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## Limmud NY Comes to Stamford Weekend Retreat Celebrates Everything Jewish

For the first time in its 10-year history, Limmud NY is coming to Stamford, CT!

From Friday-Monday, February 14-17, more than 600 Jews, from the tri-state area and beyond, from infants to grandparents, of all affiliations – Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Orthodox, secular, post-denominational – will gather to celebrate the richness of Jewish life for an extended weekend retreat filled with text study, discussions, performances, meals, late-night jam sessions and opportunities to learn about themselves and each other. At Limmud NY, everyone is considered a teacher and everyone is a student.

"Limmud" is Hebrew for "learning" and Limmud NY seeks to offer Jewish learning in every conceivable form, from



People of all ages and affiliations attend Limmud NY.

learning Torah to learning how to make gefilte fish; from Middle Eastern politics to Jewish Kirtan chanting; from Refuseniks to slam poetry; from Schneerson

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## Israeli Group Quietly Feeding Syrian Refugees in Jordan

BY BEN SALES

MAFRAQ, Jordan (JTA) – The purple plastic sacks fill two rooms in the otherwise sparsely furnished headquarters of a Jordanian NGO, awaiting distribution to Syrian refugees already lined up on the sidewalk.

They contain an array of staple dry goods – lentils, pasta, powdered milk, tea – as well as a range of hygiene products like soap and detergent, enough for 250 refugee families. But before the goods are handed out, one thing will be removed

– the word "Jewish."

Going sack by sack with a pair of scissors, an aid worker begins to cut.

"We don't announce with trumpets that we're Israeli," the worker says. "There's no need for that. Once you let that cat out of the bag, everything starts to blow up."

The sacks are paid for by IsraAid, an Israeli nonprofit that provides disaster relief and humanitarian aid across the world. The group has provided medical

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## December 8 is Super Sunday! The Whole Community Giving, Helping and Fund-raising

Sunday, December 8, is a day of unity for the Stamford Jewish community – a day to come together to make the world a better place for those who are less fortunate. In the spirit of "Better Together," both UJF's Super Sunday and the JCC's Community Mitzvah Day will take place at the Stamford JCC on that Sunday.

"Super Sunday 2014" is the local Jewish community's biggest one-day fundraising event of the year. More than 100 volunteers will gather to call family members, friends and neighbors to solicit donations to UJF for all the projects and work for those in need right here in Stamford, as well as Jews in need in Israel and in 79 countries around the world. The money is raised by United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien and then distributed

to the agencies who do the key work of "making amazing things happen." "Super Sunday is the day UJF reaches the most families, and my husband, Nimrod, and I have eagerly volunteered to co-chair Super Sunday because we understand its importance to the success of UJF's Annual Community Campaign," Rachel Dayan stated.

Raising money on Super Sunday is not just for adults. The annual children's competition for most money collected by area Jewish schools and youth groups has already begun. The school or youth group collecting the most money will win a pizza party. Each participating child will receive a certificate from UJF congratulating them on their donations. Teenagers can do their

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## TribeFest 2014

### Young Jewish Adults Gather in New Orleans

Thousands of young Jewish adults will gather in New Orleans for the Jewish Federations of North America's TribeFest 2014. The marquee event for young Jews will gather major speakers, hit musical acts and scores of leading Jewish organizations under the Jewish Federations' tent in the Big Easy, March 16-18.

TribeFest 2014, based at the Sheraton New Orleans, will feature programming that seeks to engage and inspire young Jews. Previous TribeFest headliners have included Hollywood actress Mayim Bi-

alik, "Saturday Night Live" star Rachel Dratch, best-selling humorist and author A.J. Jacobs, Olympic gold-medal swimmer Lenny Krayzelburg, Idealist.org founder Ami Dar and author of "The Accidental Billionaires," Ben Mezrich.

TribeFest, for Jews ages 22-45, offers a diverse range of experiences and events. Participants can choose from workshops, panel discussions, community-service opportunities and social events. Programs will focus on issues

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L-r: Leon and Kayla Hanna, speaker Bradley Sherman, Parry Berkowitz, Devra Jaffe Berkowitz, host and hostess Nimrod and Rachel Dayan, UJF President Shoshana Dweck, Alix Field Eben and David Eben.

See page 5 for further coverage.

### CEO's Message

## A Confluence of Miracles

BY JAMES COHEN

Much has been made in recent weeks of the phenomenon we are about to experience: the simultaneous celebration of Thanksgiving and Chanukah. If we put aside the rather tacky images of turkeys with menorahs drawn in their feathers, there is a beautiful message worth remembering during this doubly festive season. Both holidays celebrate the gift of freedom and the impact miracles have had through the centuries. As Jews and as Americans, we are indeed fortunate to be the bearers of the legacy of both of these wonderful traditions.

Nonetheless, we can recognize the majesty of these past miracles while taking responsibility for living up to our individual and collective obligation to "repair the world." I was reminded of this when I heard



James Cohen, UJF CEO

Bradley Sherman, a member of National Cabinet for JFNA Young Leadership, when he spoke at our recent Ben Gurion Society event. Bradley very eloquently walked the audience through the turning points in his life, noting that at every critical juncture – when he was orphaned in infancy, as a teenager searching for himself, or when he was in need of support when caring for an elderly parent, his local Federation was there for him. He defined the presence of Federation and Federation supported programs as "miracles" that shaped his own life.

UJF Stamford provides individuals in our community with the opportunity to make a miracle happen in someone's life every single day. Through the generosity of our donors, the orphan in Israel, the out-of-work dad in New Canaan, the bubbie in Russia, the student who gets a local scholarship are all experiencing these miracles regularly. We are continuously looking for additional ways to have a meaningful impact.

With Super Sunday on December 8 and having

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Chibuki dogs are sent to children attending preschools in protected buildings or shelters, and to all children in Kindergartens in Ashkelon, Sderot and the surrounding areas. Each dog costs \$36. You can donate towards the purchase of a dog or donate an entire dog.

**Buy a dog in honor of your children and tell the children of Israel that we love and support them.**

Honor your child and make a donation in his/her name AND get a certificate

For information about the Chibuki program, please contact: Jeff Goldberg at [jeff@ujf.org](mailto:jeff@ujf.org) or 203-321-1373 ext. 112.

launched an "impact" campaign that gives donors the opportunity to give an additional gift this year to help those in need (see ad on page 15), I humbly submit that as we remember the miracles of old, and rejoice in the blessings of freedom and plenty so many of us enjoy today, that we take the time to think about how we add to the cadre of brethren who are the recipients of these modern miracles. We simply cannot take these things for granted. As President Kennedy understood when he called our nation into service in 1961, "Here on Earth, God's work must truly be our own."

## Hadassah Big Gifts Brunch



At Stamford Hadassah's recent Tikvah Big Gifts Brunch, Jill Kaplan (middle) and Janet Welkovich (right) talked with Dr. Sagit Arbel-Alon (left), director of Bat Ami Center, Hadassah's center for the treatment of sexual abuse and domestic violence.

### ARZA Executive Director to Speak

During Friday evening services on January 31, Temple Sinai will host guest speaker Barbara Kavadias, acting executive director of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America/The Reform Israel Fund. She will speak about ARZA as an organization and the part it plays in both Israeli and American Jewish life. She will address liberal Judaism in Israel, the role that ARZA has and continues to have in that fight and why it is so important for liberal Jews to continue to visit and support Israel.

Services will begin at 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Temple Sinai at 203-322-1649 or Melissa Cohavi at [educator@templesinaistamford.org](mailto:educator@templesinaistamford.org).

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to Seinfeld; from *Kol Nidre* to klezmer. Limmud was founded in England in 1980; there are now more than 80 Limmud affiliates around the world. Limmud NY runs on nearly 100-percent volunteer power. Limmud NY seeks to create community through volunteering. Limmud NY has only one paid employee who facilitates the work of its numerous volunteers, who are empowered to oversee every aspect of the event, beginning a year in advance and continuing on-site throughout the weekend. Limmud NY has been called a participatory event, a communal collaboration and a celebration of what is possible when a community all work together.

Already confirmed for this year's program are Asher Lopatin, rabbi and president of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School; text, sex and religion scholars Doreen and Chaim Seidler-Feller; pianist, songwriter, composer and conductor Scott Stein; Samuel Norich, publisher of *The Forward* and former executive director of YIVO Institute for Jewish Research; nationally-acclaimed slam poet Aaron Samuels; Daniel Roth, rabbi and director of the Pardes Center for Judaism and Conflict Resolution in Jerusalem; artist Hanoah Piven; *Wall Street Journal* reporter Lucette Lagnado, author of "Man in the White Sharkskin Suit;" artist Deborah Uguretz; and many more.

One of the highlights of this year's Limmud will be Sunday night's Limmudapoolooza, featuring Six13, a six-man vocal group that seeks to bring an unprecedented style of Jewish music to the stage. The group's five award-winning albums are among the top Jewish music on iTunes and Six13 has become a viral Internet sensation with more than one million views on YouTube.

Limmud NY will be held at the Stamford Hilton Hotel and Executive Meeting Center, right off Route 95 and less than a mile from the Stamford Metro North/Amtrak station.

Registration opened in early November at [www.limmudny.org](http://www.limmudny.org). There will be program-only options for local residents who do not wish to stay at the hotel. Complete information, including a regularly-updated conference schedule and list of presenters and conference, can be found on the Limmud website. Limited financial aid is available. For more information, call 212-908-2539 or e-mail [info@LimmudNY.org](mailto:info@LimmudNY.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Rabbi Borowitz – a Personal Odyssey

### Sixty Years of Reform Judaism

BY CAMILLE A. KRAMER

Dr. Eugene B. Borowitz, rabbi, professor, Reform Judaism leader and philosopher, and recipient of the lifetime Jewish Cultural Achievement medal from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, will speak on Sunday, January 12, at 1:30-3 pm, as part of the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County's January Featured Program. Rabbi Borowitz will talk about the last 60 years of the Reform movement and his role in it.

Rabbi Borowitz is the Sigmund L. Falk Distinguished Professor of Education and Jewish Religious Thought at

the New York School of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where he has taught since 1962.

A prolific author, Rabbi Borowitz's body of work addresses the dilemma of the postmodern Jew to incorporate individual autonomy with commitment to God, Torah and Israel. His 1974 work, "The Mask Jews Wear," received the National Jewish Book Award in the field of Jewish thought. His 19th book, "A Touch of the Sacred, a Theologian's Informal Guide to Jewish Belief," co-authored by Frances W. Schwartz, has been called particularly accessible to the general reader.

In Sh'ma, a Journal of Jewish Responsibility, which he founded in 1970 and edited for 23 years, he provided a forum for all segments of the Jewish community to express themselves on a wide range of controversial topics.

Among the innumerable honors for this "dean" of American Jewish philosophers is the Eisen-drath Prize for his contributions to Reform Judaism awarded him by the Union for Reform Judaism at its 2005 biennial convention. In 1982, the Harvard University Divinity School invited him to inaugurate its newly established List Professorship of Jewish Studies. He is still the only Jew to have been president of the American Theological Society.

Rabbi Borowitz received his bachelor's degree from Ohio State University. He was ordained at Hebrew Union College, where he earned his first doctorate degree. In his long career of religious service, he was Navy chaplain during the Korean War and served numerous congregations around the country. Rabbi Borowitz currently lives in Stamford. Every Saturday, Temple Sinai, Stamford, offers Bible Study with Rabbi Borowitz at 9 am. This group has been together more than a decade and it is open to welcome new participants.

The program is free and open to the public with the



Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz, Ph.D.

## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

### JCC Center Women production

In the wake of sellout performances of Center Women theatrical productions for the past three years, women from throughout the Stamford Jewish community will once again take center stage at the Jewish Community Center, this time singing and dancing in the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Sponsored by The Center Women of JCC, there will be three performances: Saturday, January 25, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, January 26, at 11 am and 2:30 pm.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's biblical story of Joseph," said Center Women President Sheryl Young.

"It is a toe-tapping, finger-snapping masterpiece and we hope that everyone will enjoy our production of this popular musical."

Appropriate for children and adults alike, the entire community is invited to attend. There is no charge for admission, however a donation of \$5 per child and \$10 per adult is suggested, and reservations are required. To register, visit [stamfordjcc.org](http://stamfordjcc.org) or call the JCC welcome desk at 203-322-7900.

For more information, visit [www.stamfordjcc.org](http://www.stamfordjcc.org). The Jewish Community Center is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

## L'Chaim! Yankel's Tavern

### Jews, Liquor, and Life in the Kingdom of Poland

BY CAMILLE A. KRAMER

Dr. Glenn Dynner, professor of Judaic Studies at Sarah Lawrence College and scholar of East European Jewry, will speak on Sunday, December 8, as part of the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County's December featured program. Dynner's talk about his newly released book, "Yankel's Tavern: Jews, Liquor, and Life in the Kingdom of Poland," is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Congregation Agudath Sholom, 301 Strawberry Hill Ave., Stamford, starting at 10:30 am, with refreshments at 10 am.



Dr. Glenn Dynner

Dynner reveals newly discovered evidence of a flourishing underground Jewish liquor trade in 19th century Eastern Europe. At that time in the Kingdom of Poland, a semi-autonomous province of the Russian empire, all social, business, and even some segment of religious life revolved around the tavern. The noblemen owners believed that the Jews were the only people sober enough to profitably run their taverns. Not only did the Jews succeed in that mission, but in the process they themselves became integral to the civic and community life of the 19th century province. Yet, government officials and reformers soon blamed them for peasant drunkenness and then forbade them from being tavern keepers.

While history portrayed this period as the end of the Polish liquor industry, Dynner's research reveals a thriving underground industry run by the Jews and supported and promoted by the noblemen owners themselves who "fronted" the operations. Dynner earned his Ph.D. and bachelor's degree from Brandeis University, and his master's degree from McGill University. A recipient of the Fulbright Award, he has been a fellow at the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton

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# Turkey, Latkes and Apple Sauce

BY RONNIE FEIN

Everyone is talking about the fact that for the first time in many years Chanukah and Thanksgiving fall on the same day. This eliminates the usual Chanukah-Christmas issue, because most Jews celebrate Thanksgiving, like Americans of every other ethnic group.

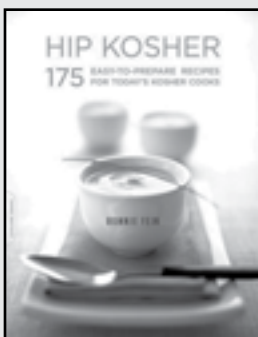
For us, the only problem is the food. Of course!

The dilemma this year is, if you are going to serve potato latkes with your Thanksgiving turkey, then you can't accompany the latkes with sour cream. It has to be applesauce.

Because of the special, festive nature that the combination of Thanksgiving and Chanukah bring, rather than buy the same old jarred applesauce, why not make your own special version?

Here are two recipes:  
HOMEMADE APPLE-APRICOT-PEAR SAUCE

- 2 pounds apples
- 2 Bartlett, Anjou or Comice Pears
- 12 dried apricot halves
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- 0-6 Tbsp. sugar



The cover of Ronnie Fein's cookbook, "Hip Kosher"

Peel, core and slice the apples and pears, and place them in a deep, non-reactive saucepan. Add the apricot halves, lemon juice, cinnamon and up to 6 tablespoons sugar (or no sugar). Cover the pan and cook over low heat for 20-25 minutes or until the fruit is very soft, stirring ingredients occasionally. Remove the cover and cook for 15-20 minutes or until the mixture is thick. Puree in a food processor or with a hand blender if desired.

Makes about 3½ cups.

APPLESAUCE WITH JAM

- 3 pounds apples
- 3 Tbsp. orange juice
- 3 Tbsp. honey
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/3 cup orange marmalade
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon, optional

Peel, core and slice the apples, and place them in a deep, non-reactive saucepan. Add the orange juice, honey, lemon juice, marmalade and cinnamon, and stir to combine the ingredients. Cover the pan and cook over low heat for 20-25 minutes or until the fruit is very soft, stirring ingredients occasionally. Remove the cover and cook for 15-20 minutes or until the mixture is thick. Puree in a food processor or with a hand blender if desired.

Makes about 3½ cups.

Ronnie Fein is the author of the cookbook "Hip Kosher" and is a cooking teacher in Stamford. Visit her food blog, Kitchen Vignettes, at [www.ronniefein.com](http://www.ronniefein.com).

# Tavern.....

In "Holy Dissent: Jewish and Christian Mystics in Eastern Europe," he gathers highly regarded scholars of Jewish and Christian mysticism in Eastern Europe to analyze the overlap of mysticism in the two religions.

Dynner lives in Riverdale, NY, with his wife and daughter. According to Elissa Kaplan, co-vice president for education and programming, "We are in for a real treat. Jewish history can happen in the synagogue, in the halls of power, or in a tavern. Dr. Glenn Dynner has the ability to deliver a great deal of scholarly information, while sounding like

Continued from page 3 he is chatting with you at a local bar!"

Registration online (optional, but preferred) can be done by visiting <https://jhsdecaffeinatedprogram.eventbrite.com/> and clicking on "sign up with email."

Those with questions about the program should contact Marcie Schoenfeld at 203-359-9148 or [elissa@de-kaplan.com](mailto:elissa@de-kaplan.com).

The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County is a beneficiary agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

# BCDS Celebrates Chanukah at Stamford Town Center

Bi-Cultural Day School will be promoting the gift of reading at Barnes and Noble at Stamford Town Center on Tuesday, December 3, the seventh night of Chanukah. The community is invited to shop at Barnes and Noble (mention Bookfair ID #11224771\* at checkout) starting at 4:30 pm. A percentage of all sales will go to the Parents Association of BCDS. Several Chanukah and literacy-related happenings will take place during this time. Older BCDS students will read stories to younger children, giving adults the opportunity to shop and socialize. At 5pm, BCDS students cast in the upcoming BCDS production of "Disney's High School Musical" will perform excerpts from the show, which will have three full performances at the school on April 1, 3 and 6.

At 7 pm, the BCDS Choir, along with the BCDS kindergartners, will sing Chanukah favorites in the atrium of the mall under the direction of Jonathan Cahr as part of Stamford Town Center's "Holidays In Harmony." During this time, there will also be a community menorah lighting. Additionally, there will be Chanukah treats and Chanukah-themed cookie decorating. Those who would like their purchases gift-wrapped can stop by the gift-wrapping table, where BCDS parents (and kids) will be wrapping gifts; all "tips" will go toward the school's theater program. The event is being sponsored by the BCDS Parents Association as well as the BCDS Players. For more information, contact the BCDS Parents Association at [pa@bcds.org](mailto:pa@bcds.org).

\*BCDS will receive credit for both online and in-store sales from Tuesday-Friday, December 3-8.

Bi-Cultural Day School is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

# TribeFest.....

Continued from page 1 such as Jewish environmentalism, social activism in Israel, Jews in pop culture and more. The event will be co-chaired by National Young Leadership Cabinet members Emma Samuels of Boston and David Kline of Austin.

"TribeFest provides a lens for young adults to see the various ways they can engage and participate in Jewish life in their communities," said Jerry Silverman, president and CEO of JFNA. "We have seen the profound effects that this exciting and inspirational program has on Jewish young adults. We look forward to traveling to New Orleans, and have already begun to build an outstanding program."

Co-chair Kline credits past TribeFests for "amazing friends, experiences and memories," and expects participants will find this year's TribeFest even more meaningful. "TribeFest is the pinnacle for outreach and engagement to young Jews who want to get involved with the Jewish community. It's a jumping-off point for young leaders to get active and to grow in the Jewish community locally, nationally and internationally," he said. "I'm excited to mold the platform that will offer these opportunities to other young Jewish people in our community."

Danielle Alexander, director of community engagement and outreach for United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, attended TribeFest two years ago. "It was my first national Federation event and I had no idea what to expect. It turned out to be such a meaningful, fun experience that I have been excitedly awaiting this upcoming TribeFest and the opportunity to take others from our community. I felt so proud to be a part of the Jewish community in a room with over 1,500 other young adults engaging in discussions and attending evening concerts and comedy nights, and socializing with old and new friends," she said.

For more information on TribeFest 2014, visit [TribeFest.org](http://TribeFest.org) or contact Alexander at [danielle@ujf.org](mailto:danielle@ujf.org) or 203-321-1373, ext. 104.

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The Jewish Federations of North America

# Miracles Happen!

## Federation's Impact on One Young Man's Life

BY EMILY WIRGIN

On October 19, Rachel and Nimrod Dayan hosted an intimate evening for the United Jewish Federation's Young Leadership Division Ben Gurion Society. Ben Gurion Society is a donor recognition program for individuals age 25-45 who have made a minimum household gift of \$1,000 to UJF's Annual Campaign.

After wine-tasting led by sommelier and comedian W.R. Tish and followed by dinner, Bradley Sherman, a former chair of the YLD of the Cleveland Federation and current National Young Leadership Cabinet member, spoke about Federa-



Sam and Amy Gettler



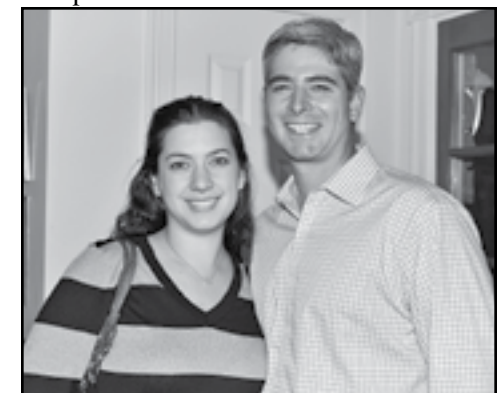
L-r: Meredith and David Cohen; Michael Wirgin and Rob Hoff, Cardozo Society event chairs; Lael and Dani Shapiro; and Emily Wirgin.

tion's "direct and tremendous impact" on his life, and discussed the meaning of miracles. In his view, he was the beneficiary of several miracles that were made possible by the Federation system.

The first miracle occurred shortly after his birth when he was orphaned, sent to a UJF-supported orphanage and adopted by Jewish parents. They raised him in a traditional Jewish home and as a teenager sent him on a Federation-sponsored summer program in Israel. While on the summer program, he said the second miracle of his life occurred – he met his wife.

Sherman then went on to describe a difficult period. While on spring break in college, Sherman learned that his mother was killed by a drunk driver. Following the *shivva* period, Sherman went back to school, but was struggling emotionally and was depressed. A friend, who had also recently lost a parent, suggested that Sherman say *Kaddish* every day at Hillel. The ritual of *Kaddish* and the support he found from the Hillel community gave Sherman his third miracle – the support and strength to overcome tragedy and go on to become a successful father and

professional. He said each miracle was life altering and character shaping, and each miracle stemmed from a UJF supported organization. "All who attended were inspired by his story, by being able to hear first-hand how a contemporary and peer could benefit from the Federa-



Dani and Lael Shapiro

tion system," said Amanda Shapiro, YLD president. Robert and Tricia Hoff said, See "Miracles" on page 18



"What kind of wine was it?" President of Young Leadership Division Amanda Shapiro and her husband, Dave Shapiro, looked at the wine-tasting menu. (Photos by Lee Peskin)

# Celebrating Partnership



UJF and community leaders gathered on October 23 to welcome Judy Yuda, director of Partnership2Gether, which manages relationships with Afula-Gilboa, Stamford's sister region in Israel. L-r: Ellen Weber, UJF Women's Philanthropy president; Rabbi Joshua Hammerman of Temple Beth El; James Cohen, UJF chief executive officer; Jerry Knopf, UJF board member; Yuda; Nancy Mimoun, UJF past president; and Dan Benjamin, UJF board member.

The Young Leadership Division of United Jewish Federation Presents

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**BITS AND PIECES**

By SANDY GOLOVE

To submit information to Bits and Pieces, call 321-1373, ext. 107, or e-mail me at sandy@ujf.org. MAZEL TOV TO NEW FAMILIES:



**Danielle and Rabbi Yehuda Jeiger** on the birth of a son and a daughter.  
**Debra Adler Klein and Matthew Klein** on the birth of a grandson, Zachary Miles, son of **Morgan and Joshua Klein**.

**Joseph Macy** on the birth of a great-grandson, and **Toby Schaffer and Hyman Schaffer** on the birth of a grandson, son of **Tova and Daniel Schaffer**.

**Cori SaNogueira and Adam Farstrup** on the birth of a daughter.

**Angelika and Jeff Schlanger** on the birth of a son.

**Louise Stein** on the birth of a granddaughter, Harper Rachel, daughter of **Kim and Greg Stein**.

**Julie and Rabbi Jay TelRav** on the birth of a daughter, Nili Lu.

MAZEL TOV TO:  
**Adrienne and Michael Alexander and Lori and Joel Alhadeef** on the engagement of their children, **Caroline Alexander and Brad Alhadeef**.

**Judith Altmann**, recipient of the ADL Daniel R. Ginsberg Humanitarian Award.

**Jim Benjamin** on harvesting more than 184 pounds of produce from the Harvest Now Garden for the hungry.

**Amy and Richard Breslow and Susan and Phillip Clark**, of Wayne, PA, on the engagement of their children, **Rebecca Breslow and Timothy William Clark**.

**Guta Fischel** on the engagement of her grandson, and **Flossy and Sam Fischel and Ellen and Richard Weber** on the engagement of their children, **Jason Fischel and Robin Weber**.

**Wendy and John Fitzgerald** on the marriage of their son, **Adam Fitzgerald**, to **Dana Forsthoefel**.

**Arline Gewanter and Lloyd Contract** on their marriage.

**Loralee and Philip Granowitz** on the engagement of their son, **Danny Granowitz**, to **Jennifer Stern**.

**Sherry Hertzberg, Tracy Shevell and Sandy Speter**, who were honored at Chabad's Loaves of Love.

**Abraham Lebow and Carole Bolen-sky** on the engagement of their granddaughter, and **Sherry and Bennet Kfare and Frimet and Bryan Herstic**, of New Rochelle, NY, on the engagement of their children, **Zach Kfare and Naama Herstic**.

**Amy and Mark Schneider** on their daughter **Sara Kocek's** first novel being published, "Promise Me Something."

**Paula Simon** on receiving the Distinguished Service Award from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**Linda Spilka and Ed Spilka and Barbara Smith and Ilan Burstein** on the engagement of their children, **Raquel Spilka and Eytan Burstein**.

**Louise Stein** on the engagement of her daughter, **Brenna Stein**, to **Charles Schnur**, of Philadelphia.

**Hildi and David Todrin** on their daughter, **Maya Todrin**, being chosen to be part of Team Connecticut playing unified doubles tennis at the Special Olympics National Games in June in Princeton, NJ.

MAZEL TOV TO B'NAI MITZVAH:  
**Benjamin Glicksman**, son of **Audrey Samers and David Blicksman**, and grandson of **Edith Samers and Ed Smith**

**Matthew Greenbaum**, son of **Allison and Frederic Greenbaum**

**Noa Kraus**, daughter of **Tamar and Daniel Kraus**

**David Lang**, son of **Elicia and Jay Lang**

**Helene Leichter**, daughter of **Belle-Ann Abrams and Jerrold Leichter**

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**Max Roitman**, son of **Sonia and Brian Roitman**

**Andrew Spezzano**, son of **Stacy and Steven Spezzano**

**Eli Stockman**, son of **Karen and Alan Stockman**

**Elizabeth Yamron**, daughter of **Jennifer and Bernard Yamron**

**Gabriel Yaghoubian**, son of **Neda Khaghan and Robert Yaghoubian**

**Marissa Young**, daughter of **Sheryl and Daniel Young**

**Nathan Haron**, son of **Rachel and Dan Haron**, and grandson of **Nancy and Kamal Haron and Linda and Larry Rezak**

**Ryan Meiteles**, son of **Meryland and Larry Meiteles**

CONDOLENCES TO:  
**David Arditti** on the loss of his father, **Ralph Arditti**.

**Jill Cymrot** on the loss of her father, **Dr. Howard Altman**.

**Susan Darer, Anne Darer, John Darer and Sarah Darer Littman** on the loss of her husband and their father, **Stanley Darer**.

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**Constance Elkinson** on the loss of her mother, **Gladys Field**.

**Irma Farberov, Michael Farberov and Liliya Glusker** on the loss of his wife and their mother, **Mariya Farberova**.

**Jerry Jacobs** on the loss of his wife, **Bobbi Jacobs**.

**Julius Kaplove** on the loss of his father, **Jay J. Kaplove**.

**Mark Kirshner** on the loss of his father, **Stephen Kirshner**.

**Marc Passy** on the loss of his father, **Meir Passy**.

Family and friends of **Rose Raff**.

**Dennis Schoen** on the loss of his father, **Richard Schoen**.

**Linda Weiss** on the loss of her mother, **Sylvia Gilman**.

**NEW AROUND TOWN**

**Alison Patnick, UJF**

Alison Patnick recently joined the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien as the office manager. Patnick has experience in office management and computers. She has been responsible for all aspects of IT infrastructure, including purchasing and leasing of equipment and software and hardware troubleshooting. She has also been responsible for benefit plan administration, office supply purchasing and assisting with employee recruitment, as well as organizing corporate events and activities such as United Way Day of Caring. She speaks basic German and French. Patnick is originally from Sheffield, England. She has lived in the area since 1988. UJF CEO Jim Cohen welcomed Patnick at a recent event, noting, "Alison's exceptional computer and technological skills will be a tremendous asset to the organization. We are so happy she has joined our team."



Alison Patnick

**NOTES FROM A JEWISH EDUCATOR**

**"Emotionally Responsive Practice"**

**A Foundational Value in Jewish Early Childhood Education**

By VIVI DEREN

"What does Moses at the Burning Bush have in common with a 4-year-old who is anxious about Daddy being away on a business trip? What can the custom of covering the challah on the Shabbat table teach us about dealing with a child who is embarrassed about spilling his juice?"

I thought about these questions at a recent Gan program.

Three times a year, parents and staff at Gan Yeladim come together for "Windows on their World." They spend time together in the classroom so that parents can become familiar with what their child experiences each day at Gan, and to share the big picture of how learning happens in the early-childhood educational setting. Each year, the staff studies a particular area in order to deepen their understanding of children and to enhance the learning process. This is shared with the parents, and enables deeper collaboration between home and school. For the 2013-2014 school year, the area is "Emotionally Responsive Practice."

Emotionally responsive practice is an approach to education that builds on research showing the effect of social and emotional experience on the developing brain, and the positive effects of working partnerships between educators and school-based psychologists. This includes working with curriculum, classroom routines, and teacher-child interaction to promote emotional intelligence in children.

Hillary Isaacs, the Gan school psychologist, introduced the topic and rationale behind this choice: "Children's emotions span diverse landscapes, far beyond their ability to verbalize. It is crucial for the adults in their lives to understand what facilitates healthy growth and development. To cite a common example: Transitional objects can be critical in

supporting a young child's separation anxiety; holding a favorite blanket can soothe those feelings and allow the child to enter into the classroom activities."

Citing findings by leading researchers, Isaacs went on to explain how extending this concept into the classroom can have a powerful impact: "In her book 'Bears, Bears, Everywhere! Supporting Children's Emotional Health in the Classroom,' Leslie Koplow, director of the Center for Emotionally Responsive Practice at Bank Street College, describes how including stuffed animals in the classroom process can give children a voice for fears, worries and conflicts that sometimes underlie inattentive and disruptive behavior in the classroom. By supporting children's emotional growth, we help them develop and articulate emotional vocabulary to instill confidence and risk taking."

As founding director of Gan, my role was to highlight how Gan addresses these issues from a Jewish perspective. I was fascinated to find that when examining Torah through this lens, the examples are abundant and varied. In the case of Moses at the Burning Bush, Rashi teaches that God first called to Moses in the voice of his father, Amram. Think about what an overwhelming experience it was, and how reassured Moses must have been to hear his father's voice first, before knowing that God was speaking to him.

As to the challah cover? We cover the challah because we are making Kiddush on wine, and not on challah, and we don't want to embarrass the challah. If we're so careful not to embarrass challah, how much more careful must we be with the feelings of real people?

Vivi Deren is the founding director of the Gan Yeladim Early Childhood Center.



Aharon Parhi, Boaz Moreen, Joshua Schwartz and Sagiv Siegel introduced their new stuffed animals in their Gan classroom. Each child at Gan received a stuffed animal to give voice to his/her emotions and use as a transitional object at school.

**Challenges in Jewish Education**

**Agudath Sholom to Host Panel**

Congregation Agudath Sholom will host the annual "Challenges in Jewish Education Panel," which will be held at the synagogue on Shabbat, Saturday, January 11, immediately after morning services and kiddush at approximately noon.

This year, the panel will feature Rabbi Joshua Lookstein, the head of school at Westchester Day School in Mamaroneck, NY, and Harry Bloom, strategy manager for financial sustainability at the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education. Rabbi David Israel, the rabbinic dean at Bi-Cultural Day School, will moderate the panel discussion.

The topic for this year's panel is "Day School Affordability: The Challenge..."



Rabbi Joshua Lookstein



Harry Bloom

and Practical Solutions," a subject about which many parents of day-school children are deeply concerned.

"The annual education panel is one of the most exciting and anticipated events that the community sponsors during the programming year," said Michael Feldstein, who is chairing the program. "We've set the bar pretty high with many outstanding speakers in past years, but I'm very confident that this year's panelists will meet and even exceed our high expectations."

The entire community is invited to attend the panel. For additional information about the panel program, contact Feldstein at [michaelfeldstein@gmail.com](mailto:michaelfeldstein@gmail.com) or 203-973-6279.

**Meeting of Connecticut Jewish Family Service Executives**

Matt Greenberg, CEO of Jewish Family Service Stamford attended the Connecticut Jewish Family Service Executives meeting to discuss the needs and concerns of local non-profit social service agencies. At the meeting in October, State Senator Gayle Slossberg (representing Milford, West Haven, Orange and Woodbridge), who is the assistant president

pro tempore of the Connecticut Senate and co-chair of the Human Services Committee, joined the group to hear the concerns raised by the JFS executives. The many subjects discussed related to the delivery of human services in Connecticut, in particular, those performed by JFS and its sister agencies.

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L-r: Robert Fishman, JFACT coordinator; Harvey Paris, executive director, Bridgeport; Lisa Smith, executive director, Greenwich; Gayle Slossberg, CEO, Stamford; Debbie Horowitz, executive director, Waterbury; Jonathan Garfinkle, executive director, New Haven; and Roz Koffstein, director, Danbury. Missing from photo: Anne Danaher, ED, West Hartford.

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**Reading Partners Off to a Strong Start**

Under the new leadership of Marlyn Agatstein, Reading Partners is off to a strong start this year. Nearly 40 new volunteers have already signed up to join the cadre of veteran volunteers who read for an hour each week with children in grades kindergarten to three in the public schools and after-school programs. There are now 140 active volunteers in the Reading Partners program and new volunteers are welcome.

Marlyn Agatstein, director of Reading Partners, and Ellen Weber, team leader at the Boys and Girls Club and Chester Addison Center, led three orientations for new volunteers in October, one at UJF offices for the school tutors and two at the after-school program sites. The orientation/trainings focused on three primary components of learning to read: decoding, comprehension and fluency. Weber, also a Reading Partner, shared key ideas and guidelines for making the sessions more effective. Agatstein highlighted the importance of creating a relationship with the students by utilizing "praise" phrases that can maintain high levels of student motivation.

There is much flux in the Stamford educational community and the recently adopted "Common Core Standards" are pushing younger students to progress earlier and reach stricter competency standards. "There are still vast pools of emerging readers who struggle with these standards because they haven't had the benefit of starting reading at an early stage of life," said Agatstein. "What the program brings to the table is a corps of dedicated volunteers who can re-assure these students with 'Yes you can!' and 'I believe in you.' Reading Partners are in their corner, one day a week, for one hour."

Jim Cohen, C.E.O. of UJF, said, "The enthusiasm and dedication of Marlyn and Ellen is infectious, and is really helping the program to expand and reach a higher level."

Anat Chavkin, associate vice president of UJF, added, "It is wonderful to see so many new and longtime volunteers who are part of the Reading Partners program. This is an excellent example of how, through dedicated volunteers, we leverage the impact we have in the community on Jewish and non-Jewish students."

Reading Partners is underwritten by the Herbert and Sarah M. Gibor Foundation. The funding has enabled the program to move from a volunteer run organization to one with a dedicated professional overseer. At the school orientation, Ed Smith, trustee for the Gibor Foundation, recounted his personal and professional relationship with Herbert Gibor, a fellow lawyer. He highlighted the "tikun olam" philosophy of helping people to improve their lives, enabling them to be stronger and more fulfilled adults.

The school orientation included a viewing of the "Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy" video. Boston began the first pilot program. It was considered so successful that the local Reading Partners program was based on that model. The National Jewish Coalition for Literacy now operates in many cities across the U.S. The video highlighted the meaningfulness of the program, not only to its students, but to the volunteers as well.

The program recruits and trains people on an ongoing basis. To become a Reading Partner, contact Agatstein at [readingpartners@ujf.org](mailto:readingpartners@ujf.org) or 203-321-1373, ext. 115.

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# Super Sunday . . . . . Continued from page 1

part by joining their friends in the Teen Room to make calls from 1-3 pm. Stemming from the success experienced during last year's Super Sunday, UJF will again provide incentives to partner agencies. There will be many ways to win and multiple winners.

As part of the JCC's Community Mitzvah Day, more than a dozen Stamford Jewish organizations will spearhead projects for children, families and adults of all ages. The community is invited to come from 1-3 pm to make rainbow bracelets for children in shelters, challah for newcomers, decorate a planter for seniors, bring gently-used children's books for children in need, donate eight inches or more of your hair for kids with cancer

in Israel, donate kosher non-perishable food items and more.

Anat Chavkin, associate vice president at UJF and professional liaison to Super Sunday for the agency, underscores the fact that, "If you look at UJF dollars at work (see the table to the right on this page), one can see that a contribution to Federation has such an impact in our community, Israel and all over the world. No other gift reaches so many lives! Come to Super Sunday, volunteer, answer the phone call and be part of this powerful communitywide day."

For more information or to volunteer for Super Sunday 2014, e-mail jeff@ujf.org or visit www.ujf.org.

## JCC Nursery School Offers Modern Parenting Workshop

On Thursday, January 30, at 7 pm, at Temple Sinai, the Jewish Community Center Sara Walker Nursery School will host an informative workshop and social evening for parents of children ages 2-8 years. Guest lecturers will explore topics such as nutrition, religion in the home, bullying, children using technology and understanding child behaviors. The parenting program is returning for the third year.

Topics and speakers will include "Cultivating Courage in Your Kids," with Rabbi Daniel Cohen; "Self-Esteem: Do Our Kids Really Need It?" with Betsy Stone, Ph.D.; "Positive Parenting: How to Stop the Bribing, Nagging, Threatening and Yelling" with Alisa Slatin Rohdie, M.A.; "Keeping Kids Safe: Empowering our kids to feel safe and handle potentially dangerous situations, including bullies, strangers, good touch, bad touch and more" with Kristen M. Tomasiewicz and Emily Goldschmid, M.S.W.; "The Well Balanced Child," with Jennifer Sabbah, L.C.S.W., S.E.P.; and "Developing Independent, Problem-Solving Children," with Jeffrey DeTeso, Ph.D.

Admission is \$15 per person for the general public and \$10 for JCC members. Registration is available online at stamfordjcc.org or at the welcome desk at the JCC. Temple Sinai is located at 458 Lakeside Dr., Stamford.

For additional information, contact Sandi Waldstreicher, JCC Sara Walker Nursery School curriculum coordinator, at 203-322-6541 or swaldstreicher@stamfordjcc.org.

The Jewish Community Center is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.



*"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it. As my parents planted for me before I was born, So do I plant for those who will come after me."*  
The Talmud

UJF is excited to announce the formation of a new Legacy Team. Federation has taken the first steps to empower the Jewish organizations, agencies and synagogues of our community to work with you to create your Jewish Legacy.

This is not about the Federation, this is about our community. While the Federation will be stewarding this effort, your legacy will support the organizations and programs that live your personal Jewish and philanthropic values.

We know you are wondering: Is this a new Foundation?

The answer is simple: No. Funding your legacy will be in coordination with third parties.

We are blessed that our community's Legacy Team is headed by Carol Karsch, who retired last year as executive director of the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona. Carol has deep ties to our community through her family, and lives here in Stamford when she is not in Israel. She has helped create Jewish legacies both in Tucson and throughout the United States. Currently joining her on the Team are Rabbi Daniel Cohen, Ron Gross, Michael Moskowitz, Edith Samers, and Isaac Shalev.

Our first product will be a brochure that all organizations, agencies and synagogues can use to start this conversation with their supporters and members. Over the next year, we will be rolling out a program for all to use. We are deeply committed to making this thrive: it will be a part of Federation's living legacy for the whole community.

We look forward to sharing more information soon. In the meantime, if you want to start your Legacy conversation now for any part of our community, please contact James Cohen at JCOhen@ujf.org.



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<b>Completing the Journey **</b>	
Through JAFI, this program brought the last 8,000 Falash Mura from Gondar, Ethiopia to Israel from 2010-2013	\$6,100
<b>Partnership 2Gether and other Programs in our Afula/Gilboa sister Region in Israel*</b>	
Provides help for programs in our sister city Afula/Gilboa in Israel, for example the work of the Ethiopian National Project, providing hospital equipment, supporting programs to raise up Ethiopian teens and supporting a program for rape victims.	\$178,750
<b>Israel Relief Fund</b>	
During the crisis in Israel, through JFNA, we supported our partners, JAFI, JDC, the Israel Trauma Coalition and World ORT, to deliver immediate services and assistance on the ground throughout the South. Such services include trauma counseling, financial assistance, portable bomb shelters, and moving more than 4,000 school age children to safer parts of Israel, so they can remain out of harm's way.	\$7,620
<b>Beit Singer</b>	
In collaboration with 4 other Federations, we organized the united Israel@65 program and raised funds for the creation of recreation rooms at Beit Singer, which manages and operates various frameworks to care for at-risk children and youth in our P2G Afula/Gilboa sister region.	\$7,500
<b>**Other Afula/Gilboa and projects in Israel separated from Partnership 2Gether:</b>	\$6,750
Schools and Educational Services - Helps Jewish Schools cover expenses for children from our community that are not covered by school fees including scholarship funds for over 30% of the children who attend the schools, aids to assist children with learning disabilities and enrichment programs	
Emunah Children's Center - Residential and afterschool therapeutic day care facility in Afula for at-risk children.	
Tom Youth Village in Israel	
<b>To help Jews locally</b>	
<b>Jewish Family Service*</b>	
These funds provides counseling and many varieties of help to Jews locally who are facing mental and emotional problems and who do not have insurance and can not afford the care they need. These funds also provide basic needs for Jews in crisis who have lost everything.	\$188,000
<b>Jewish Community Center*</b>	
These funds support an array of social programs for the elderly, for children with special needs, and for cultural, recreational and social Jewish programming for all ages - services that are not covered by Membership Fees.	\$103,000
Mazon Grant - obtained and managed by JFACT, received by UJF and administered by the JCC	\$750
<b>Jewish Engagement and Education</b>	
Schools and Educational Services - Helps Jewish Schools cover expenses for children from our community that are not covered by school fees including scholarship funds for over 30% of the children who attend the schools, aids to assist children with learning disabilities and enrichment programs	\$8,500
<b>Bi-Cultural Day School*</b>	\$100,500
<b>Carmel Academy*</b>	\$15,000
Special Ed Teacher to work with children with learning disabilities at synagogue schools	\$10,000
<b>Adult Learning</b>	
Opportunities to promote community unity through Jewish Education. Classes are open to all adults and teens in the community and reach both affiliated and unaffiliated.	
***Tapestry - A Night of Jewish Learning - A communitywide evening of Jewish learning for adults and children throughout the community.	\$9,878
***Adult Classes - Community wide adult education classes reaching affiliated and unaffiliated members of our community.	\$23,000
<b>Community Engagement and Continuity Programs</b>	
Programs that promote community unity and individual or family engagement with the Jewish community in an effort to promote Jewish continuity.	
***Yom Hashoah - Community wide commemoration of the Holocaust.	\$12,105
***Reading Partners - A program dedicated to transforming struggling young readers into confident readers who are excited about learning in the Greater Stamford Community.	\$19,772
***The Behrend Institute for Leadership -- A nine session, multi faceted program designed to prepare graduates for leadership roles within the organizations which nominate them and for community-wide positions of leadership.	\$20,000
<b>Jewish Camping Scholarships*</b> (administered by JFS)	\$1,000
Camp Laurelwood - Support for the only Jewish overnight camp facility in Connecticut.	\$600
***PJ Library - A Jewish Family Engagement program which mails free, high-quality Jewish children's literature and music to local families and provides educational programs throughout the community.	\$18,584
Leadership and teacher awards	\$3,600
Community Scholar-in-Residence (multi-generational programming hosted by UJF in partnership with many local agencies, with scholar Rabbi Yitz Greenberg)	\$16,267
Birthright Israel and Gift of Israel - Provides first time peer group trip to Israel for young adults; claims to change the course of Jewish history and ensure the continuity of the Jewish people by strengthening Jewish identity, Jewish communities, and solidarity with Israel and other scholarships for youth travel to Israel.	\$12,000
***Teacher Education Evening - Community wide evening for teachers of both day schools, preschools and congregational schools.	\$1,670
***Jewish Educators Council - Bimonthly meetings of local administrators to discuss ways to support Jewish education and to find ways to collaborate.	\$3,200
***New Jewish Voice - The community newspaper - highlighting events and happenings in the Stamford, New Canaan and Darien Jewish Community as well as Jewish events around the world and in Israel.	\$52,348
<b>Jewish Teen Education and Engagement</b>	
***Kulanu - After school program for high school teens from all synagogues and the unaffiliated.	\$46,700
BBYO* - Enhances teen Jewish communal life.	\$3,500
Friendship Circle* - Jewish teens helping special needs Jewish children.	\$4,500
***Youth Council - Facilitates coordination of teen events, federation staff attending various youth committee	\$12,400
<b>Jewish College Programming</b>	
Hillel at UConn* - Enhances Jewish Life on campus. Note that each Hillel is supported by different Federations.	\$10,500
UConn Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies in Stamford* - Provides Jewish studies opportunities for students and for the Jewish community at large.	\$3,500
Jewish Home for the Elderly*	\$3,000
Jewish Historical Society* - Preserves our local Jewish history and provides educational programming.	\$500
JFACT (Jewish Federation Association of CT) the government and community relations arm of the Jewish Federation system in Connecticut. The Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut, (JFACT), speaks with one voice for the nine Connecticut Jewish Federations, four Jewish community centers, eight Jewish Family Services, and three Jewish nursing homes in Connecticut. JFACT is the government and community relations arm of the Jewish Federation system in the state, and lobbies for legislation that is of interest to Connecticut's Jewish community of approximately 130,000.	\$12,115
JFACT also advocates for the interests of Connecticut's Jewish community, works in collaboration with a variety of interfaith and secular nonprofit agencies advocating social services to the needy in our state, and promotes statewide advocacy on behalf of Israel.	
Dues - Funds given to various professional institutional organizations.	\$6,717
Sandy, Newtown and Oklahoma Relief Funds	\$11,616
Grant-writing support for community in 2014 - financial and in-kind support for UJF Grant-writing and the support of grant writing by community agencies	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1,240,902
* Grants recommended by the Allocations Committee and approved by the UJF Board.	
** Gifts to the Overseas Bucket, additional gifts, and grants recommended by the Allocations Committee and approved by the UJF Board.	
*** Includes professional and administrative support	
<small>Due to the coming change in the UJF Fiscal year, these numbers include the 2012-3 budget year, 2013 allocations, and pass-through grants through December 31, 2013.</small>	



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# Pinning on the Pride

## A New Lion of Judah Pin Initiative

By ANAT CHAVKIN

Ask any woman who wears the Lion of Judah pin and she'll tell you: there's nothing like being in the same room with like-minded women who "roar." The pin symbolizes women's "success, strength and commitment to Jewish peoplehood." The Lion of Judah is a symbol of a woman's "caring about the organized Jewish world." Created in Miami nearly 40 years ago, the Lion of Judah now roars with more than 16,000 women worldwide. A Lion of Judah refers to a woman who commits at least \$5,000 to the Federation Annual Campaign.

The pin was nationalized in 1980, with a campaign logo created in 1983. Gemstones are added to denote levels of giving, with more variations added over time as the pin's popularity grew.

"The Lion of Judah program has brought together women of all ages and from many walks of life in order to play an essential role in building Jewish identity," said Ellen Weber, Women's Philanthropy president.

"Symbols often represent our deepest passions, our deepest values, far more powerfully than words can," said Malerie Yolen Cohen, a Women's Philanthropy board member.

Eileen and Fred Springer, longtime activists and supporters of UJF, who recognize the power of symbols, initiated the Lion of Judah pin campaign for the Young Leadership Division of UJF. The initiative provides the funds for purchasing Lion of Judah pins for new Young Leadership Division Lions.

Fred, UJF past president, said: "We felt that becoming a Lion was an important philanthropic step for a young woman at UJF to take, and we didn't want the pur-

chasing of the lion pin to be a barrier to that important decision. We look forward to seeing UJF's new lions wearing their pins with great pride, and serving as role models for other women within our community."

Eileen, a UJF board member, said: "We are honored and humbled to recognize the women in our community who have stepped up to the level of financial commitment to be a Lion of Judah. Our hope is to see many more women wearing their Lions with pride, knowing that they are role models for other



A Lion of Judah pin.

# Comedy Night at Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El will sponsor a Comedy Night featuring two headliner comedians, Marion Grodin and Buddy Fitzpatrick, on Saturday, December 7, at 8 pm, at Temple Beth El. The entire community is invited to join the fun. Dessert will be served and guests can bring their own drinks to enjoy during the show.

Grodin, daughter of actor Charles Grodin, has been called one of the funniest working stand-up comedians today. In New York City, she is a regular at all the top clubs, including The Gotham Comedy Club, Stand Up NY, Carolines on Broadway and The Duplex Cabaret. Grodin has also been featured in



Buddy Fitzpatrick



Marion Grodin

both the Marshall's Woman's Comedy Festival and the Toyota Comedy Festival. On TV, Grodin has been seen on NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," Metro Channel's "New Joke City" with Robert Klein, "Inside Edition" and ABC's "The View."

Fitzpatrick, a native of Philadelphia, is currently touring the United States sharing his comedy perspective. His act combines the skill of a monologist with a physical style that helps bring his observations to life. At the age of 18, he left Philadelphia to pursue a career in the arts. He enrolled in the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City



Eileen and Fred Springer

Judah pin, contact Anat Chavkin, associate vice president of UJF, at Anat@ujf.org.

and has never looked back. He went on tour with several theater companies starring in plays ranging from Shakespeare to Neil Simon. His comedic timing has been called a bright spot in those productions and, with a little prodding, he took the next step to the comedy club stage. Soon after, Fitzpatrick was a regular at showcase clubs in New York City, honing his craft night after night. The positive response to his work fueling the fire, he has been busy on the comedy circuit the last seven years. Fitzpatrick is a regular on Comedy Central and has made appearances on A&E's "An Evening At The Improv" and "Caroline's Comedy Hour." He has also appeared on HBO's "The Sopranos," as well as a number of films.

The cost is \$36 per person. For reservations and further information, contact the TBE office at 203-322-6901, ext. 301, or at office@tbe.org.

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### Teen Room from 1-3 pm for 8th-12th graders

Come make calls on Super Sunday. Pizza lunch will be served!

### Community Mitzvah Day from 1-3 pm

A day of unity for the Stamford Jewish Community! More than a dozen Stamford Jewish organizations will spearhead meaningful projects for children, families and adults for all ages. Join us to make rainbow bracelets for children in shelters, Challah for newcomers, decorate planter for seniors, bring gently used children's books for children in need, donate 8 inches or more of your hair for kids with cancer in Israel, donate kosher non-perishable food items and much, much, more.

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### Volunteer on Super Sunday

Sign up to be a Super Sunday volunteer at [www.ujf.org](http://www.ujf.org)

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- Stuff Envelopes
- Organize Pledge Cards
- Clean-Up
- PJ Library Crafts and Story time
- Supervise Coin Counter



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# Tech Rules for Parents at BCDS

BY MARA DRESNER

Laptops in the classroom are here to stay and with evolving technology come new challenges for parents. To help parents navigate through this brave new world, Bi-Cultural Day School hosted a Middle School Parent Technology Workshop on October 15, led by Bud Freund, owner of API, a tech support services company. He also teaches technology classes at BCDS.



Bud Freund led a workshop on technology for middle-school parents at BCDS.

"Our job as parents has changed," said Freund. He noted that parents need to be educated to supervise their children online. He calls parents "digital immigrants," having grown up with VCRs and rotary phones, while their children are "digital natives," who are being raised on Smartphones, tablets and digital TV.

"It's different than when I went to school. There's a whole new set of rules that need to be created so that our kids are safe online, respectful and making the best use of the technology they have," said Cheryl Bader, mother of eighth-grader Danny Goldblum.

All BCDS middle-school students are required to use laptops, which offer opportunities with research, filmmaking and connecting with Israeli classes, as well as learning common computer programs, including Word, PowerPoint and Excel, all of which are used extensively in higher education and the business world.

Freund recommends that parents focus on three general areas when thinking about technology.

"The first key theme is empowerment. Laptops are enormously powerful tools. Most people don't realize that they give a machine to their kids that's capable of creating Angry Birds or Stuxnet, the virus that shut down the Iranian nuclear

program. With power, comes responsibilities," said Freund. "The second theme is practicing good citizenship. For example, downloading images, movies or music from file-sharing websites is theft, and you don't bully."

The third area is boundaries. Freund says that since he pays for his children's devices, he makes the rules about filters to block websites or phone numbers that he finds objectionable. That includes a "no-games until homework is done" rule.

"That is under my control as a parent," he said. "Parents need to partner with their children and their schools."

Freund said that people should remember that "everything is traceable. Parents need to explain to their kids that you can't hide what you're doing on the computer."

It also means stepping in to avoid a potentially embarrassing situation. He relates a story about a mother who collected everyone's cell phone at a sleepover. She said it was in case a parent called early in the morning, but it was really because one child occasionally still sucks his thumb and she didn't want a cell phone photo snapped and the image posted to Facebook.

And that leads to Freund's next hard-and-fast rule: No *lashon hara* (negative speech) online. "It lasts forever. If you don't want it on the front page of *The New York Times*, you don't want to post it online," he said.

While he said it can feel overwhelming for parents sometimes, he also noted, "You're not alone. We are all in this together and we are all learning as we go."

*Bi-Cultural Day School is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.*

# Encouraging Exercise and Healthy Eating

## JCC's New Early Childhood Wellness Program

Built on the premise that it is easier to create good health habits than it is to change bad ones, the Jewish Community Center Sara Walker Nursery School will soon implement Discover CATCH: the new child wellness program from the JCC Association that seeks to bring the gift of healthy habits to the youngest members of the community and their families.

To help address the nation's obesity problem, JCC Association, in collaboration with the University of Texas School of Public Health and its CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) Program, has created Discover: CATCH Early Childhood.

JCC Association is the umbrella organization for North American Jewish Community Centers.

Based on a foundation of Jewish values, Discover: CATCH Early Childhood seeks to nurture a love of physical activity in children ages 3-5, and encourages them to develop life-long healthy eating habits.

"Children learn to have fun while exercising and developing locomotor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills in a series of age-appropriate, non-competitive activities," said Anne Liss Johnson, managing director of the JCC Sara Walker Nursery School. "They learn to differentiate between 'go' foods, which means that they're healthy, and 'whoa'

foods, which are less healthy and should be approached with caution."

Discover CATCH: Early Childhood employs a holistic approach to child health. At the Stamford JCC, it will include the nursery school, KinderPlace child care, youth fitness programs and Jewish Life programs. The program engages teachers, children and families to work together to build healthy habits. A series of parent tip sheets brings the learning home from school and helps families think more carefully about food and nutrition.

"Together, through Discover CATCH: Early Childhood, we can create an environment where physical activity, health education and healthy eating behaviors are valued and taught," Johnson concluded, "and help put the community's youngest members on a lifelong path of health and caring for their bodies."

Initial funding for the program is provided through the generosity of the Steven A. and Alexandra M. Cohen Foundation Inc. and Stamford Hospital. JCC Association will provide ongoing support.

To learn more about the JCC Association's Discover: CATCH Early Childhood program, contact Johnson at 203-322-6541 or aljohnson@stamfordjcc.org.

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# Honor Roll Students Show Torah Knowledge



BCDS students in third through eighth grades are focusing on the weekly Torah portion or parasha. Parasha sheets are distributed on Fridays and students are quizzed on the information on Mondays. Those who answer more than 85 percent correctly are named to the "Parshah Honor Roll." The sheets were originally developed by Rabbi Abraham Lieberman z"l.

"The reintroduction of the sheets/quizzes brings back a fond remembrance of Rabbi Lieberman and how proud he was of the students and their zest for Torah knowledge," said Yospa Lieberman (left), Rabbi Lieberman's widow, a 30-plus-year teacher, pictured with Michal Smart, director of Judaic studies.

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# December 2013 & January 2014

# FAMILY CENTRAL

All events listed are open to the entire community in addition to members. You will be welcomed.

### FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**CHABAD**

- Giant Menorah Lighting at Latham Park. Wednesday, Nov. 27, 5 pm.** Jewish pride as Fairfield County's largest menorah is lit. Enjoy music, hot latkes & applesauce, hot apple cider and special gift treat for kids. For info, contact Chabad.
- Chanukah Wonderland for Kids.** Shows, meet Judas Maccabee, arts and crafts, multimedia station, Lego menorah building, Chanukah superstore. Food refreshments and more. **Monday, Dec. 2** for nursery school ages; **Wednesday, Dec. 4** for school aged kids with parent. 5 - 7 pm. 109 Bedford Street, Stamford. Fee: \$10 per child max \$36 family. Includes dinner.
- Mega Family Brunch. Pancakes, waffles eggs and all the trimmings.** Activities and fun for all ages. **Wednesday, Dec. 25, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.** At Chabad. Fee: \$12 per person, max \$36 family.

**AGUDATH SHOLOM Community Chanukah Celebration Day.** Light 4th candle and Havdalah sing with Rabbi Cohen and Chazzan Bokow. Latkes & hot cider. **Saturday, Nov. 30, 6 - 7 pm.** Bring art supplies for camps for children with cancer in NY & Israel.

- JCC FAMILY ROLLER SKATING PARTY. Saturday, Dec. 7, 6 - 8:30 pm.** The JCC will turn into a holiday roller rink for an evening of roller blading, music and arrrts and crafts. Enjoy latkes and donuts. Visit [www.stamfordjcc.org](http://www.stamfordjcc.org) for details and fees.
- HAVDALAH & HOOPS TOURNAMENT. Saturday, Jan. 18, 6:30 pm.** Grades 6-12. Father and son 3-on-3-basketball tournament. For info, contact Mo Concepcion (203) 487-0971 or [mconcepcion@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:mconcepcion@stamfordjcc.org). Fee: \$18 per person.

**JFS: The Race To College. Monday, Dec. 2, 5:30 pm.** Pre-planning for college for 8th - 11th graders and their parents conducted by Claire Friedlander, JFS College Consultant. At Harry Bennett Branch of Ferguson Library, 115 Vine Road. Free. For more info, contact Claire at [clairef@cjfs.org](mailto:clairef@cjfs.org) or (203) 921-4161.

### YOUNG KIDS WITH PARENT/CAREGIVER

**BI-CULTURAL DAY SCHOOL Mommy, Daddy, Music and Me.** For toddlers. With Jonathan Cahr and Rachel Bahar **Wednesdays Dec 4** (chanukah special) & **18, Jan 8** (Tu B'shvat & trees special) & **22, 1:30 - 2:10 pm.** Music, movement, nursery rhymes, Jewish songs and story telling. Join in whenever you can. Free.

**TEMPLE BETH EL**

- Torah for Tots.** Age 5 & under. A fun interactive service with stories, prayers and songs. Communal Kiddush to follow. **Saturday, Dec. 14 & Jan. 25, 11:15 am.**
- Tot Kabbalat Shabbat.** Age 5 & under with adult. Older siblings welcome. Service with music, stories and song led by Cantor George Mordecai and Rabbi Joshua Hammerman. Light Shabbat dinner for kids. **Friday, Dec. 6 & Jan. 10, 5:30 pm.**

**TEMPLE SINAI**

**Tot Shabbat.** Birth to age 7. **Friday, Dec. 13, 5 pm & Saturday, Jan. 11, 9 am.** Dancing singing, praying and playing. Learn about Shabbat and the holidays. Age appropriate services led by Rabbi TelRav and Cantor Morgovsky. Free.

**JCC**

- Wonderful Ones** 1-2 years, with Sandi Waldstreicher. Social classroom experience with free play, art projects, stories, songs for children; parenting tips and discussions for parents. At the JCC Sara Walker Nursery School. **Thursdays, 9:15 - 10:15 am, Jan. 9 - Apr. 10** (No class 1/20 & 2/17) Fees: \$234/JCC Members \$195 (13 sessions, prorated).
- Movin' and Groovin'** 12-30 months. Children will swing, spin, jump, stretch, leap, roll and climb. Rhythm, music and song. Help develop fine/gross motor, listening and social skills. **Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:15 am, Jan. 6 - Apr. 9** (not 1/20, 2/17-19) Fees: \$299 / JCC Members, \$247 for 13 sessions.
- Music Together at the JCC.** Birth-5 years. Nurture your child's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. To register, call Music Together of Fairfield County at (203) 256-1656.

**CHABAD**

**Tiny Treasures.** Birth to 30 months. Warm Jewish atmosphere. Connect with other moms. Fee: \$15 per class. First class free.

- Wednesdays,** (not 12/25 & 1/1) 9:15 - 10:15 am.
- Fridays,** (not 12/27, 1/3) 10 - 10:45 am. "Got Shabbat?" feel, taste, touch, see and experience a hands-on Shabbat celebration.

### KIDS GRADES pre K to 8

**JCC**

- Grades K-5 Movie Night. Saturday, Dec. 14, 6-8 pm.** Bring friends, stuffed animals for pajamas and pancakes. Enjoy a movie while eating breakfast for dinner. Fee: \$11 per child /\$7 JCC members.
- Dinner with Joseph. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 5:30-6:30 pm.** Families with young children. Share a pizza dinner and enjoy musical entertainment with Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat cast.
- O-la-mi Reunion and Dance Party. Saturday, Jan. 11, 7-8:30 pm.** For returning O-la-mi campers and those interested for next year's summer program. Have a blast at the O-la-mi Tel Aviv night club with lights, glow sticks, games and music. Dress to impress. Free. For info, contact Virginia Clark (203) 487-0973 or [vclark@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:vclark@stamfordjcc.org)

**CHABAD**

- Loaves for Love Cooking Marathon** for grade school kids. **Monday, Dec. 23, 9:30 am to noon.** From kneading dough to peeling vegetables to cooking. Free.
- P.O.G.S. (Parsha & Other Great Stuff) Grades K-2.** A weekly science & cooking club. **Every Wednesday,** (not 11/27, 12/4, 12/25, 1/1) 4 - 5 pm. \$10 per session.
- Bat Mitzvah Clubs & BMC Beyond. Sunday, Dec. 8, 6 - 7:30 pm** for girls in grades 6-8. \$20 per session.
- Chai Five Chessed Club. Grades 3-6.** Get involved in community needs and projects. **Wednesdays, Dec. 11 & Jan. 15, 5:30 - 7 pm.** Dinner included. Fee: \$20 per session.

**TEMPLE BETH EL**

**Adat (Community) Shabbat.** Drop off program for grades K-2. Lively Shabbat - sights and sounds. Prayers plus fun engaging songs, stories, and dancing. Followed by communal Kiddush. **Saturday, Dec. 14 & Jan. 25, 11 am.** Free.

**TEMPLE SINAI**

**Shevet Achim (Guys getting together). Sundays, Dec. 15 & Jan. 26, 12:20 - 2:20 pm.** For boys in Grade 7. Programming that addresses confidence, greed, materialism, body image and healthy relationships. With Rabbi Jay TelRav. No Fee.

### TEENS GRADES 8+

**JCC**

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Monday, Jan. 20, 10 am.** Teens 15-18 years. Participants receive a t-shirt. For info, Mo Concepcion at (203) 498-0971 or [mconcepcion@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:mconcepcion@stamfordjcc.org). \$25 per person/JCC members \$20.
- Midnight Run. Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 pm - 4 am.** Grades 9-12. Collect and organize food, toiletries, and clothing, and distribute them to people in need on the streets of New York City. Fee: a food donation approx. \$20 in value.

**KULANU**

**Classes meet each Wednesday 7 - 9 pm** at JCC. Fun diverse opportunities for students to connect to Judaism. Fee: \$36 /month. Contact Danielle@ujf.org or (203) 321-1373 x104

**SPEAK UP FOR ISRAEL**

For 11th-12th graders. Israel gets a bad rap, especially on college campuses. Join an elite group to learn how to respond and take action. Attend the AIPAC Policy Conference in March. For info, contact the JCC Israeli Shlichah at (203) 487-0961. A program of JCC and UJF. Meets monthly **Sundays, 5 - 7 pm** at the JCC.

**KURIANSKY TEEN TZEDAKAH CORPS**

For 10th graders - teaching teens about philanthropy and how to make grants to non-profits. **Sundays, 7 pm** at the JCC. Contact Danielle@ujf.org or (203) 321-1373 x104.

**MARCH OF THE LIVING**

For 10th-12th graders. In April/May 2014, March of the Living will bring Jewish teens from all over the world to Poland to march from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Holocaust Memorial Day, and then to Israel to observe Israel's Memorial and Independence Days. Contact Danielle Alexander [Danielle@ujf.org](mailto:Danielle@ujf.org) or (203) 321-1373 x104.

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For Grades 8-12. **Meets every 2nd Monday 7 - 9 pm** at the JCC. Leviticus AZA (Boys) & Tikvah BGG (Girls). Teens engaged in opportunities for leadership, athletic, social and community service. Free.

**JEWISH STUDENT CONNECTION. Grades 9-12**

**Meets Tuesdays at 2 pm** at Stamford High in room 925 & **Thursdays at 2:05pm** at Westhill High in Mrs. Tobias' room.

**TEMPLE SINAI**

**Rosh Chodesh for Girls. It's a Girl's Thing.** Grades 6-12. Led by Erica Santiago. **Sundays, Dec. 15 & Jan. 26, 12:20 - 2:20 pm.** Builds self-esteem, leadership skills and Jewish identity. Free.

**CHABAD**

**Loaves for Love Cooking Marathon** for grade school kids. **Monday, Dec 23, 9:30 am - noon.** From kneading dough to peeling vegetables to cooking. Free.

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- Jump Start:** Therapeutic classes for ages 2-4. Language, social and motor skills encouraged. Safe, fun, accepting environment.
- R&R (Relax & Recreate)** Social group for grades 6-8. Fun, structured, safe environment. Build social skills and relationships. **Wednesdays, 3:30 pm; Sundays, 1:30 pm, Jan. 8 - Mar. 30** (not 1/15, 2/12, 2/28, 3/12) Fee: \$250 / \$200 JCC members for 10 sessions. Transportation assistance from public schools available.
- Music, Movement, and Yoga.** Parents and children grades K-5. Mark Covello provides techniques to work on improving concentration, mindfulness, and self-control, hand-eye coordination and thoughtful breath. **Sundays, Jan. 5 - Feb. 9.** Grades K-2 11 - 11:30 am. Grades 3-5 11:30 am - noon. \$150/JCC members \$120 for 6 sessions. Contact Dinushka De Silva at (203)487-0946 or [ddesilva@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:ddesilva@stamfordjcc.org) for R&R and Music Movement & Yoga. Contact Sue McGraw (203) 487-0966 for Jumpstart

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# Friendship Day: A Cause for Celebration

BY CHANIE TELDON

More than 500 people came to the Friendship Circle Center in Stamford on October 13 to celebrate the spirit of friendship and the success of its new fall fund-raising event, Friendship Day. The Friendship Day celebration, a free family event for individuals of all ages and abilities, featured activities ranging from puppet and animal shows to crafts, sports and baking. It concluded with an African drum show and the announcement of the raffle-prize winner. Raffle tickets were awarded for every \$100 donated or raised by an individual. As the top teen fund-raiser for Friendship Day, Sally Klapper earned her raffle prize, a new MacBook Pro.

Due to the online fund-raising efforts of teen and adult volunteers and the generosity of hundreds of donors, The Friendship Circle exceeded its fund-raising target of \$100,000. In addition to the funds raised, Friendship Day garnered many new volunteers for its diverse programs. The Friendship Circle currently offers programs to more than 100 special-needs individuals and their families throughout Fairfield County. To learn more about the Friendship Circle and how to make a difference



People of all ages participated in the Drum Circle finale.

in the lives of individuals with special needs, visit [www.FriendshipCT.com](http://www.FriendshipCT.com) or contact Program Director Malya Shmotkin at 203-329-0015, ext. 414.

Friendship Circle is a recipient of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.



Cotton candy in one hand, funky glasses in the other; some wonderful volunteers took advantage of the activities at Friendship Day. L-r: Alexa Schwartz, Maya Weiner, Sophie Teitel and Mia Brenner.

## Wall Street Comes to BCDS

BY MARA DRESNER

People visiting Bi-Cultural Day School shouldn't be surprised to hear students talking about hot stocks and P/E ratios (price-to-earnings). They're probably members of the school's new Wall Street Club.

"The idea to start the club originated from the interest I noticed from students when I would discuss my background in finance. Popular culture seems to have led us into a time when investing is cool, yet our collective understanding seems to have moved very little," said club advisor Ed Miranti, a BCDS math teacher who has a financial engineering degree.

"The Wall Street Club allows students to have a connection to the world around them, tap into their interests and demonstrate an increased awareness of how math plays a role in their world. Students are becoming more analytical through this club. They are paying attention to numbers in a way that they might not have before," said Director of Secular Studies Adrienne Robinson.

About 20 students participate in the club, which meets on Thursday afternoons. The students were divided into small groups and given \$10,000 (in pretend money) to invest in a minimum of five stocks. Google, Apple, Microsoft and McDonald's were popular choices.

"We invested in Verizon because we thought with the amount of phones coming out, they would get bigger. We also invested in Wal-Mart because we think with the 'Black Friday' sales coming up, a lot of people are going to buy more stuff at a cheaper price," said eighth-grader Sam Terr.

Seventh-grader Nathan Links has several reasons for joining the club: "I wanted to know how to invest for when I'm older. I also thought it seemed interesting. And I want to make money."

"Positive and negative results of trading days on American stock exchanges are typically explained using percentages. By investigating movements in the market, and in particular equities, students can see one way to apply the skills they have accrued to the real world," said Miranti.

It's also a way to use math as a lens to look at the world as a whole; for example, how the recent government shutdown affected stock prices and how instability in the Middle East influences the price of oil.

"Typically, we think of politics as social studies and we think of the percentage part as math. This ties together a lot of subjects. Understanding mathematics helps us understand the world; it's not just an isolated subject," said Miranti.

"It also has become a connection with their parents," noted Robinson. "Parents are impressed and amazed with what they take away from that class. It gives the students a new platform - they're now turning the pages in *The New York Times* to check the stocks instead of turning on a television. These are the little victories that make us proud to be educators. This club has brought new found confidence to our young mathematicians and an eagerness to take their new skills to the street - Wall Street."

Bi-Cultural Day School is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

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venue and time to be determined. For additional information check JHS's website at <http://jhsfc-ct.org/programs.html>. Registration for the JHS featured January program online (optional, but preferred) can be made by visiting <https://jhsfcjanfeaturedprogram.eventbrite.com> and clicking on "sign up with email."

Those with questions about the program should contact Marcie Schoenfeld at 203-359-9148 or [elissa@de-kaplan.com](mailto:elissa@de-kaplan.com), or visit JHSFC's website at <http://jhsfc-ct.org/programs.html>.

The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County is a beneficiary agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

# Score for the Cure

## Carmel Academy Raises \$1,000 for Breast Cancer

BY JULIE LAPIN

Pink was the name of the game at Carmel Academy on October 15 as the students, faculty and varsity soccer team banded together to raise money for breast cancer awareness during the school's annual Score for the Cure fund-raiser.

The student body raised \$1,000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation in the day-long fund-raiser. Students and staff who made a donation were permitted to wear pink shirts and jeans to school. The day ended with a Score for the Cure soccer game.

Carmel's soccer players traded their blue and white soccer jerseys for pink shirts, which they wore during the game. The student council organized a game fund-raiser, selling pink t-shirts, snacks and raffle tickets. A sea of pink dotted the sidelines as students, parents and

staff wore their pink shirts and cheered for the game.

"This was very empowering for our student leaders," said Carmel's student government co-advisor Yoni Shear. "They took this on as a challenge and encouraged their peers to participate. It was impressive to see how excited they got, how seriously they took the fund-raiser and how well they worked together as a team. The payoff was raising \$1,000."

"This is Carmel Academy's third year holding a 'Score for the Cure' fund-raiser and soccer game. Each year, the enthusiasm has grown and the participation increases," Shear said. "This year was our most successful yet, with our students pulling together to break our past fund-raising record. There was a tremendous amount of school spirit and pride."

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Carmel Academy students and staff wore pink on October 15 and raised \$1,000 for breast cancer awareness during the school's annual "Score For The Cure" fund-raiser.

## PJ Library and Children with Special Needs

PJ Library founder Harold Grinspoon is familiar with special needs. Growing up as a child with dyslexia, he faced many obstacles. The PJ Library program of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien wants to continue his legacy and honor him by touching families who face similar obstacles.

"We are very excited for people in the community to know that PJ Library offers books to families with special-needs children no matter what age the child is! It is our hope to include these families and make them a long-lasting part of our dynamic and rewarding PJ Library program for many years to come," says Danielle Alexander, PJ Library coordinator and director of community engagement and outreach for UJF.

It is a goal of PJ Library to reach out to children in the community who may have special needs. PJ Library sends Jewish-themed books to more than 140,000

young children across North America each month, starting at age 6 months, and continuing to age 8. But there is no age limit for participation in the program for children with special needs. The books sent to the child and family will be age appropriate to the learning abilities of the child. Books can be sent until the family decides they no longer wish to participate in the program. The family does not have to meet parameters to determine their needs; simply reaching out to Alexander will be sufficient for inclusion in this program.

Anyone with a child with any special learning needs who is older than the stated age group, and who may benefit from receiving Jewish books each month, should contact Alexander at [danielle@ujf.org](mailto:danielle@ujf.org) or 203-321-1373, ext. 104. "PJ Library welcomes your child's enrollment in the PJ Library and will be delighted to work with you to meet your family's needs," said Alexander.

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# Temple Sinai Partners with ConverJent

Temple Sinai recently partnered with ConverJent, an organization that nurtures, develops and spreads Jewish games for learning. Temple Sinai sixth-graders and parents participated in Jewish Time Jump: New York on October 20. Jewish Time Jump: New York is a mobile, place-based augmented reality game, simulation and interactive story in the

form of a situated documentary. Working as a reporter for the *Jewish Time Jump Gazette*, the player is tasked by their editor with traveling back through time to Greenwich Village section of New York City of the early 1900s. The sixth-grade students and parents said the experience helped bring Jewish

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BETTER TOGETHER

Read below about our new Impact Campaign open to all donors who have graciously given to UJF in 2013. 40 percent of the gift will go directly to the partner agency of your choice. For friends who have not yet given this year, it is not too late to make an initial pledge and show your support for Jews at home, in Israel and around the world. With your help we will most certainly be Better Together!

UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION supports the following agencies/organizations Locally, Nationally and Globally

Dear Friends,

The great Jackie Robinson summed it up best when he said, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on others." United Jewish Federation is committed to impacting our community effectively, while providing our donors with the opportunity to have a meaningful impact as well. Our community is certainly recovering from the economic downturn, but tremendous need still exists across the board.

To address those needs this year, we are asking the loyal and committed members of our Jewish community to reach into their hearts and pockets and give an additional impact gift in 2013. To have as great an impact on the community as possible, and in the true spirit of working "better together" we are launching something new. 40 percent of your additional impact gift will go directly to the partner agency(ies) of your choice. By supporting our partner agencies in this fashion, and by working together, you can have the satisfaction of knowing that you had a direct impact in an area close to your heart, at a time when it was very much needed. Additionally, the entire community will benefit from your generosity.

Please consider making an additional impact gift for 2013 to support our Jewish community by visiting us at [www.ujf.org](http://www.ujf.org). Thank you!

Shoshana Dweck  
President

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BETTER TOGETHER

# Comparative Religion Class Visits Historic Church

Students in Rabbi Seth Riemer's "Comparative Religion" class at the Jewish High School of Connecticut attempt to tackle some pretty challenging questions. Recently, they took a field trip to Center Church in New Haven to bring an even greater perspective to their first major topic: a comparison of Judaism and Christianity, with particular emphasis on theological background and parting of the ways between Pharisai-

Jews and early Christians in the Roman era. The students toured the historic church – even peeking down into the centuries-old crypt – and met with the church's pastor, The Rev. Dr. Sandra Olsen. The visit gave students an opportunity to mull over basic differences between Jewish and Christian ideas about God, human nature and community. "I am especially struck by the value this study experi-

ence has for my students as Jews," says Rabbi Riemer. "It provides a kind of shock of recognition: in reflecting on another religious culture, they are learning, I think, to appreciate their own all the more! As a teacher and rabbi, I am thrilled by what I see as a very intellectually and spiritually engaged, enthusiastic group of students who (each in his and her delightfully unique way!) bring See "Class" on page 18

## What's On for Adults

December 2013 & January 2014

You are invited to attend all programs listed regardless of your membership status. See contact info below for more info, to confirm programs and to register.

### OPEN EVENTS

#### JCC ISRAELI FILM SERIES

Award-winning films direct from Israel each month followed by a discussion led by JCC's Israeli Shaliach, Matan Samovsky. **Thursdays, 7 pm.** **Dec. 12:** "Fill the Void" **Jan. 9:** "Bonjour Monsieur Shlomi". \$5 suggested donation for each film. To register or for more info, contact Matan Samovsky at (203) 487-0961 or msamovsky@stamfordjcc.org

#### JCC TOURS

- **Yale University Gallery.** Visit the oldest but now renovated and expanded university art museum. **Tuesday, Dec. 10.** Guided tour of collection highlights led by the Gallery's teaching staff. Lunch on your own at a local eatery. Fee: \$32/\$28 JCC member: includes admission and transportation. Register by Nov. 21.
- **Discovery Museum.** One hour docent led special exhibition on Connecticut Inventions and Innovations. **Monday, Jan. 6.** Displayed objects and photographs illustrate the Bridgeport carriage trade, early automobile design, construction of the Merritt Parkway, Sikorsky helicopters, Hamilton Sunstrand and the early space program and Columbia Records. Enjoy a private planetarium show and time for a self-guided exhibit and gallery tour. Includes kosher box lunch. Member \$35/ Community \$40. Register by Dec. 23.

Tours depart JCC at 9 am. Limited capacity. Fee includes admission and transportation. Register online at [stamfordjcc.org](http://stamfordjcc.org) or contact Connie Cirillo Freeman at (203) 487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org).

#### TEMPLE BETH EL COMEDY NIGHT

Two headliner comedians, Marion Grodin and Buddy Fitzpatrick. **Saturday, Dec. 7, 8 pm** at Temple Beth El. The entire community is invited to join the fun. Desert served. BYOB. Fee: \$36 per person. For reservations and info, (203) 322-6901 x 301 or [office@tbe.org](mailto:office@tbe.org). (See Article).

#### TEMPLE SINAI

- **MARTIN LUTHER KING SERVICE.** **Friday, Jan. 17.** Moving tribute to a great leader. Temple Sinai choir and Union Baptist Church Choir to sing Hebrew folk songs and gospel arrangements. Share a festive meal. At Temple Sinai. (See article)
- **COOKING CLUB.** **Thursdays Monthly, Dec. 12 & Jan. 23, 6:30 pm.** Join chefs Betsy Stone and Randy Skigen for a holiday odyssey of Jewish cooking. Be willing to get your hands dirty. Fee: \$36 per session.

#### YOGA

- **JCC NESHAMA YOGA.** **Fridays, Jan. 24 – Apr. 11** (not 2/14), 9 - 10:30 am. At the JCC. A fusion of Kundalini Yoga and Jewish spirituality - provide a pathway to connect with G-d on a deep spiritual level. Led by Jackie Tepper Robinov. Fee \$231 / \$198 JCC members for 11 sessions.
- **TEMPLE BETH EL SHAL-OHM YOGA.** **Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:45 pm.** Gentle Vinyassa sequence (Yoga that flows) led by Pamela Tinkham. Beautiful chanting by Cantor Mordecai to start and end. All levels welcome. If you cannot sit on the floor, you can do chair yoga. Bring Yoga mat, water bottle and towel. At Temple Beth El. Fee: \$12 per session / \$10 TBE Member.

#### ISRAELI FOLK DANCING:

**Thursdays at Temple Beth El. Beginners: 6:45 - 7:30 pm. Open Session: 7:30 - 10:00 pm.** Fee: \$12/\$10 TBE Member. For more info, contact Leng at (203) 912-4086 or [leng@ctisraelidance.com](mailto:leng@ctisraelidance.com)

#### MAH JONGG

- **At Temple Sinai.** **Mondays 6:30 - 9 pm & Wednesdays 1 - 4 pm.** No Fee. Bring your own card. Contact Temple Sinai for more info.
- **JCC Lessons.** Learn to play from Mah Jongg masters. All levels welcome. Contact Connie Cirillo Freeman (203) 487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org) to schedule lessons. **Thursdays, 1 - 3 pm.** Fee: \$35/\$25 JCC member for 5 sessions.

#### JCC LEARN TO CROCHET

**Tuesdays, Jan. 7 – Mar. 25** (not 1/14, 2/4-11, 3/18) 1 - 2 pm. In 4 sessions learn how to crochet a scarf or hat. Taught by expert Madeline Field. Limited capacity. Contact Connie Cirillo Freeman at (203) 487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org). Fee: \$42 / \$32 JCC members for 4 sessions, plus cost of materials (purchased separately).

### FOR MORE INFORMATION / ADDRESSES:

**Agudath Sholom:** 301 Strawberry Hill Ave, Stamford (203) 358-2200 [www.agudathsholom.org](http://www.agudathsholom.org)

**Chabad:** 770 High Ridge Road, Stamford (203) 3-CHABAD #418 [morahleah@chabadstamford.org](mailto:morahleah@chabadstamford.org) [www.chabadhousestamford.org](http://www.chabadhousestamford.org)

**JCC: Jewish Community Center** 1035 Newfield Ave, Stamford (203) 322-7900 [www.stamfordjcc.org](http://www.stamfordjcc.org)

**JFS: Jewish Family Service:** (203) 921-4161; Stamford office: 733 Summer Street, Suite 602; Westport office: 431 Post Road East, Suite 11 [www.ctjfs.org](http://www.ctjfs.org)

**Jewish Historical Society** (203) 321-1373 #150 [jhsfrc@yahoo.com](mailto:jhsfrc@yahoo.com) [www.stamfordhistory.org/jhsfrc.htm](http://www.stamfordhistory.org/jhsfrc.htm)

**Temple Beth El:** 350 Roxbury Road, Stamford (203) 322-6901 [www.tbe.org](http://www.tbe.org)

**Temple Sinai:** 458 Lakeside Drive, Stamford (203) 322-1649 [www.templestamford.org](http://www.templestamford.org)

### ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### UJF'S WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

Winter holiday toy drive to stock David's Treasure Tree for sick children at Stamford Hospital. Drop off toys at UJF by **Dec. 3** or help fill the "Tree" at Stamford Hospital on **Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11:45 am.** Co-sponsored with Bi-Cultural Day School, Carmel Academy and Hadassah. For info contact Anat Chavkin [anat@ujf.org](mailto:anat@ujf.org) or (203) 321-1377 x 108

#### JCC

**Kosher Lunch Program for Seniors.** Help set up and serve lunch on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Contact Connie Freeman: (203) 487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org)

#### JFS

**Drivers needed** to deliver food from the Kosher Food Pantry to individuals in the community. Contact Rebekah Kanefsky: (203) 921-4161 or [rkanevsky@ctjfs.org](mailto:rkanevsky@ctjfs.org)

#### JHS (JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

- **Harry Rosenbaum Judaica Library.** At the JCC. Cover 2 hour slot (or more once a week. You'll be trained on the computer system and the arrangement of books in the library. Call (203) 487-0957
- **Help protect the pieces of our Jewish history:** Do you enjoy finding out about our region's early Jewish settlers? Do you want to help Jewish organizations retain their history and documents? Call (203) 359-2196

#### HADASSAH

**Tea@2. Every other Tuesday, 2 - 3 pm** in the Family Lounge, Oncology floor, Stamford Hospital. Volunteers bake desserts, 'schlep' and set up OR serve the tea to patients, family members and staff. For info: email [Connie at ccirillofreeman@gmail.com](mailto:Connie at ccirillofreeman@gmail.com)

### SINGLES & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

#### TEMPLE BETH EL YOUNG JEWISH PROFESSIONALS

**Happy Hour at Hudson Grille.** **Thursday, Dec. 12, 7 - 10 pm.** For info, join the Facebook group "Fairfield County YJP at TBE" or email [danahorowitz@tbe.org](mailto:danahorowitz@tbe.org)

#### CHABAD

- **20s & 30s Shabbat Dinner.** Enjoy a four-course meal; be uplifted by Shabbat songs, and inspired by the shared words of Torah. **Friday, Dec. 13, 7 pm.** At the Shemtov Home, 10 Brandt Road. Free.
- **Café Chabad.** Open to Singles & Couples. Great company, food & good times! Join us for the night on the town. **Saturday, Jan. 11, 8 pm.** At the home of Craig & Randi Price. Fee: \$25 per person.

### FOR WOMEN

#### CHABAD JWC

- **PACKAGE PARTY.** Bring a wrapped gift (worth \$10 or more) to benefit "Loaves of Love". Featuring a martini bar. **Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7:45 pm.** At the home of Vered Links. Fee: \$15/JWC members free.
- **PAINT DRAW & MORE.** An evening of fun, laughter, painting and drinks; masterpiece painted by you that looks fabulous and professional! **Monday, Jan. 13, 7:45 pm** at Paint Draw & More, Atlantic Street. Fee: \$45/\$35 JWC Members

### SENIORS

#### JCC SOCIAL SENIOR PROGRAMS

**Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays** at the JCC.

- **Tuesdays & Thursdays:** Chair Exercise: **10:15 - 11 am.** Senior Life Enhancement Classes: **11 - 11:45 am.** Topics cover local to international events, health and wellness, Jewish history, unique personal stories etc.
- **Fridays:** Morning movie: **10 am.** Discussions about Israel with Matan Samovsky: **11 am.**
- **Kosher Lunch** each day, **12 - 1 pm.** Chanukah Lunch, Dec. 3; New Year's Lunch, Dec. 26. No lunch Nov. 28 & Dec. 25.
- **Thursdays: Fun and Games, 1 - 3 pm.** Mah Jongg, Scrabble, Bridge, etc. All welcome. Transportation available for Stamford residents. No prior sign up necessary except 2 day advance reservation for lunch and for transportation. Fee: Free except \$3 suggested donation for lunch and \$1 suggested donation each way for transportation. For info: Connie Cirillo Freeman 203-487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org)

#### JCC RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

Meets **Mondays.** Schedule: **10 - 11 am:** fellowship, humor, and vibrant discussions (members only) **11 am - 1 pm:** speaker and kosher lunch. (community welcome). Bridge game after lunch. 2 days advance lunch reservations required, \$3 suggested donation. At the JCC. Member Free/Community \$50 per year. For info: Connie Cirillo Freeman 203-487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org)



# ADULT EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2013 & JANUARY 2014

You are invited to attend all classes listed regardless of your membership status. See contact info below for more info, to confirm programs and to register.

### UJF

**TAPESTRY: Annual evening of Jewish Learning.** **Saturday, Nov. 23, 6:30 pm.** Program starts with Havdalah. Then choose two lectures to attend - choose from diverse speakers on a wide range of topics. Desert reception to follow. At the JCC (Co-sponsor).

**Engage. A discussion about the enduring significance of the State of Israel for contemporary Jews worldwide.** The course, developed by the Shalom Hartman Institute, explores key questions such as why should American Jews care about Israel? What values should a Jewish state embody? How can Israel create and maintain a Jewish democracy? How should a Jewish state exercise military power ethically? Each iEngage class includes a video lecture by Rabbi Donniel Hartman which frames the class, followed by a discussion facilitated by rotating local rabbis. **Sundays, Jan. 5 – Feb. 9, 9:30 - 11:30 am.** At the JCC (Cosponsor). Fee: \$15 per session/\$50 series. Includes continental breakfast. Minimum enrollment of ten students needed. To register or for info, contact Rabbi Molly Karp, Adult Education Coordinator: [rabbikarp@ujf.org](mailto:rabbikarp@ujf.org)

### AGUDATH SHOLOM

**Challenges in Jewish Education Panel:** "Day School Affordability: The Challenge...and Practical Solutions." **Saturday, Jan. 11,** immediately after morning services and kiddush at approx 12 noon. Featuring Rabbi Joshua Lookstein, Head of School, Westchester Day School and Harry Bloom, Strategy Manager for Financial Sustainability at the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE). Rabbi David Israel of Bi-Cultural Day School, will moderate the panel discussion.

**Contemporary Issues in Halacha.** Fifth Annual Woman Scholar Program. **Wednesdays, Jan. 15 – Feb. 12, 7:30 pm.** Speaker: Dina Najman, Head of Kehilat Orach Eliezer, Instructor of Judaic Studies at SAR Academy. Open to men and women.

**Dvar Yom B'Yomo.** With Rabbi Walk. **Mondays 12:20 pm** at Bicultural Day School, 2186 High Ridge Road. An in-depth look at one topical issue each week, either from the weekly portion or an upcoming Jewish holiday.

**Parsha Perspectives and Paradigms.** **Tuesdays at noon** with Rabbi Daniel Cohen. Gleam relevant life messages from the weekly torah portion in this engaging and upbeat class. Free.

**Taste of Torah.** **Fridays 8:15 - 8:45 am** with Rabbi Daniel Cohen. Unlock a fresh perspective and fascinating idea from the Torah. Deepen your understanding of the Torah as a guide for life through the prism of classic commentators. Get a spiritual boost for Shabbat.

### HADASSAH

#### Book Club

- **Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 pm:** "In the Garden of Beasts" by Eric Larson
- **Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7 pm:** "Suddenly a Knock at the Door" by Etgar Keret. For location and more info, contact rhonda.greif@gmail.com or (203) 829-9341

### CHABAD

**Lunch & Learn.** Explore Kabbalistic insights on different topics that pertain to our lives today. **Every Wednesday** (not 12/25, 1/1), **11:30 am - 12:45 pm.** Lunch served. \$5 per class.

**An Intimate Discussion on Love and Marriage.** Lecture with Rivky Slonim. For men and women. **Sunday, Dec. 15, 7 pm.** Location TBA.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER PROGRAMS AND TO REGISTER CONTACT:

**UJF Jewish Education & Engagement Program**  
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YOUNG VOICES

What the Friendship Circle Means to Me

By KAREN LOB

My family has been involved with the Friendship Circle for more than 10 years. For most of this time, I watched from the sidelines as teens came to our home each Sunday to play with my brother, Mark. Although I participated in a few sibling and family events, I thought of the Friendship Circle as Mark's world, not mine.

Four years ago, Sora Margolis Milecki, the program coordinator, asked me to attend an evening of appreciation in honor of the teen volunteers. She thought I could answer questions that potential volunteers might have about working with kids with special needs, so I agreed to go. As I watched the video and listened to the different speakers, I realized that the Friendship Circle had made a difference in my life, too. That night, I decided that I wanted to embrace the Friendship Circle on new terms, as a teen volunteer.

Skip to 2011. It is my first visit with Ellie [last name withheld on request], a teenage girl who has autism. Although she is two years older than I, she is more petite and has quizzical eyebrows that define her face. From the moment I greet her in the basement of her house until the end of my hour-long visit, all she wants is to get rid of me. Our visits continue on this painstakingly slow trajectory for a month until she decides she wants to read a social skills book with me. This 223-page book provides detailed descriptions of activities ranging from getting

your haircut to planning an outing with a friend. For a while, Ellie only wants to read this book, but as she begins to trust me, she lets me pick different ones.

Fast forward to 2013. Ellie and I read at least four books per visit. In between reading, we use letters to spell out the names of her classmates and family members. We've been to Broadway performances together, birthday dinners, walks in the park and I've even driven her home from dance class. Although our fixed routine at her home can feel monotonous at times, all it takes is a smile from Ellie when we finish reading "Go, Dog, Go!" to make

the visit rewarding.

What I value most about our friendship is the fact that Ellie and I completely accept each other and only see the good in one another. In a teen world, where social dynamics are often confusing and painful, I cherish the fact that we completely trust one another and feel free to say and do whatever we want together. This year marks our third year of friendship and even though I'll be away at college next year, I know the special bond we have will last beyond our weekly visits.

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*Karen Lob (on right) with her friend, Ellie [last name withheld on request].*

Refugees

care and psychological services following earthquakes in Japan and Haiti, and supplies food and other materials to refugees at two camps in Kenya.

IsraAid began working in Jordan early this year. Since then, the organization says it has provided approximately \$100,000 worth of supplies to refugees who have escaped Syria's brutal civil war.

But because Syria and Israel technically have been at war for four decades, discretion and security are paramount in IsraAid's Jordanian operation. Most aid workers interviewed requested anonymity, as did the Jordanian nongovernmental organization that is IsraAid's partner on the ground. Working with Israelis, they say, could endanger their work and the lives of the refugees they help.

Israelis may travel freely to Jordan, but when the IsraAid delegation crossed the border recently, it brought a letter from the Jordanian NGO that would facilitate the distribution, as well as a list of individuals in its party.

A police escort joined the group's bumpy ride through northern Jordan, past small villages of flat-roofed houses, lemon groves and vegetable fields. In the distance were the mountains of southern Syria.

"We try to work by the book and not go under the radar," says Shachar Zahavi, IsraAid's founding director, who explains that other countries also require extended security checks. "The Jordanians are open to it."

After 90 minutes, the delegation arrives at the Jordanian NGO's headquarters, next to an empty lot filled with trash on a side street in this city. The capital city of a region of the same name, half of Mafrq's 100,000 residents are refugees from the conflict next door.

In total, half a million Syrians have taken refuge in Jordan. Most of them are here, in the border region, and most arrived this year.

Directed by a soft-spoken, gray-haired retiree working without pay, the Jordanian NGO focuses on aiding the 200,000 local refugees not living in Zaatri, the massive United Nations refugee camp nearby. The director keeps meticulous records of the constantly growing number of aid recipients, registering every new arrival, noting the size of their family and when they last received aid. Seventy volunteers help purchase and package supplies with funds from groups like IsraAid.

With the word "Jewish" removed, the purple bags begin to travel in a human chain down a tight stairwell to the refugees below, almost all of them women wearing long black dresses and matching hijabs. Bags are loaded onto trucks or carried in hand back to wherever they are staying.

One woman approaches a volunteer to explain, through basic Arabic and hand motions, that a relative has cancer. Where, she asks, can she find medicine?

"We're still at this beginning stage,"

the aid worker later tells JTA. "You're still being inundated with refugees. They're always going to need food until the situation is stable."

The next stop for the IsraAid workers is Hamra, an impromptu refugee camp set up a month ago 20 minutes outside Mafrq. Situated under power lines, surrounded by desert and about to be clouded by a suffocating sandstorm, the camp is home to 25 families from a Damascus suburb who had walked 60 miles to the Jordanian border to escape the fighting.

Now they share space in 10 tents with dirty, beige flaps featuring the block letters U.N.H.C.R. – for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees – in faded blue. Inside one, seven thin mattresses sit in a square on a tattered rug. A second room, with a small burner and piles of pots and pans, serves as the tent kitchen.

Although they eagerly crowd the distribution truck, most refugees appear healthy, if needy. While the distribution goes on, one resident insists that the workers sit for some coffee.

But an elderly woman shakes as she pulls a deformed hand out of her robe, her two fingers wrapped backwards and

Cure

"After finding out that we raised \$1,000, I was ecstatic," said eighth-grader and Student Council Co-President Alyssa Ginsburg. "I am also very glad that this money is going to the foundation, because if we can help them find a cure, that would be an amazing success."

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Class

it serves students from New Haven, Fairfield, Litchfield and Hartford counties. *Jewish High School of Connecticut is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.*

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Miracles

"It was great to hear a contemporary tell his story. It was relatable and really hit home. Summer programs, Hillel, these were services we benefitted from, and we support UJF so our kids can, too."

Those who attended said they are looking forward to the next YLD event, Chai Society's Awesome '80s Prom on Saturday, December 14, at

Executives

Slossberg is co-chair of the Human Services Committee, which has responsibility for state grants and programs for children, families and the elderly. She said that she is working to help Connecticut's Jewish Family Service agencies succeed and encouraged the JFS executives and their boards to convey their needs and their accomplishments to their respec-

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melded into what was left of her palm. After the bombing that caused her injury, she joined her children and grandchildren on the 60-mile trek. Now she says nothing, her wrinkled face and sunken eyes conveying a resigned helplessness.

Zahavi hopes that within a month, IsraAid can bring social workers to Mafrq to help refugees cope with the psychological trauma. Israelis, Zahavi says, are experts in trauma care after decades of dealing with terror attacks.

"My main agenda is to put Israelis on the ground around the world and show the world that Israel cares about them," he says.

IsraAid receives support from several foundations, but the organization says some of its donors initially were reluctant to fund its work in Jordan for fear of becoming involved in the Syria-Israel conflict. But the aid worker says that when refugees discover the Israeli connection, they are still grateful for the help – no matter its political implications.

"You're talking about hungry people," she says. "These people are in a dire situation. If I hand someone a can of tuna, do they really care where it's coming from?"

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Food Collected for JFS Kosher Food Pantry

Congregation Agudath Sholom organized and collected more than 100 bags of food with more than 1,000 items for the JFS Kosher Food Pantry.

Since 2008, the number of individuals assisted with food and gift cards from the Kosher Food Pantry has increased about 20 percent each year. Organizations that would like to collect Kosher Food Pantry donations for JFS are asked to contact Rebekah Kanefsky at 203-921-4161 or rkanefsky@ctjfs.org for assistance. To receive assistance from the JFS Kosher Food Pantry, contact Rita Halpert at 203-921-4161 or rhalpert@ctjfs.org. Full confidentiality is assured.

The JFS Kosher Food Pantry accepts all non-perishable goods with a valid expiration date and kosher certification. Gift cards for supermarkets and pharmacies are also most appreciated. *Jewish Family Service is a recipient agency of*



*JFS CEO Matt Greenberg loaded a car with collections from Congregation Agudath Sholom for the JFS Kosher Food Pantry.*

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Sinai

history alive. A number of the sixth-graders expressed that the combination of learning history through a video game and on the site where the history actually happened was "incredible."

Founded in 2010, ConverJent was incubated at Clal in Manhattan and has been awarded a PresenTense New York City fellowship. Rabbi Owen Gottlieb, the founder and director of ConverJent, is a Jim Joseph Fellow and Ph.D. candidate at New York University in education and



*Herb Winter, volunteer at Jewish Family Service, restocked and organized shelves at the Kosher Food Pantry.*

Two Choirs Sing with One Voice

On Friday evening, January 17, in honor of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., Temple Sinai's sanctuary will be filled with song. For the sixth year running, Temple Sinai will welcome members of the Union Baptist Church's Sanctuary Choir to join with Kolot Sinai, the temple's volunteer adult choir, as they come together in fellowship, worship and song. These two singing communities will share a traditional Shabbat dinner, where they will break bread together, spend some time in conversation and then mingle their prayers and voices during a music-filled Shabbat service.

The tradition started six years ago when the Union Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir, under the baton of Professor Louis Gibson, first came to sing at Temple Sinai. After experiencing the "spiritual sound and soulful presence" of their choir, the Temple Sinai community was inspired to reinvigorate its own adult volunteer choir. Thus emerged Kolot Sinai, the Voices of

Sinai, led by Kathy Storfer. The group now shares their music with the congregation regularly throughout the year.

All these years later, the two singing groups feel they have become one in friendship and in music. Kolot Sinai and the Sanctuary Choir rehearse together in the weeks leading up to this joint service and they now share in various singing events together during the year. "It has become a meaningful camaraderie which speaks to the shared ethics, values, and priorities of the constituents of both groups," said Cantor Micah Morgovsky.

The musical service, featuring both Kolot Sinai and the Sanctuary Choir, is open to the entire community and Temple Sinai welcomes any and all guests to this celebratory commemoration of Reverend King. The goal of the service, in addition to honoring and remembering Reverend King, is to inspire everyone – through prayer, through song and through action – to always work to create positive change in the world.

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Jewish studies specializing in digital media and games for learning. He is also a HAS-TAC Scholar. ConverJent received a signature grant from the Covenant Foundation to fund the design and development of a digital mobile game/simulation for teaching Jewish history, which became Jewish Time Jump: New York. It has been nomi-

nated for most innovative game of 2013 by the Games for Change Festival.

A priority of the Temple Sinai education program is to combine technology with learning so Jewish education can be brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and be in line with the student's current public and private school learning situations.



*Max Meister received instruction on the game out in the field.*

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