

The Voice of the Greater New Haven Jewish Community

SHALOM

ISRAEL 2023:
CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Story and Info, pages 10-11

NEW HAVEN

SHAVUOT 2022 • SIVAN/TAMMUZ 5782



SHAVUOT Celebrating the Giving of the Torah

pages 14-15



Jewish and Proud

"Came Yom Kippur—holy fast day world wide over to the Jew / And Hank Greenberg to his teaching and the old tradition true / Spent the day among his people and he didn't come to play. / Said Murphy to Mulrooney, 'We shall lose the game today! / We shall miss him on the infield and shall miss him at the bat / But he's true to his religion—and I honor him for that!"

—Edgar Guest, poet

When I was a kid growing up in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, I loved baseball. I loved everything about it from the family with three boys next door whose dad would throw us countless pop flies and grounders in their backyard every night after supper, to the awesome Johnny Bench Batter-Up my dad made for me in our yard to practice my hitting, to the Johnny Bench poster that hung on my closet door, to Johnny's Saturday morning TV show, the Bench Bunch, baseball season brought me joy. (Ok, I had a thing for Johnny Bench!)

When I wanted to play little league, I never even paused to think why not and became the first girl to play for Cherry Hill Eastern Little League. I have plenty of stories from those years as a young ball player including learning about Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax and what it meant to be a Jewish and



ball player. Much has been written about Jews and baseball over the years, including just recently when the Jewish Telegraphic Association published a story about 17 Jewish baseball players to watch this season. I hope we all watch with great pride.

Jewish pride is a collective experience. Just as we may feel it for athletes or entertainers (happy 80th birthday Barbra Streisand), we also feel it for a world leader like Volodimir Zelensky, who is valiantly leading Ukraine in its defensive war against Russian attack while simultaneously rallying the world to the cause of freedom and democracy.

There are many heroes in this horrific war and the Jewish Federation system is among them. With more than five million refugees fleeing danger, more than 15,000 people already resettling in Israel, one family and expected others welcomed into our community; we and our partners are working to help as many people as possible, providing respite, food, medicine and medical care, clothing and social and psychological support.

The Greater New Haven community's response has been heartening with generous financial and physical donations. Thank you for all you have done so far to help. Our Ukraine fund will remain open as the needs persist and

we encourage your support of the Jewish Federation's annual campaign, which is the backbone of our ability to provide for our community every day and especially at a moment's notice, in times of crisis.

Sadly, during Holocaust Remembrance Week, the New Haven Holocaust Memorial was defaced with antisemitic graffiti. This is the first time in its 40-year history that such so horrific a desecration has taken place at the memorial – a sacred ground that holds the ashes of many who perished in the concentration camps. This heinous incident is yet another powerful reminder that hate is rising in America.

Still, we are heartened by those who came forward to alert us and to respond to this vile act. It is that type of love that is needed to combat the forces of hate and evil. In this rising environment of antisemitism and hate, we encourage all to be extra vigilant and to take pride in their Jewish heritage.

As we look forward to celebrating the holiday of Shavuot and our people's receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, I wish you all a happy celebration and the enjoyment of delicious dairy delicacies. Perhaps you'll enjoy an ice cream cone or a slice of cheesecake while watching your favorite baseball team and just maybe you'll get to see one of the 17 Jewish players do something magical on the diamond!

Judy



SHALOM NEW HAVEN

SHALOM NEW HAVEN is published six times per year and delivered free of charge to the Greater New Haven Jewish community by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

COPY DEADLINES

Copy deadlines for the upcoming Shalom New Haven issues are:

- April 1 for May/June issue
- June 1 for July/August issue
- August 1 for September/October issue
- October 1 for November/December issue
- December 1 for January/February issue
- Feb 1 for March/April issue

SUBMISSIONS

To submit an article or photo, please email snh@jewishnewhaven.org. Please include your contact information when submitting.

Space is limited; submission does not guarantee publication. All articles are subject to approval by the editorial board.

SHALOM NEW HAVEN STAFF

Nurit Kohl
Director of Marketing & Communications

Judie Jacobson
Editor

Wendy Bowes
Senior Graphic Designer

George Hauer
Advertising Sales Manager

EDITORIAL BOARD

Chesky Holtzberg: Chair
Chava Light
Mark Oppenheimer
Cindy Papish Gerber

LEADERSHIP

Dr. Steven Fleischman
President

Judith Alperin
Chief Executive Officer

Scott Cohen
JCC Executive Director

Lisa Stanger, Esq.
Foundation Executive Director



A NOTE FROM OUR
FEDERATION PRESIDENT
DR. STEVEN FLEISCHMAN



Traveling to Ukraine On A Mission of Tikkun Olam

As I sit to write this column, we are unfortunately still witnessing terrible atrocities throughout Ukraine.

I had the privilege of representing our community on a mission to Poland, where Amy Holtz and I delivered much needed supplies to refugee centers in Warsaw and on the Ukraine border. It was a quick trip, spending just about 48 hours on the ground.

We did our best to keep our community updated during our trip through social media posts. That meant that upon our return, not only did our community know about the trip, but many of my friends and colleagues from around the country knew as well. The outpouring of support for what we did and the desire for people to do more was overwhelming and filled me with pride in our collective desire for tikkun olam.

The most common question I have gotten is simply, "How was your trip?" What a loaded question this is. I thought it would be easy to answer. Somehow saying great or amazing, however, didn't seem to capture how the trip was. I have thought about this question a lot. It was truly amazing, but for many different reasons.

For one, it evoked such an array of emotions that led to numerous tears over the 48 hours and beyond. Still today, speaking of it several weeks later leads me to get choked up. The sadness I felt listening to the families we met who were displaced from their homes, separated from their families, grieving the loss of loved ones and left without a sense of when they may ever be able to return to their homes, was profound. The shock and disbelief I felt seeing people in front of me that came from towns and cities like Woodbridge, Hamden, Orange and New Haven, was overwhelming. They could be my neighbors, they had normal jobs, their kids went to school, played sports and had dance recitals.

The tears welled, thinking about how this could happen in 2022; how, with 24/7 news coverage, the world could literally see dead bodies in the streets, murdered pregnant women and stand by and just watch.

On the other end of the spectrum, I cried with pride when I saw the Israeli flag waving, as the first tent people crossing the border from Ukraine saw. JAFI and the JDC were the first groups to set up tents at the border to welcome and help people crossing. I felt pride when I saw there were dozens of tents from around the world, lining a path from the border that ran for more than a hundred yards, but our Jewish agencies were there first. While others were giving away supplies and food, our tents provided medical care with around-the-clock physicians, support for women and children and a place for them to get some privacy and rest. I felt enormous pride when we went to the border refugee center and saw the medical clinic there, established by Hadassah Hospital and staffed with a pediatrician and internist. AFI established a child care center for parents to leave their children and allow them to just be kids, while they worked to get travel visas and figure out where they would go.

I am so honored to have been able to represent our community on that trip. It has reinforced in me the importance of the Federation Annual Campaign. While it is wonderful to have special funds for specific appeals and the appeal for Ukraine has raised over \$50 million, without the infrastructure that we have, it would have taken months to get it deployed. Because of our annual campaign support for JAFI and the JDC, the infrastructure was in place, allowing us to be on the ground in Poland from the very start.

I pray for the end of the war in Ukraine. Unfortunately, there will likely be other needs around the world for years to come. Supporting our annual campaign will ensure our community stands at the ready to support those in need.

Dr. Steven Fleischman
President, Jewish Federation of
Greater New Haven

jewishnewhaven.org/crisis-in-ukraine

Thank you

to our community

for the generous contributions of over-the-counter, urgently needed medical supplies for Ukraine



A LOOK INSIDE

From the Desk of Judy Alperin..... 2

A Note From Our Federation President 3

Federation Appoints New CFO and JCRC Director 4

A Holocaust Survivor speaks in New Haven 5

AT THE JCC: FITNESS
Rev Up Your Rear 6

PJ LIBRARY— Family of the Month 7



The Rahamims

FOUNDATION NEWS
Women of Vision Making A Difference 8
Retirement Plans and Charitable Giving 9

Mission Magic! Choose Your Own Israel Experience.....10

JScreen Changes Lives...
One Family At A Time13

SPECIAL SECTION: SHAVUOT
Unleashing the Power of Shavuot.....14
SHAVUOT The Key to Our Future15
Recipe: It's Shavuot, get a little cheesy15

IN OUR SYNAGOGUES
Synagogue Security Check.....16
Mishkan Israel's Popular Cantor's Concert is Back!.....17
BEKI Installs Eric Woodward As The New Congregation Rabbi.....18

THE WORLD AT A GLANCE
Jeanette Kuvin Oren Designs Hanukkah Stamp, and more.....20, 21

WELCOME TO AMERICA
Well Done Is Better Than Well Said22
Fundraising for Ukrainians in need23
Jewish Federation Campaign 2022: Why We Give.....24

SHALOM FUN!
Shavuot!.....26

TRIBUTES & REMEMBRANCES.....27

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a round of Golf to benefit



Tuesday, July 12, 2022

The Farms Country Club, Wallingford

For more information contact Amanda Webster-Rizzo at
awebster@ezraacademyct.org
or call (203) 389-5500

Federation appoints new CFO and JCRC Director



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER NEW HAVEN



Michael Flora, Chief Financial Officer, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven has welcomed two new members of staff, it was announced recently by Federation CEO Judy Alperin.

Michael Flora has joined the Federation team as its new Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and Rabbi Joshua Pernick is the organization's new JCRC Director and Rabbi in Residence.

A corporate accountant with more than 27 years experience in the field, he most recently served as CFO for Marrakech, Inc. in

Woodbridge. For the past 16 years, he has held a broad range of accounting management positions both in the for-profit and non-profit worlds. He has served as the lead finance professional with human resources, information technology (IT) and administrative responsibilities focusing mainly on budgeting.

Michael holds a Master's degree from Quinnipiac University in Organizational Leadership with a concentration on human resources and non-profit management.

He and his spouse, Kyu, live in Orange and are owners of Blue Orchid New Haven, a pan-Asian restaurant and bar.



Rabbi Josh Pernick, Jewish Community Relations (JCRC) Director, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

Rabbi Josh Pernick comes to his new posts as director and rabbi in residence of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) with over 10 years experience in Jewish education and communal service.

Before joining the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, he served as the Oscar J. Tolmas Rabbinic Chair at Congregation Beth Israel, Metairie, Louisiana. Previously, he also served as Rabbinic Intern/Rabbinic Entrepreneurship Fellow at Orthodox Kehillah in Durham, North Carolina; and as curriculum consultant for the Global Day of Jewish Learning.

An active community leader, Rabbi Pernick served on the Strategic Planning Subcommittee of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans; as a Board member and JCRC representative of YAD of Jewish Federation in Charleston, South Carolina; and on the Planning Committee of the Brandeis University Interfaith Leadership Fellowship in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Rabbi Pernick received his ordination from Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School, in New York, his BA from Brandeis University and his MAT in Elementary Education from the DeLet Program at Brandeis. Previously, he held a fellowship in Jewish Education from Jerusalem's Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies.

Holocaust Survivor speaks in New Haven

By Lisa Reisman

"What happened to me," Philip Lazowski, one of the last remaining survivors who can still tell the tale, "is a lesson on what could still happen."

Lazowski, 91, survived the Holocaust. He told his story one recent Sunday at The Towers senior complex on Church Street South in the hope that people won't forget the Nazis' systematic murder of six million Jews — and in the hope of preventing future genocides.

Lazowski is the former spiritual leader of Beth Hillel Synagogue in Bloomfield. He was keynote speaker at the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Holocaust Remembrance Day event, which was hosted by the Federation's Dr. Steven Fleischman and Judith Alperin.

"I'm here not as a rabbi, but as a Holocaust survivor," he told the packed room after being introduced by Holocaust Memory Committee Co-Chair Bruce Ditman. "What happened to me is a lesson on what could still happen."

Lazowski's story began when he was 11 years old and separated from his family. "There were thousands of Jews gathered in this marketplace, and I saw a Nazi take a baby from his mother's arms, pierce it with his bayonet, and throw it like a football," he recalled, detailing the events of April 30, 1942, in the Jewish ghetto of Zhetel, Poland.

On a podium stood a Nazi officer. "With his finger, he was pointing to the left or to the right," Lazowski recalled. He noticed that children and the elderly were going one way, and nurses, doctors, and tailors — "those who could be of use" — were going another.

"I saw a woman standing with two girls, and I saw that she had a certificate as a nurse, so I asked her, 'Would you take me as your son?' And she looked at me...and she said, 'if they let me leave with two children, maybe they'll let me leave with three,' and told me to hold on to her dress," he said.

"So because of her I was pushed to the side of the living," he said, a break in his voice. His family was interned in a movie house until trucks came to take them to a camp. "The windows were boarded up, so my mother took a chair. She hit the wood, and it broke, and she told me to jump from the second floor," he recalled. Tell the world what happened, she told him.

Lazowski said he has shared his story over the years to honor his mother's wish. Recently, he has redoubled his efforts out of his deep concern over the rise of antisemitism in the United States and throughout the world.

"The Nazis knew the value of propaganda and they successfully sold it to the German people," he said. "That's happening now with antisemitic lies. Human minds can be poisoned through indoctrination."

New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker sounded a similar refrain. "There's just been example after example after example that history can repeat itself," he said. "It's the protests in Charlottesville where individuals were emboldened to act."

"It's attacks on the synagogue in Pittsburgh, on the synagogue in Colleyville, Texas, it's what's going on in the Ukraine — ironically, in the name of undoing Nazism when the opposite is occurring," he said.

As much as remembrance is about thinking back, "it's about action, and how we take that knowledge of six million people — you say that number and it's hard to digest — and the action we can take through our vote, through demonstrating not just against antisemitism but anti-hate in every form," Elicker said.

Lazowski would survive two and a half years in a forest and a displaced persons camp in Austria before settling in America in 1947.



Philip Lazowski, Holocaust Survivor

(Continued on page 27)

HIGH-TECH FAMILY, COSMETIC and IMPLANT DENTISTRY



Jeffrey Hoos, DMD, FAGD
Johna Zitnay, DMD
Gemma Kwolek, DDS
Julia Latham, DDS

OUR SERVICES

At Brush & Floss Dental Center, our experienced, knowledgeable doctors and friendly staff are here to make you feel great about your oral health and appearance. Our motto is "love your smile"

FEATURING

- Dental implant placement using X-Nav
- Invisalign and orthodontic treatment
- Sleep apnea treatment with a small dental appliance — no need for a cumbersome CPAP machine!

Brush & Floss Dental Center
4949 Main Street, Stratford

Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

203.378-9500
BetterSmile.com



For more information on Weddings and Events, please contact the sales office.

94 WEST WHARF ROAD | MADISON, CT | 203.868.0943
MADISONBEACHHOTELWEDDINGS.COM

BECKERMAN
JEWISH CULTURAL ARTS SERIES

SPONSORS

Visit, watch trailers, read descriptions and make your reservations at: jccnh.org/beckermanCA

FILM:
"In Her Footsteps"
VIEWING DATES
May 16-22. \$10
Directed by Rana Abu Fraiha
Documentary | Israel 2018 | 75 min | Hebrew, Arabic

AUTHOR:
Laura Kumin
"All Stirred Up"
Suffrage Cookbooks, Food and the Battle for Women's Right to Vote
VIA ZOOM
May 17, 7:30 PM. \$5

AUTHOR:
Marc Wortman
"Admiral Rickover: Engineer of Power"
IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM
June 8, Reception: 7 PM, Program: 7:30 PM, \$5 (or free with purchase of book.)

BEVERLY LEVY
Early Learning Center
JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

BEVERLY LEVY
EARLY LEARNING CENTER
NOW ENROLLING

Infant • Toddler • Preschool

With advanced safety measures to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment.

Visit www.jccnh.org/beverly or email Sandy Horvath at sandyh@jccnh.org

Thank You To Our Generous Sponsors

Shalom Baby

Gayle & David Slossberg

jewishnewhaven.org/shalom-baby

AT THE JCC

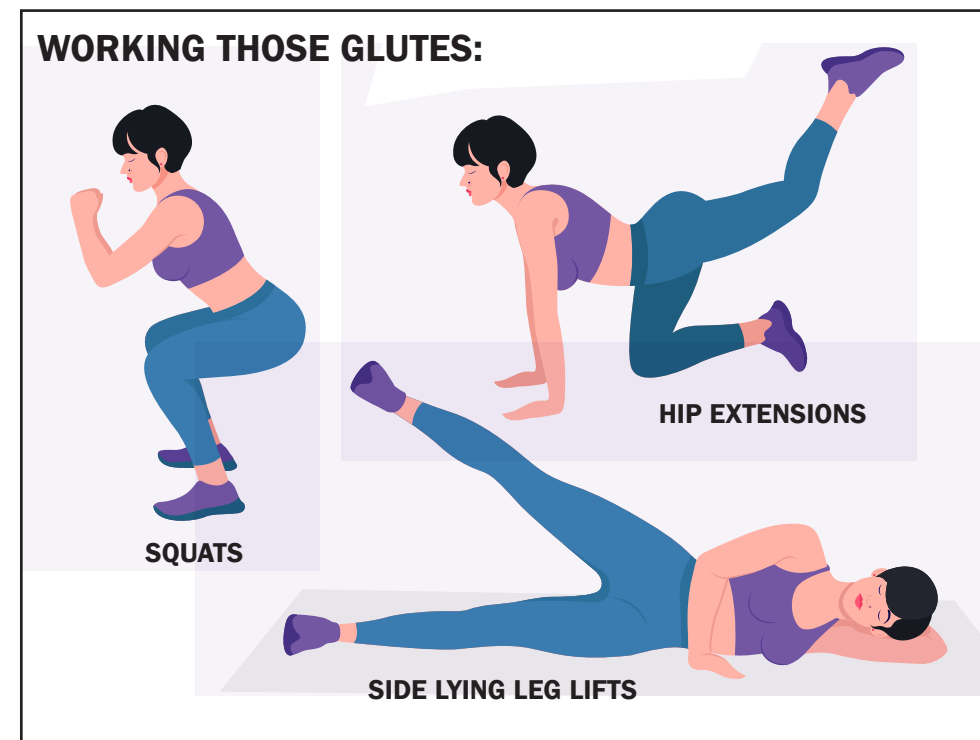
Rev up your rear

By Susan Donovan
Director of Group and Virtual Exercise

Your glutes are much more than just a cushion to sit on, they are one of the most important muscle groups in the body. Think of it this way, if your body were a car the glutes would be the driver. They act as stabilizers when we stand on one leg, keep our pelvis in alignment, and push us forward whenever we take a step.

The glutes play a key role in just about everything we do. Our buttocks are composed of a group of muscles with the gluteus maximus being the largest, and recognized as one of the strongest in the body—so keeping this muscle group strong is essential for staying active.

If you lead a sedentary lifestyle with sitting a good portion of the day, your glutes can weaken which in turn may result in some common problems, such as low back pain, knee issues, and even offset your balance. In the language of fitness, we often refer to this as 'glute amnesia'.



So is your butt sleeping on the job? Our brain will call on whichever muscles are needed to perform the function. If one group of muscles doesn't do its job, another will pick up the slack or compensate. For example, when you bend to pick something up off the floor your brain may shift the brunt of the work to your low back when the glutes don't turn on. If your hips don't properly stabilize when walking, this can shift unnecessary stress on the knees.

Whether you are experiencing any of these issues or simply want to prevent them, try adding these exercises into your weekly routine.

SQUATS: done correctly can give you great bang for your buck!

HIP EXTENSIONS: these back-leg lifts can also improve balance.

SIDE LYING LEG LIFTS: great for hip stability.

Contact susand@jccnh.org for simple instruction for these exercises that can be performed easily in the comfort of your home and a free fitness consultation. Or visit jccnh.org/fitness for classes and programs designed to keep you healthy and fit.



POWERED BY
Jewish Federation
OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

FAMILY OF THE MONTH: The Rahamims



Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven PJ Library
Family of the Month

HOW MANY KIDS DO YOU HAVE AND WHAT ARE THEIR AGE(S)?

We have three children, ages 8, 2, and 7 months

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? WHERE DO YOU CURRENTLY LIVE?

I am from Branford, Connecticut and my husband is from Cleveland, Ohio. We live in Hamden now.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RECEIVING PJ LIBRARY BOOKS?

We've been receiving PJ library books since my son was born, so over two years now!

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT PJ LIBRARY?

I actually can't remember! I think it was one of those things I heard about in passing before we had kids. I was reminded about it after taking the kids to some PJ Library sponsored events at the JCC.

WHY IS PJ LIBRARY IMPORTANT IN YOUR HOME?

We love to read and it's harder to find books about Jewish subjects, so it's the perfect way to teach our kids about our culture and religion in a fun and easy way. The books are always such enriching and heartwarming stories.

HOW HAS PJ LIBRARY INFLUENCED YOUR FAMILY'S JEWISH LIVING AND DECISIONS?

It's brought Judaism into our daily life. I think that most of my kids' understanding of the Jewish holidays and culture comes from their PJ Library books that we read regularly, and from attending all the great local PJ Library events. My kids can recite some of the baby books by heart and it really makes everything understandable for small children.

Our oldest daughter joined our family when she was six and it has made it a lot easier for her to learn about who we are and why we do what we do and what it means to us. It's helped her integrate into our Jewish family with joy. She adores PJ Library and looks forward to the events and receiving her monthly book.

HOW IS PJ LIBRARY HELPFUL TO YOU AS A PARENT?

It can be difficult finding ways to teach young ones about the holidays and religion, but the books and events make it so much easier. The events are a fun way to meet other families and make lasting connections.

WHAT IS YOUR BEDTIME ROUTINE WITH YOUR LITTLE ONES?

With three kids of vastly different stages of development our bedtime routine is chaotic! We do bath time/showers, brush teeth, PJs, and then on nights when it's not too late we read books before lights out! Right now our routines are staggered and split up, but when our babies are a little older I look forward to reading together as a family before bed.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO A FRIEND WHO HAD NEVER HEARD ABOUT PJ LIBRARY?

Sign up now! Who doesn't love free high quality books?

DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A FAVORITE PJ LIBRARY BOOK?

Shalom Bayit is the first PJ Library book we ever received and you can tell because it's falling apart from all the love we have given it over the years. My daughter, my husband and I can recite it by heart from all the times we have read it. We love that the family in the book is kind of structured like our family. And, it's such a sweet calm book to read.

Sign up for PJ Library today or be our next Family of the Month by visiting us at jewishnewhaven.org/pj-library

FAMILY FUN DAY

at the **Barker Character Museum**

Sunday,
June 26
Cheshire
FREE

Costumes encouraged!
Grandparents welcome!



11 AM: Shalom Baby Concert
FOR AGES 0-3 Featuring music by Temple Beth David and sponsored by Jewish Historical Society

12 PM: Community Picnic Lunch
FOR ALL AGES Bring your own!

1 PM: Fun in the Sun Activities
FOR AGES 3-9 Brought to you by PJ Library and Ezra Academy

11-2 PM: Museum Scavenger Hunt
FOR ALL AGES

For details and registration, visit jewishnewhaven.org/pj-library

SPONSORED BY



'Women of Vision' making a difference

Greater New Haven Jewish women have a wonderful opportunity to become lifelong philanthropists through the Women of Vision Society – a permanent, restricted endowment fund dedicated to helping and enhancing the lives of women in our community. Created in 1996 by 100 founding members, the endowment and has since then more than doubled in its membership and giving. To date, over \$210,000 has been distributed in grants to a wide variety of agencies and causes, ranging from employment and literacy to acculturation and health issues.

Here's a look at Kaleidoscope, a past Women of Vision Grant recipient located in Israel; as well as a list of this year's grant recipients.

SPOTLIGHT ON KALEIDOSCOPE, ISRAEL: A PAST WOMEN OF VISION GRANT RECIPIENT

Kaleidoscope is an educational approach that aims to foster an appreciation for the value of diversity and respect between Israel's many different constituencies and cultures. Using interactive activities, the project develops in educators, parents and students of all ages and cultures social skills – such as empathy, problem solving and respectful communication – needed to lay a foundation of understanding and acceptance amongst Israel's various populations.

This goal of this unique initiative is to bring together 22 religious and secular native Israeli and Ethiopian early childhood educators and their aides to help them become diversity education facilitators and bring an appreciation for diversity into their kindergarten classrooms.

With the help of the Kaleidoscope staff, each aide builds a plan to help strengthen her place at work. For example, Miri, an aide in a religious kindergarten, built a plan to help children struggling with separating from their parents in the morning. She asked the children what their strengths were and what they enjoy doing in kindergarten. She then assigned each kindergartener a responsibility for when they first arrive at school. Soon, several children were happily coming to class each morning, no longer struggling with separation anxiety.

WOMEN OF VISION GRANT RECIPIENTS 2022

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven—Dignity Grows Dignity Grows mobilizes volunteers to assemble and distribute free, reusable totes filled with a month's supply of basic menstrual and hygiene products. This program partners with local organizations, like Jewish Family Service and the Diaper Bank, to distribute supplies to the women who need them.

Yashar LaChayal—Female Hareidi Lone Soldier Project Launched in 2019, this initiative supports female ultra-orthodox lone soldiers in the Israeli



The Kaleidoscope program.

Defense Forces (IDF), who are not supported by their families. The Lone Soldier Project provides them with housing and a support system during and after their service.

Camp Laurelwood—CL at the Well Connecticut's only Jewish overnight summer camp is launching a new program centered around young women's development, care, and empowerment. The camp plans to host sessions throughout the summer for female staff and campers, administered by year-round female staff members.

The Towers Horticulture Therapy for Cognitively Impaired Older Adults Horticulture Therapy at The Towers brings social, emotional, and cognitive value to residents and volunteers. Twice a month, residents and volunteers create floral arrangements together, that they then display—and enjoy—in their apartments and throughout the common areas.

BBYO Building Sisterhood BBYO brings Jewish teens together. BBYO's female identifying members – aka BBGs – bond, celebrate, and grow together through programs rooted in traditions and self-love, such as the popular BBYO regional conventions, which always have special moments for BBGs.

The Israeli Center for Cult Victims—Single-Parent Mothers' Seminar on Personal Empowerment and Economic Growth for Cult Survivor Women Many cult victims suffer from emotional and economic struggles once exiting the cult. The Single Parent Mother's Seminar, a program of The Israeli Center for Cult Victims, provides single mothers with practical knowl-

edge and useful tools to restore their independence and economic stability.

Haifa Rape Crisis Center (HRCC)—You Are Not Alone HRCC provides an emotional resilience group for mothers whose children have been sexually harmed or abused. Groups of 10 women each run for 25 sessions, and are overseen by two professionally trained facilitators.

Shaalei Tikva—Mother-Daughter Bat Mitzvah Program This program helps young at-risk girls who are part of the Shaalei Tikva "Warm Home" after school program by bringing them together with their mothers

and grandmothers to celebrate their bat mitzvahs. The inter-generational experience enhances their connection to Jewish tradition and helps highlight the positive bonds between them that may be lacking.

JScreen at Emory University—Jewish Federation & JCC of Greater New Haven JScreen Fund Through educational outreach efforts, Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, in collaboration with JScreen, is providing FREE genetic, cancer screening and counseling. Knowing your hereditary risks are imperative.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE Israel Gap Year

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 the 2022 gap or academic year programs, applications are due by June 10, 2022.

For more information and applications, visit jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships.

Retirement Plans and Charitable Giving

Retirement plans can present tax-smart charitable giving opportunities both (1) during a donor's lifetime, as well as (2) in the donor's estate plans.

1. Charitable Giving Opportunity with an IRA During a Donor's Lifetime—Available for Those 70½ and Older

The Charitable IRA Rollover is a way for donors age 70 ½ and older to pay less tax while supporting their favorite charities. A Charitable IRA Rollover allows donors to direct up to \$100,000 (or less if they choose) from their traditional IRA to charity, tax-free.

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

NOTE, although under current tax laws the RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) does not begin until age 72, you can begin using the IRA Charitable Rollover in the year you turn 70 1/2. In addition, donor advised funds do not qualify for the IRA Charitable Rollover.

THIS STRATEGY MAY BE RIGHT FOR YOU IF YOU:

- You want to make a qualified charitable gift from your IRA to reduce the value of future distributions you will be required to take
- You do not itemize your deductions and would like to realize an increased tax benefit for your giving
- You wish to make an impactful gift to benefit the community
- You already contribute to charity at your deduction limit, and you want to donate more
- You do not need your Required Minimum Distribution—all it does is raise your tax liability
- You have a secondary smaller IRA you do not need
- You wish to remove up to reduce your IRA and remove from your taxable estate

2. Retirement Plans as Part of Your Estate Plan

Retirement plans, such as IRAs/401Ks/403bs, are tax-plagued assets when they are left to a non-spouse beneficiary. Under the Secure Act, a non-spouse beneficiary of an IRA/401K/403B must withdraw the entire amount of the inherited retirement within 10

years –non-spouse beneficiaries are no longer permitted to "stretch" the withdrawals over their lifetime. For example, Mr. Cohen passes away (assume Mrs. Cohen predeceased him) and his 2 sons are the named beneficiaries of his \$150,000 IRA. The sons will need to withdraw the entire \$150,000 within 10 years, which means paying about \$50,000 in income tax. That \$150,000 asset, when left to the Cohen sons, will only be worth about \$50,000. A \$1,500,000 IRA? The sons will need to withdraw it within 10 years and pay about \$500,000 in taxes!

A TAX-SMART SOLUTION: If Mr. Cohen had named a charity as the beneficiary of the IRA, at Mr. Cohen's passing, the charity would have received the entire IRA, tax-free. Mr. Cohen could then leave his other, tax-free assets to his sons.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RETIREMENT PLAN GIFTS TO CHARITY DURING LIFETIME VS. IN DONOR'S ESTATE PLAN

DURING LIFETIME	IN ESTATE PLAN
IRA Only (Not from 401K/403B)*	IRA/401K/403B okay
Maximum \$100,000 per year	No maximum
Any US-based public charity (but not to donor-advised fund)	Any US-based public charity (including donor-advised fund)
Not subject to income tax	Not subject to income or estate tax
Accomplished via rollover/distribution from IRA directly to charity	Accomplished by naming charity as designated beneficiary for all or part of the retirement plan
Contact plan administrator for rollover paperwork	Contact plan administrator for proper beneficiary designation form
Must be 70½ or older	Can designate at any time but charity will only benefit at your passing

Please consult your professional advisor concerning your tax plans. For more information, visit newhavenjewishfoundation.org/retirement-plans-and-charitable-giving.



YOUR FIRST TIME CAMPER MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO \$1000 OFF JEWISH CAMP!

The Jewish Foundation's One Happy Camper program provides 1. Needs-blind incentive grants of up to \$1,000 for first-time campers and 2. Needs-based aid for first time and returning campers to over 195 Jewish overnight camps.

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



Mission Magic—Choose Your Own Israel Experience

Jewish Federations of Greater Hartford and Greater New Haven to lead "Israel 2023: Choose Your Own Adventure"

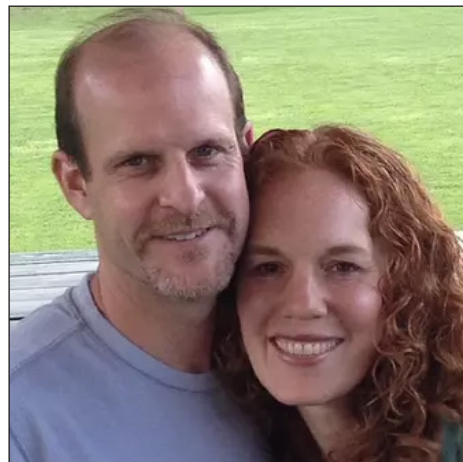
In celebration of Israel's 75th birthday, the Jewish Federations of Greater Hartford and Greater New Haven will lead a "Choose Your Own Adventure" community trip to Israel, March 9 - 16, 2023. Between 200-400 local community members are expected to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, which offers five flexible tracks geared toward different topics and levels of Israel experience.

"This trip will be a top-notch, five-star experience," says Lauren Hass of Orange, who is co-chairing the trip along with her husband, David, and Juanita and Isaac "Yitz" Moss of West Hartford. "We're going to stay in the best hotels, we're going to go to the



Yitz and Juanita Moss of West Hartford, co-chairs of the March 2023 Israel mission.

best restaurants, and we're going to have access to the most incredible people."



David and Lauren Hass of Orange, co-chairs of the March 2023 Israel mission.

What makes the trip especially unique is the breadth of experiences participants will have to choose from.

"With five tracks to choose from, you can customize every day of your trip and someone else will make the all the arrangements for you - an opportunity that is not available very often," explains Yitz Moss.

The tracks include an introductory itinerary for first-time visitors, plus special itineraries focusing on geopolitics of the Middle East, arts and culture, food and wine, and technology and innovation. Travelers are free to switch tracks from one day to the next - and every itinerary provides an insider's view of Israel with VIP access to sites and experts.

All participants will enjoy kosher meals and deluxe accommodations at some of

Israel's finest hotels. Upon arrival, the group will enjoy a festive welcome, highlighted by a celebratory Shabbat experience featuring optional daytime tours followed by an evening of fun.

"We've been to Israel twice, and you learn something new every time," notes David Hass.

All of the site visits will tell a story of perseverance, ingenuity, and creativity that have built and developed the State of Israel. Participants will also spend time in the Connecticut partnership region of Afula-Gilboa, in the Northern District of Israel, often known as the "Capital of the Valley" due to its strategic location in the Jezreel Valley. The Jewish Federations of both Greater New Haven and Greater Hartford have partnered with 10 other Federations from our region to form SNEC: the Southern New England Consortium. Together, the consortium invests in Afula-Gilboa to improve the lives of women and children at risk.

"Israel 2023: Choose Your Own Adventure" is open to all members of the community 10 years or older.

Registration is now open. An early bird discount is available for Greater Hartford and New Haven families through June 1. For details, visit <https://israel-adventure-2023.eventmagix.com/>, or contact Robyn Teplitzky at rteplitzky@jewishnewhaven.org.

To find out more, log onto a Zoom info session on Monday, May 16 at 7 p.m. To register for the info session, visit bit.ly/IsraelTripInfo516.






March 9 - 16, 2023

Visit our website for details & registration:
israel-adventure-2023.eventmagix.com



Join us for the experience of a lifetime and celebrate Israel's 75th birthday!

Choose from 5 different tracks, including:
First-time Visitors to Israel • Geopolitics of the Middle East
Arts & Culture • Food & Wine • Technology & Innovation

Email Leslie Iarusso (Greater Hartford) at liarusso@jewishhartford.org
or Robyn Teplitzky (Greater New Haven) at rteplitzky@jewishnewhaven.org

Mission Co-Chairs
Lauren & David Hass
Juanita & Yitz Moss

Presented by




EARLY BIRD SPECIALS*
\$4,500 for Hartford and New Haven families only (ends June 1, 2022)

PARTICIPANTS
\$4,750 (ends Nov. 1, 2022)
\$4,950 (after Nov. 1, 2022)

SPECIAL YOUTH PRICING \$650
(ages 10-17) or triple occupancy
\$1,465 Single room supplement
*\$500 non-refundable deposit per person upon registration. 100% of the balance of the trip is due by registration deadline on November 30, 2022. Not included:
• Flights
• Tips and gratuities
• Travel insurance
• Post Trip to Morocco

PATHWAYS TO JEWISH Experiences
PJ Library
Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven
Camp Laurelwood
POWERED BY JFAM

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND RETREAT

Join Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Family Outreach Coordinator **Kayla Bisbee**



At Camp Laurelwood, Madison, CT
Friday, June 10 thru Sunday, June 12



Our Family Camp weekend includes:

- A mix of on-campus housing options, including rustic cabins and private/semi private accommodations.
- Three Kosher and kid-friendly meals per day! Many snacking options available. See sample menu online.
- Traditional summer camp activities, including: pool/lake, archery, arts & crafts, sports, nature, ropes, challah baking, and celebration of Shabbat.

This weekend retreat will be the culmination of a series of opportunities focused on connecting young Jewish families with children 9 and younger, especially along the shoreline. SPACE IS LIMITED, SO DON'T DELAY.

PJ Library is powered by Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. This program is made possible through an engagement grant from PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.





INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL OF
ARTS & IDEAS

**FREE MUSIC
ON THE NEW
HAVEN GREEN**

Liraz • K. Dub • The McKains • Karim Nagi
Carrie Ashton • Orquesta Afinke • Alex Cuba
Sirius Coyote • The Split Coils • Gregory Porter
New Haven Symphony Orchestra Young Composer Project
Cool Breeze with Evelyn "Champagne" King, Manny James,
DJ Diamond D, DJ Juan Coon • The Sound of Victory Fellowship Choir
Pastor Vincent Bohanan • New Haven Symphony Orchestra
Harolyn Blackwell • Albert R. Lee • Brian Stokes Mitchell
Nachito Herrera & His Havana Jazz Club • Okaidja
Proyecto Cimarron • Las Cafeteras

ARTIDEA.ORG/music



JSCREEN Changes Lives... One Family at a Time

JScreen New Haven, a public health initiative that provides detection for preventable hereditary cancers and Jewish genetic diseases, is changing lives everyday by providing reproductive genetic screening and cancer genetic screening to Jewish individuals and couples.

Now, the vital home screening spit kits that make it possible for JScreen to change lives have been made even more accessible to all members of the Greater New Haven Jewish community, thanks to the generosity of the B Foundation, Women of Vision and donors who have ensured that fees for screening kits can be waived.

Who is eligible to receive free screening? Screening through JScreen New Haven is available for all individuals and couples living in the Greater New Haven and seeking knowledge about their genetic risks. This includes individuals with a known Jewish background, those who are unsure of their Jewish ancestry, all denominations, inter-faith couples, and LGBTQ+ individuals and couples. The reproductive screening is for individuals ages 18-45 and the cancer genetic screening is for ages 21 and up.

Prevention is the goal! The JScreen nonprofit initiative, housed at Emory University, created to educate and provide screening to Jewish families to learn about their elevated risk of possible genetic disorders and cancer risks for ovarian, BRCA, colorectal and more. Men and women with a mutation in a cancer gene have a 50% chance of passing down the mutation to each of their children. If you test positive for a mutation, your children, siblings, and other relatives may also be at a higher risk to have a cancer gene mutation.

JSCREEN OFFERS TWO TYPES OF SCREENING:

ReproGen: assesses a couple's reproductive risk and CancerGen: assess an individuals' increased cancer susceptibility.

JScreen is so easy to use. There's no trip to the doctor or needle needed to draw blood. If interested, visit jewishnewhaven.org/jscreen to read about the screening test and request a FREE kit.



Summer camp is magic!

Make summer camp magic for the kids in our community. **YOU can be a summertime magic-maker with a gift to the Barry Vine Send A Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund.**



Scan the QR code to donate today or visit us online at www.jccnh.org/send-a-kid

Questions? Contact Amy Holtz, Chief Development Officer at aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org or (203) 387-2424 x254.






SAY YES TO TOMORROW.
SAY YES TO YOU.

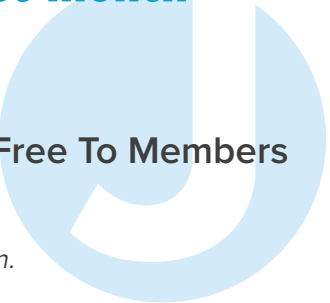
SAY YES TO THE JCC.

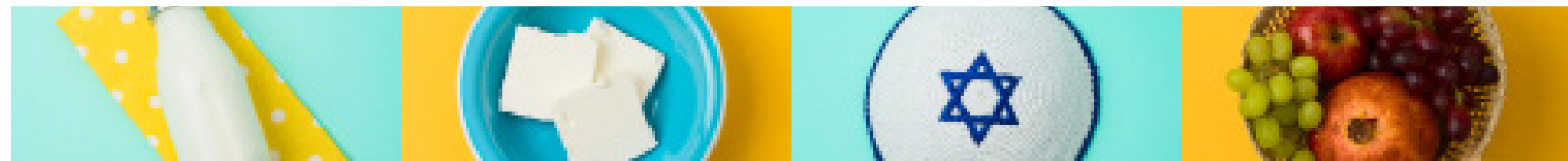
Join the JCC with no commitment. The time is NOW. 50% Off your first month*

- Six Lane Indoor Swimming Pool
- Basketball Courts
- Fitness Center
- Childcare and Camp
- Pickleball & Racquetball
- Spin Classes
- Virtual and In Person Group Ex Classes, Free To Members
- Enrichment Classes For All Ages

*Promotional rate is valid for first month only. Normal rates apply in the second month with secured payment plan. Must have not been a member in the past six months. Cannot be combined with other offers.

Take advantage of all the J has to offer. Contact membership today at membership@jccnh.org or call (203) 387-2424 x0





Unleashing the Power of Shavuot

SHAVUOT 5782

By Deborah Fineblum

(JNS) The holiday Shavuot—beginning after sundown on Saturday, June 4, and continuing through the evening of Monday, June 6 (in Israel it is celebrated just for one day)—transports Jews back 3,333 years to the culmination of the 49 days following the exodus from Egypt (marked by the holiday of Passover), Shavuot is a potent reminder that in just seven weeks, God miraculously transformed a bunch of beaten-down slaves into a people worthy of carrying the Torah forward in their minds, bodies and hearts.

And, since the revelation at Sinai, when every single woman, man and child heard G-d's voice together and accepted the Torah ("We will do, and we will hear") has long been considered the wedding between G-d and the Jewish people. In fact, the tradition of staying up all night learning Torah is akin, says the Kabbalah, to attendants spending the hours before a wedding bedecking the bride in precious jewels.

But what's the one thing we can learn about the holiday—one transcendent insight, capable of empowering us to reach those sublime heights (even more than that first silken bite of traditional holiday cheesecake)?

The answer, of course, depends upon who is asked.

If it's Nissim Black, you're bound to hear how this often-overlooked holiday is in many respects Judaism's finest invitation to elevate one's relationship with the Creator. "Shavuot is the ultimate day of devekus ('clinging') with Hashem; it's on this day where we received and accepted the most awesome wedding contract from G-d," says the best-selling rapper (think "Mothaland Bounce" and "A Million Years"). "It's when He took us and solidified the marriage, the never-ending bond between G-d and the Jewish people."

It makes sense that the Shavuot wedding analogy likens the Jews' intensive engagement with Torah to a lifelong relationship with a partner. So says Jonathan Sarna, Brandeis University's Joseph H. & Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, whose American Judaism: A History and other titles have done much to demystify the religion for Jews and non-Jews alike.

"I love this metaphor—to my mind, the kind of relationship that one has with the Torah, like any healthy relationship, leaves room for vigorous disputes, radical innovations, passion, anger, boredom, mischief, misbehavior, reconciliation, and above all, maturation and growth. At the same time, it also demands careful tending."

And, adds Sarna in his book, A Time to Every Purpose: Letters to a Young Jew, "the very fact that men and women from all walks of life can study Torah—not just rabbis and scholars—is, to my mind, one of Judaism's most appealing and distinctive features."

It may be no coincidence, he suggests, that Shavuot-learning all-nighters emerged more or less at the same time, some 400 years ago, as the widespread introduction of coffee.

RELIVE THE REVELATION AT SINAI EACH DAY OF OUR LIVES'

Rabbi David Aaron paints the intimate love between a people and their God this way. "Imagine you get a love letter from your beloved. After you read it again and again, and analyze every aspect, you carefully re-fold the letter, place it in its envelope and tuck it away for safekeeping," he says the founder of Isralight in Jerusalem's Old City and author of Endless Light, The Secret Love of

God and other titles. "You save this letter because you sense the presence of your beloved within these mere sheets of paper. This, in essence, is learning Torah. Through our involvement with the text, we hear G-d's voice, feel the Divine presence and experience G-d's love and relive the revelation at Sinai each day of our lives ... and Shavuot is the day we celebrate the laws in love and the love in law."

For Itty Kay, who teaches hundreds of women each month for Chabad's Bais Chana Women International, "Each Shavuot when we're standing in shul hearing the Ten Commandments read aloud, it's always like the first time, when all the men, women and children heard the voice of G-d," she says. "Just like G-d makes the world anew every minute, it's like He's standing there waiting for us to receive His Torah and commit all over again to work on fixing the world with Him. It may be 3,333 years ago, but each Shavuot, we commit ourselves anew."

Indeed, in its 1937 platform, the Reform movement opted to understand that revelation on Mount Sinai is not "a one-time historical event," says Rabbi Sarah Bassin of Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, Calif.

"Jewish revelation is a continuous process, confined to no one group and to no one age," she continues. "Today, we have the same ability to strive to understand what it is that God demands of us—building upon the wisdom we have received from our ancestors while also adding our own."

'SELL IT TO THE WOMEN FIRST'

Women, in fact, may well have been the first in line to receive the Torah, says Momentum founding director Lori Palatnik. And most people don't realize it, she says. "G-d tells Moses: 'Present it to Bait Yaakov, and then give it to the Jewish people.' And whenever Bait Yaakov is used in Tanach, it refers to the women. "G-d knew—sell it to the women first. If they say yes, we'll take it; then it's a done deal, no matter what the men say."

And it's one particular woman who, at least for one young Jew, comes bearing wisdom and strength at this time of year. For Sheva Bron, a high school junior from Jerusalem, the power of Shavuot lies in the story of Ruth that's read every year on the holiday.

Still, it's really her mother-in-law who speaks most eloquently to Bron. "Naomi had it hard; her husband and two sons had passed away, and she fell into terrible poverty," explains Bron. "But she always believed Hashem was in charge," which is why she continued to urge her two widowed Moabite daughters-in-law to return home to their families.

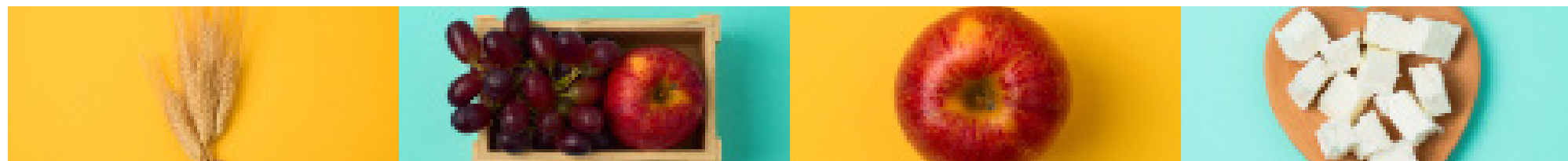
"And Ruth, too, was willing to accept a future of continued poverty," she adds. "We can learn so much from her devotion to her mother-in-law and to the Jewish people."

All of which arrives each spring to inspire and elevate.

"On Shavuot, we are celebrating the day that the Almighty gave the Jewish people this most incredible gift: Jewish wisdom in the form of the Torah, which allows each one of us to enhance every aspect of our lives, and to get close to Him," says Steve Burg, CEO of Aish HaTorah.

"If we can help every Jew understand that the Almighty gave him/her this extraordinary gift for the taking," he says, "then the power of Shavuot—the power of Torah wisdom—would become unlocked, and the Jewish people would be able to live happier, more meaningful lives."

PHOTO: An Israeli family celebrates the Jewish holiday of Shavuot in Tzur Hadassah, Israel, on May 30, 2017. (Nati Shohat/Flash90)



SHAVUOT The Key to Our Future

By Rabbi James Greene



Shavuot is a holiday that celebrates the completion of a journey, both in our mythological history and in our agricultural cycle. Our biblical ancestors have journeyed from Egypt to the wilderness and are receiving Torah. Later, our ancestors in Israel celebrated Shavuot as the late spring harvest festival. Even today, many Jews recite a daily blessing as they count the Omer and acknowledge those two experiences of journeying.

In my work at Camp Laurelwood, I see the power of journeys as campers and staff return to their summer home, year after year, changed from the journey of life. It is such a blessing to bear witness to their growth, their future potential, and their impact on the Jewish world! And, just like the Circle Game song that we sing around the campfire at Camp Laurelwood, we celebrate going "round and round and round in the circle game."

But, Shavuot is not just about the journey that has concluded. It speaks of the journey that is just emerging – the future tense of Jewish life. Standing at Sinai together, the Israelites were not at the end, but at the beginning of their experience of Peoplehood. It is a dramatic recognition that Jewish life is not lived in our history, but in our future! The story of this holiday is of a people receiving the Torah – a document that not only contains the history of our people but also the possibilities of our future.

Rabbi James Greene is Executive Director of Camp Laurelwood, Connecticut's premier Jewish overnight Camp. He is a 2008 graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and the President of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association.



It's Shavuot, get a little cheesy

By Miriam Szokovski

THIS IS THE HOLIDAY OF DAIRY DELIGHTS (AND SERIOUS STUDY, TOO)

(JNS) Why are we talking about cheesecake? Because on Shavuot it is customary to decorate ones home with greenery and enjoy all sorts of dairy delights – and what could be more delightful than cheesecake. Then again, even those who don't love cheese cake (hard to believe, but true!), this cheesecake is lighter with a slight lemony undertone, and the fresh fruit helps temper the richness. Use this cheesecake as a base and add toppings of your choice – like caramel, chocolate ganache, fresh berries, pie filling, lemon curd, roasted rhubarb. I went very simple with oranges, kiwis and strawberries.



This recipe is closely based on a recipe by Australian food critic, columnist and recipe writer Matt Preston, with minor adjustments.

CHEESECAKE INGREDIENTS:

24 oz. cream cheese (3 cups)
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
2½ tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. vanilla extract
¼ tsp. salt
1¼ cup heavy cream

CHEESECAKE DIRECTIONS:

Let the cream cheese come to room temperature.

Using an electric mixer (stand or handheld), beat the cream cheese until smooth. Add the sugar and mix until fully incorporated.

Add the eggs one at a time. Wait until each one is fully incorporated before adding the next.

Pour in the lemon juice, vanilla and salt; mix. Slowly pour in the heavy cream and mix until smooth.

Pour the cheese mixture over the base.

Place the springform pan into the larger pan and add 1 inch of water to the larger pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 60 to 75 minutes. In order not to overcook the cake, turn off the oven when the center is still jiggly, but not completely wet. Leave the cheesecake to cool in the oven for an hour. Then remove and let it cool completely.

Refrigerate cake until cold. Run a knife around the edge of the pan, then gently release the springform.

Top with fresh fruit. I used oranges, kiwi and strawberries.

Classic Cheesecake with Fresh Fruit

PREP TIME: Less than 60 minutes

PREPARE THE PAN:

You will need a 9-inch springform pan for this recipe. If you don't have a springform pan, you can use a regular pan, but the cake will be difficult to remove. You may need to cut it while it's still in the pan.

This cheesecake cooks best in a water bath, so you'll need a larger pan that the springform pan can sit in.

Wrap the outside of the springform pan in 2 to 3 layers of foil. This helps keep the water from seeping through the crack around the base.

CRUST INGREDIENTS:

4 oz./120 grams tea biscuits, crushed
1 cup sugar
8 tbsp. butter, melted
Pinch of salt

CRUST DIRECTIONS:

Crush the tea biscuits to a fine crumb, and mix with the sugar, salt and melted butter.

Press the mixture down firmly into the base of the springform pan. Use the back of a spoon to help compress the mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes, then set aside to cool.

Miriam Szokovski is a writer, editor and author of the historical novel Exiled Down Under. She is a member of the Chabad.org editorial team and also shares her cooking and baking on Chabad.org/food.

IN OUR SYNAGOGUES

Synagogue security check

In March and April, Michael Shanbrom, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's regional security director, was at it again—helping our local Jewish synagogues and organizations improve and enhance their security measures.

Michael equipped congregants of Temple Beth Sholom in Hamden with the tools to counter active threats at a special training session held at the Hamden synagogue on April 26.



On March 23, Michael, aided by the Cheshire Police Department, conducted a security assessment of Temple Beth David in Cheshire. He is pictured here on the steps of the synagogue with Jodi Harris, Temple Beth David director of learning and engagement (center), and Ann Curiale, the synagogue's security chair.

Visit the Kosher Department at ShopRite of Hamden

Enjoy expanded varieties of Kosher products, including weekly deliveries from AgriStar meats, Flaums, and Beigel's bakery!



SUPERCoupon
Present This Coupon at the Time of Purchase to Receive Discount. Not Valid on Grocery Delivery.

\$2⁰⁰ OFF
LIMIT 1 OFFER

Klein's Kosher Nuts

With this coupon and additional purchase of \$25.00 or more (excluding fuel and items prohibited by law). Limit one per family. Void if reproduced, sold or transferred. Cash value 1/100 cent. Good at any ShopRite® store. © 2022 Wakefern Food Corp. Effective Sun., May 22 thru Sat., June 25, 2022.

SUPERCoupon
Present This Coupon at the Time of Purchase to Receive Discount. Not Valid on Grocery Delivery.

\$2⁰⁰ OFF
LIMIT 1 OFFER

2 or More Packages of Beigels Bread or Cake Items

With this coupon and additional purchase of \$25.00 or more (excluding fuel and items prohibited by law). Limit one per family. Void if reproduced, sold or transferred. Cash value 1/100 cent. Good at any ShopRite® store. © 2022 Wakefern Food Corp. Effective Sun., May 22 thru Sat., June 25, 2022.

SUPERCoupon
Present This Coupon at the Time of Purchase to Receive Discount. Not Valid on Grocery Delivery.

\$5⁰⁰ OFF
LIMIT 1 OFFER

\$25.00 or More Kosher Meat

With this coupon and additional purchase of \$25.00 or more (excluding fuel and items prohibited by law). Limit one per family. Void if reproduced, sold or transferred. Cash value 1/100 cent. Good at any ShopRite® store. © 2022 Wakefern Food Corp. Effective Sun., May 22 thru Sat., June 25, 2022.

ShopRite of Hamden 2100 Dixwell Ave. Hamden, CT 06514 • (203) 230-5000

IN OUR SYNAGOGUES

Mishkan Israel's Popular Cantor's Concert is back!

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER WILL FEATURE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED MUSICIAN RABBI JOE BLACK

It's back! On May 22, Congregation Mishkan Israel will host the highly anticipated return of its annual—and much loved – Cantor's Concert.

Headlining this year's concert will be Rabbi Joe Black, a pioneer of Jewish contemporary music who has performed for communities around the world and is renowned for his guitar virtuosity, soaring voice and lyrics that are at the same time funny, inspirational, and thought provoking.

The Cantors Concert will be held Mishkan Israel, located at 785 Ridge Rd in Hamden. The evening will begin with a pre-concert patio reception at 6:30 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by an indoor concert in CMI's historic sanctuary.

Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Denver, Rabbi Black is a frequent contributor to anthologies and collections of Jewish writing. He has recorded five critically-acclaimed albums of Jewish music, two children's books, a songbook and two videos. His books and music have been featured by the PJ library and he has received numerous honors for his



performance, including being named by Moment magazine as one of the top ten male performers in American Jewish music as well as one of the top ten

The Cantor's Concert is open to the public. Donations are \$18-\$54 and include the pre-concert reception. Sponsorships begin at \$180. For more information, visit: cmihamden.org/calendar/cantors-concert.

children's performers in American Jewish music.

Congregation Mishkan Israel is the 14th oldest Jewish congregation in the United States and the oldest continuously operating one in New England.

For more information, call the synagogue office at (203) 288-3877 or visit www.cmihamden.org.

You Win! Free Checking!

FREE electronic bill payment access

FREE first order of wallet-style checks

FREE debit card

FREE online banking

FREE SWITCH KIT

Easily move to Essex Savings Bank from another bank

It is fun to try to win when playing board games. It is even more fun to really win when you switch to a FREE checking account at Essex Savings Bank. You win with...

- FREE debit card
- FREE online banking
- FREE electronic bill payment access
- ATM surcharge reimbursements up to \$12 per statement cycle
- FREE first order of checks
- FREE paper statements
- FREE mobile app
- FREE mobile check deposit
- FREE person-to-person payments

There are no maintenance or activity fees. We never play games with the real money you have worked hard to earn and save.

ESSEX SAVINGS BANK
Service & Trust Since 1851

Essex, 35 Plains Road, 860-767-2573
Essex, 9 Main Street, 860-767-8238
Chester, 203 Middlesex Avenue, 860-526-0000
Madison, 99 Durham Road, 203-318-8611
Old Lyme, 101 Halls Road, 860-434-1646
Old Saybrook, 155 Main Street, 860-388-3543
Toll-Free: 877-377-3922 • essexsavings.com

Member FDIC NMLS# 440436 Equal Housing Lender

SAVE THE DATE!

Silver Circle Society Thank You Event

25+ YEARS SILVER CIRCLE OF GIVING **OF GIVING**

Thursday July 21 | 6 PM
Beckerman Lender Jewish Community Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge

All silver circle members are welcome to attend.
PERFORMANCE BY: THE ELM CITY WINDS
More details to follow

The Silver Circle Society is comprised of over 900 donors who contributed more than \$50 million in donations to our Jewish community over 25+ years. The commitment to helping others is remarkable and powerful.

For more info, visit us at jewishnewhaven.org/silvercircle

IN OUR SYNAGOGUES

BEKI installs Eric Woodward as

By Allan Appel

It was a joyous, gift and music-filled gathering Sunday morning, March 26, as members of Westville's Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI) synagogue installed Eric Woodward as their new rabbi.

Woodward, 41, a graduate of Williams College and the Jewish Theological Seminary, assumed the pulpit over the past year, the congregation's first new pulpit rabbi in 28 years. He succeeded Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen, who served from 1993 - 2021, and Carl Astor, who served as interim rabbi until Woodward arrived.

An upbeat throng of 200 adults and kids participated in the installation ceremony held in the sanctuary at Harrison Street and Whalley Avenue.

"I was wondering if I should bring my tools" to the installation, quipped longtime synagogue member Yair Minsky. He was making an old joke about a relatively new ritual, rabbinic installation.

An installation ceremony mandates no set pieces, prescribed prayers or blessings. The largely freestyle affair allowed Woodward to choose whomever he wanted to



Rabbi Ravid Tilles, right, presents prayer shawl to BEKI Rabbi Eric Woodward at Sunday's ceremony. (Allen Samuel Photography)

officiate and conduct the installation. He chose his best friend, seminary roommate and study-buddy Rabbi Ravid Tilles, who came down from Boston to participate.

"It makes sense that Eric would ask me as a friend to Rabbi Ravid Tilles, right, presents prayer shawl to BEKI Rabbi Eric Woodward at Sunday's ceremony. (Allen Samuel Photography) come speak on his behalf," said Tilles. He could have chosen someone with more rabbinic and Torah gravitas, Tilles said, but Woodward "values relationships as central to his rabbinate. There is nothing more important or sacred or significant than relationships."

Tilles went on to describe Woodward as someone who "helps people find something within. That's the thing he's most expert at."

Minsky echoed many other congregants interviewed in saying that Woodward's relationship-ignited personal spark has proved a perfect fit to shepherd a congregation through gradual reemergence from a pandemic that has stressed out many of our relationships at home, at work, and in a now war and danger-filled world.

NEW congregation Rabbi

The installation was an "exciting moment, in the midst of all the grief in the world, for the congregation to come together," said Maytal Saltiel, an active BEKI member "He's interested in everyone, has a great memory and remembers everyone's story."

When Woodward stepped up to the bimah, he beamed out on the new/old faces looking up at him.

"I'm just taking a minute to take in all your faces," he said. "From the moment BEKI came into our [family's] lives, it felt as if it were meant to be. I think we truly saw each other, the joy and love of being seen."

Woodward found a proof-text for this message in a medieval Jewish commentator's question: Why the Jews' biblical story begins at creation at Genesis (the first humans recorded in the story, after all, weren't Jewish) as opposed to the central-people making moment, the Exodus from Egypt.

Answer: "To give us context, to train us about our place in the world not just as Jews but as humans



BEKI congregant Tamara Schechter presents Woodward with a book containing fellow congregants' well wishes. (Allen Samuel Photography)

... Every time we meet another person we are in medias res and we bring a whole 'trousseau' of past experience, a wrapped up bundle of things, a jumble of narratives and moments. The story of the Exodus is the main story we tell ourselves, but it's not our only story ... Who are you and what is your story?"

In addition to formal proclamations offered by Mayor Justin Elicker and State Rep. Pat Dillon, Tilles presented Woodward with a prayer shawl and an old text for a blessing, from when Moses (with God's help) passes the mantle of leadership to Joshua: "May the Torah never cease from your lips ... Be strong and resolute, for [God] your God will be with you wherever you go. Mazal Tov."

Then, as Woodward struggled a little to don the talit, the prayer shawl, Tilles called up from the seat in the first row to which he had descended: "You know how to use that thing?"

Reprinted with permission of New Haven Independent (www.newhavenindependent). It has been edited lightly for space considerations.

18TH ANNUAL

FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

Calling all Vendors!

CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

VENDORS: VISIT jccnh.org/craftfairvendors

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SUNDAY, DEC 4, 2022 10 AM TO 3 PM

DON'T MISS OUT!

Calling all arts and crafts enthusiasts! If you've been looking to showcase your wonderful work at a craft fair this upcoming holiday season, we're the place for you!

Join us for the shopping frenzy you've been waiting for, connect with other local artists and handmade markets from all over Connecticut and introduce your work to a variety of new customers. Our community is filled with young crafty girls, busy working moms, husbands searching for that perfect gift and they all want what you're selling, whether it's something special for Hanukkah, Christmas, or even Year-end employee gifts.

THE TOWERS
AT TOWER LANE

Haim'ish | ha-mish\: friendly, warm and comfortable; homey; providing a sense of community

No two ways about it, moving is a big deal and we know that you need more stress like a hole in the head. Having served our community for more than **50 years**, we know the challenges that families face when considering a change and we're here to help.

Just a sample of some of our tools - only found here at the Towers:

- Full-time Transition Specialist
- Proactive Partner Model
- Flexible apartment design
- Locally owned and operated
- Homestyle kosher kitchen

Experience the Towers for the first time, again. Call us at (203) 772-1816 to start the conversation and schedule a visit or find us at www.towerlane.org.

Apartments available now!
Limited availability.



Thank You to Our CORPORATE SPONSORS

ALL AMERICAN WASTE
www.aawllc.com
19 Wheeler Street, New Haven, CT
(800) 998-2985

STAR TIRES PLUS WHEELS
• TIRES
• WHEELS
• AUTO REPAIR
TWO LOCATIONS:
40 Boston Post Rd. 888 Wethersfield Ave.
West Haven Hartford
203-933-2886 860-296-9799
startires.com

SOUND
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY
AN AFFILIATED PRACTICE OF
Yale Medicine

Teplitzky & Company
Certified Public Accountants
1 Bradley Road,
Building 600
Woodbridge, CT 06525
(203) 387-0852
teplitzky.com

BARKER SPECIALTY
800 227-5377 | barkerspecialty.com
EXPAND YOUR BRAND

LIBERTY BANK
Be Community Kind.[™]
liberty-bank.com
153 College Street
New Haven, CT
(203) 815-9864

GREEN & SKLARZ LLC
GS-LAWFIRM.COM
(203) 285-8545

LH BRENNER, INC. INSURANCE
Thompson & Peck, Inc.
Insurance since 1924
CT's Insurance Experts
lhbrennerins.com | (203) 389-2156
1412 Whalley Ave, New Haven, CT

MARCUM
ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS
Marcum LLP
555 Long Wharf Drive
New Haven, CT
(203) 781-9788
marcumllp.com

APICELLA ADJUSTERS
apicellaadjusters.com
284 South
Lambert Road, #1
Orange, CT
(203) 785-3111

CBR
BY GENERATE
LIFE SCIENCES[®]
1.888.932.6568

FOXWOODS
RESORT & CASINO
THE Wonder OF IT ALL
1 (888) 913-6838

Generations
Ob/Gyn
generationsobgynct.com
(203) 248-4461

Learn how to become a
Corporate Sponsor,
email Lindsey Barger at:
lbarger@jewishnewhaven.org

THE WORLD AT A GLANCE

Jeanette Kuvin Oren Designs Hanukkah Stamp

Her stunning artwork adorns the sanctuaries of a multitude of synagogues, the offices of many Jewish organizations and the walls of private homes all



across the country and in Israel. Now, Connecticut Judaic artist Jeanette Kuvin Oren has another extraordinary achievement to add to her burgeoning portfolio: Stamp designer and artist.

Jeanette Kuvin Oren is going postal—in a good way.

Recently, the U.S. Postal Service announced the selection of Hanukkah-themed artwork designed by Jeanette to issue as a stamp celebrating that most joyous of Jewish holidays. The stamp features an original wall-hanging by the Connecticut artist. To create her unique work, the fiber art was hand-dyed, appliquéd and quilted to form a colorful abstract image of a Hanukkah — the nine-branch candelabra used only at Chanukah. Ethel Kessler served as art director for the project.

Kudos, Jeanette!

Crisis deepens between Arab party and coalition

(JNS) As the Knesset opened its summer session on Monday, May 9, tensions were running high between Foreign Minister Yair Lapid and Ra'am Party head Mansour Abbas, according to

Israeli media. Abbas has accused Lapid of briefing media outlets against him, particularly over the contentious issue of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, the scene of Palestinian rioting against Israeli security forces throughout the month of Ramadan. On April 17, Ra'am froze its membership in the coalition amid a wave of terrorism and unrest, and conditioned its return to voting with the coalition on two demands. The first is that a summit be initiated between Israel and Jordan on the issue of the Al-Aqsa mosque compound, and to formulate an outline to "returning the status quo." The second condition, a government release of \$583.4 million in funds for projects in the Arab sector, which have gotten "stuck" due to the actions of various ministries.

As SNH went to press, senior coalition officials warned Ra'am that if it does not show up to vote on May 11 on an opposition no-confidence bill, the Arab party would be responsible for pushing the coalition towards collapse.

Harvard Crimson supports BDS

(JNS) In a recent editorial, The Harvard Crimson announced its support for the BDS movement and a "free Palestine," ending a 20-year legacy of opposition to boycotting Israel. "In the past, our board was skeptical of the movement (if not, generally speaking, of its goals), arguing that BDS as a whole did not 'get at the nuances and particularities of the Israel-Palestine conflict.' We regret and reject that view," the editorial board wrote in its article. It added that "in the wake of accusations suggesting otherwise, we feel the need to assert that support for Palestinian liberation is not anti-Semitic."

The editorial board, which at one point in the piece said "Israel remains America's favorite first amendment blindspot," praised the school's Palestine Solidarity Committee for its "spirited activism," noting that it has

proven successful: It has forced our campus—and our editorial board—to once again wrestle with what both Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have called Israel's 'crimes against humanity' in the region."

The announcement was met with condemnation from Jewish groups and individuals.

Immigration to Israel smashes record

(Israel Hayom) Some 38,000 new immigrants will celebrate their first Independence Day as Israeli citizens this year, according to figures released by the Jewish Agency on Sunday. The figure marks a two-decade immigration record. The data also shows that immigration was driven higher by the war in Ukraine, where the Jewish Agency

for Israel, in cooperation with the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ), helped rescue thousands of Jewish refugees. Upon arrival in Israel, the Aliyah and Integration Ministry housed the immigrants in hotels throughout the country.

Meanwhile, many more immigrants from all corners of the globe flocked to Israel in the shadow of the global pandemic. Between May 2021 and now, about half of the immigrants arrived from Ukraine and Russia, 4,000 came from the United States, 3,700 from France, 1,000 from Belarus, 1,000 from Argentina, 700 from Great Britain, 600 from South Africa, 500 from Brazil, 400 from Canada, and others from Australia, Germany, Belgium, Chile, Italy and other countries. In addition, more immigrants from Ethiopia arrived via "Operation Tzur Israel," which is due to resume soon as per an agreement between the Jewish Agency and the Aliyah and Integration Ministry.

Generations

Ob/Gyn

Visit us at
generationsobgynct.com
(203) 248-4461

A PROUD CORPORATE PARTNER

- TIRES
- WHEELS
- AUTO REPAIR

TWO LOCATIONS:

40 Boston Post Rd. West Haven 203-933-2886	888 Wethersfield Ave. Hartford 860-296-9799
---	--

ALL AMERICAN WASTE
www.aawllc.com
19 Wheeler Street
New Haven,
Connecticut
(800) 998-2985

A PROUD CORPORATE PARTNER

SOUND

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

AN AFFILIATED PRACTICE OF

Yale Medicine

(203) 789-2011 | sound-obgyn.com

A PROUD CORPORATE PARTNER



Well done is better than well said

By Yelena Gerovich New American Acculturation Program Coordinator

Everyone loves summer—the warm weather, the barbecues, the sunshine, the longer days.

This year, we usher in the summer with a celebration of the two-day festival of Shavuot, which begins the evening of June 4, and during which we enjoy foods like blintzes and cheesecake to remind us of the sweetness of the Torah.



Next, on June 10, we mark the 270th anniversary of the time in 1752 that Benjamin Franklin flew his kite during a thunderstorm and collected an ambient electrical charge in a Leyden jar to demonstrate the link between lightning and electricity.



On July 4, we celebrate Independence Day. We must remember that the Founding Fathers built the structural framework of the new government based on classical liberal policies. Let us never forget that representatives of the 13 colonies found a way to put their differences aside and join together to work towards a common goal. While proclaiming independence from Great Britain, they created interdependence between the colonies. We still remember the words of our Founding Father Benjamin Franklin, who said: "Well done is better than well said."

The refugees from the former Soviet Union are following closely the currently situation in Ukraine and we are deeply moved by the outpouring of generosity from our Jewish community. They have relatives and friends all around the world, including Ukraine and Israel, and we are thankful to our Jewish community for collecting donations and for the humanitarian aid mission to Poland and the Ukrainian border which they recently undertook.

Jews all around the world know that they are not alone and that all possible help will be provided when they need it. Our Jewish American community has demonstrated that so many times before. Since ancient times, Jews have used their wits to survive. As a community, we are strongest when we stand together.

The New American Acculturation Program continues to provide educational classes, programs and holiday celebrations. For more information about the program, including sponsorships of specific program, please contact Yelena Gerovich at 203 387-2424 x321, or email ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org.



JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Make your amazon purchase the reason someone smiles at our JCC. smile.amazon.com

WELCOME TO AMERICA

Хорошо сделано лучше, чем хорошо сказано

Все любят лето — теплую погоду, барбекью, солнце и длинные светлые дни.

В этом году мы встретим лето празднованием праздника Шавуот, который начинается вечером 4 июня и во время которого мы полакомимся блинчиками и вкусными выпечками, которые напомнят нам о сладости Торы.

Затем 10 июня мы отметим 270-летие со дня, когда в 1752 году Бенджамин Франклин запустил своего воздушного змея во время грозы чтобы продемонстрировать связь между молнией и электричеством. Суть эксперимента состояла в том, что молния, ударив в змея, пройдет по намочкей от дождя бечевке до ключа. В результате чего на конце ключа будет виден электрический разряд.

4 июля мы отметим День Независимости. Мы помним, что отцы-основатели Америки построили структурную основу нового правительства на основе классической либеральной политики. Мы вспомним как представители 13 колоний нашли способ отложить в сторону свои разногласия и объединиться для достижения общей цели. Провозгласив независимость от Великобритании, они создали взаимозависимость между колониями. Мы до сих пор помним слова нашего отца-основателя Бенджамина Франклина, который сказал: «Хорошо сделано лучше, чем хорошо сказано».

Беженцы из бывшего Советского Союза внимательно следят за текущей ситуацией в Украине, и глубоко тронуты проявлением щедрости со стороны нашей еврейской общины. У многих есть родственники и друзья по всему миру, включая Украину и Израиль, и мы благодарны нашей еврейской общине за сбор пожертвований и за миссию гуманитарной помощи в Польшу и на украинской границе, которую они недавно предприняли.

Евреи во всем мире знают, что они не одиноки когда приходит беда, что вся возможная помощь будет оказана, когда они в ней нуждаются. Наша еврейско-американская община уже неоднократно демонстрировала это. С древних времен евреи использовали свои ум и мудрость чтобы выжить. Мы сильнее и можем выжить только тогда, когда помогаем и поддерживаем друг друга, когда мы вместе.

Наша образовательная программа продолжает проводить занятия, учебные программы и праздничные мероприятия.

Для получения дополнительной информации о New American Acculturation Program, с вопросами и предложениями звоните Елене Герович по телефону (203) 387-2424 x321 (tel:(203)%20387-2424;321) или ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org (mailto:ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org)

Liverpool PRODUCTIONS

CALL CHARLES!!! 203.795.4737
DJ/MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT FOR ANY OCCASION
PROUD TO BE ENTERTAINING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1978!

Fundraiser for Ukrainians in need

May 16 | The Owl Shop

Glen Greenberg wanted to help. After all, it was hard for any feeling person to witness the people of Ukraine suffering horribly, their country devastated and in ruin as a result of the brutal attack by Russian forces.

"I had been thinking about what I could do, short of getting on a plane and going over there," explains Glen, who lives in Guilford and is a Board member of the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. "Then my friend Dave Hartman came to me and said, 'Listen, why don't we do a fundraiser here at The Owl Shop.' It was the perfect idea, so we brought in our friend Tim Cabral, who owns the bar called Ordinary around the corner."

And the rest is history. Or, in this case, a fundraiser for the World Central Kitchen (WCK), an international non-profit organization dedicated to feeding those in need.

Sponsored by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, the WCK fundraiser will be held Monday, May 16, 6-8 p.m. at The Owl Shop, a New Haven cigar lounge located at 268 College St. in downtown New Haven, owned and operated by Glen. For a \$50 donation, guests will be treated to a complimentary cocktail



(courtesy Ordinary), cigar (courtesy The Owl Shop), whiskey tasting (courtesy Slouch & Sons), bagel sandwiches (courtesy Olmo), and Ukrainian Apple Cake

(courtesy Claire's Corner Copia). The evening will also include a silent auction and raffle.

Why the World Central Kitchen? Since the start of the Russian invasion into Ukraine, the WCK has served more than 15.6 million meals to Ukrainians in need, including those still in Ukraine and those living in shelters at border crossings. Their efforts have been a lifeline for families who have been forced to flee their homes.

Donations are needed now more than ever, says Glen.

"The World Central Kitchen had a location in Ukraine, and they were bombed a couple of weeks ago. Their supplies are destroyed," he reports. "So we put together this fundraiser and we're hoping to raise somewhere around \$10,000—hopefully more. But whatever we can do is more than they had yesterday."

If you can't stop by The Owl Shop, says Glen, you can still donate by visiting wck.org/ukraine-donate. Donations should be earmarked for the "WCK Ukrainian Effort." In-kind donations may be arranged through The Owl Shop, (203) 624-3250.

For more information, contact David Hartman at (203) 623-4517 or dhartman50@comcast.net.



Your gift to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Annual Campaign empowers the next generation of our community, from Shalom Baby newborns and PJ Library kids to our jHaven young adults, **you make it happen!**

Scan the QR code to donate today or visit us online at www.jewishnewhaven.org/give



DONATE NOW



JEWISH FEDERATION CAMPAIGN 2022

Why We Give

HERE FOR GOOD MEANS BEING READY & ABLE TO ASSIST ANYWHERE WE ARE NEEDED
 As we do Good at home and around the world, we are reminded that a thriving Jewish tomorrow depends on a safe, secure Jewish community today. With the undeniable rise in antisemitism and hate, we are actively involved in making the world a more secure place. We are doing it in partnership with the Secure Community Network (SCN) and with the expertise of our Regional Security Advisor, Michael Shanbrom.



SECURITY INVESTMENTS SINCE JANUARY 1, 2022:


28
 THREAT
 ASSESSMENTS
 OF LOCAL
 JEWISH
 ORGANIZATIONS

1,300
 PEOPLE TRAINED
 THROUGH
35
 SECURITY TRAININGS

**DEVELOPMENT OF
 CRISIS
 MANAGEMENT
 PLANS
 FOR JEWISH
 INSTITUTIONS**




Your support of the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign makes it possible.
 Contact Amy Holtz, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Chief Development Officer for more information at aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org, or visit jewishnewhaven.org/ways-to-give.



Community Banking Since 1851

- Free Checking
- Free Online Banking and Mobile App
- Responsive Loan Officers
- Personal Service
- Safe Deposit Boxes
- Staff that Listens to Your Needs and Appreciates Your Business



ESSEX SAVINGS BANK
 Service & Trust Since 1851

Essex, 35 Plains Road, 860-767-2573 • Essex, 9 Main Street, 860-767-8238
 Chester, 203 Middlesex Avenue, 860-526-0000 • Madison, 99 Durham Road, 203-318-8611
 Old Lyme, 101 Halls Road, 860-434-1646 • Old Saybrook, 155 Main Street, 860-388-3543
 Toll-Free: 877-377-3922 • www.essexsavings.com

Member FDIC NMLS #440436 Equal Housing Lender



Book your SPECIAL Event Now!
 JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

Renovated Auditorium & Conference Room

Weddings	Family Reunions
Bar Mitzvah/Bat Mitzvahs	Corporate Events
Baby Showers	• Meetings
Bachelorette/Bachelor Partys	• Holiday Partys
Spa Events	Birthday Partys

Contact Sandy at sandy@jccnh.org or call (203) 387-2424 x251 to book your event or discuss your ideas.

Holocaust Survivor (Continued from page 5)

"I came penniless, and I worked very hard to learn the language," Lazowski said. He worked during the day, attending school at night, and eventually earning a degree from Yeshiva University.

There a classmate invited the whole class to his wedding. At the reception, a woman at his table engaged him in conversation. "She asked where I was from, and I told her the town," he said. "And she said, 'Oh, my best friend told me she saved a boy from that town.' How did they save the boy? I asked. She told me the story. I said, That's me. I am that boy."

Having learned that she and her family lived in Hartford, he called the operator and asked for the number for Rabinowitz. There were six Rabinowitzes. He asked for the first one. "And who answered the phone, but the lady that saved my life," he recalled, to the audience's delight and gasps.

Not long after, he visited them in Hartford. "There were the two girls from the market-place all grown up," he said. "I fell in love with one of them, Ruth, and we've been married for 66 years, three sons, seven grandchildren."

"There are very few Holocaust survivors," he said in closing. "Soon there will be none, so it's important that we understand where we are going."
 That's why, he said, "I tell my story. So it's not forgotten. When you forget, you're vulnerable to the idea that it never happened, and then it can happen again."

This article is reprinted with permission of New Haven Independent. It has been edited slightly for space considerations.



Ever since there's been an IDF protecting Israel, there's been an MDA ensuring their health.

Magen David Adom has been saving lives since 1930, some 18 years before Israel became a state. We take immense pride in being Israel's national emergency medical service and in supplying the blood and medical care for the soldiers who have ensured Israel's existence. Join us in celebrating Israel's independence on *Yom HaAtzma'ut*.

Save a life in Israel — and now in Ukraine too.

Support Magen David Adom at afmda.org or call 866.632.2763.



Saving lives. It's in our blood.
afmda.org



NOW HIRING
SPEND YOUR SUMMER WITH US



SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT OUR STAFF PAGE




Or visit us online at www.jccnh.org/camp
campdirector@jccnh.org
 203-387-2424 x253

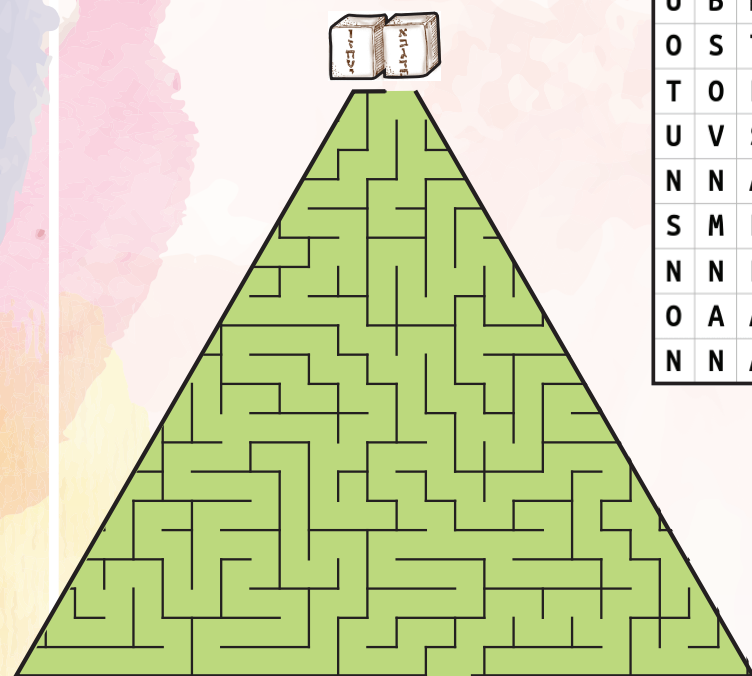
Shalom FUN!

By Chava Light

SHAVUOT WORD FIND

O	T	S	T	H	A	R	O	T	T	C	T	T	
S	N	I	M	O	U	N	T	A	I	N	S	O	T
H	E	A	I	T	S	I	E	A	S	T	I	E	A
A	H	I	T	N	R	D	E	E	A	S	S	S	O
V	N	T	S	I	N	A	I	O	R	H	I	B	L
U	B	H	D	L	O	I	B	A	I	I	T	N	S
O	S	T	C	S	B	N	E	A	H	N	A	A	S
T	O	L	A	C	E	L	E	B	R	A	T	E	D
U	V	S	T	E	L	B	A	T	L	H	M	A	S
N	N	A	A	E	M	O	S	E	S	T	I	M	R
S	M	E	T	N	L	S	E	E	A	R	L	A	E
N	N	L	L	L	V	I	M	A	Y	O	T	V	R
O	A	A	S	C	A	N	A	A	N	Y	N	N	T
N	N	A	B	A	T	M	A	A	M	E	Y	E	I

PSST! This year Shavuot falls on June 4 and 5 (Saturday and Sunday)!



ENTER

Climb Mount Sinai to get the Luchot (tablets)!

ISRAEL NATION TORAH MOSES DAIRY TABLETS SHAVUOT CELEBRATE SINAI

What are some of your favorite dairy foods?

Did You Know?

According to the Talmud, the length and width of each of the luchot (Tablets) was "six Tefachim" (about 20 inches length and width) and "three Tefachim" thick – (about 10 inches). (This is very different than how it's shown in art!) The luchot were also made of sapphire - and were square as opposed to rounded.



Shavuot

WHAT

Shavuot is the holiday that celebrates the Jews receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai.

WHEN

On the second day of Pesach (Passover), we begin counting each day for 7 weeks, 49 days. This counting is in anticipation for receiving the Torah. Shavuot is the fiftieth day.

ABOUT

(1) It's traditional to eat dairy on Shavuot. This is because once the Torah was given, the Jews became obligated to observe the kosher laws. Since the Torah was given on Shabbat, no cattle could be prepared nor could utensils be koshered, and so on that day they ate dairy.

(2) King David was born and died on Shavuot

(3) The night before the Jews got the Torah, they slept. Some people feel they should have been too excited to sleep! For this reason, there is a custom to stay up all night and learn Torah on Shavuot. This shows how excited we are to have the Torah.

TRIBUTES & REMEMBRANCES

To purchase a tribute card: jccnh.org, jewishnewhaven.org, newhavenjewishfoundation.org
*Tributes listed are up to April 27, 2022

JEWISH FEDERATION

In celebration of Marilyn Margolis on her special birthday to Women's Philanthropy Dignity Grows
Nancy Cohen

In memory of Roslyn Cabin, mother of Henry Cabin
*Barry & Hyla Vine
Barry Zaret & Renee Drell
Lawrence & Jane Cohen
Joan & Stuart Margolis & family
John & Marcia Gell
Wayne & Denise Cooke*

In memory of John Harrison Streicker, father of Margaret Streicker-Porres
Judy Alperin

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jacqueline Miller to Women's Philanthropy's Dignity Grows
*Nancy Cohen
Judy Alperin
Robyn & Jeffrey Teplitzky
Amy, Mark & Sarah Holtz
Cindy & Jaime Gerber
Anna & Robert Klee
Emily & Ken Sandberg
Saul & Sarah Goldberg*

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Leah Scates to Women's Philanthropy's Dignity Grows
Riley Spark

In honor of Betsy Schulman
Merle & Steve Waxman

In honor of the engagement of Chesky & Chaya-Hinda Holtzberg's daughter Miriam to Raphael Fakiro
Judy Alperin

In honor of Arthur & Betty Levy to the Jewish Community Relations Council
Rachel & Stephen Wizner

In honor of Sydney Perry to the Ukraine Relief Fund
Susan Stone & Roger Levine

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Riley Spark to Women's Philanthropy Dignity Grows
*Deborah Rosmarin
Nick Drakonakis
The Rolf Family
MaryGrace Crisci*

In honor of Sara Levine
Hedda & Gary Kopf

In celebration of Richard and Gail Epstein's birthdays and anniversary to Women's Philanthropy Dignity Grows
Nancy Cohen

In memory of Stanley Lesser, father of Betsy Flaherty, to Women's Philanthropy Dignity Grows
*Judy Alperin
Amy, Mark & Sarah Holtz
Nancy Cohen
The Teplitzky Family*

In honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Isabella Cohn and Zachary Cohn to the Ukraine Relief Fund
Michael Neufeld

In honor of Henry Garris' 90th birthday to the Ukraine Relief Fund
Eric & Civanne Bloch

In honor of Marisa Bloch's 60th birthday to the Ukraine Relief Fund
Eric & Civanne Bloch

In honor of the Barbara Kauders Bat Mitzvah to Women's Philanthropy Dignity Grows
Nancy Cohen

JCC

In celebration of Josie Jacobson's 5th birthday
Stephanie Jacobson

In memory of Irving Calechman
*Michael Korten
Marilyn & Gerald Fishbone
Arthur Seltzer & Yale Cardiology
Louise & Irwin Epstein
Evelyn Wienecke
Cindy Chasin-Jedynak
Bernice Gillman
Harvey Bixon
Anthony Moscato
Barry & Hyla Vine
Ann Tendler
Allan & Ellen Greenberg
Maxine & Robert Wallace
Andrew & Eileen Eder
The Teplitzky Family
Karen Calechman & Family
Brian McCarthy
Sondra Bernblum
David & Irma Shutan
Donald & Evelyn Grenon*

In memory of Maxine Wallace's mother
Allan & Ellen Greenberg

Wishing Stephen Grodzinsky a speedy recovery
Maxine & Robert Wallace

JCARR

In honor of Kate Ezra for her great work with the refugee families
Rosalind & Stephen Atkins

In honor of Sheldon Natkin for his great work with the refugee families
Rosalind & Stephen Atkins

In memory of Susan Opin
Geraldine & Sheldon Natkin

In honor of Jean Silk
Rachel & Stephen Wizner

JEWISH FOUNDATION

BECKERMAN FAMILY CAMPING EXPERIENCE FUND FOR CAMP LAURELWOOD, JCC DAY CAMP & NH REG. FRESH AIR FUND
In memory of Mr. Sam Burrell, Mr. John Garcia and Aniello Cappetta
David & Ruthann Beckerman

BECKERMAN FAMILY SUPPORTING FOUNDATION, INC. JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of Ida Strauss, Jane Okuniew, Harriet Leibowitz, Beverly Albert, Irving Calechman
David & Ruthann Beckerman

JACQUELINE WALMSLEY MILLER TZEDAKAH FUND
In honor of Jacqueline
Elanna Bernstein & Peter Kaufman

DAUGHTERS OF 1853 NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In memory of Bessie B. Kraft, Jeanne K. Alterman, Sally H. Kraft, Sally S. Rosenthal
Lawrence & Betsy Rosenthal

GEORGE & SUSAN KRALL FAMILY PACE FUND
In memory of Harriet Leibowitz, Judy Mettler In honor of Ruthann & David Beckerman, thank you for your kindness
George & Susan Krall
In memory of Roslyn Cabin
George & Susan Krall, Caren, Max and Jenna

DR. ALLAN AND CLAIRE FRANKEL PACE FUND
In memory of Mr. Stanley Goldman & Mr. Robert Shelnitz
Claire L. Frankel & Ed Brovitz

MARY LOU AND EDWARD WINNICK ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of Edward Winnick
*Elizabeth H. Barnston
Joanne & Herbert Belgrad
Hedison Family*

VELMA AND STUART GRODD FUND FOR JCC MEMBERSHIP
In memory of Stuart Grodd
Shirley Halprin
In memory of Robert Apfel & Rosalyn Cabin
Velma Grodd
In honor of the celebration of Jimmy Shure
Velma Grodd

JONAH PERRY HOOTNICK TZEDAKAH FUND
In honor of Jonah's Bar Mitzvah
Lucille Alderman

LEONARD MARGOLIS ATHLETIC ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of Fran Ponchick, Beverly Albert, and Jason Rosenholtz
Stephen & Ronda Margolis

JONATHAN ADAM COOPER MEMORIAL SPORTS FUND FOR EZRA ACADEMY
In honor of Judy Cooper
Michelle Gavens & Brian Margolis

HOOS FAMILY PERPETUAL ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FUND
In memory of Jane Okuniew
Betsy & Jeffrey Hoos

JULIE KOVAR FUND
In memory of Harold Roggen
Ellen Kovar

CAROLE & HAROLD GREENBAUM FAMILY FUND
In memory of Ike Calechman - A giant in kindness
Carole Greenbaum

HENRY MAX NOVICK TZEDAKAH FUND
In honor of Henry's Bar Mitzvah
David Novick & Dena Springer

JCC Day Camps Staff Wanted!

See ad on page 25 for details



Porsche • Volvo • Mercedes • BMW

the Woodbridge AUTO BODY SHOP inc.

- American and Foreign Specialists -

Free Estimate • Frame Machine • Professional Insurance Help
Loaner Car Available • Interstate Car Carrier Service

203.397.2909

36 LUCY STREET, WOODBRIDGE, CONNECTICUT 06525

BIG TICKET RAFFLE

**TUESDAY
JUNE
28 2022**

6-8PM

JCC
NORMAN HURWITZ
TERRACE ROOM

TOP PRIZES:

- \$5,000 CASH**
- \$3,000 Entertainment Package**
from Liverpool Productions
- 1 YEAR JCC MEMBERSHIP**
(any category)

Questions? Contact Lindsey Barger at lbarger@jewishnewhaven.org or 203-387-2424 x276