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Think Community this Spring

I have a March birthday, which falls late enough in the month to be after the official first day of spring. This makes me an Aries, which turns out to be the perfect sign for me. I remember always wearing new spring clothes to school on my birthday. I was particularly fond of an outfit I sported when I was in the second grade that featured kelly green checked pants and a short-sleeve top with flowers. I would insist on wearing a spring jacket and pushing up the coat sleeves because it was springtime after all. It turns out that New Jersey is very much like New England; I froze my way to and from school every birthday and yet I persisted, certain that the spring warmth and sunshine would comfort me.

Looking out my window as I write this column, there is a fair amount of snow packing the ground, and yet, I swear I saw a robin red breast sitting in a tree just tempting us to think spring.

When we think spring we know that summer isn't far behind, and summer means camp. Jewish summer camp is one of the best investments made in our children. There are lots of great options with something to match every child's interest.

Locally, JCC Day Camp is gearing up for a very special season and will return to its beautiful campsite at 360

Amity Road. Building on the strength of our Israeli emissary program, JCC Day Camp will host two teens from our Partnership2Gether sister city, Afula, as summer shlichim for two weeks and that will add even more to the richness of Jewish heritage at camp.

As we begin to come out of our winter spaces and places, I encourage you to participate and connect with your community. This spring, push beyond imaginary borders and enjoy all the wonderful opportunities that make our community so special. With the JCC, Federation and Foundation programs continuing with the support of all of our dynamic, warm and welcoming synagogues and agencies, this is the moment to walk through what may be a new door to discover the richness of Jewish life that happens every day.

There is no question that these are challenging times. We will rise up to meet them.

You may be aware that our JCC was the victim of two telephonic threats as part of a series of such threats that hit over 50 JCCs across the country. We are working closely with our partners at SCN (Jewish Federation of North America's Secure Community Network) the FBI, the Woodbridge Police Department, the Connecticut State Police and ADL to ensure that we are prepared for and

will respond to these challenges to the best of our ability. It is heartening that we have been the recipient of dozens of postcards from people across the country sending us messages of peace, hope and love.

The best way to counter those who seek to disrupt us through threats of terror is to continue on, united as one community. I hope you will take an active part in saying "no" to terror by enjoying the rich fabric of Jewish life in the Greater New Haven area.

The Jewish Federation will continue to work to strengthen our community, bring us together, meet the challenges of today and plan for tomorrow. But this is only possible with your help. If you haven't already made a pledge in support of the Jewish Federation's annual campaign, please do. And consider stretching just a bit more than you did last year. The annual campaign is the backbone and safety net of the Jewish people here in Greater New Haven, in Israel and throughout the world. The dollars you invest in the campaign never stop working as our partners meet the challenges facing world Jewry.

There's been so much to be grateful for, and it is my honor to offer appreciation to each member of our community.

Judy

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CORRECTION:

A quote in the "Expanding the New Haven Holocaust Memorial" article in the Winter 2017 Shalom New Haven issue left out the contribution of George Skolnick and his family's contracting company in constructing the New Haven Holocaust Memorial.

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The JCC Moves Forward

Each day, the work continues at the JCC at 360 Amity Road, completing demolition, opening walls and cleaning extensively. The insurance adjusters are in the process of determining the scope of work to be done. The remediation process should be completed by mid-March.

In January, our community welcomed a community planning consultant who facilitated a series of small focus groups among varied constituencies, including area synagogues and board representatives from community agencies. Committees are currently being organized to conceptualize the next phase of the project. Discussions are taking place to assess community needs—both present and future—to develop the best vision for a re-imagined community presence that will be sustainable.

Although the JCC building is currently uninhabitable, adult and children's programming is continuing around the community, fitness classes are in full swing at the JCC Fitness Center and the JCC Day Camp site is being prepped for another great summer.

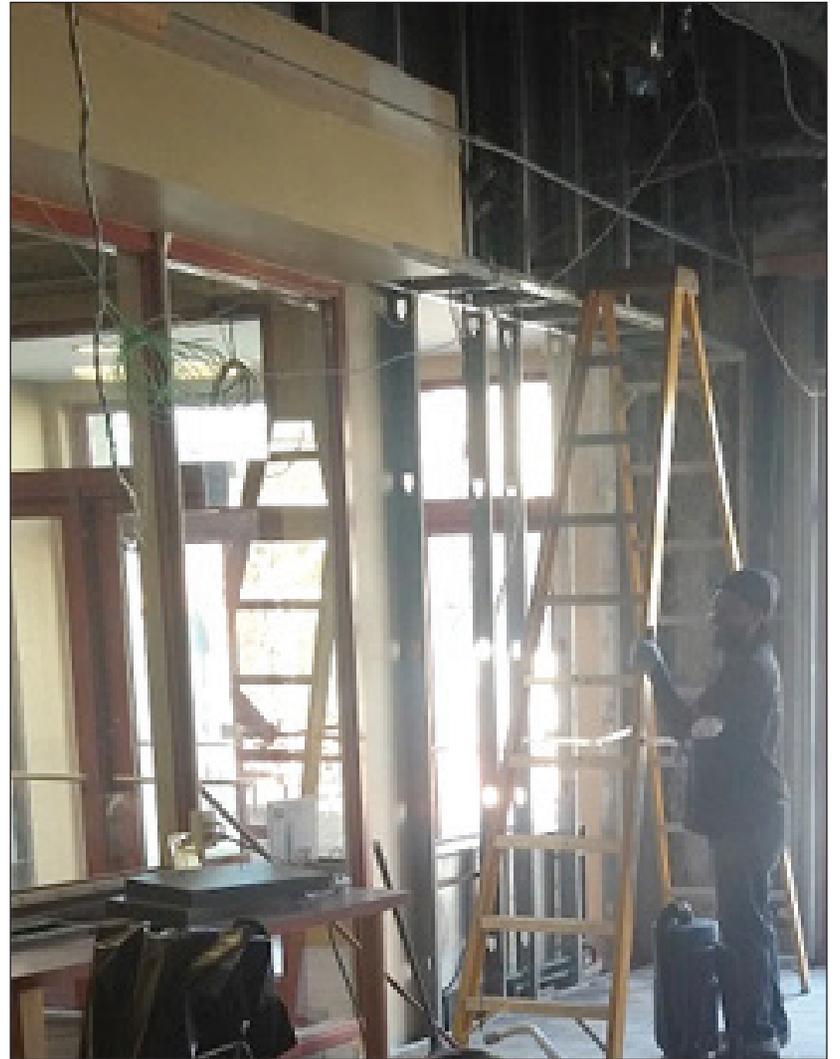
Thank you to all the community partners, synagogues and agencies who have welcomed the JCC and Jewish Federation's programs during this transitional time. We are proud of how our constituents have demonstrated the true meaning of community.



The Silver Cycling class at the JCC Fitness Center.



Community members enjoyed "The Gefilte Manifesto" with author Liz Alpern.



The walls are opened up and all insulation removed at the JCC building at 360 Amity Road.



Students at Yeladim Early Learning Center celebrate the birthday of the trees on Tu B'Shevat.



All smiles after a TRX class at the JCC Fitness Center.



A Language Everyone Understands

By Yelena Gerovich

New American Acculturation Coordinator

On Feb. 8, the great movie maestro John Williams celebrated his 85th birthday. "John Williams has written the soundtrack to our lives. Note by note, through chord and chorus, his genius for marrying music with movies has elevated the art form to symphonic levels and inspired generations of audiences to be enriched by the magic of the movies," said Howard Stringer.

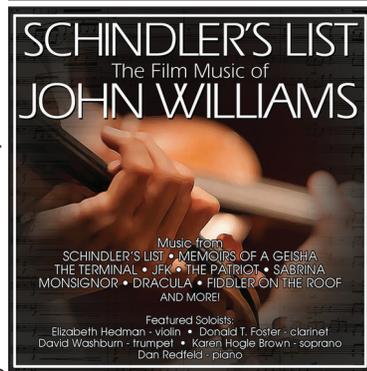
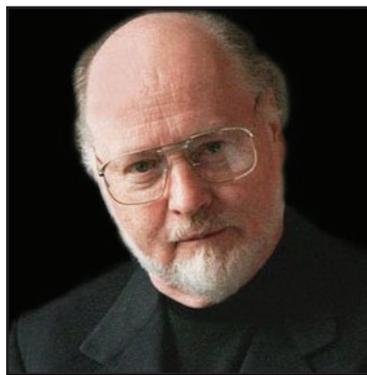
Williams has composed music for more than 150 movies and television shows, including a 40 year collaboration with director Steven Spielberg. He won Oscars for his scores to "Jaws," "Star Wars," "ET" and "Schindler's List." His fifth Academy Award was for the adaptation and original song score to the 1971 film "Fiddler on the Roof." When Spielberg asked Williams to compose the score for "Schindler's List," Williams was amazed and felt it would be too challenging. He said to Spielberg, "You need a better composer than I am for this film." Spielberg responded, "I know. But they're all dead!"

The violin theme in "Schindler's List," performed by Itzhak Perlman, made many of those watching cry. This is because, no matter the differences between people (13.1 percent of the U.S. population is foreign, according to 2013 Pew Research) everyone can understand the language of music. But it's not always so easy for everyone to understand each other. Differences in the ways in which people live and relate to each other can create stress. Even the simplest daily tasks, such as shopping for food or asking for directions, can become challenging when there is a language barrier, as well as the potential for cultural misunderstandings.

Working with diverse refugee groups, educators need to be aware of and sensitive to the migration, acculturation, and stress that many learners experience. We are very grateful to all our educators and volunteers. A variety of approaches, methods, techniques and technologies are used in the teaching and learning process. The New American Acculturation Program has recently offered educational programs for all groups of immigrants including citizenship classes, "Shabbat Together," and "Yad Ezra Foundation Today," presented by Svetlana Kriger, the first director of the Yad Ezra Foundation in Moscow, Russia, and Irina Polyakova. Thanks to the financial support of the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services, Women of Vision Society of the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, which has made this possible.

As John Williams said: "So much of what we do is ephemeral and quickly forgotten, even by ourselves, so it's gratifying to have something you have done linger in people's memories."

For more information about the New American Acculturation Program, including sponsorships of specific programs, please contact Yelena Gerovich at (203) 387-2424 x321, or email ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org.



Язык, понятный всем

8 февраля великий композитор музыки к кинофильмам, маэстро Джон Уильямс отметил свой 85 день рождения. "Джон Уильямс сочинил саундтрек к нашей жизни. Посредством нот, аккордов и хора его гений поднял саундтреки на симфонический уровень, объединил звуковое сопровождение и фильмы в одно неделимое целое, тем самым сформировав удивительную магию кино", сказал Говард Стрингер.

Уильямс написал музыку к более чем 150 фильмам и телевизионным шоу, он известен своим почти 40-летним сотрудничеством с таким ведущим американским кинорежиссёром как Стивен Спилберг. Он пятикратный лауреат премии «Оскар» (за музыку к фильмам «Скрипач на крыше», «Челюсти», «Звездные войны», «Инопланетянин», «Список Шиндлера»). Он выиграл свою пятую премию Оскар за адаптацию музыки бродвейского спектакля "Скрипач на крыше" для кино в 1971 году. Когда Спилберг попросил Уильямса написать музыку к фильму "Списка Шиндлера", он был так впечатлен фильмом, что побоялся, что это может быть слишком сложным. Он сказал Спилбергу: "Вам нужен лучший композитор, чем я для этого фильма." Спилберг ответил: "Я знаю, но они все мертвы!"

Тема скрипки с трагически звучащими еврейскими мотивами в исполнении Ицхака Перлмана из фильма "Список Шиндлера" заставила многих плакать.

Невзирая на различия между людьми (12% населения США родились вне Америки по данным переписи 2000 года), всех объединяет, всем понятен язык музыки.

Культурные различия и языковой барьер сильно осложняют нашу повседневную жизнь, создают стресс, мешают понять друг друга. Мы очень благодарны всем нашим учителям и волонтирам, разнообразию методов, методик и технологий, используемых в процессе преподавания и обучения. Множество образовательных программ было предложено для эмигрантов из бывшего Советского Союза. Мы собирались вместе и обменивались компьютерными новинками, праздновали американские и еврейские праздники, изучали английский язык. Благодаря многим организациям и местным лидерам это стало возможным. Особое спасибо за интереснейшую программу подготовленную Светланой Кригер (первый директор Яд Эзра Фонда в Москве) и Ириной Поляковой. «Яд Эзра фонд сегодня. Путешествие во времени под музыку Дунаевского.»

Великий маэстро Джон Уильямс однажды сказал: "Многое из того что мы делаем эфирно, мы сами это быстро забываем. Приятно, когда кое-что из того, что вы сделали, задерживается в памяти людей."

Звоните, приходите! Это так приятно - встречаться по хорошим поводам!

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A Greater New Haven Purim Tradition Continues

By Sharon Naveh
Special for SNH

Last year the Greater New Haven Jewish Community made history, when, for the first time ever, congregations from the pluralistic streams (Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform) of the community gathered together for a communal Purim seudah, or festive meal. Over 150 people attended the event and enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate as a united community. This year the tradition continues with the Second Annual Greater New Haven Communal Purim Seudah, which will take place on Purim Day, Sunday, March 12, 2017.

The idea for this event sprang from several sources. One source of inspiration was the Jewish community of Columbus, Ohio, which has a long history of the entire Jewish community joining together for a seudah on Purim Day. Further inspiration came from our local organization, Keshet, which, under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, works to promote cooperation and collaboration between the various synagogues in the area.



The Rosenay family enjoys the festivities at last year's Communal Purim Seudah.

The event will take place at The Westville Synagogue of New Haven and will begin with megillah readings at 4:00 p.m., and the seudah will begin at 5:15 p.m., featuring kosher food from Abel's Catering, costume contests with prizes, and entertainment by DJ/MC Charles Rosenay!! The event is sponsored by Congregation Bikur Cholim Sheveth Achim of New Haven, Congregation B'nai Jacob of Woodbridge, Congregation Or Shalom of Orange,

Temple Emanuel of Orange, The Orchard Street Shul of New Haven, The Westville Synagogue of New Haven, and The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

Sharon Naveh and Ruth Gross have been coordinating with leaders and representatives from various synagogues to make this event happen, and, assisted by their very able planning committee, including Allen Cohen, Miriam Grossman, Judi Janette, Tanya Kanner, Sydney Perry, Rona Schaffel, Sherry Shrager, and Barbara and Steven Zalesch; they are turning this idea into reality.

Special thanks go to the Rimmonim (New Haven) Chapter of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework for creating and donating decorations, and Rabbi Fred Hyman, Rabbi Shlomo Meltzer, Reena Seltzer, Dana Schwartz, Willa Needler, Marsha Beller, Rebecca Koenigsberg, Sasha Stern, Shlomit Jessel, Pat Harris, and Judy Alperin Diamondstein for their assistance with various aspects of the event.

Reservations are required in advance with checks payable to the Westville Synagogue, 74 W. Prospect St., New Haven, CT 06515. \$30 per adult, \$20 per child (ages 5-10), children under 5 are free.

Mishkan Israel Celebrates Purim

On Sunday, March 12, Congregation Mishkan Israel will be holding its annual Purim Carnival, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The event features favorite games, a moon bounce and so much more. Tickets are available at the door.

The congregation's Erev Purim Service and Megillah Reading will be held Saturday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. Mishkan Israel is known for its whimsical, entertaining accounts of the Book of Esther. Past themes have included the Megillah According to Broadway, a Disney Purim, and Pirate Purim. Come be entertained as we retell the story this year Dr. Seuss style!

Members of the community are welcome to join in the fun and experience Purim Mishkan Israel style. Congregation Mishkan Israel is located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden. For more information, call the synagogue office at (203) 288-3877.



An Evening in Shushan

Join Ezra Academy for a festive Evening in Shushan while celebrating Alumna Rachel Scolnic Dobin, '95.

On Saturday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m., Ezra Academy will host an exotic evening of Purim games, food and drink. The event will also honor the 2017 Alumna Hall of Fame Inductee Rachel Scolnic Dobin, MSW, class of '95.

Dobin has served as Program Director of Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven and as the Coordinator of the Social Outreach Service Program for the last six years. Dobin has made a very positive impact on the lives of the most vulnerable and under served families and individuals in the Greater New Haven community. She has helped families through many forms of crisis, including domestic violence, unemployment, substance abuse, mental illness, family loss, homelessness, and families in desperate need of heat for their homes during the winter. Dobin has introduced new programs such as Operation Fuel, which helps individuals get a one-time fuel grant. She exhibits grace, patience, and humor with every client, and treats them with dignity, caring and compassion. Dobin is proud to be a current Ezra Academy parent of Alexander ('21) and Avi ('23) and future student, Leah. Dobin continues to be a vital member of the Jewish New Haven Community by implementing the values and education that she received at Ezra Academy.

Proceeds from the event directly support scholarship assistance as well as curricular and programmatic needs at Ezra Academy. Save the date and join Ezra Academy on March 4. For more information and to register, visit ezraacademyct.org/eveninginshushan.

A Field for Ezra

Jessica McWeeney
SNH Editor

Ezra Schwartz thought about staying home from his volunteer work as part of his gap-year program in Israel on the morning of Nov. 19, 2015. He was tired, his grandfather, Mark Schwartz said, but in the end he ran out to the van. He was shot and killed when a terrorist opened fire on a crowded intersection of cars stuck in traffic that afternoon.

Ezra had been on his way to help with the clean-up of Oz Ve'Gaon nature reserve, where he had previously volunteered with Yeshivat Ashreinu, a religious school for post high school students, in the city of Beit Shemesh. The park was built in memory of three teenagers who had been kidnapped and killed in June 2014, a story Ezra had followed closely at the time.

Ezra's parents, Ari and Ruth Schwartz, traveled to Israel the month after his death. While there, they were approached by the Israel Association of Baseball (IAB) and the Jewish National Fund, who were working on plans to build a baseball field in the city of Ra'anana, about naming the field in Ezra's memory. Ari and Ruth Schwartz felt that this project was a wonderful way to honor their son.

Ezra was a great athlete, with a special passion for baseball. He spent hours playing wiffle ball and teaching his younger brothers to play. When he arrived in Israel in the fall of 2015, he contacted the IAB in hopes of joining a league or getting involved in some way.



The IAB is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote and develop this seemingly all-American sport in Israel. It was established in 1986, by a group of expat baseball enthusiasts. Today there are nearly 1,200 players on 80 teams throughout the country. Although the number of players is increasing each year, satisfactory fields are scarce. Once completed, the Ezra Schwartz Memorial Baseball Field in Ra'anana, Israel, will service a whole region of children who currently do not have a field on which to play and practice. The youth in the community will grow up playing a sport Ezra loved and that meant so much to him. Building not just a baseball field, but a field in Israel was important to the Schwartz family. Ezra's time in Israel was one of the happiest in his life, and he would have been glad to have the field built there, said his

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Beckerman Jewish Film Series: April 2 – May 11

David Beckerman began going to the JCC of Greater New Haven when it was located on Chapel Street in New Haven. It was in the neighborhood, and a place for kids to go after school or on the weekends. “[The JCC] was part of the social life,” Beckerman said, and a place that was comfortable to be Tzedakah is an important value for Beckerman and his family, he said. Growing up, charity and giving to others was part of daily life. “Children do what they see, not what they are told,” Beckerman said. His parents set the example of giving whatever they could, whether money or time, though they were not well off. Supporting this Jewish Community is a priority, Beckerman said. Beckerman is a sponsor of the Beckerman Jewish Film Series, which ran for the first time in 2016. Support also comes from CT Humanities and the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven. One of the objectives of

the series is giving people the opportunity to see and hear other opinions, and form their own, Beckerman said. Whether controversial or not, the series is an important way to bring awareness to alternative viewpoints. Beckerman recommended “Denial” be shown in this year’s upcoming series which will screen April 9 at the Strand Theater in Seymour.

JCC Program Director Dr. Mara Balk notes, “Last year, the series screened eight films in seven locations with 12 community partners. 850 audience members attended. The films were fictional, documentary and based on true stories with content that ranged from social, political, comedic and historical issues. The 2017 series, slated to run April 2 - May 11, will present films with diverse topics and exceptional discussion leaders.”

The full series with showtimes and locations can be found at jccnh.org/filmseries.



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life insurance: 1. You can name your synagogue, the Jewish Federation, Jewish Foundation, and/or a local Jewish agency as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, but retain ownership of the policy itself (make sure you use proper legal name and tax identification number for the beneficiary organization). 2. You can name your synagogue, the Jewish Federation, Jewish Foundation, and/or a local Jewish agency as the owner and beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

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Tax Benefit of Donating an Existing Policy: If you donate the existing policy to charity, your charitable deduction will be either the fair market value of the policy or your cost basis (the total of your net premium payments), whichever is less. Note, you can also choose to retain ownership of the policy but still name the charity as a beneficiary of the policy. Sometimes donors choose to do this because the policy is owned by a trust and/or has multiple non-charity beneficiaries as well. If you name a charity as a beneficiary but do not transfer the ownership,



the charity will still receive monies from the insurance when you pass, however, you will not be able to claim a charitable income tax deduction during your lifetime, but the amounts passing to charity will be deductible from your estate.

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From Our Partners

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(Pictured, Gerry Blume and Towers' resident, Helen Blume)

Living the Good Life!

Helen Blume is a new resident of the Towers. She moved into Tower East in Oct. 2016 with a slight bit of cajoling from her three devoted children who knew that Tower One was the place for her. But she didn't need a whole lot of convincing, as her diving right into life here shows.

And as everyone in the family figured, she participates in activities, schmoozes with many of her old friends, constantly makes new friends, and does a thousand other things on a regular basis. Helen is so busy she has to plan her time very well in order to clear a couple of hours to watch the UCONN women play basketball.

Her son Gerry was able to provide the viewpoint of a typically happy and unstressed Towers' offspring who, along with his two sisters, said that The Towers "has always been a wonderful place." He went on to say that "My sisters and I wanted her to live in a place where she'd have friends and activities and, when needed, extra help. Mom is young-hearted but faces some of the health issues that aging brings. From the day she moved in, she's loved it. She's a New Haven girl and has friends from throughout her life living in the Towers."

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Hidden in Plain Sight

By Rabbi Mendy Hecht
 Congregation Beth Israel Orchard Street Shul



Everybody is looking to break the next big story. In the age of Facebook Live anybody can stream any happening or any message to hundreds, thousands and even millions of viewers instantly. Gone are the days where one has to wait until the evening news to watch a news

anchor report what's going on in the world. With all this instant knowledge, sometimes things get lost in the shuffle and sometimes the biggest story doesn't get reported. Sometimes we are so busy focusing on the notes that we fail to hear the song. We're about to celebrate two major holidays, Purim and Passover, where some obvious and some not so obvious

miracles occurred. While the Jewish people were rescued in both stories, the way they were saved was different.

The events leading up to our leaving Egypt were no doubt above the natural order of things. The limitations of nature were broken by the revelations that took place. The Torah tells us that by the third plague, way before the splitting of the sea, the world recognized that the "hand of G-d" was orchestrating these events. The Jewish people were freed with the assistance and because of the presence and revelation of G-d.

Purim wasn't as obvious. When we read through the Megilah, we read of a very mundane story where at first glance it could be that the right people were in the right place at the right time. It is hard to find the "hand of G-d" in the saving of the Jewish people from wicked Haman. In fact, G-d's name isn't mentioned once in the entire Megilah. Some would argue that the story of Purim doesn't belong among the great holidays for this very reason.

We could imagine that Pesach would have been a hit on Instagram and we would all be following #exodus2448 and #letmypeoplego, yet Purim wouldn't be trending on any social media platform. Purim would just be another story that barely got any cover-

age. However, the contrast of these two events can give us great insight into our own life experiences.

Too often we seek only the big event. We look out for the "splitting of the sea" moment where we will undoubtedly see G-d's revelation and our faith will be confirmed. Purim, in contrast to Pesach, is there to tell us that although the great revelations are important, being able to recognize G-d's constant involvement in our daily lives is tantamount.

This recognition isn't always easy. We get used to waking up every morning. We get used to the fact that our bodies function more or less. We get used to the fact that we can walk, talk and think. We get comfortable in our routines, at work, with our lifestyles and relationships. It's easy to overlook all the "miraculous" things that take place every day. It isn't always easy to detect and perceive a higher power that guides and directs the footsteps of man. The great French philosopher Descartes wrote "G-d has made three marvels, something from nothing, free will and G-d in man." This, my friends, is the big story that is hidden in plain sight. While Pesach reminds us that G-d controls and can manipulate nature at will, Purim reminds us that just because normal is natural, that doesn't mean that it isn't divine. Enjoy the Chagim!

Jewish High School of Connecticut: Developing Future Philanthropists



The Jewish High School of Connecticut ran its first social media based fundraising campaign on Dec. 7, 2016. In 24 hours, the students, faculty, parents, trustees and friends of JHSC raised \$386,000. Some of the funds will be used to support scholarship programs and some for new initiatives.

"What made this campaign so unique was how involved and enthusiastic our students were in participating in this event," said Rabbi Elisha Paul, JHSC Head of School. "Of course, social media is their milieu. But, there was something greater going on – it was the sense that we are all in this together."

Many students developed and actualized their latent potential for communal service as the campaign progressed. "I loved being able to help in my own way. I am so appreciative of this school and this community – and it was a great way to give back," said freshman Jakob Okun. "We had fun with it. But the campaign gave us an opportunity to share with others what is happening at JHSC. In a small way we were able to give back to the school and show our appreciation for everything that is done for us," said Alex Frenzel, student council president and JHSC senior.











An Evening with Lewis Bernstein

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017
 7-8:30 p.m. | Whitney Center

TICKETS: jccnh.org/rsvp

Annual Scholar in Residence Program Announced at Temple Emanuel



PROGRAM DATES: MARCH 24-25, 2017

Alan Morinis, the founder and dean of The Mussar Institute and an active interpreter of the teachings and practices of the Mussar tradition will be Temple Emanuel's Scholar-in-Residence in March.

Dr. Morinis's first book, "Climbing Jacob's Ladder: One Man's Rediscovery of a Jewish Spiritual Tradition," describes how after a personal crisis he felt inspired to explore his Jewish heritage. For the past 19 years, studying and teaching the nearly lost Jewish spiritual discipline of Mussar has been his passion— as he shares in his books "Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Spiritual Path of Mussar," and "Mussar: With Heart in Mind."

The Mussar Institute advances the study and practice of Mussar, a Jewish path of contemplative practices that have evolved over the past thousand years to help an individual soul to pinpoint and then to break through the barriers that surround and obstruct the flow of inner light in our lives. Mussar practice seeks to align heart and mind with the highest ideals of the Jewish tradition.

The program begins with Shabbat dinner on March 24, at 6 p.m., and continues with services at 7:30 p.m., when Dr. Morinis will speak on "What is Mussar and Why Should I Care?" followed by an oneg.

On Saturday morning March 25, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., Dr. Morinis will lead a discussion of the week's Torah portion entitled "Torah Through a Mussar Lens." A dairy luncheon follows at noon.

At 5:30 p.m., Dr. Morinis will introduce some classical Mussar texts for study and discussion. We end our studies with Havdalah at 7:30 p.m.

For a complete schedule of the events, and to register for meals, visit www.templemanuel-gnh.org or call the office at (203) 397-3000. 150 Derby Avenue, Orange, CT

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. to Meet March 26

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Major General Maurice Rose Post 51, will meet on Sunday, March 26, at 9:30 a.m., at Congregation Adath Israel in the meeting room at the Nestor Center in Middletown. All veterans, whether they served in war or peace time, are invited. Post 51 has set a goal to hold programs that will be of interest to a wide range of veterans.

The presentation will focus on what technology can do for seniors and veterans. The speaker will be Jeff Blankenship, who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in Computer Science. He served in the submarine force and retired after 25 years of active duty. A resident of Middletown, he is working towards a graduate degree in Software Engineering from Central Connecticut State University, with future plans to become a college professor. His current research areas are Computer and Network Security. Blankenship is an active member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 7 where he is the service officer and webmaster.



Contact (860) 638-3819 or jwvpost51@gmail.com to attend.



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Jonathan S. Tobin, senior online editor and chief political blogger of *Commentary Magazine*, and J. J. Goldberg, editor-at-large of the *Forward* newspaper and former U.S. bureau chief of the Israeli news magazine *The Jerusalem Report*, will debate critical issues concerning the State of Israel. Light refreshments will be served.

DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2017
TIME: 7 p.m. TICKETS: \$18
LOCATION: Temple Beth Tikvah

196 Durham Road, Madison, CT 06443

TICKETS: jewishnewhaven.org/rsvp

Your Campaign Dollars at Work

By Amy Holtz
Director of Development

Tower One/Tower East



Every Friday evening, The Towers dining room tables are set with white tablecloths and challah for everyone. Familiar aromas of matzo ball soup, brisket, and tzimmes fill the air as you enter for dinner. The distinctively comforting Jewish atmosphere caters to the spiritual needs and cultural preferences of Jewish residents, regardless of their level of observance. All meals served in the dining room are prepared in a certified kosher kitchen. On Fridays and Saturdays you will find several residents attending Shabbat services at The Towers synagogue. Every Jewish holiday is celebrated to the fullest, whether it's a Hanukkah candle lighting, building a Sukkah in the courtyard with the BBYO teens, or joining friends and family for Passover Seders.

The Towers' mission is "to provide persons of varying means with high quality living arrangements and services based on Jewish values and traditions." Activities and programs that emphasize wellness and bring Jewish traditions to the forefront are everyday occurrences. The goal is to provide residents with the services they need to enjoy life, be independent and celebrate their Jewish roots. Residents are encouraged to embrace their faith. It is special when people are able to spend time with friends, old and new, who share common interests and beliefs.

Towers' resident Izzy said, "I moved to The Towers knowing it is a Yiddishkeit community and fulfills my wants and needs." Charlie, another resident commented, "It's home." Towers' residents Bertha and Charlotte make sure the Kiddush cup is always ready for services, as well as for the Friday night Oneg and Saturday Kiddush.

Jewish Federation dollars help The Towers' staff plan programs and offer services that may not otherwise be available without our support. According to the Torah, one of the greatest Mitzvot we can do is care for our community seniors, as there is no greater blessing to be bestowed on a person than to live a long life. Providing engaging, educational, social and purposeful programs with Federation

dollars gives us all an opportunity to perform this Mitzvah. "Tower One was built on a foundation of Jewish values" said Mark Garilli, President/CEO of Tower One/Tower East; "Because of the Federation and forward thinking lay leaders, The Towers will soon celebrate 50 years of senior living in the Jewish Tradition. Our goal is a simple one. Honor thy mother and father and support their independence with dignity and respect. Our residents choose their lifestyle and only through donated dollars can we play an active role in helping them achieve it. Federation allocations support Jewish life in every aspect from keeping kosher and holiday celebrations to spiritual leadership and pastoral care. Life enrichment takes us beyond housing with services filling our endearing community with love, laughter and life. There is no place quite like The Towers."

Jewish programming at The Towers includes something for everyone. A weekly Yiddish group keeps residents laughing and sharing their favorite stories in Yiddish. "The Jewish Movie Series" always proves to be educational and entertaining. "Soul Stretching" is a discussion group where residents find a deeper connection with each other. There are always various lectures led by area rabbis and discussion groups about cultural observances with Jewish contributions to the world. Also scheduled are excursions to programs at the Slifka Center, JCC of Greater New Haven and various community Synagogues.

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH OTHER.

Everyone working together makes the job easier, because there's always something. How lucky we are to be able to pitch in together for the common goal of healing the world. Thank you for what you have already done, thank you for what you are doing now and thank you for what you will do in the future. Your gift helps feed the hungry, care for the elderly, educate our youth, support Israel and ensure a Jewish future.

Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy

Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy (SCHA) opened in 1946 in New Haven, and moved to its present location in Orange in 1967. Currently with 270 students enrolled, including 32 students in the girls only high school program, the school offers programs for children starting at 15 months old through eighth grade and is available to any Jewish child regardless of financial circumstances. Geographically, students come from all over Connecticut, from Stamford to Guilford to Hartford and beyond. Some of the high school girls come from Massachusetts, New York and as far away as Colorado, and board locally through home hospitality.

SCHA's mission to inspire leaders and empower learners through Torah and academic knowledge to

make our world a better place, is achieved through providing a warm, loving and nurturing environment where each child is able to grow and blossom, rooted in core Jewish values and devoted to academic excellence. The regular school day runs from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., and offers before and after care as well as enrichment programs in yoga, music, cooking and more. Seventh and eighth grade students travel to Israel every other year and the high school girls travel to Poland and Prague. The cost of these trips is in addition to tuition, and funding is provided through a combination of family contribution, student fundraising, and the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. SCHA offers a dual curriculum of secular and Judaic studies including art and music programs that emphasize Hebrew immersion and rich STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) courses.



Your contribution in support of the Jewish Federations' Annual Campaign assists SCHA with providing financial assistance for students to attend the school. Sixty-five percent of SCHA's students receive some financial assistance, which can be anything from a small subsidy to a full scholarship. Through dollars from the Federation and the Foundation, SCHA is able to share a social worker with Ezra Academy who is there to aid and assist students. The Federation is pleased to support SCHA, but can only do so with your generous pledges to our campaign. Your generosity ensures that any Jewish child that wants to attend the SCHA program can participate.

Support the Annual Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and help to fund community-wide programming that aids people in need here at home, in Israel and around the world, as well as nurtures and sustains programs that enrich our Jewish community. From feeding the hungry to helping the unemployed, from supporting families with special needs to funding Jewish education and Israel experiences, the Jewish Federation is focused on addressing the most pressing issues facing our community every day.



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COMMUNAL PURIM SEUDAH

Sunday, March 12, 2017 | 5:15-8:15 p.m.

The Westville Synagogue

74 W. Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06515

Contact the Westville Synagogue office: 203-389-9513

purimnewhaven.eventbrite.com

The Seudah, or festive meal, will include:

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4:00 pm

Megilla Readings:

- Traditional Orthodox (male-led) Reading
- Women's Reading

5:15 pm - Seudah

JCARR Joyfully Welcomes New Syrian Family

By Jean Silk
 Jewish Community Relations Council
 Refugee Settlement Coordinator

On Thursday, Jan. 26, JCARR welcomed a new refugee family from Syria. The normal anticipation and anxiety we feel in awaiting the family's arrival—this was our third family over the past 12 months—was heightened by the announcement of a proposed Executive Order that would halt refugee entry into the U.S. for 120 days, and would cease the admittance of nationals of Syria.

We knew that morning that the family had boarded their plane in Istanbul and that they would land at JFK Airport around noon. We didn't know if they would be met in immigration and prevented from entering the U.S. So, we waited, with heavy apprehension on top of the normal anxiety.

When I received the phone call from the International Migration officer telling me the family of five was leaving JFK for New Haven, I couldn't wait to share the good news. Although the family seemed happy when we settled them into their new home, the truth is they also looked very tired. The mother explained they hadn't slept in a bed for 50 hours. The three young children seemed anxious, needy, and the parents were doing everything possible to calm them, to reassure them, to give them what they needed to feel at peace.

Over the next weeks, JCARR volunteers provided needed clothing in the right sizes for each member of the family, familiar foods, toys and games for the children, and other household necessities. Our Cultural Orientation task force began the process of orienting them to their neighborhood and their new community; volunteers took them to a park, the library and the grocery store; we helped them apply for Social Security Cards, Cash Assistance and food stamps; we helped enroll the children in school and the adults in ESL classes. Medical



appointments were made and transportation provided. We introduced them to the other Syrian family we welcomed on Nov. 8, 2016, the day of the Presidential election. Little by little, our new family is settling into their home in Hamden.

On Friday, Jan. 27, the day after our family's arrival, President Trump signed an Executive Order banning Syrian refugees and halting the admittance of refugees from six other countries. Our family is one of the last Syrian families to have made it to safety to the U.S. before the order took effect. The Executive Order has led to grief, confusion, protests and fear about the future of immigration, and, in particular, concerns about the refugee

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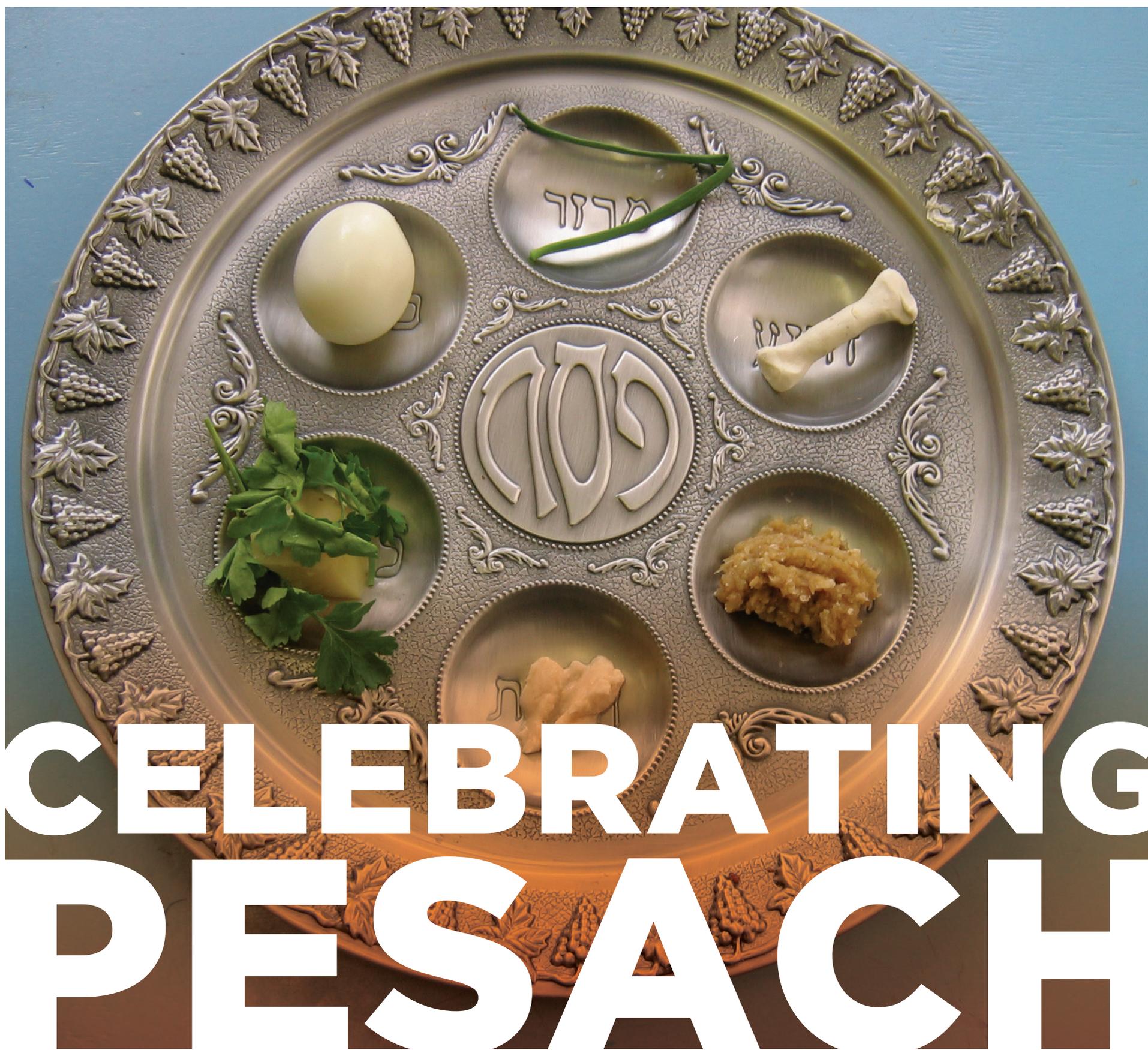
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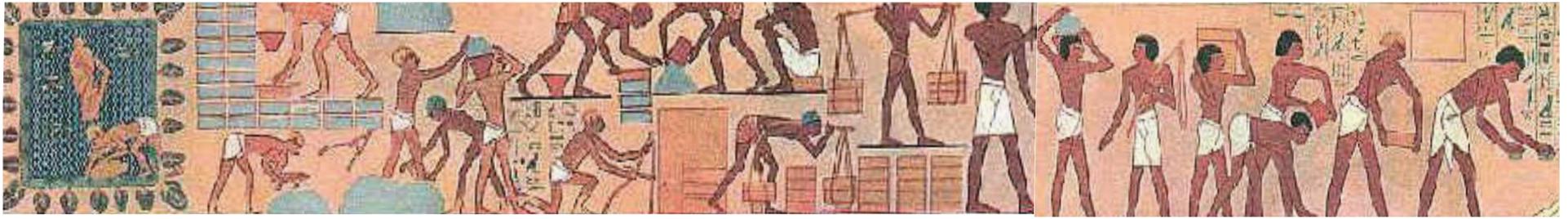
CELEBRATING PESACH

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Celebrate Freedom by Remembering the Strangers



By Rabbi Joshua Ratner
*Director, Jewish Community Relations
 Council of the Jewish Federation of
 Greater New Haven*

Passover is a time for food and family. But at its core, Passover also is a time when we reconnect with the experience of being a people in exile. We recall—in fact, the Haggadah requires us to recall—the Exodus narrative of being enslaved, marginalized, and subject to the whims of a ruler who viewed us with disdain and fear. But why? Why does the Haggadah require us to recite: “this year we are slaves, next year may we be free?” More broadly, why does the Torah remind us again and again of our need to be sensitive to, care for, and even love the strangers residing in our midst solely because we were once slaves in Egypt?

The command to remember demands more than the passive recollection of historical events. During Passover, we not only retell the story of the exodus from Egypt, but also project ourselves into the story personally to experience the move from slavery to liberation. Rabbis, such as the Ritba (Rabbi Yom Tov ben Avraham Ishbili, 125-1330) stress that “every single individual must see and look at himself as though he had been a slave in Egypt and as though he went forth to freedom.” This individualized association inculcates in each of us a sense of empathy and pathos for those who, today, remain enslaved, marginalized, and exiled. We honor our past and appreciate today’s freedom by acting in our present.

Today, the world faces the worst refugee crisis

since World War II. Millions of refugees, especially those who are victims of the atrocious civil war in Syria, are left vulnerable and destitute, hoping for an opportunity simply to live their lives outside the constant specter of death and destruction. I am proud that the Jewish community of Greater New Haven, both through JCARR (Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement) and other local refugee resettlement efforts, has heeded this call. The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven stands ready to continue supporting this critical work with our community partners.

May the Passover story continue to inspire us to translate our recollection of slavery and suffering into acts of love and support for refugees here in Connecticut. Hag Sameah!

Directory of Activities

▶ TEMPLE BETH DAVID

3 Main Street, Cheshire
 (203) 272-0037 | tbdcheshire.org.

PASSOVER PRESCHOOL STORY TIME SUNDAY **SUNDAY, APRIL 2 | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Frogs and hail and locusts, oh my! Please join us on Sunday, April 2, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Temple Beth David for our Passover-themed story time program. In this hour, your little ones will enjoy singing about frogs, eating a tasty unleavened snack, and creating a fun Passover craft. Story time activities are appropriate for children from birth to age five, accompanied by a parent or other caregiver. Community participation is encouraged, so call a friend and invite them along! To ensure we have enough materials for everyone, pre-registration is strongly encouraged. *Please email education@tbdcheshire.org to RSVP.*

COMMUNITY SEDER **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 | 6 p.m.**

Catered Passover meal (Kosher style) with fixings by Emily’s Catering Group
 \$45 per adult /\$25 per child (2 and under, free) for TBD Members
 \$50 per adult/\$30 per child for non-members
 Please RSVP by April 5.

▶ CONGREGATION BETH EL-KESER ISRAEL

85 Harrison Street, New Haven
 (203) 389-2108 | office@beki.org

SIYYUM BEKHOROT | MONDAY, APRIL 10 | 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
MATSA BAKING | MONDAY, APRIL 10 | 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

▶ CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL

785 Ridge Road, Hamden
 (203) 288-3877 | cmihamden.org

PASSOVER SEDER | TUESDAY, APRIL 11 | 6 p.m.

Congregation Mishkan Israel will be hosting its annual community Passover Seder on the second night of Passover, Tuesday, April 11. The Seder will begin at 6:00 p.m. Members of the community are cordially invited. Please call the synagogue office for prices. Advance reservations, which are due by April 7, are required. This year’s food is being provided by Emily’s Catering. Families are encouraged to bring a Kosher for Passover dessert. Congregation Mishkan Israel is a reform synagogue located at

▶ CONGREGATION B’NAI JACOB

75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge
 (203) 389-2111 | bnaijacob.org

COMMUNITY SEDER | TUESDAY, APRIL 11 | 6 p.m.

Congregation B’nai Jacob will be hosting a community-wide second Seder on Tuesday, April 11. Everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to attend. Price is \$18 per adult. Maximum per family is \$54.

▶ TEMPLE EMANUEL

150 Derby Avenue, Orange
 (203) 397-3000 | office@templemanuel-gnh.org

2ND NIGHT PASSOVER SEDER | TUESDAY, APRIL 11 | 6:30 p.m.

You and your family are invited to celebrate the 2nd Night Passover Seder with Rabbi Farbman and the extended Temple Emanuel Family! Members & community welcome! *Please register online at templemanuel-gnh.org/events-and-donations by April 3.*

Helping Everyone Celebrate Passover— Here and Around the World

By Jessica McWeeney
SNH Editor

Making the Passover Seder Available to All

The extra cost of purchasing kosher-for-Passover products can be a burden for people in the community as they prepare to celebrate the holiday. This year, Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven will provide bags of Passover food and supplies for 125 individuals and families in need, as part of Project H.O.P.E. (Help Our People Everywhere). Project H.O.P.E. delivers kosher-for-Passover food bags directly to senior citizens and people in the community through Jewish organizations throughout Connecticut.

Each shopping bag is filled with traditional Passover food, such as gefilte fish, macaroons, matzoh, chamomile or mint herbal tea, matzo ball soup mix, pineapple pieces, chocolate-covered marshmallows, apple sauce, borscht with beets, mayonnaise, tuna, oil, potatoes, cucumbers in brine, and grape juice, among other items. JFS also provides each family with a grocery store gift card to help with other costs of Passover shopping.

Project H.O.P.E. began in the 1960s to provide community members who were not able to afford it with the special food needed for Passover. The program was started by B'nai B'rith in New York, but now serves communities in Boston, Philadelphia, Maryland, Virginia and Washington D.C., along with Connecticut. More than 380 food bags were packed by volunteers last year and distributed throughout Connecticut.

Jewish Family Service's food pantry serves people in the Greater New Haven area who are at or below the poverty line, as well as those who are nutritionally at risk. The Food Pantry and Nutritional Health Center offer non-perishable foods, fresh produce and frozen items to individuals and families in need as a monthly supplement.

The pantry serves more than 3,000 families and distributes over 100,000 lbs. of non-perishable and perishable food per year as either supplemental or emergency food yearly to individuals and families in the Greater New Haven area. The largest group of pantry users are age 60 and above who have medical issues and limited or special diets. The remainder is broken down to those who are 26-59 years old. The pantry

serves approximately 118 children in any given month.

JDC Brings Passover Hope to Eastern Europe

Jewish Federations across the U.S. have partnered with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), which provides humanitarian assistance to over 70 countries, including Israel, and strives to "alleviate hunger and hardship, rescue Jews in danger, create lasting connections to Jewish life, and provide immediate relief and long-term development support for victims of natural and man-made disasters."

The JDC provides basic necessities such as food, medicine, home care and winter heat, for hundreds of thousands of Jews living in places without any other social services. Many of these people live in areas of political turmoil and continued conflict.

After the collapse of Communism, Jews in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union struggle with poverty. One out of three JDC clients in Ukraine lives below the poverty line and many don't have the money to buy food. To help these people keep food on their tables, JDC's Food Card Program provides a monthly pre-paid debit card to over 98,000 elderly and 13,800 children and families, allowing them to shop at their local supermarkets.

For Jews around the world Passover represents freedom and hope. JDC makes sure that Jews in need have the essentials of their Passover Seder. Throughout Eastern Europe, JDC volunteers bring matzah and other Passover supplies to the elderly, and host Passover Seders, ensuring everyone can celebrate.

The funds raised through the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's annual campaign are distributed to Jewish Family Service and to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee through the Jewish Federations of North America. Each gift to the annual campaign makes an impact in countless ways. When sitting at your Seder table remember that your gift helped others who are less fortunate celebrate the holiday.



JFS FOOD PANTRY

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- boxed pasta
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- low sugar

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Kids' Crafts

Get your kids excited about Passover and start some new traditions with these fun crafts.

Build a Matzo House

Create a fun centerpiece for your Seder table by making a matzo house.

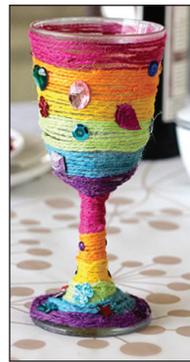
Use a cardboard box to form the structure of the house. Melt chocolate and use it to cover the cardboard, and then attach pieces of matzo. Once the house is assembled, use kosher food items like dried fruit and chocolates to decorate, attaching them with the rest of the melted chocolate.



Decorate a Cup for Elijah

Each year, the Prophet Elijah is invited to the Seder meal, and a place set for him at the table. Make the setting extra special with a decorated wine glass.

Use an inexpensive plastic or glass cup to decorate. Kids can paint the cup or wrap colorful string around it, and finish it by gluing on sequins or beads.



Make an Afikoman Bag

This no-sew bag will get kids excited for the afikoman hunt during the Seder.

Use a rectangular piece of felt, 11.5" x 16", and fold up the bottom half, leaving a piece at the top, like an envelope flap. Seal the edges with craft glue or a hot glue gun. Cut the remaining flap to form a "v" shape (see below). Kids can decorate using puffy paint, buttons and sequins.



PASSOVER RECIPE

Courtesy of Tower One/Tower East



Towers Recipe for Peachy Passover Chicken

Serves 4

Recipe contributed by Tower One/Tower East's At the Heart of It All, the longest kosher-dining facility in Connecticut. Operating under the full-time supervision of a mashgiach, the kitchen serves 200 dinners every night, as well as Shabbat dinners, Kiddush, and special holiday meals. Guests are welcome for a nominal fee.

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes, (Kosher for Passover, not oil soaked)

8 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (3 to 4 ounces each)

1/4 cup of margarine

Salt & pepper to taste

1 1/2 cups of potato starch (Kosher for Passover)

1/2 cup Kosher for Passover White Wine (preferably a fruit flavored base)

1/4 cup orange marmalade (Kosher for Passover)

8 canned peach halves sliced, juice reserved (Kosher for Passover)

1/2 cup orange juice

6 cinnamon sticks

2 tablespoons of potato starch mixed with 1/4 cup cold water

3 scallions chopped, green part only

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1. Place sun-dried tomatoes in cup of hot water and set aside for at least 15 minutes to soften.
2. Pound chicken breast halves one at a time to about a 1/4 inch thickness, try not to tear them.
3. Heat margarine in large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Season the pounded breast with salt/pepper, dredge them in potato starch, and shake off excess. Place the chicken breast into the pan and cook until golden brown on both sides, about 5 minutes. Transfer the cutlets to a baking dish, large enough to hold them in one layer. In small sauce pan, combine the wine and marmalade, stir in the peaches and place over medium-high heat, allow the mixture to boil until the fragrance of alcohol is gone, 2 to 3 minutes.
4. Add cinnamon sticks, orange juice, and reserved peach juice. Bring to boil and stir in potato starch, cook stirring until thickened, about 2 minutes.
5. Remove the sun-dried tomatoes from water and cut into thin strips. Spoon tomatoes over chicken, place in oven for 5 to 10 minutes. Transfer chicken cutlets to serving plates, spoon sauce over it and garnish with scallions.

Scholarship Opportunities Through the Jewish Foundation



The Jewish Scholarship Initiative (JSI) provides scholarships for area day schools, synagogue schools, Jewish preschools and camps.

Thanks to a generous donor in our community, last year JSI distributed \$87,000 in local scholarships. Scholarships are need-based and are for Jewish households residing in Greater New Haven. Qualifying schools include Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy, Ezra Academy and Bais David Yeshiva of New Haven. Qualifying Jewish camps include Camp Laurelwood, JCC Camp, Camp Gan Israel and local synagogue camps. Qualifying Jewish preschools include local synagogue preschools JCC Yeladim and Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy. All local synagogue religious schools are included as well. The deadline for camp scholarships is May 5, and for day schools and preschools is July 14. The synagogue school deadline will be in the late summer and will be announced on the website and to the synagogues. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed by a scholarship committee. Go to www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships for the application, more information and to see the catchment area.

Stuart J. Drell Scholarship Fund—College Scholarships for High School Seniors who are Congregation B'nai Jacob Members

Renee Drell and her daughters Elana, Jordana and Marissa established a fund to honor their beloved late husband and father, Stuart J. Drell. The fund was established in 2001 at Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. When Renee Drell relocated to Connecticut, she transferred the fund to the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and it now awards scholarships to high school seniors headed off to college. Awards are \$1,000, and applicants must

be members of Congregation B'nai Jacob and entering their freshman year of college. Applications require an essay and the deadline for applications is May 17, 2017, with awards announced in June. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed by the Drell family. Go to www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships for an application and more information.

Emma Kohn Podoloff Scholarship Fund of the National Council of Jewish Women's Greater New Haven Section-College Scholarships for High School Seniors

The Emma Kohn Podoloff Scholarship Fund of the National Council of Jewish Women's Greater New Haven Section is designed to assist Jewish high school seniors to advance their scholastic and vocational education. The average award is \$1,500. Applicants must have resided in the Greater New Haven area for at least one year prior to the application date. The application includes an essay and three recommendations. The deadline for the application is May 31, 2017. The awards are granted in June. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed by the Podoloff scholarship committee. Go to www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships for an application and more information.

Israel Experience Scholarships

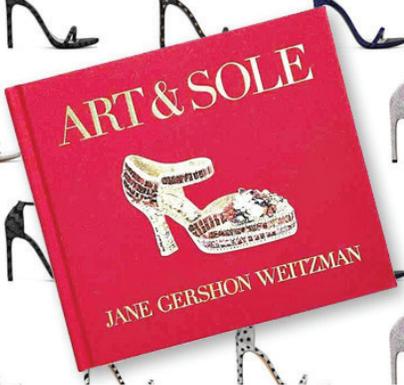
The Jewish Foundation Israel Experience Scholarship Program enables local Jewish students ages 14-19 the opportunity to participate in an Israel experience to develop and enrich their Jewish education and reinforce their Jewish identity. The Jewish Foundation provides scholarships for both short-term (minimum of three weeks program) and long-term organized Israel educational programs. Greater New Haven youth ages 14-19 are eligible. For 2017 summer trips, applications are due by March 7, 2017. For the 2017-2018 gap or academic year programs, applications are due by May 2, 2017. An essay and two recommendations are required. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed by the Israel Experience Scholarship committee.

Go to www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships for more information, a list of qualifying programs and application requirements.


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Pomegranate




SAVE THE DATE FOR A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

Sunday, April 30

10:30 a.m.

Kosher brunch will be served at a private home in Woodbridge.

Women's Philanthropy President: Dr. Dena Schulman-Green
Lion Chair: Dr. Dana Schwartz
Pomegranate Chair: Nancy Cohen

Open to women who make a Pomegranate level (\$1,800- 4,999) or Lion of Judah level (\$5,000*) commitment to the Jewish Federation's 2017 Annual Campaign.

Questions? Contact Assistant Director, Development, Jennifer Bayer, jbayer@jewishnewhaven.org



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UConn Hillel



UConn Hillel is going all-out with a semester packed with social events, guest speakers, Israel programming and so much more! On the first day of classes, over 100 students attended the Welcome Back Bagel Brunch, and over 100 students were hosted for the first Shabbat of the semester. UConn Hillel hung out with Jonathan the Husky at the recent campus-wide Involvement Fair. For more information on what's happening this semester, check out www.uconnhillel.org/calendar - anyone who wishes to join is welcome!



Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 school year.

Preschool: 18 month - Pre-Kindergarten
Day School: Kindergarten - 8th Grade
Beth Chana Academy: 9th-12th Grade

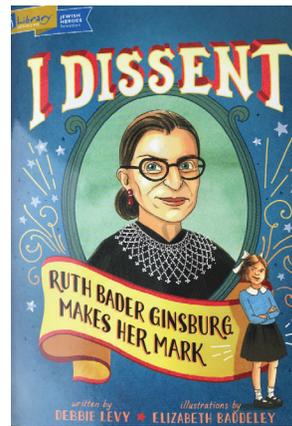
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Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy | 261 Derby Avenue, Orange, CT 06477

PJ Library Jewish Heroes: Ruth Bader Ginsburg

By Stacey Battat
 PJ Library Professional



"I Dissent - Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes her Mark" is a new PJ Library book written by Debbie Levy with illustrations by Elizabeth Baddeley, and is part of a PJ Library series about Jewish heroes. The powerful and inspiring story of the life of Supreme Court Justice RBG, as she is affectionately named, is written for elementary school aged children as they develop the ability to solve problems with their own creativity, processing and thinking. Ruth is an outspoken girl who is encouraged by her mother to speak her voice during (even more) difficult times for women to do so. Ruth's mom, Celia Amster Bader, took her to the library, and from a young age Ruth began reading the signs all around her both literally and philosophically. She dedicated her life to following her passion for learning, doing woodwork (shop) when it was not for girls, singing out loud, writing for the newspaper and fighting for equal treatment for women. She went to law school, became a professor and argued cases in front of the Supreme Court even before she became a Supreme Court Justice. PJ Library says "Encourage your child to think like Ruth Bader Ginsburg and imagine resolutions for some of the challenges she faced throughout her life."

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PJ LIBRARY EVENTS:



PJ LIBRARY - SHABBAT IN THE HOOD
 Would you and your family like to be guests at a home-hosted Shabbat dinner with other PJ Library families in your neighborhood? PJ Library New Haven wants to match up some families for the first in what we hope will be a series of dinners celebrating Shabbat in a way that feels like the right fit for everyone. It's part of our effort to help families create connections with other families and build a sense of belonging. Celebrating Shabbat together can be a great place to start! You don't need to be experienced with prayers or customs, just curious and open to an evening you and your family will enjoy and remember. For questions or to RSVP, contact sbattat@jewishnewhaven.org 203-387-2424 ext 317

PJ LIBRARY & CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM RODFE ZEDAK TOTS AND SHABBAT

HENRY CARTER HULL LIBRARY
 10 KILLINGWORTH TURNPIKE, CLINTON
 SAT. APRIL 1, 11:30 A.M. -12:30 P.M.
 Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek of Chester invite you to a Shabbat family learning and musical program for children and their caregivers. Join us for stories, songs, musical play, snack and meet new friends for ongoing fun at CBSRZ's early childhood programs. No membership required. Ages 0-6. FREE.

MISHPACHA WITH TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH & PJ LIBRARY

TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH
 196 DURHAM ROAD, MADISON, CT 06443

SUN. APRIL 2, 11 A.M. -12 P.M.
 PJ Library and Temple Beth Tikvah invite you to a special edition of Mishpacha - family learning for children and their caregivers. Stories, songs, musical play, snack and ongoing fun at Temple Beth Tikvah's early childhood programs. No membership required. Ages 0-6. FREE.

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EZRA ACADEMY

75 RIMMON ROAD, WOODBRIDGE
SUN. APRIL 2, 4-6 P.M. /SINGING AT 4:30 P.M.
 Join us for a kid-friendly dinner, Passover stories, dancing and singing, and holiday crafts. Ages 2-8. Grandparents Welcome

PASSOVER CRAFTERNOON WITH PJ LIBRARY & THE JCC YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

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SUN. APRIL 9, 2-4 P.M.
 Children will make a Passover craft to bring home, and enjoy a Passover story from special guest: Rabbi Benjamin Scolnic from Temple Beth Sholom. COST: \$10 per child (max \$20 per family). Includes craft materials, snacks, and refreshments. Ages 4-7

JCL Honors Reading Partner Volunteers



Committee members Hedda Kopf (left) and Beth Kaufman (right).

The Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL) will hold its Volunteer Reading Partner Appreciation Event, Wednesday, May 17, at 9:30 a.m., at Congregation

Mishkan Israel in Hamden. Deborah Freedman, children's book author, artist and illustrator will be introduced by JCL's team leader and

reading partner, Hedda Kopf. Freedman majored in art history at Yale University and architecture at Harvard Graduate School of Design, and is the author of several children's books. Her latest book was released in February: "This House, Once." Freedman's dynamic program will showcase her books and how to make the most of them when reading with students.

With about 175 JCL reading partners, volunteering in seven New Haven Public Schools, JCL's diverse group spans different faiths, educational backgrounds and experiences. Each volunteer commits one hour a week to read one-on-one with assigned students, sharing the pleasures of reading, learning and conversation, and giving the child the opportunity to express themselves to an interested adult. Volunteers and students enjoy reading and conversa-

tion with each other to form nurturing relationships. JCL is an award winning project of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

Educators from JCL's seven partner New Haven Public Schools and other local children's literacy advocates are invited to attend the event to honor JCL reading partners for donating their time and for sharing their love of reading and learning with students. Refreshments donated by Abel Caterers. Please RSVP to Norma Jean Mitchell, lfranz465@hotmail.com.

Committee: Beth Kaufman, Hedda Kopf, Sally Mabry, Norma Jean Mitchell

For more info about JCL or to get involved, contact Brenda Brenner, bbrenner@jewishnewhaven.org, (203) 387-2424 x308.

Women of Vision Grant Application Announced



The Women of Vision Society is pleased to announce the 2017-2018 grant application process. The Jewish Foundation's Women of Vision Society has been helping women and girls in the Greater New Haven area and Israel for over 20 years. This endowment, created by 100 founding members in our community, has tackled issues from domestic violence and health to acculturation and spirituality. The endowment has more than doubled its membership and giving since its creation. Since its inception, Women of Vision has disbursed over \$160,000 to help seed and sustain critical programming and services for women and girls.

APPLICATIONS:
newhavenjewishfoundation.org

Grant awards typically range between \$500 and \$3000 for qualifying programs. Applications are due May 31, 2017, and the grants committee will announce the awards in June 2017.

Shlichim



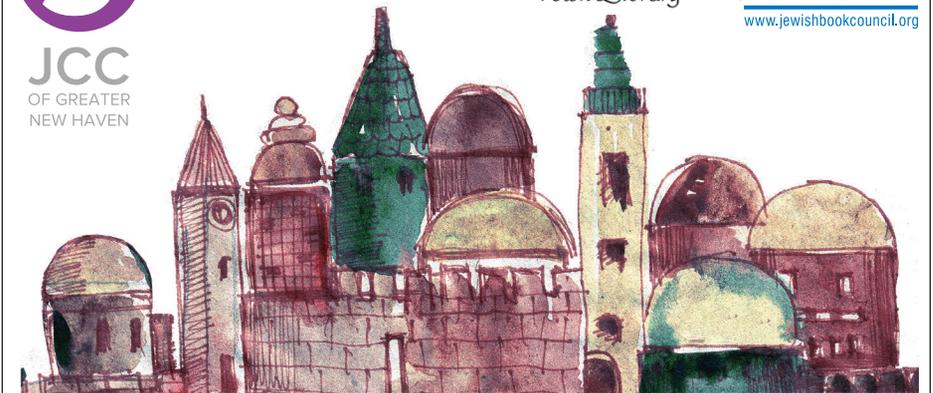
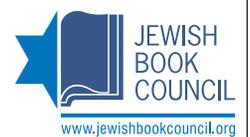
Our emissaries at an event at B'nai Israel of Southbury.



Making dreidels out of marshmallows and pretzel sticks at Congregation B'nai Jacob's Hanukkah celebrations.



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Adina Hoffman
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Better Together: An Intergenerational Program for Seniors and Teens

Hebrew High School of New England has partnered with the Mandell JCC to link students in Rabbi Aharon Skoglund's chumash class with seniors in the community. The group gathers monthly to talk about a wide range of topics. Recent discussions have included immigration and Israel, the Jewish perspective on genetically modified organisms (GMOs), and human rights issues. The students' and seniors' enthusiasm is evident as they express their points of view and share life experiences. Throughout the year, the students will write reflections on these sessions that will add to the richness of their chumash class discussions.



The Constitution and Christmas Trees

Students in Rabbi Amanda Brodie's social studies class at Ezra Academy completed a unit on comparative religions. Each student selected a research topic regarding religions and current events. Here is a portion of Jacob Levy's essay on the constitutionality of celebrating religious holidays within government buildings and at public schools.

ESSAY BY JACOB LEVY, GRADE 8, EZRA ACADEMY



Is it constitutional to have religious items or teachings in government owned establishments, specifically ones that relate to Christianity? Or is it constitutional to have public school kids sing Christmas songs and/or learning about Christianity or Christmas trees on the town green? Almost always these issues are

unconstitutional. The constitution protects these rights, in the first and fourteenth amendments. The Supreme Court ruled on this issue before. In the case of *Engel v. Vitale*, the Court ruled that prayer is

unconstitutional in public schools. The Constitution says nothing about separation of church and state, but many politicians and the Supreme Court have taken on the topic.

The U.S. Constitution covers religious freedom and equality in the first and fourteenth amendments. These amendments explain that the government cannot make a law against religion, free speech, free press, and freedom to protest peacefully. Based on the text in the amendments, the government shouldn't make any laws that will deprive any person of life, liberty, or property. This means that all Americans should be free to believe what they please, and there should be a barrier between religious groups and the government. The Constitution is the most important document in U.S. history, although it can be vague at times. The Supreme Court is sometimes needed to interpret the Constitution.

The first time the Supreme Court made progress on creating religious equality in public schools was in *Engel v. Vitale*. A public school in New Hyde Park, New York, received complaints from a family that the prayers said in the school contradicted his religious beliefs. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the family, ruling that prayer in public schools is un-

constitutional. While prayer was removed, the other parts of religion weren't removed from government and public schools.

The Supreme Court made more progress in removing religion from government in *Lemon v. Kurtzman*. This case ruled that the government must have a secular purpose in legislation. The government must not be influenced by religion. This meant that the government could put up religious symbols, but it must equally represent all religions. This doesn't necessarily mean that they can use religious beliefs to discriminate on the basis of race, sexual orientation, and gender identity. This case was especially important because it allowed the Supreme Court to make some progress in separation of religion and state.

The law appears to be very clear on the issue of religion in government. In most cases, it should be against the Constitution. The Supreme Court covered this issue and made sure that the integrity of religious freedom would not be breached. The U.S. Constitution says that the government cannot breach religious freedom. In conclusion, it is unconstitutional to have religion in public places.

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--- Peter and Lee Stolzman

Create a Jewish Legacy New Haven is a program of the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and is funded in part by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation of Western Massachusetts.



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For more information about Create A Jewish Legacy, contact Lisa Stanger,
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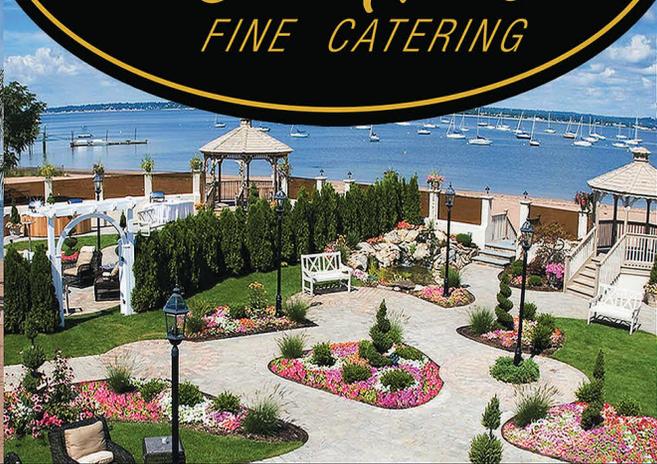
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Westville Synagogue University presents Herbert Block

Mar. 1, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Contact Steven Zalesch, 203-387-9666, sezphl@aol.com.

Kosher Wine Tasting and Sale

Mar. 2, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, 203-389-2111, info@bnaijacob.org.

First Friday at Orchard Street Shul-Kabbalat Shabbat and Sushi and Shots

Mar. 3, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Orchard Street Shul, 232 Orchard Street, New Haven, Contact Judi Janette, 203-776-1468, orchardstreetevents@gmail.com, orchardstreetshul.org.

Shabbat Across America "A Taste of Shabbat"

Mar. 3, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange, Contact Rachel Steigleder, 203-799-2341, congregationorshalom.rachel@gmail.com.

Ezra Academy Celebration, Mar. 4, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Ezra Academy, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Ali Cranshaw, 203-389-5500, acranshaw@ezraacademyct.org.

Temple Beth Tikvah Congregational Meeting

Mar. 5, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Temple Beth Tikvah, 196 Durham Road, Madison, Contact Rabbi Offner, 203-245-7028, rabbi@tbtshoreline.org.

Congregational Meeting: Envision the Future of TBT

Mar. 5, 9:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Temple Beth Tikvah, 196 Durham Rd., Madison, Contact Bonnie Mahon, 203-245-7028, office@tbtshoreline.org, tbtshoreline.org.

Images of Aging from Adam to Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Mar. 5, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, 203-389-2111, info@bnaijacob.org.

Mitzvah Day March 5

Mar. 5, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Various Locations, Contact Debbie Brander, debbieb@jccnh.org, jewishnewhaven.org.

Paint n' Sip, Mar. 5, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, \$45, Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange, Contact Rachel Steigelder, 203-799-2341, congregationorshalom.rachel@gmail.com, orshalomct.org.

Zohar: Kabbalah, Part 2

Mar. 6, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, 203-389-2111, rozatkins@optonline.net.

Women's Philanthropy Winter Warm Up

Mar. 7, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, FREE, suggested donation \$36, Manjares, 838 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, Contact Jen Bayer, 203-387-2424, ext- 320, jbayer@jewishnewhaven.org.

Israeli Dance Class

Mar. 7, Mar. 14, Mar. 21, Mar. 28 7:30 PM - 10:15 PM, \$15, Congregation Beth-El Keser Israel, 85 Harrison Street, New Haven, Contact Leng Tan, 203-912-4086, leng@ctisraelidance.com, ctisraelidance.com.

Parenting Pointers

Mar. 8, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM, JCC Multi-purpose Room, 4 Research Drive, Woodbridge, Contact Grace Koo, 203-387-2424 x228, gracek@jccnh.org.

Erev Purim Service and Megillah Reading @ Congregation Mishkan Israel

Mar. 11, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Sarah Legassey, 785 Ridge Road, Hamden, Contact Sarah Legassey, sle-gassey@cmihamden.org.

Purim Carnival at Congregation Mishkan Israel

Mar. 12, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Sarah Legassey, 785 Ridge Road, Hamden, Contact Sarah Legassey, 203-288-3877, slegassey@cmihamden.org, cmihamden.org.

Family Purim Fun

Mar. 12, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Temple Emanuel, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange, Contact Ruth Gross, 203-397-3000, school@templemanuel-gnh.org.

Music & Mimosas Jazz Brunch with Neighborhood Music School

Mar. 12, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, \$12/\$18, Lyric Hall, 827 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, Contact Mara Balk, 203-387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org.

Purim Carnival at TBT, Mar. 12, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Temple Beth Tikvah, 196 Durham Road, Madison, Contact Rabbi Offner, 203-245-7028, rabbi@tbtshoreline.org.

Community Purim Seudah

Mar. 12, 5:15 PM - 8:00 PM, Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Contact Westville Synagogue Office, 203-389-9513, newhaven.purimseudah@gmail.com.

Zohar: Kabbalah, Part 2

Mar. 13, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, 203-389-2111, rozatkins@optonline.net.

Author Adina Hoffman, "Till We Have Built Jerusalem"

Mar. 15, 7:00 PM, FREE, Woodbridge Town Library, 10 Newton Road, Woodbridge, Contact Grace Koo, 203-387-2424 x228, gracek@jccnh.org, jccnh.org/rsvp.

Westville Synagogue University presents Steve Ginsburg, CT ADL Director

Mar. 15, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Contact Steven Zalesch, 203-387-9666, sezphl@aol.com.

Shoreline Adult Ed.: The Healing Power of Psalms-A Spiritual Journey

Mar. 16, Mar. 30, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven Shoreline Office, 705 Boston Post Rd., Building C, Suite 2A, Guilford, Contact Jill Lesage, 203-738-0033, jwlesage@jewishnewhaven.org, jewishnewhaven.org/rsvp

Shoreline Adult Ed.: Pirke Avot-Reflections on How We Live Our Lives

Mar. 16, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven Shoreline Office, 705 Boston Post Rd., Building C, Suite 2A, Guilford, Contact Jill Lesage, 203-738-0033, jwlesage@jewishnewhaven.org, jewishnewhaven.org/rsvp

A Taste of Israeli Cuisine Cooking Series On the Shoreline

Mar. 16, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, \$20, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven Shoreline Office, 705 Boston Post Rd., Building C, Suite 2A, Guilford, Contact Jill Lesage, 203-738-0033, jwlesage@jewishnewhaven.org, jewishnewhaven.org/rsvp

March School Vacation Program, Mar. 17, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, JCC of Greater New Haven, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Kari McInerney, 203-387-2424 x236, karim@jccnh.org, jccnh.org/after-out-of-school.

Vilna Vegetarian Cookbook

Mar. 18, 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, 203-389-2111, info@bnaijacob.org.

S'mores and Tours at Camp Laurelwood!

Mar. 19, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Evelyn Cohen, Camp Laurelwood, 463 Summer Hill Road, Madison, Contact Evelyn Cohen, 413-519-7178, evelyn@camp Laurelwood.org, laurelwood.org.

The Maccabeats come to CBSRZ in Chester

Mar. 19, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, \$35, Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, 55 East Kings Highway, Chester, Contact Wendy Bayor, 860-526-8920, wendy@cbsrz.org, cbsrz.org.

JCRC Legislative Breakfast

Mar. 20, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM, State Capital Building, 210 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Contact Rabbi Joshua Ratner, 203-387-2424 x318, jratner@jewishnewhaven.org, jewishnewhaven.org.

Zohar: Kabbalah, Part 2

Mar. 20, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, 203-389-2111, rozatkins@optonline.net.

Left v. Right: The Battle for Israel's Soul: Tobin vs. Goldberg

Mar. 23, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, \$18, Temple Beth Tikvah, 196 Durham Road, Madison, Contact Kayla Bisbee, 203-387-2424 x325, kbisbee@jewishnewhaven.org.

Shir Hadash

Mar. 25, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, info@bnaijacob.org.

Jewish Family Service Spring Fundraiser

Mar. 25, 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM, Jewish Family Service, 1440 Whalley Ave., New Haven, Contact Rachel Scolnic, 203-389-5599 x109, rsdobin@jfsnh.org, jfsnh.org.

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Zohar: Kabbalah, Part 2, Mar. 27, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, 203-389-2111, rozatkins@optonline.net.

14th Annual Builders of Hope Breakfast - Clifford Beers Clinic, Mar. 29, 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM, Fantasia, 404 Washington Avenue, North Haven, Contact Jennifer Cretella, 203-777-8648 x2208, jcretella@cliffordbeers.org, cliffordbeers.org.

Ladies Night Out, Mar. 30, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Temple Beth Shalom, 1809 Whitney Ave, Hamden, Contact Michelle Serlin, 203-645-6341, mserlin@mac.com.

Lewis Bernstein Lecture, Mar. 30, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, \$5, Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden, Contact Mara Balk, 203-387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org.

Shabbat Ruach, Mar. 31, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, info@bnaijacob.org.

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Beckerman Jewish Film Series, Apr. 2, Apr. 6, Apr. 9, Apr. 13, Apr. 20, Apr. 27, Apr. 30, Various times and locations, visit jccnh.org/filmseries for details, Contact Mara Balk, 203-387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org.

PJ Library visits TBT MISHPACHA Family program, Apr. 2, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Temple Beth Tikvah, 196 Durham Road Madison, CT 06443, Madison, Contact Stacey Battat, sbattat@jewishnewhaven.org.

Zohar: Kabbalah, Part 2, Apr. 3, Apr. 10, Apr. 17, Apr. 24, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, 203-389-2111, rozatkins@optonline.net.

Israeli Dance Class, Apr. 4, 7:30 PM - 10:15 PM, \$15, Congregation Beth-El Keser, 85 Harrison Street, New Haven, Contact Leng Tan, 203-912-4086, leng@ctisraelidance.com, ctisraelidance.com.

Westville Synagogue University presents Prof. Ellie Stern of Yale Univ, Apr. 5, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Contact Steven Zalesch, 203-387-9666, sezphl@aol.com.

Passover Crafternoon with PJ Library, Apr. 9, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Sew Crafty, 87 Audobon Street, Orange, \$10 per child, \$20 family max, Contact Stacey Battat, sbattat@jewishnewhaven.org.

Tot Shabbat at Congregation Mishkan Israel, Apr. 7, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, 785 Ridge Road, Hamden, Contact Sarah Legassey, slegassey@cmihamden.org.

Leaving Egypt, On Being Born, Yetziat Mitzrayim, Apr. 8, 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, info@bnaijacob.org.

April School Vacation Program, Apr. 11, Apr. 12, Apr. 13, Apr. 14 Apr. 18, Apr. 19, Apr. 20, Apr. 21, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Kari McInerney, 203-387-2424 x236, karim@jccnh.org, jccnh.org/after-out-of-school

Passover Seder at Congregation Mishkan Israel, Apr. 11, 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM, 785 Ridge Road, Hamden, Contact Sarah Legassey, slegassey@cmihamden.org.

2nd Night Passover Seder at Temple Emanuel, Apr. 11, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM, \$36, Temple Emanuel, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange, Contact Ruth Gross, 203-397-3000, office@templeemanuel-gnh.org, bit.ly/2krdgkr

Sex and Aging: Myths, Facts (& Solutions!), Apr. 15, 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM, \$18, Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange, Contact Rachel Steigleder, 203-799-2341, congregationorshalom.rachel@gmail.com, orshalomct.org.

A Taste of Israeli Cuisine Cooking Series On the Shoreline, Apr. 20, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, \$20, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven Shoreline Office, 705 Boston Post Rd., Building C, Suite 2A, Guilford, Contact Jill Lesage, 203-738-0033, jwlesage@jewishnewhaven.org, jewishnewhaven.org/rsvp

Yom Hashoah Commemoration, Apr. 23, 1:00 PM, Tower One Tower East, 18 Tower Ln. New Haven, Contact Endre Sarkany, esarkany@jewishnewhaven.org.

Family Philanthropy Workshop, Apr. 23, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Congregation Mishkan Israel, Hamden, Contact Jennifer Bayer, jbayer@jewishnewhaven.org.

S'mores and Tours at Camp Laurelwood, Apr. 23, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Evelyn Cohen, Camp Laurelwood, 463 Summer Hill Road, Madison, Contact Evelyn Cohen, 413-519-7178, evelyn@camplaurelwood.org, laurelwood.org.

Westville Synagogue University presents Prof. Maury Samuels of Yale Univ, Apr. 26, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Contact Steven Zalesch, 203-387-9666, sezphl@aol.com.

Leonard Cohen: A Jewish Bard, Apr. 29, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, rozatkins@optonline.net.

Pharaoh's Daughter to Perform at Congregation Mishkan Israel, Apr. 29, 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM, \$40, Sarah Legassey, 785 Ridge Road, Hamden, Contact Sarah Legassey, slegassey@cmihamden.org.

American Jews and Movie Making During the Second World War, Apr. 30, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact Rosalind Atkins, info@bnaijacob.org.

Lion and Pomegranate Event with Jane Weitzman, Apr. 30, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Private home, Contact Jennifer Bayer, jbayer@jewishnewhaven.org.

The Jewish High School of Connecticut Gala, Apr. 30, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, TBD, Contact Sarah Rich, srich@jhsct.org.

Yom Hazikaron Ceremony, Apr. 30, 6:30 PM, Temple Emanuel, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange, Contact Amalya Brownstein, 203-387-2424 x385, amalyab@jccnh.org.

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Mar. 16
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
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Join Israeli Emissaries Raz Lachmi and Yotam Francis to honor those who sacrificed their lives for the safety and security of Israel. Stay for a screening of *Beneath the Helmet* with a talkback by one of the film's featured soldiers, Aviv Regev.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017 | Ceremony: 6:30 p.m.

Screening: 7 p.m. | Temple Emanuel | 150 Derby Ave., Orange

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An Open Letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

In Jan. 2016, the Israeli Knesset passed a law that expanded the non-Orthodox prayer section located in Robinson's Arch at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. The plan for the alternative section has yet to be implemented. In Dec. 2016, leaders from the Sephardic Orthodox Shas party, the haredi Orthodox United Torah Judaism party, Jewish Home party and Likud party submitted a bill that would place the site under the jurisdiction of the Chief Rabbinate and the rabbinic courts, who would approve all religious practices allowed there. The bill would prevent all non-Orthodox public prayer at the Western Wall, which would prohibit women from reading Torah and wearing prayer shawls, even in the women's section. Arthur Levy, Chair of the Israel Subcommittee of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, wrote an open letter to Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu.

The Haaretz newspaper reported in Dec. 2016, that 16 members of the ruling coalition in Israel, including members from Likud, and the "modern orthodox" Habayit Hayehudi as well as Shas and Agudath Israel have submitted a bill to the Knesset which, if passed would prohibit women from wearing prayer shawls or Tefillin at the Western Wall in Jerusalem and would forbid them from reading from the Torah or blowing the shofar there. The penalties for violating that law could be prison or a fine.

Ironically, on the same day that I read that report there was an article in The New York Times about the draconian restrictions placed on women in Mosul by ISIS. My first thought, as someone who has spent 75 years in the Orthodox world, was that the ultra-orthodox Rabbinate and ISIS leadership see eye to eye on women's issues. The proposed bill is both misogynistic and a violation of freedom of religion, a principle that Americans of all faiths hold dear.

I believe that it is incumbent on all free-thinking American Jews, whether Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or secular, to protest loudly and do everything possible to ensure that the bill is withdrawn.

It has become clear that many American Jews, especially millennials, have become alienated from the Zionist enterprise. It is actions such as the current proposed Knesset bill that will ensure this trend will continue.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Levy, M.D., Chair, Israel Subcommittee

Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

In Jan. 2017, the Israeli Supreme Court ruled in favor of women being allowed to read Torah and pray according to their customs in the Orthodox women's section at the Western Wall, and that the egalitarian prayer section in Robinson's Arch is not the equivalent of access to the holy site. The Western Wall Heritage Foundation, which determines the customs allowed at the Western Wall, has routinely conducted body searches on women at the entrance to the plaza, with the object of keeping Torah scrolls and other ritual objects from being smuggled into the women's section. The Supreme Court also ruled that body searches must immediately desist. The Supreme Court issued an interim injunction, which gave the Western Wall's Orthodox administrators and state agencies 30 days to provide evidence as to why women should not be allowed to pray according to their own customs in the women's section. At this time, evidence has yet to be presented.

Ezra Schwartz

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grandparents, Mark and Heni Schwartz. Studying in Israel was an opportunity to develop his Jewish identity, and explore deep religious and emotional connections to the country. Mark and Heni Schwartz, and their family, feel that the field will be the right way to remember Ezra. The baseball field will be a living, functioning memorial, said Mark Schwartz. The City of Ra'anana is donating the currently undeveloped land, and preparing the site for building. The sports complex will consist of four baseball diamonds, a soccer field, artificial turf, lighting and viewing stands, and will be used for organized league games and practices. Since the Schwartz's began a renewed fundraising effort in December 2016, about \$80,000 has been raised, and they are now 70 percent of the way to the \$350,000 needed. The goal is to complete fundraising this spring, and finish construction for the first game to be played this fall. "We want as much good to come out of Ezra's death as possible," Mark Schwartz said. Mark and Heni Schwartz are looking forward to standing on the finished field.

To help build the field for Ezra, visit crowdrise.com/raanana-baseball-field.

Life Insurance

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If you name a charity as a beneficiary but do not transfer the ownership, the charity will still receive monies from the insurance when you pass, however, you will not be able to claim a charitable income tax deduction during your lifetime for the value of the transferred policy or for the amount of the premium payments (but the amounts passing to charity will be deductible from your estate).

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For more information contact the Jewish Foundation, Lisa Stanger, Executive Director, lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org, (203) 387-2424, ext. 382. Note, the Jewish Foundation does NOT sell life insurance but can assist you in your charitable giving to your synagogue and other Jewish organizations.

JCARR

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resettlement program in the U.S. The Executive Order, and the subsequent outpouring of support for refugees at rallies and vigils in New Haven and around the country, only reinforces JCARR's commitment to work for and with refugees. The concept of tikkun olam tells us to search for a tiny spark of divine light, one small thing we can do to make the world better. In this time when we might feel overwhelmed by chaos, the people involved with JCARR find that divine light in the eyes of the refugee children and the love their parents show for them. Doing what we can to help them build a new life here helps to soothe our fears and offers us hope for repair of the world. The Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement (JCARR) is a collaboration between Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, Congregation B'nai Jacob, Congregation Mishkan Israel, Congregation Or Shalom, and Temple Emanuel local to co-sponsor refugee families who are new to the New Haven area. The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven supports the work of JCARR.

PJ Library

FROM PAGE 18

Ask your child:

- What would you do if/when you are studying a subject that you find challenging?
- What would you do if you disagree with someone?
- What would you do if people told you to stop doing something you are good at just because they think you are too young?

As children begin to strategize, they develop their own voices, which prepare them to define themselves in a world filled with challenge and choice. Ruth Bader Ginsburg provides an outstanding role model of respectfully, but forcefully, dissenting as she became a major figure who helped to shape pieces of the ethical code we live by and aspire to achieve.



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Sabra Society

The Sabra is a symbol of the native Israeli - tough on the outside and sweet on the inside. The Sabra endures and continues to thrive, just as we do and our community does.

We are pleased to announce the Sabra Society, a new program through Women's Philanthropy at the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven that recognizes women who contribute \$365-\$1,799 to the Annual Campaign.

We are thrilled to introduce this new initiative and will roll out a variety of social, educational and philanthropic events. We invite you to join us and hope to see you at our first "Thank You" event on May 16.

Emily Sandberg
Sabra Society Co-Chair

Lauren Miller
Sabra Society Co-Chair

Questions? Contact: Jen Bayer, Assistant Director, Development, 203-387-2424, ext. 320

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Federation allocations support Jewish programming at the Towers in every aspect from keeping kosher and holiday celebrations to spiritual leadership and pastoral care.

Sam's story is based on a composite of several Tower One/Tower East residents.

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