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# The Power of Collaboration

Throughout millennia, thinkers and teachers have opined on the power of collaboration. As Charles Darwin once said: "It is the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) that those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed."

Perhaps for me it's not DNA it's CNA—it's understanding that collaboration is the key to the mysteries of community like DNA is the key to understanding humanity.

This issue of Shalom New Haven coincides with my sixth anniversary as CEO of the Jewish Federation. As I look back on the events of these years, the most powerful and impactful moments were times of togetherness. When fire broke out at the JCC, our staff collaborated to rescue 350 people from the burning building. That was followed by the year-long effort that featured collaboration by committees of volunteers to determine the best next steps for the organization—a positive and productive effort that resulted in the re-imagining of the JCC enterprise that, were it not for the pandemic, would have returned a first ever \$250,000 surplus for the organization.

We learned from the pandemic of the power of collaboration when we worked with so many to meet the emergent masking needs across the state of Connecticut. Hundreds of volunteers, donors and corporate and nonprofit partners came together to raise the funds and distribute the masks wherever needed. And we experienced the power of collaboration from smaller efforts that also delivered big results for our community—like the COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund which raised more than a half million dollars to ensure that the most essential needs in our community were taken care of through the collaboration of our partners at The Towers, Jewish Family Service, synagogues and Chabad.

Most recently, we saw the power of collaboration expressed through the hiring of our regional security advisor, a collaboration of four Connecticut communities who individually would not have been able to hire so essential a resource; and the 'Shine A Light on Antisemitism' initiative, which brought the message of awareness throughout Connecticut and featured the collaboration of several organizations, including all seven Jewish Federations, ADL, JFACT, Urban League, NAACP, and the Archdiocese of Hartford, the Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding and the Archdiocese of Hartford Social Justice Ministry.

As it says in Psalms 133, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The Jewish Federation is guided by our recently completed strategic planning process, which calls for increased collaboration in our quest to further unite our Jewish community and maximize impact. Building on that directive, we are embarking on an exciting new grants process as part of our planning and allocations model. The strategic plan calls on us to increase dollars available for local needs. For the past several years, we have grown the local pot. In addition, impact grants will enable additional investment aligned with the core priorities of the strategic plan, informed by the community survey. We are very excited that the grants process will expand those eligible to receive grants, including synagogues and other Jewish nonprofits for the first time.

Thank you to the leaders and thought partners who continue to engage with us as we strive to innovate to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. And a special thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve these past 6 years.

*Judy*



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A NOTE FROM OUR  
FEDERATION PRESIDENT  
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# A Time to Come Together...

I am not a big fan of winter. The days are short, the temperature is low and it feels like everyone hibernates a bit so we don't see as many people in social settings.

I am a people person. I draw energy from being around others. Helping to create community has always been a big part of my life. For some reason, however, winter appears to be a time when those communities seem to slow down a bit. In addition to shortened hours of sunlight, a slowdown in our social interactions likely plays a role in what is referred to as 'seasonal affective disorder.' While sunlight—or the lack thereof—may be at the heart of this phenomenon, I believe the slowdown in socialization impacts our emotional and mental well being.

Studies show that volunteerism and charitable giving are associated with better health, both physical and mental. People who volunteer and engage with non-profit organizations live longer and more productive lives. So, for those who are starting to experience the winter blues, we're here to say we need you and we want you. Our Jewish community—our Federation and Foundation, our agencies and synagogues—have so many great ideas and, more often than not, the only thing holding us back is a shortage

of volunteers and/or funds.

So, this winter when you're stuck inside, consider reaching out to any of our community organizations to offer your help. Not only will you be performing a mitzvah by helping those in need, you will also help yourself in ways that may not be readily apparent.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not make a pitch for our Annual Campaign.

Over the years, the number one question asked by those who don't give is 'why should I give.' There are so many valid answers to that question, but the one concept I always come back to is this: Because giving to Federation helps Jewish communities here at home, in Israel and around the world.

To be sure, Jewish communities the world over have created a multitude of organizations that work day in and day out to help repair the world. They are all worthwhile and I myself would love to lend my support to them all. But it is simply not feasible to identify and contribute to each one. On the other hand, the good work of our Federation helps not just the New Haven community but communities throughout the world. And so, for example, through Federation

I have had the opportunity to meet with an agency in Ukraine that helps provide food and medicine to elderly, often homebound, Jews. Through Federation, I have spoken with Ethiopian Jewish children who benefit from educational programs and programs that lift them out of poverty.

All of this and so much more is made possible by my contribution to the Annual Campaign. And that is why I give. Because Federation does it all. Because one donation has so very many beneficiaries.

So as the year 2022 begins, I ask that you consider two things: First, we need you, our community needs you. Make some time to volunteer. Don't wait for someone to call you, call your synagogue, call JFS, call the Towers, call Federation. Second, make your annual campaign pledge today. Don't wait for a call from us. Go online to make a pledge or just send in a check.

The strength of our Jewish community lies in the collective work and financial support of each and every one of us.

I wish you all a year filled with health and happiness.

Dr. Steven Fleischman  
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# Jewish Family Service Welcomes Two Key Staff

Alissa Wurtzel, LCSW, and Elanit Kayne Linder have joined the staff of Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFSGNH).

As the new Clinical Mental Health Director for both the Child and Adult Outpatient clinics at JFSGNH, Alissa Wurtzel brings with her an eclectic skill set of evidence-based treatment modalities and experience with diverse populations. Having served the mental health and behavioral needs of Connecticut residents for the past 20 years, she is experienced with individual, family, and group therapy, and has worked with clients as young as four and as old as 107. Her strength, says Alissa, is in teaching people about the impact that stressors and stimuli have on us as human beings, and she encourages individuals and groups to use their intuition and uniqueness to identify solutions.

Before joining JFS, Alissa's specialty areas were in trauma informed care, EMDR, medical social work, Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT), and co-occurring disorders. She has worked with community health clinics, children and families using animal assisted therapy, the Connecticut Army National Guard, and hospice patients and their families. She



**Alissa Wurtzel, LCSW (left), and Elanit Kayne Linder (right).**



earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Connecticut. Alissa can be reached at (203) 389-5599, x117 or awurtzel@jfsnh.org.

Elanit Kayne Linder, LMSW, recently joined JFS as the Aging Adult and Community Outreach Coordinator.

"I'm invigorated to be joining JFS at a time when the geriatric program is expanding as are the geriatric needs of our community. I look forward to rolling out the JFS Care Navigators Care Management Program," she says.

In her new position, Elanit will lead JFS' comprehensive program that provides needs and psychosocial assessments, care planning, advocacy, linkage to community resources, weekly check-in calls and collaboration with family members.

Previously, she worked with the older adult population at various facilities, as assisted living memory care director, director of recreation, and clinical community liaison.

Elanit earned her Bachelor's degree at TISCH School of the Arts at New York University and her Master's Degree at Columbia University School of Social Work.

She is committed to program development that empowers individuals and communities to achieve the best quality of life as they envision it. Elanit can be reached at (203) 389-5599, x114 or elinder@jfsnh.org.

# Federation Welcomes New Charitable Partner



The Jewish Federation and JCC of Greater New Haven is excited to welcome Liberty Bank as a new charitable partner. Liberty's recent \$10,000 charitable donation not only to the Greater New Haven community but also building impactful partnerships with local organizations like ours. It also shows Liberty truly believes in the good work we're doing.

Tony Rossley, Vice President, Business Banking Officer for Liberty Bank, conveyed how important this partnership between the Bank and the Jewish Federation would be for our organization and the constituents we serve. Tony worked closely with our staff to build the relationship and recommended that the Bank support us with a \$10,000 charitable donation. David W. Glidden, President & CEO of Liberty Bank and the Liberty Bank team agreed. Tony shared the great news with us in December 2021.

"Our new partnership with the Jewish Federation and JCC of Greater New Haven is just another example of what we mean at Liberty Bank when we say 'Be Community Kind'. This charitable donation speaks volumes about the values and culture we promote at the Bank, our recognition of great organizations like this one and our commitment to making our communities an even better place to live, work and play. The Liberty Bank team looks forward to working with the Federation and JCC on this wonderful collaboration," said Tony Rossley.

Tony has more than 30 years of experience in commercial and small business

banking serving the Greater New Haven market. At Liberty, he delivers a wide range of commercial and small business banking products and services. His office is located at 153 College Street in New Haven and he can be reached at [rossley@liberty-bank.com](mailto:rossley@liberty-bank.com) or (203) 815.9864.

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# AT THE JCC

## Straight to the Core

By Susan Donovan  
Director of Group and Virtual Exercise

The core has become a buzz word in the exercise world, but what actually is your core and how best do we exercise it for safety and function?

Arguably the most impacted part of one's body, your core is made up of a number of muscles that support the spine and pelvis. Think of your core as a cylinder at the center of your body comprised of the breathing diaphragm at the top, pelvic floor at the bottom, multifidus back muscles, and the transverse or deep abdominals in the front that wrap around the cylinder at its deepest layer. This team of muscles work together in anticipation of your body's every move, first and foremost to offer stability and protect the spine. Simply put, the core is the foundation of one's body—and, much the same as if you were building a house, you want to start with a strong and stable foundation.



A common misconception about the core muscles is that doing crunches will spot reduce your belly and give you an impressive set of six pack abs. But abs are really more a factor diet and genetics, as well as how you exercise—a topic for separate discussion. Although each of those four core cylinder muscle groups has its respective functions, for a strong, toned, and healthy functioning core, muscles work best together.

A well-rounded exercise or a movement training program that includes not only flexion (like crunches), but extensions or lengthening, rotations, and most importantly stabilization or isometric, nonmoving exercises (like planks). With, of course, a breathing focus (don't forget the diaphragm).

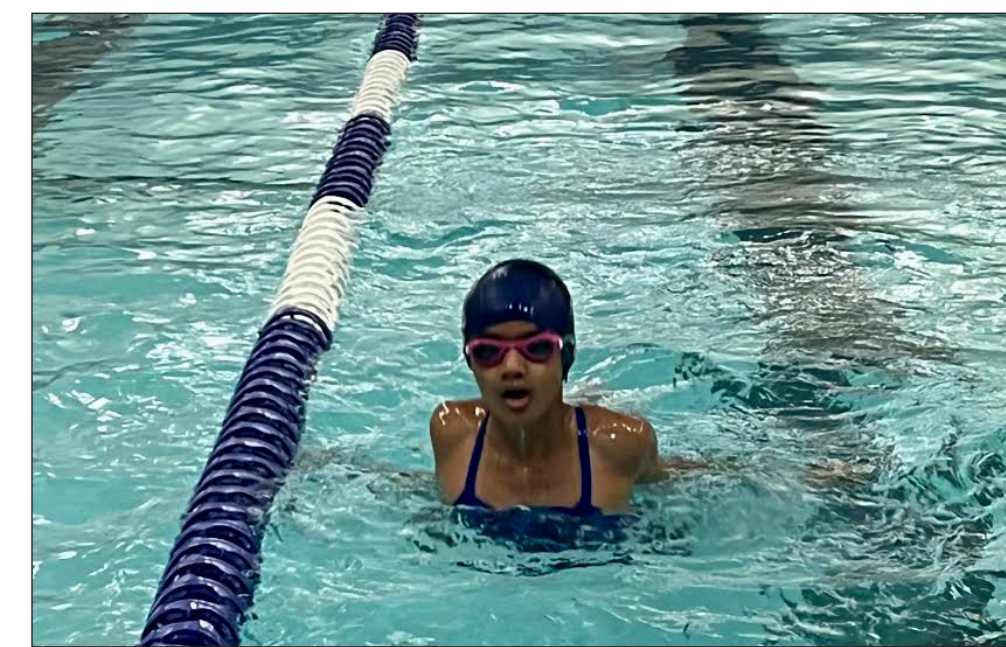


To achieve your strengthening goals, and improve the effectiveness and safety of daily activities, think functional; think non-movement to create stability at the deep core level; think big full body exercises in combination with a few of the more common crunches.

To determine which exercises are best suited for you, contact [susand@jccnh.org](mailto:susand@jccnh.org) for a free consultation.

Susan Donovan is a certified fitness professional and health coach and Director of Wellness & Group Exercise at the JCC of Greater New Haven.

## Annual Swimathon Makes a Big Splash!



Boat loads of family and friends were pool-side on the evening of DATE to witness the Greater New Haven JCC Blue Marlin Swim Team join forces with the JCC's adult Master's Swim group at the 2021 Emma Sundermann Blue Marlins Swimathon. Together the two groups of indomitable swimmers made waves by raising more than \$3,300 to benefit the JCC's outstanding aquatics program.

Also on hand, of course, was Pat Sundermann, a staple of the swim community who has served as the Blue Marlins' beloved coach—and inspiration—for more than 25 years. Held annually, the Swimathon honors the memory of Pat's daughter, Emma, who passed away from a rare infection at just 16 years of age. Emma encompassed what it means to be a Blue Marlin, with her buoyant spirit and her competitive nature that will truly be remembered for many years to come.



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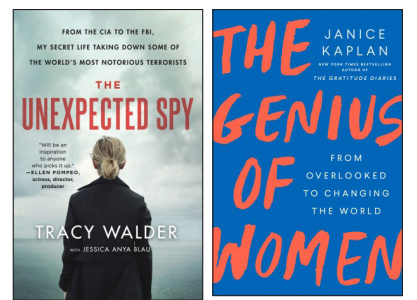


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# Foundation News

## Jewish Foundation 2022 Scholarship & Grant Opportunities

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS:

Scholarships offered are needs-based as well as needs-blind for high school seniors from Jewish households. All applications must be completed online by May 13, 2022. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed. Awards range from \$500 - \$3,000

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For more information and applications, visit [jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships](http://jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships).

### ISRAEL EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Jewish Foundation Israel Experience Scholarship Program enables local Jewish students ages 15-20 the opportunity to participate in an Israel experience to develop and enrich their Jewish education and reinforce their Jewish identity. Scholarships are for both short-term (minimum of 3 week program) and long-term organized Israel educational programs.

For 2022 summer trips, applications are due by March 18, 2022. For the 2022 gap or academic year programs, applications are due by June 10, 2022.

An essay and 2 recommendations are required. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed by the Israel Experience Scholarship committee. These scholarships are needs-blind. This is a competitive application process and in many years there are more applicants than money available. Therefore, awards are based on the strength of the application.

### THE WOMEN OF VISION SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2022 GRANTS

The Jewish Foundation's Women of Vision Society has been helping women and girls in the Greater New Haven area and Israel for over 20 years. This endowment, created by 100 founding members in our community, has tackled issues from domestic violence and health to acculturation and spirituality. The endowment has more than doubled its membership and giving since its creation. Since its inception, Women of Vision has disbursed over \$220,000 to help seed and sustain critical programming and services for women and girls. Deadline is January 28, 2022.

For more information and applications, visit [jewishnewhaven.org/grants](http://jewishnewhaven.org/grants)



## Year Three Security Grants Now Available!

Year three of the Jewish Foundation's security grants cycle begins January 15, 2022 (and deadline is August 13, 2022). This security grants initiative, for synagogues, day schools, JCC, and Camp Laurelwood (from the Arthur Eder Family Fund, in memory of Arthur & Yvette Eder) awarded \$277,000 in 2021 to Congregation B'nai Jacob, Congregation BEKI, Congregation Or Shalom, Hebrew Congregation of Woodmont, the Israeli Jewish Center, Temple Emanuel, Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale, Chabad of the Shoreline, Chabad of Hamden, Congregation Mishkan Israel, Westville Synagogue, Temple Beth David, Temple Beth Sholom, Ezra Academy, Camp Laurelwood, Camp Gan Israel, Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy, Temple Beth Tikvah, and the JCC.

Grants were made for armed guards, new alarm and monitoring systems, protective window film, gates, cameras, and much more. Most grants were part of larger

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## Shanbroms Follow Family Legacy

Larry and Sherry Shanbrom have been involved in the Greater New Haven Jewish community for as long as they can remember. They are both New Haven natives and long-time members of Congregation Or Shalom in Orange, Larry has been involved with many local Jewish organizations—he served as the Regional Board Chair of the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) from 1998 to 2000 and as president of the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven for two years in the late 1980s. He is currently a member of the Jewish Foundation Board of Trustees.



Jewish Foundation as the beneficiary at the time of their deaths.

Larry and Sherry and his parents shared the same attorney, Stephen Saltzman of Brenner, Saltzman, and Wallman, LLP. Larry and Sherry had established a donor advised fund with the Jewish Foundation several years ago. Recently they decided to name the Jewish Foundation and the JCC as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy Larry had, similar to what his parents had done. Steve Saltzman helped him with this, just like he had helped Larry's parents.

"After looking over our assets and finances, herry and I discussed setting up a fund to follow in the footsteps of my parents," Larry said. "We made this second commitment to the Jewish Foundation that will be split between the Jewish Foundation and the JCC. It was a positive and prudent thing to do. The Foundation and Federation have supported Jewish life in the New Haven community and will continue to do so in the future, so our small contribution is our way of expressing our support for what has been accomplished and what CAN be accomplished."



Foundation Chair Scott Hurwitz presents torah belonging to the former Jewish Home to residents at the Towers.

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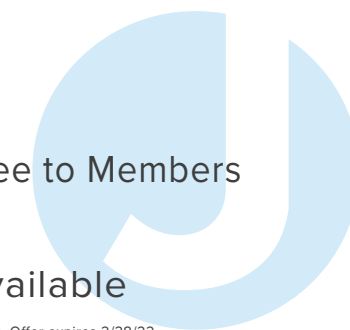
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# IN OUR SYNAGOGUES

## BJ Players are back with "The Bee" on Feb. 5!

In January 2019, B'nai Jacob Players were deep into rehearsals for their upcoming production of the hit Broadway show "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Then Covid hit.

Now, almost three years after the show was canceled indefinitely (just two weeks shy of its April 2019 opening), the Players are back at it—ready to raise the curtain on this hilarious musical comedy on Saturday evening, Feb. 5.

Thankfully, most of BJP's original multi-generational cast members have eagerly signed on for this rebooted version of "Bee," which tells the hilarious story of a spelling bee held at a middle school. Cindy Papish Gerber and Susan Jacobs will serve as co-directors, with Congregation Beth Jacob staff member Audra Ciarleglio Tagliamonte serving as musical director.

A notoriously tight-knit cast and crew, BJ Players first came together as a performance troupe in the 1970s, disbanded some time later, and regrouped in 1992, under the direction of Ken Sperling z"l, with a large scale production of "Fiddler on the Roof." Since then, the troupe has mounted 14 musicals and comedies, including an original show, "Chai Shul Musical," that earned BJP a Solomon Schechter award.



"After waiting almost two years", says producer Ros Sperling, "We are resuming the mission of BJ Players—which is, 'The Show Must Go On'." Along with her fellow co-producers, Amy Mindell and Miriam Sivkin, Sperling recognizes that, "The need to gather safely as a group was enormous! We are so happy to fill the void felt by many in our community." For ticket information, email [barbaragoldstein@bnaijacob.org](mailto:barbaragoldstein@bnaijacob.org), or call the B'nai Jacob office at (203) 389-2111.



## LESSON LEARNED: Not every Jew's 'bubbe' made kugel

BEKI's Rabbi Eric Woodward (left) talks about inclusivity

I'm eight years old, riding in the car with my friend Sam and his mom. They're both Jewish, too. It must have been December, since I remember Christmas lights on all the houses going through the hills in Los Angeles. Sam's mother asks me inquisitively, "Eric, is your family going to have a Christmas tree this year?" The answer to that question was yes, but I was embarrassed by it, so I

lied and said "no." And then Sam asked me, "Your father's not Jewish, right, but your mother is?" "Yes," I answered. "Ok," he wondered, "so technically you're Jewish."

That "technically" stayed with me a long time. Sam didn't mean anything by it; he was just a kid. But I picked up a sense that, because of my own interfaith and mixed-race background, I was somehow "less-than."

Today, as a rabbi, it is my calling to ensure that nobody feels "less-than" in our synagogue worlds. I've met so many people over the years who have been hurt by synagogues or Judaism, particularly around questions of identity or background, and I know that the Jewish community has to—and can—do better.

As the rabbi of BEKI, a New Haven synagogue that shares this calling—not simply to be inclusive or welcoming, but to help people feel a real sense of dignity and belonging—I am blessed with a team and community of people who want to make our world better in this way. Though there's a long way for our society to go, I'm part of a community of people who are working to be the change they want to see in the world.

But I also want to remind you that you, too, can be the change we need. If you're a person who has felt hurt by Judaism or excluded by identity, tell a rabbi. Reach out to any local rabbi and express your feelings. Oftentimes giving voice to things, especially when they have to do with questions of identity or shame, is a necessary step toward healing. We rabbis are here to listen.

And if you're a person who is very "in" the Jewish community, there are things you can do, too. Don't put people on the spot to share their background; that can be stressful.

Don't assume that "everyone's bubbe made kugel." Maybe they weren't Ashkenazic; maybe they never met their grandmother; maybe their grandmother wasn't Jewish. Remember that many aspects of Jewish culture, while beautiful and meaningful, are not universal and can sometimes exclude.

Our society is growing in this area, becoming more aware of how we speak about gender and racial difference. How can we bring some of that wisdom into the Jewish world to make it more full of love?

May we all find this winter the warmth of connection, meaning, and Torah.



## Teens Volunteer at BEKI for Holiday

In November, 14 teen from BEKI (Beth El-Keser Israel) took part in a USY tzedakah project to benefit the JFS food pantry. The community-minded teens assembled 120 kosher pareve apple pies. Purchased by

community members, most of the pies made their way to BEKI Thanksgiving tables, but 50 were purchased to donate to Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen to help those less fortunate enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving. Among the teen volunteers were: (l to r) : Miles Katz, Helen Gerber, Aviva Wyner, Sarah Rastelli, and Reuben Colten-Berry.

# Security Check



This past fall, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, together with the Federations in Southern and Western Connecticut, launched a new regional security program to better protect those attending area synagogues, day schools and other Jewish facilities. Created in partnership with the Secure Community Network (SCN), the program included the

hiring of public security expert Michael Shanbrom—a 20-year veteran of the FBI—as the region's first full-time security advisor overseeing the initiative.

Simply put, Mike hit the ground running. In just the past few months, he has been hard at work developing and administering a comprehensive program to protect Jewish institutions throughout the region, and serving as an advisor to Jewish institutions to establish a system of collaboration, coordination, and communication among the various organizations.

One of his first tasks has been to help the Jewish community understand how our Federation is deploying security support to assist all Jewish institutions. That's just

what he was doing in this photo, when he met at Congregation Mishkan Israel Nursery School with Michael Dimenstein (center), the congregation's board president, and Susan Nason (left), Early Childhood director of Mishkan Israel Nursery School.



During December, Mike also met with Federation Security Chair Evan Wyner (photo on left, standing at right) and Westville Synagogue Security Chair Elliott Croll (center) to discuss safety and security matters at the synagogue.

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Summers at Jewish camps are packed with a wide range of fun activities—aquatics, arts and crafts, basketball and soccer, dance, music, cooking, archery, drama, outdoor adventure and hiking, and much more. Like non-Jewish camps, campers are encouraged to discover new skills and interests they never knew they had.

## SO, WHY SEND YOUR CHILD TO A JEWISH CAMP?

According to studies conducted by the Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC), Jewish camps weave Jewish values, culture, and traditions into the fabric of the camp community, helping campers to connect to their own identity and the larger Jewish community. At Jewish camps, spirited staff members use experiential learning to reveal to campers what makes Jewish religion and culture so unique in today's world. At camp, Jewish and Israeli culture is celebrated through song, food, art, and dance.

Of course, each camp designs its own program, but whether they're telling stories in their bunks, learning about the environment, or playing tennis, at Jewish camps campers explore what Judaism means to them in a safe, nurturing, and fun environment.

## AND IT DOESN'T STOP THERE.

The impact of Jewish camp is immediate—campers return home connected to a community and friends that will last them a lifetime. In short, children with pivotal Jewish camp experiences are more likely to become adults who value their Jewish heritage, support Jewish causes, and take on leadership roles in their communities.

There are a variety of traditional and specialty overnight camps that span different denominations of Judaism, accommodate special needs and interests, and offer unique programming, catering to each family's needs. Use the Find a Camp tool ([jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper/find-a-camp](http://jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper/find-a-camp)) to begin your search for the perfect summer experience for your child.

If your child has never been to Jewish camp, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven offers One Happy Camper need-blind grants of up to \$1,000, as well as need-based scholarships. See more info on the right. To learn more about the Foundation for Jewish Camps, visit [www.jewishcamp.org](http://www.jewishcamp.org).

# One Happy Camper Grants

Many Jewish communities throughout North America participate in the Foundation for Jewish Camps One Happy Camper program that provides up to a \$5000 grant for first-time campers.

Eligibility criteria varies from community to community. Typically, campers must reside within the local program provider area, already be enrolled in their first overnight nonprofit Jewish summer camp (a 12-18 or 19+ consecutive day session), and identify as Jewish.

In Connecticut, One Happy Camper grants, and in some cases other camp scholarships, are available through the following partner organizations:

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# CAMP LAURELWOOD: 85 and going strong

By Miriyam Judd

Camp Laurelwood in Madison, Connecticut will celebrate its 85th summer season this year—and it's bound to be the best yet.

That's no small feat at any time—but given that what is expected to be a blockbuster 2022 season comes just two summers after the COVID-19 pandemic forced Connecticut's only overnight camp to close down, offering only three weeks of a family day camp instead, makes the accomplishment especially awesome.

"We offered a refund to every family who had signed up for that camp session," says Rabbi James Greene, Laurelwood's executive director, reflecting back on the summer that wasn't.

"We had individual conversations with every family, and asked them to consider donating a portion of the tuition to help keep the camp running. We also invited families to roll over the tuition for this previous summer," he notes.

This past summer, Laurelwood, along with other area camps, implemented precautions to ensure the health and safety of campers and staff, including requiring two negative PCR tests upon arrival, mandatory mask wearing and vaccination requirements for staffers. A vaccination clinic was also offered for international staff members who had yet to receive the vaccine.



These precautionary measures proved effective, and the summer ended without even one camper or staff member getting sick.

In preparation for the second post-COVID summer, Rabbi Greene says Laurelwood will focus on a new camper care initiative called MESH (Mental, Emotional, Social, Spiritual Health).

"MESH isn't one place that campers go or one thing they do; it's a holistic view of camp and the camper as a whole," Greene explains. "We really learned that mental, emotional, social and spiritual health is a top priority and we recognized during COVID that there is a stronger, more pressing need to incorporate this type of programming into the camp community."

In addition to the creation of a MESH committee to oversee this critical work, Camp Laurelwood will partner with the Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford to "meet each camper at their point of availability," says Greene. "The goal is to send campers home a better versions of themselves."

With a better grasp and greater knowledge of the COVID virus than existed the previous two summers, residential camps are now able to create spaces that are safe and COVID-free.

"All of our staff members are vaccinated. Last year, the rate of vaccination among eligible campers was 90%, and I presume it will be even higher this year," Greene says. "We know more about COVID now than we did at this time last year, and people in our community are understanding their responsibility to protect others. We teach kindness and an understanding that we are all responsible for one another. It's a Jewish value."

And that's just what Camp Laurelwood sets out to do every summer: To teach and encourage young Jewish campers to think about the many ways in which their Jewishness can change them, as well as the world around them.

"Jewish camp is, I believe, the single most impactful thing we can offer our children and families to increase Jewish identities and strengthen Jewish activities," Greene points out.

"I don't believe Jewish camps make you more Jewish," he says. "It's a place where you can ask not how Jewish are you but how do you want to be Jewish? It's one of the only places in the Jewish world where we can intentionally ask that question."



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# JCC DAY CAMPS: Jewish values and lifelong memories

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"Our facility is great, but the staff is really the component that makes JCC Day Camps so special," says JCC Day Camps Director Debra Kirschner. "A lot of our staff were campers themselves and had excellent role models here at camp. They lived it—and they are passionate about passing on the best experiences that they had as campers to the children that they lead," says Camp Director Debra Kirschner, who has been with JCC Day Camps for many years, working as a counselor, sports specialist, CIT director, and the list goes on. "It's very rewarding to see children learn."

**JEWISH VALUES & JEWISH LIFE**

Jewish values are woven into the fabric of camp life through daily activities.

The concept of "tikkun olam"—of helping one's local community and repairing the world—is central to Judaism. At JCC Day Camps, we bring that concept to life through volunteer work, acts of kindness and compassion, and tzedakah projects, that our campers take part in. For example, JCC Day Campers volunteer in the community or participate in events on site to raise money for the charity of their choice. Last year, they organized a car wash on the JCC campus that raised over \$1,400. The campers designated the car wash proceeds to two charities: The Barry Vine Send A Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund; and Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer.

Kabbalat Shabbat—the spiritual Friday night service, that welcomes the Shabbat (which at a day camp takes place right before campers leave for the weekend)—is definitely one of the highlights at camp and a most meaningful way to close out the week. At JCC Day Camps, we use this special moment to encourage campers to look back on the week; to reflect on our collective experiences; and to celebrate our individual accomplishments. We light the Shabbat candles and say the blessing over challah, and sit back to appreciate all that we have and all that we are.



JCC Day Camps is proud to instill in campers a love of community, which is a crucial part of Jewish values. Through special events like our Israel Day, Hebrew words are taught and campers learn about Israeli culture through stories, food, songs and games.

**WHAT IF COVID CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM THIS SUMMER?**

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# Governor Ned Lamont helps "Shine A Light on Antisemitism"



Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, and David Waren, president and CEO of the Jewish of Greater Hartford, flank the "Shine A Light on Antisemitism" at the Dec. 6 press conference attended by Gov. Ned Lamont (standing next to David Waren).

Governor Ned Lamont helped kick off "Shine A Light Week" in Connecticut, at a press conference held Nov. 29 in the JCC of Greater New Haven's Vine Family Auditorium, and attended by a slew of community leaders—including state senators, leaders of the NAACP and Urban League, as well executives from the seven state's Jewish Federations, area rabbis, and the interim regional director of Connecticut ADL, and other Jewish community leaders.

Shine A Light Week is part of the "Shine A Light on Antisemitism" campaign—a new North American initiative created and coordinated by the Jewish Federation of North American, that aims to address rising antisemitism in the United States and Canada, and spotlight it through education, partnerships, media and advocacy.

The Jewish Federations of Greater New Haven and Greater Hartford, along with their respective Jewish Community Relations Councils and marketing department, led a collaborative grant request to receive funding of \$45,000 to bring "Shine A Light on Antisemitism" awareness to communities across Connecticut. The effort included a major media ad buy and a broad social media campaign.

The initiative's kick off on the first day of Chanukah served as a reminder that just one small light has the power to illuminate darkness and spark hope. It was followed by a week of events hosted by Jewish communities all across throughout the state, culminating on the final day of Chanukah, Dec. 6, with a webinar presented by the state's seven Jewish Federations, their Jewish Community Relations Councils, the Jewish Federation Association of CT (JFACT), and the Connecticut office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), in partnership with

the NAACP, Urban League, and Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

"Shine A Light on Antisemitism" is a major nationwide and Canadian initiative to address rising antisemitism through education, partnership, advocacy and the media," explained Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, as she opened a statewide "Shine A Light on Antisemitism" webinar on Dec. 6.

After a performance of "Maoz Tsur" by Cantor Julia Cadrain of Temple Israel of Westport, Alperin announced that, while Chanukah may be over, the ShineALightCT.org website will remain up and running to provide resources, links and tips on combatting antisemitic hate.

To shed light on how such hate was born, webinar guest speaker Oren Jacobson, co-founder of Project Shema, which helps Jewish organizations "engage more effectively with progressives on issues surrounding Israel and antisemitism," discussed the history of antisemitism throughout the world.

"Many people think about antisemitism as starting with the crucifixion of Jesus and ending with the Holocaust. The truth is, anti-Jewish ideas existed before this moment. And unfortunately, they exist long after the Nazis were defeated," Jacobson said.

Jacobson traced the history of antisemitism from 70 CE, when the Romans drove the Jews out of the Biblical land of Israel; through the 14th century, when Jews were blamed and made scapegoats for the Plague, famine and war; through the 15th century, when Jews were victims of the Spanish Inquisition and burned at the stake; through pogroms and attacks on Jews

# SHINE A LIGHT on Antisemitism

throughout Europe over the ages; and through the violence and expulsion of Jews from their native Middle Eastern countries.

He then brought the history of antisemitism to recent times, touching on the emergence of the KKK and the American Nazi movement in the early 20th century, and the legalized discrimination against and hatred against Jews that existed in the U.S. well into the middle of the 20th century. He also referenced some of the most recent and infamous incidents of antisemitism and hate including the massacre of Jewish worshippers at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the murder of the retired Jewish teacher Sarah Halimani in Paris, and the KKK Rally in Charlottesville, Va., in 2017, in which White supremacists famously chanted, among other epithets, "Jews will not replace us."

"Now once again, unfortunately, this type of hate and bigotry is rising once more, as people feel emboldened to let these ideas out from under the rocks, moving more towards the mainstream," Jacobson told those listening in to the webinar. "And as this happens, unfortunately, we see violence targeting Jews once more."

Webinar guest speaker Ellie Cooper of Middlefield, a recent college graduate and ADL volunteer, shared her family's story of experiencing antisemitic vandalism at her home during Chanukah when she was a child.

"I remember being really scared and I noticed my moms were scared too. I asked one of my moms before bed that night, 'Are we in danger? Does someone want to hurt us?' she recalled. "That was the first time that I learned that some people hate Jews. My first lesson about antisemitism."

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# THE WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Legal group: Duke must grant pro-Israel group recognition

(JNS) The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law is calling on Duke University president Vincent Price to formally recognize the school's chapter of Students Supporting Israel, saying it is the "only way to ensure the university's compliance" with federal law. In an email sent to Price on Tuesday, Dec. 14, the advocacy group addressed the decision made by the Duke University Student Government (DSG) in November to uphold DSG president Christina Wang's veto to formally recognize SSI, also known as "Duke SSI."

After the Duke Senate upheld Wang's veto, Price said DSG's decision is "independent" from the university, and that the administration will still provide financial and program support to SSI, despite it not having formal recognition by the student government.

The Brandeis Center's group of lawyers said in their letter, "...it is not sufficient under the law merely to provide 'options to secure financial and programmatic support' without formal recognition." The attorneys explained that Duke is "legally obligated to take corrective action in response to the unlawful treatment of Duke SSI by formally recognizing the student organization and ensuring it has equal access to resources" under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which forbids discrimination based on national origin and shared ethnicity. They also detailed how SSI has been "subjected to special scrutiny that other groups did not have to endure." For example, SSI student representatives were subjected to extensive questioning before the student government vote.

The lawyers concluded by reminding Price that Duke University signed a Resolution Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, "in which it agreed to take certain measures to address allegations of anti-Semitism. In light of that pending agreement, the university should be particularly sensitive to its legal obligation to address instances of anti-Semitic discrimination on campus in a prompt and effective manner."

## Saudi writer: War with Israel not an option

(JNS) Saudi writer Abd Al-Aziz Munif bin Razen wrote in the Saudi daily Okaz that negotiations between the Palestinians and Israel should be renewed under the mediation of the Gulf states. According to the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) report, Razen argued that a hostile policy towards Israel was ineffective and would not bring a solution to the conflict; it would only serve the interests of Iran.

"For this reason, some countries in the Gulf and elsewhere began building bridges of peace with Tel Aviv—not out of submission or obedience, but out of recognition and appreciation of the other, so as to break the psychological barrier and address the Palestinian issue in a

more balanced manner," he wrote, adding, "To resolve the Palestinian issue, there is no need for armed conflicts or deadly wars, nor for rounds of negotiations that [only] lead to an explosion." He pointed out that another war in the region would only worsen the economic crisis in parts of the Middle East, which has been exacerbated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



## 'New York Times' admits misreporting on Gazan poet

(JNS) The New York Times has repudiated its own story about a Gaza poetry professor who was said to teach students empathy for Israelis. In an editors' note published on Tuesday, Dec. 14, the newspaper acknowledged that its reporting did not accurately reflect the facts. The six-paragraph editors' note is appended at the top of the online story and was published in the newspaper's print edition on Dec. .... It begins: "After publication of this article, Times editors reviewed additional information that is at odds with the article's portrayal of Refaat Alareer, a literature professor at Islamic University in Gaza, who was described as presenting Israeli poems in a positive light to his Palestinian students."

The note summarized the premise of the Nov. 16 story by Jerusalem bureau chief Patrick Kingsley, which claimed that Alareer praised a poem by a well-known Israeli poet as one that underscores the "shared humanity" between Israelis and Palestinians. "However," the newspaper continued, "in a video of a class from 2019, he called the same poem 'horrible' and 'dangerous.'" The paper "concluded that the article did not accurately reflect Mr. Alareer's views on Israeli poetry or how he teaches it."

The Committee for Middle East Reporting and Analysis (CAMERA), whose analysis of the story's inaccuracies and correspondence with the newspaper led to the correction, commended The New York Times for clearing the record but called on the paper to ensure that "facts will

matter more than narrative" in future stories.

CAMERA research analyst Gilead Ini said, "It is good to see the newspaper take full responsibility in this case." But Ini also pointed to the newspaper's culture as a reason for the misreporting. "As long as reporters shape their coverage to fit a preexisting narrative, that flattens the conflict into a simplistic and false story of Palestinian innocence and Israeli guilt, these missteps will continue."

Andrea Levin, CAMERA's executive director, said, "Sound reporting of the conflict needs to highlight the role of Palestinian incitement in perpetuating the conflict. Instead, this piece acted as a whitewash of those behind indoctrination."

In the original article, which remains unchanged online underneath the editors' note, Alareer is cast as a bridge-builder. He is said to teach students "appreciation" of Israeli poetry and empathy for Jews and is described as a surprising "champion" of Hebrew poetry. Alareer's lesson, the article claimed, undermines the narrative of Israelis "who often assume the Palestinian education system is simply an engine of incitement."

The piece's print headline, "Discovering Empathy With Political Enemies Through Poetry," underscored the message.

## Texas man charged with threatening to kill rabbis

(JNS) A Texas man was arrested and charged for threatening to kill prominent rabbis, including leaders at the Chabad-Lubavitch headquarters in New York. Christopher Stephen Brown, 37, appeared in federal court on Dec. 9. His girlfriend Rebekah Jones, 28, also appeared in court and was charged with assaulting a federal officer with a deadly weapon during Brown's arrest.

Brown allegedly sent a message to Chabad via its website on Dec. 2, calling for the death of all Jews and threatening to kill members of the beit din, a Jewish rabbinical court. The message included a link to a video on Brown's YouTube channel. On the channel, Brown calls himself Madrikh Obidiah and calls for the death of the Chabad-Lubavitch chairman, vice chairman and another leader's son.

On Dec. 4, Brown called Chabad headquarters at 770 Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, N.Y., and allegedly left two voicemail messages. He said Madrikh Obidiah would "tear out" the rabbis' eyes and tongues, and kill every rabbi he could find. He called the headquarters again the next day and allegedly threatened to behead the Jewish leaders.

Law-enforcement officials arrived at Brown's apartment to arrest him on Dec. 8. He "repeatedly refused to obey agents' commands" during the arrest and "resisted being placed in handcuffs," according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas. "During the struggle, Ms. Jones locked arms with Mr. Brown and tried to pull him into the bedroom. She pointed a gun at an FBI agent, who grabbed the gun and attempted to point it in a safe direction. While wrestling with both Mr. Brown and Ms. Jones, the agent was eventually able to free the gun and fling it onto the floor."

# IN MEMORIAM "Lion of Judah" co-founder Norma Kipnis-Wilson was a woman's philanthropy visionary



Norma Kipnis-Wilson, women's philanthropy visionary and co-founder of Jewish Federations of North America's (JFNA) innovative Lion of Judah program, died of lung cancer Wednesday, Dec. 15 in Aventura, Florida. She was 93.

In 1970, when JFNA's Jewish Women's Philanthropy was still referred to as the 'Women's Division,' wrote JFNA Board chair Mark Wilf and JFNA National Women's Philanthropy chair Carolyn Gitlin, a Connecticut resident, in a letter to JFNA supporters, Kipnis-Wilson "envisioned a path for elevating women's significant leadership in the field of Jewish philanthropy."

"She believed in the enormous contribution that Jewish women were capable of making and of a minimum million-dollar campaign. This was groundbreaking philanthropy, unheard of for women at that time," they noted.

Barbara Green Orell, who will receive JFNA's Kipnis-Wilson Friedland Lion of Judah Award at the Lion of Judah Conference in Phoenix next December, agreed, calling Kipnis-Wilson "a woman of valor and a woman of great vision."

"She led by example and inspired generations of women around the world to come together to make a positive impact on Jewish life by helping the most vulnerable amongst us and promoting social justice all over the globe."

What a loss and what a life well lived. May her memory be a blessing," said Green.

The Lion of Judah program co-founded by Kipnis-Wilson and her close friend Toby Friedland z"l, will mark its 50th anniversary in 2022. To date, more than a billion dollars has been raised through the program to benefit Jews in need in local communities, in Israel, and worldwide.

"Norma was an inspiration to each of us," said Betsy Hoos, a past recipient of the Kipnis-Wilson Friesland Lion of Judah Award. "She and Toby created a symbol of philanthropy that took off from its creation in Miami. The Lion of Judah became an international symbol of Women's Philanthropy that immediately connected those who recognized it on other women. As Rabbi Irwin Kyla said at an early Lion conference, it was the greatest sorority for giving!"

Other Kipnis-Wilson Friedland Lion of Judah Award winners from the Greater New Haven area—including Robyn Teplitzky and Judy Skolnick—echoed Hoos' sentiment.

"The Jewish world has lost a legend," said Teplitzky. "Norma Kipnis Wilson and Toby Freidland were pioneers for all women and have left a strong legacy of philanthropists. It is an honor and privilege to be a recipient of the Kipnis Wilson Friedland award and follow in their footsteps."

Said Skolnick, "What a great lady and a great legacy for all women! We were so lucky to have her with us at the last Lion Conference."

Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1928, Kipnis-Wilson's family moved to Jacksonville, Florida when she was a child. She attended the University of Miami, later marrying Jerry Kipnis and settling in Jacksonville where they raised five children. They relocated to South Florida in 1960. After her divorce from her first husband, she married Allan Wilson and became an active leader in the Jewish community of Miami. In 1972, Kipnis-Wilson and Friedland co-founded the Lion of Judah program at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, creating a new avenue for women to make significant financial and personal commitments to effectuate positive change.

Since then, the Lion of Judah community has grown to represent a cohort of nearly 18,000 women philanthropists worldwide. Through Lion of Judah, Jewish women from around the world, and from 146 Federations, can celebrate their collective ability to repair the world and secure the future of the Jewish community.

In recognition of their contribution to the world of women's philanthropy, the Kipnis-Wilson Friedland Lion of Judah Award was est. in 2004. It is presented annually to Jewish women philanthropists in communities all across North America.

"Norma remained on the frontlines from the Lion of Judah's inception until her death," noted Gitlin. "She inspired two generations of Lions, many of whom are now leading and inspiring yet another generation of Jewish women. She will be sorely missed, but her legacy will continue forever. May her memory be a blessing."

Norma Kipnis-Wilson is survived by four children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Allan Wilson, and a son, David.

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# Hunting the Truth

By Yelena Gerovich  
New American Acculturation Program Coordinator

If you're looking for a great escape from the dark and cold days of winter, your search is over. All you have to do is snuggle up under a comfy blanket, pour yourself a cup of hot something...and bury yourself in a good book. Of course, everyone's got their own idea of what constitutes a good book. But if you like riveting true stories with larger than life heroes, a great book to bury yourself in is "Hunting the Truth: Memoirs of Beate and Serge Klarsfeld."

A thrilling memoir written in their alternating voices, "Hunting the Truth" tells the story of Beate and Serge Klarsfeld, who met on the Paris Metro, married in 1963 and, for more than half century, have hunted, prosecuted, confronted, and exposed Nazi war criminals all over the world.

They have been sent to prison for their beliefs and have risked their lives protesting antisemitism behind the Iron Curtain, and throughout South America and the Middle East. They have been assaulted and heralded, insulted and exalted, honored by U.S. presidents and sent letter bombs by neo-Nazis.

It is a remarkable story of a loving couple dedicated to the same ideal—combatting evil—despite having been born on opposite sides of the Second World War. The story of a Jewish boy born in Bucharest who, in 1943 at the age of eight, hid with his mother and sister in their home in Nice, France, while his father was taken away by the French Vichy police and sent to Auschwitz where he was subsequently murdered; and a young German girl who grew up in the ruins of a defeated Weimar Germany.

The couple became famous when Beate slapped the face of the West German chancellor—a former Nazi—Kurt Georg Kiesinger.

In 1978, Serge Klarsfeld published Memorial of the Deportation of the Jews of France, a book listing the names of more than 80,000 Jews deported from France to concentration camp or killed in France.

In recognition of his work as a Nazi hunter, Serge Klarsfeld is among six finalists nominated for the 2022 Genesis Prize. The annual \$1 million-dollar award honors individuals for their professional accomplishments, commitment to Jewish values, and contribution to improving the world.

The New American Acculturation Program offers many educational programs, celebrates Jewish holidays and continued to teach about Jewish life and traditions all around the world.

For more information, including sponsorship opportunities regarding specific programs, contact Yelena Gerovich at (203)-387-2424 x321, or email [ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org).



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Пара прославилась, когда Беате ударила по лицу канцлера Западной Германии - бывшего нациста - Курта Георга Кизингера.

В 1978 году Серж Кларсфельд опубликовал «Мемориал депортации евреев из Франции», книгу, в которой перечислены имена более 80 000 евреев, депортированных из Франции в концлагерь или убитых во Франции.

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# Gov. Ned Lamont helps “Shine A Light on Antisemitism”

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Cooper, who describes herself as “a proud Jewish woman of color,” recalled antisemitic comments she heard from other students during high school, which led to her becoming an ADL trainer in adults across the state responding effectively against antisemitism and hate,” Cooper said. “A decade ago the hate was there, just under the surface – snide remarks and insults from young people...That hate is not just simmering anymore, and that brings us to where we are and why we are here today, to shine a light and to awaken our fellow humans to the crimes of antisemitism.”

Those crimes, according to the annual ADL survey, include 185 antisemitic incidents in Connecticut in 2020. During the same period, ADL tabulated 2,024 reported antisemitic incidents throughout the United States. Though that number represents a four percent decrease from the 2,107 incidents recorded in 2019, it is nonetheless the third-highest year on record since ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents in 1979.

“We are gathered here in a moment in time in which antisemitism is once again on the rise across the globe,” Jacobson stated. “Antisemitism is a hatred that knows no geographic boundaries, no time boundaries, no communal boundaries, no political boundaries, and is present in all eras, in all communities and in all political movements.

“Antisemitism is built on conspiracy theories,” he added. “And when conspiracy theories spread, facts and truths are undermined. And when facts and truths are undermined democracy and civil rights are threatened.”

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LOJE (Lion of Judah Endowment) to ensure my gift in perpetuity. It is a privilege to be a Lion of Judah. I have had many opportunities to attend national events and international conferences that allowed me the opportunity to expand and maintain my personal relationships around the world."

Robyn K. Teplitzky, MSW, of Greater New Haven, is a graduate of Wurzelweil School of Social Work, Yeshiva University. A versatile Jewish communal professional, her various roles have included that of Campaign Director and Senior Director of the National Jewish Federations of North America Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence. As a volunteer, she served as the ADL New Haven County Chair, Connecticut Regional Chair and a national commissioner. In addition, she is a past board member of Congregation B'nai Jacob and was chair of Gan Hayaed nursery school. She currently serves on the ADL Regional Board and is a board member of the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital. Robyn is a past recipient of the prestigious Jewish Federation National Women's Philanthropy Kipnis- Wilson/Friedland Award, which honors women who have demonstrated the highest ideals of leadership, volunteerism and philanthropy. Robyn and her husband, Jeffrey, are the parents of two adult children.



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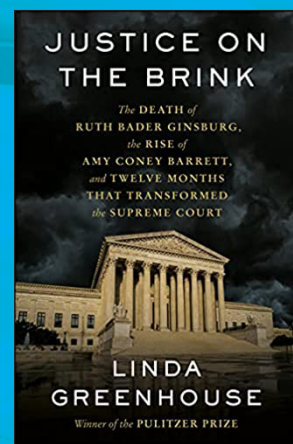
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**JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: FILM PROGRAM: "Anita"** Jan. 10-16, All day, \$10, Via Zoom, Contact: Susan Skalka, [susans@jccnh.org](mailto:susans@jccnh.org), or visit [jccnh.org/events](http://jccnh.org/events)

**JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: AUTHOR PROGRAM: Riva Lehrer "Golem Girl: A Memoir"** Jan. 10, 7-8 PM, \$5, Via Zoom, Contact: Susan Skalka, [susans@jccnh.org](mailto:susans@jccnh.org), or visit [jccnh.org/events](http://jccnh.org/events)

**Faith in Jewish Tradition, Monday night class with Rabbi Shapiro** Jan. 10, 7:30-9:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, [info@bnaijacob.org](mailto:info@bnaijacob.org)

## February events

**PJ Library "Parenting with Sanity & Joy" with Author Susan G. Groner** Feb. 2, 8-9 PM, Via Zoom, FREE. Contact: Kayla Bisbee, (203) 387-2424 x300, visit [jewishnewhaven.org/events](http://jewishnewhaven.org/events), or email [kbisbee@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:kbisbee@jewishnewhaven.org)

**BEKI Conversation with Artist Bruce Oren** Feb. 5, 12:30-1:30 PM, Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, 85 Harrison Street New Haven. Contact: Peggy Hackett, [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org), [beki.org](http://beki.org)

**JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: FILM PROGRAM: "Bombshell"** Feb. 7-13, All day, \$10, Via Zoom, Contact: Susan Skalka, [susans@jccnh.org](mailto:susans@jccnh.org), or visit [jccnh.org/events](http://jccnh.org/events)

**Faith in Jewish Tradition, Monday night class with Rabbi Shapiro** Feb. 7, 7:30-9:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, [info@bnaijacob.org](mailto:info@bnaijacob.org), [bnaijacob.org](http://bnaijacob.org)

**JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: AUTHOR PROGRAM: Tracy Walder "The Unexpected Spy"** Feb. 8, 7-9 PM, \$5, Via Zoom. Contact: Susan Skalka, [susans@jccnh.org](mailto:susans@jccnh.org), or visit [jccnh.org/events](http://jccnh.org/events)

**Women's Philanthropy & JCRC Present: The Supreme Court and The Future of Abortion Rights with Linda Greenhouse** Feb. 9, 7 PM, In-Person or Via Zoom. \$36 Couvert: Dessert and Book included, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact: Amy Holtz, [aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org), or visit [jewishnewhaven.org/wp-justice](http://jewishnewhaven.org/wp-justice).

**Faith in Jewish Tradition, Monday night class with Rabbi Shapiro** Feb. 14, 7:30-9:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, [info@bnaijacob.org](mailto:info@bnaijacob.org)

**Faith in Jewish Tradition, Monday night class with Rabbi Shapiro** Feb. 21, 7:30-9:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, [info@bnaijacob.org](mailto:info@bnaijacob.org)

**JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: AUTHOR PROGRAM: Janice Kaplan "The Genius of Women"** Feb. 24, 7-9 PM, \$5, Via Zoom. Contact: Susan Skalka, [susans@jccnh.org](mailto:susans@jccnh.org), or visit [jccnh.org/events](http://jccnh.org/events)

**JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: FILM PROGRAM: "The Women's Balcony"** Feb. 28, 7-9 PM, \$10, Via Zoom, Contact: Susan Skalka, [susans@jccnh.org](mailto:susans@jccnh.org), or visit [jccnh.org/events](http://jccnh.org/events)

**Faith in Jewish Tradition, Monday night class with Rabbi Shapiro** Feb. 28, 7:30-9:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, [info@bnaijacob.org](mailto:info@bnaijacob.org)

Visit [jewishnewhaven.org/](http://jewishnewhaven.org/) events for more details, and for updates and changes.

**JCC & Jewish Historical Society Present: What You Need to Know About Jewish Family Names** Jan. 12, 7 PM, Via Zoom. Contact: Susan Skalka, [susans@jccnh.org](mailto:susans@jccnh.org), or visit [jccnh.org/events](http://jccnh.org/events)

**Jewish Federations and JHaven's Tu B'Shvat** Jan. 12, 1-2 PM, In-Person or Via Zoom. Gift Bags. Young Adults/Ages 21+, FREE Contact: Derek Holodak, [dholodak@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:dholodak@jewishnewhaven.org), or visit [jewishnewhaven.org/events](http://jewishnewhaven.org/events)

**PJ Library & Camp Laurelwood PATHWAYS TO JEWISH EXPERIENCES Tu B'Shevat Craft Project: Wet Felting For Ages 3-9** Jan. 17, 4-5 PM, Via Zoom or in person: Camp Laurelwood, 463 Summer Hill Road, Madison, Contact: Kayla Bisbee, (203) 387-2424 x300, [kbisbee@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:kbisbee@jewishnewhaven.org), or visit [jewishnewhaven.org/events](http://jewishnewhaven.org/events)

**Faith in Jewish Tradition, Monday night class with Rabbi Shapiro** Jan. 17, 7:30-9:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, [info@bnaijacob.org](mailto:info@bnaijacob.org)

**JCC Presents College Ready Social Media with Lisa Good** Jan. 19, 6:30-8:30 PM, Via Zoom. \$10, For parents of and the students in middle, high school and college. Visit [jccnh.org/events](http://jccnh.org/events). Contact: Lindsey Barger, [lbarger@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:lbarger@jewishnewhaven.org)

**JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: FILM PROGRAM: "Shoelaces"** Jan. 24-30, All day, \$10, Via Zoom, Contact: Susan Skalka, [susans@jccnh.org](mailto:susans@jccnh.org), or visit [jccnh.org/events](http://jccnh.org/events)

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**JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: AUTHOR PROGRAM: Valerie Gilpeur "I Have Been Buried Under Years of Dust"** Jan. 27, 7-8 PM, \$5, Via Zoom. Contact: Susan Skalka, [susans@jccnh.org](mailto:susans@jccnh.org), or visit [jccnh.org/events](http://jccnh.org/events)

**Faith in Jewish Tradition, Monday night class with Rabbi Shapiro** Jan. 31, 7:30-9:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, [info@bnaijacob.org](mailto:info@bnaijacob.org)

### College Ready Social Media

Hosted by Author Lisa Good

Wednesday, Jan. 19 6:30 PM | Via Zoom

For parents of—and the students in middle, high school, and college

\$10 per family | Parents and children encouraged to attend TOGETHER!

Lisa Good founded GSG Computers, Inc. together with her husband in 1997. She's a Technology expert and Marketing Specialist.

Her passion is to help families navigate the virtual world. Lisa will come to use virtually from Nashville to help you and child(ren) understand the importance of a clean but real social presence. Does your child dream of becoming a doctor, a teacher, or getting an athletic scholarship? Her checklists and helpful hints will set your family on the track to making those dreams a reality. She has seen first hand scholarships and job offers revoked after companies do a "deep dive" into someone's social media accounts. The heartbreak that follows is why is Lisa is so passionate about helping others.

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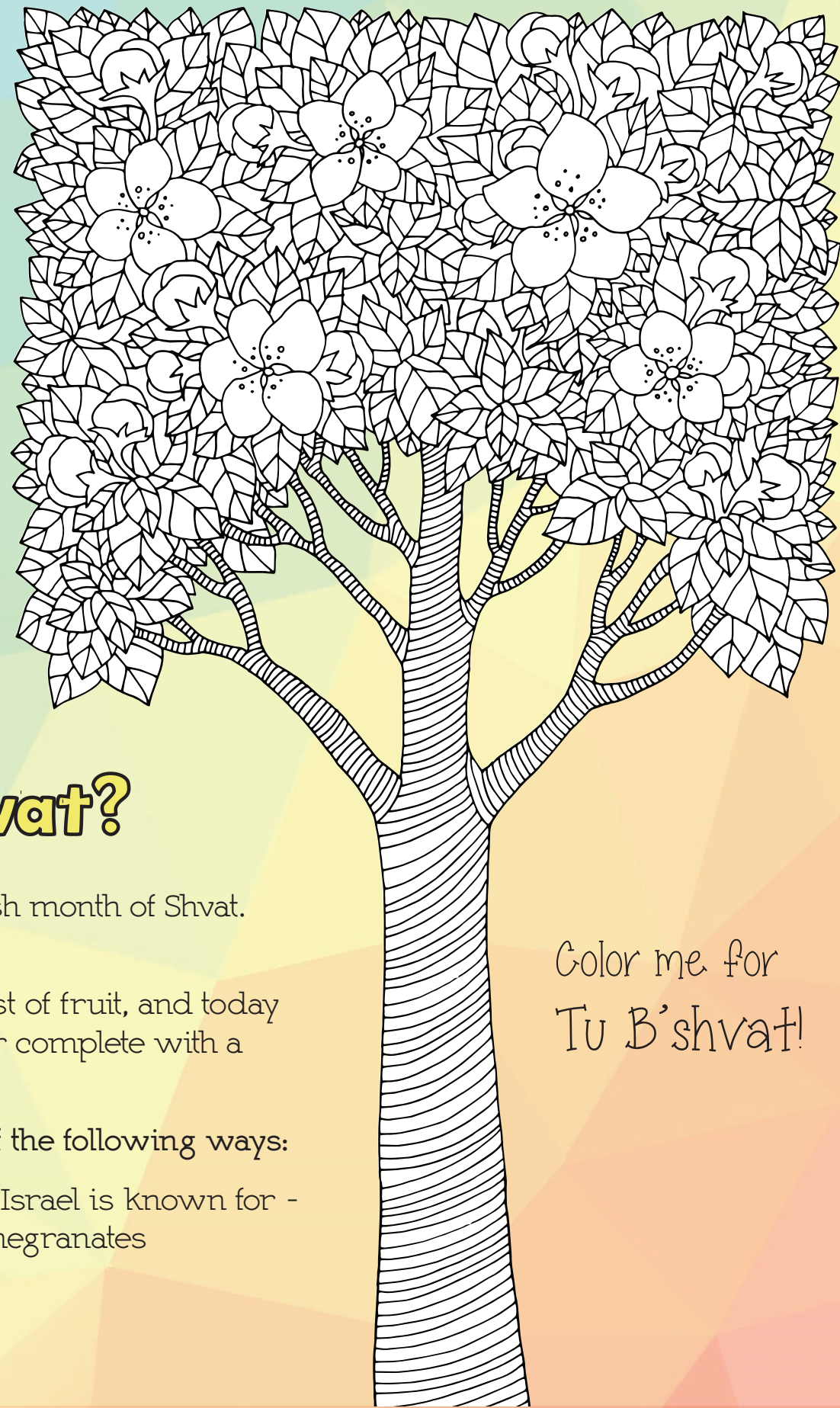
By Chava Light

## Storytime

There is a story told about an old man planting a fig tree. "Why are you planting a fig tree when it will take so many years to grow?" he was asked.

"You won't be around to be able to enjoy its fruit!"

The old man answered simply. "When I was born, my ancestors had planted for me, and I now I plant for my descendents."



Color me for Tu B'shvat!

## What Is Tu B'Shvat?

Tu B'Shvat is the fifteenth day in the Jewish month of Shvat. It celebrates the new year for TREES!

In ancient times, they used to have a feast of fruit, and today in Israel, some people have a fruit seder complete with a special Haggadah!

Today, most people celebrate in some of the following ways:

- (1) Eating a special fruit, often one that Israel is known for - like olives, dates, grapes, figs and pomegranates
- (2) Planting a tree, especially in Israel

BE IN OUR COMMUNITY KIDS SECTION!

Show us how YOU celebrated Tu B'Shvat. Have your adult send a photo of you to [SNH@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:SNH@jewishnewhaven.org)!

## Tributes & Remembrances

### JEWISH FEDERATION

In honor of the birthday of Michelle Eckhaus to Women's Philanthropy Dignity Grows program  
*Ana & Steven White*

In memory of Eileen Eder's father to Women's Philanthropy Dignity Grows program  
*Susan & Leonard Skope*

In honor of the marriage of Molly & Garrett, daughter of Robyn & Jeffrey Teplitzky  
*Stephanie Green & Eric Grubman*

In memory of Jan Germaine  
*Robert S. Goodman*

In memory of Ted Lettie to Women's Philanthropy Dignity Grows program  
*Nancy Cohen*

In honor of the birth of Alexander White, grandson of Ana & Steven White, to Women's Philanthropy Dignity Grows program  
*Robyn & Jeffrey Teplitzky*

In honor of Linda & Mark Caplan to Women's Philanthropy Dignity Grows program  
*Monica & George Sartor*

In honor of Judy Alperin  
*Rabbi Wainhaus*

### JCC

In appreciation of Chris Serio to JCC Cultural Arts & Adult Enrichment Program  
*Susan & Doug Skalka*

### JCARR

In memory of Bill Kaplan  
*Elaine & Bob Feldman*

### COVID-19 MAIMONIDES RESPONSE FUND

In memory of Ruth Shiffrin, mother of Mark Shiffrin  
*Lorraine Acton*

### JEWISH FOUNDATION

BECKERMAN FAMILY SUPPORTING FOUNDATION INC. ENDOWMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF HAMDEN HALL COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

In memory of Mrs. Joanne Grande & Mr. James Maggart  
*David & Ruthann Beckerman*

To purchase a tribute card:

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\*Tributes listed are up to December 13, 2021.

### BECKERMAN FAMILY SUPPORTING FOUNDATION, INC. JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Mr. James Millen  
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In honor of Molly & Garret Heller's marriage  
*David & Ruthann Beckerman*

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In memory of Doug Ross  
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*Judy & David Skolnick*

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In honor of Matthew  
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*Donna & Sidney Levine*

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In memory of Rhoda Weiner Feldman  
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In memory of Lila & Milton Silverman, Sadie and Murray Opilinsky & Rose and Louis Silverman  
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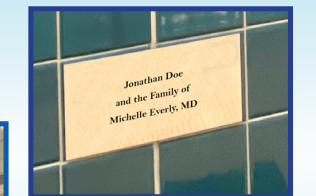
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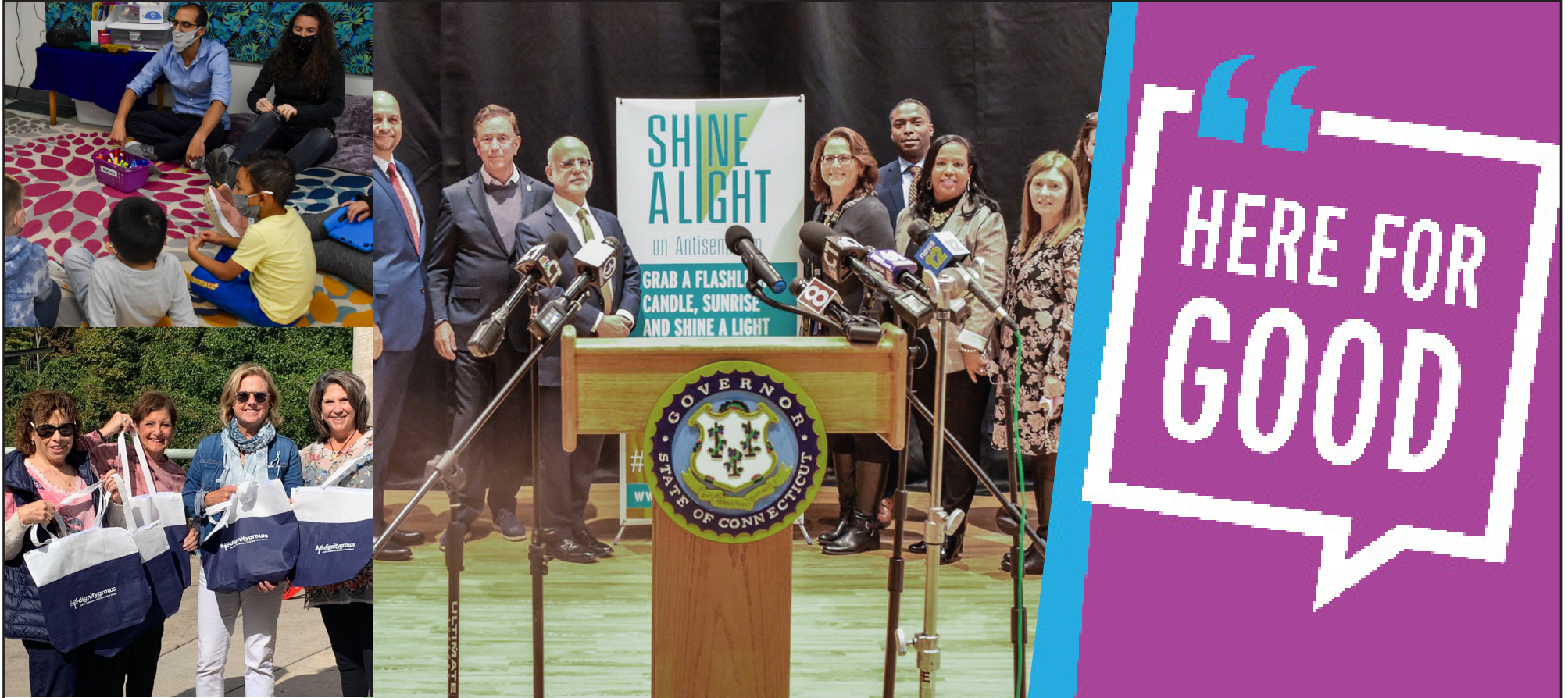


The Marcia and Stanley F. Reiter Swimming pool at the JCC of Greater New Haven is a special place for so many in our community. Children of all ages are making their first splashes in the water,

building their confidence and learning a life-saving skill; people with special needs push past their challenges to successfully learn to swim and experience a sense of achievement; adults with physical disabilities or health concerns come to our pool because swimming is a great activity, and people of all ages enjoy the pool for recreation and exercise often reducing stress. Our pool is special. The community counts on it. It is special because of those how have made it possible.

A donor wall is now established at the pool, recognizing two giving levels. Come join us and "Make a Splash!?" Help sustain this special place that means so much to so many in our community.

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