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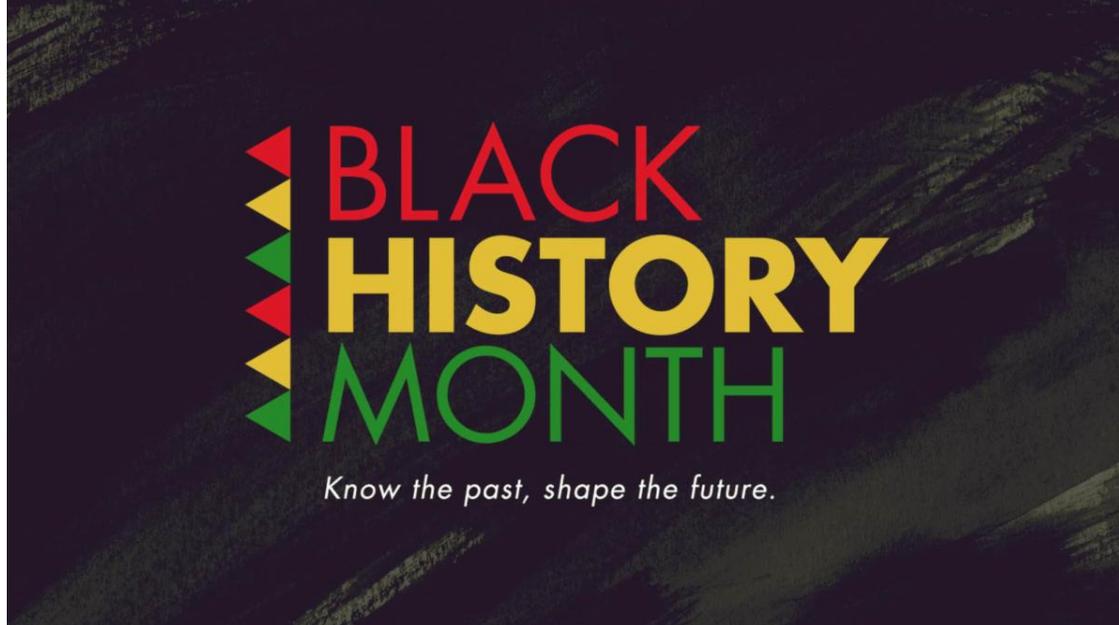


Shabbat
Shalom

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CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!



Remarks from our Executive Director, Gary Jones.

During Black History Month last year, I was the Interim Executive Director of UConn Hillel. UConn Hillel always enjoyed a good relationship with the University's African American Cultural Center. However, in part because of Hillel's strong show of support for the Black community on campus in response to racist incidents that occurred at the university during last year's fall semester, the relationship became even more collaborative and supportive.

In addition, Dr. Willena Kimpson Price, the wonderful and inspirational Director of the AACCC, was deeply concerned about the series of attacks targeting Jewish people in our country during that year. Like a good leader and a good person, she wanted to show support for members of the Jewish community in the most effective way possible.

Every year at UConn, the AACCC holds a gala Opening Ceremony event for Black History Month. More than 250 students, faculty and supporters of the AACCC regularly attend the Opening Ceremony. Dr. Price had arranged for a very prestigious speaker, Dr. Joy DeGruy to deliver the keynote address. But she also wanted her students to use the event as a way to show solidarity with the Jewish community who had suffered from a string of hateful murders. She arranged for a vigil to take place during the Opening Ceremony festivities.

The vigil, led by student leaders of the AACC, involved all of the attendees at the Opening Ceremony event. Still, she wanted to do more. She wanted her students to know that Black and Jewish people have been and should continue to be allies. She asked me to speak to the Opening Ceremony attendees about the history of the Black and Jewish communities working together in coalition and to recommend ways that all people can do more to stand up for all victims and stand against bigotry whenever it appears. Here is the talk I delivered in response to Dr. Price's charge.

[Click here to read Gary's speech](#)



The Federation's vision is to seek to be the place, both in real and in virtual settings, for thriving Jewish life, community, and values in the Western and Northwestern parts of the state.

Contact information for Gary Jones: gjones@jfed.net or 203-267-3177 Extension #304

VIRTUAL WOMEN'S SEDER

"MOVING FORWARD IN HARMONY"

THURSDAY, MARCH 18 ~ 7:00pm to 8:30pm



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VIRTUAL
Women's Seder
2021

*Moving Forward
in Harmony*

**Pauline M. Zimmerman, Federation President,
and Lisa Miller, Past Federation President,
Invite Women from Our Federation Community to
Be Their Guest as We Celebrate the Holiday of Freedom**



Thursday, March 18 ☞ 7:00PM to 8:30PM

The Seder will be led by Rabbi Nebel of Congregation B'nai Israel in Danbury and accompanied by Linda Goodman of B'nai Israel in Southbury.

Please RSVP by March 4th as space is limited

Vegetarian Symbolic Seder Food will be available for pick up

Wednesday, March 17 from 11:00AM - 12:30PM

at the Walzer Family Jewish Community Campus

444 Main Street North, Southbury

Please contact Cathy at cconti@jfed.net if you are unable to pick it up.

Rabbi Rhonda Nebel of Congregation B'nai Israel in Danbury started in July after serving sixteen years at Temple Beth Chai in Hauppauge, N.Y. Rabbi served as the education and youth director at Congregation Beth El in New London for ten years. Rabbi is passionate, enthusiastic and committed to strengthening Jewish knowledge, understanding, beliefs and practices within diverse communities.

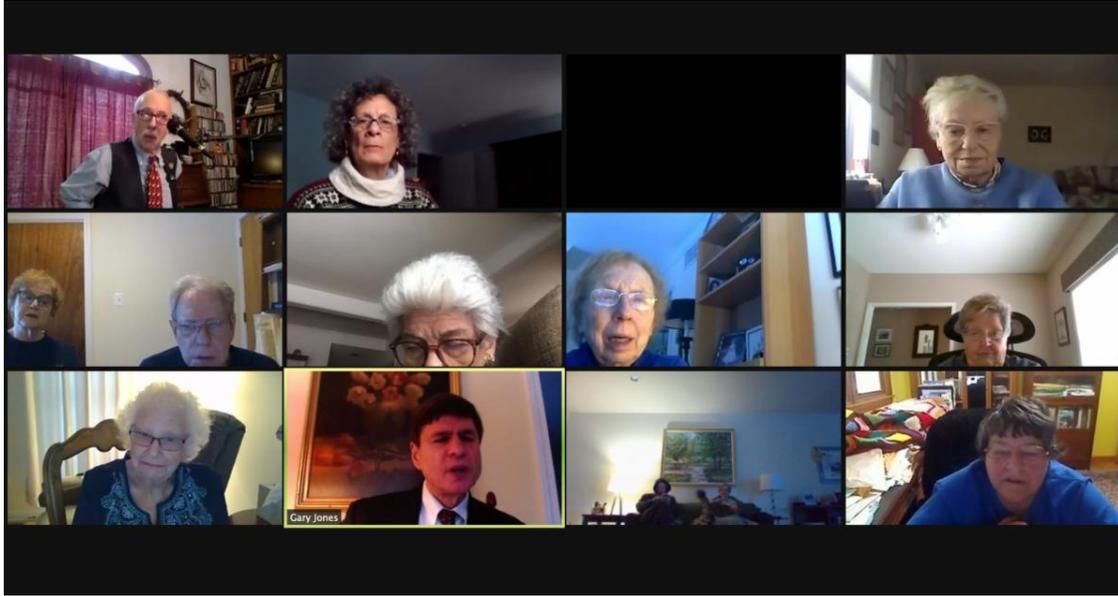
Linda Goodman of B'nai Israel in Southbury has been singing all her life in choirs and in the car with her family. As a former special education teacher, Linda has used music as a joyful way to teach children. A Jew by choice, she was drawn in by the cantors and song leaders at B'nai Israel. For the past 10 years, Linda has served as Director of Sacred Music at B'nai Israel in Southbury.

This event is being sponsored and underwritten by the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut.

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LOVE&KNISHES WITH JEFF WIESELBERG



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**PIERCE CAMPBELL VIRTUAL
PERFORMANCE
THURSDAY, FEB. 25TH AT 1PM**



Pierce was the Connecticut State Troubadour for many years and has been a full time musician for over 35 years.

Pierce's diverse repertoire includes Rock & Roll, Celtic, Jazz and folk style original songs. RSVP to cconti@jfed.net or click the link below!

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HOT ACOUSTICS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD AT 12:30PM



Hot Acoustics is a guitar and violin duo playing a wide variety of songs. Tunes include original renditions from jazz to popular.

RSVP to cconti@jfed.net or click the link below!

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**LILIYA BIKBOVA SOPRANO
THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 4PM**



This mother & daughter duo has performed Carnegie Hall and now they will be performing songs virtually from around the world!

RSVP to cconti@jfed.net or click the link below!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

SPEAKER SERIES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – 10:00 AM



Myra Clark-Siegel – “*State of Antisemitism in America*”

Myra Clark-Siegel, Acting Director, AJC Westchester, will discuss the AJC’s first-ever State of Antisemitism in America report, released on October 26, 2020, which shows deep anxiety among American Jews and a disturbing

lack of awareness among the general public about the

severity of antisemitism in the United States. Parallel surveys of American Jews and the U.S. general public reveal widely divergent views regarding Jew-hatred in America.

Pre-registration is required. Please email jewishlifect@gmail.com. The Zoom link will be sent on Saturday, February 20 to all attendees.

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ATLANTA AUTHOR SERIES: MARK GERSON, THE TELLING ON MARCH 7TH AT 4PM

The graphic is a colorful, stylized poster for a book festival. It features a central white box with black text and logos. The text reads "BOOK FESTIVAL OF THE The National JCC Literary Consortium IN YOUR LIVING ROOM". Below this, it says "PRESENTED BY WELLS FARGO" and "JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN". To the right, there is a yellow box with "Sunday, March 7 4 PM", a book cover for "THE TELLING" by Mark Gerson, and a photo of Mark Gerson. Below the photo is another yellow box with "AUTHOR: Mark Gerson". At the bottom left, a yellow box says "Zoom Tickets on Sale Now!". The background is a mix of blue, yellow, and pink geometric shapes.

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Register in advance for *The Telling: How Judaism's Essential Book Reveals the Meaning of Life* by Mark Gerson. In Conversation with: Rabbi Brian Glusman, MJCCA ZOOM Webinar Author Talk + Q & A.

The Haggadah, which can be found in Jewish homes around the world, has guided Jewish families and friends through Pesach celebrations for a millennia. In *The Telling: How Judaism's Essential Book Reveals the Meaning of*

Life, author Mark Gerson shows how even the most familiar passages from the Haggadah are sitting on top of buried treasures ready to help us live more meaningful and fulfilling lives today. The Telling will enable readers to make their Seder the most engaging, inspiring and important night of the year — and to understand how Jewish wisdom can help them to live their happiest, most purposeful and worthwhile lives.

The fundamental questions of life that The Telling addresses include those of freedom, blessings, parenthood, dreams, education, idolatry, family, forgiveness, willpower, dreams, memory, wisdom, goodness, analogies, habits, newness, music, food, aging, false humility, the role of the imagination, the purpose of political debate, the cultivation and expression of gratitude, the State of Israel, our relationship with God, the secret of joy, the meaning of history, the presentation of miracles — and much more.

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IN CHALLENGING TIMES
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With the uncertainty in our world it is imperative now more than ever that we join together as a Foundation of strength for each other. Please consider a donation today. Our Federation may be closed nonetheless we are still working. Working to support our community.

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**CURRENT COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR
VISITORS OF THE WALZER FAMILY
JEWISH COMMUNITY CAMPUS**

While our staff has begun working within the building for a few hours per week, our campus is still not open to the public for larger gatherings. If you are a member or volunteer that needs access to our campus, please call and arrange this with our facility manager, Maria Cruz 203.267.3393.



We can, on a case by case basis, accommodate a group of less

than five for short term projects to use spaces in our building that are conducive to social distancing.

As a reminder, persons who enter our building may be asymptomatic for Covid-19. For your safety, and the safety of every other person, you must wear a mask properly at all times. You will be met at the door by our facility manager, Maria Cruz, who will supervise the sign-in process for any signs of illness.

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