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## Finding Meaning in Painful Losses

*Annual Saul Cohen-Schoke JFS Lecture*

(Courtesy of Schoke JFS) Schoke Jewish Family Service of Fairfield County is pleased to present Rabbi Steve Z. Leder as the 10th Annual Saul Cohen-Schoke JFS Lecture Keynote Speaker. This year, the lecture will be co-sponsored by the Stamford JCC. Rabbi Leder's talk, entitled, *If You Have to Go Through Hell, Don't Come Out Empty-Handed*, will take place virtually on Thursday, November 11 beginning at 7:30 pm.

A gift to the community, the lecture is offered through the generosity of Mimi Cohen and Saul Cohen z"l.

Rabbi Leder will speak about finding meaning in all sorts of painful losses, including those endured during, but not limited to, the pandemic. How can individuals transform loss into more than just loss? How can suffering be more than just painful? What do the sages teach about transcending pain



Rabbi Steve Leder

and loss? All of these ideas and more will be addressed in a moving and enlightening way that is unlike any self-help book you have ever read.

Currently serving as the Senior Rabbi of the prestigious Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles, CA, Rabbi Leder is an author, thought leader and speaker in high demand. He is concluding a 225 million dollar

campaign to develop the congregation's historic urban campus to encompass an entire city block.

After receiving his degree in writing and graduating *Cum Laude* from Northwestern University, and studying at Trinity College, Oxford University, Rabbi Leder received a Master's Degree in Hebrew Letters in 1986 and Rabbinical Ordination in 1987 from Hebrew Union College. In addition to his many duties at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Rabbi Leder taught Homiletics (the art of preaching or writing sermons) for 13 years

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## Answer The Call: Make a Difference in Your Community

(Courtesy of UJF) Mark your calendars for United Jewish Federation's annual Super Sunday, which will be held on November 7th. This year's co-chairs are Robin Fischel, Becky Kevelson, and Shushannah Yasgur.

Super Sunday is a day the community is asked to "answer the call" and provide financial support to UJF. These funds are used for community

organization programs and for aid to those in Israel and over 72 countries around the world.

The UJF phone-a-thon will once again be virtual, with volunteers manning their phones in the comfort of their own homes to reach the community. "With the pandemic, we understand the need to be safe, while still working to reach our fundraising goals and engage the community," says co-chair and UJF board member Robin Fischel.



Renowned violinist, Yegveny Kutik, will perform on Thursday, November 4th, as part of UJF's Super Week.

"Super Week will be held the week leading up to November 7th and will provide a full schedule of engaging and entertaining programming geared to all ages. It is a great opportunity to learn more about UJF and the impact UJF makes on thousands of Jews," continued Fischel.

Far more than just a fundraiser, Super Sunday is a day when staff and volunteers from Federation and its partner organizations come together as

one. "The dollars raised during Super Sunday and Super Week make a real impact on our community, and in Jewish communities all around the world. By "answering the call," you are ensuring your local and world-wide Jewish communities will stay strong and thrive. Each person can make an impact, no matter the size of their gift. Funds raised go to programs and services, ensuring a Jewish future and care for all those in need.

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## Walking for Unity in Our Community

Stamford's Walk for Unity in Our Community, created by a partnership among UJF's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), the Mayor's Multicultural Council and the Interfaith Council of Southwest Connecticut, stepped off despite the rain on Sunday, October 10th at Cove Island Park. (See article on page 6.)



Members of the planning committee for the Walk for Unity in Our Community pose with Stamford Mayor David Martin: (l-r) Reverend Mark Lingle (Chair of Interfaith Council of Southwest CT), Linda Spilka (JCRC, Event chair), Sona Patel (Mayor's Multicultural Council), Stamford Mayor David Martin, Michael Hyman (Domus), Pilar Paleaz (Mayor's Multicultural Council), Nestor Gomez (First Congregational Church), and Sharon Lewis (JCRC Director). Not pictured: Debby Goldberg (JCRC), Malinda Polite (Mayor's Multicultural Council), and Shahzad Khawaja (Stamford Islamic Center).





From UJF's Chief Executive Officer

# Our Time is Here and Now!

BY DIANE SLOYER

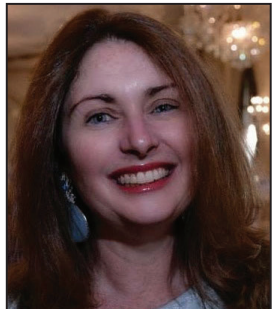
The Jewish calendar tends to envelop us with many holidays in short periods of time, especially during this time of year. I sit to write this message with our first full week of work in over one month.

We welcome the New Year, ask for forgiveness and repent for our sins and misdeeds and marvel at the opportunity to start fresh and strive to be better. And then we welcome Sukkot, the festival of booths, and finish strong with the joyous celebration of Simchat Torah - celebrating the culmination and restarting of reading the Torah.

During the Sukkot holiday there is a tradition to read the Book of Kohelet - Ecclesiastes. The book struggles with the meaning of life and death and also purpose. King Solomon, who many believe authored Kohelet, sees this as an opportunity to move forward.

The concept of a challenge or a struggle leaves me with renewed dedication to seek inspiration and to embrace every moment and opportunity. A theme of Kohelet is that everything has its appointed time and after four years at Federation, I believe our time is here and now!

Our Federation continues to identify and address our greatest challenges and opportunities. As the Federation of today, we are the one local Jewish organization that



Diane Sloyer, UJF CEO

is as focused on the future as much as the present. We have both the 35,000-foot view required to plan for tomorrow and the hands-on partnerships that make it possible for us to care for our community today. We do this in collaboration with our organizational partners and our most committed leaders and donors.

This view has led us to engage in a strategic plan to guide us into the future. LIFE & LEGACY is securing our Jewish communal future, and our new security initiative is a result of that view.

I am excited to share that David Gordon will stay on a third year as President so he can see through the innovative and impactful changes he and the board have brought to Federation. We look forward to sharing the results of the strategic plan efforts with the community toward the end of the year.

Our work is impactful, and inspiring. We focus locally, and serve as a global Jewish leader, doing essential work in Israel and throughout the Jewish world.

Ultimately, it's not what we do but why we do it — which is to create the kind of enduring Jewish community we all want and need, based on shared goals and Jewish values. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this amazing journey. Please join us in making a difference.

UJF President's Message

# Be Happy

BY DAVID GORDON

It's that time of year. The recent Jewish holidays, including Simchat Torah which is called *z'man simchateinu* (the time of our happiness), are distant memories. Before we know it, the end of the secular year will be coming. And with the end of the calendar year comes the onslaught of requests (including UJF's)



UJF President David Gordon

for charitable giving. But as you consider our request, there's one thing you should appreciate: by picking up our call and making a gift, you will end up happier at the end of the call than you were before you picked up the phone. Really!

Given that I make lots of "asks" on behalf of Federation, I found research on the psychology of giving reported in HealthDay News on Aug. 15, 2017 to be fascinating: "Generosity really is its own reward, with the brain seemingly hardwired for happiness in response to giving... Scientists in Switzerland used brain scans to track activity in brain regions associated with socializing, decision-making and happiness. They found that even small acts of generosity -- or just promising to be charitable -- triggered brain changes that make people happier..."

HealthDay News further reported that Kit Yarrow, a professor emeritus of consumer psychology at Golden Gate University, believed that the overall findings were "not surprising at all. We, as humans, function best when we feel connected to each other... We're designed to respond empathically to each other, and for our self-interest to be balanced by protection of the greater good. In other words, we're pre-wired to receive pleasure from helping others, which includes generosity."

Over the past year UJF has done a world of good both in our community and abroad. United Jewish Federation

has helped strengthen the viability of our agencies and synagogues through the Harold Grinspoon LIFE & LEGACY program which UJF has brought to our community. UJF has just brought the Secure Community Network (SCN) to our community to bolster the safety of our community in our Jewish facilities. UJF has conducted

city-wide rallies against antisemitism and in support of our Israeli brethren as well as connecting us to and serving the broader community with our Reading Partners, 3SQUARE, and Dignity Grows projects of our Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC). UJF has funded various start-up programs of Schoke Jewish Family Service, Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy, the Stamford Jewish Community Center, and our community synagogues and agencies. Connecting young families to their Jewish roots through PJ Library programming and books and adults of common interests through our Rothschild Society, Cardozo Society, Maimonides Society, Grandparents Networking Group, and now our Boomer's Engagement Network (BEN) are focal points of UJF's engagement efforts. UJF has kept our Jewish community connected and informed through this newspaper, the New Jewish Voice. UJF has welcomed new families to the community and new babies to their families with the Shalom Stamford program. UJF has reached out, connected, and supported both here and abroad. And there is so much more.

All that is why, when you get a telephone call in the next two months from a UJF volunteer or professional, PLEASE pick up the phone, and PLEASE make a very generous pledge. Your generosity makes a world of difference, and according to the scientists, it will make you happy! So, please give - and be happy that you did!

# A Warm Welcome from UJF



Mikaela Ritchie moved to downtown Stamford in September.



Grandfather Gerry Emple enjoys a visit with his new grandson Toby, born to Marissa and Artem Emple.

(Courtesy of UJF) This fall, United Jewish Federation's Director of Campaign and Community Engagement, Sharon Franklin, welcomed newcomers and babies to the community with a Shalom Welcome visit. This includes a personal

visit and a welcome bag filled with gifts, coupons, information for newcomers and new parents. If you are new to town or know of someone with a new baby, contact sharon@ujf.org or call 203-321-1373 ext. 109.

## UPCOMING DEADLINE

December-January Issue

Deadline: Friday, November 5, 2021

Email submissions to [sandy@ujf.org](mailto:sandy@ujf.org)

You should receive notification that your submission was received!

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

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| November 5.....  | 5:27 pm |
| November 12..... | 4:20 pm |
| November 19..... | 4:14 pm |
| November 26..... | 4:10 pm |
| December 3.....  | 4:08 pm |



# “My Life Making Funny People Funnier”

## Book & Author Conversation with Alan Zweibel

(Courtesy of UJF and the JCC) United Jewish Federation, JCC Arts and Culture and the Jewish Book Council are excited to host author Alan Zweibel on Saturday evening, November 13th at 7:30 pm. This program will be free, thanks to a generous donor. Sponsors of \$50 will receive wine, cheese and other light fare along with a pre-meet and greet with Alan Zweibel.

*Laugh Lines*, Alan's latest book, is a tender, funny cultural memoir of four decades in the business — beginning with selling jokes for seven dollars apiece to the last of the Borscht Belt standups— to becoming one of the first writers at Saturday Night Live, where he penned classic material for Gilda Radner, John Belushi, and all of the original Not Ready For Prime Time Players. From SNL, he went on to have a hand in a series of landmark shows from It's Garry Shandling's Show to *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Alan writes tenderly about his friendships with Shandling, Billy Crystal, Larry David, and others. Woven throughout are words from

comedians and writers Richard Lewis, Eric Idle, Judd Apatow, Dave Barry, Carl Reiner, Sarah Silverman and more.

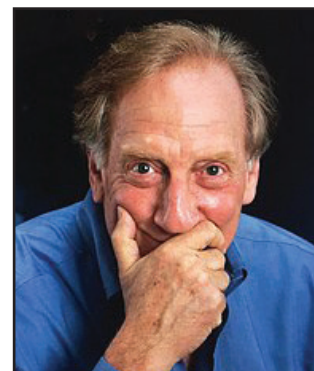
Winner of multiple Emmy and Writers Guild of America awards for his work in television, Alan collaborated with Billy Crystal on the Tony Award-winning Broadway play *700 Sundays* and won the *Thurber Prize for American Humor* for his novel *The Other Shulman*. A frequent guest on all of the late night talk shows, Alan's theatrical contributions include Martin Short's Broadway hit *Fame Becomes Me*, and six off-Broadway plays including *Bunny Bunny - Gilda Radner: A Sort of Romantic Comedy* which he adapted from his best-selling book *Bunny Bunny - Gilda Radner: A Sort of Love Story*.

In addition to the talk shows, Alan also appeared in episodes of *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and *Law & Order*, and can be seen in the documentary *The Last Laugh* about humor and the Holocaust; *Judd Apatow's Zen Diaries of Garry Shandling*, on HBO; Gilbert about the life of Gilbert Gottfried; and

the Emmy nominated CNN documentary he executive produced, titled *Love, Gilda*.

"Federation is excited to be part of the Jewish Book Council and to partner with the Stamford JCC on this and some other upcoming programs. This collaborative event will bring together a cross section of our community and we look forward to laughing together - something we all could use!" said Diane Sloyer, CEO of UJF.

Alan J. Weiss will moderate the evening. Alan is a winner of 8 Emmy Awards and 12 nominations as a journalist and documentarian and is president and executive producer of Alan Weiss productions. Nationally recognized for his role in breaking the news of John Lennon's murder, his experience is a main storyline of the critically acclaimed film *The Lennon Report*. His broadcast news and documentary



Alan Zweibel

productions include war coverage, Pope John Paul II's shooting, Son of Sam's capture, hostage situations, political campaigns and disasters ranging from hurricanes...to the 9/11 attack.

"We are thrilled to have Alan moderate this evening. JCC Arts and Culture has benefitted

from Alan's talents in the past and we are thankful that he will be part of this evening" said Connie Cirillo Freeman, Director Arts and Culture and Seniors, Stamford JCC.

Program sponsors will receive a gift bag of kosher wine, cheese and more, available for pick up Friday November 12th between 1:00-3:00 pm at the JCC, 1035 Newfield Avenue. Registration can be found at [www.ujf.org/Alan](http://www.ujf.org/Alan).

For more information contact [Dianesloyer@ujf.org](mailto:Dianesloyer@ujf.org) or [Cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:Cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org).

## CAS to Host Jewish News Syndicate Editor-in-Chief

(Courtesy of CAS) Congregation Agudath Sholom invites the entire community to attend the lecture "What's behind the newsurge of anti-Semitism or antisemitism?" by Jonathan S. Tobin, Editor-in-Chief, Jewish News Syndicate, JNS.org, on October 31 at 7:30 pm in the Congregation Agudath Sholom Chapel.



Jonathan Tobin

Tobin is a regular columnist for Haaretz, Israel Hayom, the New York Jewish Week, the Algemeiner, the Federalist, the New York Post, and a contributing writer for National Review. Tobin also writes for other publications, such as the Washington Examiner and Commentary magazine. In his writing he covers on a daily basis the American political scene, foreign policy, the U.S. - Israel relationship, Middle East diplomacy and the Jewish world.

Before becoming the Editor-in-Chief of JNS, an international wire service, Mr. Tobin was the Executive Editor, the senior online editor and chief political blogger for the Commentary magazine. Earlier in his career, he was the Editor-in-Chief of the Jewish Exponent in Philadelphia, and before that, the Editor of the Connecticut Jewish Ledger. His

writing has also appeared in many other publications including the Jerusalem Post — where he wrote the "View From America" column for many years. Tobin was born in New York City, attended local schools and studied history at Columbia University.

Tobin has won more than 50 awards for his writing, including being named top columnist for Jewish publications eight times. He appears regularly on television commenting on politics in the United States and Israel, foreign policy and Jewish affairs.

"It is our honor to welcome Jonathan Tobin to Agudath Sholom," said CAS Senior Rabbi Daniel Cohen. "From his days in West Hartford, where I served as Rabbi, he has always maintained a sterling reputation, possesses a voice of wisdom, deep support for shared American and Israel values and an eloquence and erudition in his writings and presentations."

The lecture is free and open to the entire community, thanks to the support of Congregation Agudath Sholom Men's Club, Agudath Women, Avram Freedberg, and an anonymous donor.

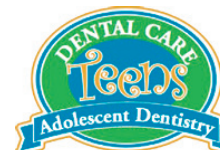
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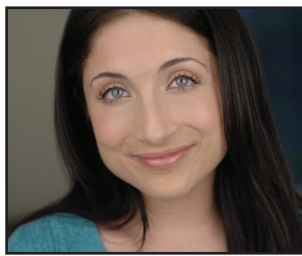
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# A Conversation with NYC “Book-fluencer” Zibby Owens

(Courtesy of JCC) Zibby Owens will be live at The Stamford JCC on Thursday, December 2 at 7:30 pm for a fun, in-person Mom’s Night Out! The event will start with a reception on the JCC outdoor patio featuring our signature cocktail “The Zibby” and wine. Then Zibby Owens talks to author Katie Sise about writing, reading, work, home, and the many things they wished they had time to do. The event will also include



Author, Katie Sise.  
(CREDIT: KATIE SISE)

Chanukah candle lighting, Q&A and book signing.

Zibby Owens is the creator and host of award-winning podcast *Moms Don’t Have Time to Read Books*, one of Oprah.com’s favorite book podcasts two years in a row. The CEO and founder of *Moms Don’t*

*Have Time To*, Zibby has formed a media company that includes multiple podcasts, publications like *Moms Don’t Have Time to Write*, and other communities designed to help moms. She is the editor of award-winning anthology *Moms Don’t Have Time To: A Quarantine Anthology*, her latest book *Moms Don’t Have Time to Have Kids*, the upcoming children’s book *Princess Charming*, and the upcoming memoir *The Book Messenger*. In addition, Zibby recently launched her own publishing

company called Zibby Books with writer, editor and publishing veteran Leigh Newman.

She is a regular contributor to *Good Morning America* online and also writes for the *Washington Post*, *Parents*, *Slate*, and *Medium*, where she is a

top writer. Zibby regularly recommends books on TV and has been featured on CBS *This Morning* and *Good Morning America*. Named “NYC’s Most Powerful Book-fluencer” by New York magazine’s *Vulture*, Zibby currently lives in New York with her husband and four children.

Katie Sise is a nationally bestselling author of five novels; *Open House*, *We Were Mothers*, *The Academy*, *The Pretty APP*, *The Boyfriend APP* and a nonfiction career guide *Creative Girl*.



Book-fluencer, Zibby Owens.  
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She is a former television host and jewelry designer whose work has been featured in most major magazines. She lives an hour north of New York City with her husband, four children, and highly emotional golden retriever.

For ticket information and pricing, visit [www.stamfordjcc.org](http://www.stamfordjcc.org). For more information, contact Sandi Waldstreicher, JCC Sara Walker Nursery School Educational Coordinator, at 203.322.6541 or [swaldstreicher@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:swaldstreicher@stamfordjcc.org).

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## The Rabbi of Buchenwald

(Courtesy of Congregation Agudath Sholom) The community is invited to a conversation with Rafael Medoff, author of *The Rabbi of Buchenwald: The Life and Times of Herschel Schacter*, and Rabbi JJ Schacter, the son of Rabbi Herschel Schacter, on Wednesday, November 10th at 7:30 pm at Congregation Agudath Sholom.

On the eve of World War II, Rabbi Herschel Schacter became the rabbi of Congregation Agudath Sholom, his very first congregation. In the years to

follow, Schacter would become world-renowned as the U.S. army chaplain who aided survivors in liberated Buchenwald, as a leader in the Soviet Jewry protest movement, and as the first Orthodox rabbi to become chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Come hear the fascinating story of a remarkable Jewish leader whose career began right here in Stamford. The event is free and open to the entire community. Please RSVP [www.cas-stamford.org](http://www.cas-stamford.org).



Rabbi JJ Schacter



Rafael Medoff

## Save the Date: Women Making History

(Courtesy of Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County) The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County will present the Norma and Milton Mann Annual Lecture on Sunday, December 12th hosted at Temple Beth El, 350 Roxbury Rd., Stamford.

The lecture is the first and only named lecture of the Jewish Historical Society and is underwritten by the Mann Family Foundation to honor their parents.

The lecture will feature Amy Richards, a protégé of Gloria Steinem, and an activist, television producer, educator, art historian

and writer to the community. She will speak about women who have shaped America and will share fascinating stories of successful trailblazing women from all walks of life. Their stories will tell of achievements and challenges of the early women’s movement to the present day.

## Gan Yeladim Open House

(Courtesy of Gan Yeladim) Gan Yeladim invites all families with preschool children to come experience the Gan’s Reggio-inspired educational approach at its Open House on Sunday, November 21st from 9:30-11:30 am.

The development of the social and emotional

dimensions of each child is especially valued at the Gan as is fun, play, and discovery with a strong focus on outdoor and nature exploration. To register and for more information about Gan’s programs, please email [wendy@stamfordchabad.org](mailto:wendy@stamfordchabad.org) or visit their website at [www.ganyeladim.org](http://www.ganyeladim.org).

## Thanksgiving Luncheon for Seniors

(Courtesy of The JCC) The Stamford JCC will hold its Seniors’ Thanksgiving Luncheon, generously sponsored by Marsha Kaiser Shendell and family in memory of her parents Dr. Daniel and

Edith Kaiser, on Friday, November 19 at 11:45 am.

Please contact Connie Cirillo Freeman, Director of Arts & Culture & Seniors at 203-940-3890 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org).



## Brain Fitness

(Courtesy of The JCC) Want to stimulate your brain power? Brain Fitness offers games and puzzles in a casual setting to inspire confidence and exercise your brain. Topics covered include memory, attention, organization, language, etc. All sessions have new material. Come join us and explore playful ways to reach your personal goals. Led by Dr. Toby Lazarus, Director, Schoke Jewish Family Service Brain Fitness Program. Sessions will be held in person at the Stamford JCC, 1035 Newfield Avenue

on Wednesdays, from 10:30 am - 12 pm  
**November Series:** Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17  
**December Series:** Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15  
 JCC Member \$20 / Community \$25  
 (3 session series)  
 JCC Member \$8 / Community \$10  
 (1 session)  
 Visit [www.stamfordjcc.org](http://www.stamfordjcc.org) to register. For more information, please contact Connie Cirillo Freeman, Director of Arts & Culture & Seniors at 203-940-3890 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org).

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Donors can once again select from a variety of initiatives and programs, putting them in the driver's seat of where their dollars go," said Diane Sloyer, UJF CEO.

On Thursday evening, November 4th, Russian-American violinist Yevgeny Kutik will perform virtually. He is a highly sought-after violinist on the concert stage worldwide. A native of Minsk, Belarus, Kutik immigrated to the United States with his family at the age of five, with the help of the Federation. His 2014 album, *Music from the Suitcase: A Collection of Russian Miniatures*, features music he found in his family's suitcase after immigrating to the United States from the Soviet Union in 1990, and debuted at No. 5 on the Billboard Classical chart. Kutik holds a bachelor's degree from Boston University and a master's degree from the New England Conservatory and currently resides in Lenox, Ma. In 2006, he was awarded the Salon de Virtuosi Grant as well as the Tanglewood Music Center Jules Reiner Violin Prize. In 2019, Yevgeny Kutik made his debuts at the Kennedy Center, presented by Washington Performing Arts, and at the Ravinia Festival. Kutik made his major orchestral debut in 2003 with Keith Lockhart and The Boston Pops as the First Prize recipient of the Boston Symphony



The 2021 Super Sunday co-chairs Becky Kevelson, Shushannah Yasgur, and Robin Fischel.

Orchestra Young Artists Competition. He was a featured soloist in Joseph Schwantner's *The Poet's Hour – Soliloquy for Violin* on episode six of Gerard Schwarz's All-Star Orchestra, a made-for-television classical music concert series released on DVD by Naxos and broadcast nationally on PBS.

An annual highlight of Super Sunday is the annual tzedakah coin challenge. Coins can be dropped off in exchange for a prize at UJF's Family Fun Day, which will be held outdoors, in-person, on November 7th, which will include entertainment, crafts and mitzvah projects.

If you would like to volunteer, or if you need more information about Super Sunday or Super Week, contact Sharon Franklin at [sharon@ujf.org](mailto:sharon@ujf.org). Registration for all events can be found at [www.ujf.org/SuperWeek](http://www.ujf.org/SuperWeek).

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at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. He is a regular contributor and guest on *The Today Show*, writes regularly for TIME, Foxnews.com, and Maria Shriver's *Sunday Paper*, and has published essays in *Town and Country*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today* and the *Los Angeles Jewish Journal* where his *Torah* commentaries were read weekly by over 50,000 people. Rabbi Leder received the Louis Rappaport Award for Excellence in Commentary by the American Jewish Press Association and the Kovler Award from the Religious Action Center in Washington D.C. for his work in African American/Jewish dialogue and in 2012 presented twice

at the Aspen Ideas Festival.

Rabbi Leder has authored four books. His most recent titles, *The Beauty of What Remains*; *How Our Greatest Fear Becomes Our Greatest Gift* (published in January 2021) and *More Beautiful Than Before; How Suffering Transforms Us*, illustrate Leder's transformation on the subject of grief and loss.

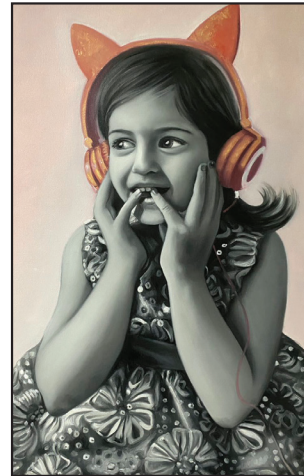
*Newsweek Magazine* twice named him one of the ten most influential rabbis in America, but what is most important to Steve is being Betsy's husband and Aaron and Hannah's dad.

For up-to-date details about the event and to register for the virtual lecture, please visit: <https://www.ctjfs.org/saul-cohen-jfs-lecture/>

## Gallery@The J Presents: Jackie Gordon Kline

(Courtesy of The JCC) The JCC invites the community to the newly updated Gallery@The J for its Wine & Art Reception on Thursday, November 4 at 6:30 pm featuring "Child's Play," a selection of paintings by professional artist Jackie Gordon Kline.

Ms. Gordon Kline's paintings, primarily done in oil on canvas and depicting whimsical day-to-day events, have a startlingly realistic – almost photographic – quality and burst with energy, excitement, drama and emotion. She encourages viewers to step back and reflect on the little moments encountered every day. Her most recent works portray children at the height of their innocence as they discover the magic, meaning and understanding of the world around them. Ms. Gordon Kline



Her Own Little World.  
 (PHOTO COURTESY OF JACKIE GORDON KLINE)

says, "Each day brings a new quest for magic, meaning and understanding of the world around them. My work brings this curiosity to life."

Ms. Gordon Kline attended Fairfield University with a concentration in Studio Art and worked with NYC-based landscape painter Ginger Levant. She lives and paints in New York City and Sag Harbor, NY. She continues to be inspired by the energy, art, culture and creativity that abounds in the world around her. She

is involved with the Artist Alliance of East Hampton, the Southampton Artists Association and the Providence Art Club. Her work can be viewed online at [jackiegordonart.com](http://jackiegordonart.com).

For further information, contact Connie Cirillo Freeman, Director of Arts & Culture and Seniors at [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org) or 203-940-3890.

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## Walk for Unity in Our Community



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Members from various ethnic and faith groups gathered on Sunday October 10th to Walk For Unity in Our Community. The event was spearheaded by United Jewish Federation's Jewish Community Relations Council, the Interfaith Council of South Western CT and The Mayor's Multicultural Council. (CREDIT: AVIVA MALLER)

(Courtesy of UJF) The Walk for Unity in our Community stepped off with tremendous enthusiasm on Sunday, October 10th at Cove Island Park. Although the weather was not ideal, 150 registered for the event and many joined the walk, umbrellas in hand. The rain did not dampen the spirits of the crowd as they walked around the main circle of the park and contemplated the importance of peace and unity in Stamford, our country and the world.

Instead of gathering on the lawn for a picnic, the crowd gathered under the gazebo near the beach. Mayor Martin, who joined in the Walk for Unity, told the crowd how important their presence at the Walk was for Stamford and for our country. He noted that the increasing levels of violence and intolerance were alarming but that efforts such as this Unity Walk could help to reverse that trend.

The Planning Committee for the Walk was made up of members from the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), the Mayor's Multicultural Council (MMC), and the Interfaith Council of Southwest Connecticut,

including Debby Goldberg, JCRC; Michael Hyman, Domus, Pilar Paleaz, MMC, Malinda Polite, MMC, Rev. Mark Lingle, Interfaith Council; Nestor Gomez, First Congregational Church, Shahzad Khawaja, Stamford Islamic Center; and Linda Spilka, Chair.

After the Mayor spoke, the crowd joined in a drum circle, creating rhythms in a unified flow of sound. Some people brought drums, others a plastic container and spoon and others just clapped along to the rhythms initiated by different members of the group.

The idea for the Walk for Unity was initially suggested by Linda Spilka at a JCRC meeting last January and developed with input from the committee. "This was an important event and it is so important for the Jewish community to be in the lead in creating relationships among the diverse communities of Stamford," said Spilka.

The event left everyone with a smile, and many expressed the desire to have this be an annual event.

## Public Policy Priorities for 2022

BY SHARON LEWIS, JCRC DIRECTOR

United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan and Darien(UJF) is one of 146 Federations of the Jewish Federations of North America(JFNA). UJF's Jewish Community Relations Council, JCRC, benefits from JFNA's



Sharon Lewis, JCRC Director

public policy priorities. These priorities advance the ability of individual Jewish Federations and other Jewish communal organizations to build flourishing Jewish communities, with a special focus on healthy, safe, and caring communities; diversity and inclusivity; and building bridges with other civic and religious groups.

With this goal in mind, the Federation system advances policy priority areas based on communal needs; in response to current challenges to Jewish communal life; and opportunities for legislative and policy advancement. In supporting specific legislative and policy vehicles within each area below or in adding compelling new legislative priorities, we strive to be balanced and bipartisan.

**JFNA's Public policy priority areas for 2022 include:**

### Jewish Communal Security:

1. Security: Protecting and expanding the Nonprofit Security Grant Program; promoting and accessing other security enhancements that safeguard high-risk nonprofits and communities; and addressing violent extremism.

2. Combat Antisemitism/Support for Israel: Combatting antisemitism, including by supporting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition; expanding Holocaust and genocide education; addressing delegitimization of Israel, including by combatting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement; and supporting Israel's security.

### Communal Infrastructure:

3. Charitable Protections: Ensuring the health of nonprofits by preserving and expanding the charitable tax deductions, such as Donor Advised Funds (DAF's) and a universal deduction for non-itemizers.

4. Stability of Communal Institutions: Maintaining or expanding nonprofit

infrastructure and relief funding; responding to natural disasters; and supporting healthy, vibrant, and affordable Jewish day schools and universal pre-school initiatives.

### Health and Human Services:

5. Healthcare and Services for Vulnerable Populations: Safeguarding long-term care and safety net supports, including Medicaid/Medicare; advancing programs and services to enable people with disabilities to achieve maximum independence and community integration; supporting home- and community-based services, mental health services, and other healthcare innovations that increase accessibility and fiscal responsibility; and supporting programs for older adults.

6. Holocaust Survivors: Ensuring that Holocaust survivors receive public support to live with dignity and an enhanced quality of life by promoting person-centered, trauma-informed care.

7. Economic Vulnerability: Supporting programs that alleviate poverty and promote economic mobility for low-income Jews and other communities, such as expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit; and addressing food insecurity, including through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

**Human and Civil Rights:** Advancing human and civil rights, by integrating equity and inclusion values throughout the public policy priorities, actively combatting all forms of hate and discrimination, supporting Jews and other marginalized populations fleeing persecution, and sharing best practices with allied communities.

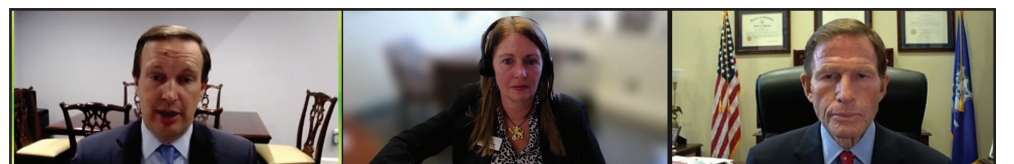
"We are very grateful to JFNA for organizing the top priorities for public policy," says Sharon Lewis, Director of the JCRC. "Our local JCRC uses this guidance as it crafts its own priorities for the year in terms of programming and activities."

To read more about the Jewish Federations of North America and how they work globally and locally, go to [www.jewishfederations.org](http://www.jewishfederations.org). For more information about how you can get involved in our local Jewish Community Relations Council, please contact Sharon Lewis, Director at [slewis@ujf.org](mailto:slewis@ujf.org).

## CT Senators Meet With the Jewish Community

(Courtesy of UJF) Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut, JFACT, recently convened Connecticut Federations and other area Jewish organizations to hear from Senators Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal about their recent trip to Israel

and the Middle East. Questions were posed to the Senators on topics including the US withdrawal from Afghanistan, the new Israel coalition government, the terrorist organization Hamas, a two-state solution, the Iron Dome and more.



Diane Sloyer, UJF's CEO, facilitated questions posed to Senators Murphy and Blumenthal.



## New Offerings from the Jewish Historical Society

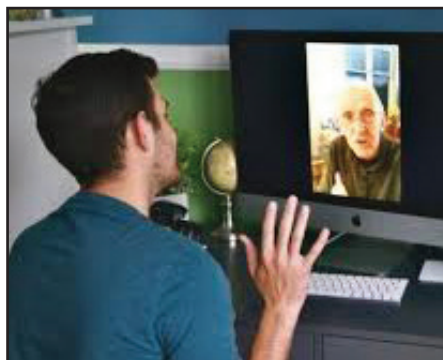
(Courtesy of JHSFC) As the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County (JHSFC) approaches an important milestone of 40 years, new programs are being initiated.

JHSFC began to engage the community in the "Archives at Home" project. The objective is to have families utilize the Historical Society's knowledge to assemble artifacts in their home to develop their family story. JHSFC intends to present programming to further illustrate the richness of family history by helping research the origin of artifacts with the help of the archive committee.

The Congregation for Humanistic Judaism of Westport used the JHSFC Oral History techniques developed by Elissa Kaplan. The 21-minute video of the program, directed by Rachel Dreyfus of Humanistic Judaism, is on JHSFC's website in "Discover the Archives" ([jhsfc-ct.org](http://jhsfc-ct.org)).

Another new initiative is the Grandchild/Grandparent program at Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy. Rachel Haron, Associate Head of School, is working with JHSFC volunteers (Elissa Kaplan and Leah Tillman, both PhD educators, and Marcie Schoenfeld, former teacher at Greenwich High School). They met with Bi-Cultural 8th grade students, under the direction of BCHA Middle School Principal David Giver, and developed a framework for the students to interview their grandparents. These oral histories were recorded and shown at their graduation. As 8th graders, they will participate in this program.

Already underway is a similar program with Congregation Beth El



Grandchild interviewing his grandparent.

of Norwalk under the direction of Rhonda Ginsberg.

Another exciting project is nearing completion. The documentary "Remembering the Family Store" began in 2019 with a grant from the Stamford Arts and Culture Commission. It is based on the collection of photographs from Archives by Lester Sharlach z"l (JHSFC's 2nd President). JHSFC's filmmaker, Margaret Costa, has produced a documentary complete with interviews of family members of the merchants in the downtown area from circa 1940-1965. Their stories are touching and revealing of the times just before urban redevelopment. The premiere is planned for the spring of 2022.

The JHSFC has continued to expand programming and outreach. As a volunteer-run organization, JHSFC counts on support from members and the greater community. Please reach out to The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County, Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow, by phone at the archives: 203-359-2196, by email: [info@jhsfc-ct.org](mailto:info@jhsfc-ct.org), or online: <http://jhsfc-ct.org/>.

## Celebrating Tashlich



(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Close to 100 people came to the Stamford Museum and Nature Center on Rosh Hashanah this year to perform the ancient custom of Tashlich in their beautiful natural surroundings. A few days later,

Chabad of Stamford welcomed the community for sushi and wine, lakeside at the home of Deena and Howard Graber, to perform this ceremony again, in an inspiring and energizing way, to keep the "high" of the High Holidays going.

## Full Steam Ahead for Chabad Youth Programs

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Chabad of Stamford's youth programming got off to a flying start this fall with its holiday fair and Open House. With classes for all ages and all levels there's something for everyone. The weekly offerings include CKC (Chabad's Hebrew school) for grades K-7. This year Chabad has re-introduced a weekly science and cookery class (P.O.G.S.) for grades K-2 and a monthly Chai Five mitzvah club for grades 3-7 on Tuesday afternoons as well as a monthly Bat Mitzvah club and a program for teens. For children aged 6 weeks to 3, Chabad runs a weekly Tiny Treasures music, singing and baking class on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am.



Chabad of Stamford's CTeen program meet up for Sushi in the Sukkah.

All classes are outdoors in the tent at Chabad of Stamford, 770 High Ridge Road. For more information about Chabad's youth programs, email [youth@stamfordchabad.org](mailto:youth@stamfordchabad.org).

## Friendship Circle Participants Help Build a Sukkah

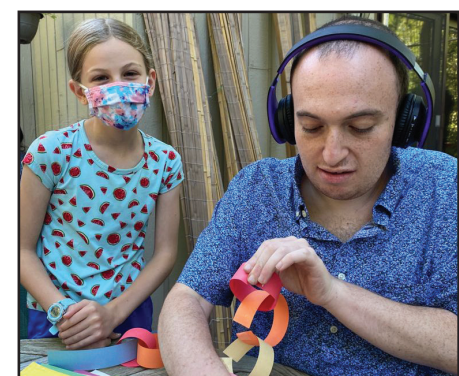
(Courtesy of Friendship Circle) On Sunday September 19, adults with special needs from the Friendship Circle of Fairfield County gathered to have the experience of putting up a sukkah. Friendship Circle volunteer Allison Greenbaum hosted the event at her home and was able to use the sukkah over the holidays. The participants included volunteers who worked together with the members to build the sukkah, and then made

decorations and hung them up to make the space festive for the holiday of Sukkot.

After building the life size sukkah, everyone learned about the holiday of Sukkot through different hands-on experiences. Friends made miniature sukkot of magna tiles. They also enjoyed creating their own edible sukkot and then ate them for a snack! Everyone sang Sukkot songs and shared Circle time together. Marj Freeman,

whose son Danny is a member of the Friendship Circle, said "I think it was a wonderful activity and I think it's very important for him. He's very involved and has an opportunity to participate in his own creative way. It keeps him connected to his Judaism, which is very important- to both of us."

For more information about the Friendship Circle to get involved, please contact Malya at [malya@friendshipct.com](mailto:malya@friendshipct.com).



Keren Roitman and Daniel Radin create colorful Sukkah chain links.



## Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy Welcomes Banot Sherut

BY JULIANNE KATZ,  
BCHA UPPER SCHOOL  
SENIOR

Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy (BCHA), for a number of years, has participated in a Sherut Leumi (Israel National Service) program by hosting two or three Israeli girls for the academic school year. Throughout the year, the Banot Sherut become a part of the loving, warm, and hospitable Bi-Cultural family. This year, BCHA has welcomed, with open arms, two Israeli emissaries: Hila Mordechai and Rut Hess. Hila and Rut have only been connected to BCHA for a short period of time, but they already feel a part of the close community.

"Everyone is so excited to have us. They offer to show us around Stamford. Everyone is super friendly, nice, and welcoming," explained Hila when asked about her first impressions of BCHA. Every day Hila and Rut are part of a Tefillah group with the children



(l-r) Hila Mordechai and Rut Hess.

in the lower school where they inspire and help the kids to pray. In addition, the Banot decorate the school building with Israeli posters and other Israel awareness materials. They teach kids conversational Hebrew in small groups, and when they serve food to the early childhood program, they speak, רק בעברית "only in Hebrew." At the beginning of this year, Hila and Rut made gifts for each student to celebrate the holiday of Rosh Hashanah and got everyone excited for the Jewish New year.

Hila and Rut also spend time with the BCHA Upper School students. "Bi-Cultural is a big family. We get the best of both worlds working with the younger kids and the older kids" remarked Rut. Throughout the year, the BCHA Upper School conducts various activities, and the Banot Sherut had the opportunity to meet the high-school students for

the first time during the dinner before the high-school retreat. Afterward, Hila and Rut both felt that they had been placed "in the best community."

BCHA is a multivarious community, meaning there are many different aspects and parts to BCHA. Thus, Hila and Rut get to engage with children of all different ages, work alongside the many talented teachers, create all different kinds of Israeli programming, and work in various parts of the school each day. When asked about the staff at BCHA, both Hila and Rut agreed that the teachers at Bi-Cultural are top-notch. The Banot remarked on how patient, aware, and special the teachers are. "I work a lot with the Kindergarten

team. They really pay attention to the kids. They truly want the best for them," said Hila. Both Hila and Rut always enter the school each day with big smiles plastered on their faces because each day at BCHA offers new opportunities to learn, grow, and make new connections.

One of the most important ways that the Banot can contribute to BCHA is by inspiring and building upon a deep love of both Israel and Judaism that BCHA instills in their children every day. Though Hila and Rut have only been a part of BCHA for a few months, they already feel a strong part of the community and are looking forward to a successful rest of the year.



Hila and Rut with BCHA Lower School.

## Kicking Off the Year with Friendship Circle

(Courtesy of Friendship Circle) On September 12th families from the Friendship Circle of Fairfield County gathered at Emmet's Playground at Temple Beth El in Stamford. The playground was built to carry on the memory of Emmet Manheim, an eleven year old who was a beloved member of the Stamford community. Chanie Kamman, Family Program Coordinator, said "It was so wonderful to be able to gather safely together with our Friendship Circle families to kick off the New Year. It was a beautiful day to play on the playground and enjoy everyone's company. The blue skies matched the laughter and smiles seen all around."

Participants and their families played on the many different playground activities and had plenty of time to snack on treats in between when they got hungry or thirsty. Party Talent, LLC entertained and engaged the families with a participatory bubble show. In the theme of the New Year, everyone created their own charity box to fill in the upcoming months.



Ruthie Price and Paige Fiorito share a special moment while playing with bubbles.

To book an event at the playground, please coordinate with Temple Beth El.

For more information on how to become involved in the Friendship Circle, please reach out to Director Malva Shmotkin at [malva@friendshipct.com](mailto:malva@friendshipct.com).

## Reading Partners Hopes to Return to In-Person Tutoring

(Courtesy of UJF) Herbert and Sarah M. Gibor Reading Partners, a program of United Jewish Federation that began over 20 years ago, has been on a break since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. There has been some hopeful news with the start of the 2021-2022 school year and the Stamford Public Schools are allowing vendors and volunteers into the school buildings as long as they are fully vaccinated. The process is fluid and things can vary, depending on the COVID-19 statistics. Decisions will be made on a school-by-school basis depending on the capacity of each school to safely host volunteers. When this news was shared, Reading Partners volunteers had to make a personal decision on their comfort level to return to school. Several volunteers have already returned to

the after-school Creative Learning Program at the First Presbyterian (FISH) Church.

At this time, about twenty five percent of volunteers are ready to resume in-person tutoring. Director of Reading Partners, Lenore Fogel, and Team Captains are reaching each school to see what can be arranged. While the return to in person tutoring is still in the exploratory process, virtual events will continue this year for all volunteers, including training and special author speaking engagements. Reading Partners is looking forward to resuming in the new school year using all available methods.

To learn more about Reading Partners, please contact Lenore Fogel at [Lenore@ujf.org](mailto:Lenore@ujf.org).



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## Move Over Latkes!

BY RONNIE FEIN

For the second time in recent memory, Thanksgiving and Chanukah fall on the same weekend: Thanksgiving on Thursday (November 25th), of course, Chanukah starts Sunday (November 28th) evening at sundown. That means several days in a row with lots of food: turkey and all the fixings followed by a fried food fest.

All I can say is: OY!

But – I'm not going to offer diet food or some healthy alternative. Everyone knows that's an option. In our family we eat a healthy diet most of the time. Holidays? A little indulgence is ok, for us anyway.

On the other hand, I don't plan on serving a steady diet of fried foods for eight days. Ancient miracle or no miracle, that's a bit overwhelming after a filling Thanksgiving weekend.

So, on the first night of Chanukah I'll make latkes of some sort and one other night I will make kichels.

Kichels are an old Jewish family favorite and most recipes for them tell you to bake the dough and most kichels (at least the ones you find in a Jewish bakery) are thick and dry. But I'm using my Mom's recipe which makes the lightest, crispiest, ultra-thinnest, not-too-sweet, melts-on-your-palate kichels. They're fried, but never greasy, never overloaded and weighted down with oil.

Her recipe is amazingly simple and only calls for one cup of flour, but makes enough for a family of 4-6 as a Chanukah treat.

Happy holidays everyone.

KICHELS

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1/4 teaspoon white vinegar
- vegetable oil for deep fat frying

Place the flour and salt in a bowl. Add the beaten eggs and vinegar and mix thoroughly until a smooth dough has formed. Roll out the dough on



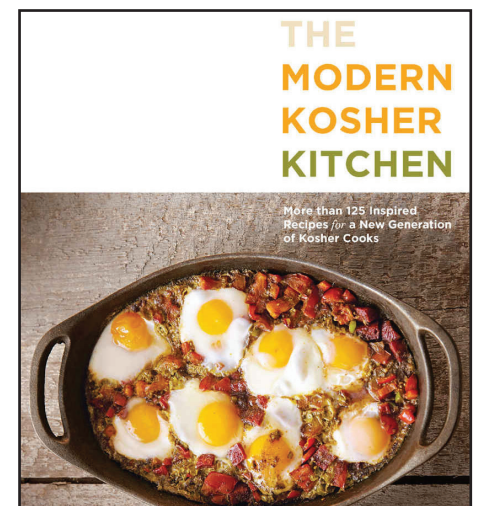
Kichels

a lightly floured surface until the dough is very thin, almost like paper. Cut into squares or rectangles or odd shapes as small as 1-1/2-inches or up to 3-inches. Heat about 2-inches vegetable oil in a deep saute pan (or use a deep fryer) over medium-high heat until the oil reaches about 375 degrees (a bread crumb or tiny piece of dough will sizzle quickly). Drop the cut-outs, a few at a time into the oil (they will puff up) on both sides until they are crispy and faintly browned. Drain on paper towels. Sift

confectioner's sugar on top.

Makes 4-6 servings

Ronnie Fein is a cookbook author, food writer and cooking teacher in Stamford. She is the author of *The Modern Kosher Kitchen and Hip Kosher*. Visit her food blog, *Kitchen Vignettes*, at [www.ronniefein.com](http://www.ronniefein.com), friend on Facebook at [RonnieVailFein](https://www.facebook.com/RonnieVailFein), Twitter at [@RonnieVFein](https://twitter.com/RonnieVFein), Instagram at [@RonnieVFein](https://www.instagram.com/RonnieVFein).



## Celebrate Chanukah with Chabad of Stamford

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford)

**Sunday, November 28 - Chabad of Stamford's Chanukah Community Celebration and Giant Menorah Lighting**

Warm your heart with Jewish pride as Chabad publicly lights Fairfield County's Largest Menorah, joined by dignitaries & community leaders. Hot apple cider and latkes, and Gelt (chocolate coins) for the kids. 4:30 pm at Latham Park, Stamford.

**Tuesday, November 30 - Chabad of Stamford's Cteen Chanukah Party**

Join fellow teens in celebrating Chanukah 6:00-8:00 pm.

**Wednesday, December 1 - Chabad of Stamford's JWC Chanukah Package Party**

A Jewish Women's Connected favorite! Bring a wrapped gift worth \$10 or more to be auctioned off. All bid money will benefit a chosen charity. 8:00 pm.

**Thursday, December 2 - Betsy's Buddies Chanukah Lunch**

An intergenerational lunch for friends and family and participants of the Betsy's Buddies seniors program. 12:00 pm at Chabad of Stamford, 770 High Ridge Road.

**Saturday, December 4 - Chabad of Stamford's Chanukah Menorah Car Parade**

Join a parade of cars decked out with menorahs as we drive through Stamford culminating with a Giant Menorah lighting at Latham Park. Meet 6:00 pm at Chabad of Stamford, 770 High Ridge Road.

All Chabad of Stamford Chanukah events are free and open to the entire community. For more information on any of the events, to register or to volunteer please contact [programs@stamfordchabad.org](mailto:programs@stamfordchabad.org) or call 203- 324-2223 ext 103.

## Chanukah Lunch for Seniors

(Courtesy of The JCC) The Stamford JCC will have its Seniors Chanukah Lunch sponsored through the generosity of the JCC's Mah Jongg Tournament Players and Supporters

on Friday, December 3 at 11:45 am.

Please contact Connie Cirillo Freeman, Director of Arts & Culture & Seniors at 203-940-3890 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org).

## Schoke JFS Kicks Off Annual Holiday Gift Drive

(Courtesy of Schoke JFS) Schoke Jewish Family Service returns this Chanukah season with *Matanot Lev* - Gifts from the Heart. While Schoke JFS provides those in need with food and emergency funds year-round, *Matanot Lev* endeavors to make the holiday season extra special by gifting families, Holocaust survivors and isolated seniors items on their wish list.

Recipient families are invited to share their Chanukah wish lists with their case managers at Schoke JFS and their wishes are passed along to the community through the Give Smart Platform. You can help bring light to families in need by purchasing gifts which will be

wrapped and shipped to them.

As with all of the services that Schoke JFS provides, the priority is to do so with the utmost dignity and respect for the client. By participating in *Matanot Lev*, you are giving parents the dignity to provide Chanukah for their children in a way they never thought possible.

To further support individuals and families during this difficult time, grocery and gas gift cards will be offered as an additional option. Your generous donation makes the *Matanot Lev* gift drive possible and brings joy to people less fortunate in the community. To participate, go to: [www.ctjfs.org/matanotlev](http://www.ctjfs.org/matanotlev).

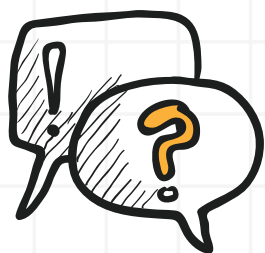
## Chanukah and Havdalah at Temple Beth El

(Courtesy of Temple Beth El) Come to Temple Beth El on Saturday December 4th at 5:30 pm. Bring your Chanukah menorah and we will celebrate Havdalah

and Chanukah together as a community.

Donuts to go will be provided. For further information, contact Jami Fener, [Engagement@tbe.org](mailto:Engagement@tbe.org) 203-322-6901.





## WHY FEDERATION?



*The following are excerpts from the speech given by Ellen Weber, Chair of United Jewish Federation's 2021 Annual Campaign and former UJF President, at the September 12 campaign kickoff event.*

Mazal tov to our honorees for the evening, our community's Emerging Leaders. In reading the bios of all the honorees I'm excited about the future of our community and the leadership these Emerging Leaders will certainly provide!

It is apropos for Federation to be recognizing these community emerging leaders tonight because UJF is all about the Jewish Community. As Federation nears 5 decades of being here in our community, we can honestly say that this is an organization that is here for us in good times and bad. The last 18 months have been challenging for sure. During these times, Federation has kept us all connected and strong when we were physically separated. UJF rallied the community to raise emergency funds, and leveraged a national grant from Jewish Federations of North America to bring additional human services relief to our community.

Later this month, our area institutions will be more secure thanks to Federation hiring a regional security advisor through the Secure Community Network through the Jewish Federations of North America. This professional will bring best practices for security to all of our institutions. This is a gift that Federation has given to us all which will hopefully keep our community as safe as it can be.

And yes, fundraising is extremely important. It allows us to support our local and overseas partners by funding new initiatives that allow them to expand their reach and scope of services.

Because of YOU, our wonderful donors, UJF's 2020 campaign saw an increase in the number of donors and donations from the previous year. This allowed us to provide COVID and human services relief of almost \$250k to our local organizations and synagogues.

And because of your generosity, we were able to fully fund almost 20 programs being offered by our local agencies and synagogues while also providing support to our overseas partners like the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Joint Distribution Committee, World ORT and Birthright.

But there is so much more that Federation does. Our affinity groups are numerous. We bring young families together through PJ Library events and spearhead the program which sends free books to 450 children in Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, impacting Jewish families each day. Our Cardozo and Maimonides groups respectively bring lawyers and healthcare providers together for evening educational activities while also providing them with opportunities to network. The Rothschild Society engages business professionals and Nextgen for those in the 25 to 45 year old group offers those committed to building a strong Jewish community to gather together as does our latest affinity group

Ben - our Boomer Engagement Network which provides for Jewish singles ages late 40s to early 70s to meet new people.

The programs UJF provides have lasting impacts on our community organizations. Alumni from our Behrend Institute for Leadership serve on agency and synagogue boards throughout our community. The Kuriansky Teen graduates serve as leaders on their college campuses and beyond.

I hope you all read our New Jewish Voice newspaper which provides every Jewish organization and synagogue in our community with opportunities to present their successes and activities. It has a readership of over 10,000 and is sent out 9 times a year. As I turn the pages of each and every issue, I have the same sentiments every time: What an incredible Jewish community we live in! And the newspaper is brought to all, free of charge, by our Federation.

On a personal note, my husband Richard and I donate to Federation because it is this organization that cares about every community agency and synagogue and beyond. It was Diane Sloyer, Federation's CEO, who led the effort to partner with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the source of the LIFE & LEGACY program. Now eleven community organizations are involved with almost 300 letters of intents secured thus far, with more on the way and currently an estimated \$9 million dollars in after-life gifts for our agencies and synagogues.

Giving to Federation has an enormous community impact. As we kickoff our new campaign and enter this New year of 5782 please join me and together let's make this 2021 campaign an even greater success!



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# UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION IN ACTION



## MISSION

United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan and Darien builds and safeguards our Jewish community and strengthens our connections to Israel and Global Jewry by convening our community, and by mobilizing us to invest in Jewish life for today and future generations.

## VISION

Our vision is to foster a welcoming, strong, cohesive Jewish community characterized by our compassion, generosity and commitment to our Jewish values, local organizations, and Israel. We respect and celebrate our diversity while working in common purpose to sustain inclusive, flourishing, and vibrant Jewish life in Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, and around the world.

## UJF’S COMMITMENT

Every day, United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien makes our community and the world a better place by acting on our shared Jewish values of caring and compassion (Chesed), facilitating Jewish learning (Torah), repairing the world (Tikun Olam) and partaking in social justice (Tzedakah). We unify and connect the Jewish community through effective fundraising and philanthropic resources, planning, collaborating with organizations, providing essential services and programs, and developing leaders for our collective future.

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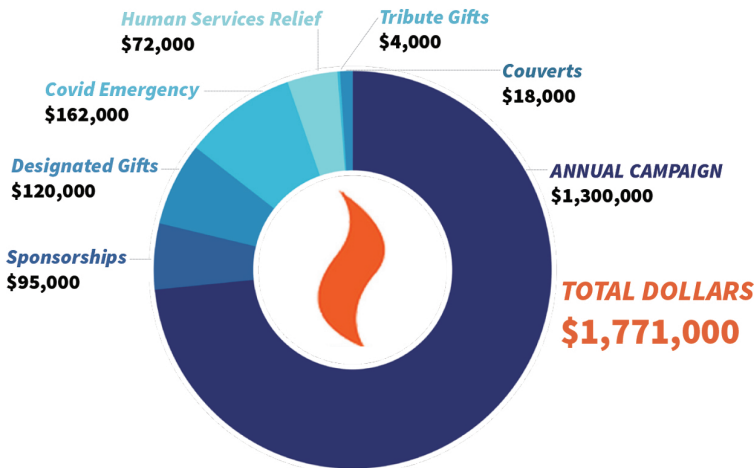
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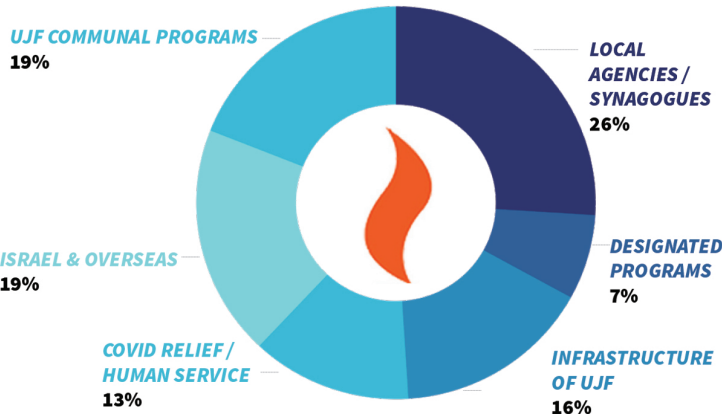
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### MAZEL TOV TO GROWING FAMILIES:

**Ariel & Stephen Bedik** on the birth of a daughter, Scarlett Maya Bedik; and to the grandparents Caryl & Peter Poser and great-grandmother, Beverly Ferber.

**Debbie & Lou Ferri** on the birth of a grandson, Samuel Alexander Ferri.

**Eliane & Elliot Glassman** on the birth of a daughter.

**Flora & Carl Kaufman** on the birth of a great-grandson.

**Lauren & Barry Marks** on the birth of a son, Ace Louis Marks; and to the grandparents, Lisa & Michael Rome.

**Pearl Rosenbaum** on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Maddie Mae Rogers.

**Kaili & Daniel Scherban** on the birth of a son; and to the grandparents, Judi & Nathan Janette and Mazi Scherban.

**Nancy & Brad Spaulding** on the birth of a grandson, Riley Bruce Spaulding.

**Brina & Teddy Stalbow** on the birth of a daughter, Miki Livia Stalbow.

**Betsy & Mike Stone** on the birth of a grandson, Ethan Roth Stone.

**Lielle & Jeff Sugar** on the birth of a son.

**Stephanie & Tamir Sugarman** on the birth of a daughter; and to the grandmother, Helen Felder.

**Emily & Eric Weinstein** on the birth of a daughter, Ruthie Pearl Weinstein; and to the grandparents, Debbie & Paul Weinstein.

### MAZEL TOV ON ENGAGEMENT/MARRIAGES:

**Carol & Ron Berler** on the engagement of her son, Joshua Kanter to Rachel Mihalko.

**Carly Dorman & Benjamin Magidson** on their recent marriage.

**Michelle & Peter Ebstein** on the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Ebstein to Andrew Selig.

**Renee & Sam Judd** on the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Judd to Kal Prince.

**Sally Kelman** on the engagement of her granddaughter, Emma Sachs to Connor Arturi.

**Beth Levine & William Squier** on the marriage of their son, Levi Squier to Jennifer Schiller; and to the grandmother, Carol Levine.

**Dinah Miller Marlowe & Seth Marlowe** on the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Marlowe to Arielle Snow, daughter of Selena & Yosef Snow.

**Lynn & Gerry Rakos** on the engagement

of their daughter, Allie Rakos to Jeff Kahn.

**Sandy Rosenberg** on the engagement of her daughter, Talia Rosenberg to Eric Rubin.

**Myrna & George Sessa** on the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Sessa to Carmi Schickler.

### MAZEL TOV:

**Rabbi Daniel Cohen & Judith Bernstein** on being honored for their contribution to the documentary "Upheaval: The Journey of Menachem Begin".

### MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH:

**A.J. Dayan**, son of Rachel & Nimrod Dayan.

**Sadie Fink**, daughter of Michele Haiken & Ephraim Fink.

**Samuel Gertzer**, son of Sheryl Brown & Michael Gertzer.

**Lauren Levenson**, daughter of Lesley & Aaron Levenson.

**Allison Richman**, daughter of Karyn & Mike Richman.

**Rivka Shemtov**, daughter of Leah & Rabbi Moshe Shemtov.

**Yechiel Singer**, grandson of Toby Schaffer and Hyman Schaffer.

**Lolly Socaransky**, daughter of Carlie & Jordan Socaransky.

### WE MOURN THE LOSS OF:

**Jerrold Becker**: father of Marc Becker.

**Richard (Dick) Boris**: father of Jamie Boris.

**Pamela Davis**: wife of Gary Schpero.

**Adam Eidelberg**: husband of Hillary Jassey.

**Rosetta Elliot**: mother of Tracy Benz.

**Dr. Simon Epstein**: father of Sharon Epstein and Joanne Owens.

**Judith Esbin**: mother of Randi Leeds.

**Irene (Renee) Ferrer**: mother of Sharon Goldstein.

**Malcolm Feuerstein**: father of Joseph Feuerstein.

**Rosanne Goldbard**: mother of Laura George.

**Alan Kalter**: husband of Peggy Kalter, father of Diana Binger and Lauren Hass; and brother of Gary Kalter.

**Kenneth Levenson**: father of Aaron Levenson.

**Beverly Peterman**: mother of Amy Schneider.

**Debra Petrover**: grandmother of Ayelet Rand.

**Norma Rosen**: mother of Anna Rosen.

**Harriet Roth**: wife of Marty Roth.

**Doris Schwartz**: mother of Lynn Eagle, Shari Schein and Mark Schwartz.

**Leonard Tronick**: father of Adam, Andrew and Lisa Tronick; and brother of Debbie Tronick.

**Mary Vellozzi**: mother of Chris Vellozzi.

## New Around Town

### Melanie Vorm, UJF Director of NextGen Leadership

Melanie Vorm joins United Jewish Federation as the Director of NextGen Leadership in Stamford, New Canaan and Darien. In this role, Melanie will work closely with members of the community in order to build, engage and retain the next generation of Jewish leaders from all backgrounds and every affiliation.

Originally from London, UK, Melanie moved to Stamford in September 2020 after doing a 10-year stint on Manhattan's Upper West Side. She was editor for leading financial and marketing publications and most recently served as VP of Communications at a technology platform.

Since moving to Stamford, Melanie took on the role of PJ Library Parent Ambassador where she has been fostering and engaging the under-served North Stamford Jewish community. Melanie is excited to bring her experiences



Melanie Vorm

from both the corporate world and PJ Library together in order to connect and engage with young Jewish leaders at all levels, amplify their voices and create meaningful opportunities for social, professional and cultural growth. "It was an honor to be asked to take on this position and I'm so excited to meet so many of you and build a community that all young Jews of Stamford can call home," Melanie said.

### Anna Goldshteyn, Director of The Early Childhood Education Center at Temple Sinai

(Courtesy of Temple Sinai) Temple Sinai is excited to introduce the newest member of its professional team. Morah (teacher) Anna Goldshteyn has joined the Sinai Family as Director of The Early Childhood Education Center (The ECEC @ Temple Sinai).

Morah Anna brings with her a wealth of experience. Getting a new program off the ground is a huge task that requires a certain skill set in addition to the skills necessary to run a successful ECEC. Before joining us, Morah Anna served as a consultant to other start-up early childhood centers. Before that, she worked in different roles in the early childhood education environment from classroom teacher to director of award-winning programs.

She has already become a familiar part of Sinai's programming for families with young children and, while securing State licensure, she has been



Anna Goldshteyn

busy bringing prospective families on tours through the space.

Anna and her husband, Vlad, live in Stamford and together, they might have been even more excited to have found a community for themselves than Temple Sinai is to have welcomed them. The role she will play at Temple Sinai is so much more than a job for her and Sinai welcomes Anna and Vlad with open arms. Please stop by and say "hi" any time.



## Dancing with the Torah in the Park

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Three hundred people from Chabad of Stamford and Gan Yeladim Preschool joined together with families from Congregation Agudath Sholom and Young Israel of Stamford for the second annual celebration of Simchat Torah in Barrett Park. Each family attending the kids' Hakafot in the park received their own gift bag with snacks and goodies and were able to safely enjoy the dancing, games, learning and much more.



Gan Yeladim children dance in the tent at their annual Torah Parade.

## Women's Philanthropy Is Making An Impact

(Courtesy of UJF) These unusual times have not slowed down the Women's Philanthropy cohort of United Jewish Federation. This past February, The Stamford, New Canaan and Darien chapter of Dignity Grows™ was launched.

"The timing could not have been better," shared Women's Philanthropy President Tara Shapiro. "The need for hygiene and sanitary products for those in need did not stop just because the world did. Each month, 100 tote bags full of personal and menstrual hygiene products have been delivered to local social service organizations including Schoke Jewish Family Service, New Covenant House, Person-to-Person, Domestic Violence Crisis Center, and others. Across the country, there are 26 chapters and over 25,000 tote bags have been delivered to local distribution partners," she continued.

The reusable Dignity Grows tote bags contain soap, shampoo, deodorant, hand sanitizer wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, and menstrual products for a month. Most people don't realize how difficult it is to participate in daily life without having access to these necessities. Each tote costs \$10 and ensures that a woman, girl, or individual assigned female at birth, who cannot afford these products, can maintain their dignity without missing school or work. A contribution of \$120 will help one woman in need for a year.

Terry Bernard and Nancy Fahey chair this initiative and would love to hear from you. They can be reached at Terry Bernard at [terrbernard@gmail.com](mailto:terrbernard@gmail.com) or Nancy Fahey at [nfahey5@gmail.com](mailto:nfahey5@gmail.com).

For over 10 years, Women's Philanthropy takes the holiday season to heart and spearheads a toy drive for David's Treasure Chest toy closet in Stamford Hospital's children's ward. Named in memory of David Bennett Kanarek who died of cancer in 2000 at age 15, toys were collected by Federation, Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy, Carmel Academy and Gan Yeladim, Stamford.

Alix Field Eben and Marlene Gatz will chair this year's event. In the past BCHA delivered the toys and filled the closet but due to COVID-19, the toys will be delivered to the front door of the hospital. While all toys are appreciated, the hospital asked for the following to help replenish the inventory. Baby Toys 0 to 18 months (include rattles, tethers, pacifiers, and infant bottles, Barbies & small Lego sets, gifts card to Target, Amazon & Game Stop.

Toys can be dropped off or sent to the UJF offices, 1035 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT, 06905. Other drop off locations include Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy and Gan Yeladim. The deadline for donations is December 14th. For more information email Taly Farber at [Taly@ujf.org](mailto:Taly@ujf.org).

## Chabad of Stamford's JWC Women's Lunch in the Sukkah

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Over 30 women joined Chabad of Stamford in their sukkah to enjoy a gourmet lunch and a thought-provoking class and to celebrate the holiday with new friends and old. To find out more about Chabad's "Jewish Women Connected" events contact [programs@stamfordchabad.org](mailto:programs@stamfordchabad.org).



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Friday, November 5th

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JCC, 1035 Newfield Ave.

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## Historical Treasures Almost Lost



Debra Emery shows students archival documents.

(Courtesy of JHSFC) On September 2, The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County (JHSFC) was reminded of what a treasure is when Hurricane Ida's unprecedented heavy rain flooded the Archives. This valued collection had never been at such risk of damage before, but a JHSFC team of Debra Emery, Leah and Bruce Tillman, Gail G. Trel, Eileen Rosner, Marc Freundlich and Peter Lilienthal came to the rescue and saved the Archives.

The JHSFC Archive, temporarily located on Hope Street in Stamford, houses family histories as well as agency and synagogue memorabilia of not only the greater Stamford area, Norwalk, and Bridgeport, but also all of the Fairfield County towns as well. This is the only Jewish archive in Fairfield County, making sure its treasures are not only preserved but also shared.

JHSFC believes that the greatest

legacy one can leave to the younger generation and beyond is one's history, not only family history but the history of its communities. Visit the website at [www.jhsfc-ct.org](http://www.jhsfc-ct.org) and click on "Discover the Archives."

A JHSFC Strategic Planning Committee has been organized and is in the process of formulating a viable plan for the future of the JHSFC Archive and the Harry Rosenbaum JHS Judaica Library. They will continue to keep the community informed of the progress they are making and what is needed to preserve and reimagine the future.

To volunteer or get more information about JHSFC, please contact The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County, Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow at 203-359-2196, email: [info@jhsfc-ct.org](mailto:info@jhsfc-ct.org) or online: <http://jhsfc-ct.org/>.

## Jewish Women Connected Remembers Gavriel and Rivka Holzberg

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Rosh Chodesh has long been considered a special holiday for women in Judaism. Chabad of Stamford's Jewish Women Connected will hold a special Rosh Chodesh class on November 3rd at 8:00 pm in memory of Gavriel and Rivka Holzberg, two Shluchim (emissaries) whose 13th Yahrzeit is this November.

Gavriel Noach Holtzberg was an Israeli American Orthodox rabbi and the Chabad emissary to Mumbai, India, where he and his wife Rivka ran the Mumbai Chabad House. He was also a religious leader and community

builder for the local Jewish Indian community. Holtzberg and his wife Rivka were brutally murdered during the 2008 Mumbai attacks perpetrated by a terrorist militant group. On the eve of the Hebrew date of their passing (Cheshvan 29), Morah Leah Shemtov holds an inspiring women's Rosh Chodesh class to honor their memory.

This event is free and open to women in the community. For more information on all of Chabad's Jewish Women Connected (JWC) events, please email [programs@stamfordchabad.org](mailto:programs@stamfordchabad.org).

## Temple Sinai Pre-K and Mussar

(Courtesy of Temple Sinai) Temple Sinai's brand-new Pre-K class is a monthly Sunday morning program for three- and four-year-old children. The program is highly interactive and employs the teachings and practices of Mussar (ethics). It is guided by a curriculum developed for young children by the Mussar Institute and includes experiencing Jewish holidays and Shabbat through arts and craft projects, music, and story time.

Mussar is ancient Jewish wisdom that guides our thoughts and actions to help us grow spiritually, morally, and ethically. The Hebrew term middah refers to character traits reflected in Jewish values such as forgiveness, patience, friendship, trust, silence, responsibility, courage, generosity, and loving-kindness. Mussar for Children goes beyond awareness and learning about values to practicing, acting on, and incorporating them into daily life. Mussar for Children encourages personal balance, striving for neither too little nor too much of any given middah.

The magic of Mussar is that children

interact with one another showing more kindness and thoughtfulness; they begin to celebrate the good in each other. Children internalize problem-solving skills rooted in ancient tradition. At the same time, Rabbi Jay TelRav invites the children's parents to join him twice during the school year to bring the power of Mussar to them and help connect families during this critical stage in their lives – as parents of young children.

Temple Sinai is thrilled that Cami Murace is rejoining its faculty as the Temple Sinai Pre-K teacher. She is a full-time teacher at the Springdale School in Stamford and has prior experience teaching at Temple Sinai's religious school. A long-time Temple Sinai member, Cami has three children who all went through the education program.

The Temple Sinai pre-k program is a beautiful way to continue or begin a child's Jewish education at Temple Sinai! Thanks to generous sponsorship by the Larry Cohen Fund, this program is free of charge and is open to both members and non-members of Temple Sinai.



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## LIFE & LEGACY Honor Roll

United Jewish Federation is proud to partner with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to bring the Stamford, New Canaan and Darien community the Harold Grinspoon LIFE & LEGACY Program. Through our communal efforts, the following individuals have made a commitment to one or more Jewish communal institutions to secure our future.

For more information, contact Lenore Fogel or Diane Sloyer at (203) 321-1373 or [Lenore@ujf.org](mailto:Lenore@ujf.org) or [dianesloyer@ujf.org](mailto:dianesloyer@ujf.org).

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## UJF LIFE & LEGACY Testimonial

Each edition of the New Jewish Voice will feature the testimonials of community members just like you who have declared their intent to leave a legacy gift to a Jewish organization in the Stamford, New Canaan and Darien Jewish community. This program is funded by United Jewish Federation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

Learn why they look to secure our Jewish future and discover your reasons to join them. Together, we can all work to guarantee the future of the Stamford Jewish community we love. For more information, visit [ujf.org](http://ujf.org) or call Lenore Fogel at (203) 321-1373, extension 115 or [Lenore@ujf.org](mailto:Lenore@ujf.org).

### ARLENE AND CARL ROSEN TESTIMONIAL

Our commitment to Jewish causes has been influenced from both sides of our family, but in very different ways. Carl grew up hearing about Jewish philanthropy from many angles. His grandmother was one of the founders of the Ladies' Hebrew Free Loan Association of Providence, Rhode Island in 1931. One could say that the strength of the Jewish community of Providence is in small part due to the generous financial support provided by his uncle and cousins. His mother ran what could be considered a thriving High Holiday card business on behalf of her local chapter of Hadassah. There was almost no way to get past Mina Rosen without purchasing a batch of cards every year! Carl's father was a big supporter of the Jewish War Veterans of Rhode Island where he served as president for several years.

The discussion around philanthropy was not front and center in my (Arlene's) family. It was only when my father was in his 90's, and I was taking care of his bills, did I learn that it was a more prominent factor than I had known. Annually, he received a bill

from the Simon Wiesenthal Center. He apparently had always given a nominal amount to that cause. By nominal, I really mean nominal---\$5. I asked if he still wanted to continue with this practice, and the answer was an absolute yes. The amount was minor, but the intention was major. That resonated with me and made me realize he had been behaving that way throughout his life. He just never made a big deal out of it.

Residing in Connecticut, we joined Temple Sinai when our first child was born. At first our commitment was basic, but as time went on, the temple became the center of our lives---both spiritually and socially. Our financial and volunteer support grew and grew, as we both took on leadership roles and eventually each served as temple president. And then one thing led to another as we branched out further into the community with financial support and volunteer roles at Schoke Jewish Family Service, United Jewish Federation, and the Jewish Historical Society. When the LIFE & LEGACY Program came along, it was the next logical step in our journey.

About twenty years ago, we were made aware of a will written in the early 20th century by one of Carl's relatives. Along with the typical inheritance clauses, there were directives concerning small amounts of financial support for each of several Jewish organizations. The amounts were so small as to be considered meager, but they were significant for the deceased. Our participation in the LIFE & LEGACY program is inspired by such small but significant actions. These were people who gave what they could to ensure the continuance of their Jewish community. We are proud to join in that legacy.



Arlene and Carl Rosen





## Fall Family Fun with PJ Library



PJ Library Family Fall Fest participants enjoy songs with Jonathan Cahr.

(Courtesy of UJF) Families gathered together on Sunday, September 19th for United Jewish Federation's PJ Library Family Fall Fest. The event was held at Emmet's Playground at Temple Beth El in Stamford, which opened in October of 2020 in memory of Emmet Manheim, of blessed memory.

Children munched on pizza, played on the playground, heard a musical program performed by Jonathan Cahr, tasted honey

and apples, and learned all about bees and honey from Julie Cook of the Savannah Bee Company.

The program was co-sponsored by Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy.

For more information about UJF PJ Library programming, contact Sharon Franklin at [sharon@ujf.org](mailto:sharon@ujf.org).

For more information about Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy, contact Miriam Sperber at [msperber@bcha-ct.org](mailto:msperber@bcha-ct.org).



Savannah Bee Company's Julie Cook discusses bees and honey with junior beekeeper Judah Kevelson.



Children learned all about bees and how honey is made.

## Jewish in Darien

(Courtesy of UJF) Covid-19 has spurred the growth of the Jewish and interfaith community in the Greater Stamford area, including the town of Darien. United Jewish Federation has seen this growth through the increased subscriptions for PJ Library books in the past year, and as a result, UJF has been able to connect with these new families. Meet the Andy and Meaghan Katz family who moved from New York City in the past year.

"We moved from New York City to Darien and are loving it so far. We are growing our network of Jewish and interfaith families in town, and one way we are doing this is through UJF's PJ Library," stated Andy.



Andy and Meaghan Katz moved to Darien in May. Their 11-month-old son Danny is enjoying his new home! (Not pictured, two and half year-old Jordan).

If you are new to town, or know someone who is moving to town, contact Sharon Franklin at [sharon@ujf.org](mailto:sharon@ujf.org)/203-321-1373 ext. 109.

## PJ Library Goes North

(Courtesy of UJF) UJF's PJ Library North Stamford Parent Ambassador, Mel Vorm, hosts a get-together on her deck during Sukkot. From bottom right to left: Tova Weinstock, Rachel Benatar, Stacy Soffer, Mel Vorm, Wendy Siegel, Beckie Kevelson, Kelly Lombardo, and Stacy Miller. If you would like to join the North Stamford family group, or one of PJ Library's other local groups (baby group, Darien/downtown Stamford, and central Stamford), or want more information, contact Sharon Franklin at [sharon@ujf.org](mailto:sharon@ujf.org). Family groups meet monthly to socialize and play.



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## PJ Library Corner

BY SHARON FRANKLIN

• **UJF's PJ Library and the JCC Sara Walker Nursery School invite you to Shabbat with Sandi**, on Friday, November 5th, 9:15 am, with music, stories, challah and grape juice. For kids birth to two, with a parent or caregiver. Sign up at [www.ujf.org/Sandi](http://www.ujf.org/Sandi).

• **Join United Jewish Federation for a Super Sunday Family**

**Fun Day** on Sunday, November 7th, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm. Crafts, mitzvah projects, and entertainment. Kids - drop off your Tzedakah Coin Challenge coins and receive a prize! Sign up at [www.ujf.org/SuperWeek](http://www.ujf.org/SuperWeek).

• **Take part in UJF's PJ Library and PJ Our Way toy drive for David's Treasure Tree Toy Closet.** Donate new unwrapped toys for boys and girls who are at the Stamford Hospital during the holiday season. For more info contact Sharon@ujf.org.

• **Save the date for UJF's PJ Library and PJ Our Way for a fun December Vacation program on Sunday, December 26th**, with fun activities for the whole family, snacks, mitzvah opportunities, and more! Co-sponsored by Bi-Cultural Hebrew



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Academy. For more info contact Sharon Franklin at [sharon@ujf.org](mailto:sharon@ujf.org), or Miriam Sperber at [msperber@bcha-ct.org](mailto:msperber@bcha-ct.org).

• **New for PJ OUR WAY-** be on the lookout in your email inboxes for a message from PJ Our Way inviting you to sign up your almost 9-year-old child for a free

chapter book each month, making signing up for the next chapter of PJ so much easier! Check out PJ Our Way at [www.pjourway.org](http://www.pjourway.org).

• **Interested in joining a PJ Parent Ambassador neighborhood group** for some fun outings and social gatherings for kids and adults? Meet new friends in a friendly and relaxed environment in North Stamford, Harbor Point/downtown, central Stamford, and Darien/New Canaan! Contact Sharon Franklin at [sharon@ujf.org](mailto:sharon@ujf.org).

• **Grandparents, join UJF's Facebook Group** for updates and fun tips -go to PJ Library Grandparents of Stamford, New Canaan & Darien. You can also sign up for your own subscription to PJ Library

(two books per year and their magazine PROOF). Go to [pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/grandparents](http://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/grandparents).

**Kids love to bake- try this easy and kid-friendly Fall recipe:**

**Pumpkin Pie Crescent Roll Ups**

For the rolls: one 8-ounce package of refrigerated crescent rolls, ½ cup pumpkin puree (not pie filling!), 1/3 cup softened cream cheese, 2 TBSP sugar, ½ tsp pumpkin pie spice.

For the glaze: 1/3 cup powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract, 1 teaspoon milk (dairy or plant based).

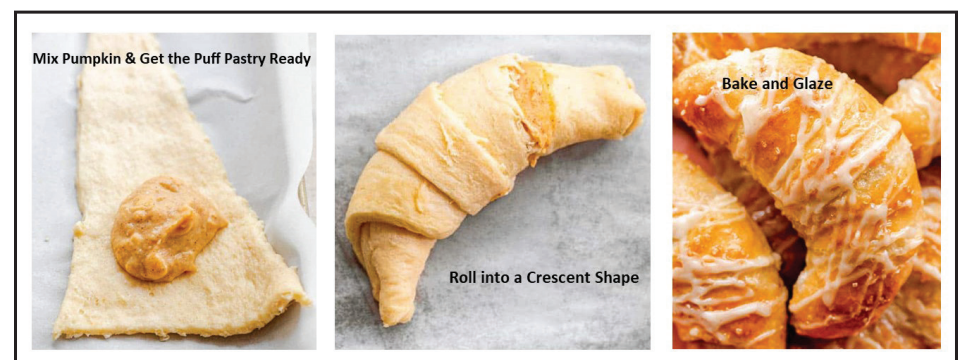
1) Prepare the Crescent Rolls: Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Then unroll the crescent dough and separate

into triangles. Arrange the triangles on the baking sheet. (You can also use thawed puff pastry sheets, cut into triangles).

2) Prepare the Pumpkin Cheesecake Filling: In a separate bowl, combine the pumpkin puree, cream cheese, sugar, and pumpkin pie spice. Mix well until smooth.

3) Roll Up and Bake: Spread a tablespoon of filling on each crescent triangle. Then roll up the triangles, starting at the wider end. Brush with beaten egg and bake at 425°F for 10 to 13 minutes until lightly golden. Set on a wire rack to cool.

4) Glaze and Serve: While the crescent rolls are cooling, mix powdered sugar, vanilla, and milk to create a glaze. Drizzle the cooled rolls with glaze and enjoy!



Try making these easy fall pumpkin cheesecake crescent roll ups with your kids.

## PJ Library & PJ Our Way Feature Family: The Jackson Family

BY SHARON FRANKLIN

Jody and Tom Jackson moved to the United States about a year ago from South Africa where they both had grown up. They have a daughter, Tessa, who is about to turn four years old. She loves unicorns and rainbows and playing with lots of friends. Their youngest child is a 1-year-old baby boy, Adam, who loves doing whatever his big sister is doing! Jody works in a finance role in the music industry and Tom is a freelance editor and writer.

**What is your favorite PJ Library book(s)?**

Our favorite PJ Library book is "Goodnight Bubbala" because of all the Yiddish references. It reminds us of our parents speaking Yiddish when we were kids and teaches our own children Yiddish words and phrases.

**Do you have a favorite PJ Library program or initiative you have attended?**

We have enjoyed all of the UJF PJ Library events that we have been to so far. These events have given us the opportunity to meet up with other families with young kids in the area. Since we are new in town this has been a great way to meet people and make new friends.



Tom, Adam, Tessa and Jody Jackson make time each day for PJ Library stories.

**Why is PJ Library important in your home?**

Firstly, the kids love receiving mail that's addressed to them with a surprise new book inside! Secondly, we believe that reading to our children every night is key in their development of language and creativity. Lastly, it's important to us to expose them to Jewish culture and stories.

**What is your bedtime routine like in your home? Is a story included?**

Bath time is at 7pm sharp (no exceptions, no negotiations!). We then all climb into mommy and daddy's bed to read a story or two. Tessa listens attentively, while Adam tries to pull the book out of our hands and create chaos.



United Jewish Federation

# PJ Library Super Sunday Family Fun Day

**Sunday, November 7th  
2:00pm-3:30pm**

☒ Farm Animals

☒ Stars of Hope

☒ Mitzvah Project

☒ Crafts

☒ Story-time

☒ Snacks

**Hat, Glove, & Sock Drive for Refugees**  
(drop off the day of the program, or in a box at the JCC entrance the week prior to the program)

**Kid's - drop off your tzedakah coin challenge collection and get a prize!**

RSVP at: [www.ujf.org/SuperWeek](http://www.ujf.org/SuperWeek)

**For more info contact Sharon Franklin**  
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## Impact in Afula: The Dream Doctors

(Courtesy of UJF) Emek Medical Center, located in Afula, is a large medical facility covering the North of Israel, and today employs six highly motivated and professional medical clowns. They serve both adult and pediatric patients by being active in Pediatric Oncology, Pediatric Internal Medicine departments, Pediatric Surgery, Pediatric Gastroenterology, Nuclear Medicine, Dialysis, Surgical Wards, Orthopedics, Ophthalmology, and the Emergency Rooms for both adults and children.

Annually, thousands of people are exposed to their antics and empathic genius while facing fear and uncertainty. Somehow, these Dream Doctors can transform a frightful hospital environment into a fantasy world where patients and physicians play out unexpected roles – forgetting their personal dilemmas, pain, and fear for a short while. This respite is welcomed by patients, their families, and staff.

The Dream Doctor saga has gone



Emek Medical Center Dream Doctors comfort a young patient.



Dream Doctors entertain patients.

from an experiment many years ago to a highly anticipated and necessary therapeutic service. How does one measure the value of a smile on the face of a sick or injured child?

## FDA Okays Rapid Test to Tell Bacterial From Viral Infections

*MeMed enables better informed antibiotic treatment decisions, an essential tool in the fight against the global threat of resistant bacteria.*

BY ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN/  
ISRAEL21C

A groundbreaking point-of-care machine that determines whether an infection is viral or bacterial has received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for both children and adults.

Last year, MeMed received CE clearance for sales of its testing platform in Europe.

The MeMed BV test is an immune-based protein signature test that distinguishes, within 15 minutes, between a bacterial or viral infection from a blood sample.

This critical information enables physicians to know immediately if an antibiotic is called for, and to avoid antibiotic overuse.

“For those of us who care for acutely ill children, we have been waiting decades for accurate, rapid diagnostics to confidently guide the care of moderately ill children

without a clear focus of infection or recognizable viral illness,” said Harvard Medical School Prof. Dr. Rich Bachur, chief of emergency medicine at Boston Children’s Hospital.

“This novel test offers promise to help differentiate those children with self-limited viral illness from those with possible bacterial infection, thereby supporting the judicious use of antibiotics,” Bachur said.

FDA clearance was based on a multi-center blinded clinical validation study enrolling over 1,000 children and adults and addresses goals laid out in the US National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria.

Headquartered in Haifa, MeMed has established its American base in Boston and is ramping up commercial activities across the United States.

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WHY I CARE...

# Focus on: Ilan Fogel

*"Community is the human expression of Divine love. It is where I am valued simply for who I am, how I live and what I give to others. It is the place where they know my name." -- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks*

EDITED BY JANE LEVENE AND SHARON FRANKLIN

Dr. Ilan Fogel and his family have lived in Stamford for over 17 years. Ilan is a physician who works for Lilly in drug development in the pharmaceutical world. His wife Lenore is on the staff of United Jewish Federation as the Reading Partners Director and LIFE & LEGACY Coordinator. Ilan and Lenore have five children, ages 17 through 21. Their oldest daughter is currently serving in the IDF. Ilan is a passionate Zionist; his life is driven by his love of Israel. It is his wish to live in Israel one day, while remaining a part of the Stamford Community. When not working, Ilan enjoys the beach, reading, leading services for his synagogue, Young Israel of Stamford, and spending time with his family.

This is why he cares:

**Describe your involvement with UJF and how long you have been associated with United Jewish Federation?**

I have been involved with UJF for over seven years. I was a Behrend Leadership fellow, and have also co-chaired, moderated, and been a speaker for several UJF affinity programs geared towards medical and business professionals. Lenore and I have also supported UJF as donors for many years.



Dr. Ilan Fogel, a dual citizen of the US and Israel, voted in the recent Israeli election.

**Have you been involved with other Jewish organizations/non-Jewish organizations?**

I have been involved at my synagogue, Young Israel, as a past board member and lead services regularly. I am also involved with several world-wide organizations, including Keep Jerusalem, and Afrika Tikkun. I got involved with African charities after spending six months in South Africa as a Pfizer Global Health Fellow. Recently I was appointed Lily's Neuroscience Ambassador for United Way.

**Why is it important to give back in this way?**

It is our involvement in the Jewish community that ensures the continuity of the entire Jewish community. What I do, and what other Jews do, directly impacts our Jewish friends here in Stamford, and around the world.

## Walk for Unity in Our Community

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TEEN VOICES

# My Special Friend

BY AMY YELLEN

Nearly four years ago, I began training camp for Friendship Circle, a local non-profit focused on youth with special needs. When I found out my mom had signed me up for yet another commitment, I reacted how any teenager would - I was mad! I said that I already had a lot to do and that I didn't want to add another thing to my plate. I would soon realize that signing up for Friendship Circle would be the best thing to happen to me.

Once the training camp was over, I immediately signed up to be a volunteer. I became a sub and volunteered whenever they needed me. After the year was over, I decided to become a full-time volunteer, and was there every Sunday. I had hoped they would set me up with the young person I had worked with as a sub. When I found out they had indeed done this, I was ecstatic. Little did I know that the young person I was placed with would become my best friend.

The journey to get to where I am today was not easy, and it took a while to get comfortable working with my special friend. As happy as I was, I didn't expect all that came with it. I had to learn how to use his book for communication, how to interact with him, and how to hang out with him in general. It was a long process, but now I am so happy whenever I see him.

Friendship Circle helped me out



Amy Yellen

in more ways than one. They helped me find one of my biggest passions-working with special needs young individuals. It gave me the chance to meet many amazing people, and helped me get more involved in my Jewish community. When I left middle school at BCHA, I worried I would not be as involved as I once was, but the

Friendship Circle made me realize that wasn't the case. Whenever a Jewish holiday came around, we would always celebrate it together. The volunteers and their special friends would have so many fun activities pertaining to the holidays, such as hamantaschen baking for Purim, and sukkah building for Sukkot. I was no longer "just a part" of the Friendship Circle but I was "in" the Friendship Circle. I started telling people to join, and found I was talking to the coordinators all the time. I was even invited to the Friendship Circle founder's house for Shabbat dinner.

After almost four years of being in Friendship Circle, I was invited to be on the board which made me so happy. While the year has just started for Friendship Circle, I can't wait to see what it holds for me and what new things I will be doing. I can't thank Friendship Circle enough for helping make me who I am today.

Amy Yellen is an 11th grader at Westhill High School and enjoys attending Broadway shows, coding and volunteering in the community.

**United Jewish Federation and JCC Arts and Culture will host Author and funny man Alan Zweibel**

**Saturday Evening, November 13th at 7:30pm**



credit: Alex M. Wolff

This event will be in person at the JCC, 1035 Newfield Avenue. A zoom option is available.

The event is being offered without cost.

Sponsors of \$50 per household will receive a Wine and Cheese gift bag (available in person or to be picked up) and be invited to a meet and greet with Alan at 7:00pm.

Alan will speak about his new book "Laugh Lines", a tender, funny cultural memoir of four decades in the comedy business.

The evening will be moderated by Alan Weiss



Register at [www.ujf.org/Alan](http://www.ujf.org/Alan)

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**VOLUNTEER:** Make calls for the comfort of your home helping UJF raise much needed funds to support our Jewish community.

**FAMILY FUN DAY:** From 2pm-3:30pm on November 7th  
(socially distanced in-person, weather permitting).  
Entertainment, Crafts & More!

**TZEDAKAH COIN CHALLENGE:** Collect coins for the annual coin challenge, prizes will be awarded!

Registration for all Super Week and Super Sunday Events can be found at [www.ujf.org/SuperWeek](http://www.ujf.org/SuperWeek)

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