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## Tapestry 2014

### A Community Celebration of Adult Jewish Learning

BY JOHNNA FREUD

Authors, area rabbis, cantors and educators will be among the presenters on Saturday, November 23, at Tapestry at the Stamford Jewish Community Center, starting at 6:30 pm. Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, Tapestry invites the entire community to its annual celebration of Jewish learning.

Hundreds of teachers and learners from diverse backgrounds and interests attend Tapestry each year. The 2014 program will begin with a musical *Havdalah* service conducted by cantors from the community. Following *Havdalah*, learners can par-

ticipate in numerous workshops on varied topics. Tapestry will conclude with a dessert reception.

The 2014 Tapestry committee, chaired by Carol Lilienthal, Rhonda Ginsberg and Adam Batkin, focused efforts on inviting a panel of noted speakers whose collective workshops will span a variety of topics. With this approach, the committee has worked to ensure the evening appeals to diverse interests. Adam Baskin reflected, "I think the most interesting aspect of the Tapestry audience is the diversity of attendees. We want all of them to

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## Haifa's Rambam Hospital Treats, Protects, Innovates

BY ALINA DAIN SHARON  
JNS.org

Not unexpectedly, southern Israel suffered more than other areas of the Jewish state during this summer's conflict with Hamas. Yet up in northern Israel, 30 doctors from the Haifa-based Rambam Health Care Campus were drafted into the Israel Defense Forces.

"Israel is a small country, so everything affects you whether you are in the conflict or not," Prof. Rafael (Rafi) Beyar, a cardiologist and director general of RHCC, told JNS.org.

Now, in the aftermath of the 50-day summer war, RHCC is proving that medicine has "no borders," in Beyar's words. Doctors at the hospital recently

conducted a successful kidney transplant on a 14-year-old boy from Gaza.

The largest hospital in northern Israel, RHCC serves more than two million residents of the area and functions as the primary medical facility for the Northern Command of the IDF. In addition to treating Gazan patients and training Palestinian physicians, the hospital is receiving wounded Syrian refugees.

Many of RHCC's Gazan patients are children facing cancer and kidney diseases. "These kids don't have any other solutions," Beyar said.

While suffering from kidney failure, the Gaza boy also had a blood condition that obstructed some of his blood

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## Shalom TV Rebrands as JBS – Jewish Broadcasting Service

On September 24, Shalom TV, America's Jewish television network, became JBS – the Jewish Broadcasting Service ([www.jbstv.org](http://www.jbstv.org)). The rebrand reflects Shalom TV's expanding role on the world Jewish scene as the channel positions itself to become the global English-language Jewish channel.



Rabbi Mark S. Golub

In 2012, Shalom TV premiered as a linear channel on Cablevision's Optimum CH 138, serving the communities of Westchester, Long Island and Rockland County, NY, Fairfield County, CT, and portions

of the Bronx, Brooklyn and Northern New Jersey. JBS is also seen in many communities throughout the U.S. and is heard on Tune In Radio.

"From the moment we premiered as a 24/7 channel, our viewership skyrocketed," explained Rabbi Mark S. Golub, president and executive producer of the Jewish channel which self-identifies

as a "PBS style" Jewish network. "Our daily news from Israel, and our extensive coverage of events in Israel, has established Shalom TV as a 'go to' channel

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## How an Exclusive People Commits to Inclusion

### Rabbi Steven Greenberg to Speak at JFS Lecture

BY LYNN SALTZ

Rabbi Steven Greenberg, senior teaching fellow at Clal and director at the Clal Diversity Project, will be the keynote speaker at the third annual Saul Cohen – JFS Lecture.

The lecture, available through the generosity of Mimi and Saul Cohen, and hosted this year by the Ferguson Library at its main branch, will be held on Thursday, November 13, at 7:30 pm.



Rabbi Steven Greenberg, senior teaching fellow at Clal and director at the Clal Diversity Project

Rabbi Greenberg's topic will address "The Pain and Pleasure of Difference – How an Exclusive People Commits to Inclusion." The lecture is a gift to the community at no cost. A book signing and dessert buffet will follow.

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## Local Lions Celebrate "The Power of One"

Eight "Lions of Judah" from United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien participated in this year's International Lion of Judah Conference in New York City. A Lion of Judah is a woman who has made a financial commitment of at least \$5,000 annually to Federation. Fourteen hundred women from all over the world convened to celebrate "The Power of One." Nancy Mimoun was honored as the Kipnis-Wilson Friedland Award winner from the Greater Stamford community. The award is presented to women for their outstanding volunteerism and philanthropy. The 1,400 women raised a total of \$27.2 million for the 2015 campaign, of which \$85,000 was raised by the eight local women.

L-r: Rebekah Raz (UJF vice president), Joan Zinbarg, Nancy Mimoun (UJF past president), Ellen Weber (UJF president elect), Sue Frieden, Sari Jaffe, Malerie Yolen-Cohen and Jessica Sheinman. (Not pictured are Devra Jaffe Berkowitz and Rachel Dayan.)

# President's Message

BY SHOSHANA DWECK

Autumn is an inspiring and introspective time of year. We revel in the glorious colors of our world, and the hot apple ciders and pumpkin lattes, even as we taste the coming winter on the air.



Shoshana Dweck,  
UJF president

This fall, I will enjoy three additional sources of inspiration. My father's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday is in October, and later this month he will receive the Alpha Epsilon Pi Order of the Lion in Tel Aviv. A cancer survivor who never expected to see 55, much less 75, he and my mom have dedicated their lives to the Jewish people and the state of Israel

## ► Young JCC Students Collect Thanksgiving Turkeys

KinderPlace, the JCC's child care program at the JCC, will hold its annual JCC Turkey Drive on Sunday, November 23, from 8-11 am. Everyone in the community is asked to share Thanksgiving cheer with those who otherwise would go without, by donating a turkey and fixings, which will be distributed by the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County.

Those wishing to donate are asked to drop off food at the JCC on November 23 before 11 am. Gift cards to area supermarkets can be dropped off at any time. The JCC is located at 1035 Newfield Ave., at the intersection of Vine Road.

For more information, contact Liz Gebert at 203-487-0968 or lgeb@stamfordjcc.org.

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## ► Bi-Cultural Day School Parent's Association Auction 2014

This year's Bi-Cultural Day School Parent's Association Auction will take place on Sunday, November 16, at Temple Beth El in Stamford, from 5-9 pm. Alan Kalter (MC of "The Late Show with David Letterman" and a BCDS alumni parent) will return as the Master of Ceremonies, and hopes to ensure the live auction will be the highlight of the night. The online silent auction will again provide entertainment as guests anonymously compete through their personal electronic devices for experiences, services and items.

Those interested should register for a bidder number online at [www.bcdsauction.org](http://www.bcdsauction.org). For more information, contact Eve Nachman at 203-329-2186, ext. 1341, or [enachman@bcds.org](mailto:enachman@bcds.org).

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(and their grandchildren, of course). They inspire, lead and guide me every day, and remind me to be grateful and to give back in ways big and small.

When October carries me to Israel to celebrate with my parents, I also will participate in meetings with representatives from our national body, the Jewish Federations of North American (JFNA), the United Israel Appeal, our partners from 60 countries around the world who support Israel collectively through Keren HaYasod-United Israel Appeal, and The Jewish Agency for Israel. Meeting in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, we will show our support for Israel and build the future of the Jewish people with our physical presence on the ground and our work together.

The inspiration continues in November when Jim Cohen and I will be part of a constituency from Stamford joining a cast of thousands at the annual General Assembly of JFNA in Washington, DC. For three days, we will represent you at the JFNA board meeting and plenaries, and we will learn together and hear personal stories from around that world that remind us of the real-world impact we have when we come together. With JFNA providing increasing support for intermediate community Federations such as ours, we expect to come back with even more energy, commitment and knowledge, as well as a wealth of best

## Tapestry.....

feel a connection to the Jewish community through Tapestry, so we have invited teachers whose knowledge and workshops span a variety of topics. For some learners, this is one of the few Jewish events they attend. For others, this is a place to reconnect with people who they see regularly at organizations within the community."

Session topics include "The Future of the U.S.-Israel Relationship," "General History of the Jews in Arab Countries with a Special Look at Egypt," "Finding the Woman of Valor," "Torah and Science: A Shrinking Gap," "Biblical Stories Reflected in the Art of European Masters," "And All Our Children Are Above Average: The Perfection of Imperfection in Jewish Thought and Law" and "Jewish Dating: Merging Your Heart with Your Heritage."

Tapestry is a communitywide program coordinated by the Jewish Education and Engagement Project (JEEP) of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, in partnership with the Stamford Jewish Community Center. Tapestry is presented in cooperation with the Stamford Board of Rabbis, the Jewish Historical Society of Lower Fairfield County, the Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies at UConn Stamford, Stamford Chapter of Hadassah, Israel Cancer Research Fund, Jewish organizations throughout Greater Stamford, Greenwich, and Norwalk, UJA Greenwich, UJA/

practices to enable us to do our work better to keep on strengthening and expanding the reach of our Jewish community, through outreach, engagement and education, and through our campaign.

Our community is full of passionate and committed volunteers. Many of you reading this have given of your time, energy, skills, knowledge and, yes, your finances, over the past year to make our community better. If you want to increase your ability to make a difference in whatever organization you serve, I invite you to join us for one or more days in Washington. All are welcome, and you can sign up at [www.generalassembly.org](http://www.generalassembly.org).

So, in the fall, I will leave behind our beautiful foliage and recharge my batteries through immersion in the worldwide Jewish community. I will be inspired by the people whom we rescue in Ukraine, resettle from France and support throughout Israel, and by the vision of the collective Jewish future that we are building together. And, I will come home to be inspired by you.

And that makes me wonder, with all of the work you do to build our Jewish community, to help your fellow Jews in Israel and around the world, and to help all people in need in our local community: What inspires you?

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Federation of Westport-Weston-Wilton-Norwalk and UJF/Federation of Eastern Fairfield.

For more information, contact either Sharon Franklin at 203-321-1373 or [sharon@ujf.org](mailto:sharon@ujf.org), or Nancy Schiffman at 203-476-0961 or [nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org).

See centerfold for the full listing of Tapestry classes.

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channel throughout the Jewish community."

This past summer, Shalom TV was the only channel on American television to concentrate on the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza on a daily basis. An array of Jewish and non-Jewish figures, reflecting the entire political spectrum, participated in Shalom TV's ongoing series "Israel in Turmoil."

JBS—the Jewish Broadcasting Service provides viewers with multiple news programs each day, public affairs programming, major event coverage, twice-daily educational children's programming and Jewish studies programs that enable viewers to learn to read Hebrew, study a page of Talmud, be introduced to the world of Jewish tradition and sit with the rabbinic minds at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

JBS is also the television home of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y's presentations from its Kaufman Auditorium, offers its own Jewish Film Festival with multiple movies each week, and is the only channel on American television that televises live Friday evening Shabbat services each week for those unable to attend a synagogue in person.

Viewer mail testifies to the contribution the channel is making to Jewish life on the American scene. One viewer's comment sums up the sentiments of the hundreds who write to the Channel: "Thank you for enriching my life and making all things Jewish much more meaningful."

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Genetic Testing: Ethical and Halachic Issues

### Louis and Edith Scheinberg Memorial Lecture

BY MICHAEL FELDSTEIN

Rabbi Dr. Edward Reichman, professor of clinical emergency medicine and director at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, will be the featured speaker at the Fourth Annual Dr. Louis and Edith Scheinberg Memorial Lecture, to be held on Sunday evening, November 2, at 8 pm, at Congregation Agudath Sholom. Rabbi Reichman's topic will be "Genetic Testing: Ethical and Halachic Issues."

Rabbi Reichman is a professor of clinical emergency medicine and clinical epidemiology and public health at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, where he also received his M.D.

degree. In addition, he received his rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, and he writes and lectures widely in the field of Jewish medical ethics. He is the recipient of the Kornfeld Foundation Fellowship and the Rubinstein Prize in Medical Ethics. He was a founding member of the board of the Halachic Organ Donor Society, and serves on the advisory board of the Institute for Genetics and Public Policy. His research is primarily devoted to the interface of medical history and Jewish law (*halachah*).



Rabbi Dr. Edward Reichman

"I'm especially proud that for this particular memorial lecture series, we are able to bring a speaker who can discuss an issue that has medical, ethical and Jewish legal implications," said Rabbi Daniel Cohen, spiritual leader of Congregation Agudath Sholom. "Dr. Scheinberg, of blessed memory, was a physician who deeply cared about both medicine and Jewish law, and often spoke about the interaction between the two. His wife Edith, of blessed memory, always supported him in his efforts."

There is no charge for the lecture and it will be open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the program. For more information about the presentation, call the synagogue office at 203-358-2200.

## Commemorating Kristallnacht: "The Lady in Number 6"

### "A Century of Wisdom"

BY PETER LILIENTHAL

Alice Herz-Sommer was the world's oldest Holocaust survivor when she died at age 110 on February 23. The Oscar winning documentary, "The Lady in Number 6," coupled with a presentation by Caroline Stoessinger, author of "A Century of Wisdom: Lessons from the Life of Alice Herz-Sommer," will be held on Sunday, November 9, at the Stamford JCC, 1035 Newfield Ave., starting at 1:30 pm, with refreshments at 1 pm. The event, free and open to the public, is part of both the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County's November Featured Programs and the Jewish Arts and Film Festival of Fairfield County.



L-r: Alice Herz-Sommer and Caroline Stoessinger

According to Nicholas Reed, producer of the documentary, "Kids all over the world grow up on superheroes; what we, their parents, must remind them, is documentaries tell stories about 'real superheroes.' Superheroes are based on great people, real people, like Alice Herz-Sommer."

Those with questions about the program are asked to contact Marcie Schoenfeld at 203-359-9148 or e-mail elissa@de-kaplan.com.

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

## Deadlines for articles

The deadlines for the next three issues of *The New Jewish Voice* are:

Monday, October 27 ..... December/January  
Monday, December 23 ..... February  
Monday, January 26 ..... March

Send *New Jewish Voice* article submissions to Sandy Golove at [sandy@ujf.org](mailto:sandy@ujf.org) marked "Stamford Voice" in the subject line. Expect an acknowledgment; please re-send if you do not receive one.

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Stoessinger will comment on the documentary, in which she appears, as well as on her book. She has said that both "tell an inspiring story of resilience, the power of music and never ending optimism."

Herz-Sommer, a pianist, was an eyewitness to the entire last century and the first decade of this one. She survived the Theresienstadt concentration camp and attended the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem. As a child in Prague, she spent weekends and holidays in the company of Franz Kafka (whom she knew as "Uncle Franz"). Gustav Mahler, Sigmund Freud and Rainer Maria Rilke were friendly with her mother. When Herz-Sommer moved to Israel after the war, Golda Meir attended her house concerts, as did Arthur Rubinstein, Leonard Bernstein and Isaac Stern. Until the end of her life, Herz-Sommer, who lived in London, practiced piano for hours every day.

Despite her imprisonment in Theresienstadt and the murders of her mother, husband and friends by the Nazis, and much later the premature death of her son, Herz-Sommer chose to live her life without bitterness. She credited music as the key to her survival, as well as her ability to acknowledge the humanity in each person, even her enemies.



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# UJF Focuses on “Affinity Groups”

Googling the word “affinity” yields this definition: “A similarity of characteristics suggesting a relationship.” Like many organizations of its kind, UJF has been launching a number of “Affinity Groups” designed to bring together people with similar interests and professional backgrounds. As UJF’s CEO James Cohen put it recently, “Affinity Groups allow like-minded people to network, learn about shared interests together and develop programming and service projects which are mutually satisfying and rewarding.” For example, The Cardozo Society, chaired by Stamford attorneys Rob Hoff and Michael Wirgin, is offered for the legal commu-

nity and includes lawyers, professors, judges and other law professionals. As a result of the successful 2013 Cardozo Law Event, a second Cardozo event has been planned for December of this year, with details to be announced shortly. Additionally, two more affinity groups have been added to enhance the needs of other professional groups.

The Rothschild Society, chaired by Janet Welkovich, is a new business affinity group. Its inaugural event will take place on December 3, at 7 pm, at SOOSH, the recently opened kosher sushi restaurant in Stamford. Edieal Pinker, a professor of operations research at Yale University School of Man-

agement, will be the featured speaker and will speak on “An Inside View of Innovative Israeli Businesses.” Pinker recently toured Israel with a group of Yale students on an educational tour studying a range of Israeli businesses and start-ups. Included in his presentation will be insights from that trip.

In addition to the Cardozo and Rothschild Societies, a medical affinity group will be added. Maimonides will offer an

event in the early spring for professionals in the medical community. Dr. Nimrod Dayan, a pediatrician who resides in Stamford, will chair this group. Details of the event are currently being planned and will be announced shortly.

For more information about these UJF affinities, contact UJF Director of Outreach Sharon Franklin at 203-321-11373, ext. 109, or e-mail [sharon@ujf.org](mailto:sharon@ujf.org).

## Women’s Philanthropy Summer Get Together

More than 30 Lions (\$5,000 donors to United Jewish Federation) and Pomegranates (\$1,800 donors to UJF) attended the Women’s Philanthropy Summer Get Together at the home of Robin and Jamshed Madan.

Sitting with a view of Long Island Sound, participants heard an update about the Jewish Federations of

North America from Devra Jaffe-Berkowitz, past president of UJF’s Young Leadership Division and current chair of JFNA’s National Young Leadership Cabinet. In addition, new cabinet member and past Super Sunday Chair Rachel Dayan shared her personal experience about philanthropy.



L-r: Robin Madan, James Cohen (UJF CEO), Devra Jaffe-Berkowitz, Rachel Dayan and Rebekah Raz (UJF vice president).

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The Cardozo Society is an affinity group of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien. The society is comprised of members of the legal community, including lawyers, professors, judges and others and provides educational, leadership and networking opportunities with the objective of benefitting both the local and global Jewish Communities.

For more information, contact Sharon Franklin at [sharon@ujf.org](mailto:sharon@ujf.org) or call 203-321-1373



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# Reading Torah Through the Prism of Midrash

## Dr. Norman Cohen to Speak at Temple Sinai

BY MELISSA COHAVI

Dr. Norman J. Cohen will speak at Temple Sinai on Friday evening, November 7, at 7 pm. His topic will be "What the Bible Can Teach Us in Our Struggles as Human Beings." Through the interpretation of biblical stories that use the term "Hineni," the word of response in relationship, Cohen will discuss how people can confront their own struggles. He will address how the biblical narratives can speak to everyone, providing insights about their lives and their relationships with parents, children and siblings.



Dr. Norman J. Cohen

Cohen is considered "one of the great teachers of his generation." A rabbi, professor of *midrash* and former provost of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cohen was ordained by HUC-JIR in 1971 and received his Ph.D. from HUC-JIR in the field of *midrash* in 1977. He served as provost of HUC-JIR from 1996-2009, interim president

of HUC-JIR from December 1999-June 2000 and as dean of the New York School from 1988-1996.

Cohen frequently lectures to Jewish and Christian laypeople and scholars on Bible study and midrash, finding contemporary meaning from ancient biblical texts. Cohen was a participant in Bill Moyers' "Genesis: A Living Conversation" on PBS. He is the author of "Self, Struggle and Change: Family Conflict Stories in Genesis and Their Healing Insights for Our Lives"; "Voices from Genesis: Guiding Us through the Stages of Life"; "Moses and the Journey to Leadership: Timeless Lessons of Effective Management from the Bible and Today's Leaders"; "Hineni in Our Lives: Learning How to Respond to Others through 14 Biblical Texts and Personal Stories"; and "The Way Into Torah."

For more information, call the Temple Sinai office at 203-322-1649.

# Children at Risk Receive Help from 3 SQUARE

Women's Philanthropy of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien and Jewish Family Service have partnered together on the new 3 SQUARE program. The 3 SQUARE program provides supplemental nutritious

food for children who are at risk of going hungry over weekends during the school year. The program is being launched this fall at Rogers International School in Stamford.

For more information on how to get involved, visit [www.ujf.org](http://www.ujf.org).



L-r: Robin Madan (3 SQUARE project co-chair), James Cohen (CEO of UJF), Matt Greenberg (CEO of JFS) and Jill Kaplan (3 SQUARE project co-chair).

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BY SANDY GOLOVE

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**Jessica and Doug Fenton** on the birth of a daughter, Eleanor Sydney Fenton; grandparents are **Judi and Harold Margolin**.

**Jennifer and Marnin Forman** on the birth of their daughter, Rose Talia.

**Diana and Matt Friedman** on the birth of a daughter, Sydney Gella Friedman; grandparents are **Susan and Bob Friedman**.

**Hilary and Ari Goldstein** on the birth of a son.

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## FROM A THERAPIST'S PERSPECTIVE JFS Offers Help to the Sandwich Generation

BY EVE MOSKOWITZ

The term "The Sandwich Generation" describes people who are squeezed simultaneously between the demands of caring for aging parents and dependent children. As life expectancy increases, more middle-aged people tend to have parents who are still alive. This, coupled with the fact that women are having children at an older age, presents challenges whereby you may be placed in the position in which your parents and your children are both dependent on you at the same time.

As in most stressful situations and times, the support of others whose experiences are similar can help to universalize feelings and provide understanding at a level only others in the situation can understand. Jewish Family Service has identified a growing demand in the community for such support and will be providing an ongoing Caregivers' Support Group, meeting at the JFS Westport office, 431 Post Rd. E. A minimal fee of \$10 per session will be charged.

Dependence can come in many different forms – assistance with activities of daily living, finances, medical concerns, and spiritual and emotional support may be required for both the younger and older generations, depending on their respective ages and needs.

Of course, this becomes even more

complicated as the ages and needs of each generation become more disparate. For example, a caregiver who sends financial support to a college student while managing the daily concerns of an elderly parent who is able to live on his/her own has fewer challenges than the parent of a toddler whose elderly, infirm parent resides in the caregiver's home and requires hands-on care.

The demanding role of being a caregiver spreads across all racial, gender, age and ethnic boundaries. Nonetheless the common denominators remain – how to split the time between children and family and the elder loved one, and still care for and manage your own needs? Caregivers often express feelings of isolation and resentment, while also feeling guilty about not being able to "do it all." Caregivers often feel like they are "trapped," without control of their own lives. The feelings of loss can lead to depression and anxiety, symptoms that often mask fear and sadness.

For more information or to register for this caregivers support group, contact Eve Moskowitz at 203-921-4161 or e-mail [emoskowitz@ctjfs.org](mailto:emoskowitz@ctjfs.org).

*Eve Moskowitz is the JFS director of clinical service and a psychotherapist.*

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ism to be more open and inclusive, Rabbi Greenberg will explore how contemporary boundary questions can lead toward a more energized and eclectic Jewish community.

"Wrestling with God and Men: Homosexuality in the Jewish Tradition," (University of Wisconsin Press), which was authored by Rabbi Greenberg, was awarded the 2005 Koret Jewish Book Award for Philosophy and Thought. He is a founder and co-director of Eshel, an Orthodox LGBT community support and education organization, and serves on the faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America.

"We are extremely fortunate to be able to secure someone as knowledgeable and respected as Rabbi Greenberg," said Matt Greenberg, Jewish Family Service CEO. "He combines a captivating speaking style with a deep understanding of how a community can be brought together. We look forward to seeing everyone attend this lecture."

Prior to the community lecture at the Ferguson Library, a select group of committed JFS donors will be thanked at a patrons' reception and will have the opportunity to hear from Rabbi Greenberg. Anyone wishing to become a patron should contact Johnna Freud,

associate development director, at JFS at 201-921-4161.

Light fare and drinks will be served to a gathering of Jewish Twenties and Thirties, who will have the chance to meet with Rabbi Greenberg in a small group setting.

The evening before the community lecture, on Wednesday, November 12, JFS will sponsor its third annual Saul Cohen – JFS Leadership Seminar, led by Rabbi Greenberg. Invited leaders of synagogues, communal organizations, schools and service agencies will share and compare their visions and resources, root their values and explore new ways of collaborating in order to find ways to inspire the next generation.

To inquire about the patron's reception that will precede the program, contact Freud at 203-921-4161. For more information about the lecture and the cocktail hour for Jewish Twenties and Thirties, contact Iris Morrison at Jewish Family Service at 203-921-4161, or visit [www.ctjfs.org](http://www.ctjfs.org).

*Lynn Saltz is the Jewish Family Service marketing and communications coordinator.*

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# Bringing Israel to the JCC

## JCC's Newest Community Shaliach Arrives in Stamford

BY LUISA VILADAS

Israeli native Or Berger has joined the staff of the Jewish Community Center as part of the Jewish Agency for Israel's Community *Shlichim* Program.

*Shaliach* means messenger or emissary in Hebrew; the plural of the word is *shlichim*.

Twenty-two-year-old Berger will live in Stamford for one or two years, working to engage community members of all ages in a range of Jewish cultural, educational and social activities.

"Israel is the epicenter of Jewish life and culture," said Eric Koehler, JCC CEO. "The JCC and the Stamford Jewish community share a deep love for Israel, her people, her rich history and traditions. Through the work of Or Berger, and all of the young adults who participate in JAFI's Community *Shlichim* Program, we have the good fortune to be able to explore in-depth what makes Israel so special to us all.

"Whether he is leading a Shabbat service for our seniors, helping to coordinate communitywide events, facilitating discussions at monthly lunch-and-learn sessions, helping to lead our Speak Up for Israel programs for teens and adults, or engaging in one-on-one conversations about Israel, Or will have the enviable task of connecting Stamford to Israel," said Koehler.

Now in its fifth year in Stamford, the program is made possible through the vision and financial support of dedicated community members.

The Jewish Agency's *shlichim* are hand-picked from various streams of Israeli society, with different professional and

academic backgrounds. Berger has worked in radio since he was 14 years old, first with the Kol Israel (Voice of Israel) national radio and, later, with a regional station where he worked as a copywriter. Berger is also a professional boxer and Krav Maga instructor.

After completing his military service in 2013, Berger worked for two summers as head of radio programming for Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. He enjoyed the experience so much that he applied to the Community *Shlichim* Program, which led him to Stamford.



Or Berger joins the JCC as its new Israeli community shaliach.

"I come from the desert, where people are known as warm," Berger said, "but I am blown away by the warmth of the people here in Stamford."

Since arriving in September, Berger has wasted no time in beginning his work of providing cultural and educational programming, helping to organize community events, and serving as an envoy for Israel in the Jewish community and the community at large.

"From Israel, I brought a suitcase full of goals, ideas and visions," he said. "One of my larger goals is to

make personal connections with the people and the community, and to reach out beyond the borders of the JCC in order to communicate with young and old, Jews and non-Jews alike."

According to Berger, his mother's goals for him while he is in Stamford include putting on some weight and making a *shidduch*. So far, he hasn't made much progress on the first front: he said his first taste of American donuts brought disappointment.

Berger can be reached at 203-487-0961 or oberger@stamfordjcc.com.

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

## Coalition for Elder Justice in Connecticut

The Center for Elder Abuse Prevention, a program of Jewish Senior Services, is a founding partner and steering team member of the Coalition for Elder Justice in Connecticut. The Coalition "links providers, advocates, and stakeholders to valuable resources...[and]...creates a unified front against intolerable abuse of our seniors," explained Governor Dannel Malloy. Connecticut's Coalition has representatives from banking, criminal justice, legal, social services and public health professions. Jewish Senior Services is the only health care provider currently serving on the Coalition.

Jewish Senior Services was asked to join the Coalition because of its leadership and experience coordinating community elder abuse prevention

activities and providing victim assistance. Laura Snow, director of Jewish Senior Services' Center for Elder Abuse Prevention, helped plan the first meeting of

the Coalition's Coordinating Council in Hartford. "This is a wonderful opportunity to continue to increase our

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At a Coalition panel were Nancy Schaffer (left) and Kimberly Massey (right), from the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman, and Laura Snow, director of Jewish Senior Services' Center for Elder Abuse Prevention.

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# AIPAC Shabbat at Congregation Agudath Sholom

Congregation Agudath Sholom and AIPAC will partner once again on Friday, November 21, and Saturday, November 22, for a Shabbat focused on the role that American citizens must play in ensuring an everlasting and secure alliance between the United States and the state of Israel.

Sessions planned with AIPAC professionals and community activists over Shabbat intend to deepen attendees' understanding of the different facets of the relationship between the two countries, the various ways that America and Israel are strengthened by one another, the changing dynamics in the Middle East,

and the implications for the U.S. and Israel.

For further information, contact Rabbi Daniel Cohen at [rabbicohen@cas-stamford.org](mailto:rabbicohen@cas-stamford.org), or Veronica Reich at [veronica.reich@gmail.com](mailto:veronica.reich@gmail.com), or visit the Agudath Sholom website [www.cas-stamford.org](http://www.cas-stamford.org), or call the office at 203-358-2200.

## “Financially Fit” Women’s Forum

On September 15, more than 50 women gathered for an evening of mingling and learning ways to protect their financial well-being, regardless of age or life situation. Chaired by Zeena Hine and Janet Welkovich, the program featured financial experts speaking about topics such as financial planning and management, getting on the right track at any age, and retirement and estate planning. Dr. Patty Ann Tublin, a psychologist and internationally recognized relationship and communications expert, kicked off the event by speaking about “the landscape of women and finance.”

The program was sponsored by Women’s Philanthropy of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien in partnership with The JCC Center Women, Jewish Women Connected and the Stamford Chapter of Hadassah.



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## New Program for Adults with Special Needs

BY LEAH BATKIN

The Friendship Circle of Fairfield County has introduced its new Adult Chapter Program for individuals 18 and older with special needs. Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, the Friendship Circle of Fairfield County provides friendship and support to 100 individuals with special needs and their families. Since many of the initial participants are now adults, the Friendship Circle has worked in tandem with parents to create a program that meets the needs of this older population.

The Adult Chapter is intended to fill a void that exists for social engagement for adults with special needs in the extended community. “I don’t know what we would do without the Friendship Circle,” states parent Marjorie Freeman. “My son, Danny, looks forward to being with his special friends so very much. He’s proud of being Jewish and loves learning and celebrating. The Friendship Circle is the only place he can express his Jewish identity.”


The Adult Chapter programs will take place from 1-4 pm on the following four Sundays: October 26, December 7, March 1 and April 19. As with its Friends and Home and other volunteer-driven programs, alumni volunteers will serve as peer mentors and friends during these four programs.

To learn more about engaging in the Adult Chapter as a participant or volunteer, contact Miriam Sperber at [Miriam@friendshipCT.com](mailto:Miriam@friendshipCT.com) or 203-329-0015.

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ability to combat elder abuse statewide, with many different organizations working together on this complex problem,” Snow remarked.

Malloy issued an Executive Order on July 17 that provides the support of state agencies to the Coalition and commends its work. The Coalition will host its second annual statewide event on Friday, November 21, at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. For more details or information on the Center for Elder Abuse Prevention, e-mail [elderabuseprevention@jseniors.org](mailto:elderabuseprevention@jseniors.org) or call the help-line at 203-396-1097.


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# YLD Welcomes New Families

BY SHARON FRANKLIN

On September 21, the Young Leadership Division of UJF held an "Unpacking Noah's Ark" Fall event to welcome new families to the area. YLD board member Nolan Zeide, the chair of the event, sponsored an edu-

cational children's program from Animal Embassy. Children enjoyed a hands-on program led by a wildlife expert and learned about a variety of animals, including snakes, owls, exotic frogs and chinchillas, while adults met and chatted with parents

involved in the Young Leadership Division and United Jewish Federation. The Young Leadership Division is a group of people who are committed to building a stronger Jewish community in Greater Stamford, Israel and throughout the world through community involvement, education and fund-raising. Board member Lael Shapiro and his wife, Danielle, opened up their home to host the event.

Another way in which the United Jewish Federation welcomes those new to the community is the Shalom Stamford program. This is a welcome bag with gifts and coupons sponsored by area shops and agencies, including the Stamford JCC, Fairway and the Stamford Symphony, to name a few.




Stamford newcomers Sunny and Sammy Portna enjoyed meeting friendly frogs.

Those who are new to the area and would like information about the Young Leadership Division of UJF are asked to contact Sharon Franklin at sharon@ujf.org or 203-321-1373, ext. 109.



Brooke Wolly met a baby peacock held by Chris Evers of Animal Embassy.



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Children were in awe of the bullfrog being held by Chris Evers of Animal Embassy.

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# Children of the Inquisition

BY LAURA BLUM AND ELISSA KAPLAN

Joseph Lovett, a Peabody Award winner and Emmy nominee, is a filmmaker with a mission to engage and inspire people to action. On Thursday, November 6, at 7 pm, Lovett will present "Children of the Inquisition," his current work-in-progress, at an event co-presented by JCC Greenwich and The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County. Joining him for a post-screening discus-



José Barreiro

sion will be José Barreiro, a Spaniard of converso background, who is featured in the film. The event will be free and open to the community, and will take place at Bush-Holley House, 39 Strickland Rd., Cos Cob, CT. Additional information is available online at [jccgreenwich.org](http://jccgreenwich.org) or by phone at 203-552-1818. Since seating is limited, registration is suggested.

In the early 2000s, Lovett began filming people

whose Jewish forebears were forced to convert to Christianity during the 15<sup>th</sup>-century Spanish and Portuguese Inquisitions. Frequently referred to as "conversos," these descendants of baptized Jews who were suspected of secretly practicing Judaism held special resonance for Lovett. He says he can relate to their sense of being "other," and to the often complex quests they embark on to define who they are. More than a decade after launching his project, Lovett now has the essence of a documentary called "Children of the Inquisition." It includes moments of discovery with individuals whose families have preserved Jewish vestiges for more than five centuries and with newcomers to the traditions of the Jewish faith.

In the filmmaker's tradition of inviting participation, "Children of the Inquisition" is part of a juggernaut straddling an interactive website and an educational board game. For Lovett, the project is both a matter of "writing" and "righting" history.

Since launching Lovett Stories + Strategies 25 years ago, Lovett's documentaries have gained a reputation for igniting change in areas as diverse as AIDS, cancer and global warming. His latest work, "Going Blind," and its accompanying outreach campaign, have touched off a worldwide movement in support of vision enhancement services.

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

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

# Reading Partners Begins its Sweet Sixteen Year

The Reading Partners program commenced its 16<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Stamford community this fall at a Welcome and Training Orientation on September 17 at the Jewish Community Center. Over the summer, Director Marlyn Agatstein and team leaders visited participating school sites and conferred about program issues. Younger and younger grades are being taught more sophisticated work skills. In addition, children entering kindergarten are needing more assistance with vocabulary work. As a result, this year there will be an increased focus on pairing Reading Partners with children in grades kindergarten and first grade.

Agatstein and Ellen Weber, president of Women's Philanthropy, welcomed the group of volunteers and brought the corps up to date on the current needs in the Stamford community. Statewide, only 43 percent of Connecticut fourth graders demonstrated solid academic performance in reading. The language gap that used to be evident at age 4 in preschoolers is now being seen as early as 18 months. Studies say that kindergarteners are beginning school with serious literacy deficits. Thus, in order to facilitate the program change to reach the younger students, Judy Martin, reading specialist and staff liaison for Reading Partners at Northeast Elementary School, presented a program to the volunteers that focused on specific kindergarten and first-grade skills. Use

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Judy Martin, reading specialist from Northeast Elementary School; Ellen Weber, Reading Partner volunteer and UJF Women's Philanthropy president; and Marlyn Agatstein, director of Reading Partners

## ► Bat Mitzvah Club (BMC) and BMC Beyond

For Jewish girls who are becoming bat mitzvah, the significance and meaning behind a bat mitzvah may be lost while planning a celebration and attempting to "keep up with the Steins."

Chabad House Stamford has created Bat Mitzvah Club and BMC Beyond to help enlighten bat mitzvah-aged girls and help them discover young adulthood. The group is for girls who have bat mitzvahs coming up and for those who have already celebrated their bat mitzvahs and are wondering, "What now?"

BMC and BMC Beyond will meet on Sundays, starting November 9, from 6-7:30 pm, at Chabad House Stamford, 770 High Ridge Rd., Stamford. Every session will include an age appropriate activity and project led by the BMC leader. There will also be a Shabbaton in January 2015 and an end of the year Mother-Daughter Tea on Sunday, May 31, 2015.

Contact Leah Shemtov at [morahleah@chabad-stamford.org](mailto:morahleah@chabad-stamford.org) for more details.

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- The Need for Spirituality with Dr. Kareem Adeeb, the American Institute for Islamic and Arabic Studies
- My Jewish Genes and Cancer: What do I do now? with Rachel E. Barnett, InformedDNA
- Refugees in Israel with Or Berger, JCC Israeli Shaliach
- A Reconsideration of the Causes of World War I and of Its Impact with Dr. Joel Blatt
- Discovering your Elijah Moment with Rabbi Daniel Cohen, Congregation Agudath Sholom
- The Holocaust and Historical Perspective with Dr. Glenn Dynner, Sarah Lawrence College
- So Funny it Hurts! with Rabbi Joshua Hammerman, Temple Beth El
- Musical Measures: Celebrating the Jewish Year in Song with Cantor Micah Morgovsky, Temple Sinai
- S.Y. Agnon's "Two Scholars Who Were In Our Town" with Rhonna Rogol and Paul Bashan
- Growing Up Mixed Race In Monsey with Rabbi Isaiah Rothstein, Carmel Academy and Young Israel of Stamford
- Welcome! You've Got Guests! with Leah Shemtov, Chabad of Stamford
- Community and Continuity with Rabbi David Walk, Congregation Agudath Sholom and Bi-Cultural Day School
- Supply Side Economics and the Book of Isaiah with Rabbi Naftali Wolfe, Carmel Academy

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In Living Color: Biblical Stories Reflected in the Art of European Masters with Jonathan Fass, (JCC Association)

Did Isaiah Have Jesus in Mind? with Rabbi Ron Fish, Congregation Beth El

Jewish Life in Egypt and the Arab World with Joseph Levy

513 – All or Nothing? with Ari Lieberman

When the Dust Settles: the Future of the US-Israel Relationship with Alli Pilcowitz , AIPAC- Southern Connecticut

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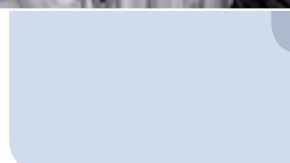
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Torah and Science: A Shrinking Gap with Dr. Yosef Wolf,  
Jewish High School of Connecticut



## Bi-Cultural Hosts Security Program

BY DORA SALM

On September 22, Bi-Cultural Day School took steps to address safety and security issues on an international, national, local and schoolwide level in an effort to empower and educate the community. Three speakers led a presentation on how to stay safe in a volatile world.

Dr. Sharon Goldman, a northeast region political director for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, began the discussion with an explanation of why Israel is considered so crucial to a democratic and peaceful society, and what an important ally Israel is to the U.S. "What we do at AIPAC is to take big picture ideas and make them accessible to everyone," Goldman explained.

"Israel is the only democratic nation in the Middle East and they hold values of democracy and civility that are near and dear to us in the U.S.," Goldman said. Goldman explained that AIPAC is currently trying to bring to light the threat of Iran and its nuclear program. In addition to becoming educated, Goldman urged all people to become involved and make a commitment. "We were all put on this earth in this moment in time for a reason and it's our responsibility to keep our land safe."

Personal safety and online responsibility was Connecticut State Attorney David Cohen's focus as he spoke about the difficulties of keeping children safe in a digital world. Cohen stressed to the crowd that parenting in a digital age is a continual challenge as technology evolves and the online world becomes more immersive. In addition, the age that



Officer James Matheny, assistant chief of police for the Stamford Police Department

children become exposed to technology is younger. "Our children today think that they are invulnerable because they are young, but they have no clue the dangers that are out there unless we can educate them," Cohen said.

Cohen discussed the concept of maintaining a "digital reputation," and being cautious about what children post about themselves and who they interact with online. "It is really the parents' responsibility to be a good digital citizen and to be models for your children on and offline," he said.

Safety on a schoolwide level and how to handle an emergency within a school was the subject of Officer James Matheny's discussion. Matheny, assistant chief of police for the Stamford Police Department, regularly works with Bi-Cultural faculty, staff and the administration to ensure that the school's safety protocols are in place. The school has employed several key safety measures, such as hiring a full-time security officer onsite, having regular lockdown drills on campus and placing a security coating on the windows of the school.

"The staff has been educated on how to prevent an emergency and what to do if something happens. ...I have 100 percent confidence in the administration here," Matheny said. "I have been to a lot of schools and I can tell you that Bi-Cultural is the gold standard in school security."

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## Engineers in Training

### Carmel Chosen to Pilot New Class

BY JULIE LAPIN

Carmel Academy continues to add to its award-winning Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program with the launch of a new eighth grade engineering class.

Carmel was invited by the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education to pilot the class that introduces students to the field of engineering.

"Engineering is one of the most in-demand professions, yet most students are not exposed to engineering until college," said Carmel Academy Middle School science teacher Rhonda Ginsberg. "At Carmel, we are giving our students a chance to see if this is something they are interested in at an earlier age. It's an incredible opportunity. We are laying the groundwork for our students to pursue science and engineering degrees and careers."

The year-long class, which spans the scientific concepts behind simple machines, hydraulics and electricity, comes on the heels of Carmel Academy's award-winning E2K and SET3 mathematics, science, technology and engineering programs.

"Carmel Academy was one of the first school's in the country to offer E2K and SET3. Based on our success with these programs, CIJE reached out to us about this new opportunity," said Ginsberg, who has coached students in both enrichment programs.

Throughout the year, students will experiment in labs, build structures, use spreadsheets to record and calculate data, create graphs both manually and with spreadsheets, compile information for formal presentations and work in teams to design and complete projects.

A CIJE engineer will visit the class monthly and the students will take local trips to visit with engineers and see engineering in action, Ginsberg said. Students will also work in teams to create real-life engineering projects and solve problems, giving students a taste of what it is like to be part of a technology-oriented product team – skills necessary for future workplace success.

A 2011 survey of more than 1000 teenagers, commissioned by Intel Corp, found that exposure to any facts about engineering leads more than half of teens to say they are more likely to consider engineering as a career.

The survey also indicated that a lack of knowledge of the profession is a significant barrier to getting American teenagers to pursue engineering careers. The information that helps them make the decision to consider engineering includes what engineers actually do.

"Carmel Academy is proud to be on the leading edge of STEM initiatives," said Carmel Academy's Head of School Nora Anderson. "We strive to provide our students with the most advanced tools, facilities and enrichment opportunities to encourage them to successfully delve into STEM education. Our students are winning national and international awards, entering high school prepared for honors and advanced classes in these topics, and they are learning essential skills that will pave the way for success in high school and beyond."

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Ella Feuerstein of Stamford, Carolina Hirshfield of Norwalk, Sam Akrongold of Greenwich and Matthew Smalley of Westport participated in an engineering science lab as part of Carmel Academy's new engineering class for eighth graders. Carmel was chosen by CIJE to pilot this new program.

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## TEENS

**Jewish High School of Connecticut Open House – For Grades 9-12**  
Sunday, Nov 9 from 1:00-4:00 pm at “New” location (1937 West Main Street, Stamford). FREE and Open to all prospective students who are interested in attending the Jewish High School of Connecticut for calendar year 2015-2016. Students will have a chance to visit classrooms and do a meet and greet with teachers.

**JFS Workshop – The Race to College – For Grades 8-12**  
Mondays, Dec 1 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm at Harry Bennett Branch of the Ferguson Library. FEE: Free and open to the community. For further information, contact Claire Friedlander at [clairef@cjfs.org](mailto:clairef@cjfs.org) or call 203-921-4161. Pre-planning for college for 8-11th graders and their parents and facilitated by Claire Friedlander, Jewish Family Service College Consultant.

**Speak Up for Israel**  
Sundays, Dec 14, Jan 25 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at The J. For further information or to nominate a teen, contact Or Berger, JCC Israeli Shaliach at 203-487-0961. For grades 11 and 12. Israel gets a bad rap, especially on college campuses. Join an elite group of high school juniors and seniors and learn from experts in the field, how to respond and take action. Students enrolled will attend the AIPAC Policy Conference in March. Spaces are limited. A partnership between the JCC and UJF.

**JCC Maccabi Games Open House**  
Tuesday, Dec 9 from 7 pm at The J. and Thursday, Dec 18 at 7:00 pm at The J. For further information, contact Mo Conception at 203-487-0971 or [mconception@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:mconception@stamfordjcc.org). For teens and parents who want to know more about the JCC Maccabi Experience. Teens must be the age of 13 to 16 by July 31, 2015.

**Bat Mitzvah Club Shabbaton**  
Friday, Jan 23 at Chabad House. For further information, contact Leah Shemtov at [morahleah@chabadstamford.org](mailto:morahleah@chabadstamford.org). For Bat Mitzvah Aged girls. 26 hours of non-stop BMC fun! Spend a complete Shabbat experience with your BMC leader and fellow BMC friends – an experience not to be missed.

**Kuriansky Teen Tzedakah Corps**  
Meets once a month on Sundays: Nov 16, Dec 14, Jan 25 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at The J. For further information or to nominate a teen, contact 203-321-1373. For Grades 10. Come together to learn about philanthropy, leadership, the importance of community, and work together to make our community, Israel and the world a better place. The group will create a mission statement and allocate funds to a non-profit of their choosing based on that mission statement.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**  
For volunteers in Grades 9-12 at Chabad

- At Home: Every week, pairs of teen volunteers visit special needs children in their homes offering friendship and unconditional support.
- Children's / Teen Circle: 15 Sundays through the year. Volunteer to work with special needs children under the guidance of professionals. Activities include art, music, cooking & sports.
- Special Events: Throughout the year for Friendship Circle volunteers and children and families they support.

INFO: Malya Shmotkin at 203-329-0015 #414, [Malya@friendshipct.com](mailto:Malya@friendshipct.com) or [www.friendshipct.com](http://www.friendshipct.com)

**BBYO**  
Every 2nd Monday from 7:00-9:00 pm at The J. For further information, please contact BBYO Regional Office (203) 389-2127 or [CVR@bbyo.org](mailto:CVR@bbyo.org) [www.cvrbbyo.net](http://www.cvrbbyo.net). For Grades 8 - 12. Leviticus AZA (Boys) & Tikvah BBG (Girls). Teens engaged in opportunities for leadership, athletic, social and community service.

**JEWISH STUDENT CONNECTION**  
For Grades 9 – 12. Tuesdays at 2:15 pm at Stamford High School. or Thursdays at 2:15 pm at Westhill High School. For further information on either Tuesday or Thursday, contact [rebecca@myjsc.org](mailto:rebecca@myjsc.org)

## FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**Community Shabbat Dinner**  
Friday, Nov. 7. TIME: Candle lighting at 4:26 pm and dinner at 6:15 pm. Join us for a Shabbat Dinner honoring Veterans who have served both in the US armed forces as well as the IDF, featuring Gan Yeladim 3s and 4s classes. Open to all.

**Giant Menorah Lighting**  
Tuesday, Dec 16 at 5:30 pm at Latham Park. Open to all. Light Fairfield County's largest menorah, joined by dignitaries and community leaders. Donuts and hot apple cider, latkes and gelt for the kids.

**Chanukah Community Concert and Celebration**  
Sunday, Dec. 21. Wonderland from 2-4 pm and Concert from 4-6 pm at Rippowam Middle School. Open to all. Chanukah shows, meet Judah Maccabee, arts and crafts, multi media station, storytelling, Lego menorah building, Chanukah Super Store, food, refreshments and more.

**Family Fun Day Brunch**  
Thursday, Dec 25 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm at Chabad House. Open to all. Pancakes, waffles, eggs and all the trimmings. Activities and fun for all ages!

**Challah Club – Challah Basics**  
Thursday, Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 from 4-5 pm at Chabad House. Fee: \$5 per person. Open to all. Have fun and make your own homemade challah! Learn the challah basics or try your hand at something more “artistic”. Each week, we'll try something new!

## MOMMY/DADDY & ME

**BI-CULTURAL DAY SCHOOL**  
Mommy, Daddy, Music and Me  
Wednesdays, Nov 5, 19; Dec 3, 17; Jan 7, 21 from 1:30-2:10 pm. Fee: Free. For more information, contact Joanne Karow, 203-329-2186 x1310 or [jkarow@bcds.org](mailto:jkarow@bcds.org). For children birth – 30 months. For toddlers. With Jonathan Cahr and Rachel Bahar. Music, movement, nursery rhymes, Jewish songs and storytelling. Join in whenever you can.

**CHABAD**  
Tiny Treasures Holiday Program  
Wednesdays from 9:15-10:15 am at Chabad. Fee: Free for the first timers, \$15 thereafter. For children birth-30 months. Sing, dance, taste and play. Caregivers welcome.

**Tiny Treasures Semester 1 Begins**  
Fridays from 9:45-10:45 pm at Chabad. Bring your little one to feel, taste, touch, see and experience a hands-on Shabbat celebration (plus take their own challah each week)

**CKC – Chabad Kids Club**  
Grades K-6. Wednesdays, Nov 5, 12, 19; Dec 3, 10; Jan 14, 21, 28 from 4-6 pm at Chabad. Incorporating POGS, Chai 5, Hebrew School and Aleph Bet. Hands on Chesed Club, science and cooking, weekly Torah Portion, snacks, aleph bet and Hebrew reading, Judaic homework help included – plus one on one tutoring option available.

**Bat Mitzvah Club & BMC Beyond**  
(For Bat Mitzvah Aged girls). Sunday, Dec 7 from 6:00-7:30 pm at Chabad. Bat Mitzvah coming up? Caught up with the theme, clothing and party favors but clueless about the meaning. Do you think a Bat Mitzvah ends or begins with your party? Did you already celebrate your Bat Mitzvah and are wondering “what now?” Then this club is for you!

**Got Shabbat! Tiny Treasures Mommy & Me**  
Fridays from 9:45-10:45 am at Chabad. Bring your little one to feel, taste, touch, see and experience a hands-on Shabbat celebration (plus take their own challah each week).

For more information on any of the above Chabad programs, contact Leah Shemtov at 203-323-2223 or [morahleah@chabadstamford.org](mailto:morahleah@chabadstamford.org).

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER (The 'J')**  
Movin' and Groovin'  
Tuesdays through Dec 16 (no class 11/4 & 11/11 from 10:30 am-11:15 am at The J. FEE: \$299 / JCC Members \$247 (13 sessions). 12 – 30 months, with parent or caregiver. Children will swing, spin, jump, stretch, leap, roll and climb. Rhythm, music and song aid in the development of fine and gross motor skills, listening and social skills while playing and learning.

**Wonderful Ones**  
Thursdays through Dec 18 (no class 9/25, 10/9, 10/16 & 11/27 from 9:15-10:15 am at JCC Sara Walker Nursery School. FEE: \$198 / JCC Members \$165 (11 sessions): \$198 / JCC Members \$165 (11 sessions). Ages 1-2 years old with parents or caregiver and led by Sandi Waldstreicher. Children get a social, classroom experience including free play, art projects, stories, songs; parents benefit from parenting tips and discussions.

**Babies and Babble**  
Friday, Dec 12 from 3:30-4:30 pm at The J. FEE: Yearly \$25 / JCC Members \$18. For further information or to register, contact Galit Roloff at 203-487-0974 or [groloff@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:groloff@stamfordjcc.org) or Dana Drazxin-Polikoff at [Babiesandbabble@yahoo.com](mailto:Babiesandbabble@yahoo.com). A monthly playgroup for babies ages birth – 2 years with parents or caregivers.

**Music Together**  
Birth–5 years with parent or caregiver. Music education program that nurtures children's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. To register, contact Music Together of Fairfield County at 203-256-1656

**Mother & Son Dance**  
Saturday, Nov 15 from 6:00-8:00 pm at The J. FEE: \$22.50 per person / \$18 for JCC Members. For further information, contact Harrison Peck at 203-487-0970 or [hpeck@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:hpeck@stamfordjcc.org). Ages 2-10 years old. Spend an evening at the JCC with friends and family. DJ, photos, snacks will be served.

**Singing and Dancing with Natasha and Steve**  
Wednesday, Dec 10 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm at The J. FEE: \$12 per person if registered before Dec 3, JCC members \$9; and \$14 per person after December 3, JCC members \$11. For further information, contact Galit Roloff at 203-487-0974 or [groloff@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:groloff@stamfordjcc.org). Ages 1-8 years old with parent or caregiver. “Sing Along, sup along” featuring Natasha and Steve in a concert tailored to young children. Pizza for children and adults.

## SHABBAT

**TEMPLE SINAI**  
Shabbat With Kolot Sinai  
Friday, Nov 7 and Saturday, Jan 31. For further information, contact Cantor Morgovsky, 203-322-1649. Open to the community.

**Ruach Services**  
Friday, Nov 21, Dec 19 and Saturday, Jan 31. For further information, contact Temple Sinai office, 203-322-1649. Ruach means spirit. All musical services are energetic and informal. Open to the community.

**Tot Shabbat**  
Friday, Dec 12 at 5:00 pm or Saturday, Jan 10 at 9:00 am. FEE: Free. For further information, contact Temple Sinai office, 203-322-1649. For children birth – 7 years old. Dancing, singing, praying and playing. Led by Rabbi TelRav and Cantor Morgovsky. Open to the community.

**A Taste of Chanukah**  
Friday, Dec 19. Time TBA. FEE: Dinner Only (\$18 per adult, \$10 per child). For further information, contact Temple Sinai office, 203-322-1649. Learn and Celebrate Chanukah together

**Shabbat Martin Luther King Jr. Service with Rabbi Phil Schechter**  
Friday, Jan 16. For further information, contact Temple Sinai office, 203-322-1649

To RSVP or for more information on these events and groups, contact...

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# Carmel Academy Welcomes Israeli Author Miriam Peretz

BY JULIE LAPIN

Carmel Academy welcomed Israeli author Miriam Peretz in September to speak with the school's seventh- and eighth-grade students. Peretz, known in Israel as the "Mother of the Chaylim (Soldiers)," lost two sons in two different wars. She focused her talk on the lessons she has learned from her sons, her unwavering dedication to Israel and her choice to embrace life with meaning, kindness and love despite her loss.

As the author of the best-selling book, "Miriam's Song," Peretz has become a symbol of Israel's strength and resilience. Over the course of the recent Gaza war this summer, Peretz visited the families or at-



Miriam Peretz, considered a symbol of hope and resilience in Israel, stood with Carmel Academy's Head of School Nora Anderson.

tended the funerals of more than 70 fallen soldiers. A national supervisor for the Ministry of Education, Peretz was given the honor this year to light a torch at the Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) ceremony on Mt. Herzl.

She spoke to Carmel's students about her two sons, Lieutenant Uriel Peretz ZL", who fell 12 years ago while serving in Lebanon, and Major Eliraz Peretz ZL", who was killed four years ago on the Gaza border.

She spoke about the importance of one's roots, of conviction, bravery and sacrifice, and of the importance of believing in yourself and your own strength. She told the story of her oldest son's desire to become the commander of the Israel Defense Forces. When he was killed, at age 22, he was a respected officer. Peretz said her son taught her an important lesson about believing in oneself.

"When you say, 'I can't do something,' you are saying, 'I despair.' When you say, 'I can't,' you are saying you don't believe in yourself. The choice between saying 'I can' and 'I can't' is in your own hands," Peretz told the students. "For me, there is not one sentence that starts with 'I can't.' I can continue to live. I can continue to laugh... no one can break my soul. This soul is very strong. This soul is the same as *Yisrael*."

Peretz told the students about her sons' dedication to serving Israel, as well as the legacy they left behind – a legacy that she says she especially wants to share with young people.

"Miriam's message did not focus on her loss, it instead focused on her ability to choose life and do good, despite life's tragedies," said Erica Sokoloff, Carmel Academy's director of Jewish life. "She drew



Carmel Academy students Adira Orbach of Stamford, Brenna Pearlstein of White Plains, Micayla Roth of Stamford and Sydney Eben of Stamford held an excerpt of Miriam Peretz's best-selling book, "Miriam's Song," that was given to all seventh- and eighth-graders.

on her strength from God, her love of the people and land of Israel, and her family. Our students were touched by her ability to share her story with such grace, courage and wisdom."

Peretz finished her presentation by giving each student a copy of the translated first two chapters from her book, "Miriam's Song."

Carmel Academy is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

## Bi-Cultural Students Plant September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Garden

Working in tandem with their teachers, Bi-Cultural's middle school students created a living memorial to honor the memory of the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

"In addition to offering prayers earlier in the day, our middle schoolers decided that we can also honor the dead through life. They wanted to take the tragedy of September 11 and plant a garden to create something of beauty," explained Judaic studies teacher Bob Abrams.

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Bob Abrams helped seventh-grader David Smart plant flowers in memory of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Partners. . . .** Continued from page 11 of pictograms, alphabet bingo games and other "manipulative" type skills were highlighted.

Reading Partners is always looking to expand its corps of readers dedicated to helping children read. Anyone who loves children, enjoys seeing them progress and want to contribute, should contact Marlyn Agatstein at [Readingpartners@ujf.org](mailto:Readingpartners@ujf.org) or 203-321-1373, ext. 115.

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# TBE Teen Experiential Program

BY LISA GITTELMAN UDI

On September 18, Temple Beth El held the opening session of a new experiential program for eighth- and ninth-grade teen boys and girls. For the first time in many years, TBE is hosting a regular, ongoing experiential learning program for post-*b'nai* mitzvah teens.

Temple Beth El is partnering with Moving Traditions to bring the "Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing" program for teen girls and the "Shevet Achim: The Brotherhood" program for teen boys to the synagogue once a month throughout the coming school year.

Approximately 25 parents and students participated in the opening program. The evening started with pizza and time for teens and parents

to socialize and meet the group leaders, Harrison Peck and Emily Eisen. Then the guys and girls separated for their "gatherings."

The boys' session began with a game of Gaga. They watched YouTube clips from the comedy series, "How I Met Your Mother," as well as clips from a variety of other sources that address typical pop culture notions of manhood. They discussed the text, "In a place where there are no men, be a man," (Pirke Avot-Sayings of the Fathers). Toward the end of the evening, they spent time getting to know each other and their group leader.

The girls' session began by talking, sharing and getting to know their group leader. The group then divided

into two groups: teens and moms. Each group made a poster collage of magazine images and words that represent messages teens receive from media and pop culture. They shared their posters and then discussed how the Jewish traditional concept that everyone is made *B'tzelem Elohim* (in God's image) provided a lens through which these messages can be viewed in a uniquely Jewish way. They ended their session with a candle lighting and sharing ritual.

The evening was filled with fun, games and lively discussion. It is the hope that through their participation in

this experience, the teens who gather at TBE once a month will grow and bond as a community in a Jewish setting in a program that addresses their lives and their life issues in a manner that they find compelling and meaningful.

The program is open to everyone in the Stamford area. A teen's family does not have to be a member of TBE to participate. There is a registration fee of \$150 per teen for the year. Anyone interested in learning more about the teen program should contact Lisa Gittelman Udi, director of education, at 203-322-6901, ext. 305, or eddir@tbe.org.

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## Bi-Cultural Flies into School Year with "Peter Pan"

Preparations for the annual Bi-Cultural Day Schoolspring production are under way as students auditioned, read, sang, started choreographing and began the technical aspects for this year's production, "Peter Pan." The show is held in



*Fifth-grader Mira Rosovsky auditioned for a part in "Peter Pan."*

conjunction with the after-school musical theater program at BCDS, where students learn the creative, performance and technical craft of producing a full-length musical production. "Peter Pan" will take place at Bi-Cultural on Tuesday, March 24, Thursday, March 26, and Sunday, March 29.

Bi-Cultural Day School is a recipient



*L-r: Seventh-grader Rina Marlowe and eighth-grader Sydney Steinberg rehearsed a dance number for the spring musical. (Photos by Jonathan Cahr)*

agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

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THE NEW JEWISH VOICE **CHANUKAH** Greetings

Once again this year, *The New Jewish Voice* is inviting its readers and local organizations to extend Chanukah greetings to the community by purchasing a Chanukah greeting ad, which will appear in our December issue (Deadline: Nov. 7). Chanukah begins this year on the evening of Dec. 16. You may choose from the designs, messages and sizes shown here - more are available. You may also choose your own message, as long as it fits into the space of the greeting you select. (Custom designs available upon request.) The price of the small greeting is \$18 (styles B & E), the larger one is \$36 (styles D & F) and the largest one (not shown) is \$72.

To ensure that your greeting is published, please contact Bonnie Rozen at 1-800-779-7896, ext. 244 or [bonnie@thereporter.org](mailto:bonnie@thereporter.org). Checks can be made payable to *The Reporter* and sent to: *The New Jewish Voice*, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850

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**DEADLINE is Nov. 7**

# Biblical Archaeology Sees Golden Age in Israel

BY SEAN SAVAGE

JNS.org

At a time when many archaeological sites and antiquities throughout the Middle East are being looted and destroyed, the City of David Foundation on September 4 hosted its annual conference to enable the general public to experience some of the most important archaeological discoveries in Jerusalem in recent years. A portion of this year's conference was devoted to the theme "Jerusalem of Gold," highlighting several never-before-seen golden artifacts.

"The people in ancient times, like today, used gold for the most important things in life. It shows what they held dear and what was most important to them," Ahron Horovitz, senior director of Megalim, the City of David's Higher Institute for Jerusalem Studies, told JNS.org.



*The recent unearthing of the largest cache of gold coins ever discovered in Jerusalem, comprising 264 coins that date back to the end of the Byzantine period in the 7<sup>th</sup> century C.E. (Photo courtesy of the City of David Foundation)*

The main themes of the artifacts on display related to war, beauty and holiness or sanctity. Among the golden artifacts is the largest cache of gold coins ever discovered in Jerusalem, comprising 264 coins that date back to the end of the Byzantine period in the 7<sup>th</sup> century C.E. The coins were found in the "Givati Parking Lot dig" conducted by the Israel Antiquities Authority in the City of David neighborhood.

The coins are unique in that they were minted in Jerusalem, not in Constantinople – the Byzantine imperial capital – and were likely made in preparation for the Byzantine war against the Persians. "The coins were found stacked one on top of another and were never dispensed," Horovitz said. "There may be a story of intrigue here as to why they never were used, such as it being stolen."

See "Archeology" on page 22

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## SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN NEED

### JFS DIVORCE & BEREAVEMENT

#### JFS DIVORCE MYTHBUSTERS

Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 7 – 8 pm at Whole Foods Market, Westport. \$10 per person. For more information, contact Eve Moskowitz at 203-921-4161 or [emoskowitz@ctjfs.org](mailto:emoskowitz@ctjfs.org).

Jewish Family Service will present two speakers to debunk common misconceptions and myths about the divorce process. Maurice Segall, LLC of Mediation Solutions and Lili Vasileff, Divorce & Money Matters, LLC will be available to answer questions. Facilitated by Eve Moskowitz. Space is limited and registration required.

#### JFS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays at 11 am. Free of charge. For more information, contact Eve Moskowitz at 203-921-4161 or [emoskowitz@ctjfs.org](mailto:emoskowitz@ctjfs.org)

Are you searching for a safe haven to explore your thoughts and feelings about grief? JFS provides an environment of emotional, physical and spiritual support.

#### JFS SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

At JFS Westport, 431 Post Road East. Fee: \$10/session or \$50/entire 6 sessions. For more information, contact Rebekah Kanefsky at 203-921-4161 or [rkanefsky@ctjfs.org](mailto:rkanefsky@ctjfs.org)

Open to all single parents in an environment for support, friendship and the exchange of parenting techniques. Topics: scheduling, coping strategies, introducing new partners, extended family dynamics and emotional support. Please call or email to register to attend.

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For more information, contact Eve Moskowitz at 203-921-4161 x122 or [emoskowitz@ctjfs.org](mailto:emoskowitz@ctjfs.org)

Divorce mediation program at JFS Stamford.

#### JFS FOCUS ON K.I.D.S.

For divorced or separated parents experiencing high conflict around parenting decisions. Teaches both parents strategies for communicating in a non-hostile manner.

For more information, contact Erika Garcia at (203) 921-4161 or [erikag@ctjfs.org](mailto:erikag@ctjfs.org)

#### PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM (PEP)

State-mandated workshop for divorcing parents with children at JFS Stamford. Fee is \$125 per person. Call for date and to register at 203-324-3167

### JFS CARING FOR SENIORS

#### JFS COUNSELING AT-HOME FOR SENIORS

A therapeutic, counseling program to serve older community members in their homes. A skilled social worker will help explore issues, such as adjustments to living independently, improving social interaction, separation from family members and emotional issues. Service can be billed to Medicare. Strictly confidential.

For more information, contact Eve Moskowitz at 203- 921-4161 ext. 122 or [emoskowitz@ctjfs.org](mailto:emoskowitz@ctjfs.org)

#### JFS HOME COMPANIONS & CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS

Trained aides assist seniors with daily activities, chores, and socialization. Services provided hourly, daily or up to 24/7.

For more information, contact JFS Home Companion at 203- 921-4161.

#### JFS RESIDENTIAL CLEANING

Employ professionally trained individuals to clean your home and at the same time help support Jewish Family Service. Rates lower or competitive than other service providers.

For more information, contact Jodi Maxner at 203- 921-4161 or [residentialcleaning@ctjfs.org](mailto:residentialcleaning@ctjfs.org).

#### JFS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday at 7:30 pm at JFS Westport, 431 Post Road E. Fee is \$10 per session. An open forum to provide support and help in dealing with the difficulties and stresses of caring for two generations. Registration required.

For more information, contact Eve Moskowitz at 203-921-4161 or Email: [emoskowitz@ctjfs.org](mailto:emoskowitz@ctjfs.org).

### JFS COUNSELING, MEDIATION & CRISIS

#### JFS FOR CHILDREN/ ADOLESCENTS DIAGNOSED WITH ADD/ADHD

Wednesday afternoons. Finding Your Focus with Dr. Lee Combrinck-Graham MD. Service includes psychiatric evaluation, review of previous evaluations, family assessment, on-going support, and medication management. Qualifies for insurance reimbursement.

For more information, contact Eve Moskowitz at 203-921-4161 or [emoskowitz@ctjfs.org](mailto:emoskowitz@ctjfs.org).

#### JFS COLLEGE COUNSELING

Need help navigating the college admission and application process?

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For more information, contact Claire Friedlander at (203) 921-4161 or [clairef@ctjfs.org](mailto:clairef@ctjfs.org).

#### JFS COMMUNITY AND FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICES

Use third party mediator to help families/individuals resolve conflict. Nominal fees - available on a sliding scale. Resolve conflicts such as unsatisfactory purchase or repair, landlord dispute, neighbor conflicts, issues with children, marital partners and divorce.

For more information, contact Eve Moskowitz at 203-921-4161 or [emoskowitz@ctjfs.org](mailto:emoskowitz@ctjfs.org).

#### JFS COUNSELING

Qualified, licensed professionals provide counseling and psychotherapy to individuals, children, adolescents, families, couples and groups. For emotional support while unemployed, see Life Transitions below. Affordable fees, based on income; no one is "turned away". Insurance accepted.

For more information, contact JFS at (203) 921-4161.

#### JFS INDIVIDUALS / FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Comprehensive services. Assistance with basic necessities, housing, medical, social, legal and financial matters. Fees based on ability to pay.

For more information, contact: Rebekah Kanefsky at 203- 921-4161 #128 or [rkanefsky@ctjfs.org](mailto:rkanefsky@ctjfs.org).

#### JFS KOSHER FOOD PANTRY

Non-perishable staples for those in need. Donations welcomed.

For more information, contact JFS at 203-921-4161.

### JFS EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

#### JFS COMPUTER TRAINING COURSES

Variety of courses - all levels, individuals or small groups. Nominal fee. For more information, contact Ilene Locker at 203-921-4161 or [iklocker@ctjfs.org](mailto:iklocker@ctjfs.org).

#### JFS SENIORS2WORK

Job Bank for age 50+. Lower Fairfield employers can list full / part time jobs for dedicated, skilled mature workers. No fees.

For more information, contact Ilene Locker or Jodi Maxner at 203-921-4161 or [www.seniors2work.org](http://www.seniors2work.org)

#### JFS LIFE TRANSITIONS:

Support group for the unemployed at Stamford JFS office. Discuss concerns and issues related to job loss and alternative solutions for career satisfaction. Supported by both JFS Counseling and Employment & Training Departments.

Wednesdays at 11 am. For Information/Register: Rosemarie Delia 203-921-4161 or [rdelia@ctjfs.org](mailto:rdelia@ctjfs.org)

### SUPPORT

#### JCC SUPPORT FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED ADULTS

Thursday, Nov. 20 at 1-2 pm at the Stamford JCC.

For more info: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203- 487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org)  
Guest speaker on topics relevant to vision loss. JCC Reservations required

#### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Sunday, Dec 7 from 1-4 pm at Chabad. To learn more about engaging in the Adult Chapter as a participant or volunteer, please contact Miriam Sperber at [Miriam@friendshipCT.com](mailto:Miriam@friendshipCT.com) or 203-329-0015.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION / ADDRESSES:

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

# What's On for Adults

## November 2014 & December/January 2015

Members and Non-members are all warmly invited to all events listed. See contact info below for more info, to confirm programs and to register.

### OPEN EVENTS

#### Commemorating Kristallnacht

See article on page 3 for more information.

DAY/DATE: Sunday, Nov 9 | TIME: 1:00-3:00 pm | LOCATION: JCC | FEE: Free | INFO: Nancy Schiffman at 203-487-0941 or nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org

#### A World Without Jews: The Nazi Imagination from Persecution to Genocide

Speaker: Professor of History at the University of Virginia & Ben-Gurion University, Israel.

DAY/DATE: Monday, Nov 10 | TIME: 7:30 pm | LOCATION: Dolan School of Business Dining Room, Fairfield University | FEE: Free and Open to the Community | FOR INFO OR TO RESERVE A SEAT AS SPACE IS LIMITED: 203-254-4000 x 2066

#### Third Annual Saul Cohen Lecture

See article on page 1 for more information. DAY/DATE: Thursday, Nov 13 | TIME: 7:30 pm

| LOCATION: Ferguson Library | FEE: Free and Open to the Community | FOR INFO OR TO REGISTER: JFS at 203-921-4161.

#### Loaves of Cooking Marathons

Give to those who need it most by baking challah and making chicken soup for the 'Shabbat 2 Go' packages. No charge.

FOR ALL AGES

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, Nov 16 | TIME: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM | LOCATION: Chabad | INFO: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

FOR 20'S – 30'S

DAY/DATE: Sunday, Jan 25 | TIME: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm | LOCATION: Chabad | INFO: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

#### College – Getting There From There

JFS program in cooperation with EdwardJones. The program (financing a college education) will feature "529 gifting" and the advantage of 2014 "gifts" to both the donor and the prospective college student. Other financial instruments that pertain to the college-bound will also be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

DAY/DATE: Monday, Nov 17 | TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm | LOCATION: JFS, 733 Summer Street, 6th Floor | FEE: Free | FOR INFO OR TO REGISTER: Marisa at Marisa.catino@edwardjones.com

#### "I Believe in Zero: Learning from the World's Children"

Speaker: Caryl M. Stern, president and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. Tickets required.

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, Nov 19 | TIME: 8:00 pm | LOCATION: Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts | FEE: \$45 per person | FOR INFO OR TO RESERVE A SEAT: Quick Center box office at 203-254-4010 or 1-877-278-7396 or visit www.quickcenter.com

#### "Whose Heroes? Hollywood Portrayals of the Bible"

Speaker: Dr. Adele Reinhartz, professor of classics and religious studies at the University of Ottawa, Canada.

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, Dec 3 | TIME: 7:30 pm | LOCATION: Dolan School of Business Dining Room, Fairfield University | FEE: Free and Open to the Community | FOR INFO OR TO RESERVE A SEAT AS SPACE IS LIMITED: 203-254-4000 x 2066

#### JCC ISRAELI FILM SERIES: "BETHLEHEM"

See Israel through the lens of a movie camera. Or Berger, JCC Israeli shaliach will lead us in a meaningful discussion.

DAY/DATE: Thursday, Dec 4 | TIME: 7:00 pm | LOCATION: JCC | FEE: \$5 suggested donation | FOR INFO OR TO REGISTER: Or Berger at 203-487-0961 or oberger@stamfordjcc.org

#### COOKING CLUB

Taught by Chef and Food Writer Ronnie Fein. Maximum: 12 people per session, registration for one session at a time or all of them. Four evenings of cooking. Each session will focus on different types of cooking. MENU: hors d'oeuvres: Roasted Potato Chips with Smoked Salmon Tartare, Spicy-Sticky Wings, Gougeres (plus stuffings) and Scallion Cakes

DAY/DATE: Thursday, Dec 4 | TIME: 6:30 PM | LOCATION: TEMPLE SINAI | FEE: \$36.00 per session, payment is due at time of registration

#### JCC CENTER WOMEN GIFTIQUE

One-stop shopping for all your holiday needs: dreidels, candles, menorahs, cards, wrapping paper, decorations, gifts and more.

DAY/DATE: Sunday, Dec 8 – Friday, Dec 18 | LOCATION: JCC | FOR INFO: www.stamfordjcc.org or call 203-322-7900 for hours

#### SHABBAT DINNER for 20's and 30's

Enjoy a four course meal and be uplifted by Shabbat songs. Meet and mingle with others Jewish 20's and 30's in our area.

DAY/DATE: Friday, Dec 12 | TIME: Candle lighting at 4:08 pm and dinner at 6:15 pm | LOCATION: Shemtov home | INFO: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

#### BOOK FAIR

DAY/DATE: Sunday & Monday, Dec 14 & 15 | LOCATION: Temple Sinai | INFO: Temple Sinai office at 203-322-1649

#### CAFÉ CHABAD (for couples and singles)

A night on the town for couples and singles.

DAY/DATE: Saturday, Jan 10 | TIME: 8:00 pm | LOCATION: Half Full Brewery | INFO: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

#### COME PLAY MAH JONGG AT TEMPLE SINAI

DAY/DATE: Mondays | TIME: 6:30-9:00 pm | LOCATION: Temple Sinai | Fee: No fee but bring your own mah jongg card. | INFO: If you are new to mah jongg, call Temple Sinai office at 203-322-1649

#### JCC NESHAMA YOGA

A fusion of Kundalini Yoga and Jewish spirituality - ancient wisdoms provide a pathway to connect with G-d on a deep spiritual level. Led by Jackie Tepper Robinov.

DAY/DATE: Fridays, Through Dec 19 (not 11/28) | TIME: 9:00-10:30 am | LOCATION: JCC | FEE: \$198 JCC members / \$231 others (11 sessions)

#### MAH JONGG AT THE JCC

Learn from Mah Jongg masters. All levels welcome. Bring a 2014 National Mah Jongg League card. LOCATION: JCC | FEE: \$35 / JCC members \$25 | INFO, REGISTER OR SCHEDULE LESSONS: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org

### FOR WOMEN

#### JWC GIRLS NIGHT OUT

A night to hang out with friends for an exceptional girls' night out.

DAY/DATE: Monday, Nov 10 | TIME: 7:45 pm | LOCATION: 613 at 108 Prospect St. | INFO: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

#### JWC PAINTING

Evening of fun, laughter, painting & drinks with a Judaic themed masterpiece. Step by step instructions.

DAY/DATE: Monday, Dec 1 | TIME: 7:00 pm mingle, meet and nibble; painting begins at 7:30 pm | LOCATION: Pinot Palette, 25 Harbor Point, Stamford | INFO: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

#### JWC FABRENGEN

Fabrengen "spend time" to connect and share on a soul level. Featuring Mitzvah gifting

DAY/DATE: Thursday, Jan 15 | TIME: 7:15 pm meet, mingle and nibble; program begins at 8:00 pm | LOCATION: Private home | INFO: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

### FOR MEN

#### TEFILLIN CLUB

For men and kids. Join the guys to wrap Tefillin, say Shema, share some words of Torah and inspiration and bond over bagels and lox breakfast.

DAY/DATE: Every Sunday | TIME: 8:00-9:00 AM | LOCATION: Chabad

### SENIORS

#### JCC SOCIAL SENIOR PROGRAMS

Programs vary by day of the week. All welcome. Transportation available for Stamford residents. Reservations required for lunch. Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at the Stamford JCC. For more info/reservation: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org

• KOSHER LUNCH

DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays | TIME: 12:00-1:00 PM | LOCATION: JCC | FEE: Suggested donation \$3 for lunch and \$1 each way for transportation

• AGING GRACEFULLY. Series that addresses common-age related health issues with practical advice on how to support each other in aging gracefully

• CURRENT EVENT AND TIMELY TOPICS. Informal conversations and talks with various speakers about what's going on in Stamford, as well as national and international events and timely topics.

• JCC MORNING MOVIE MATINEE FOR SENIOR ADULTS. Fridays, 10 at the JCC. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a movie on the large screen TV in the JCC's Senior Adult Lounge. Free to all seniors.

• LIFE ENHANCEMENT CLASSES. Classes designed to entertain, educate and enrich. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00 - 11:45 am at the JCC

• MONTHLY BIRTHDAY LUNCHEONS. Tuesday, Nov 25 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm at the JCC. Reservations required. \$3 suggested donation.

• OUR STORIES ON THURSDAYS. Hear one-of-a-kind stories about the lives, experiences, occupations or pastimes of JCC senior program participants. Free to all seniors. No class Nov 27, Dec 25

• SENIORS IN SONG. Sing along with old favorites, Yiddish to Broadway

• SHABBAT WITH OR BERGER, JCC ISRAELI SHALIACH

Discussions on Israel prior to Shabbat lunch. Fridays from 11:30 am-12 pm at the Stamford JCC

#### JCC HOLIDAY LUNCHEONS (kosher)

Thanksgiving | Thursday, November 20 from 12:00 – 1 pm

Chanukah | Tuesday, Dec 16 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm

New Year's | Tuesday, Dec 30 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm

LOCATION: JCC | FEE: Suggested donation of \$3 | INFO/RESERVATION: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org

#### JCC RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

Speaker and kosher lunch. Bridge game after lunch. All welcome.

DAY/DATE: Mondays | TIME: 10:00-11:00 AM (MEMBERS ONLY); INVITED SPEAKER AT 11:00 AM (OPEN) | LOCATION: JCC | FEE: Suggested donation of \$3 for lunch. INFO/RESERVATION: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org

### ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### UJF's READING PARTNERS

Read one-on-one with Stamford public school children. One hour a week, mornings or afternoons. 11 elementary schools and 2 community centers. Training, literacy focused workshops and support network provided. Contact Marlyn Agatstein 203-321-1373 x115 or Readingpartners@ujf.org.

#### JCC (Jewish Community Center)

Kosher Lunch Program for Seniors. Help set up and serve HOT Kosher lunch to seniors.

DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays | LOCATION: JCC | INFO/RESERVATION: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org

#### JHS (JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

• Harry Rosenbaum Judaica Library. At the JCC. Cover 2 hour slot (or more) once a week. You'll be trained on the computer system and the arrangement of books in the library. Call 203-487-0957.

• Help protect the pieces of our Jewish history: Do you enjoy finding out about our region's early Jewish settlers? Do you want to help Jewish organizations retain their history and documents? Call 203-359-2196.

#### JFS (Jewish Family Service)

Drivers needed to deliver food from the Kosher Food Pantry to individuals in the community.

INFO: Rebekah Kanefsky at 203-921-4161 or rkanefsky@ctjfs.org

### OPEN EVENTS (CON'T)

#### CROCHET AT THE JCC

Learn how to crochet a scarf or hat in 3 sessions. Taught by Madeline Field. Limited capacity.

LOCATION: JCC | FEE: \$30 / JCC members \$24 plus cost of materials (purchased separately) | FOR INFO ON BOTH CLASSES OR TO REGISTER: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org

#### ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Enjoy a great way to connect with Israel while reaping the mental and physical benefits of dance.

Light, Kosher refreshments are served. For other locations and up-to-date schedule, go to www.ctisraelidance.com.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION / ADDRESSES:

Agudath Sholom: 301 Strawberry Hill Ave, Stamford (203) 358-2200 www.agudathsholom.org

Chabad: 770 High Ridge Road, Stamford (203) 3-CHABAD #418 morahleah@chabadstamford.org www.chabadhousestamford.org

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

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

Jewish Historical Society (203) 321-1373 #150 jhslfc@yahoo.com www.stamfordhistory.org/jhslfc.htm

Temple Beth El: 350 Roxbury Road, Stamford (203) 322-6901 www.tbe.org

Temple Sinai: 458 Lakeside Drive, Stamford (203) 322-1649 www.templestamford.org



# ADULT EDUCATION

November 2014 & December/January 2015

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

## UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION

### TAPESTRY

An Evening of Adult Jewish Learning.

DAY/DATE: Saturday, Nov 22 | TIME: 6:30 pm | FEE: \$18 / \$25 AT THE DOOR | LOCATION: JCC

## CONGREGATION ADUDATH SHOLOM

### ANNUAL DR. LOUIS AND EDITH SCHEINBERG MEMORIAL LECTURE

Featuring Rabbi Dr. Eddie Reichman, "Ethical and Halachic Issues Relating to Genetic Testing." Sponsored in memory of Dr. Louis and Edith Scheinberg by their children. Dr. Reichman is an expert at explaining complex medical and halachic issues and will speak about genetic testing, and the ethical and halachic issues relating to this subject. FREE and open to the community. Dessert and coffee will be served after the program.

DAY/DATE: Sunday, Nov 2 | TIME: 8 pm | LOCATION: Congregation Agudath Sholom | INFO: Michael Feldstein at 203-973-6279 or michaelfeldstein@gmail.com

## CHABAD

### TORAH AND TEA

For Men and Women.

DAY/DATE: Tuesdays | TIME: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | LOCATION: Chabad Loft Cafe | FEE: \$5.00 per class | INFO: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

### JWC ROSH CHODESH LEARNING

For Women. Bring in the new month with an interesting and inspiring class. In memory of Gavi and Rivky Holtzberg on their sixth yahrtzeit.

DAY/DATE: Monday, Nov 24 | TIME: 8 pm | LOCATION: Private home | INFO: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

### JLI – THE PSYCHOLOGY OF JOY FOR MEN AND WOMEN

DAY/DATE /TIME: Tuesday, Nov 4 at 8 pm and Wednesday, Nov 5 at 9:30 am | INFO: Rabbi Levi Mendelow at rabbilevi@mysage.org

## HADASSAH

### BOOK CLUB - DECEMBER

"Human right day selection – The Sandcastle Girls" by Chris Bohjalian

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, Dec 10 | TIME: 7:15 pm | LOCATION: TBD | INFO OR RSVP: Rhonda Greif at Rhonda.greif@gmail.com or 203-829-9341.

### BOOK CLUB - JANUARY

"My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for His Family's Past" by Ariel Sabar

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### CHILDREN OF THE INQUISITION (A FILM IN PROGRESS)

See article on page 11.

DAY/DATE: Thursday, Nov 6 | TIME: 7 pm (6:30 pm nosh) | FEE: Free | LOCATION: Bush-Holley House, Cos Cob

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Co-sponsored by JHS and the Jewish Arts and Film Festival of Fairfield County. Open to the Community.

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### "FROM VIENNA TO HOLLYWOOD"

DAY/DATE: Sunday, Dec 14 | TIME: 1:30 pm (1:00 pm nosh) | FEE: Free | LOCATION: Temple Beth El

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Co-sponsored by Authors on Stage

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Visual account of the life and works of the social realist Russian born American painter (1899-1987).

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#### FRIEDMAN'S FABLES BY EDWIN H. FRIEDMAN

Can human behavior be changed? These tales demonstrate how this can be achieved.

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### BOOK TALKS - JANUARY

#### ALEX'S WAKE BY MARTIN GOLDSMITH

The author's journey to recreate the story of his grandfather and his uncle, passengers on the ill-fated SS St. Louis and ultimate victims of the holocaust.

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# VOICES AND VIEWS

## YOUNG VOICES

### Third Place Goldman Memorial Essay Contest Winner

Jason Nekritz was the third-place winner of the 11th annual Rabbi Alex Goldman Memorial Essay Contest for high school students this past June. The contest assignment was to write an essay, based on the student's Jewish experience, that completes the sentence "I never thought I would..." and discuss how the experience has affected the student's Jewishness. Nekritz is a 12th-grader at Westhill High School. Below is his essay. (First- and second-place essays were printed in previous issues of The New Jewish Voice.)

#### My Jewish Experience

BY JASON NEKRITZ

I never thought I would become best friends with a special needs child. When I joined the Friendship Circle about four years ago, I never thought I would be greatly changed or influenced as a person due to my experience with this group. Sure I thought that it would have a profound impact on my character and make me a better person, because that's what these organizations do. However, when I met Yonah for the first time, I knew that something was going to be different about this experience. I knew that coming to his house every Sunday meant that a bond would form between us, an inseparable bond that would extend beyond any normal friendship.

Four years ago, I was an eighth grader about to become bar mitzvah. I had decided that it would be in

my best interest to work at Friendship Circle for my mitzvah project because I loved working with children of all ages. When I walked into the Chabad, I never felt more me. In other words, I never felt more connected with my Jewish roots. When I visited the Friendship Circle and helped out at events they hosted, I always enjoyed myself. The end of the bar/bat mitzvah training couldn't come soon enough. At the end of training, all the bar or bat mitzvah students would be assigned or matched with a special friend. I couldn't wait! I planned lots of activities for our time together. I was so excited and couldn't wait to meet him. This is what all the training by the Chabad and Friendship Circle had led up to. When I was told that I would be assigned to Yonah, I was ecstatic. In the assignment process, there is usually an older mentor friend and younger one entering. However, they explained to me that I wouldn't have an older friend. Yonah, they explained to me, was a bit overwhelmed by having too



Jason Nekritz

many people with him. He was a bit socially awkward and needed someone new, someone who was relatively low stress and easy going. I couldn't have been more honored to be picked as the person they thought best suited in these qualifications. I arranged my first visit that Sunday, and Yonah and I became the best of friends. We have such similar interests. He especially loves sports like baseball, basketball and football. We always go outside for long walks in the woods with his dog and just hang out. We talk about everything from video games to sports. We root for the same football team and shared a special bond in our love of Legos and building. I always want to stay longer.

Yonah and the Chabad experience, being able to work with such amazing children, have meant a great deal to me. I have been touched by each and every one of the kids I have worked with over the years. This organization has provided me with so many great experiences and it was an honor and

a surprise when I was given the chance to serve on the board of Stamford Friendship Circle and really give back to the community that has given me so much. Not only have I been able to make friendships that will last my whole life, but the Friendship Circle and Chabad have deeply touched me by providing me with such a great opportunity to leave my legacy as a Jewish teen. I have been taught by some great rabbis, teachers and even children. They have all inspired me to continue on in community service, work with this program and others just like it, especially from a Jewish stand point. The Jewish part of my life has truly been displayed through this program. It is such a huge part of my life and I was glad to have the chance to be able to combine the opportunity of befriending Yonah, giving back to my community and accomplishing these great things – all through an amazing Jewish program focused on teens and a special circle of giving. The Friendship Circle has provided me with all of these things and so much more. I will always carry its teachings and legacy with me wherever I go.

#### Archeology.....

Additionally, a golden medallion featuring inscriptions of a menorah, shofar and Torah scroll is on display for the very first time. The medallion was found in the Ophel excavation south of the Temple Mount and was believed to have been hung on a Torah scroll as a breast plate.

The discovery of the Jewish medallion, dating back to the time of upheaval in Jerusalem during the Persian-Byzantine wars, was a surprise for archaeologist Dr. Eilat Mazar, who unearthed the artifact. There are normally not many Jewish items found from that period.

Mazar estimated that the medallion originates from the Persian conquest of Jerusalem in 614 C.E. That year, many Jews helped the Persians conquer Jerusalem from the Byzantines, only to have the Persians turn against the Jews and ally with the Byzantine Christians later on, leading to the Jews' expulsion once again. "These finds tell us about the Jewish presence in Jerusalem in the late Byzantine period, which we didn't know much about," Israeli archaeologist Dr. Gabriel Barkay, who spoke at the City of David conference, told JNS.org.

"The artifacts help us understand that there was a strong messianic desire of the Jewish people at that time; many of them likely came from abroad in hopes of construction of the Third Temple," he said.

Horovitz said the artifacts highlight the bond Jews have with Jerusalem, as well as Jewish continuity in the holy city. "It shows us that the Jews have a very special bond and connection with Jerusalem that continues to today," he said. "So when modern day Israelis come and see these artifacts, they can feel that they are part of Jerusalem from a long time ago."

Another golden artifact on display was an earring made of gold inlaid pearls and emeralds that dates back to the Roman period. A copy of this earring was given to first lady Michelle Obama by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu when she visited Israel in 2013. Finally, one of the "most unique and rare"

items on display was a golden bell discovered by Eli Shukron, an Israeli archaeologist and former director of City of David excavations for the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Throughout the years, Shukron has made a number of "very significant" finds from the period of the Second Temple of Jerusalem in and around the City of David, including the Pool of Siloam (mentioned numerous times in the Old and New Testaments), tunnels leading from the Western Wall, an ancient pilgrim road to Jerusalem, and the legendary citadel captured by King David when he conquered the city from the Jebusites.

One of the items Shukron discovered during his excavations of one of the Western Wall tunnels was a golden bell believed to have been part of the official vestments of the high priests of the Jewish Temple. Described in Exodus 28:31-35, the priestly robe, also known as the "ephod," was a sleeveless purple-blue or violet garment worn by the high priests that was fringed with small golden bells alternating with pomegranate-shaped tassels of blue, purple and scarlet wool. The golden bells were a necessary part of the ephod and needed to ring when the high priest entered the Holy of Holies.

"At first, I just thought it was a ball and didn't realize it was the golden bell from the high priests until I shook it and heard the ringing," Shukron told JNS.org. "No other artifact from the high priests like this has ever been discovered before."

The City of David conference came amid a perilous time for Middle East archaeology, as sites from North Africa to Iraq have come under assault by Islamic fundamentalists and looters taking advantage of the breakdown of central governments. "I think it is an atrocity," Horovitz said. "Islamic fundamentalist groups are on an ongoing crusade to destroy antiquities because they consider it against their religion, or they fear that their religion will be undermined by excavations that will show things that they are not happy about."

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The situation for artifacts is particularly dangerous in Syria and Iraq, where the Islamic State *jihadi* group has taken over large swathes of territory. According to a report by *The Guardian* in June, Islamic State looted about \$36 million in antiquities from the al-Nabuk region in Syria. Reports indicate that much of the illegal smuggling, which is taxed by the Islamic State, is done by local Syrians and Turkish nationals, who then smuggle the artifacts across the border into Turkey and sell them to international antiquities traffickers on the black market.

Meanwhile, in the Iraqi city of Mosul, which was conquered by the Islamic State in June, the terror group has already destroyed religious sites such as the Tomb of Jonah (the biblical prophet who was swallowed by a whale), and has threatened the Mosul Museum, which contains numerous artifacts from the nearby ancient city of Nineveh.

"These areas are where human culture began; they are the cradle of civilization. [Islamic State] is destroying the heritage of mankind," Horovitz said.

The situation in the Middle East stands in stark contrast with Israel, which has one of the most robust and highly regulated antiquities departments in the world and works to preserve the country's diverse past. Nevertheless, the City of David Foundation, which works with the Israel Antiquities Authority in excavating areas in Jerusalem, has come under intense scrutiny from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (or UNESCO), which has called on the City of David to halt historical excavations.

"We should think about proper care of the cultures of the past," Barkay said. "Instead of condemning these acts of looting that go on all the time in these Arab countries, UNESCO is obsessed with excavations and acts of preservation in Jerusalem because of political reasons."

He added, "UNESCO should deal with salvaging the heritage of mankind instead of political matters."

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vessels. Doctors needed to first check for useable blood vessels and only then could they transplant his sister's kidney into his body. When it became clear that the boy's functioning blood vessels could not sustain the new kidney, doctors implanted a synthetic connector that saved his life.

On the Syrian front, RHCC has received nearly 100 wounded refugees over the past few months. IDF soldiers provide emergency treatment for injured refugees at the Israel-Syria border in the Golan Heights and then bring them to the hospital.

Most of the Syrian patients have sustained injuries from shock, bombs and other blasts. When they are treated and recover, most return to Syria, but sometimes they don't want to go back, said Beyar.

Like the patients from Syria, most of the Gazan patients are thankful for the treatment they receive from RHCC. Although Beyar doesn't know what happens to the patients once they return to Gaza, he said, "Someone who is treated and whose life is saved knows how to appreciate that." Beyar added that he believes Israeli medical treatment of Gazans "has a long-term impact" on how Palestinian civilians view Israel.

RHCC's staff and management were tested heavily during the 2006 Lebanon War, when hundreds of rockets rained down on the hospital. Following that war, a planned parking lot was built as a dual-purpose facility capable of converting into a fortified 2,000-bed underground hospital for times of conflict.

Initially funded with a donation from Israeli philanthropist Sammy Ofer, and afterward funded by

the Israeli government, the underground hospital opened in June and is currently the world's largest structure of its kind. The parking garage "has the full capacity to convert to a hospital," Beyar said.

"That means it has all the facilities that a hospital needs, in terms of air conditioning, lights, oxygen, all the medical gadgets... All the infrastructure is already in the walls. That means all the oxygen pipes and connections to the emergency machines... So you can roll down the patients, the respirators, the monitors... [and] just install them immediately," he said.

To protect against chemical warfare, the parking garage can be sealed from the outside by special doors, and filters then clean the air in the area.

Several IDF soldiers have been killed by errant mortar fire from the Syrian civil war, and with its fortified underground hospital, RHCC is prepared in case the war spills further into Israel. "We are ready for any such event," Beyar said.

After a drill conducted by RHCC, Beyar estimates that a full evacuation of the hospital to the underground area could take up to 72 hours. But with some preparation, "it only takes one hour" to move about four departments of 30 patients each underground, he said.

Concern over the looming threat of the Syrian conflict has not stopped RHCC from pursuing medical innovations beyond the fortified underground

structure. The hospital often collaborates with Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, which is also located in Haifa, and with private companies. Beyar himself is known for inventing a robotic catheterization system that enables physicians to conduct remote surgery.

"You can sit next to the robot and operate the catheterization system, which will actually open up blockages in the [heart's] arteries and implant stents," Beyar said.

The other advantage of the system is that this keeps doctors away from radiation. "[A doctor] doesn't need to stand by the X-ray machine and sits in the console," explained Beyar. The catheterization system has been approved by America's Food and Drug Administration and "is penetrating U.S. market," he added.

Another recent development tested and utilized at RHCC is a focused ultrasound for the brain. Using technology developed by a company called InSightec, doctors "can actually treat your brain with a focused ultrasound beam and treat Parkinson's [disease]," according to Beyar, who said that to date more than 10 patients have undergone this ultrasound at Rambam "with amazing results. The patients come out of this procedure, which takes two-three hours, and they stop trembling," he said. "There are no more tremors in their hands... [The treatment] holds and [the shaking] doesn't come back."



The parking lot at the Rambam Health Care Campus that is a dual-purpose facility capable of converting into a fortified 2,000-bed underground hospital for times of conflict. (Photo courtesy of Rambam Health Care Campus)



At right: The fortified underground hospital at the Rambam Health Care Campus. (Photo courtesy of Rambam Health Care Campus)

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