



Jewish Federation®  
OF WESTERN CONNECTICUT

Candle Lighting  
7:04pm  
*Parashat Nitzavim*



## *Shabbat Shalom* *L'shanah Tovah 5782*

The Jewish Federation of Western CT wishes you and your family a sweet, happy and healthy New Year!

As we celebrate the coming of Rosh Hashanah, we extend our holiday wishes. The Federation is proud of the work we do for our local and global Jewish community. We also know that nothing can be accomplished without your support. Thank You!

As the year 5782 approaches, we look forward to more opportunities to build our Federation so that, together, we can create a more cohesive and vibrant Jewish community in Western and Northwestern Connecticut. We can accomplish so much more when we work together.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE - DONATE TODAY!**

### **The Jewish Federation Announces Hiring of Regional Security Advisor**

In order to enhance the security of all of the Jewish institutions in Western and Northwestern Connecticut, the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut is pleased to announce the hiring of a full-time professional Regional Security Advisor. Michael J. Shanbrom, a 20-year veteran of the FBI, has been hired by

Secure Community Network (the official security partner of the Jewish Community of North America) to serve as the RSA for four Connecticut Jewish Federations (our Federation and each of the Jewish Federations of Greenwich, Stamford and Greater New Haven). Mike, a New Haven resident, will undergo a month-long training regimen with SCN and is expected begin working with us at some point in October.

The hiring of professional security advisors is one of the most recent innovations intended to enable Jewish communities throughout the country to have a more comprehensive and sophisticated approach to serving the security needs of Jewish institutions and the people they serve. For further information on the program and on our new RSA, click on the link below to review the press release issued jointly by SCN and the four Federations earlier in the week. As always, please feel free to write our call with any questions or suggestions.



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[Click here for the Press Release](#)

 **love & knishes**  
luncheons

*Return, Live and In-Person.  
Barbara Wyton accompanied by pianist Dave Childs*



Picture on left: Gary Jones Executive Director, Rabbi Eric Polokoff, Cathy Conti, Events & Program Manager, Musicians Barbara Wyton and Dave Childe.

Picture on the right: All of our attendees.

Our Love&Knishes Senior Program on Thursday September 2, 2021 was enjoyed by all. We celebrated the coming of Rosh Hashanah with splendid Jewish music performed by Barbara Wyton and Dave Childs.

We were also honored to have Rabbi Eric Polokoff of B'nai Israel Southbury speak to the group about the true meaning and traditions of Rosh Hashanah. His uplifting presentation left the group excited to welcome the coming of the New Year 5782.

## Save The Date

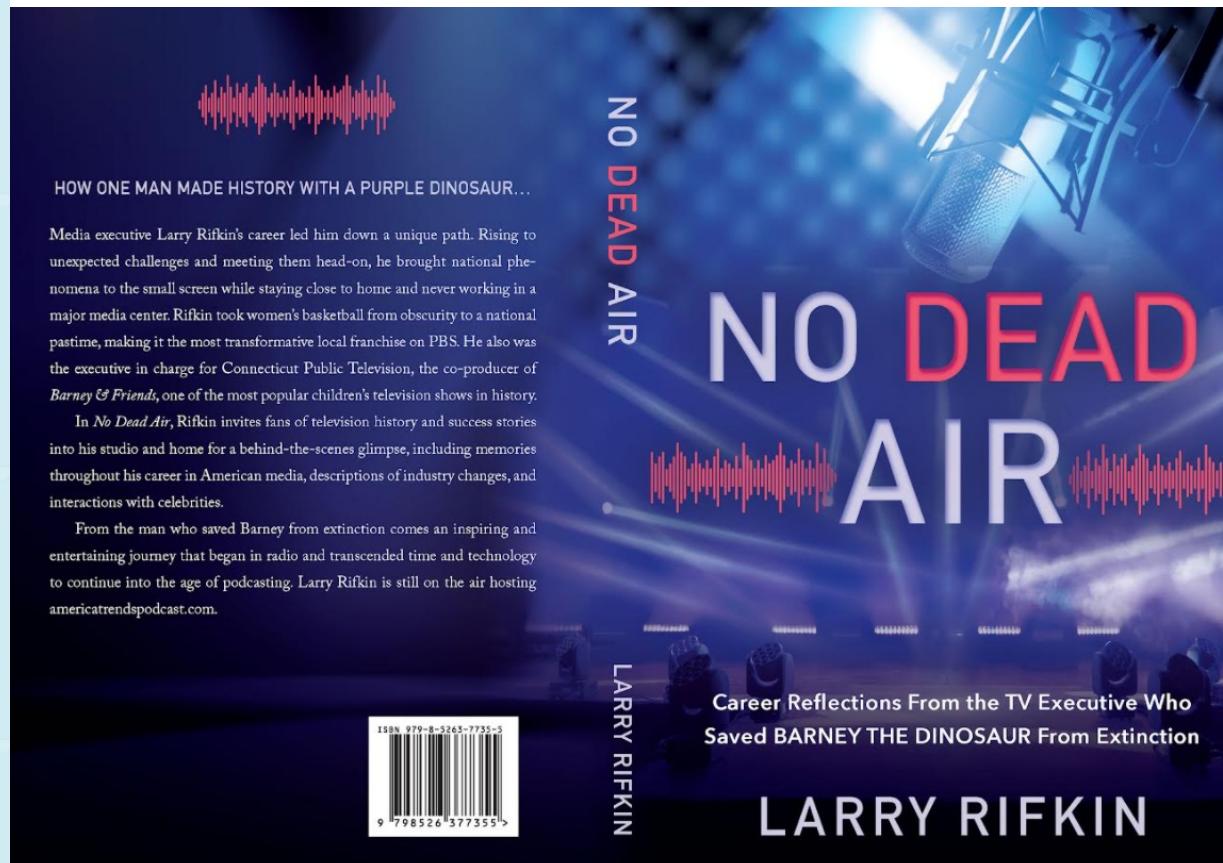
- Wednesday, September 29th at 1 P.M Love&Knishes with Airborne Trio
- Thursday, October 14th at 1 P.M. Love&Knishes with soprano Liliya Bikbova
- Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 10 A.M. Virtual Annual Campaign Kick-off

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@jfcd.net](mailto:cconti@jfcd.net) by November 1st.

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



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.

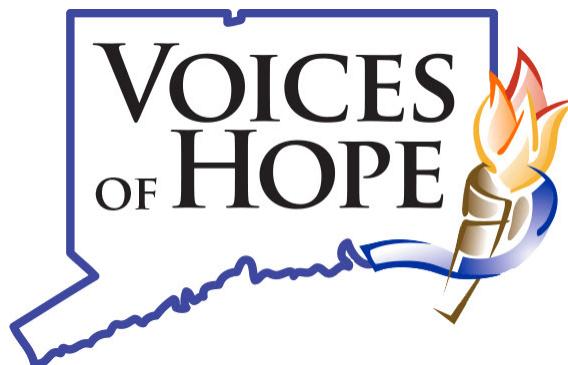
Under his leadership, CPTV amassed over fifty (50) Emmy Awards in the Boston/New England competition. And Mr. Rifkin was inducted into the Boston/New England Silver Circle in 2006. This is the regional television equivalent of a Lifetime Achievement Award.

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](http://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





# MEMORIAL SERVICE

for the Six Million

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021  
2:00 PM | VIA ZOOM

Led by Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz

Advance registration required.

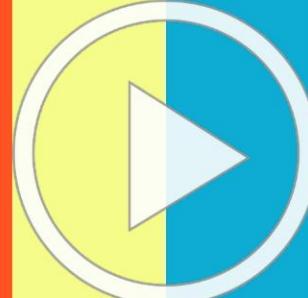
Please arrange in advance to visit the  
Holocaust Memorial at the JCC. Call 860-231-6315.



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**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](https://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](http://jfedshaw.org/crc)

[Learn More!](#)

**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.

**DONATE TODAY!**

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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**

**THANK YOU TO  
ALL THE AID AND  
HEALTHCARE WORKERS  
ALL OVER THE WORLD**



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