteers.

For over two decades, she coordinated fundraising and marketing efforts on major events, conferences and countless fundraising, arts and community-wide programs. Groves looks forward to combining her skills, know-how and familiarity with Jewish non-profits to the JFSGNH Board.



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JCL Welcomes Emily Kurz



From left to right, Emily Kurz and Brenda Brenner. Brenda, who is the long-time coordinator of the Jewish Coalition for Literacy, will be retiring at the end of the year. At the October JCL Annual Volunteer Orientation Program at the JCC, Brenda introduced the group to Emily, who will transition to lead JCL when Brenda retires later this year. Emily is also the JCC Youth Programs and Family Events Coordinator. Welcome aboard, Emily!

Ambassador Sherman Comes to JCC



On October 14, Women's Philanthropy hosted a brunch at the JCC of Greater New Haven featuring U.S. Ambassador Wendy Sherman, at left. Sherman shared her story and answered questions about being a Jewish woman in a prominent political role, her experiences traveling the world and how to negotiate. The event kicked off the Jewish Author Series, presented in partnership with the Jewish Book Council. From left to right is the Women's Philanthropy committee; Judy Skolnick, Sami Merit, Dr. Dena Schulman-Green, Ambassador Wendy Sherman, Robyn Teplitzky, L. Faith Miller, Jessica Halprin and Janie Shernow. Sherman also signed copies of her brand new book.



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Why Gallant Created Her Lion of Judah Endowment

by **Suzanne Gallant**
Special to Shalom New Haven



I am so grateful to those who came before me for setting such a beautiful example, and for providing me with the financial ability to continue to make such a gift. With

a gift of \$5,000 or more to the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign, a woman earns the distinction of **Lion of Judah**. The **Lion of Judah** pin is worn by 17,500 women in the world and symbolizes their dedication to the Jewish community. When you create a **Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE)**, you establish a charitable gift of at least \$100,000 in your name. This endowment is designed to provide ongoing support of Federation and the causes most important to you. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of **LOJE**.

My family has been involved with the Jewish Federation since before The United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish Community merged and became Jewish Federations. My grandfather and my parents were deeply devoted to Jewish causes. In fact, as a teen, I went door to door in Columbus Ohio, soliciting funds. In 1984, when my late husband, Murray, became the Campaign Chair for the New Haven Federation, he came home one day and suggested that I become a **Lion of Judah**. I did it for him. Many years later, I continue to believe that the work of the Jewish Federations is a mitzvah. When the concept of endowing one's Lion gift was first brought to my attention, I thought it was such a good idea that I called our estate attorney and had him draw up a codicil to my will and create my endowment.

Foundation Offers Many Scholarships

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS: All scholarships are for high school seniors from Jewish households. All applications must be completed online by May 1. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed.

Go to www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships for more information.

• **Mary Taylor Friedler Memorial Scholarship Fund** This scholarship is not needs-based and requires an essay concerning what peace, justice and righteousness mean to you and your Judaism. Awards are based on the strength of the essay and range from \$500-\$2,000. Applicant must reside in Greater New Haven.

• **Stuart J. Drell Scholarship Fund** Awards are \$1,000 and applicant must reside in Connecticut. Awards are based on the strength of the application and financial need.

• **Emma Kohn Podoloff Scholarship Fund** of the National Council of Jewish Women's Greater New Haven Section- Average award is \$1,500. Application includes an essay and three recommendations. Awards are based on the strength of the

application and financial need.

ISRAEL EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Jewish Foundation Israel Experience Scholarship Program enables local Jewish students ages 14-19 the opportunity to participate in an Israel experience to develop and enrich their Jewish education and reinforce their Jewish identity. The Jewish Foundation provides scholarships for both short-term (minimum of three-week program) and long-term organized Israel educational programs. Greater New Haven youth ages 14-19 are eligible. For 2019 summer trips, applications are due by **March 9, 2019**. For the 2019-2020 gap or academic year programs, applications are due by **May 4, 2019**. An essay and two recommendations are required. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed by the Israel Experience Scholarship committee. Go to jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships for more information, a list of qualifying programs, and application requirements. **For details on Jewish overnight camping scholarships, see One Happy Camper ad on page 19.**

Tips for End-of-Year 2018 Charitable Giving

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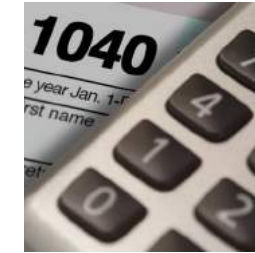
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Amount donated to charity	\$22,000	\$25,000
Personal income tax savings (0.32 × amount donated to charity)	\$7,040	\$8,000

has been held for more than a year, and that all realized gains are subject to a 15% 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.

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Flaherty Interns in Israel for Ethiopian National Project

by Hannah Flaherty
Special for SNH



My name is Hannah Flaherty. I'm 20 years old and I spent the summer interning at the Ethiopian National Project (ENP) in Jerusalem. ENP is a non-profit dedicated to providing additional educational assistance to Ethiopian-Israeli children in an effort to help them integrate fully into Israeli society. Working with ENP was one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had and I am grateful to have gained that opportunity.

My job consisted primarily of helping out in the main ENP office, located on King George Street, in the heart of Jerusalem. Along with three other interns and under the guidance of Grace and Ariella, the two directors of International Relations, I worked five days a week preparing ENP for the upcoming school year.

My responsibilities included applying for grants to fund the ENP SPACE (School Performance and Community Empower-

ment) program, which is their main program for promoting academic success. Additionally, I was tasked with getting the testimonies of the medical students who are supported by ENP and aiding in any other projects that required extra assistance.

Despite spending most of my time in the office, I was still able to see the impact that my work and the work of ENP has on the Ethiopian-Israeli community. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend two programs where I interacted with many of the children that ENP supports. On one of the days, there was even a pop-up planetarium that the children could explore to learn about outer space. Seeing how excited these kids got over education and hearing their stories was a surreal experience. I am forever grateful for the opportunity I had to work with ENP this summer. Knowing that my work has positively impacted the lives of thousands of Ethiopian-Israeli children is so incredible, and it is a feeling I will keep with me forever.

On Your Mark, Get Set, GO...



More than 350 people participated in the Eighth Annual Murray Lender 5k Bagel Run, sponsored by Titan Energy, on September 16 at the JCC. All proceeds benefitted the JCC of Greater New Haven.

Enjoy Coffee & Learn at Or Shalom on Nov. 7

Every Wednesday, beginning on Nov. 7, Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus teaches an hour-long class focusing on the ancient texts of our heritage and the light they shed on current issues. The class begins at 11 a.m. and ends at noon sharp. All are welcome. Call (203) 799-2341 or go to orshalomct.org or email: info@orshalomct.org for details.

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Westville University, an educational initiative that offers dynamic high level programming to the community reflecting our commitment to Jewish learning, history, culture, law and the State of Israel. Dedicated to the memory of Irving and Shirley Kroopnick.

Saturday Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Prisoners of War (Israeli TV series) Season 2, Episode 1, Panel discussion to follow.

Saturday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Mark Schwartz Tribute Lecture Prof. Steven Wilf "Seven objects from the impermanent collection"

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Rabbi Zalman Alpert "New York chooses a Chief Rabbi"

Saturday Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Movie Night - "Dough" (British 2015)

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Shiri Goren, Yale University
"Arab labor, Jewish humor: Memory, Identity and Coexistence on Israeli Primetime Television"

Saturday Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m.
Movie Night "Keep Quiet" (Hungarian/British 2016)

Wednesday Dec. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Peter Rogol "Ghostland: Reflections on a commemorative trip to Poland"

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Enjoy 'Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas' at JCC on Dec. 23

by Dr. Mara Balk
JCC Program Director

Directed by Oscar-nominee Larry Weinstein (Inside Hana's Suitcase, Leslie Caron: The Reluctant Star, Making Overtures), "Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas" is an offbeat, irreverent documentary that tells the story of a group of Jewish songwriters, including Irving Berlin, Mel Tormé, Jay Livingston, Ray Evans, Gloria Shayne Baker and Johnny Marks, who wrote the soundtrack to the world's most musical holiday.

It's an amazing look at the 20th-century North American immigrant experience and the extraordinary outburst of musical energy from the children of those immigrants. This new generation rejected their parents' European past and instead embraced Tin Pan Alley, Broadway and, finally, Hollywood. The outsiders began writing the soundtrack to the insiders' American dreams and in doing so, wrote themselves into history.



Telling this story through words and song, "Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas" features rarely seen archival footage, musical performances, and interviews with contemporary writers and performers, as well as connoisseurs of North American popular music. "Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas" depicts a journey — a tale of immigrant outsiders who became irreplaceable players in pop culture's mainstream. They were a generation of songwriters who understood the times they were writing for and who would go on to transform themselves and pop culture at the same time. They found in Christmas the perfect holiday in which to imagine a better world and, for at least one day a year, made us believe in it.

Screening Sunday, Dec. 23 at the JCC 2 p.m. with Kosher "Chinese" nosh to follow \$5 members/\$10 community. Visit jccnh.org/culturalarts.

Group Workouts Offer Many Advantages Over Going Solo

by Susan Donovan
JCC Director of Fitness & Spa Services

Being involved in a community and surrounded by others with similar goals can have a huge positive impact on not only your results but also your mood and outlook on life!

This is not only true in your work, but also in your daily activities, which is why group-focused training programs and exercise classes remain a popular choice in clubs and studios.

Although for some, it may be uncomfortable to walk into a class full of people to workout, there are many advantages to exercising in a group, whether you are among friends or new to the group.

Here are three researched-backed benefits of exercising with others:

1. Mental Health Benefits

"Group workouts can have a couple of mental advantages over solo workouts. While it's true that working out releases endorphins (that great feeling you get, sometimes called a runner's high), a group setting can lead to the release of endorphins outside of just physical exertion," says John Ford, certified exercise physiologist, who runs JFK Fitness & Health in New York City. "We've seen many articles about the mood-boosting effects of regular physical activity

and, it turns out, moving with multiple people may increase endorphin release "outside of just physical exertion."

And for those that find regular exercise a chore, moving with others is a great way to get through the workout with a sense that you are not alone, while also providing a level of camaraderie that will make the hour-long session fly by!

2. Increased Performance

There's nothing more motivating than the encouragement of others!

When you're surrounded by a group of people with a collective goal, you're more likely to push yourself beyond limits you would set for yourself on your own.

When you're pushing yourself hard and struggling through more difficult parts of your workout, you'll feel better and more energized to complete the workout, thus better results are seen.

3. Commitment Level and Accountability

Starting or sticking to a new fitness routine on your own can be difficult, but when you have a certain group there waiting for you and people to hold you



accountable, you are much more likely to accomplish what you've set out to do. I have found that members of group fitness programs or those exercising with a partner or Personal Trainer are less likely to skip workouts, which helps to keep them on track to succeed in reaching their health and wellness goals.

So grab a friend, join one of our fabulous group exercise programs, and find out how much fun getting in shape can be! Check out the full schedule of classes at jccnh.org/health-wellness.

New J. New day.

Simpsons Writer Mike Reiss Talks Comedy

by Dr. Mara Balk
JCC Program Director

In Chapter One of Mike Reiss' newest book, "Springfield Confidential: Jokes, Secrets, and Outright Lies from a Lifetime of Writing for The Simpsons," the first line reads, "I got the Simpsons job the same way I got a wife: I was not the first choice, but I was available." At first, he was embarrassed to be 28 and working on a cartoon... so he kept it to himself. But, Reiss writes, months after the show's 1989 premiere, "The Simpsons was not just in the papers every day; it was in every section of the newspaper! News, Entertainment, Sports, Business: editors realized a cartoon of Bart was more eye-catching than, say, a photo of Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger."

Reiss, a native of Bristol, Connecticut, grew up the only Jewish kid in town, in a family full of jokesters. Bristol's drab landscape proved to be the blank notebook that gave Mike his start as writer. Years later, the "factory town that didn't make things" served as inspiration for the fictional "Springfield" where Homer, Marge, Lisa, Bart, and Maggie Simpson have lived for 30 years.

In the 1970s, Reiss attended Harvard University for one reason: its comedy magazine, the *Harvard Lampoon*. Despite the success of *Lampoon* alumni in the



television, late-night, and film industry, Reiss says Harvard "hated the magazine." The university was "always trying to shut us down," said Reiss, who thinks Harvard is "a big, uncaring institution that is aggressively anti-career preparation." In the book, Reiss writes how shocking it is that the 2006 Boston Globe ranking of "fun and social" schools listed Harvard fifth... from the bottom. "Amazing. I couldn't imagine four schools less fun than Harvard."

Still, working for the *Lampoon* helped Reiss get his first writing job in New York in 1981, which ultimately led to his 30-year stint on *The Simpsons*. Four Emmy awards, and a lifetime of comedic experiences later, "Springfield Confidential" packs "jokes, secrets, and outright lies" into a quick read that is laugh-out-loud funny, awkward-squirmy funny, hurts-but-it's-true funny, and an entertaining behind-the-scenes foray into America's "favorite yellow family."

Reiss will be speaking at 7 p.m. on November 29 at Best Video Film and Cultural Center, 1842 Whitney Ave., Hamden. Tickets are \$5 for JCC members and \$10 for the general public and can be purchased at jccnh.org/rsvp. Copies of "Springfield Confidential" will be available for purchase. Call Mara Balk with questions at (203)387-2424 X300.



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Holiday Craft & Gift Fair Celebrates 15 Years

The 15th Annual JCC Holiday Craft and Gift Fair takes place on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The show will feature more than 50 vendors, a day full of fun family activities, and will culminate with a Community menorah lighting at 3 p.m.

The JCC Holiday Craft and Gift Fair is the largest in Greater New Haven, showcasing primarily local crafters, artists and vendors. Attendees will see a wide range of artistic creations at the event, which offers free admission and plenty of free parking. In response to shoppers requesting more Judaica vendors, Goldie and Moshe Monzon, with their impressive variety of Israeli art, jewelry and tapestries, booked the JCC as a stop on their U.S. tour. Their items will remain on display on Monday, Dec. 3, in the JCC lobby, with a percentage of their sales donated to the Federation's Annual Campaign.

Shoppers can visit the Women's Philanthropy "Wrapping Room" to have their purchases beautifully wrapped and learn about upcoming Jewish Federation programs. The Holiday Craft and Gift Fair has also evolved into an annual Open House for the JCC to showcase their programs for the community.

On Sunday Dec. 2, young families can enjoy a PJ Library program and meet author Amalia Hoffman while she reads her book "Dreidel Day" at 10:30 a.m. The JCC MakerSpace will host a menorah-making project; Fitness and Wellness tours and demos will be available, as well as mini-massages from the Spa at the J. All are welcome in the afternoon to try the new Rothberg Family Climbing Wall and enjoy a free swim in the Marcia and Stanley F. Reiter Swimming Pool. JCC Day Camps will offer an exclusive discount to camp families who visit their booth. The Membership Department will conduct tours, hand out give-aways and offer membership specials. Ezra Academy students will offer free face painting.

Go to www.jccnh.org/craft-gift-fair for more details.



SHORELINE HAPPENINGS

A CONNECTICUT YANKEE IN HOD HASHARON... Madison Student Recalls Israel Trip

Recognizing the impact of Israel travel/experiences, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven provides scholarships for both short-term (minimum of three-week program) and long-term organized Israel educational programs for Greater New Haven area youth ages 14-19. For 2019 summer trips, applications are due by March 9, 2019. For 2019 gap or academic year programs, applications are due by May 4, 2019. Here is part one of a three-part series where a young person who benefitted from a Jewish Foundation scholarship writes about their experiences.

By **Elijah Labowe-Stoll**
Special to *Shalom New Haven*

I spent the last two months of my junior year with 28 other students at Alexander Muss High School, located in the developing city of Hod Hasharon in Israel. The school is pluralistic and gives students who wish to pray and practice Judaism the time and setting to do so.

We landed in Tel Aviv on April 9. During our first week, we took trips around and near the city. Everyone needed to adjust to the heat, the time change, and the environment. The following week, we started school again.

There are two kinds of academic courses at AMHSI. The first consists of general studies—the classes we continued from home. These classes are small, with two to four students for every teacher. I was able to finish the same classes I would have at Daniel Hand High School in Madison using the same curriculum. The second kind of course is called core, which is what attracted me to the school. Core is a rigorous “crash course” on Israeli and Jewish studies. I had quizzes everyday and had to learn a multitude of facts.

It was wonderful to travel to the exact places that I learned about, but the friends I made were what made my trip unforgettable. There were 21 girls and seven boys. We all lived on the second floor of a campus building, boys on one side, girls on the other, and shared a common room and kitchen. On a typical day, our classes ended in the afternoon, and

we walked off campus to see the city of Hod HaSharon. The main reason to leave campus was the food, including shawarma, and falafel, sushi, thin-crust pizza, and even schnitzel. My favorite meal was the Druze feast in Haifa.

My core teacher asked what connects me to Israel. I didn't know what to say then, but I can answer her now. The



people I met. Israelis in Jerusalem and in Tel Aviv both consider themselves Jewish but for different reasons. I asked Israelis everywhere I went what it meant to them to be Jewish. A man in Tel Aviv said, “To be Jewish is to be a good person.” I asked the same question

to a woman who said, “To be Jewish means to live in Israel.” An Orthodox man at the Kotel said to be Jewish is to follow the Torah and its commandments. An Israeli who grew up closely tied to Jerusalem experiences a different life than one who lives in Tel Aviv, but both strongly consider themselves Jewish. I loved Tel Aviv's lively atmosphere, but dancing at the Kotel with fellow Jews on erev Shabbat was joyous and heartwarming. I felt a connection to people I didn't know, but after that night I knew them as my brothers. The most interesting person our group met was Ariah Ben Yaakov, who lives in Kibbutz Misgav Am in the Golan Mountains neighboring Lebanon. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he had fought in both Lebanese Wars and was extremely territorial of his mountaintop. Ariah described himself as right-wing conservative from Texas in favor of no gun control and no government. Ariah's views on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict contained a strong “Israel first” mentality. He made it clear that he and his kibbutzniks would only defend themselves from attacks made by Hezbollah terrorists. I don't agree with all his views, but he's happy where he is.

I had all the stresses of being a high school junior, with all the tests, but being in Israel allowed me to escape my daily routine, and there was always something new to see and taste.



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Local Student Helps Repair the World, One Basket at a Time

Julia Katsovich, 19, a senior at Cheshire High School, has been coordinating Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven's Annual Hanukkah Gift Giving Program for the last three years. Here she shares her experience working on this labor of love for the community:

by **Julia Katsovich**
for Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven

Hanukkah is one of my favorite Jewish holidays. My parents often tell me a story of when I was two years old; when they lit the candles of the hanukkah, I started singing "Happy Birthday." In my mind, Hanukkah was the next best thing to my birthday - lighting candles and getting presents. 17 years later, I still love Hanukkah, but nowadays, it's less about getting presents and more about giving.

For the past three years, I've had the honor of organizing the Annual Hanukkah Basket Program at Temple Emanuel. In this event, the whole Temple Emanuel community, young and old, comes together to assemble holiday baskets for those in need. Temple members donate items such as toys, games, and books for kids, as well as personal care items and gift cards for teens and adults.

One Sunday in December (Dec. 16 this year), we put all the items out on tables and the kids "go shopping" by assembling gift baskets for children of certain age, based on information provided ahead of time by the agencies who help us distribute the gifts to their clients. Additionally, the children personalize the gifts by making holiday cards and putting them inside the baskets.

These baskets are donated to various organizations such as Jewish Family Service, Fair Haven, 'r Kids, and Fellowship Place. I am proud to say that we donate over 100 baskets every year. This wonderful event teaches the children of Temple Emanuel that Hanukkah is just as much about giving as it is about getting presents.

The whole community gets involved for this event and, in my opinion, it is a prime example of tikkun olam working to repair the world, one basket at a time.

Interfaith DC Family Opts for a No-Dilemma December

Laura is a practicing Catholic navigating life in Washington, DC with her Jewish husband. She is passionate about public service, environmental stewardship, and interfaith connections. She wrote this article for interfaith family last December.

This time of year can be complicated and straightforward at the same time. For example, throughout our entire dating relationship, it was assumed that we would spend Christmas with my Catholic family, since it's an important time for both my faith and family, and Zach's Jewish family doesn't celebrate Christmas. No dilemma about which family to go to, or who to visit first, or who gets Christmas and who gets Easter. From that perspective, Christmas, for us, is easy. The idea of interfaith, and the stories I've read and listened to from individuals at InterfaithFamily, Interfaith Families Project of Washington and through the Interfaith Voices podcast, have shown me another complication that I never even thought about: the reluctance of some to even observe Christmas. This fascinates and terrifies me. I have spent time this past year trying to better understand the struggles and compromises of these families. While every family is different, I can understand feeling overwhelmed by the idea of all the trappings of Christmas—the shopping, the incessant carols and the plethora of red and green everywhere.

For me, the Christmas season has always started with Advent, a time of preparation that begins four Sundays from Christmas Day. This time of year reminds me to prepare for Christmas in a different way than making a list and checking it twice. Advent offers the opportunity to pause and ponder what Christmas is about—making room for God in our lives. Christmas is about giving gifts to others in need and those that we love. It's about recognizing the angels among us, and trying to maintain that kindness year

round. My family loves our new tradition of lighting the menorah and playing dreidel. During Advent, Zach helps me make Christmas cookies for my grandparents using my grandmother's recipes—she used to make six different kinds of cookies, many dozens of each kind, for her four children and their families. Returning that favor, albeit on a much smaller scale, always feels special.

I understand people's frustration with Christmas, because I sometimes experience that myself. I seek to incorporate Hanukkah into our new family traditions as much as Christmas is a part of my family's traditions. With Zach, I've bought cards and sent gifts, looked up latke recipes and lit a menorah. Last year, we lit the menorah with my family and taught everyone to play dreidel. We even watched a Hanukkah TV special together. Because Hanukkah overlapped with Christmas, we were able to celebrate a truly interfaith holiday, and teach my family some new traditions.

We'll be going back to my parents house for Christmas. We'll exchange gifts, go to mass on Christmas Eve and cook a nice meal together. And the two of us will attend a Hanukkah event at an area synagogue. It may seem unbalanced or unfair, but that's the extent to which Zach feels the need to celebrate the holiday. And if he doesn't want to make latkes or put a big menorah in the window, that's OK because we'll make matzah brie and host a seder during Passover; we'll say kaddish when we visit family graves and we'll have a mezuzah in the door of our home. We'll emphasize what it means to Zach, and to our family, to be Jewish throughout the year, rather than trying to compete with Christmas in December.

For more details on how to tackle these issues and others as an interfaith family, go to: interfaithfamily.com.



2018 Greater New Haven Hanukkah Events

PJ LIBRARY HANUKKAH STORIES & SONGS

SUNDAY, NOV. 25, 2:30-6:30 P.M.
BARNES & NOBLE OF MILFORD,
MILFORD CROSSING,
1375 BOSTON POST RD., MILFORD
Story time and sing-a-longs on the hour with local Jewish clergy and educators at 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Contact: Stacey Battat at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org

COMMUNITY HANUKKAH CELEBRATION AT MISHKAN ISRAEL

FRIDAY, NOV. 30, SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE: 6 P.M., DINNER: 7 P.M.
CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL,
785 RIDGE ROAD, HAMDEN
Traditional Friday night foods as well as latkes and other Hanukkah treats. There is a fee for dinner. To RSVP and for more info, go to cmihamden.org or call (203) 288-3877.

COME READ DREIDEL DAY AT JCC

On Sunday Dec. 2, at 10:30 a.m., young families can enjoy a free PJ Library program and meet author Amalia Hoffman while she reads her book "Dreidel Day" at the JCC Contact Stacey at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org for more information & to register.

JCC HANUKKAH COMMUNITY CANDLELIGHTING

SUNDAY, DEC. 2, 3 P.M.
JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN,
360 AMITY ROAD, WOODBRIDGE. Go to jccnh.org for details.

JCC HANUKKAH CRAFTERNOON

MAKERSPACE, SUNDAY, DEC. 2, 2-3:30 P.M., JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN, 360 AMITY ROAD, WOODBRIDGE, Contact Emily Kurz (203)387-2424 x306.

CBSRZ HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DEC. 2, AT 11 A.M.
CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM RODFE ZEDEK
55 EAST KING'S HWY., CHESTER
Join the youth and educators at CBSRZ for a Hanukkah celebration with crafts, singing, games and Hanukkah food favorites. Contact: office@cbsrz.org.

CMI TOT HANUKKAH PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DEC. 2, AT 9:30 A.M.
FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6:
FRIDAY, DEC. 7, AT 6 P.M.
CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL,
785 RIDGE ROAD, HAMDEN
Enjoy blessings, stories, food and fun.



For more information, call (203) 288-3877.

MENORAH LIGHTING CELEBRATIONS ON THE MILFORD GREEN

SUNDAY, DEC. 2, AT 5 P.M.
247 BROAD ST., MILFORD
Chabad-HCW will hold a menorah lighting on the Milford Green with a "Gelt Drop." Indoor celebration to follow opposite the menorah featuring dreidels, latkes, hot cider, and crafts. Call (203) 878-4569.

SHORELINE HANUKKAH EVENT, LATKES & VODKAS

TUESDAY, DEC. 4, 7-9 P.M.
GUILFORD YACHT CLUB
379 NEW WHITFIELD ST., GUILFORD
Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. Contact Amy Holtz at (203) 387-2424, x254.

PJ LIBRARY ANNUAL READING OF "HESCHEL & THE HANUKKAH GOBLINS"

TUESDAY, DEC. 4, 4:15-5 P.M.
GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY
67 PARK ST., GUILFORD
Ages 3-6. Contact Stacey at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org for more information. (203) 387-2424 x317.

JCC FAMILY HANUKKAH PARTY

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5, 5-6:30 P.M.
JCC, 360 AMITY ROAD, WOODBRIDGE
Come eat latkes and celebrate Hanukkah with family, friends. Contact Emily Kurz (203) 387-2424 x306.

TEMPLE EMANUEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HANUKKAH PARTY

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5, 4:30 - 6 P.M.,
TEMPLE EMANUEL OF GREATER NEW HAVEN
150 DERBY AVE., ORANGE.
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PJ LIBRARY HANUKKAH STORY & SONGS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5, 2:30-3:15 P.M.,
MILFORD LIBRARY,
57 NEW HAVEN AVE., MILFORD
Ages 2-6. Contact Stacey at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org for more information.

PJ LIBRARY HANUKKAH STORY & SONGS

THURS., DEC. 6, 11:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M.
HAMDEN MILLER LIBRARY
2901 DIXWELL AVE., HAMDEN
Ages 4-5. Contact Stacey at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org.

HANUKKAH AT THE MALL

THURSDAY, DEC. 6, AT 5 P.M.
CT POST MALL - MACY'S COURT,
1201 BOSTON POST ROAD, MILFORD
Giant menorah balloon sculpture, music, raffle; donuts, dreidels. Crafts, magic performance, balloon twisting. Free, open to the public. Visit JewishMilford.com, email rabbi@JewishMilford.com, or call (203) 772-8818.

"LATKES & MAGIC"

FRIDAY, DEC. 7, 7 P.M.
CONGREGATION OR SHALOM
205 OLD GRASSY HILL RD., ORANGE

Bless the lights of the menorah and sing Hanukkah songs. Following a brief Shabbat service, enjoy a magic show & latkes in the social hall! For more information, call (203) 799-2341.

TEMPLE EMANUEL'S ANNUAL SHABBAT HANUKKAH MUSICAL SERVICE & DINNER

FRIDAY, DEC. 7 AT 6 P.M.
TEMPLE EMANUEL
150 DERBY AVE., ORANGE.
Bring Hanukkah & candles! Service at 6 p.m., dinner follows. Register to ensure enough food for everyone and make a contribution to cover cost of food. Call (203) 397-3000.

CBSRZ HANUKKAH POTLUCK DINNER, SERVICE & CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DEC. 7, 6 P.M.
CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM RODFE ZEDEK, 55 EAST KING'S HWY., CHESTER, Non-dairy potluck dinner and Hanukkah service, celebration following dinner at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Contact: office@cbsrz.org.

CELEBRATE HANUKKAH AT TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH

FRIDAY, DEC. 7 AT 6 P.M.
TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH
196 DURHAM ROAD, MADISON
Dinner & Menorah Lighting. Latkes & brisket dinner; vegan option available. Call (203)245-7028 to RSVP or go to www.tbshoreline.org. Bring your own menorah. Shabbat & service follows.

CELEBRATE HANUKKAH & SHABBAT AT BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

FRIDAY, DEC. 7, 6 P.M.
BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE
22 NORTH ORCHARD STREET, WALLINGFORD
Community menorah lighting. Shabbat service follows with Hanukkah story for the kids. Shabbat Dinner with latkes and sufganyot. RSVP to Phyllis Gordon at pgordon@snet.net.

LATKES AFTER DARK-NEXTDOR

SATURDAY, DEC. 8, 7-10 P.M.,
JCC, 360 AMITY ROAD, WOODBRIDGE.
Celebrate with NextDor, \$36, contact Derek Holodak, (203) 387-2424, x375, dholodak@jewishnewhaven.org.

WESTVILLE SYNAGOGUE HANUKKAH PARTY

SUNDAY, DEC. 9, WESTVILLE SYNAGOGUE, 74 WEST PROSPECT STREET, NEW HAVEN.
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Bring the Light to Our Community

by Stacey Battat
PJ Library Professional

While the joyful events of PJ families celebrating Shabbat on the Beach and at Massaro Farm have passed and summertime is far behind us, we can look toward the light of Hanukkah candles and how to bring light into our lives. PJ Library families will be bringing light to many places over Hanukkah. You and your family are welcome to join us and give out dreidels and gelt as we visit local libraries and Barnes & Noble. Reach out to me if you would like to be one of the givers of Hanukkah cheer this holiday season. All are welcome:

Sunday, Nov. 25, 2:30-6:30 p.m.
Story time and sing-a-longs with local Jewish clergy and educators at 3 p.m.,

4 p.m., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. at Barnes & Noble of Milford.

Tuesday, Dec 4, 4:15-5 p.m.
Guilford Free Library annual reading of "Heschel & The Hanukkah Goblins."
Ages 3-6

Wednesday, Dec 5, 2:30-3:15 p.m.
Milford Library Hanukkah story & songs. Ages 2-6

Thursday, Dec 6, 11:30 a.m.-12:14 p.m.
Hamden Miller Library Hanukkah story & songs. Ages 4,5

If you are a family raising Jewish children, please sign up for FREE monthly PJ Library books and music at pjlibrary.org/newhaven. Contact Stacey at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org for more information on programs and ways to meet local families.

Easy Hanukkah Crafts for Families!

By Emily Kurz
JCC Youth Programs & Family Events Coordinator

It's that time again, the days are getting shorter, the evenings get colder, and the kids spend less and less time outdoors. Here are some simple but fun crafts that you can do with your children for the Hanukkah season.



Edible dreidels

MATERIALS:
Hershey Kisses
Marshmallows
Mini pretzel sticks
Icing

DIRECTIONS:
1. Unwrap chocolate kisses.
2. Use icing to "glue" the marshmallow on top of the chocolate kiss
3. Stick a pretzel stick through the top of the marshmallow
4. Decorate the body of the marshmallow with sprinkles—using the icing as "glue."

**Dreidels generally have the Hebrew letters nun, shin, gimmel, and hey on them. It is an acronym for "Nes gadol haya sham," meaning "A great miracle happened there."*

Hand Print Menorahs

MATERIALS:
Construction paper
Blue paint (washable)
Yellow paint (washable)

DIRECTIONS:
1. Assist child in covering hands with blue paint
2. Have child press painted hands onto paper, thumbs should overlap
3. Put one yellow finger print above blue fingers—either one at a time (each night) or all at once.

SHORELINE HAPPENINGS

Talented Siblings Share the Spotlight at CBSRZ

Siblings Vlad Smolkin (artist) and Victoria Smolkin (Russian History Professor) will be joining forces on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 4 p.m., to share their work with the public at a new and revamped CBSRZ Art Gallery Opening/Books & Bagels talk at Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek in Chester.



School of Art in which artists see G-d through idyllic landscapes.

Although serious at its core, Smolkin's art is often whimsical, almost "nonsensical" (Smolkin's comment), for example, his outer space series in which he envisions how Judaism might exist on other planets such as Mars and the transfer of the Western Wall to Mars or the last vestige of our Jewish humanity being the cultivation of flowers on Mars.

Smolkin has been making art that relates to Judaism since childhood. In

1988 four-year-old Smolkin and his family immigrated to the United States from the Soviet Union, in part because of their experience as Jews who were treated especially badly as both religious and ethnic outsiders. Although he did not grow up religious, his "... family history is marked by intolerance, oppression and murder based on the fact that they were Jewish." Now, living in the United States, Smolkin feels "...a strong attachment to his ethnic and cultural Jewishness and to the history of his family."

Victoria Smolkin, a professor of history at Wesleyan University, will be bringing her new book "A Sacred Space is Never Empty," in which she explores the history of atheism in the Soviet Union and shows how, in different ways during differing periods of Soviet history, atheism was reimagined as an alternative cosmology that in the end failed to take hold and replace the religious beliefs that never really disappeared during

the Soviet period. "A Sacred Space is Never Empty" has been greeted with critical acclaim. Denis Kozlov, author of "The Readers of 'Novyi Mir'; Coming to Terms with the Stalinist Past" stated that "This is a very important book, highly innovative and superbly researched. Smolkin has written nothing less than a history of the making - and subsequent unmaking - of soviet atheism. A must-read."

Vlad and Victoria will be sharing their work at CBSRZ on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 11, beginning at 4 p.m. This opening reception is open to the public at no charge. Vlad's art will be on display, available for sale, in our CBSRZ Gallery and Victoria's book will also be available both for sale and for autographing after her talk on the origin of and impetus behind her book. Vlad Smolkin's exhibit can be viewed Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. from November, through the first three weeks of January, 2019.

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by Jennifer Bayer
The Towers Director of Development & Community Relations

The Towers was recently honored to receive two esteemed awards recently for its leadership in the field of aging services. Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo, President/CEO of The Towers, received the Spirit of Advocacy Award for a lifetime of work and dedication as an advocate for all seniors in all types of settings. The Carol Rosenwald "Spirit of Advocacy" Award was established in honor of Carol Rosenwald, who advocated tirelessly for systems and legislative change as the founder of the Statewide Coalition of Resident Councils. The Towers also received the prestigious 2018 LeadingAge Connecticut Media Award which is presented to an individual or organization in recognition of their excellence in reporting or presentation of media events which positively affect older adults.

Each year, the Spirit of Advocacy Award is presented by the State of Connecticut Long Term Care Ombudsman Program at the VOICES Forum to individuals and organizations that work to improve the quality of care and quality of life for individuals residing in long term care settings.

Throughout his career serving seniors, Gus has always focused on helping people live their best lives.

Over the years, Gus has helped the organizations that he has led think more holistically about how supportive services are being provided to seniors and their loved ones. Through his management philosophy that always starts with "YES" to EVERY idea presented, Gus empowers his teams to explore the possibilities of each suggestion before choosing the ones that naturally rise to the top.

The Towers was recognized for developing 12 segments in partnership with WTNH Channel that covered The Towers' rich history over the past 50 years, our vibrant community and a "sneak peek" of our even brighter future.

The Towers' story is one of our evolving community, growing friendships, increasing generosity and expanding volunteerism, all woven together by our rich heritage. All of this recognition belongs to those who make The Towers the unique place it has been throughout our history. View one of our videos to get to know us better or consider stopping by if



Second from left is Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo, President/CEO of The Towers receiving the Leading Age Connecticut Media Award 2018 at the Annual Meeting of Leading Age Connecticut.

you are in the area. For more information about The Towers, contact Jennifer Bayer, Director of Development & Community Relations, jennifer@towerone.org or Rebecca Goodman Olshansky, Occupancy Specialist, rebecca@towerone.org.

Kevor Avot-5779



Historically, the Jewish community of Greater New Haven offers a special program "Kevor Avot" the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to provide a space and place for survivor families to come together to recite kaddish. This special Sunday, held on Sept. 16 this year, often sees loved ones visiting cemeteries for this purpose. Since survivors have no cemetery to visit, the New Haven Holocaust Memorial on Whalley Avenue provides the venue.



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BEKI Presents Pirkei Avot Discussion Series

In the months ahead, Beth El – Keser Israel will present a series of discussions about Pirkei Avot, The Wisdom of our Sages, celebrating the newly published “Pirkei Avot Lev Shalem,” translated and edited by Rabbi Martin S. Cohen, whose prior books include an edition of Psalms and a prayer book for the house of mourning. All events are free and open to the public.

The text is surrounded by the voices of two commentators, Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum, founder of ZION: An Eretz Israeli Congregation in Jerusalem, and Rabbi Gordon Tucker, Senior Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Israel Center in White Plains, NY.

The “Lev Shalem” series, published by the Rabbinical Assembly, carries that name because each volume approaches the text with a “full heart,” committed to understanding the text in its ancient setting while transmitting a living “Torah of the heart” to each generation.

The opening event on Sunday, November 4, at 10 a.m. will feature a brunch, remarks by Rabbi Cohen, and a panel discussion about Pirkei Avot with Rabbi Fred Hyman of the Westville Synagogue in New Haven, Rabbi Rona Shapiro of Congregation B’nai Jacob in Woodbridge, and Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen of Beth El – Keser Israel, moderated by BEKI members Jay Sokolow and Mark Oppenheimer. Reservations would be appreciated to (203)389-2108 or office@beki.org.

Programs on each chapter, opportunities for deeper study, will be led by some of the retired rabbis affiliated with BEKI:



Rabbi Hyman



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- Chapter One with Rabbi Alan Lovins on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.
- Chapter Two with Rabbi Carl Astor on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m.
- Chapter Three with Rabbi Eric Silver on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 11 a.m.
- Chapter Four with Rabbi Richard Eisenberg on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m.
- Chapter Five with Rabbi Murray Levine on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 11 a.m.
- Chapter Six with Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m.

Copies of Pirkei Avot Lev Shalem will be available for purchase on Nov. 4 and at Sunday study sessions.

Emissaries Excited About Their Adventure

by Ziv Peleg & Noa Saitowitz
Our Young Emissaries from Israel

Why are most people afraid of new beginnings?

We are Noa Saitowitz and Ziv Peleg, the new Young Emissaries of Greater New Haven. Ziv is from Ram-On, in the Gilboa - Afula region and Noa is from Matan, half an hour from Tel Aviv. We're both 18 and taking a gap year between high school and our army service, deferring it by a year and coming to Connecticut to volunteer in the Jewish community.

We arrived in Connecticut in late August, very excited, but also nervous about our new adventure. We've already met with amazing people, visited different synagogues and taught at Hebrew schools and at Ezra Academy. Lucky for us, we landed in a security net. Our host families, as well as everyone in the community, have welcomed us with open arms.



Since the beginning of the new year, we couldn't stop thinking about how Israel made a significant step as it declared itself as a country. On Nov. 29, 1947, the UN gave permission for two states to be created within the state of Israel. Resolution 181 recommended the creation of independent Arab and Jewish States and a Special International Regime for the city of Jerusalem. After the proposal, Jews in Israel were so happy, they began dancing and singing in the streets. They were scared of the unknown, but they were happy because they knew it would be a positive change that would lead to a better life. Changes are hard. Even though it might take us a while to get used to everything, you will see us smiling, dancing and singing in the street, and excited just like everyone back in 1947.

What's Behind the O-U Symbol? Talking Kosher at Chabad of Milford

What's behind the O-U symbol? Join senior O-U inspector, Rabbi Aaron Shapiro, for an insider's look into the world of kosher food: the good, the bad, and the treif. Find out what the kosher certification on your food really means. Monday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. at Chabad of Milford-HCW, 15 Edgefield Ave., Milford. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend this event; all are welcome. To help sponsor this event for \$100, please contact rabbi@JewishMilford.com.



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ADULTS: Wheels & Wine Partners Pottery

Nov. 1, Nov. 15, 6-8 p.m.
 \$60. The Clay Date, 146 Amity Road, New Haven. Contact: Mara Balk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org

ADULTS: Sizzling Soups Cooking Series

Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 26, 7-9 p.m., (every other week until Nov. 26.) \$25 a class/member, \$30 a class/community. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Mara Balk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org

JTE: For Teens. By Teens., Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.

\$180, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306, emilyk@jccnh.org

KIDS: Sticky Fingers, Ages 2-5 with adult.

Nov. 8, 10-11 a.m.
 \$5. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306, emilyk@jccnh.org

SENIOR DAY: Richard Gelb, Nov. 8, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Free, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Mara Balk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org

AUTHOR: Dan Oren, "The Wedding Photo", Nov. 8, 7-9 p.m.

\$5/members, \$10/Community. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Mara Balk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org

ADULTS: 23rd Annual A Taste of Honey, Nov. 17, 6-10 p.m.

\$12/members, \$18/community. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Mara Balk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org

SENIOR DAY: Game Day, Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Free, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Mara Balk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org

AUTHOR: Fran Hawthorne, "The Heirs", Nov. 18, 12-2 p.m.

\$5/members, \$10/community. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Mara Balk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org

KIDS: Sunday Craftmoons, Nov. 18, 2-3:30 p.m.

\$5 (or \$15 for 4 sessions), JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306, emilyk@jccnh.org

MAKERSPACE: PEACE*LOVE*LIGHT Candle Creations, Women's Philanthropy Outreach Event, Nov. 28, 7-9 p.m.

\$20/members, \$25/community, JCC MakerSpace, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Mara Balk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org

AUTHOR: Mike Reiss, "Springfield Confidential," Nov. 29, 7-9 p.m.

\$5/members, \$10/community. Best Video Film & Cultural Center, 1842 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Contact: Mara Balk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org

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ADULTS: 15th Annual JCC Holiday Craft and Gift Fair, Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

FREE. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Debbie Brander, (203) 387-2424 x276, debbieb@jccnh.org

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR: Amalia Hoffman, "Dreidel Day," Ages 0-3. Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.

FREE. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Mara Balk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org

KIDS: Hanukkah Craftmoon, Ages 3+. Dec. 2, 2-3:30 p.m.

MakerSpace, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306, emilyk@jccnh.org

SHORELINE/ADULTS: Latkes & Vodkas, Ages 21+. Dec. 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

\$36, Guilford Yacht Club, Amy Holtz, (203) 387-2424 x254, aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org

JTE: For Teens. By Teens., Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.

\$180, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306, emilyk@jccnh.org



FAMILY: Hanukkah Party, Dec. 5, 5-6:30 p.m.

FREE, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306, emilyk@jccnh.org

Latkes After Dark, Ages 21+. Dec. 8, 7 p.m.

JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Derek, (203) 387-2424 x226.

ADULTS: Major Gifts Event, Dec. 9, 11 a.m.

\$36, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Amy Holtz, (203) 387-2424 x254, aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org

FILM: "Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas," Dec. 23, 2-4 p.m.

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New BLELC Director Believes Strong Home-School Connection Is Crucial

The Beverly Levy Early Learning Center of the JCC of Greater New Haven recently welcomed Lisa Bickford as its new Educational Director. Bickford brings more than 16 years of experience as a director of early childhood education centers and programs.

The first thing Bickford noticed when she visited the JCC and the Early Learning Center was a culture of warmth, openness and compassion.

"It's a very special place, a family community I knew I would love to join."

"It was Beverly Levy herself who believed 'that any place with children was a sacred place,'" Bickford noted. She said she too believes that school should be a "rich and vital experience in children's lives and should reinforce, stimulate and expand children's natural enthusiasm for learning and socialization." Bickford believes that kids are active, self-motivated learners who learn best from personal experience. As a career early-childhood educator, Bickford also considers a strong and

continuous home-school connection essential to a child's successful educational experience. "We are all working together to ensure your children feel loved and safe in an environment that's planned to encourage discovery, social interaction and independence," Bickford said. "A supportive home-school connection will further set the stage for a child to grow up with a love for learning."

Because parents are very busy, it's often difficult for them to spend a lot of time in their child's classroom. So Bickford has been exploring invitation only, secure online resources for private picture sharing so parents can have daily insight to their child's classroom experience on an ongoing basis. She hopes this will generate great conversation and connections among families. Bickford strongly believes in an open door policy and she looks forward to getting to know all of the families.

Contact her at lisab@jccnh.org or (203) 387-2424, x279.



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JFACT Holds Two Gubernatorial Forums



JFACT, the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut, held two well attended gubernatorial candidate forums in October. The first, above, was held Oct. 7 at the Emanuel Synagogue in West Hartford and featured candidates Oz Griebel (I), Ned Lamont (D), and Bob Stefanowski (R). The second was held Oct. 8 at the Stamford JCC and featured Griebel, Lamont and Joe Markley (R), candidate for Lt. Governor who represented Stefanowski. The forums were free and open to the public.

Hadassah Presents Exciting Author Discussion at JCC

Deborah Vadas Levison, debut author of award-winning book, "The Crate: A Story of War, a Murder, and Justice," tells the true story of a grisly discovery – and a family of Holocaust survivors forced to confront evil at

their doorstep. Books available. RSVP: Wepawaug@gmail.com.

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Superman's Jewish Origins Revealed

by **Yelena Gerovich**
New American Acculturation Coordinator

Eighty years ago, in 1938, two Jewish childhood friends, the sons of recent European immigrants, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, were elated to sell their character Superman to DC Comics for \$130. A phenomenon was born. Siegel later reflected when asked about what led him to create Superman: "Hearing and reading of the oppression and slaughter of helpless, oppressed Jews all around the world... seeing movies depicting the horrors of privation suffered by the downtrodden. I had the great urge to help the downtrodden masses, somehow. How could I help them when I could barely help myself? Superman was the answer."

Siegel and Shuster's parents were among more than two million Jews to arrive in the U.S. from Eastern Europe between the 1880s and 1920s, a spike in immigration that led to an anti-Semitic backlash and Ku Klux Klan rallies during the Prohibition era. Places of employment, colleges, resorts, private schools, and camps - all imposed restrictions and quotas against Jews. Superman channels the experience of many Jews bidding to assimilate in gentile culture, veiling his heritage behind a new suit and Christian name, Clark Kent, but always true to his roots underneath the social camouflage. Superman's real name, Kal-El, resembles the Hebrew words for "voice" and "vessel." He was the ultimate foreigner, escaping to America from his intergalactic shtetl and shedding his Jewish name for "Clark Kent. The alien superbaby was not just a Jew, but also a very special one, like Moses. Both babies were rescued by non-Jews and raised in foreign cultures. If most of Superman's admirers did not recognize his Jewish origins, the Third Reich did. A 1940 article in Das Schwarze Korps, the newspaper of the SS, called Siegel "Siegelack, the 'intellectually and physically circumcised chap who has his headquarters in New York.'" The explosion of Krypton conjures up images from the mystical Kabbalah where the divine vessel was shattered and Jews were called on to perform tikkun olam, repairing the vessel and the world. No one did more of that than the Man from Metropolis. There are many parallels in this story to Jewish refugees from the former Soviet Union. They were not safe at home, considered foreigners for being Jewish. They started a new life in America and made it work despite having the same struggles to adapt as did Clark Kent. And just like Superman, these members of our community have done much to make their new home a better place. The New American Acculturation Program helps make the adaptation process easier for refugees. For more information about the New American Acculturation Program, contact Yelena Gerovich at (203) 387-2424, x321, or email ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org.

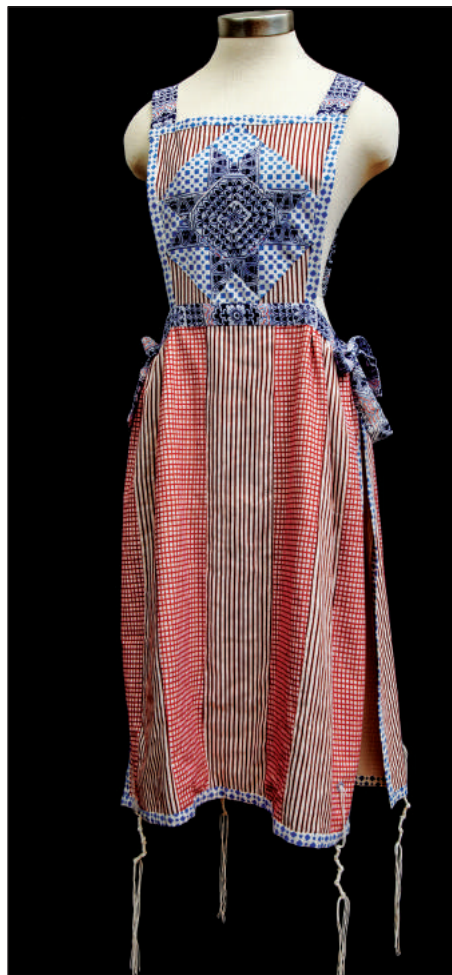


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Еврейское происхождение Супермена

Восемьдесят лет назад, в 1938 году, два друга детства, дети евреев-иммигрантов, Джерри Сигель и Джо Шустер продали своего персонажа Супермена компании DC Comics за 130 долларов. Сигель позже размышлял о том, что привело его к созданию Супермена: «Я слышал и читал о притеснении и убийствах беспомощных, угнетенных евреев по всему миру. У меня было большое желание хоть как-то помочь. Но как я мог помочь им, если я едва мог помочь себе? Супермен был ответом». Родители Сигеля и Шустера были среди более чем двух миллионов евреев, прибывших в США из Восточной Европы в период с 1880-х - 1920-х годов, пик иммиграции, который привел к ужасающему росту антисемитизма. Антисемитские квоты на обучение в университетах, трудоустройство во многих сферах деятельности были в Америке той поры печальной реальностью. В зарождающейся индустрии комиксов подобных запретов не было. Так и получилось, что создателями новых героев для комиксов стали евреи. Мальчики из еврейских семей, где изучали священные книги, опирались на сюжеты из библейской истории. Подлинное имя Супермена - Коль-Эль (что можно перевести с иврита как «голос Б-га»). Он родился на планете Криптон, которую постигла катастрофа, уничтожившая всех жителей. Но незадолго до катастрофы родители Коль-Эля уложили малыша в капсулу и отправили на Землю. Это очень похоже на историю младенца Моисея, спасшегося в корзинке. Роль дочери фараона сыграла семья Кент, выросшая подкидыша. Супермену пришлось ассимилироваться в новой культуре, скрывая свои корни за христианским именем Кларк Кент, но оставаясь верным своим корням. Если многие поклонники Супермена не захотели принять и понять его еврейское происхождение, то фашисты это поняли. Статья 1940 года в газете СС «Дас Шварце Корп» называлась Сигель «Зигеллак», «интеллектуально и физически обрезанный парень у которого есть штаб в Нью-Йорке». В самой гибели планеты Криптон, с которой начинается история Супермена, можно увидеть нарушение гармонии мира. Евреев призвали восстановить мир. Супермен занимается исправлением мира, его починкой, тиккун олам, как это называют каббалисты. В этой истории много параллелей с еврейскими беженцами. Они не были в безопасности дома, их считали чужаками. Они начали новую жизнь в Америке преодолевая все трудности адаптации, и так же, как Супермен, сделали многое, чтобы сделать их новую американскую родину лучше. Каждый эмигрант - человек двух культур, своей исторической родины и той страны, куда он переселился. Супермен в свободное от подвигів время - это журналист Кларк. Кларк и Супермен жили так, как это делали большинство евреев-эмигрантов, раздираемых между двумя культурами. Способность к раздвоению личности помогла Супермену выжить, но жить с бесконечной тоской в сердце. И это самое большое доказательство его еврейства. С вопросами и предложениями обращайтесь к координатору культурно-образовательных программ Елене Герович по тел. 203-387-2424 доб.321 ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org

Kanter's Fiber Artwork Exhibited at BEKI



Using history as a guide, fiber artist Rachel Kanter creates tallitot for women. Inspired by the four cornered robes worn by Hebrew priests in Biblical times, and designed using vintage apron patterns from the 20th century, these tallitot bring everyday motifs of American women's lives into the realm of the sacred object. In a related series, Kanter makes "Spiritual Mikvaot," ritual objects made from fabric for ceremonies marking life-changing events such as healing, relationships and reproduction.

Kanter's interests lie in the combination of history and tradition with modern ideas about Judaism. A collection of her art will be exhibited at Beth El - Keser Israel in New Haven from Nov. 9, 2018 to Jan. 20, 2019.

Kanter, who has given workshops at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Brandeis House in NYC, and synagogues, will present an artist's talk at BEKI on Saturday, January 12, at 12:45 p.m. Sabbath rules will be observed.

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What was the information discovered by Josiah DuBois that jolted President Roosevelt into making his life-saving decision? Could the President have done more to reach out to the victims of Nazism?

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