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TODAY!**

Annual Campaign Kickoff

Please join us on Sunday October 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.

הַבּוֹנִים – Habonim “The Builders”

The Jewish Federation of Western CT
invites you to our virtual
Annual Campaign Kickoff
on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.

We are proud to announce that our
featured guest speaker will be
Ambassador Meron Reuben,
Consul General of Israel to New England

RSVP to cconti@jfed.net by October 15, 2021
to receive the link to join our Campaign Kickoff



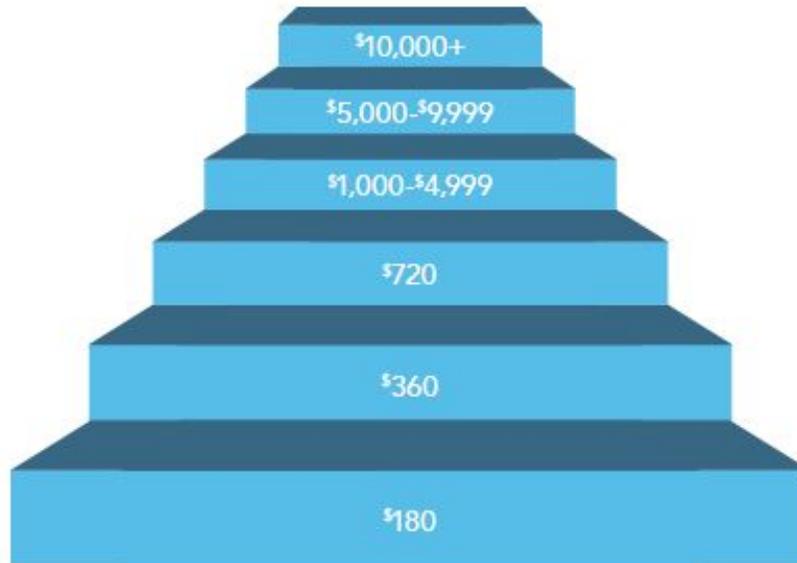
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OF WESTERN CONNECTICUT

444 Main Street North
Southbury, CT 06844



“The Builders”

Help us to build our Federation so that together we can create a more cohesive and vibrant Jewish community in Western and Northwestern CT.



The Virtual Annual Campaign Kickoff will also give us the opportunity to honor true Habonim of Jewish life throughout Western and Northwestern CT.

Each synagogue, school and other Jewish institution will have the opportunity to designate an individual to be honored for his or her unwavering support of that institution over the last 18 months.

UPCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS!



Return, Live and In-Person.

**With Soprano Liliya Bikbova on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm.
at the Jewish Federation of Western CT 444 Main St. North
Southbury, CT 06488**



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

The cost of this event is \$10. Please RSVP by clicking the button below.

As a reminder, as per CDC guidelines, all guests must wear a mask.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Menu will available next week.
Please RSVP to cconti@jfed.net



Return, Live and In-Person.

**With Airborne Trio on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 1:00 pm.
at the Jewish Federation of Western CT 444 Main St. North
Southbury, CT 06488**



Airborne formed in the 1980s the band celebrates years of recording projects, festivals, concerts, corporate and private functions, city and community events, healthcare centers, assisted living, senior centers, libraries, schools, educational workshops, residences, and clubs.

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**Please join us on Sunday, November 7th
at 2 pm for a presentation and book signing as
former Connecticut Public Television Executive
and former WATR radio talk show host
Larry Rifkin introduces us to his
newly released book
"No Dead Air"**

RSVP to email cconti@jfed.net by November 1st.

**AT THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF WESTERN CT LOCATED AT
444 MAIN STREET NORTH SOUTHBURY, CT 06488**



HOW ONE MAN MADE HISTORY WITH A PURPLE DINOSAUR...

Media executive Larry Rifkin's career led him down a unique path. Rising to unexpected challenges and meeting them head-on, he brought national phenomena to the small screen while staying close to home and never working in a major media center. Rifkin took women's basketball from obscurity to a national pastime, making it the most transformative local franchise on PBS. He also was the executive in charge for Connecticut Public Television, the co-producer of *Barney & Friends*, one of the most popular children's television shows in history.

In *No Dead Air*, Rifkin invites fans of television history and success stories into his studio and home for a behind-the-scenes glimpse, including memories throughout his career in American media, descriptions of industry changes, and interactions with celebrities.

From the man who saved Barney from extinction comes an inspiring and entertaining journey that began in radio and transcended time and technology to continue into the age of podcasting. Larry Rifkin is still on the air hosting americatrendspodcast.com.



NO DEAD AIR

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LARRY RIFKIN

Career Reflections From the TV Executive Who Saved BARNEY THE DINOSAUR From Extinction

LARRY RIFKIN

Larry Rifkin was the programming executive for Connecticut Public Television (CPTV) for over a quarter of a century, from 1986 to 2009.

CONNECTICUT Magazine characterized his time at the station as the 'Elvis years' because of the many programming accomplishments attributed to his leadership.

Most notable, Rifkin was responsible for bringing 'Barney & Friends' to PBS. It went on to become one of the most successful children's television series in history and he introduced UConn Women's Basketball to television and helped to propel women's sports on TV nationally.

Under his leadership, CPTV amassed over fifty (50) Emmy Awards in the Boston/New England competition. And Mr. Rifkin was inducted into the Boston/New England Silver Circle in 2006. This is the regional television equivalent of a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Rifkin was a skilled on air presenter on CPTV and returned to his radio roots full-time back in 2010 as host of 'Talk of the Town' on WATR 1320 for a seven year period.

He now hosts the podcast, americatrendspodcast.com, where he looks at changes in our society and our politics. He is approaching 500 episodes recorded.

His new book is titled 'No Dead Air' and it will be released in the fall.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Impact of the UN's Antisemitic Durban Conference: 20 Years Later

Monday, September 20, 12:00 PM ET

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The Impact of the UN's Antisemitic Durban Conference: 20 Years Later

20 years ago, the UN held a conference in Durban, South Africa. The stated goal was to promote effective and sustained action to eliminate all forms of racism and racial discrimination. Instead, the conference became a forum to attack and vilify Israel, and threaten Jewish groups in attendance. Join American Jewish Committee (AJC) for a special program remembering this infamous conference and its enduring legacy.

We will also be thanking those governments that have made the struggle against antisemitism a priority and refused to legitimize the Durban process.

Monday, September 20 12:00 p.m. ET, 11:00 a.m.
CT 10:00 a.m. MT, 9:00 a.m. PT

**REGISTER
HERE!**



The last year has seen dramatic events with far-reaching consequences for the Jewish community, from the pandemic to thousands of rockets falling across Israel. And we have shown, once again, that when we work together we can tackle anything.

On October 3rd at 2 PM (ET), we will gather to reflect, learn, and explore several important areas of Jewish life that are on our communal agenda at this critical time. We hope you will join us.

[LEARN MORE!](#)



This October 10, you can Walk together.
Roll together. Run together. Pedal together. Join together!

There are so many ways to speak up together as part of

ADL's Annual Walk Against Hate. It's a great opportunity to move toward a future without antisemitism, racism and all forms of bigotry.

Join people from across the country in stepping up — solo, with your family, with your classmates, co-workers, congregations or community group — to make your voice heard in challenging antisemitism and all forms of hate.

To register and see how you can participate in your community, visit ***WalkAgainstHate.org*** today.

Be a part of the movement to show solidarity against antisemitism, bias, bullying and bigotry.





Virtual Mission

LATIN AMERICA

Monday October 18, 2021 at 7 PM

Experience the Jewish Communities of Latin America from the comfort of your home! Join Federation partner JDC, leading global Jewish humanitarian organization, as we highlight personal stories about the impact your support makes across the globe.

Book Your "Ticket" Today!
 jfedshaw.org/crc

[Learn More!](#)

Jewish
Women's
Archive

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Week of September 12, 2021

Celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of Jewish women, this week and every week!

September 15, 1955

First Female Cantor Leads Rosh Hashanah Services - Betty Robbins

The world's first female cantor, led Rosh Hashanah evening services at Temple Avodah of Oceanside, New York, on September 15,



1955. Her appointment as cantor marked the first time that a woman performed the traditional role of cantor in a synagogue anywhere in the world.



September 16, 1988

"Crossing Delancey" Released

Joan Micklin Silver's Crossing Delancey, a Jewish-themed romantic comedy, was released in theaters on September 16, 1988. In the movie, Silver portrays a romance that is both specifically Jewish and universally understood.



September 16, 1996

"Judge Judy" Airs

Judith Sheindlin, more famously known as Judge Judy, has become one of the most recognizable women on television since her show aired on September 16, 1996. Sheindlin was the only woman in a class of 126 students at American University's Washington College of Law in 1965.



September 19, 1941

Birth of "Mama" Cass Elliot

A folk singer with a gift for turning formerly up-tempo tunes like "Dream a Little Dream of Me" into unforgettable torch songs, "Mama" Cass Elliot helped define the sound of her generation as a member of the Mamas and the Papas.

Registration is officially open!



Ahead of Her Time

Celebrating 25 Years of Vision
Thursday, November 4th, 8:00 p.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. PT

In honor of JWA's 25th anniversary, join us on **November 4th, 2021** for a celebration of the history, achievements, and leadership of Jewish women. A multi-generational and spirited event for everyone!

**RSVP
HERE!**

HELP SUPPORT HURRICANE IDA RELIEF EFFORTS



Since Sunday, Hurricane Ida, one of the strongest hurricanes ever to make landfall in the United States, has plunged large parts of Louisiana and Mississippi into darkness and destroyed many homes and businesses. On Monday, as Ida continued its destructive path as a tropical storm, communities began assessing the damage.

The conditions on the ground have made it difficult to see the full scope of the damage, but early indications make it clear that Jewish communities and others will have significant needs. Hundreds are still stranded, evacuation orders in New Orleans remain in place, and towns along the Gulf Coast remain flooded.

Jewish Federations are uniquely positioned to help at times of need such as these.

Local Federations and Network Communities in Louisiana and other potentially affected states including Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee, laid the groundwork for a response ahead of the storm, while Federations in neighboring states such as Texas are already preparing to set up support in the forms of hot food, supply drives, temporary housing and childcare, coordination with aid organizations, and satellite services.

In order to bolster their efforts, JFNA has opened a *dedicated national mailbox* through our Emergency Committee—a volunteer body that allocates emergency funds collected to address disaster relief—to ensure that additional contributions flow to the affected communities. The Committee will continue to assess the needs and is prepared to offer additional support as needed.

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IN CHALLENGING TIMES
WE ARE GRANDER TOGETHER**

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.



WEEKLY WISDOM

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When Federations create space for young adults to live their values, make their voices heard, and contribute to improving the world, young adults step up to lead - with the talent, enthusiasm and diversity that has already distinguished Gen Y as the most philanthropic and civically-engaged in history.

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- **RABBI DAVID KESSEL**
The Jewish Federations of North America



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GARY JONES



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.

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