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The Dangerous Neighborhood of the Middle East

UConn-Stamford Judaic Studies Fall Conference

BY REBECCA ISENSTEIN

The Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies at UConn-Stamford will host its annual Louis J. Kuriansky Conference on Tuesday, October 28, at 7 pm, in the GenRe auditorium at UConn-Stamford. The topic for the conference is "The Dangerous Neighborhood of the Middle East" and the featured speakers are Dr. Bruce Hoffman of Georgetown University, considered one of today's leading experts on Al-Qaida and international terrorism, and Dr. Michael Rubin, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, who is considered a leading expert on Iran. Dr. Jeremy Pressman, director of Middle East Studies and professor of political science at



International terrorism expert, Dr. Bruce Hoffman



Expert on Iran and Iraq, Dr. Michael Rubin

UConn, will offer a response and serve as moderator during a question-and-answer session. *See "Dangerous" on page 15*

Israeli Expertise Aiding San Diego Desalination Project

BY NATALIE JACOBS
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In the early 1990s, San Diego was experiencing drought conditions similar to those it faces today. At that time, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a water distribution center in Los Angeles, was essentially San Diego County's only source of water. In

1991, MWD cut San Diego's supply by 31 percent. With that, the San Diego business community started looking for other sources of water for the three million people and hundreds of acres of farmland in the region.

That's where Israel enters the picture. Starting in November 2015, a *See "San Diego" on page 14*

JCC's Jewish Arts and Film Festival Returns

BY LUISA VILADAS

The annual Jewish Arts and Film Festival of Fairfield County, presented by the Stamford Jewish Community Center, will return for nine days, from Saturday, October 25, through Sunday, November 2. This year's Festival will be highlighted by screenings of Jewish films from Israel, France, Poland, Germany and the U.S.

The festival, in its 13th season, will also feature an exhibit called "The Spirit of the IDF" by Israeli photographer Oren Cohen, and a literary presentation by Stamford's Rabbi Daniel Cohen, who will discuss his new book, "Mining for

Gold." A day-long seminar on "The American Jewish Story through Cinema" will be led by Eric Goldman, Jewish film educator, historian, critic and author.

"Recognized as an essential part of the Jewish cultural scene in Fairfield County, the Jewish Arts and Film Festival is a highly anticipated, annual celebration of Jewish and Israeli life, culture, community and history," said Nancy Schiffman, JCC associate executive director.

Following the festival, additional films and cultural events will be offered throughout the year.

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JFS Wellness Symposium

Empowering Positive Life Style Choices

BY LYNN SALTZ

Jewish Family Service, in partnership with Whole Foods Market of Westport and the Stamford Jewish Community Center, will present a Wellness Symposium – commemorating Breast Cancer Awareness Month – to address issues in general health and well-being. Four professionals in their fields will offer presentations, followed by a question-and-answer session. The seminar is presented in memory of Netta Stern, former JFS psychotherapist and director of clinical services. The event is free of

charge and open to the community. It will be held at the Whole Foods Market, 399 Post Rd. West, Westport, on Monday, October 27, from 6:30-8:30 pm.

The program will include a nutrition and diet presentation by Raema Salmon, teacher and nutritional counselor. Salmon will speak about attaining radiant health and vitality by understanding what the body, mind and spirit require and specifically incorporating foods and other natural remedies to achieve the goal. Physical fitness will be discussed by Lori

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Team Maccabi

Team Stamford departed for the JCC Maccabi Games in Cherry Hill, NJ, on August 10.

Top row, l-r: Mo Concepcion, Noah Green, Nathan Isenstein, Jonas Intner, Charlie Thau (partially hidden, wearing white hat), Ephraim Zucker, Nathan Salm, Jared Yaghoubian, Benjy Robinov, Aaron Isenstein, Alexa Baer, Melanie Roloff, Lewis Baer, Sarah Jane Bennett, Stefan Driehuizen, Marissa Young, Carly Bennett, Ryan Weinstein, Lee Joffe, Justin Wexler, Alex Kaplan, Sammy Spingola, Rachel Rothman and Eli Stockman.

Bottom row, l-r: Gabriel Yaghoubian, Jordan Soifer, Ryan Meiteles, Brett Lubliner, Gil Daniels, Sam Diamond and Claudia Tanner.

The JCC Maccabi Games are an Olympic-style sporting competition held each summer in North America, and is the second largest organized sports program for Jewish teenagers in the world. (Photo by Daniel Young)

What Stop the Sirens Taught Me

BY JAMES A. COHEN

When writing these columns in advance, it is oftentimes difficult to know whether your words will be overtaken by events after you have committed them to paper. But I am going to take that risk this month because there is an important message which I would very much like to share with the community.

The Stop the Sirens Campaign we launched in July to provide immediate and much-needed aid to our brothers and sisters in Israel during this latest armed conflict with Hamas was not the first such activity we have undertaken. Unfortunately, if the past serves as prologue, it might not be the last. But it was an incredibly meaningful endeavor for me and for the UJF staff. It reinforced in our minds the power of the Federation system. We take great pride in the



James Cohen,
UJF CEO

fact that UJF Stamford, New Canaan and Darien did its part (and actually more than anticipated) in helping The Jewish Federations of North America raise more than \$50 million to help rebuild shattered lives, both literally and figuratively. This assistance is still getting to the folks who need it most – thanks to the incredible network JFNA has built.

During the crisis months of July and August, I was often reminded of a very a propos quote from John Ruskay, the highly respected former executive director of UJA/Federation New York. When asked how his organization managed to be so impactful in the immediate aftermath to the 9/11 attacks, Ruskay said, quite simply, “We were able to act on September 12, because we were strong on September 10.”

The Stop the Sirens Campaign demonstrated to our community how important it is for UJF to be strong – and ready at a moment’s notice to act. We were able to help get things done in Israel – things community members told us they believed in – because we were already in position and ready to execute the community’s wishes. This example can easily be translated to local needs as well. UJF works daily to improve local lives 365 days a year, including times of crisis. And the stronger we get, the better able we will be to meet the complex challenges that face us.

As we move into autumn and the home stretch of the 2014 campaign, I hope most sincerely that all of us will take stock of what is truly important for our community and continue to invest in making UJF even stronger. God willing, there won’t be more September 12s. But as community-minded realists, we must adopt the Boy Scout motto and “be prepared.”



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JCC to Host POSH Art Fund-raiser

BY LUISA VILADAS

On Sunday, October 19, from 4-6 pm, POSH (Providers of Senior Happiness) will host a cocktail reception and art show to raise funds for senior adult programs at the Jewish Community Center.

The event, a wine and cheese reception, called POSH Art, will showcase an eclectic mix of fine art, including painting, sculpture, photography, collage and even fresh flower art by Gary Z of Stamford. Some of the artists invited to exhibit include collage artist Ellen Jackson, master goldsmith Russ Hollander, photographer Jason Piskin, painters Harriet Lacker, Benice Horowitz, Robert Selkowitz, Carol Brewer, Lina Morielli and others. Work by the late sculptor Reuben Nakian will also be exhibited.

Most of the works of art will be available for sale, with a portion of the proceeds going to POSH. The show is being curated with the assistance of Peter Pia of Peter’s Art of Framing in Stamford.

Each year POSH assists the Jewish Community Center in raising \$25,000 to \$50,000 of the \$100,000 needed annually to pay for a wide range of quality services and programs for senior adults. In addition to supporting day-to-day services, funds raised by POSH are used to help fill the gap in each year’s budget for the JCC’s senior nutrition program, the only hot kosher lunch program in the area.

Following the reception and exhibit, there will be a special presentation and dessert buffet.

The JCC is located at 1035 Newfield Ave., at the intersection of Vine Road in Stamford.

Reservations for POSH Art can be made online at www.stamfordjcc.org, or by contacting Connie Freeman, JCC director of senior adult services, at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Art Garfunkel to Perform at JSS Fall Gala

The Women's Auxiliary of Jewish Senior Services will host the 2014 Fall Gala on Thursday, October 23, at the Inn at Longshore in Westport. Highlighting the evening will be a concert by legendary performer, and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member, Art Garfunkel.



Legendary performer Art Garfunkel

The Gala will pay tribute to Lydia Gerard for her volunteer work at the Jewish Home through the Women's Auxiliary and present her with the Louis Lotstein

Award for Distinguished Service. Simon Etzel will be honored for his impact on the community-at-large and will be presented with the Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award.

Judy Brown, Jill Isaacs, and Sheila Merriam, co-chairs of the Gala, are leading the committee in planning the event and commemorative ad journal. The evening will also include an auction, fine dining and opportunities to support Jewish Senior Services.

Anyone interested in making a reservation for the Gala, receiving an invitation or placing an ad should contact Dayna Hayden, director, development,

at 203-365-6409 or dhayden@jseniors.org. Reservations are required in order to attend the event and begin at \$250 per person.

Deadlines for articles

The deadlines for the next two issues of *The New Jewish Voice* are:
 Monday, October 27 December/January
 Monday, December 23..... February
 Send *New Jewish Voice* article submissions to Sandy Golove at sandy@ujf.org marked "Stamford Voice" in the subject line. Expect an acknowledgment; please re-send if you do not receive one.

Back to School Shop

UJF Initiative Provides Clothes/Supplies for Disadvantaged Children

BY JANE LEVENE

Ah, the fall season: It means cooler weather, changing leaves and back to school for the kids. Many people spent the last days of August racing from store to store in search of sales and braving the crowds in order to get their kids ready for the new school year. Most people didn't think twice about purchasing the things their children needed: new coats, new shoes, pants, shirts, hats, gloves, underwear, socks, pencils, pens, notebooks, markers, calculators and more. But imagine someone who doesn't have the money to purchase any of these things. Imagine their child having to share a winter coat with another of their children, or even worse, having to send them to school without one this winter. Imagine that they had to wear sneakers that were two sizes too small or too big because they came from another family member. Imagine a child not having the basic necessities they need

to be ready to learn.

For more than half the families in our community, this is the harsh reality. A staggering 53 percent of local students are considered economically disadvantaged. Now imagine that it was possible to change that. Meryl Japha and Jane Levene did just that, and together with the United Jewish Federation, are bringing a new program to the Stamford community called the Back to School Shop. As co-chairs of this new program, Japha and Levene recently led a contingent of local volunteers from their Steering Committee to observe first-hand a similar program in New Jersey, developed by the Essex County National Council of Jewish Women. The New Jersey program is in its sixth year and serves more than 700 children.

Like the New Jersey program, the Stamford program will provide financially disadvantaged elementary

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Members of the Back to School Shop Steering Committee (l-r) Jane Levene, Meryl Japha, Nan Gordon, Charlesanna Ecker and Lorraine Kweskin observing the National Council of Jewish Women's Essex County, New Jersey Back 2 School Store this past August.

Have iPads Replaced Conversation at Your Dinner Table?

On Tuesday, October 28, at 7:30 pm, the JCC Sara Walker Nursery School will kick off a new lecture series called "#raisingtodaykids" with a lecture by family expert Catherine Steiner-Adair, Ed.D.

Steiner-Adair will discuss the many ways families have been transformed by technology, how to set reasonable limits for technology use, and how to build sustainable families who turn technology into an ally for closeness, creativity and community.

Steiner-Adair is an internationally recognized consulting psychologist and school consultant. She is the author of the book "The Big Disconnect: Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age," published in 2013.

The "#raisingtodaykids" series was created by the JCC Sara Walker Nursery School to assist parents and educators in handling issues encountered while raising children in today's world. The October 28 lecture will be held at the JCC, 1035 Newfield Ave., Stamford.

Tickets will cost \$12 each, or \$10 for JCC members. Register at stamfordjcc.org or call the JCC welcome desk at 203-322-7900. For more information, contact Sandi Waldstreicher at 203-322-6541.

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Young Israel Offers Free High Holiday Seating

Continuing its longstanding tradition, the board of Young Israel of Stamford has announced that it will offer free seating for the High Holidays to any individual who wishes to pray at the synagogue.



Rabbi Mike Moskowitz

and Yom Kippur without a ticket, and you will be warmly welcomed.”

In order to fill a void in the pulpit, Young Israel has secured the services of Rabbi Mike Moskowitz for the High Holidays. Rabbi Moskowitz was the Hillel rabbi on campus at Virginia Commonwealth University; in 2013, he started the Torah Learning Connection of Richmond, VA, a Jewish outreach organization that promotes Jewish continuity through education and includes a community study program. He received his rabbinical ordination from Rabbi Zalman Nechemia Goldberg of Jerusalem. Rabbi Moskowitz and his wife, Keren, just got married this year,

and reside in Washington Heights.

Morning services on the two days of Rosh Hashanah (Thursday and Friday, September 25 and 26) begin at 8 am. *Kol Nidre* services will begin at 6:30 pm on Yom Kippur evening (Friday, October

4) and Yom Kippur morning services (Saturday, October 4) will begin at 8:30 am. The synagogue is located at 69 Oaklawn Ave. For further information, contact Greg Teitel at gregoryteitel@yahoo.com.

Wellness

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Price, Stamford JCC managing director of sports, fitness and aquatics. An emotional well-being segment with Fran Dorf, therapist and author, will be presented as well. Dorf's area of expertise is helping others deal with stress through writing.

A representative from Sharsheret will provide information and resources available regarding genetic breast and ovarian cancer to women and their families diagnosed or at high risk of developing one or both of these cancers. Sharsheret is a national not-for-profit organization supporting young women and their families, of all Jewish backgrounds, facing breast cancer, including the genetic risks.

“Optimal health and well-being are achieved by making positive lifestyle choices in the core areas of functioning: physical and emotional health, nutrition

awareness and disease prevention,” said Eve Moskowitz, JFS director of clinical services. “By providing cutting-edge information and a prototype for healthy living, JFS endeavors to empower those in the community with the best information available to live the healthiest lifestyle possible. While this symposium will address general health and breast cancer awareness, the information presented will be helpful to all individuals trying to live a healthy, stress-free life.”

For more information, contact Eve Moskowitz at Jewish Family Service at 203-921-4161 or email at emoskowitz@ctjfs.org.

Jewish Family Service is a recipient agency of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

Lynn Saltz is the JFS marketing and communications coordinator.

► Save the Date – Saul Cohen JFS Lecture

The entire community is invited to attend the third Annual Saul Cohen JFS Lecture on Thursday, November 13, at 7:30 pm, at the Ferguson Main Library, in Stamford. Rabbi Steven Greenberg, a senior teaching fellow at CLAL, director of its Diversity Project, award-winning author, and speaker on issues of faith, sexuality and tradition, will be the guest speaker. He will discuss “inclusion in the Jewish Community.”

Rabbi Greenberg's presentation, titled “The Pain and Pleasure of Difference – How an Exclusive People Commits to Inclusion,” will explore how contemporary boundary questions can lead toward a more energized and eclectic Jewish community.

A catered dessert buffet and book signing will follow the lecture. The Jewish Twenties and Thirties group is invited to a pre-lecture “meet and greet” with Rabbi Greenberg.

The annual lecture series, open to the entire community at no cost, is made possible through the generosity of Mimi and Saul Cohen.

For additional information, contact Iris Morrison at 203-921-4161.

► Unpacking Noah's Ark: YLD Welcomes New Families

Are you new to Stamford or do you know of someone who has recently moved? On Sunday, September 21, from 3-5 pm, at a private home, the Young Leadership Division of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien invites families with young children that are new to the area to a fall welcome event. Parents will have a chance to meet others new to the community, and an organized children's activity will be held.

The theme of the event will be “Unpacking Noah's Ark.” Children will have the opportunity to pet and learn about a variety of animals from Animal Embassy. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information about “Unpacking Noah's Ark” or to RSVP, contact Sharon Franklin at sharon@ujf.org or 203-321-1373, ext 109.

► Carmel Academy Offers Preschool Holidays Series

Carmel Academy announces its “Preschool Holiday Happening Program” for preschoolers and their parents. The series, which is free of charge, will run from October through March and will give children a hands-on opportunity to learn alongside Carmel's kindergartners.

Children will participate in interactive activities as they learn about various holidays including Rosh Chodesh, Thanksgiving, Chanukah and Purim. The first program, “Torah Time,” will take place at Carmel Academy on Thursday, October 23, at 1:30 pm.

Carmel Academy's campus is located at 270 Lake Ave., Greenwich. To RSVP or for more information, contact Daneet Brill at daneet.brill@carmelacademy.com or 203-983-3503. More dates and details about the series can be found at www.carmelacademy.com.

► Bi-Cultural Hosts Open House for Prospective Students

On Sunday, October 26, from 10 am-noon, Bi-Cultural Day School will host an all-school open house. The program will include presentations, tours and an interactive question-and-answer segment. The early childhood staff will partner with PJ Library to provide young children with a multi-centered activity program, including snack and a craft, music and movement, story time and song.

With a 6:1 student to teacher ratio, Bi-Cultural Day School has a longstanding reputation of successfully combining Jewish and secular studies. Throughout the school's 58-year history, curriculum review and enhancement have been considered central to creating and maintaining a vibrant learning environment. As a co-educational pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade Jewish day school, Bi-Cultural features a child-centered program with small group tutorials and one-on-one instruction employed to address individual needs. The diverse staff holds master's-level certification and the resource staff are certified in several specialized reading programs. The learning day is enriched with art, music, movement, drama, field trips, frequent guest speakers, schoolwide events and social action projects that seek to engage students in varied learning styles.

For more information, contact Bi-Cultural Director of Admissions Joanne Karow at 203-329-2186 or jkarow@bcds.org.

► Carmel Academy November Open House

Carmel Academy will host its Open House on Sunday, November 2, from 10 am-noon, at the school's 270 Lake Ave. campus in Greenwich.

The Open House will give prospective families an opportunity to meet the school's leadership and faculty, as well as a chance to tour the campus. Carmel Academy's newly renovated Early Learning Center will host interactive and hands-on activities for children. The center, which currently houses Carmel's kindergarten and first-grade classes, will also be home to the Transitional Kindergarten Program opening in September 2015.

Set on a historic 17-acre campus, Carmel Academy is a Jewish day school serving children from transitional kindergarten through eighth grade. The Carmel Academy community is diverse, attracting families of all Jewish affiliations from Fairfield and Westchester counties, Riverdale and Manhattan.

Accredited with distinction by the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools, Carmel offers the benefit of low student-teacher ratios, small skills-based instructional group learning, and experienced masters-level teachers. Students participate in a wide array of extracurricular activities and interscholastic team sports, as well as award-winning STEM enrichment programs.

For more information and to RSVP for the Open House, contact Director of Admissions Daneet Brill at daneet.brill@carmelacademy.com or 203-983-3503.

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Ice Cream and the Lower East Side

Novel Insights into Jewish Immigration

BY ELISSA KAPLAN

Susan Jane Gilman, a New York Press Association Award winner, contributor to *The New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times*, and author of three nonfiction books and many feature articles, will discuss her book, "The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street: A Novel," on Tuesday, October 14, as part of The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County's October Featured Program. It will be held at the Darien Library, 1441 Post Rd., Darien starting at 7 pm, followed by refreshments (ice



New York Press Association award winner Susan Jane Gilman

cream), and is free and open to the public. The program is co-sponsored by the Stamford Chapter of Hadassah.

According to Gilman, the main character in her book, Malka Treynovsky, is "a cross between Scarlett O'Hara and Leona Helmsley, with the former's survival instincts and the latter's shopping habits." Treynovsky's story is on one level the story of the Jewish immigrant experience, from the transformation of Malka Treynovsky from Vishnev to Lillian Dunkle, the Ice Cream Queen of

America features a depiction of New York's Lower East Side during immigrant days. In addition, it is the story of 20th century America, including a look at life in a tenement on Orchard Street, Italian Communists, Joe McCarthy, McDonald's franchises, suburbanization and the history of the ice cream industry in America. It has also been called "a portrait of the extraordinary life of a woman determined to find love, fame and power on her own terms."

Even though Gilman has an M.F.A. in creative writing from the University of Michigan, she credits her writing to Frank McCourt, her English teacher and mentor at Stuyvesant High School.

She currently lives in both New York City and Geneva, Switzerland.

According to Publisher's Weekly, "The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street" is "an outstanding fiction debut... Gilman's numerous strengths are showcased, such as character-driven narrative, a ready sense of wit, and a rich historical canvas."

For more information about the program, contact Marcie Schoenfeld at 203-359-9148 or elissa@de-kaplan.com, or check JHSFC's website: <http://jhsfc.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.

Give the Gift of Life at Temple Sinai

BY MELISSA COHAVI

In keeping with Temple Sinai's values as a congregation, *kehillah* (community) and *tikkun olam* (repair the world), the congregation held a bone marrow donor recruitment drive at its Annual Opening Day Smokin' BBQ. The drive will continue at Temple Sinai on Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur is a day of reflection, renewal and commitment. Since 2010, the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation ("Gift of Life") has worked with synagogues across the country to bring to congregants the opportunity to begin the New Year with a simple act that saves lives.

It is written in the Talmud, "He who saves one life, it is as if he had saved the entire world."

The Gift of Life and the Religious

Action Center of the Union for Reform Judaism have partnered with Temple Sinai for this project. Leukemia, lymphoma and other blood diseases are random killers. They can strike anyone at any time. For many, there is hope of a cure through a bone marrow or blood stem cell transplant, but only if a matching donor can be found.

The Gift of Life is one of North America's public donor bone marrow and blood stem cell registries, and has been called a world leader in helping children and adults find the matches they need when they need them. Gift of Life is an accredited associate registry of the World Marrow Donor Association.

Tissue type is inherited, so it is likely that a matching donor and recipient will share a similar ethnic background. In the early 1990s, there were so few Jews

in the registry that Jewish patients had less than a 5 percent chance of finding a match. Today, because of Gift of Life's targeted recruitment strategy in Jewish communities across the U.S., that figure is greater than 70 percent.

One in 200 Americans will need a bone marrow or blood stem cell transplant in their lifetime. While 30 percent of patients can find a suitable donor from within their family, 70 percent must turn to the bone marrow registry to find a match. Becoming a potential donor has been called quick and easy, and if matched, the donor will be asked to donate bone marrow. The program is chaired by Temple Sinai members Betsy Stone and Janet Barr. Stone said, "It's a simple thing that any of us can do and we might be giving the opportunity to save a life."



Co-chair of the Gift of Life program, Betsy Stone, was swabbed by Co-chair Janet Barr.

For more information on how to be a part of Temple Sinai's bone marrow drive, call the temple office at 203-322-1649.

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BY SANDY GOLOVE

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MAZEL TOV TO GROWING FAMILIES:

Rebecca and Asaf Ben-Atar on the birth of a son.

Amy and Bruce Lerman on the birth of a son, Jordan Evan Lerman; grandparents are **Hedy and Maury Siegel**.

Erica and Ben Pomerantz on the birth of a daughter, Addie Bay Pomerantz; grandparents are **Honni and Sylvan Pomerantz** and **Ronnie and George Freed**.

Judy and Seymour Pomper on the birth of a great-grandson, **Geva Avraham**.

Rachel and Jeremy Shaked on the birth of a daughter, Naomi Shaked; grandparents are **Rina and Chanoch Nof**.

Amanda and Scott Strother on the birth of a son, Asher Warren Strother; grandparents are **Cindy and Steve Warren** and great-grandmother is **Susan Warren**.

Becky Tomsky and Seth Freeman on the birth of a daughter, Madison Joe Freeman; grandparents are **Debra and John Tomsky**.

Stephanie and Daniel Zelazny on the birth of a son, Benjamin Joseph.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Aliza and Cantor Rafael Bokow on their recent marriage.

Pam Ehrenkranz and Matt Greenberg on the wedding of **Gabriella Zur** to **Riviv Jackier**.

Sandy and Fred Golove on the engagement of their son, **Michael Golove**, to **Elizabeth Giancola**, daughter of **Nancy and Nick Giancola**.

Lee and Evelyn Blum Harvey on the marriage of their son, **Ryan Harvey**, to **Krista Kreicas**, daughter of **Lenny and Kathy Kreicas**.

Rebecca and Andy Lehrfeld on the engagement of their son, **Jonathan Lehrfeld**, to **Nayla Scaramello**, daughter of **Gaby Scaramello**.

Sherri and Allen Rosenthal on the marriage of their son, **Jason Rosenthal**, to **Sharon Sussman**.

Ken and Janet Schur on the marriage of their son, **Jason Schur**, to **Carolyn Gross**.

Diane and Steven Shaby on the marriage of their son, **Benjamin Shaby**, to **Kirsten Eilertson**.

Hedy and Maury Siegel on the marriage of their son, **David Siegel**, to **Rebecca Guber**.

Shelley Taylor and David Swerdloff on the marriage of their daughter, **Carolyn Swerdloff**, to **John Remlin**.

MAZEL TOV TO B'NAI MITZVAH:

Olivia Berni, daughter of **Leslie and Mark Berni**.

Tilly Chamberlain, daughter of **Shani and Michael Weinberger**, and **Timothy Chamberlain**; grandparents are **Linda Chamberlain, Vivienne and Mordechai Soloff**, and **Simie and Herbert Weinberger**.

Maddie Davidson, daughter of **Carey Davidson and Stephen Davidson**.

Matthew Goodman, son of **Steven Goodman**.

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Zachary Groz, son of **Robbin and Marc Groz**.

Ethan Moskowitz, son of **Michelle and Alan Moskowitz**.

Emma-Rose Strom, daughter of **Roberta and Barry Strom**.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Bertha Bodenheimer on the loss of her brother.

Stephanie Finder on the loss of her husband; and **Ellen Reid, Jami Runyon and Emily Weiss** on the loss of their father, Charles "Chick" Finder.

Paul Franks on the loss of his mother, Elizabeth Franks.

Bill Gilbert, Robert Gilbert and

Patricia Yaffa on the loss of their father, Theodore Gilbert.

Steven Mayer on the loss of his mother, Marion Mayer.

Barbara Miller on the loss of her brother, Arthur Saltzman.

Stanley Novack on the loss of his wife; and **Stephen Cohen** on the loss of his mother, Muriel Novack.

Susan Pernick on the loss of her husband, Bruce Pernick.

Flora Smithline on the loss of her husband; and **Shepard, Howard, Fredrica and Leslie** on the loss of their father, Herbert Smithline.

Vivien White on the loss of her husband, Arthur White.

NEW AROUND TOWN

Occupational Therapist Sharon McCloskey Joins Bi-Cultural

Sharon McCloskey, M.B.A., OTR/L, Dip COT, is partnering with Bi-Cultural Day School to provide specialized school-based occupational therapy services to students. She is an experienced pediatric occupational therapist with many years of practice in school settings, working with children and parent-teacher teams from early childhood, middle and high school. McCloskey is also a clinical associate professor at Sacred Heart University, teaching professional and post-professional courses.

McCloskey will work with students in the areas of physical, cognitive, social, emotional and adaptive development through a variety of different ways, including informal evaluations and classroom screenings, skilled interventions, and collaboration with families and teachers. McCloskey will provide her expertise as a member of the weekly child-study team meetings, which include the entire resource and support staff.

"I am looking forward to working with the community and hope to bring warmth, enthusiasm and my expertise to Bi-Cultural. I will strive to guide and support the teaching staff, students and their families as we help students succeed educationally," McCloskey said.

Principal and Head of School Jacqueline Herman said, "McCloskey is the perfect addition to balance our already robust resource staff. We are so excited to have such an experienced professional on our team."



Sharon McCloskey

Gail Peck Rauner Named UJF Marketing Specialist

UJF has named Gail Peck Rauner as the new incoming marketing specialist. Peck Rauner brings 10 years of corporate cable television marketing experience at HBO and MTV Networks, and most recently headed up GPR Communications, a marketing consultancy super-serving the needs of Jewish not-for-profits. Her clients have included the U.S. Israel Business Council, Jewish Student Connection and Westchester Hebrew High School. She also brings years of commitment as a Jewish lay leader; for the past two years, she has chaired the UJA Federation of New York's Westchester division's Gift of Chanukah Event, and she currently sits on the Tov B'yachad Committee.

Peck Rauner will be responsible for establishing and executing UJF's marketing and communications strategies, and overseeing social media and website development, as well as the creation of marketing materials. She plans to deepen and expand UJF's relationships within the Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien communities. Peck Rauner lives in White Plains, NY, with her two daughters, Tali and Eliana, and her husband, Stewart.



Gail Peck Rauner

Avidan Pell Named UJF Development Associate

The United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien announces the appointment of Avidan Pell as development associate. His focus will be on managing and revitalizing the UJF database to allow for a greater flow of resources. He will also be responsible for grant proposals and event coordination.

Pell was raised in Stamford and attended a Jewish day school. He studied finance at The Johns Hopkins University and has a background in programming. Pell said his knowledge of Stamford and the local community, as well as his experiences gained by visiting other cultures, will be vital for his role at UJF and within the community.

"There is a lot more we can do with our funds. We can create new opportunities and ways in which the Greater Stamford community can grow. I hope to be able to contribute as best I can to the continued development of the community I am a part of as well," said Pell.



Avidan Pell

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

	Sept. 24	6:29 pm
	Sept. 25	after 7:28 pm
	Sept. 26	6:26 pm
	Oct. 3	6:14 pm
	Oct. 8	6:06 pm
	Oct. 9	after 7:05 pm
	Oct. 10	6:03 pm
	Oct. 15	5:55 pm
	Oct. 16	after 6:54 pm
	Oct. 17	5:52 pm
	Oct. 24	5:42 pm
	Oct. 31	5:33 pm
	Nov. 7	4:25 pm
	Nov. 14	4:18 pm

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JFS Leads “The Race To College”

BY CLAIRE FRIEDLANDER

Jewish Family Service, in conjunction with the Harry Bennett Branch of the Ferguson Library of Stamford, will offer “The Race to College,” a three-part series designed for students currently in eighth, ninth, 10th and 11th grades and their parents. The three sessions will be held on Mondays, October 6, November 10 and December 1, from 6-7 pm at the Ferguson’s Harry Bennett Branch, 115 Vine Rd., Stamford. The series is open to the entire community at no charge.

Claire Friedlander, JFS college consul-

tant, will lead the sessions. Friedlander is a National Board certified counselor and a member of the American Counseling Association and the Higher Education Consultants Association (HECA). Friedlander is also the organizer and moderator for the annual JFS program, College Ahead!, featuring guest panelists in college admissions.

The Race to College three-session workshop includes:

◆ October 8: On Your Mark! The first session helps to set the direction for the pre-college focus: in which kinds of activities should students become

involved; how to use their out-of-school time and setting a plan to cover courses they want to take.

◆ November 10: Get Set! Standard testing: PSAT, SAT, ACT – which ones to take; what to learn from them; whether to study alone, obtain a tutor or take a high school or summer program. Students will consider their options and expand their interests.

◆ December 1: Go! Begin to explore interests and college opportunities. Preview a college application form – how to answer some of the questions. Plan a college visit series of trips. How

to make choices. What to look for on a college campus.

At each session, Friedlander will answer questions from the attendees. For individual consultation for college planning, contact Friedlander at 203-921-4161 or clairef@ctjfs.org. Visit College Counseling at www.ctjfs.org or “like” it on www.facebook.com/CTJFS.

Claire Friedlander is a college consultant at Jewish Family Service.

Jewish Family Service is a recipient agency of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

Musical Preschool Series Returns to Bi-Cultural



Mason Dulitz (foreground) listened to Rachel Bahar (not pictured) tell a story. Laura Tobin (in back) sat with her children, Julia (left) and Hannah.

BY DORA SALM

The musical team of Rachel Bahar and Jonathan Cahr will once again entertain young audiences with their Music and Movement series. The program stresses learning and literacy through music and individual expression, and is geared specifically for preschool-age children. On selected Wednesday afternoons from October through June, young children and their parents or caregivers can come to Bi-Cultural for a celebration of song and dance.

Bahar, Bi-Cultural’s director of early childhood, and Cahr, musical director at Bi-Cultural, seek to engage with their young audiences in different ways to promote a love of music and literacy through traditional folk songs and modern music, movement, nursery rhymes, dramatizations and puppetry.

“Music is without doubt the most powerful teaching tool to actively engage our young learners. With this program, we hope to instill a love of

At right: Bi-Cultural’s Director of Early Childhood Rachel Bahar sang with preschooler Keren Roitman.



Judaism and a love for the land of Israel,” explained Bahar.

The series meets twice monthly on Wednesdays from 1:30-2:10 pm. The program is open to all members of the community and is free of charge. For more information on Music and Movement and to make a reservation, contact

Joanne Karow, director of admissions, at 203-329-2186 or jkarow@bcds.org. The full calendar of events for this series is available at www.bcds.org.

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Chavurat Am Echad Turns 25

BY MERYL G. GORDON

About 20 adults of varying ages, backgrounds, and denominations are seated on chairs in a semi-circle on a Saturday morning, animatedly discussing the week's Torah portion. One member of the group, mindful of the hour, interjects, "Let's continue the conversation over lunch." Harmonized voices fill the room with the tunes of the *Musaf* (additional prayer service). Then the chairs are rearranged around tables, wine is poured, challah is shared and the group enjoys a conversation-filled pot-luck sit-down lunch, followed by the singing of *zemirot* (Shabbat songs) and more dialogue, discussion and debate.

Welcome to Chavurat Am Echad, a small lay-led, participatory *tefillah* (prayer) and study group, which will mark its 25th anniversary this year.

Originally formed by several families looking to create a meaningful Shabbat morning experience for their young children, the group still meets monthly in members' homes and has evolved to include Shabbat afternoon/*Havdalah* study sessions, occasional holiday services, a late-night pre-Shavuot study session and an annual Friday night service and dinner, in addition to its signature song-filled, traditional egalitarian Shabbat morning service and lunch several times a year.

According to Rhonna Rogol, one of the founding members of the group, "When we moved to Manhattan a year ago, Brian and I knew we'd have many options for Shabbat and holiday services, and for Jewish learning, almost literally at our doorstep. But we continue to come back to Stamford for our beloved *chavurah* – and even host an occasional get together down here in the city! Despite all the offerings in New York, it's been hard to find anything to match the unique combination of intimacy and *ruach* (spirit) found at the *chavurah*. It's really quite extraordinary."

Wendy Miles, who joined the group more recently, commented, "About eight years ago, someone suggested to me that I might enjoy participating in the activities of the *chavurah*. I have found through the years that even if I don't go to all of the sessions, I am always met with great warmth from the other participants. I very much enjoy the environment as well as the learned and intelligent discussions. The level of Jewish scholarship ranges from a rabbi to those with limited Hebrew ability, all there to learn and support one another. Participating in the *chavurah* over the years has brought me friendship and increased my Jewish education in the most congenial manner."

David Gordon, another founding member, added,

Helping Carmel Students Understand Crisis in Israel

BY JULIE LAPIN

As Carmel Academy prepared to begin a new academic year with the crisis still swirling in Israel, the school's leadership and faculty took part in several forums about how to discuss the sensitive topic with its students.

Members of the school's educational leadership took part in The Jewish Education Project's seminar, "The Five Essential Conversations: Set the Table For Israel Learning 2014-2015," to collaborate with peers around the country about how to talk with students concerning the current situation in Israel and Gaza.

"As educators, we grapple with how to teach and talk to our students about sensitive issues such as war, violence and politics," said Erica Sokoloff, Carmel Academy's director of Jewish life. "This seminar was an opportunity to talk with educators from around the country, who are also facing the same challenges, to help focus on addressing these issues in a way that is developmentally appropriate."

The information gleaned from the conference was shared and discussed with the entire leadership team, faculty and staff prior to the first day of school during a staff development workshop. Some of the topics included using Jewish text to discuss the current situation in Israel and how to ask open-ended questions to shape the conversation that is appropriate for children of different ages.

"As a school community, we are dealing with situations that have never been dealt with before, especially with the advent of social media and tech-

nology," said Carmel Academy school psychologist Jeff Kilstein. "Even the youngest children are aware of what is taking place – something that adults may not be aware of."

"As a community, we have teachers, parents and students who were in Israel during the summer months. Many students have family members or friends living in Israel. They hear about bomb shelters and missiles. It is something they will come back to school and talk about. We need to be prepared to help our students navigate their understanding and emotions," Kilstein said.

"Our strong bond with Israel is integral to our school's mission. At Carmel, we don't shy away from tackling these difficult topics," said Head of School Nora Anderson. "This is where our professionalism comes to the forefront. While many of us have personal emotions and opinions about what is happening in Israel, that doesn't come into play when helping a child navigate through his or her own feelings and understanding of the situation."

"This is more than a current events discussion; this is truly a spiritual and soul searching time for all of us," Sokoloff said. "This is something that is touching our hearts and souls, bringing out our vulnerabilities as individuals, as well as a society. As a school we have the responsibility to give our students a safe place in which they can explore and deal with complex topics and emotions."

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

"It's amazing that we've been doing this for 25 years. But when you think about it, the *chavurah* fills a niche in our religious community that resonates with enough people to make it all worthwhile. It's a beautiful experience."

For further information and the 2014-15 Chavurat Am Echad schedule, or to be added to the email list, contact Rhonna Rogol at 203-964-6593 or rhonna.w.rogol@gmail.com.

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For ticket prices and full information, visit www.jewishartsandfilm.org. For additional information, contact Schiffman at 203-487-0941 or nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org.

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Jewish Arts and Film Festival of Fairfield County – Festival Calendar At-A-Glance

Saturday, October 25 – Opening Night

8 pm – Film, "Kidon" – preceded by opening night reception, open to all – State Cinema, Stamford

Sunday, October 26

3 pm – Film, "Igor and the Cranes' Journey" – followed by Q&A with Dr. Michelle Frankel, director of the Greenwich Audubon Center – Garden Cinema, Norwalk

7 pm – Film, "24 Days" – Q&A with ADLCT Regional Director Gary Jones – Garden Cinema, Norwalk

Monday, October 27

7 pm – "Mining for Gold," book presentation by Rabbi Daniel Cohen – Rabbi Cohen will explore the four questions asked in heaven as a roadmap to lead a more meaningful and impactful life – Free of charge – Stamford JCC

Tuesday, October 28

7 pm – Film, "Run Boy Run" – followed by Q&A – State Cinema, Stamford

Wednesday, October 29

Double Feature – 7 pm – Film, "Joachim Prinz: I Shall Not Be Silent" – Q&A with film directors and Prinz's children – Film, "Sounds of Torture" – followed by Q&A – State Cinema, Stamford

Thursday, October 30

10 am – Film, "Igor and the Cranes' Journey" – Senior matinee, ages 62 and up, no charge – State Cinema, Stamford

7 pm – Film, "Aftermath" – Q&A with Glenn Dynner, professor of Jewish Studies at Sarah Lawrence College – State Cinema, Stamford

Saturday, November 1

8 pm – Film, "The Sturgeon Queens" – Q&A with director/producer Julie Cohen and Niki Russ Federman of Russ and Daughters, along with a nostalgic sampling of appetizers – Stamford JCC

Sunday, November 2

A day-long seminar on "The American Jewish Story through Cinema," with Eric Goldman, Jewish film educator, historian, critic and author

10 am – Seminar

Noon – Lunch break (food not provided)

1 pm – Screening of the film "Focus," with comments by Eric Goldman – A partnership program with Westport Cinema Initiative, UJA Federation WJWN and Eastern Fairfield County – Town Hall, Westport

7 pm – Closing night film, "Under the Same Sun" – Q&A with a representative from Search for Common Ground, a producer of the film – at the Garden Cinema, Norwalk

Saturday, October 25 through end of November

Photo exhibit, "The Spirit of the IDF" by Israeli photographer, Oren Cohen – Presented in partnership with the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces – at the Stamford JCC



Anne Russ Federman, above, is one of two surviving daughters of the original Russ and Daughters. Federman and her sister, Hattie, are featured in "The Sturgeon Queens," a documentary about the famed lox and herring emporium on Manhattan's Lower East Side. The film is part of this year's Jewish Arts and Film Festival of Fairfield County, which runs from October 25 through November 2.



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Friday, October 3 from 11:30 am-12:30 pm at Shemtov Home, 10 Brandt Road
For further information, contact Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MITZVAH FUNDRAISER

The celebration will feature a carnival, rides, crafts, music and a boxed BBQ lunch. Friendship Circle offers several different programs dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with special needs, along with their families, through teen volunteer friendships. Open to all. Only Street parking is available.

Sunday, Oct 12 from 12:30-3:30 pm at the Friendship Circle Center, 770 High Ridge Rd.
For more information, visit friendshipdayct.com or call 203-329-0015.

PIZZA IN THE HUT™ AND FAMILY SUKKOT SERVICE

One of the commandments for the holiday of Sukkot is that we eat in the Sukkah, so why not order some pizzas and make a bad pun out of it?!? The service is light, the pizza is plentiful and the lulav and etrog are just waiting for you to come and give them a shake.

Wednesday, Oct 8 at 6 pm at Temple Sinai. For more information, contact 203-322-1649.

RUACH SERVICES

The word "ruach" means "spirit," and this musical ensemble of singers and instrumentalists is just that; the spirit of our worship offerings. Coordinated by Kathy and Paul Storer and Barbara Orwick, these all-musical services are energetic and informal, offering beautiful musical harmonies, familiar melodies and new arrangements

Fridays, Oct 24 and Nov 21 at the Temple Sinai. For more information, contact Cantor Morgovsky at 203-322-1649.

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Join thousands of Jews around the world as we "Keep It Together." Unplug from your electronics and plug in to family, friends, community and Shabbat. Choose to celebrate in your own home, be hosted, be a host or join a communal gathering at the Stamford Plaza. Culminating with a special Musical Havdallah.

From Sundown Friday, Oct 24 till Stars out Saturday, Oct 25

Info: www.TheShabbosProject.org or contact Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or Morahleah@ChabadStamford.org

TEENS GRADES 9+

SPEAK UP FOR ISRAEL

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. For more information or to nominate a teen, contact the JCC Israeli Shaliach at (203) 487-0961.

Meets once a month Sundays, 5-7 pm beginning Sunday, Sept 21 at the JCC. A partnership between the JCC and UJF.

KURIANSKY TEEN TZEDAKAH CORPS

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.

Meets once a month on Sundays, beginning Sunday, Sept 21 at 6:30 pm at the JCC. To nominate a teen or for more information, contact 203-321-1373.

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 and sports.

- **Special Events.** Throughout the year for Friendship Circle volunteers and children and families they support.

- **Friendship Circle Friendship Day / Sukkot Celebration**

Sunday, October 12

For more information, contact Malya Shmotkin at 203-329-0015 #414, Malya@friendshipct.com or www.friendshipct.com

BBYO

For Grades 8 - 12. Leviticus AZA (Boys) & Tikvah BBG (Girls). Teens engaged in opportunities for leadership, athletic, social and community service.

Meets every 2nd Monday from 7-9 pm at the JCC

For information, contact BBYO Regional Office (203) 389-2127 CVR@bbyo.org www.cvrbbyo.net

JEWISH STUDENT CONNECTION

For Grades 9 - 12

Meets Tuesdays at Stamford High & Thursdays at Westhill High at 2:15 pm. For more information, rebecca@myjsc.org.

JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL OF CONNECTICUT OPEN HOUSE – For Grades 9-12

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.

Sunday, Nov 9 from 1-4 pm at their new location, 1937 West Main Street, Stamford

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• Movin' and Groovin'

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.

Tuesdays, Sept 9 – Dec 16 (no class 11/4 & 11/11) from 10:30 – 11:15 am at the Stamford JCC

FEE: \$299 / JCC Members \$247 (13 sessions)

• Wonderful Ones

Children get a social, classroom experience including free play, art projects, stories, songs; parents benefit from parenting tips and discussions.

Thursdays, Sept 11 – Dec 18 (no class 9/25, 10/9, 10/16 & 11/27) from 9:15 – 10:15 am at JCC Sara Walker Nursery School

Ages: 1-2 years old with parent or caregiver and led by Sandi Waldstreicher

FEE: \$198 / JCC Members \$165 (11 sessions): \$198 / JCC Members \$165 (11 sessions)

• Babies and Babble

A monthly playgroup for babies ages birth – 2 years with parents or caregivers.

Fridays, Sept 12, Oct 24, Nov 14, Dec. 12 from 3:30 – 4:30 pm at the Stamford JCC

FEE: Yearly fee: \$25 / JCC Members \$18

For more information, contact Galit Roloff at 203-487-0974 or groloff@stamfordjcc.org or Dana Drazxin-Polikoff at Babiesandbabble@yahoo.com

• Music Together

Music education program that nurtures children's natural enthusiasm for music and movement.

Birth–5 years with parent or caregiver. To register, please contact Music Together of Fairfield County at 203-256-1656.

• Mother & Son Dance

Spend an evening at the JCC with friends and family. DJ, photos, snacks will be served.

Ages 2-10 years old. Saturday, Nov 15 from 6-8 pm at the Stamford JCC. Fee. \$22.50 per person / \$18 for JCC Members

For further information, contact Harrison Peck at 203-487-0970 or hpeck@stamfordjcc.org.

CHABAD

• Tiny Treasures Holiday Program

For children birth-30 months. Sing, dance, taste and play. Caregivers welcome.

Wednesdays, Oct 1 from 9:15-10:15 am at Chabad. FREE

For more information, contact Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

• POGS

Parsha and other great stuff: a science and cooking club for Grades K-2.

Wednesdays, Oct 22 & Oct 29 from 4-5 pm

For further information, contact Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

• Chai Five Mitzvah Club

Grades 3rd – 6th. Unique, fun way for kids to be involved with community needs and projects. Kids get to be a part of social action adventures and make a world of a difference for others. Dinner included

Wednesdays, Oct 29 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at Chabad

For more information, contact Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

• Tiny Treasures Semester 1 Begins

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Friday, October 31 from 9:45-10:45 am

For more information, contact Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

• Bat Mitzvah Club & BMC Beyond

Is your Bat Mitzvah coming up? Are you all caught up with the theme, the closing and the 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 is the club for you!!

Sunday, Nov 2 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at Chabad

• Community Shabbat Dinner

Join us for a Shabbat Dinner featuring Gan Yeladim 3's and 4's classes.

Friday, Nov 7. Candle lighting at 4:26 pm and dinner at 6 pm

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Wednesdays, Oct 22 from 1:30 – 2:10 pm at BCDS. Free

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

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

Carmel Announces New Transitional Kindergarten

BY JULIE LAPIN

Beginning September 2015, Carmel Academy will welcome new young faces to its state-of-the-art Early Childhood Center with the opening of a transitional kindergarten program. “Transitional kindergarten is designed for children who have completed a 4-year-old preschool program, but who are ‘young’ 5s and might benefit from another year before moving on to a kindergarten program,” said Carmel Academy’s Head of School Nora Anderson.

Carmel Academy is currently enrolling students for its newest early childhood program. The transitional kindergarten will be housed in the recently renovated Early Childhood Center that is opening this academic year with the school’s current kindergarten and first-grade classes.

“We are thrilled to offer transitional kindergarten to our community,” said Anderson. “Our parents love our kindergarten and first-grade programs, and have been asking for a transitional kindergarten to

round out our early childhood offerings. With the opening of our new Early Childhood Center on our Lower School campus, we had the perfect opportunity to further meet the needs of our school and greater community.”

The new program is thematic in nature, with a strong focus on social-emotional development and self-regulation skills, according to Anderson. The project-based curriculum will follow the standards of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and a combination of Bank Street and Reggio Emilia approaches to early childhood education.

The new program incorporates Carmel’s dual general and Judaic studies curriculum, *chesed* (acts of kindness) and *tzedakah* (charity), as well as enrichment programs such as art, music, physical education and technology.

“The Transitional Kindergarten classroom will be an integral part of the school’s Early Childhood Center,” Anderson said. “This dedicated early childhood space is truly reflective of the needs of our youngest learners, offering a diversified learning environment where all of its elements cater to the early childhood student.

“We are excited to be able to offer the Carmel Academy experience to students starting at a younger age and provide them the best start to their formal education,” Anderson said.

For more information about Carmel Academy’s Transitional Kindergarten Program, contact Daneet Brill, director of admissions, at 203-983-3503 or daneet.brill@carmelacademy.com.

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

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school children with clothing and school supplies to help create positive self-esteem and enthusiasm so they can focus on learning.

The Back to School Shop is an annual one-day event, set up like a department store, where volunteer personal shoppers help the children “shop” for brand new clothing and school supplies while parents and caregivers visit a Family Resource Center, where programs, health screenings and information on community services is available. For many of these students, this may be the first time they have something new to call their own, or even to have a choice in what they wear.

The Back to School Shop will make its debut in Stamford for the first time on August 9, 2015, and is expected to help approximately 100 children in grades K-five, who will be pre-qualified through the school social workers. The number of children helped is expected to increase each year. In addition, more than 100 volunteers will be given the opportunity for a day of service to their community.

For more information on the Back to School Shop, to make a donation or to volunteer, contact UJF at 203-321-1373.



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What's On for Adults

October/November 2014

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

JCC MUSEUM TOURS

- **EXPLORE THE BRUCE MUSEUM.** Private tour of the inaugural US showing of "Northern Baroque Splendor: The Hohenbuchau Collection from Liechtenstein." Tuesday, Oct 28 departing the JCC at 9:30 am. Fee: \$25/person / JCC members \$18 (includes admission fees and transportation). For more info or to register: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org
- **EXPLORE THE YALE CENTER FOR BRITISH ART AND YALE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY.** Guided tour of the Yale Center for British Art which houses the largest and most comprehensive collection of British art outside the United Kingdom. Enjoy lunch at a local eatery, then explore the British Cewnter or the Yale University Art Gallery. Reservations required by Tuesday, Sept 23. Tuesday, Oct 7 departing the JCC at 9:00 am. Fee: \$35/person / JCC members \$18 (includes admission fees and transportation). For more info or to register: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org

JCC POSH ART

Sunday, Oct 19 from 4-6 pm at Stamford JCC. See article on page 2 for more information.

HADASSAH GATHERINGS

Membership Teas. Celebrate the New Year. Thursday, Oct 25 at 4:00 pm. Fee: \$35/person / JCC members \$30 (includes admission and transportation). For more info or to RSVP: Irma Paull at lrpaul@optonline.net OR Rhonda Greif at Rhonda.greif@gmail.com

COMMEMORATING KRISTALLNACHT

Alice Herz-Sommer was the world's oldest Holocaust survivor (110) when she died on February 23, 2014. The Jewish Arts & Film Festival of Fairfield County will present the Oscar-winning documentary, "The Lady in Number 6," followed by a presentation by Caroline Stoessinger author of the book, "A Century of Wisdom: Lessons from the Life of Alice Herz-Sommer." Sunday, Nov 9 from 1-3 pm at Stamford JCC. FREE. For more info: Nancy Schiffman at 203-487-0941 or nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org

• COME PLAY MAH JONGG

Mondays from 6:30-9:00 pm at Temple Sinai. Fee: No fee but bring your own mah jongg card. If you are new to mah jongg, contact the temple office for more information at 203-322-1649.

• COOKING CLUB

Taught by Chef and Food Writer Ronnie Fein. Maximum: 12 people per sessions. Join us in the Temple Sinai kitchen for four evenings of cooking. Each session will focus on different types of cooking – please see below for details. Thursday, Oct 23 (Vegetarian Entrees: Mujadarah, Shakshuka, Spinach Pie and Pasta with Bread Crumbs) from 6:30 pm at Temple Sinai. Fee: \$36.00 per session, registration for one session at a time or all of them. Payment due upon registration.

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. Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at the Stamford JCC For more info: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 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.

HADASSAH

Tea@2. Volunteers bake desserts, 'schlep' and set up OR serve the tea to patients, family members and staff. Every other Tuesdays, 2-3:00 pm at Family Lounge, Oncology floor, Stamford Hospital For more info: Connie Cirillo Freeman at conniecf@aol.com

JFS

Drivers needed to deliver food from the Kosher Food Pantry to individuals in the community. For more info: Rebekah Kanefsky at 203-921-4161 or rkanefsky@ctjfs.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. Every Sunday from 8:00 – 9:00 am at Chabad

JCC

JCC LEARN TO PROGRAMS

- **MAH JONGG**
Learn from Mah Jongg masters. All levels welcome. Bring a 2014 National Mah Jongg League card. \$35 / JCC members \$25 for 5 sessions. For more information or register: Connie Cirillo Freeman at (203) 487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org
- **CROCHET**
Learn how to crochet a scarf or hat. Taught by Madeline Field. Limited capacity. FEE: \$30 / JCC members \$24 plus cost of materials (purchased separately) – 3 sessions. For more information or register: Connie Cirillo Freeman at (203) 487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org
- **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. No prior experience needed. Suitable for all fitness levels. Fridays, Sept 12-Dec 19 (no class 9/26, 10/10, 10/17, 11/28) from 9:00 – 10:30 am at the Stamford JCC
Fee: \$198 JCC members / \$231 others (11 sessions)

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.

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 12-1pm at the Stamford JCC. For more info/reservation: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org

• KOSHER LUNCH

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
Time: 12-1 pm. Fee: Suggested donation \$3 for lunch & \$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

Enjoy a cup of coffee and a movie on the large screen TV in the JCC's Senior Adult Lounge. Free to all seniors Fridays. No movie Sept 26, Oct 10, Oct 17.

• LIFE ENHANCEMENT CLASSES

Classes designed to entertain, educate and enrich. Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:00-11:45am.

• MONTHLY BIRTHDAY LUNCHEONS

Tuesdays, Oct 28, Nov 25. \$3 suggested donation. Reservations required.

• 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 Sept 25, Oct 9, Oct 16, 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-12:00 pm at the Stamford JCC

JCC RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

Speaker and kosher lunch. Bridge game after lunch. All welcome. Mondays, 10 am – 1:00 pm at the Stamford JCC 10:00-11:00 am (members only); invited speaker at 11:00am (open).. Fee: Suggested donation \$3 for lunch For more info/reservation: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org

FOR WOMEN

• JWC LUNCHEON IN THE SUKKAH

Delicious lunch, thought provoking class and great company. Tuesday, Oct 14 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in the Shemtov Sukkah. For more info: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

• JWC GIRLS NIGHT OUT AT 613

A night to hang out with friends for an exceptional girls' night out. Monday, Nov 3 at 7:45 pm at 613, 108 Prospect Street. For more info: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION / ADDRESSES:

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ADULT EDUCATION

October & November 2014

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. Fee: \$18 /\$25 at the door.
DAY/DATE: Saturday, Nov 22 | TIME: 6:45 pm | 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. He 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.
INFORMATION: Michael Feldstein at 203-973-6279 or michaelfeldstein@gmail.com

TEMPLE SINAI

• Bible Study with Rabbi Eugene Borowitz

Join a special group of people who meet to share in Shabbat and study Torah.

DAY/DATE: Saturdays | TIME: 9 am | FEE: Free of Charge

• Beginners' Adult Hebrew with Fran Schechter

DAY/DATE: Wednesdays | TIME: 6:30-7:30 pm | FEE: \$180

• Beginners' Torah Study with Melissa Cohavi.

DAY/DATE: Fridays | TIME: 12-1 pm | FEE: Free

CHABAD

High for the High Holidays

Be inspired to energize and commit to get involved for the coming year and keep the high of the holidays all year long. Tashlich Ceremony followed by wine & hors d'oeuvres.

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, Oct 1 | TIME: wine and hors d'oeuvres at 6:15 pm and class at 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Graber's Deck | FEE: Free of Charge | INFORMATION: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

Lunch and Learn

Explore the mystical dimension behind the aleph-bet and Gematria. For men & women.

DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, Oct 22, Oct 29 | TIME: at 11:30 am-12:45 pm |

LOCATION: Chabad Conference Room | INFORMATION: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

JWC Rosh Chodesh Learning

Women and the Moon Part I. 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: Sherry Steiner's home

| INFORMATION: Contact Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org

JLI – The Psychology of Joy for Men and Women

DAY/DATE: Tuesday & Wednesday, Nov 14 & 15 | INFORMATION: Rabbi Levi Mendelow at rabbilevi@mysage.org

UCONN JUDAIC STUDIES

To register for the 2014 Lunch & Learn Lecture Series, the annual conference, or for more information about these or other programs of the Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies, please contact the Center at stamfordjudaicstudies@uconn.edu or (203) 251-9525.

The Louis J. Kuriansky Annual Conference See article on page 1.

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, October 28 | TIME: 7:00-9:30 pm | LOCATION: GenRe Auditorium at UConn-Stamford | INFORMATION: Rebecca Isenstein at 203-251-9525 or Rebecca.isenstein@uconn.edu

FALL 2014 LUNCH & LEARN LECTURE SERIES

Sept. 18 – *Early Christian Commentaries and Art on the "Binding of Isaac"* with the Rev. Dr. Blaine Edele

Oct 23 – *Hiding in Plain Sight: Italian Jews and the Film Industry from Mussolini to the Present* with Dr. Phillip Balma

Nov 6 – *What Can Jewish Law Mean to Jewish Citizens of a Non-Jewish State?* with Dr. Paul Franks

Nov 13 – *Rewriting the "Binding of Isaac: The Literary Journey of the Tale of the Aqedah (Gen 22)* with Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy

TIME: Noon to 1:30 pm | LOCATION: MPR at UConn-Stamford

FEE: : \$50 for the 4-session series, including lunch. Discounts for local students, educators and non-profit professionals | INFORMATION: Rebecca Isenstein at 203-251-9525 or Rebecca.isenstein@uconn.edu

Fall College courses open to senior audits

The Center will also offer a large selection of credit courses this fall, beginning Aug 25 that are available for seniors (age 62 and older) to audit.

HADASSAH

Book Club

"The Golem and the Jinni" by Helene Wecker. When RSVPing, indicate your food preference (burger, hot dog, both or veggie burger)

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, Sept 10 | TIME: Kick off BBQ at 6:30 & discussion at 7:15 pm | LOCATION: Maya Spark's home, 46 Boxwood Dr. | FEE: \$36 donation (check payable to Hadassah to support Hadassah's projects here and in Israel, our book club and to honor Maya for a delicious BBQ) | INFORMATION OR RSVP: Rhonda Greif at Rhonda.greif@gmail.com

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Speak Up for Israel for Adults

Monthly sessions to learn the history and complexities surrounding Israel, past and present. All levels of knowledge are welcome. Hear from guest speakers from AIPAC, ADL and other organizations and engage in deep meaningful discussions. Led by Or Berger, JCC Israeli Shaliach. JCC program in partnership with UJF. 8 sessions in total.

DAY/DATE: Mondays, Oct 20, Nov 17 | TIME: 7:00 – 8:30 pm | FEE: Free – All welcome LOCATION: JCC | Contact: Or Berger, 203-487-0961 or oberger@stamfordjcc.org

Israel Lunch & Learn Series

Join Or Berger, the JCC's Israeli shaliach, for a lunch and learn series focusing on interesting topics and current events related to Israel. Sessions will include time for questions and answers often short videos. Bring lunch. JCC will provide dairy dessert.

DAY/DATE: Thursdays, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4 | TIME: 12:00 – 1:00 pm | FEE: Free – All welcome | LOCATION: JCC | Register or Contact: Or Berger at 203-487-0961 or oberger@stamfordjcc.org

#raisingtodayskids

See article on page 3.

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 28 | TIME: 7:30 pm | FEE: Free of Charge | LOCATION: JCC | INFORMATION: Sandi Waldstreicher at 203-322-6541

Jewish Arts & Film Festival:

See article with highlights on page 1.

DAY/DATE: Saturday, Oct 25 – Sunday, Nov 2 | TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm | FEE: Free of Charge | LOCATION: Whole Foods Market, Westport | INFORMATION: Nancy Schiffman at 203-487-0941 or nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street

See article on page 5.

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, Oct 14 | TIME: 7 pm | FEE: Free | LOCATION: Darien Library
INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS: elissa@de-kaplan.com or Marcie (203) 359-9148

Children of the Inquisition (a film in progress)

DAY/DATE: Thursday, Nov 6 | TIME: 7 pm | FEE: Free | LOCATION: Bush-Holley House

Film: "The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life"

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

DAY/DATE: Sunday, Nov. 9 | TIME: 1:00 pm | FEE: Free | LOCATION: JCC
INFORMATION ON ABOVE PROGRAMS: elissa@de-kaplan.com or Marcie (203) 359-9148

BOOK TALKS

Rebbe: The Life and Teaching of Menachem M. Schneerson, the Most Influential Rabbi in Modern History."

A captivating portrait of the late Rabbi Schneerson who turned his movement into one of the most dynamic and widespread organizations ever seen in the Jewish world. Presenter: Marilyn Schwartz.

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 22 | TIME: 10 am | LOCATION: JCC | FEE: Free
INFORMATION: Marcie (203) 359-9148

Speaker: Raphael Soyer

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, Nov 19 | TIME: 10 am | LOCATION: JCC | FEE: Free
PRESENTER: Elissa Kaplan | INFORMATION: Marcie (203) 359-9148

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

JFS Wellness Symposium Commemorating Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Guest speaker addresses topics covering disease prevention and healthy lifestyle choices. See article on page 1.

DAY/DATE: Monday, Oct. 27 | TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm | FEE: Free of Charge

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

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VOICES AND VIEWS

YOUNG VOICES

Second Place Goldman Memorial Essay Contest Winner

Rabbi Alex Goldman Scholarship Fund announced the winners of the 11th Annual Rabbi Alex Goldman Memorial Essay Contest for high school students in 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. Below is second-place winner Brandon Temple's essay. Brandon graduated from Stamford High School this past June and is currently a freshman at Penn State University. Matt Jelen's first-place essay was printed in the September issue of this newspaper. Third-place winner Jason Nekritz's essay will be printed in the November issue.

BY BRANDON TEMPLE

The sky was grey and stormy, the air was cold and damp, and there was a feeling of immediate, overwhelming sadness all around us. People were everywhere, milling about, sniffing, crying and holding onto each other. As I looked to my right, all I could see was a pile of ashes two stories high with the footprint of an enormous house. I could almost smell the burning of the ashes, but I was not sure if that was real or my imagination. My heart sank as the reality of this place started to hit me. The events that occurred in this location were unthinkable and yet I found myself trying to put myself in their shoes. Even though I had prepared for one year, taking classes and

learning about the places I would visit, I never thought I would experience such emotion inside. I looked around at the others in my group and was shocked to see the intensity in their eyes and the strong emotions they were displaying: tears, reaching out to each other, desperately looking for our chaperones. I should have been crying, given how this defined my heritage, but I was numb initially. I knew the reality of what this place had been. I'd done my research for my class. I'd heard the stories from my grandfather, but they were all just words on paper or stories of the past. Being here in the middle of Majdanek concentration camp in Poland completely made it all too real to me. When I read history books, I can't really feel the events, they are just words. But when I was physically in the concentration camp, I could



Brandon Temple

make connections between the events and how they related to me.

Realizing what my ancestors had been put through made me proud to be a Jew. Proud that my people had been strong enough to come through this horrible ordeal and go on to live fairly normal lives. Our group was lucky enough to have three Holocaust survivors with us.

To see them as normal people who were old and had led very full lives (married, had children, got involved in their communities), gave me hope that I can get through anything that life throws at me. Their inner strength inspired me and their lack of bitterness about what they had been put through astonished me. When I think back on little disappointments in my life that had made me upset, I realize how self-absorbed I was. Seeing how these Holocaust survivors had learned to look

beyond their bad experience and love life has given me perspective I could never have achieved at this age.

I feel very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to participate in the March of the Living program through Kulanu. Everyone was really supportive and, without that support, this would have been a very difficult program to participate in. To say it changed my perspective on life and my reaction to minor disappointments does not begin to describe the effect it has had on me. I no longer sweat the small stuff and I try my best to keep disappointments in proper perspective. I will never forget what had occurred in the past and I carry with me the responsibility to make sure the world does not forget. As one of our survivors pleaded with us, we are the last generation to hear their stories directly and it is imperative that we continue to spread the word and that we as a community never let this happen to any other group. I will never forget her words.

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desalination plant in Carlsbad, CA, built and operated by the Israeli company IDE Technologies, will produce 50 million gallons of water per day. The plant will provide 7-10 percent of the San Diego region's needs.

Today, 90 percent of San Diego's water is still piped in from northern California, sourced by the Colorado River and sold through MWD. Local reservoirs provide 5-10 percent of the water San Diego uses, depending on the amount of rainfall in a given year. There are also a handful of reclamation plants that treat wastewater for use in irrigating agriculture, parks and golf courses.

"Ultimately," says Robert Yamada, water resources manager for the San Diego County Water Authority, "the primary reason [for developing the Carlsbad desalination plant] is that we see desalination as a highly reliable part of the overall water supply portfolio. We've been planning on adding desalination, noted in our planning documents, since the early 2000s."

The Carlsbad project has been in development in some form or another since 1998. Understanding that the water situation in San Diego County was unsustainable, the privately held seawater desalination company Poseidon Water, headquartered in Boston, conducted a feasibility study for the plant in 2000. It looked at options for both a plant that would meet only the needs of the city of Carlsbad, and one that would serve the entire region. Two years of discussions followed and, by 2002, agreements were made with Carlsbad and the county's Water Authority to move forward with permitting activities, designs and construction contracts for a large regional plant.

Since nothing like this had been done in the area, obtaining permits proved a challenge and the process took 10 years. Finally, in 2012, the Water Authority entered into a 30-year performance-based purchase agreement with Poseidon Water. It stated, essentially, that if Poseidon builds the plant in Carlsbad and delivers 50 million gallons of potable desalinated water per day, the Water Authority will buy it at a fixed price until 2046 (the fixed price will increase with inflation, at a rate of about 2.5 percent per year).

Before embarking on the project, Yamada says, the Water Authority conducted a survey of San Diego County residents to "ascertain the public's interest in paying more for a reliable water supply

like desalination." The result: 82 percent of respondents felt it was important to add desalination to the water supply and 58 percent supported a rate increase of \$5 or more to support it.

Desalination is the process of taking the salt and minerals out of ocean water. Traditionally, the technology to do this has been very expensive and energy intensive, and consequently desalination hasn't been widely viewed as a viable solution to the water problem in the U.S.

"It's because of the perceived value of water," says Mark Lambert, CEO of the Americas for Israel's IDE Technologies.

The Water Authority's Yamada says the desalinated water will cost about twice as much as imported water, but based on the projected price increases of imported water, that price gap is expected to close out by the mid 2020s (as the cost of the imported water is expected to rise more quickly than the cost of the desalinated water).

Both IDE's Lambert and Peter McLaggan, Poseidon vice president and lead for the Carlsbad project, underscore that the goal of the desalination plant is to lower the future cost of water and ultimately make San Diego County water independent.

"It's part of a diversified water supply portfolio where the desalination component is your one truly drought-proof component," McLaggan says.

While desalination is just getting started in the U.S., the process has proven a reliable source of water for Europe, Australia and the Middle East for years. Around the time that Poseidon started looking to southern California for its next desalination project, Israel began pumping water from the Mediterranean through its first desalination plant in Ashkelon, a seaside town just north of the Gaza Strip. IDE Technologies built and operates the plant. Commissioned in 2005, it was the world's largest and most advanced desalination plants at the time, producing 86 million gallons of water per day.

Today, IDE has completed two other projects in Israel – one in Hadera, producing 96 million gallons per day, and one in Sorek, which produces 120 million gallons per day. With those three plants in operation, Israel now gets more than 50 percent of its water from the Mediterranean, whereas 12 years ago no water was sourced from there.

"This is quite a change that has strengthened the country tremendously," says McLaggan, who visited the Israeli plants

during the design phase of the Carlsbad project. "They are no longer relying on their neighbors, they are self-sufficient at least for half of their water."

Both water executives, however, caution that desalination alone isn't a magic bullet for water independence.

Poseidon hired IDE to build the Carlsbad plant with similar specs to the ones IDE completed in Israel, because of the Carlsbad plant's high-production needs.

"In Carlsbad," McLaggan explains, "we're the fourth generation of that series [of IDE's desalination plants in Israel] so we feel very confident that with IDE's expertise we're building a plant using proven technology at a new location. And we get the benefits of the innovation and lessons learned over [IDE's] many years of doing this sort of thing."

In addition to the three plants in Israel, IDE has completed 400 desalination projects throughout the world since opening up shop in the mid-1960s.

Poseidon has built another desalination plant in Tampa Bay, FL, which produces 25 million gallons per day. The company is also in talks with Texas water authorities to get a plant going there. But for now, once the Carlsbad project is up and running, it will be the largest desalination plant in the Western Hemisphere.

"We're only going to satisfy seven percent of the regional demand," McLaggan says. "It's not [actually big]. In terms of the local needs, it sounds like a small number. But in terms of the scale at which this has been done elsewhere in the U.S., it is considerably larger."

As the developer, Poseidon bears the cost of the construction, financed through private equity investment and private activity bonds. That cost, \$922 million plus interest, will be recouped as the Water Authority buys water through the lifespan of the contract. Aside from the annual water purchases, the Water Authority is responsible for coming up with \$80 million to create a 10-mile pipeline from the plant to the existing piping system. Most of the pipes that have been pumping the water from northern California out to San Diego faucets were built in the 1960s and '70s. The youngest pipe was laid in 1985. The desalinated water from Carlsbad will be injected into those existing pathways through the new pipe.

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session following the lectures.

Hoffman has been studying terrorism and insurgency for nearly four decades and has served on numerous government committees and agencies, including, most recently, as a commissioner on the Independent Commission to Review the FBI's Post-9/11 Response to Terrorism and Radicalization. He also serves as the director of both the Center for Security Studies and of the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University. He is the author of the acclaimed book, "Inside Terrorism," which *The Washington Post* described as "brilliant" and the "best one-volume introduction to the phenomenon." At this year's Kuriansky conference, Hoffman will deliver the keynote address, "A Time of Terror: The

Middle East and the Future of Terrorism."

Following Hoffman's address, Rubin will discuss, "Dancing with the Devil: Why Diplomacy Will Never Resolve Middle Eastern Threats." Rubin holds an M.A. in biology and a Ph.D. in history, both from Yale University, where he was previously a lecturer in history. He taught at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Johns Hopkins University in Washington, DC, and at three different universities in northern Iraq. He is currently senior lecturer at the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Civil-Military Relations. Rubin has first-hand knowledge of the Middle East, since he has lived and conducted research in Yemen, the Islamic Republic of Iran and with the Taliban in Afghanistan pre-9/11. Additionally,

he has worked as a staff advisor for Iran and Iraq in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

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