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Jewish Federation
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What's Your Jewish Story?

Everyone has a Jewish story. Some take twists and turns to far off lands, heroic tales of overcoming adversity and persecution, or even connections to the great Talmudists or sages. Some begin in the recent past with marriage, the birth of a child, participation in a life-cycle event, participating in the annual celebration of the High Holidays or eating matza on Passover. What is your Jewish story and how does it connect you to community?

These are the questions recently posed to the Jewish Federation's Board of Directors, a diverse group of community leaders representing the many facets of our community from various geographies, congregations, service agencies and schools. The answers definitely surprised some and inspired others, offering insight as to why these volunteers would choose to take time away from family to give of themselves to the greater community. This is the essence of the why.

The good news is that almost whatever the "why," the Jewish Federation system is working to meet that need, issue or interest. The challenging news is that with a mission and

network so broad, sometimes it may be hard to know exactly how your story—your why—fits in.

Where can you find answers, open the door to learn more, and connect with others?

Beyond the obvious—such as right here in the pages of Shalom New Haven, there are several portals to connect with Jewish life. In addition to Facebook pages, congregation websites and the Jewish Federation's main website: jewishnewhaven.org, where you will find a handy video all about what Federation is, we are welcoming an incredible new platform, jclick. Jclick is the brain-storm of people who participated in the Jewish Federation's leadership development program, Yesod. They saw the need for a broader platform of all things Jewish and worked together to create a gateway that offers connection with just a click of the computer mouse. The Jewish Federation is excited to partner with jclick and looks forward to even more enterprising collaborations in the future.

An additional feature of jclick is Jclick Ambassadors. Jclick volun-

teers are standing by to offer their help in connecting with community. Consider these volunteers as special community concierges. Along similar lines, Jewish Federation and JCC past president Joel Karp is also assembling a network of volunteer leaders charged with connecting and re-connecting with members of the community. Each initiative is designed with the individual at the forefront. Every member of the Greater New Haven Jewish community is important and with more people devoted to building community, all will benefit.

We are about to celebrate the holidays of Purim and Passover. Each holiday tells a story. They are simultaneously about individuals and our Jewish story (Esther & Mordechai; Moses & Miriam, etc.) as well as the greater Jewish people's story. Along with my wishes for chagim sameach, very happy holidays, I also ask you the question – What is your Jewish story? And will you tell it to me?

Judy



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JFS Expanding Aging Adult Programming

With a focus on empowering the individual, Jewish Family Service (JFS) is developing a more comprehensive aging adult program to further meet the needs of this growing population in our community. But JFS cannot do it alone!

Kicking off this initiative is the JFS Spring Celebration to be held on Sunday, June 2. The event will honor all 18 JFS past board presidents who have had a great impact on our local community and who fully support the expansion of these vital services. Those being honored are: Darcy McGraw Altman, Charlotte Brenner, Rabbi Gerald Brieger*, Richard Epstein, Jack Fast, Betsy Fiske, Cindy Papish Gerber, Steve Jacobs, Ivan M. Katz, Beverly Levy*, Herbert S. Newman, David Ottenstein, Linda Randell, Carol Robbins, Rosalyn Sperling, Marvin Teplitzky*, Mary Lou Winnick, Peter Zackin. (*of Blessed Memory).

As an individual's physical strength and mental acuity decline, this complex part of life requires constant attention to well-being. "As an adult with an aging parent, I am acutely aware of the demands of caring for a parent and other aging family members. Grief from loss, managing chronic health issues, social isolation, depression and anxiety are very real issues that can be difficult to navigate alone," notes Peter Zackin, Past President. Often, family members must provide assistance to their loved ones. However, this level of care is not always feasible or affordable. Many times, families are unaware of and overwhelmed by the myriad of services available to With a focus on empowering the individual, Jewish Family Service (JFS) is developing a more comprehensive aging adult program to further meet the needs of this growing population in our community. But JFS cannot do it alone!



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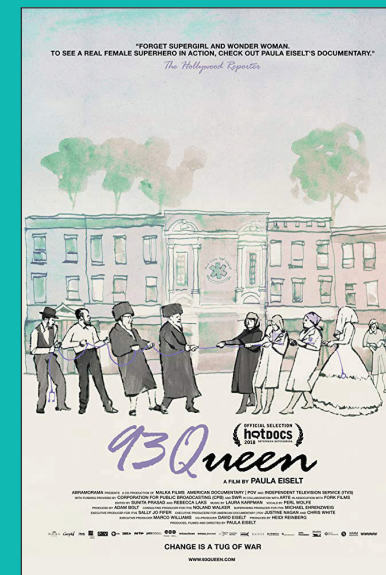
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B'nai B'rith CEO Speaking at BEKI March 23

Dan Mariaschin, CEO of B'nai B'rith International, will speak about "Reflections After Pittsburgh: Anti-Semitism in the U.S. and Worldwide" on Saturday, March 23, at 1 p.m., following Shabbat services and the weekly kiddush lunch at Beth El – Keser Israel, 85 Harrison St., New Haven. The community is welcome.

As the public face of B'nai B'rith, Mariaschin meets with world leaders, seeking to advance human rights, protect the rights of Jewish communities worldwide, and promote better relations with the State of Israel. Recognized globally for his depth and breadth of knowledge of issues, Mariaschin chairs global panels and committees, hosts a podcast, and is called upon as an expert source by news organizations.

He has written articles on foreign affairs and national security issues for such publications as The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, The Washington Times and Newsday, and has lectured on foreign and defense affairs at the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and at other military installations across the country.

Mariaschin received the Cultural Pluralism Award from the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, state decorations from the Presidents of Latvia, Lithuania and Romania, and the Golden Bough decoration from the Foreign Ministry of Bulgaria. Raised in New Hampshire, Mariaschin began his professional Jewish life as community relations associate for the Jewish Community Council of Boston.



Purim Events Planned Throughout Community

BEKI

Purim festivities at BEKI will begin on Saturday, March 16, with a meet and greet with mask-maker Beckie Kravetz, from 12:30- 2 p.m., following services and the weekly luncheon. Sabbath rules will be observed.

The reading of the Purim Megillah, a costume party event with much merriment, will be held Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m., and again Thursday, March 21, at 8:15 a.m.

The Big Gulp Purim Seuda, BEKI's annual Purim dinner, will be Thursday, March 21, from 5-7 p.m. The price is \$10 per person or \$18 per household if reservations are made by Monday, March 18, at office@beki.org or (203)389-2108 x114, or pay more at the door. The menu is dairy/pareve; costumes are encouraged for all ages. The community is welcome to all of these events. Go to beki.org.

CHABAD OF MILFORD

A Grand Purim Celebration will be held on Thursday, March 21, at 6 p.m. at Chabad of Milford-HCW, 15 Edgefield



Ave. Featuring an interactive Megillah reading, buffet dinner, Chinese acrobat show, crafts, and hamantaschen, this event is fun for all ages. \$20/adult, \$15/child in advance. More info, RSVP at JewishMilford.com.

CMI

On Sunday, March 17, Congregation

Mishkan Israel will hold its annual Purim Carnival at 10 a.m. The event features favorite games and a moon bounce. Tickets are available at the door.

The congregation's combination Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel will feature music from the '80s. Service will be held Wednesday, March 20, at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the synagogue office at (203) 288-3877 or go to cmihamden.org.

TEMPLE EMANUEL

Temple Emanuel is having an adult Purim party on March 23 at 7 p.m. Come and join the TE family for a NO-THEME PURIM PARTY! Dress up in your wildest costume, crazy hat or silly outfit and compete to win the Best Costume Competition! BYOBeverage and NUT-FREE Snacks. Entertainment by the renowned TE DJ, Jeff Levinson. Join in the Karaoke Competition, dancing and activities. The event is FREE but please register in advance. Go to tegnh.org or call (203) 397-3000.

Hamden Resident Pens New Book for Purim

Just in time for Purim, Hamden resident Martha Seif Simpson's latest picture book, "Esther's Gragger: A Toyshop Tale of Purim," has been published by Wisdom Tales. The book features illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator Durga Yael Bernhard.

Seif Simpson offers a brief description of the story: "Like her namesake, Queen Esther, a young girl displays courage and wit when a bully tries to steal her gragger. The story is set in the same place as my previous book, 'The Dreidel That Wouldn't Spin: A Toyshop Tale of Hanukkah.'" The book, has received accolades from Kirkus Reviews and Forward Reviews. In addition to writing, Seif Simpson serves as the Head of Children's Services at the Stratford Library in Stratford.

For information go to: martha-seif-simpson.com.



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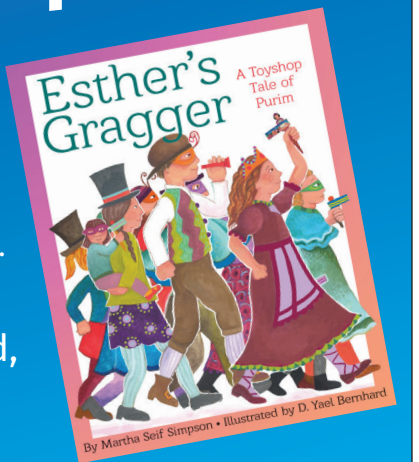
March 24 | 2-4 p.m.

Join Author Martha Seif Simpson in reading her book, **Esther's Gragger: A Toyshop Tale of Purim** (copies will be for sale after reading).

Costumes are encouraged, carnival games will be played, dancing will ensue, and of course there will be hamantaschen to eat!

JCC, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge

FREE! RSVP: jccnh.org/rsvp



Trachten Receives Prestigious Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award

by Robyn Teplitzky
Federation Senior Development Consultant

Imagine the impact of a room of 1,200 Jewish women from around the world can make! Eleven Lions from Greater New Haven; Judy Alperin, Linda Caplan, Amy Holtz, Betsy Hoos, Marcia Reiter, Dana Schwartz, Judy Skolnick, Lisa Stanger, Robyn Teplitzky, Stacey Trachten and Jody Ellant, participated at the Jewish Federation of North America International Lion of Judah conference recently in Hallandale, Florida.

The Lions of Judah are comprised of the most dynamic philanthropic Jewish women in the world. It is an international sisterhood of thousands of global activists who care deeply about the Jewish future and play a vital role in creating social justice, aiding the vulnerable, preserving human dignity and building Jewish identity.

Women philanthropists, who are dedicated to the Jewish community, contribute time and resources by committing an annual leadership gift to the Jewish Federation. In addition, Lion of Judah donors are encouraged to endow their philanthropy by establishing a LOJE (Lion of Judah Endowment gift.) A total of \$36 million for the Women’s Philanthropy annual fund was raised by the conference participants.

Every two years, Lions gather for three phenomenal days of extraordinary learning, sharing and celebration. Participants are inspired by others and learn from the world’s leading experts in the fields of religion, culture, art, business and politics. Presenters included Rabbi Elka Abramson of The Wexner Foundation, Alison Lebovitz, host of “The A List,” Olympian and gymnast, Aly Raisman, and Si-van Ya’ari, Founder and CEO of Innovation Africa, an Israeli organization bringing clean water, solar energy and agricultural innovations to rural African villages.

At each international conference, Women’s Philanthropy honors one exceptional leader from their community. This year, New Haven was thrilled to celebrate Stacey Trachten as the recipient of the prestigious Kipnis- Wilson/Friedland Award.

Since 2004, the Kipnis- Wilson/Friedland Award has honored extraordinary women who have set a high standard for philanthropy and volunteerism. The prestigious, internationally recognized award is given to Lions of Judah who have demonstrated the highest ideals of leadership and involvement. Winners are chosen by their communities as “women of valor” with a lifetime of commitment



Many of the New Haven Lions of Judah were ready to roar at the International Lion of Judah Conference at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hallandale, Florida, including Federation Chief Development Officer Amy Holtz, Stacey Trachten, Federation Senior Consultant Robyn Teplitzky, Federation CEO Judy Alperin and fellow long-time Lions Judy Skolnick, JFS Board President Linda Caplan, Dana Schwartz and Jody Ellant. Below left, Stacey Trachten received the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award. Below right, Judy Skolnick, Judy Alperin and Betsy Hoos.



to the Jewish world. The award was established in recognition of Norma Kipnis-Wilson and Toby Friedland (z"l), co-founders of The Jewish Federation of North America’s Lion of Judah program.

Come Join Us for Our Third Annual Mitzvah Day

by Deb Gaudette
Federation Programming Development Manager

We are excited to be preparing for our Third Annual Mitzvah Day being held on Sunday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year, we have several inspiring projects for participants to choose from.

In addition, this year, while we will be having several events here at the JCC, we are also branching out and doing some off-site projects with our Mitzvah partners in other locations. Look for opportunities to do activities on the shoreline at Camp Laurelwood or in downtown New Haven at The Towers. We will also be doing our good work at Temple Emanuel and B’nai Jacob.

- The following are just some of the wonderful activities planned throughout Greater New Haven:
- Cereal collection for Jewish Family Service
 - A gently used children’s book collection brought to us by PJ Library
 - Packing food bags at Jewish Family Service
 - Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen meal preparation at the JCC
 - Making napkin holders for area nursing homes and The Towers
 - Wall painting at the cemetery on Jewell Street
 - “Pop up” Craft Making, including painting inspirational messages and pictures on stones, and Make your own Bookmarks with PJ Library
 - Create a video message of your own “Mitzvah Moment” at the JCC.
- This is just a sampling of the events and locations that promise to make for a great community event!

Stay tuned for more information on where and when these exciting activities are happening and how you can register for those that will require registration. Come “mitzvah” with us and make a difference! For more information, contact Debby Gaudette at dgaudette@jewishnewhaven.org or by calling (203) 387-2424, x206.



Mazel Tov, Noa!
Noa Saitowitz, one of our Young Emissaries from Israel, recently celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at B’nai Jacob in Woodbridge. Her parents, host parents, Young Emissary Coordinator Amalya Brownstein, JCC Executive Director Scott Cohen and Jewish Federation CEO Judy Alperin attended the celebration.



SAVE THE DATE

Wed, May 29, 2019 | 7 pm
Hamden Hall Country Day School

Join ADL for this powerful story of finding forgiveness after hate.

When Pardeep Kaleka’s father was murdered at a Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin by a white supremacist, he was devastated. Find out what happens next when Arno Michaelis, a former skinhead and founder of one of the largest skinhead organizations in the world, and Pardeep meet after the attack. Hear the powerful story of this friendship between these two men, one Sikh and one former skinhead, that resulted in an outpouring of love and a mission to fight against hate.

Contact Lisa Ratcliff at lrattcliff@adl.org for additional information.



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- Friday, March 8, 5:30 p.m. Temple Emanuel Tot Shabbat, 6 p.m., Shabbat dinner. Please RSVP for dinner/lunch online: tegnh.org, 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service. Rabbi Uri Regev will speak on “The Challenge of Pluralism in Israel: Can Israel Be Truly Jewish and Democratic?”
- Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m. – Parashat Pekudei-Torah Study with Rabbi Regev., 11:30 a.m. Dairy lunch, RSVP at tegnh.org, 12:30-2 p.m., “Kotel, Conversion, and Rabbinic Blacklists: What Are the Effects of the Latest Conflicts on Israel-Diaspora Relations?”
- Sunday, March 10, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. “Israel heading to the polls April 9: How will the elections impact Religious Freedom and Israel-US relations?”

Rabbi Regev serves as the President and CEO of the educational and advocacy Israel-Diaspora partnership, “Freedom of Religion for Israel” and of its Israeli counterpart, “Hiddush—For Freedom of Religion and Equality.” A past President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, Rabbi Regev served as founding chair, and later as executive director and legal counsel, of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC). This weekend is generously supported by an Anonymous TE Leave a Legacy Donor.

Temple Emanuel, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange

Temple Emanuel Joins Historic Czech Torah Scrolls NYC Procession

On February 5, Rabbi Michael Farbman and congregants from Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven attended a once-in-a-lifetime event celebrating their Holocaust Torah, with other guardians of Czech scrolls at Temple

Emmanu-El in New York City. The event was sponsored by the Memorial Scrolls Trust and was the first ever gathering of its type, only for those with Czech Survivor Scrolls. Congregants participated in a procession of the scrolls, a

discussion of the exhibition and a visit to the museum.

BACKGROUND: During the Shoah, the Nazis looted art treasures from wherever their armies marched. They envisioned a permanent exhibition of Jewish relics that would outlive an extinct Jewish race; and to that end, they gathered together the gold and silver artifacts and ritual objects, as well as precious manuscripts and books from decimated temples. Among those vast treasures, were a great number of sacred Torah scrolls. The Nazis used Jewish prisoners to catalog them in a meticulously numbered and labeled system. When the war came to an end, they were beautifully displayed in a state museum in Prague. But even with that, it did not guarantee that the Torah scrolls would survive over any great length of time. In order



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Federation Welcomes Gaudette as Program & Development Manager

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER DO?

The Program & Development Manager works to bring in cultural and educational programming to the Greater New Haven adult community. I will also work with the affinity groups, such as Women’s Philanthropy, in an effort to join together and integrate meaningful and educational speakers, authors, artists and musicians who can appeal to a wider audience.



WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT IN THIS ROLE?

I’m excited about building community through programming and learning what new programming our members want. By adding some new programming, I hope to engage new participants who see real value in all that we do in the Jewish community. Of course, many programs such as the various cooking series, authors and the Beckerman Jewish Film Series are tremendously successful so keeping those going is a priority. Most important are the committees I want to build around our programming. I am looking for art enthusiasts, avid readers, cooking enthusiasts, and those who love education and music to join me in developing communal programming.

HOW DOES YOUR LAY-LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE INFORM YOU IN THIS NEW ROLE?

I’d like to think that my lay-leadership experience has prepared me well for my new role because I understand what our synagogue communities want and need from our Federation and JCC partnership. I know that our vast population outside of Woodbridge may not understand the full impact of how we can work together and why, at times, being part of a larger Jewish community can be a powerful and relevant experience. Outreach is a priority.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST EXCITING PLANS COMING DOWN THE PIPELINE?

I am excited about our film series this year, and I look forward to doing more programming on the shoreline and partnering with our synagogues and agencies for joint programming at their sites.

FAMILY?

Bill and I have two wonderful sons: Cal, who is 26, and Adam, who is 19. One of our favorite family pastimes is going to Red Sox games.

NOTE: Debra Gaudette resigned from her position with the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven Board of Directors to join the Federation/JCC staff.

Creating Meaningful Partnerships with Israel



Recently, Merav Shany, Director of School Twinning for the The Jewish Agency for Israel — one of the Jewish Federation’s main partner agencies — visited Greater New Haven to meet with clergy from Temple Beth Tikvah in Madison, Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek in Chester, Temple Beth Shalom in Hamden and the combined Congregation B’nai Jacob in Woodbridge and Or Shalom religious school Yachad, as well as Ezra Academy, which is currently twinned with a school in Afula. Other community congregations will also be engaged in the hope of twinning with a partner school in Israel, providing the opportunity for meaningful educational and cultural exchange. Above, Merav (center) poses with Jewish Federation CEO Judy Alperin (left) and Ezra Academy’s Head of School Dr. Melanie Waynik (right).



2019 Holocaust Proclamation Signing

Thursday, March 7, 2019 | 2 p.m.
The Towers
18 Tower Lane | New Haven, CT

Join with our community as New Haven’s Honorable Mayor Toni Harp signs the proclamation remembering the Shoah.

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YOM HASHOAH COMMUNITY-WIDE COMMEMORATION

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 5, 2019, 1 p.m.

FEATURED SPEAKER: TAGAN ENGEL, Executive Producer of the radio show and podcast, “The Table Underground: Stories of food, radical love and creative social justice”. Tagan Engel is a New Haven native, and the granddaughter of Holocaust Survivors, Selma and Chaim Engel, who were part of the revolt and escape from Sobibor, a Nazi death camp in Poland. The legacy of her grandparents story, the Jewish Holocaust, and her lifetime of living in racially and economically diverse communities have been fundamental to her consciousness and commitment to Tikkun Olam through solidarity work with all persecuted peoples. **The Towers, 18 Tower Lane, New Haven**



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by Susan Donovan
JCC Fitness Services Director

It's that time of year when we start thinking about warm weather activities, exchanging our heavy coats for shorts and t-shirts and taking off those extra pounds from winter comfort foods.

A is for ACTION:

We can talk ourselves in or out of anything! Instead of dwelling over the details of your perceived difficulty of the workout or making excuses of how you don't have time to get to the gym, replace that negative self-talk with all the positive benefits you will receive when you are more physically active. Spending three to four hours per week of activity can make a big difference in your health and wellness. Don't overthink it – just do it!

B is for BALANCE:

Yes, this includes physical balance, especially for the aging body, but it also includes combining a variety of wellness modalities besides the traditional cardio and strength-focused exercise choices but also flexibility, stress management and healthy eating. Health and wellness is multi-dimensional and all about finding



balance in your life, and making realistic and achievable changes.

C is for CORE:

Defined as the most essential part or the center of something, your core in a physical sense is your center body consisting of the muscular complex including abdominals, back, hips and even the shoulders. The body's foundation needs to be strong and resilient. Just like when building a house, you start with a strong foundation. But core also can describe your values, motivations, and deep reasons for change. Explore your 'whys' and let this guide you in making positive changes this spring.

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Families had the opportunity to meet with a range of Jewish camps including reform movement and conservative movement camps, a sports camp, a beach camp, a science camp, a labor Zionist camp, a Chabad camp, an environmentally sustainable farm camp and more. In addition to the camps, there were prizes and tons of fun JCC activities including climbing wall, MakerSpace, and kosher s'mores.

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New JCRC Director Shifman Berman Seeks to Build Bridges

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is the public affairs arm of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. The Federation recently welcomed Eliraz Shifman Berman as its new JCRC Director.

WHAT DOES A JCRC DIRECTOR DO?
The first thing that the Jewish Community Relations Council Director should do is to believe in the power of the diverse community to take shared responsibility and act on issues of great importance to our society. Those issues can be particular to the community, but also Issues of “Tikkun Olam” that are essential to our society.

The director works together with the Council, its co-chairs - the wonderful Betty and Arthur Levy - and the professional staff at the Federation with the leadership of the devoted CEO, Judy Alperin. Our goal is, on the one hand, to build bridges with other communities, public officials and civic leaders, and on the other hand,



Eliraz Shifman Berman

to educate and advocate on issues concerning our community (such as anti-Semitism, Israel and the wider Jewry) and on issues which bear great importance for the sustainability of our society such as civil rights, legislative matters and more.

WHAT PASSION & LIFE EXPERIENCES HAVE LED YOU TO THIS ROLE?
I attended an Orthodox high school in Jerusalem where pluralism was out of bounds. In different occasions I remember the Principal telling how pluralism can in fact harm us, our Jewish identity and who we are. I remember asking myself if this is what Judaism truly is, and how can we be Jewish and neither know nor care about others. Now I know that she initially spoke out of fear, and fear is apparently a very strong motive. I believe that this is where the first seeds of my decision to choose a different path for myself, for my kids, and for my surrounding, was sown.

As a result, I served in the IDF as a soldier-teacher for civilians, where I came to acknowledge the diversity of Israeli society, not only in religious terms but also in socio-economic issues. While obtaining a BA in Philosophy and Communication at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and studying Film and Television at the Hadassah College, I participated in educational programs that their main goal is building bridges, within the Israeli society, between Israel and world Jewry and between Jewish and non-Jewish Israelis. While working at the Israeli Bronfman Youth Fellowship, I realized that this was more than a hobby to me, it was a real passion. I obtained an MA in Pluralistic Jewish Education from The Hebrew University at a joint program with HUC, Jerusalem. Since then, I served as a mentor for pluralistic schools in Israel, I worked at the department of education and professional development at HUC of Jerusalem. I was the head of a training program for young Jewish professional for social entrepreneurship. I also participated in a joint program for Palestinians, Israeli Arabs and Israeli Jews at Adam institute, and took part in founding the initiative “This is Jerusalem.” My faith and belief is that people have the ability to take responsibility together, to raise the right questions and address them together, and based on that to innovate and lead the civil society effectively.

Seminary Trip Brings Israel to Life for Hodakov



Recognizing the impact of Israel travel/experiences, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven provides scholarships for both short-term (minimum of three-week program) and long-term organized Israel educational programs for Greater New Haven area youth ages 14-19.

For 2019 summer trips, applications are due by March 9, 2019. For 2019 gap or academic year programs, applications are due by May 4, 2019.

Here is part three of a three-part series where a young person who benefitted from a Jewish Foundation scholarship writes about their experiences.

by Devora Hodakov
Special for SNH

This year, I was privileged to experience almost a full year of learning in the holy land of Israel. Aside from being my first time studying in Israel, it was also my first time altogether visiting Israel, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Prior to this year, I never understood the feelings of those who had visited Israel and fell in love with the land. I always thought their feelings must be exaggerated, until I visited this special place myself.

The moment I landed and started driving down the highway, I felt the excitement building... the scenery, the people, everything!

I attended a seminary in Safed which offered invigorating classes. Learning in Israel was very special, for everything suddenly came more alive. Every day, I was able to walk the same land that my ancestors - about whom I learned so much - had tread. Visiting the burial places of various sages took on a whole new light after I had learned their teachings in depth.

Our seminary also took us on various educational trips throughout the year. I went to Hebron for a Shabbat, where my entire seminary of 300 girls was able to walk through the streets that our Patriarchs and Matriarchs walked, proudly displaying our Jewish pride. We had the privilege of staying in Meron for the Shabbat preceding Lag Baomer and then again on Lag Baomer itself. We stayed minutes from the Kotel on Shavuot, to accept the Torah at sunrise with the thousands of other Jews who had come to the Kotel.

I also had the opportunity to tour the holy cities and mystical sites of Safed, Tiberias, and Jerusalem, exploring various ancient synagogues and archaeological sites.

I had the chance to see how the Israeli people live. It was truly eye-opening to see the simplicity with which so many of them live, without luxuries that we, Americans, consider necessities. The unity and camaraderie amongst everyone was also something beautiful to be a part of.

My experience this year in Israel is almost indescribable. I had the chance to learn, see, and explore so much. I can hardly wait to return!

Collaborating with Slifka Center



Members and staff from the JCC of Greater New Haven and Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven met recently with the staff of the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale University to discuss exciting new opportunities to collaborate and strengthen the relationship between our two organizations in the year to come. Here's to a besheret partnership! For more information about the Slifka Center, go to slifkacenter.org.

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JCARR Joins Jewish Federation to Amplify Mission of Tikkun Olam

JCARR was established in 2015 by five area synagogues and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven who came together to welcome, support, and rescue refugee families new to our area. The synagogues - Congregation Beth-El-Keser Israel (BEKI), Congregation B'nai Jacob, Congregation Mishkan Israel, Congregation Or Shalom, and Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven - all have a history of individually sponsoring refugee families, dating back to the 1980s. They saw the need to reinvigorate those efforts in light of the recent refugee crises worldwide.

In January 2019, JCARR came under the umbrella of Federation and on January 29, JCARR welcomed a fourth family as a co-sponsor for IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services).

In the interest of their security, we identify them by their initials: IBK, age 74, and MLM, age 66, are from Iraq. Before coming to the U.S., they lived in Jordan, where they were friends with a young man, Asaad.

Asaad settled in New Haven four year ago, and he was among a small group who welcomed IBK and MLM when they arrived here on a cold night of pouring rain. But the warmth of the embrace between Asaad and IBK and the tears that flowed from their eyes as they hugged each other with joy overcame the miserable weather.



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When we went to say goodbye after settling them into their apartment that evening, IBK was weeping, and he hugged us warmly. His tears were contagious, and we look forward to working together with our new family as they build a new life in our community.

JCARR's two Syrian families quickly befriended the couple and are active among the JCARR volunteers helping them learn how to function in our community.

"It is such a pleasure to share in the mission of Tikkun Olam with JCARR's passionate supporters and volunteers. The refugees' stories are similar to those of the Jewish people: We have faced violence and persecution throughout history and across the globe. It is therefore our privilege and duty as a Jewish community to welcome the stranger and save lives," said Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. "The work that JCARR does is holy," said Alperin.

"Our strengthened partnership with the Federation is already benefiting JCARR through expanded publicity and marketing, fundraising and financial management," said Jean Silk, JCARR Coordinator. "Coming together was a very natural move, and we look forward to continuing to welcome new families and helping them build a new life in our community."

"I am so excited to finally be back to this crucial work of supporting first steps of the refugees in our country," said Rabbi Michael Farbman of Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven.

Financial donations are greatly needed to sustain the work of JCARR. You can send checks, payable to The Jewish Federation with JCARR in the memo line, to The Jewish Federation, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, 06525; Attention: Amy Holtz. An online option for contributions to JCARR is being developed. isit.jewishnewhaven.org/JCARR for more details.

What will your Jewish Legacy be?



Lindy Lee Gold Established an Endowment to Perpetuate her Lion of Judah Gift to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

"It has always been my goal to make an enduring gift to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and I am grateful to have accomplished that. It has never been necessary to solicit me for what I consider as my solemn obligation. Judaism to me is in action more than ritual. Like many families, with the proliferation of interfaith marriages and the lack of strong Jewish identity, I stand alone in my immediate family as one who cherishes and works to perpetuate our faith and principles. I cannot rely on others to continue my many years of work and dedication to this community. My family is philanthropic, their philanthropy is worthy, and something of which I am very proud --however, their philanthropic priorities differ from mine."

Lindy is third generation Jewish New Haven and not only the first female President of the JCC but is also second generation President of the Jewish Community Center—her father, Marvin Chaucer Gold, was also a JCC President and, he was also a President of Camp Laurelwood.

Lindy considered Rabbi Robert Goldberg of Congregation Mishkan Israel as a great role model.



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“And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever.”

Exodus 12:17

So What Are YOU Doing For Passover?

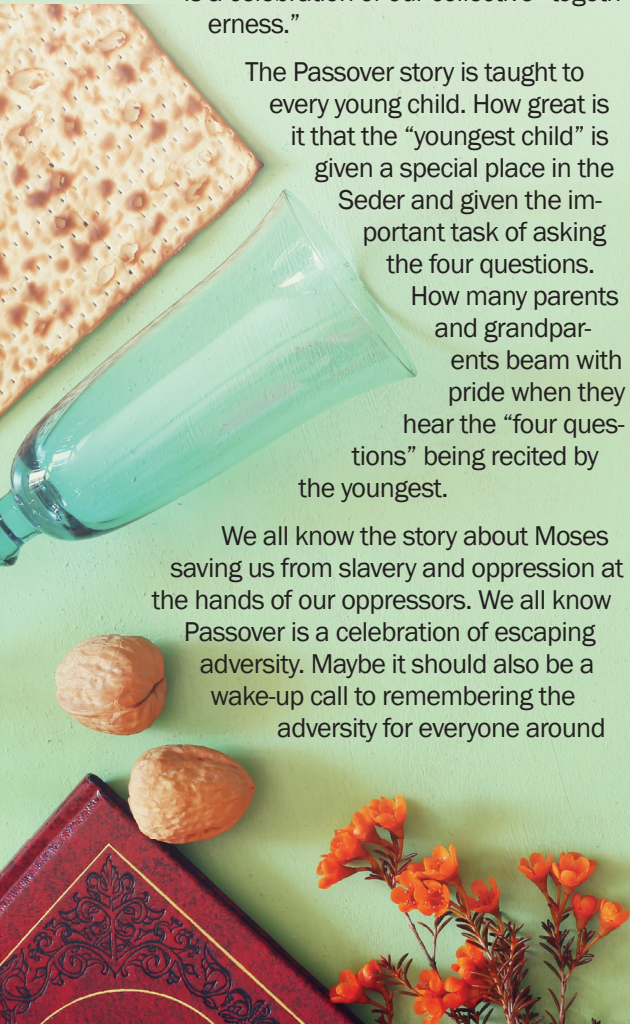


by Dr Jeffrey Hoos
Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven President

The Hoos family hopes that everyone has survived the harshness of winter. We also hope that all of our community is beginning to enjoy the rebirth of our lawns, trees and flowers. Springtime means that the winter clothes can be put away, and it is time to think about spring cleaning. It is great to think about warmer weather, but remember, of course, soon we will be complaining: “it is so hot and humid.”

Everyone that we know goes to a Passover Seder. Passover is the most celebrated Jewish holiday and it is springtime, and that means celebrating Passover and in non-Jewish families, Easter. Both holidays have a theme of rebirth. Both festivals emphasize history and a resounding message of hope. But the question that I hear most this time of year is:

“So what are you doing for Passover?”
We are all creatures of habit. At family gatherings just before the meal starts, I always say: “How nice is it that we’re all together!” This seems to be especially true at the Passover celebration. Passover is a celebration of our collective “togetherness.”



The Passover story is taught to every young child. How great is it that the “youngest child” is given a special place in the Seder and given the important task of asking the four questions. How many parents and grandparents beam with pride when they hear the “four questions” being recited by the youngest.

We all know the story about Moses saving us from slavery and oppression at the hands of our oppressors. We all know Passover is a celebration of escaping adversity. Maybe it should also be a wake-up call to remembering the adversity for everyone around

the world. All families should be able to sit around a table filled with food and abundance, remember the adversity that they faced at the hands of the oppressors and how their ancestors suffered and exclaim, “How nice is it that we’re all together!”

Another question that we need to ask ourselves at this time of year is: “what can WE do to help make the world a better place with less oppression for the oppressed?” How can we help to ensure that every person can get to that place in his/her home country, city, and table and say: “How nice that we are together.” What can we do for people who are not just the politically oppressed but also have the oppression of hunger, fear, sickness and loneliness. It is happening in our own community and all around us.

We all sit down at the table, start telling the story by reading Hagada, asking the four questions, drinking wine and telling the exodus story. What can we do to think about others first? How can we truly think about helping others and working towards healing the world and our community? So often we become consumed about self and not others. The “leader” of the Seder always hears: “when can we eat and how much longer.” The leader feels conflicted because sitting in the “big” chair is not so easy.

How lucky we are that most of us can really look forward to sitting around the table with our families, drinking our wine, eating matzo, charoset, chicken soup and matzo balls, gefilte fish, horseradish, brisket, potato kugel, and of course, hunting for the afikomen. How lucky are we that our families are all sitting together and we are hopefully in unity. Yes, families disagree and families even fight, but we always have to remember WE ARE A FAMILY.

“So what are you doing for Passover?”
My most favorite song and prayer is Hine mah tovu. I am sure it is because it was taught to me at a very young age but also we would sing it as a round and really harmonize with my musical friends. Later as an adult, I realized how important the message really is for our community work. The first verse reads, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”

When I looked up the word Yachad, I found out the word Yachad is from the word Yachid which means absolute unity. This word has a higher meaning than just peace and harmony. Doing more research, I found that the Book of Zohar writes about the paramount importance of unity above hatred. “Behold, how good, and how pleasant it is for brothers to also sit together.” These are the friends that sit together and are not separated from each other without hate or anger. Sitting together in absolute unity is to have our family strong and working together to make us all better.

When the family works together to help an individual of the family, the family grows stronger. When our community works together to help people or community

agencies get stronger, the community as a whole gets stronger.

We are only as strong as our weakest link. This first appeared in Thomas Reid’s “Essays on the Intellectual Powers of Man,” published in 1786; the full idiom “a chain is no stronger than its weakest link.” We are only strong together as a community and we must help strengthen everyone in the community. As a community, we can move forward facing all challenges that come our way.

“So What Are You Doing For Passover?”
I would like to put forth the following suggestions:

FIRST: work very hard to bring your family together. The family you love and the family that you are not so happy with at the moment. Accommodate as many as you can, and extend the table however you can. Only you see the chairs, dishes, and silverware do not all match and no one really cares about the food, they care about being together. DO NOT have Matzo ball anxiety!

SECOND: reach out to someone who may not have a family to share this Passover holiday with and make them feel welcome. Work on building your family.

THIRD: talk about what Passover means for everyone and certainly not to create a problem, maybe you abandon the Maxwell House Haggada. There are some great and interesting Haggadas online that can be printed out. BUT ALSO think about your own redemption story and share it with others.

FOURTH: close your eyes for just a moment and think about how lucky we are to live without fear and oppression.

FIFTH: think about what you can do as a family and as an individual to help our extended Jewish family of Greater New Haven. How can we get involved in making a better place for all of our Jewish community and reduce the division or fractionalization in our Jewish family and beyond our immediate family?

The Passover story is an amazing story about breaking the bonds of slavery. It is the story of deliverance from oppression. How did Moses and Aaron convince a group of diversified people, with unleavened bread, with little more than a promise of freedom, to run for their lives? I am hoping that we can come together every year in a better place than last year. We live in an amazing time and we live in an amazing community. Yes, we have different points of view and different goals. But I know that if we come to together as a family and in unity, we will continue to build our community into an even better place for everyone. All of our community.

“So What Are You Doing For Passover?”
You have my answer.
Most sincerely,
Jeffrey
Dr Jeffrey Hoos

Passover Seders, Events Scheduled

Spring has officially sprung (on the calendar, at least) and Passover is right around the corner. Don’t have Seder plans yet? Here are some upcoming community Passover events to put on your calendar:

BEKI Offers Passover Services
Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, 85 Harrison Street, New Haven,
2019 PASSOVER SERVICES WILL BE HELD:
April 20 - First Day Passover - 9:15 a.m. – noon, 1-1:30 p.m.
April 21 - Second Day Passover - 9:15 a.m. – noon, 5:45-6:15 p.m.
Mon.-Wed. - Hol HaMoed Passover - 7-7:45 a.m., 5:45-6:15 p.m.
April 25 - Hol HaMoed Passover- 8:15-9 a.m., 5:45-6:15 p.m.
April 26 - Seventh Day Passover - 9:15 a.m. – noon, 6-6:45 p.m.
April 27 - Eighth Day Passover (with Yizkor) -9:15 a.m. – noon, 5:45 -6:15 p.m.

Chabad Offers Community Passover Seder
First Seder night, Friday, April 19, at 7:15 p.m. will be celebrated at Chabad-HCW. Enjoy handmade Shmurah Matzah, four cups of wine, delicious food, traditional customs, and inspiring Passover insights. \$36/adult. \$18/child. RSVP by April 14: JewishMilford.com. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

CMI Holds Congregational Seder
Congregation Mishkan Israel will host its annual community Passover Seder on the second night of Passover, Saturday, April 20, at 6 p.m. Call the synagogue office for prices. Advance reservations, by April 12, required. Call (203)288-3877 or go to cmihamden. org.

Enjoy a Chocolate Seder!
The Jewish Women’s Circle of Milford will meet for a fun pre-Passover event on Tuesday, April 9. Explore the steps of the Seder, chocolate-style! Dip fruit in chocolate fondue, enjoy four cups of chocolate-inspired drinks, and make s’mores sandwiches,



all while gleaming inspiration and meaning from the Hagaddah. Other refreshments served. \$12/person. RSVP: Chanie@JewishMilford.com.

Second Night at TBT
Temple Beth Tikvah’s Second Night Passover Seder will be held on Saturday, April 20, at 6 p.m. Includes a catered Seder meal with home-cooked delights; vegetarian and vegan options. Deadline is April 12. Cost: Adults and children ages 13+ - \$50 each; Children ages 5 - 12 years - \$18 each; and, Children age four years and under are free. No one turned away due to lack of funds! Contact rabbi@tbtshoreline.org. For reservations, call (203)245-7028 or by email to admin@tbtshoreline.org. Go to: tbtshoreline.org for details.

Temple Emanuel Holds Seder Workshop, First Night Seder
On March 24 from 10-11 a.m., Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven, 150 Derby Ave., Orange, will hold an adult workshop on how to make your Seder more meaningful. Temple Emanuel’s First Night Passover Seder will be held April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Sign up by April 12. Members and non-members are welcome. Do not let the cost prevent you and your family from attending - speak to Rabbi Farbman confidentially. To sign up, go to: tegnh.org. or call (203) 397-3000.

Well-Planned Seder Creates Lasting Jewish Memories for Children

by Doron Kornbluth

Providing your children with the Seder experience you want them to have requires thinking ahead. For kids, Passover is one of the highlights of the Jewish year. For parents, it is one of the greatest opportunities of the year. It is such a busy time – cleaning the house, cooking the food, preparing for guests, reading up about the holiday, etc. It can also be an extremely emotional time. How can we take advantage of this incredible opportunity to create lasting Jewish memories for our children?

GOALS
As adults, our goals may include learning something new, continuing family traditions, connecting more deeply to Jewish meaning, or, for many, simply surviving! Aside from these, what is your ‘Jewish parenting’ goal for the Passover Seders? What do you want your children to gain?

The way I see it, the primary goals for our younger children are (a) to give them an exciting and fun Jewish experience, (b) to teach them the basics of the Passover story, and (c) to develop their appreciation of the value of freedom. For older kids, our primary goals are (a) to include them in meaningful discussions they can relate to, (b) to give them the feeling



of being an important part of the Jewish people and (c) to reinforce favorite family traditions that make the Seder memorable for everyone. I encourage you to make your own short list of goals.

The important thing is to plan realistic goals in advance so you can manage the Seder confidently and with focus.

ATTITUDES
Passover can seem to kids a highlight of the year – but that depends on you. Think about the time leading up to Passover last year. What attitude towards the upcoming holiday do you think your children

saw in you? Kids may or may not absorb the things we tell them, but they always sense our attitudes. Whether Passover will seem to your kids as a highlight of the year to look forward to or another Jewish ritual they have to uphold will depend on the attitudes they see in you. Make sure your children pick up messages of excitement, anticipation and Jewish pride rather than harried obligation, stress and anxiety. While it is important that the Passover cleaning is done properly, it is also important that the pre-holiday feeling in your home is one your children will want one day for their own homes. When things get hectic in the pre-Passover rush, it is important that children don’t get yelled at.

How to best clean the house and get all the cooking done on time? The subject is beyond the scope of this article, but avoiding the temptation to procrastinate can keep the stress down. Also watch out for other causes of stress at holiday times such as high expectations, new clothes the kids have to keep clean and the recurring “challenges” visiting in-laws thoughtfully provide for the benefit of our personal growth.

During the year, Jewish life is often about making sacrifices, terrorism in Israel and community obli-

Lasting Jewish Memories CONTINUED FROM PG. 17
gations. But not on Passover. This is the night that God Himself took us out of slavery and professed his love for us. This is a night we are all kings – a night of hope and redemption, a night of appreciation and trust.

ACTIVITIES
The enemy of Passover is passivity. The Rabbis who compiled the Haggadah purposely got the children involved, and so should we.

Ask lots of questions (and give prizes or treats as incentives). Examples are: How is this night different from other nights? Why are things different? Why do we eat only Matzah? What is freedom? Why do we eat Maror, the bitter herbs? Why do we dip our foods twice? Why do we lean? Let your children know there are answers to these questions and that your traditions are meaningful.

If you don't know the answers to questions like these, take the opportunity this year to read up. There are some great Haggadahs available. There are classes you can attend in your area and, of course, there is always the internet.

Even more important than asking your kids questions is encouraging and rewarding them when they ask good questions. That's what the Ma Nishtana is all about.

- FUN IDEAS FOR THE SEDER**
- One of the main things we should think about is to how to make the Seder fun for the kids. Here are a few ideas.
 - Tell parts of the story with mistakes (The King of Egypt was called "Philip") and have the kids listen carefully and correct them.
 - Prepare props for the plagues (plastic baseballs for hail, toy grasshoppers for locusts, sunglasses for darkness, etc).
 - During Had Gadya, have someone [or everyone!] do the animal effects – the children will love it
 - Use a banana (or something similar) to pretend the phone is ringing and Pharaoh is calling. Conduct a conversation or have the children do so.
 - Have an ongoing quiz, with prizes for right answers.
 - Hand out prizes or treats to people who ask or answer good questions or who find references to freedom in the Haggadah ahead of time, ask the older kids to prepare mock news reports about the 'latest happenings' in the leaving of Egypt.

With a little planning, the Passover Seders can be the highlight of the Jewish year. Keep in mind that the main Jewish aim is to get the children involved in the

Seder, asking questions and having fun. And don't forget that if you are relaxed, positive and happy, the kids will internalize those feelings as well.

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Make Your Own Elijah's Cup!

Spring is just around the corner, which means Passover is about to begin. Children can become actively involved in the Seder in ways other than reciting the four questions. One fun craft you can do with your children is decorating a wine glass/goblet to be used for Elijah's cup. Children can use yarn, paint, stickers, or anything else they can think of to decorate the cup to put out for Elijah. Children can also help prepare food for the Seder with this easy, delicious, family friendly recipe for **Funfetti matzah**:

- melt white chocolate chips in the microwave, 20 seconds at a time until chocolate is fully melted
- place pieces of matzah on baking sheet or flat surface
- drizzle melted white chocolate over matzah a little bit at a time, and gently spread it over the entire piece with a spatula
- sprinkle colorful and fun sprinkles over the top
- refrigerate for an hour to allow it to harden
- Enjoy!



Use Up Seder Leftovers & Make Tasty Passover Kugel Stack

by Leah Klein
for *Interfaith Family.com*

Here is a tasty way to use up what's left after your seder. You can make this recipe from scratch, but it's better with leftovers. If you want meat, you can keep it kosher by skipping the cheese. Add in some of the seder horseradish to give it some spice. You can make your stacks as high or low as you like. I like to have four layers. Whether you stack them high or low, they will be delicious!

- Kugel Stack Ingredients:**
- Leftover potato kugel, chilled over night
 - Leftover roasted or steamed asparagus, green beans or other green vegetables
 - Leftover tsimmes or one baked sweet potato
 - 10 oz. pack of white mushrooms, cleaned and finely chopped
 - One small shallot
 - 2-3 Tbsp. vegetable oil
 - Fresh mozzarella, sliced (if you're doing dairy)



- A pinch of kosher salt
- Sliced kugel

Directions:

1. Slice your chilled kugel evenly. The amount of kugel you have left over will determine how many stacks you can make.
2. In a pan, heat the vegetable oil. Once the oil begins to shimmer, add the slices of kugel and cook until golden brown on both sides. Set the slices aside on a plate while you prepare the other ingredients.
3. Finely chop the shallot. If needed, add a little extra vegetable oil to the pan that you cooked the kugel in. Sauté the shallots over medium-low heat.
4. Toss the mushrooms in with the shallots and turn the heat to medium-high. Once the liquid begins to cook off of the mushrooms and they begin to brown, add a pinch of salt. This is your mushroom duxelles. If you prefer, you can use the leftover brisket instead and skip the mozzarella on top.
5. Turn the broiler on and make sure your rack is low enough that the stack has room to sit under the broiler. On a baking pan lined with foil, place one slice of kugel. Top that with a row of sliced asparagus or green beans. Top that with another piece of kugel and a spoonful of mushroom duxelles (or a piece of brisket). Top with another slice of kugel and add a spoonful of tsimmes or a slice of sweet potato. Top with a final piece of potato kugel and add a slice of mozzarella. Leave the cheese off if you are using brisket.
6. Place the stack under the broiler until the cheese begins to bubble and brown. **Enjoy!**

Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy Students Create Holocaust Documentaries

STAMFORD - Three students at Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy-Upper School became filmmakers recently, when they wrapped up a semester devoted to the study of Holocaust history with the production of three documentaries that shed a powerful light on different aspects of the Holocaust.



In working on their individual documentaries, the students – seniors Jonathan Agabbs and Ella Feuerstein and sophomore Joshua Terry, all of Stamford – were aided by IWitness, a unique program created by the University of Southern California's Shoah Foundation. Using the IWitness program, each student created a narrative that was augmented by the first-hand accounts of survivors and witnesses. Through IWitness, the students had access not only to clips of survivor and witness testimonies, but also to voiceover technology.

The result is three compelling documentaries on a range of Holocaust-related topics, including "Anti-Semitism in Europe," "Diseases in the Ghettos," and "Auschwitz Behind the

Gates." The ability to see and hear survivors tell their stories in their own words made the project all the more powerful for the young filmmakers. Students were introduced to the Witness program by their history teacher Zach Smith, who first learned of the program while working toward his graduate degree in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. For the BCHA-Upper School students, the documentaries served as the capstone project of a five-month elective course in which they traced the roots of anti-Semitism and racism in Europe, the rise of Nazism, and the twisted road to Auschwitz.

After completing their documentaries, the students published their videos on IWitness.

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SHORELINE HAPPENINGS

National Renowned Sculptor Exhibits at CBSRZ Gallery

by Tom Soboleski
Special for SNH

When our souls get heavy with life's burdens, art has the potential to soothe and offer solace. That theme will be explored in an exhibit of new works by nationally renowned sculptor Gilbert Boro at the Main Street Gallery of Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek (CBSRZ) in Chester. Coming Together, a show highlighting works born out of Boro's loss of his wife, will be on display at CBSRZ's gallery until April 30. The exhibit is a prequel to the unveiling of the synagogue's planned "Meditation Garden," anticipated to open in 2020.

The "Meditation Garden" will feature a large-scale sculpture loaned from Boro's Studio 80 Sculpture Grounds in Old Lyme, a park-like setting developed in concert between Boro and his wife Emily. The original model of the loaned garden sculpture will be donated to CBSRZ.

The show has special significance for Boro because the synagogue is the repository of a Memorial Light celebrating the memory of his wife of 48 years, Emily Seward Boro. A period of sadness and depression that followed her passing in 2013 acted as a catalyst, Boro says, fueling new creativity culminating in his "Musical Master Works"



and "What's Knot to Like" series. Ten to 15 works of aluminum, steel, and copper from these series, plus a few larger pieces, will be on public display for the first time. Boro credits his interaction with CBSRZ's designer, the celebrated artist Sol LeWitt, with firing his creative imagination at a young age. "I found LeWitt's extensive range of artistic expression extremely stimulating," Boro says. "He inspired me and challenged me to broaden my vision, which resulted in applying my art education to the creation of architecture. Having my sculptures exhibited here has special meaning for me."

Photography by Christina Goldberg will also be part of the show. Goldberg's captivating images give viewers a unique insight to Boro's sculptures by zooming in for intimate inspection of the joints and details. They will be printed on thin sheets of aluminum using a dye sublimation process.

"This exhibit is rather novel," says the gallery's curator, Linda Pinn, "in that to a large degree the works to be exhibited will be scale models of the work that he anticipates to place in the garden." The "Meditation Garden" is envisioned to draw on the therapeutic power of nature and inspiring capacity of art. Gardens are a common respite for their calming effect.

Art's power to stimulate and transform our thoughts and beliefs make it a potential balm to sooth our minds and spirits. Studies now conclude that exposure to creative works are an elixir for our emotions when struggling with anxiety, depression, loss, and pain. "Bringing art and nature together to create a peaceful, contemplative environment where people can walk, relax, and be calm," will be a respite to escape, recharge, and heal.

The Main Street Gallery at CBSRZ is open to the public free of charge, Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Sundays when Sunday school is in session. It is located just off Route 154 at 55 East Kings Hwy, Chester. For more information visitcbsrz.org.

Tom Soboleski, of Ivoryton, is a freelance writer who focuses on topics of human interest, art, culture and history. To see more of his writing, go to: tomsobo.com.

SHORELINE HAPPENINGS

Ukulele Masters Kick Off Popular Music Series

Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek (CBSRZ) Music & More 11th season kicks off on Sunday, March 24, with a special ukulele concert and workshop event, "Uke Can't Play Ukes Without U," presented by world renowned ukulele master Jumpin' Jim Beloff and joined by his wife Leapin' Liz. The program starts with a workshop at 2 p.m. for non-players and beginners, followed by the concert at 3:45 p.m. featuring Jumpin' Jim, his wife Leapin' Liz, and a bass accompanist.

Attendees with ukuleles will have the opportunity to join in on several songs during the concert.

The workshop will last about 90 minutes and with just a few simple chords and basic strumming patterns, participants will be playing popular tunes and fun songs on the ukulele in no time with skilled teacher Jumpin' Jim. After the workshop, there will be a short intermission followed by the concert.



Ukulele Masters Jumpin' Jim & Leapin' Liz Beloff

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for CBSRZ members; children 16 years and under \$15. Tickets can

be purchased through the CBSRZ website at www.cbsrz.org/engage/events/music-more or follow CBSRZ on Facebook for updates.

The workshop is open to anyone eight years or older and no prior experience playing the ukulele is necessary. Jumpin' Jim will be targeting those that are new or just beginning to play the ukulele, although even more experienced players are guaranteed to pick up useful tips and licks from the master.

Workshop participants must bring their own ukulele, tuned, and in playable condition. If you don't already have an instrument, Jim Beloff and the Music & More team have compiled some affordable recommendations on the event links.

Follow the event links as well for resources on how to tune and setup your ukulele so you will be ready to "jump in with Jim" that afternoon.

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Hauer's Artwork Showcased at Schenectady JCC

The Schenectady Jewish Community Center recently showcased the works of mixed media abstract painter Amy Hauer, who grew up in the Greater New Haven area.

Growing up in Madison and Orange, Hauer attended JCC Day Camps and worked as a counselor there and also taught pre-school at the JCC.

Hauer, who holds a degree in studio art/graphic design from Southern Connecticut State University, is also the daughter of George Hauer, Sha-

lom New Haven's Advertising Sales Manager.

In her artwork, Hauer explores a variety of techniques and processes, including using resin, acrylic fluid inks, tints and pigments, glass pieces, markers, pens and household paint. She also writes, designs and illustrates children's books.

Hauer is a member of Congregation Agudat Achim in Schenectady and lives in the Albany area with her husband and three daughters.



Above is one of mixed media abstract painter Amy Hauer's recent works. As an artist, she strives to create pieces that inspire and pull people in, showing them something new and different. See more of her work at facebook.com/ahresinate.

The Towers Offers Innovative, Intergenerational Programming



by Gus Keach-Longo
President, CEO,
The Towers

Innovation has always characterized The Towers across its history. The organization has explored and embraced the most innovative way to help our residents continue growing, learning and celebrating their lives.

Once again, we are enhancing the way we deliver life-enriching programming to our residents. Thanks to a competitive national grant through the Association of Jewish Aging Services, The Towers will be among 15 communities across the country to run the evidenced-based intergenerational programs, Opening Minds Through Art and Memory & Music. These programs have been proven to effectively increase social connections and improve participants' overall engagement with their communities. This three-year grant will provide Towers staff with specialized training to ensure that the

programs have the greatest impact possible.

Opening Minds Through Art was founded by Dr. Elizabeth Lokon in 2007 and is grounded in person-centered care principles. Through this program, seniors, (artists) are paired with volunteers (students, families, caregivers) who are trained to rely on imagination instead of memory and to focus on remaining strengths instead of lost skills. "Opening Minds Through Art" enables people with cognitive decline to assume new roles as artists and teachers and leave a legacy of beautiful artwork.

Music & Memory is a non-profit organization that brings personalized music into the lives of seniors to vastly improve their quality of life. Music and Memory trains staff and other care professionals, as well as family caregivers, how to create and provide personalized playlists using iPods/MP3 Players and related digital audio systems enabling those struggling with dementia and other cognitive and physical challenges to reconnect with the world through music-triggered memories. The



Jewish Aging Mastery Program is our third evidence-based program being introduced to The Towers in 2019. Developed by the National Council on Aging, this 12-session curriculum will engage experts from the community on topics ranging from financial well-being and nutrition to sleep and healthy relationships. Results show that participants increased their physical activity levels, healthy eating habits, use of advanced planning, social connectedness, and participation in evidence-based self-management programs. The Towers has received

grant funding through CT Healthy Living for this initiative beginning this May. These grant-funded programs will benefit our entire community and you are welcome to be part of these exciting new efforts. We are looking for volunteers to help our residents in art classes or music sessions. You may be interested in joining our Jewish Aging Mastery Program to learn how to mindfully live your best life in the years to come. Or you may have the expertise to run one of these Master Classes. We invite you to join us!

Holocaust Exhibit at SCSU Through April



Southern Connecticut State University will host an exhibit on the Holocaust during the month of April on the main floor of Buley Library. One part of the exhibit will highlight children's drawings, poetry and stories from the Terezin Concentration Camp. A sculpture (at left) by local artist Zvi Goldman will be featured as part of the exhibit. In the artist's words, "The rebirth of the Jews followed the Holocaust. Despite the horrific losses, a new generation emerged that remembered the past and created a new future. Recovery is in our historical genes." The public is invited to the opening ceremony/ reception April 5, 3-4:30 p.m. The exhibit is sponsored by the Judaic Studies Program and curated by Professor David Pettigrew, (at left, inset) Miriam Glenn, a university student, and Jamie Aschenbach, Head of Access Services Division for the library. For more information, contact Dr. David Levine (levined1@southernct.edu) or Dr. Deborah Weiss (weissd1@southernct.edu), co-Directors of the Judaic Studies Program.

UConn Hillel Names Schulefand as New Director of Engagement

UConn Hillel is excited to announce the appointment of Jacqui Schulefand as Director of Engagement who started on February 18. Although Jacqui has experience



in the business world, she comes to UConn Hillel after 16 years of teaching experience at Ezra Academy, a Jewish Day School in the New Haven area. She has held a number of roles in the

Jacqui has two daughters, one who lives in Connecticut and the other in Tel Aviv. Jacqui likes to spend every chance she gets in Israel and has volunteered in the IDF for the past five summers.

TBD Offers Singles Mingle Events

Temple Beth David's next Singles Mingle event is a spring gathering is planned at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at Highland Bowl (1211 Highland Ave. in Cheshire). Join the group for an evening of bowling, pizza, and schmoozing. All are welcome.

Curious about who participates in Singles Mingle events? "The majority of folks who attended our first two events were not affiliated with a synagogue,

and their ages ranged from early 40s to retirees in their 70s." founder Elyse Krantz noted. "We are not trying to be J-Date. Our goal is to provide the opportunity for Jewish singles to simply meet and forge new friendships."

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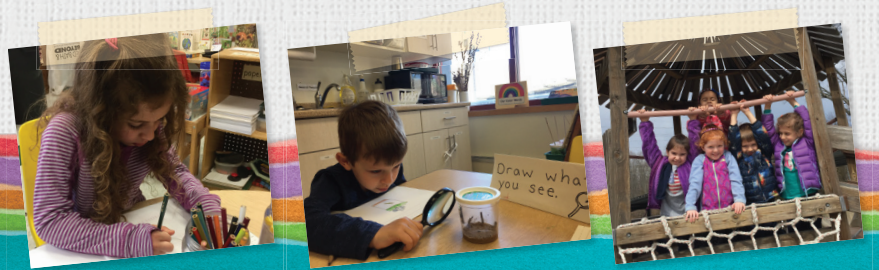


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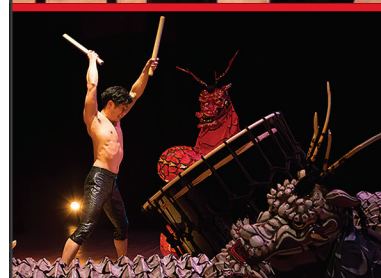
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The Poetry of Yehuda Amichai

March 2, 12:45-2 p.m. Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Road Woodbridge, Contact: Rosalind Atkins, rozatkins@optonline.net

Klezmer Concert at BEKI

March 2, 7-9 p.m. \$18, BEKI, 85 Harrison St., New Haven, Contact: Peggy Hackett, (203) 389-2108, office@beki.org

Screening of "Marshall"

March 3, 3-5:45 p.m. \$18, Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Road Woodbridge, Contact: Rosalind Atkins, rozatkins@optonline.net

Holocaust Proclamation Signing

March 4, 2 p.m. Towers, 18 Tower Lane, New Haven, Contact Jeanette Yurman, jyurman@jewishnewhaven.org

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March 4, 11 18 & 25, 7-9:30 p.m. Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road Woodbridge, Contact: Rosalind Atkins, rozatkins@optonline.net

Bagels and Babies

March 5, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. every 2 weeks until March 26, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Jessica Wallace, (203) 387-2424 x236.

Westville Synagogue University presents Prof. David Sorkin

March 6, 7:30-9 p.m., Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Contact: Steven Zalesch, (203) 387-9666, sezph@aol.com

Sticky Fingers

March 7, 10-11 a.m., every 2 weeks until March 28, \$5, children ages 2-4, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Jessica Wallace, (203) 387-2424 x236.

Tot Shabbat at Temple Emanuel

March 8, 5:30-6 p.m. Temple Emanuel, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange, Contact: Michael Farbman, (203) 397-3000, rabbi@tegnh.org

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March 8-10, 6-8:30 p.m. Temple Emanuel, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange, Contact: Michael Farbman, (203) 397-3000, rabbi@tegnh.org

Family Fun Day

March 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Riverside Reptiles/ Hands-on Reptile program: 11:30, Open climb/MakerSpace activity, Open play-scape. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x 306.

Author Tal Keinan "God is in the Crowd"

March 10, 12:30 p.m. Temple Beth Tikvah, Madison, Contact: Debra Gaudette, (203) 387-2424 x206.

Legislative Breakfast

March 14, 8:30- 10 a.m. Old Judiciary Room, Connecticut State Capitol, 210 Capitol Ave., 3rd Floor Hartford, Contact: Eliraz Shifman Berman, (203) 387-2424 x308

Beckerman Jewish Film Series: "93 Queens"

March 14, 7-9 p.m. \$10, Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Contact: Debra Gaudette, (203) 387-2424 x206.

Meet and Greet with Beckie Kravetz, sculptor and mask-maker

March 16, 12:30-1:30 p.m., BEKI, 85 Harrison St., New Haven, Contact: Peggy Hackett, (203) 389-2108, office@beki.org

Mask Workshop with Beckie Kravetz

March 17, 2-3:30 p.m. \$18, BEKI, 85 Harrison St., New Haven, Contact: Peggy Hackett, (203) 389-2108, office@beki.org

Cozy Sunday Crafternoon

March 17, 2-3:30 p.m. Hot Chocolate, snacks, and crafts. Ages 5-9, \$5 members, \$10 non-members, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x 306.

Purim Megillah reading

March 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. BEKI, 85 Harrison St., New Haven, Contact: Peggy Hackett, (203) 389-2108, office@beki.org

The Big Gulp Purim Seuda

March 21, 5-7 p.m. BEKI, 85 Harrison St., New Haven, Contact: Peggy Hackett, (203) 389-2108, office@beki.org

Writing Short American Fiction in 2019

March 23, 12:30-2 p.m. Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, Contact: Rosalind Atkins, rozatkins@optonline.net

B'nai B'rith CEO Speaks at BEKI

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March 24, 2-4 p.m. FREE Author Martha Simpson reads Ester's Gragger, songs, snacks, games, and costumes. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306.

Music & More CBSRZ Chester - Ukelele Workshop and Concert

March 24, 2- p.m. \$30, Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, 55 East Kings Highway Chester, Contact: Wendy Bayor, (860) 526-8920 wendy@cbsrz.org

Westville Synagogue University presents Prof. Eliyahu Stern

March 27, 7:30-9 p.m. Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Contact: Steven Zalesch, (203) 387-9666, sezph@aol.com

Navigating the Israeli Election

March 28, 7-9 p.m., Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale, Yale Hillel, 80 Wall Street, New Haven, Contact: Eliraz Shifman Berman, (203) 387-2424 x308

Yale Refugee Health Conference

March 28, 5-8:30 p.m. \$20, Hope 110 Lecture Hall, 315 Cedar St., New Haven, Contact: Conference Organizers, refugee.health@yale.edu

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Reading the Talmud with Rabbi Shapiro

April 1, 8, 15 & 25, 7-9:30 p.m. Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road Woodbridge, Contact: Rosalind Atkins, rozatkins@optonline.net

BBYO Connecticut Valley Region Spring Convention

April 4, 4-6 p.m., BBYO, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Tyler Pepe, tpepe@bbyo.org

Portraying Women in Midrash

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4th Annual Elm City Kallah

April 5-7, 6-12 p.m., Friday: Westville Synagogue, Saturday: Westville Synagogue, Sunday: B'nai Jacob, Contact: Rabbi Rona Shapiro, (203) 389-2111, rabbishapiro@bnaijacob.org

Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum at BEKI

April 6, 1-2:30 p.m., BEKI, 85 Harrison St., New Haven, Contact: Peggy Hackett, (203) 389-2108, office@beki.org

2019 Mitzvah Day at the JCC

April 7, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Deb Gaudette, (203) 387-2424 x206.

Film: Who Will Write Our History

April 9, 7-9 p.m., \$10/members, \$15/commu-nity, JCC, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Contact: Deb Gaudette, (203) 387-2424 x206.

Women Philanthropy Luncheon in honor of Stacey Trachten

April 10, 12-3 p.m., \$35, Contact: Robyn Teplitzky, (203) 387-2424 x320

Westville Synagogue presents Dr. Nadav Berman Shifman

April 10, 7:3-9 p.m., Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect

Street, New Haven, Contact: Steven Zalesch, (203) 387-9666, sezph@aol.com

Author Jamie Bernstein, "Famous Father Girl"

April 14, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Contact: Deb Gaudette, (203) 387-2424 x206.

S'mores & Tours: Camp Laurelwood Open House

April 14, 2-4 p.m., \$5, Camp Laurelwood, 463 Summer Hill Rd., Madison, Contact: jennifer gelband (203) 421-3736, jennifer@camplaulrewood.org

The Towers Community Seder

April 19, 6-8 p.m., The Towers, 18 Tower Ln., New Haven, Contact: Jennifer Bayer (203) 772-1816, jennifer@towerone.org

5779 Passover Seder at Temple Emanuel

April 19, 6:30-9:30 p.m., \$38, Temple Emanuel, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange, Contact: Michael Farbman, (203) 397-3000, rabbi@tegnh.org

Passover Second Night Seder at Temple Beth Tikvah

April 20, 6-9 p.m. Temple Beth Tikvah, Madison, Contact: Kim Romine, (203) 245-7028, admin@tbtshoreline.org

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April 28, 2-3:30 p.m. Hot Chocolate, snacks, and crafts. Ages 5-9, \$5 members, \$10 non-members, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x 306.

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three recommendations. Awards are based on the strength of the application and financial need.

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The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven now has needs-blind incentive grants for first time campers as well as needs-based scholarships for campers. Campers must reside in the Greater New Haven catchment area (click here for catchment) and must be attending an overnight camp in North America (click here for a list of camps) Up to \$1000 needs-blind incentive grant for overnight Jewish camp. The Jewish Foundation, in partnership with the One Happy Camper program of the Foundation for Jew-



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The group, conducted by Kevin Mack, is open to new members, and rehearsals take place on Sundays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Whitney Center in Hamden in the spring and fall.

For information about joining the group, email the Chorale's President Ben Judd at bjudd9752@sbcglobal.net or Secretary Rhoda Zahler Samuel at rhodasamuel1@gmail.com. If you do not sing but wish to support the continuity of Jewish choral music in our community, you can become a Friend of the CT Z'mirah Chorale, which is a 501 c 3. Contact Ben or Rhoda for details.

Families invited to CMI Holiday Tot Programs

Congregation Mishkan Israel invites families with children six years and under to Tot Programs on Sunday, March 17, at 9:30 a.m. to learn about Purim and on Sunday, April 14, at 9:30 a.m. to learn about Passover. The celebrations of holidays are a wonderful opportunity for families with preschool-aged children to get to know each other and enjoy an evening of blessings, stories, food and fun.

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The evening includes an all-you-can-eat buffet of great deli food, beer tasting, wonderful music by Bassology, and hilarious performances by comedians Scott Schendlinger, Liz Barrett, and Regina DeCicco.

The cost of this evening is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members is before March 29 and \$50 per person after March 29. Babysitting is available free of charge for children two years and older by reservation only. Go to cmihamden.org for an order form.



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Join Temple Beth David at 2019 Consultation on Conscience in Washington DC

Temple Beth David is bringing a Delegation of congregants to the 2019 Consultation on Conscience, May 19-21 in Washington, DC.

The Consultation on Conscience is built to help congregations develop, strengthen and grow their Social Justice programming. They will network with other congregations from across the Reform Movement,

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hear amazing speakers and have the opportunity to lobby Congress together as a powerful force for change.

Register today at tbdcheshire.org to be part of their delegation. For questions, e-mail rabbimicah@tbdcheshire.org or go to rac.org/consultation-conscience-2019.

Jewish Genealogical Society of CT Hosts Biennial Meeting, Programs

On March 17, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Temple Sinai, 40 New Britain Ave., Newington, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut will hold its Biennial Meeting and Elections, followed by "Family History Before Our Eyes" program. JGSCT board members Marcia Indianer Meyers and Arthur Meyers will describe a remarkable 400-year-old wooden synagogue in Ukraine through a short film, "The Ceiling," and discussion of books about this synagogue. The second part of the program will cover their recent family discoveries during downsizing.

On April 7, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Temple Sinai, 40 New Britain Ave., Newington, Daniel Horowitz, Genealogy Expert at myheritage.com and, a former International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAGJS) board member, will present a program. Details soon to follow at www.jgsct.org.

Westville U Discusses Judaism, Pragmatism

Westville University, an educational initiative by Westville Synagogue that offers dynamic high level programming to the community reflecting our commitment to Jewish learning, history, culture, law and the State of Israel, is offering several upcoming programs for the community:

Wednesday March 6, 7:30 p.m.
David Sorkin, Yale University
"Emancipation and the Contours of Modern Jewish History"

Wednesday March 27, 7:30 p.m.
Eliyahu Stern
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Wednesday April 10, 7:30 p.m.
Nadav Berman, Visiting Scholar to Yale University, "Judaism and Pragmatism: The Broken Connection"

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American GIs Held Purim Service in Goebbels’ Confiscated Castle

by **Yelena Gerovich**
New American Acculturation Coordinator

Purim is right around the corner. In 1945, a group of American GIs held belated Purim services inside the Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels’ confiscated castle.

According to the Archive of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Jewish chaplain Manual Poliakoff of Baltimore “carefully arranged the candles over a swastika-bedecked bookcase in Goebbels’ main dining room,” and Jewish soldiers explained to their Christian comrades “about Haman and why it was so fitting that Purim services should be held in a castle belonging to Goebbels.”

Those solders did not know that in a few months, World War II would be over, and they could not imagine the dramatic numbers of Jews killed during the war. They just celebrated Purim, a victory that occurred more than 2,400 years ago.

How did Jews in the former Soviet Union celebrate Purim? They had to celebrate without noisemakers and costumes, just secretly delivering homemade hamentaschen to relatives and friends because they were afraid their neighbors would report their “anti-communist activities” to the authorities.

Jews in the Soviet Union shared the hope that someday their children would have the opportunity to wear colorful costumes and everyone would celebrate the story of the brave and beautiful Jewish woman called Esther.

Numerous educational winter programs have been recently offered by the New American Acculturation Program for all groups of immigrants: seniors, women, children, and families. Our educational programs help new immigrants to strengthen their Jewish identity and learn more about Jewish history and traditions such as Purim.

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



Пурим в замке Геббельса

Очень скоро наступит праздник Пурим. В 1945 году группа американских солдат отпраздновала Пурим в конфискованном замке нацистского преступника Йозефа Геббельса. Согласно архиву Еврейского телеграфного агентства, еврейский священник Поляков из Балтимора «аккуратно расставил свечи над украшенным свастикой книжным шкафом в главной столовой Геббельса», и еврейские солдаты объяснили своим христианским товарищам

«об Амане и почему было важно, чтобы Пурим отпраздновали именно в замке, принадлежащем Геббельсу ». Эти солдаты не знали, что через несколько месяцев Вторая мировая война закончится, и они не могли представить страшное, трагическое число евреев, погибших во время войны. Они радовались празднику Пурим и победе, которая произошла более 2400 лет назад.

Как евреи в бывшем Советском Союзе праздновали Пурим? Праздновали без карнавалов, шума и костюмов, просто тихонечко развозили сладости, домашние хаменташы (уши Амана) родственникам и друзьям, не хотели чтбы соседи сообщали об их «антикоммунистической деятельности» властям. Праздновали и надеялись на то, что когда-нибудь их дети будут иметь возможность носить красочные костюмы в память о смелой и красивой еврейке по имени Эстер.

В рамках программы New American Acculturation недавно были предложены многочисленные образовательные зимние программы для всех групп иммигрантов. Эти программы помогают осознать свою еврейскую самобытность, узнать больше

об истории, традициях и еврейских праздниках, таких как Пурим. Звоните, приходите!

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Welcome to America

Scrolls Procession

FROM PAGE 8

for them to do that, they would need to be unrolled from periodically to keep the parchment from perishing. The post-war surviving Jewish community was a mere fraction of its previous existence and they lacked the resources to maintain the collection properly. It seemed then, that the Torah scrolls were condemned to a slow, but continual, deterioration.

That was until 1963, when a group of prominent London art dealers and philanthropists gained the confidence of the Czech government. London’s Westminster Synagogue offered to house a portion of the scrolls in a Holocaust Memorial Museum and distribute the remaining ones within Jewish communities Requests for Torahs soon reached Westminster from all parts of the world and began to be distributed bearing a brass identification plaque, and accompanied by a certificate of origin. One of the scrolls was presented to the White House. *To learn more, visit the Memorial Scrolls Trust at memorialscrollstrust.org.*

by **Rabbi Michael Farbman**
Special to SNH

Torah scrolls are very special. It is an incredible honor and privilege to read from the Torah scroll in front of the congregation. It requires skill and effort, and lots of preparation for each such occasion – a labor of love on behalf of the community and of the Jewish people. Holding the Torah scroll does not require a special skill (perhaps some strength is useful), but it can be a truly moving, emotional experience. When holding the Torah, whether for the first time as a bar or bat mitzvah, or for the 100th time, we cannot help but be in awe of the incredible chain of tradition, of hundreds upon hundreds of generations of Jews that cherished their Torah, and passed it on, leaving a small mark that perhaps cannot be seen, but can be felt by us as we accept the Torah from their hands and carry it forward. The sense of continuity, of importance of ritual and of connection with our people’s past is palpable whenever one holds the Torah — a truly awe-inspiring feeling.

As I held TE’s Holocaust Memorial Scroll #1178, and as I marched in a quiet procession of over 70 Czech memorial scrolls, I was overwhelmed for a moment by a different kind of emotion. In my arms, I held not only an incredible treasure of the Jewish people that was created and lovingly maintained by previous generations of Jews I did not know, but a scroll that belonged to the destroyed Jewish community of Horazdovice, a community that perished in the flames of the Holocaust. This was not just the Torah connecting me to the Jewish past – this was a moment to acknowledge, once again, that the future of this Torah’s Jewish community of Horazdovice was wiped out by the cruelty of hate and yet somehow, miraculously, the orphaned Torah has survived and found its way into the loving hands of our community, right here in Orange, CT. Scroll after scroll paraded through the room packed with over 800 people from some 80+ synagogues in the tri-state area, honoring the painful past – and celebrating the miraculous survival of Judaism. I will never forget this moment and this feeling.

I have invited other members of TE who were able to attend to share some of their experiences from that day. I hope that their words can help you experience some of that special occasion:

“Tuesday, February 5, was truly a spiritually and personally meaningful experience for me. Watching the processional of more than 70 Czechoslovakian Holocaust scrolls, with our rabbi carrying our 1850 scroll, was a moving sight. To be there with a group of folks from my TE family made everything even more special and exciting, starting with the difficulty of parking at the train station to our rolling, sometimes party-like conversations on the train back and forth, and our long walks from Grand Central Station to Temple Emanu-El and back. It is such a privilege for our congregation to have been entrusted with one of these rescued, restored scrolls. In addition, it now appears that the scroll we retired in 2007 (to be only displayed) may indeed be able to be restored and put back into use. As



one of those lucky enough to have chanted from that scroll during the retirement service, I would feel even more fortunate to once again chant from it in the near future. Any such opportunity would enhance my feeling of connection to those who perished for their beliefs and heritage, and for whom I may speak when chanting.” — Barbara Berkowitz

“Having convinced myself that one of the Czech scrolls must surely have come from the shul of my grandmother Adele Kolish Reyman, I felt that I needed to be at this rare reunion of the Czech scrolls residing in the tri-state area. Reading and hearing about these scrolls, gently touching the covers, viewing the IDs affixed to the wood, and seeing the solemn walk with the Torahs were profoundly moving experiences.

Who can say that Adele, her four older brothers and their parents did not see one of these very scrolls I was seeing? No one can say it is not there, so it is. I needed to be there.” — Barbara Miller

“Awesome, proud, sad, memorable, honored, humbled, grateful.”

These are some of the emotions that the ten Temple Emanuel members felt as they saw the parade of more than 70 Czech Holocaust scrolls from all over the United States come down the aisle at Temple Emanu-El in New York City on February 5. This was the largest gathering of the Czech scrolls ever in one place. The Memorial Scroll Trust has 1,564 scrolls on permanent loan to congregations throughout the world. Temple Emanuel’s scroll from Horazdovice came to the Temple Emanuel congregation in 1966 under the leadership of then-Presidents Lois and Paul Levine. It has been used in countless Friday night services, b’nai mitzvah services and High Holy Day services over the last 50 years.

During World War II, the Jews of Bohemia and Moravia were wiped out. The people had been lost, but amazingly 1,564 Torah Scrolls from more than 122 congregations had been saved. Westminster Synagogue became the home to these Czech Scrolls in February of 1964. There they were stored, restored and then sent back out into the world by the Memorial Trust Fund. The evening of February 5 brought 70 of these scrolls and their congregants together for the first time.” — Melissa Perkal

JFS Expanding Aging Adult Program

FROM PAGE 3

Aside from case management services, individuals may need emotional support. “When I lost my husband of 52 years, I didn’t know where to turn. Thanks to the professionals at JFS, I’ve learned to cope with my grief and I am starting to enjoy the things I used to do again,” recalls a woman who continues to utilize the agency’s services. JFS believes everyone should receive this type of care and emotional support so that individuals can live happily and comfortably. JFS licensed clinicians and case managers work diligently to develop individualized care plans and coordinate the essential services.

The need in the community is high, and in order to provide services to all who require them, JFS must grow its aging adult services. JFS social worker Liz Davenport, LMSW, states, “We do try to help everyone that seeks our services; however, sometimes we are forced to prioritize those individuals with the greatest needs. The demand from the community for elderly services is growing, and we want to ensure that everyone receives quality care in a timely manner.”

In order to achieve the agency’s objective of developing its Aging Adult Program, it requires expanding the current social work program. Chief Executive Officer, Amy G. Rashba, LCSW, said the agency’s goal is to hire a full-time licensed clinical social worker who is solely focused on the aging adult population. “As the baby boomers age, the need for case management will only continue to increase, and we want to make sure JFS is fully prepared to meet and exceed the community’s needs.”

For more information about the event, go to jfsnh.org. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, contact Rachel Scolnic-Dobin at (203) 389-5599, ext. 109. In addition, if you or a loved one needs support or assistance, call Aging Adult Case Manager Liz Davenport, LMSW, at (203) 389-5599, ext. 117.

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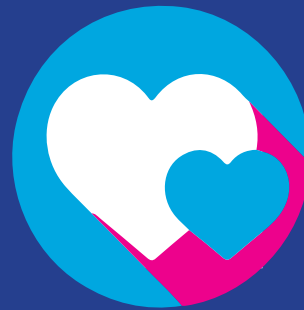
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