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The Jewish Federation, Foundation & JCC: Partnering to Serve Our Community

As reported in the January issue of Shalom New Haven, the JCC has initiated a partnership with Chapel Haven Schlatter Center. Chapel Haven is a nationally accredited school and transition program for adults with disabilities in New Haven. “This partnership fits very closely with our mission,” said Emily Kurtz, Program Group Manager at the JCC of Greater New Haven. “Our mandate as a Jewish Community Center is to serve our community at large. We can only do that if we include and enable to serve people of all abilities.”

A group of adults from Chapel Haven already visits the JCC on a regular basis to participate in a variety of supervisory recreational activities. In addition, a committee of laypeople was established to explore more ways for collaboration. The committee will be informed by conversations with participants and family members to help determine the needs of people with disabilities in our community.

As a result of preliminary conversations with Chapel Haven parents, Chapel Haven will become a training site for Chapel Haven students. Chapel Haven has a robust vocational program aimed at helping students build relevant skills and prepare for gainful employment. This spring, a group from Chapel Haven will begin working at the JCC with job coaches. They will be fitting different positions, including reading with children in the Beverly Levy Early Learning Center, writing and helping to edit Shalom New Haven, working with the maintenance team on present maintenance needs, and assisting our physical education department.

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As always, we encourage our readers to reach out to us with any questions or feedback regarding this partnership. We look forward to continuing to work together to support our shared mission of creating a welcoming and inclusive community for all. Shalom New Haven encourages our readers to stay tuned for updates on this exciting partnership.

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The Jewish Historical Society Honors Four

Amy Holtz Accepted to Fundraising University

For We Were Strangers
by Arthur Levy
Co-chair, Jewish Community Relations Council

As we leave the Passover holiday behind, celebrate Israel Independence on the fourth of Iyar and memorialize those who fell in the service of that state, it behooves us to consider the role of these events in shaping the Jewish psyche as well as that of the Jewish state.

Superficially it is easy to understand the significance of Independence Day and Memorial Day. Obviously Independence Day celebrates the first time in 2,000 years that the Jewish people had a state of their own as well as a powerful entity to provide protection, refuge and freedom after 2,000 years of persecution, oppression and servitude. Memorializing the fallen recognizes their ultimate sacrifice to achieve that aim. But what does that have to do with Passover?

Again, on a somewhat superficial level, Passover celebrates freedom, sovereignty and the absence of slavery. The Exodus from Egypt was the preliminary step in the creation of the first Jewish Commonwealth. But it does more than that. I submit that it laid the groundwork for the entire moral and ethical framework for the Jewish people and their national identity.

Several years ago Rabbi Fred Hyman of Westville Synagogue spoke at a press conference to protest crimes perpetrated against the African occupants of the Darfur region of Sudan. When asked why he was there he responded “because my ancestors were oppressed in the land of Egypt.” He went on to point out that 36 times in the Bible, 8 times in the Torah is the phrase: because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

And in fact Israel has largely adhered to that axiom. After independence, many Arab countries expelled 800,000 refugees facing persecution in Arab lands were welcomed. Subsequently one million Ethiopians and citizens of the Former Soviet Union were brought in. But they were Jews. Israel also accepted Vietnamese “boat people,” African refugees from the Chicago area and most recently Africans fleeing persecution and violence in Ethiopia and Sudan. The integration of these diverse people from very different cultures into the dominant Ashkenazi culture was not without problems. Sometimes they were met with resistance. But they had a new home in Israel.

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Reinvent Family Time at the J.

The Jewish Community Relations Council hosted a panel about the Israeli election in collaboration with the Sifra Center for Jewish Affairs at the JCC in Hamden.

For more information about the event series, visit fortunoff.library.yale.edu/events.

The Beckerman Lecture Series, sponsored by the Beckerman Family Foundation, is designed to promote engaging conversations about topics and themes that have shaped our world and continue to impact our place in the global community.

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JOIN ADL FOR AN INSPIRING EVENING! Celebrating Pareek Kaleka and Arno Michaels

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March Of The Living Journey
by Hannah Sosensky
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A Farewell From Our Emissaries

“For you an incredible year in the best community we could ask for. We made great connections with amazing people and we hope that the bridge between Israel and the New Haven community will continue to be strong and vibrant. Looking forward to seeing you in Israel. With much love and appreciation, Noa and Ziv”

by Aaron Bruce
BEKI USY Communications

One of the many things that BEKI ideas is for everyone, in addition to a charity event, and she enjoys seeing new teens take on responsibilities within their community. She noted that this project is a great way to reach out to everyone at BEKI and beyond. “The next group has been working through the program,” she said, “they have served to us them at Pesach, Florida, New York, and California for our family Thanksgiving celebrations.”

Thanksgiving pie-baking is one of the many things that BEKI ideas. In recent months, the junior group has served food at Columbus House, helped out with Chaiup on the Green, provided relief for the homeless with Abraham’s Tent, as well as other projects.

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New J. New day.

Being Healthy and Fit All Life Long
JCC Fitness Services Director

Susan Donovan

A recent Swedish study found that physical activity was the number one contributor to longevity, adding extra years to your life—even if you don’t start exercising until your later years. But getting and staying active is not just about adding years to your life; it’s about adding life to your years. You’ll not only feel and look better, you will be mentally sharper, have more energy, and experience a greater sense of well-being.

PHYSICAL HEALTH BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Weight maintenance—As metabolism naturally slows with age, maintaining a healthy weight is a challenge. Exercise helps increase metabolism and builds muscle mass, helping to burn more calories.
- Reduced impact of Illness and Disease—People who exercise tend to have improved immune and digestive functioning, better blood pressure and bone density, and are at a lower risk for such illnesses as Alzheimer’s disease, diabetes, obesity, heart disease, osteoporosis, and certain cancers.
- Enhanced Mobility, Flexibility and Balance—Exercise improves your strength, flexibility and posture, which in turn will help with balance, coordination, and reducing the risk of falls. Regular activity also helps alleviate the symptoms of chronic conditions such as arthritis.

A VARIETY OF MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS—Active seniors experience including improved quality and quantity of sleep. Improved sleep is associated with mood improvement, decreased depression, and increased happiness.
- Boosts mood and self-confidence. Exercise is a huge stress reliever and the endorphins produced can actually help reduce feelings of sadness, depression, or anxiety. Being active and feeling strong naturally helps you feel more self-confident.
- Exercise does amazing things for the brain! Active seniors experience better multi-tasking, less cognitive decline and memory loss, and some studies show may even slow the progression of brain disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease.

Starting an appropriate exercise program or finding a physical activity that can be done consistently without risk of injury can be challenging but don’t let this discourage you.

Let our Senior Exercise Specialists and Certified Fitness Staff at the JCC help! Our Wellness Department offers age appropriate exercise classes, personal training programs and a social environment designed to help you into a healthier, happier and more active life.

TO NAME A FEW:
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- Senior Drum-Fit class for physical and cognitive fitness
- Tai Chi for coordination, concentration and balance
- Gentle Yoga
- Pilates for Posture Yoga
- Zumba Gold
- Walking Club
- Age-Appropriate Classes
- Personal Training Programs for post rehab
- Hand and Foot MELT™ for Arthritis

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 is NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS DAY Join us at the JCC of Greater New Haven to experience a variety of classes, programs and fun activities all designed to help keep you happy and healthier in your ‘golden years’

For more information and schedule of events contact susan@jccnh.org

Yaffa & Fatima—Shalom, Salaam

BOOK REVIEW by Stacey Rabinat

PI Library Professional

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SUNDAY, MAY 19, 12-5 p.m.

Spring Celebration on the Farm Story hour and songs 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2:30-3:30 p.m.


THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Ice Cream Party & Storytime at the JCC

FRIDAYS, JUNE 7 & 14, 10-11 a.m.

Tot Shabbat on the farm “Nature & Animals” Bring your 2+ year old for an engaging Mission Farm experience to welcome Shabbat with a hike, sing, dance and - of course - PJ Library story! Suggested donation $5-$10

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, TIME TBD (CHECK ONLINE)

“Great Deeds & Chai-ve” Day at Walnut Beach, Milford. Details at jccnh.org/pjlibrary

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“Great Deeds & Chai-ve” Day at Walnut Beach, Milford. Details at jccnh.org/pjlibrary
In February, the group gathered for a night of bowling at Amity Bowl. Attendees tossed several games and enjoyed socializing with friends while practicing their bowling skills.

Some of the other recent events include a Purim activ- ity, where everyone gathered to make goggers. At the Tu Bishvat Seder, JFS’ Sydney Perry, taught about the meaning of the holiday. Shalom Group Coordinator Rapha- el Slatkin, LCSW, says, “We have several fun activities planned for this summer, including Shabbat dinners and outdoor programs.”

If you know someone who might enjoy and benefit from the Shalom Group, please contact Rachel at (203) 385-5599 x109 or rsdobin@jfsnh.org.

FoodKids Thanks Crest Lincoln of Woodbridge
JFS thanks Crest Lincoln of Woodbridge for their generous ongoing contribution of a vehicle which enables FoodKids to deliver 354 backpacks of nourishing food to hungry children each week.

JFS Shalom Group Happenings
JFS is a professionally licensed and accred- ited agency that accepts most insurance plans. If you feel that you or someone you know can benefit from our services, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Legerhurt, LCWM, at (203) 385-5599 x105 or ml@jfsnh.org. JFSGNH looks forward to speaking with you.

JFS Family Service and Support
JFS Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven now offers The Child-Parent Psychotherapy Program to families with young children aged 0-5. This program focuses on addressing the effects of stress and trauma on infants and young children. Our licensed clinicians work closely with parents and their chil- dren, using a strength-based approach. The program will address emotional and behavioral issues that are the result of stress and trauma. Examples of traumatic experiences are: hospitalization, separa- tion from parents, family conflict, divorce or the loss of a parent. JFS is a professionally licensed and accred- ited agency that accepts most insurance plans.

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JFS Shalom Group Happenings
JFS of Greater New Haven has been very busy planning meaningful events for the Shalom Group, a social group for Jewish adults with developmen- tal disabilities. For the past 30 years, the agency has been offering social events and educational activities that create a welcoming and inclusive commu- nity.

MA Jewish Cemetery Desecrated
Fifty-nine graves at a Jewish cemetery in Massachusetts were desecrated with anti-Semitic messages such as “Muss was right,” and “Expel the Jews.” Amit Cohen, the CEO of the New Bedford Jewish Federation, a regional partner of the Jewish Federa- tion of Greater New Haven, shares “It’s hard to imagine that in 2019 in America something like this would happen. This horrific event really shook our community.”

After witnessing the pushed-over headstones and anti-Semitic slurs written in black marker at the Hebrew Cemetery in Fall River, police have opened a hate crime investigation.

The Anti-Defamation League of New England issued a statement, saying “The desecration of The Hebrew Cemetery in Fall River is an inexcusable act of antisemitic hatred in the place where we honor and remember the lives of our community members.”

Condemnations from law makers were not late to arrive. Rep. Joe Kennedy III (D-Mass) tweeted “None of this is harmless. Beyond the hurt for the Fall River families whose loved one’s tombstones were defiled, anti-Semitism in any form breeds violence in our communities. We are united in rejecting these acts of anti-Semitism and hatred.”

Elisabeth Warren (D-Mass) posted on Twitter “Anti-Semi- tism has no place in Massachusetts or anywhere else in this country!”

As reported in the Fall River Herald News, Lousie Olson, who has relatives buried at the cemetery, said many of those buried at the Fall River cemetery faced persecution during their lives. "It’s hard to imagine that in 2019 in America something like this would happen."
Golda Meir's Handbag

In 1972, Golda Meir made a visit to New Haven to visit her granddaughter Sarah Meyerson and her 6 year old grandson. This is how the handbag which she carried on her visit to New Haven. Sarah was attending Yale University and her Mother Golda had made plans for a visit to see her family. At this time, her grandson was in the 1st grade class at Roger Sherman School in New Haven. Golda went to the school not only to see her grandson but she also spoke to his class.

While visiting New Haven, she did not make any political connections such as the Federal, State, or Municipal dignitaries. She was a simple time with her family with a family dinner at the restaurant. As to Hotel Marvin, Archivist for The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven. From the Archives: The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven.

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Federation enhances safety, security and resiliency for our Community

Safety and security of the Jewish community is of primary importance to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, which empowered a community security task force chaired by Evan Wyner to review protocol and make recommendations to enhance efforts based on national-level data and research. The Federation conducts an ongoing series of training to advance safety and security knowledge. Recently “Stop the Bleed” training was provided to JCC, Federation and Foundation staff, agency and synagogue leadership and local law enforcement. Stop the Bleed is a 90 minute course including a presentation and hands on practice in pressure application, wound packing and use of tourniquets. Training was led by an in collaboration with Yale New Haven Hospital and the Woodbridge Police Department.

On a national level, Jewish Federations of North America is partnering with Actiion Data for the Jewish Federations of North America (ADL) and Secure Community Network (SCN) to encourage community safety and resiliency of religious communities. Following the October 27th attack on the Jewish community in Pittsburgh, the ADL and SCN came together to address hate, anti-Semitic and threats as well as violence targeted at the Jewish community in the United States.

Given that many threats impact all faith-based institutions regardless of affiliation, and as seen in the tragic attack on the Muslim community in New Zealand, the Task Force will develop best practices that can enhance the security, safety, and resiliency of all faith-based communities.

The task force will develop best practices to increase collaboration and cooperation related to incident tracking, information sharing, reporting and admissions trends, as well as building partnerships within and across communities. Building from the experience and expertise developed within the Jewish community, and inclusive of other faith-based communities, the task force will make recommendations to more effectively address hate crimes while enhancing safety and security for all faith-based institutions.

A working group will include teams from all faith communities, a range of faith and community leaders, as well as representatives from local, state and federal law enforcement, among others.
Chag Shavuot Sameach

Living By the Jewish Calendar
by Rabbi Rona Shapiro, Congregation B’nai Jacob, Woodbridge

People often misunderstand the purpose of the holidays. They think they celebrate historical triumphs, they tried to kill us, God saved us, it’s ok, that is true but that is all you know you are only scratching the surface.

Holidays in any culture are like secret code — understand the holidays and you understand what the culture is about. Pesach — we were slaves in Egypt and God redeemed us. Shavuot — the Torah, our history is in the Torah. Sukkot — our history is in the Sukkah. We are grateful for what we are experiencing, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur — we need to take time at least once a year and look at what we have done, take responsibility for it, and set a new course. We make mistakes but we can ask forgiveness and move on. We tell our story through matza and sukkahs, through waving t’filin and t’filling prayers, but the messages come through — you were strangers in a strange land. You know what it is to be a stranger. Do not oppress the widow, the stranger, the orphan. God took us out of Egypt. The Power of the Kugel took over the flight. Never again.

Everyone who tried the kugel had something to say. “This is a dish that turns heads,” said my aunt Molly. “This is a kugel that separates the strong kugels from the weak kugels,” said my father. “If there was a dictionary, a word you made up, the word in the dictionary for this kugel, this would be it,” declared Uncle Abraham. (Uncle Refael disagreed until he tried it, “I stand corrected,” he admitted.) “I’m unsure of exactly what this is,” said my cousin Gloria, “but I’m a fan.” “This is a kugel that deserves any hope of ever going low-gal,” sighed my Uncle Wayne as he reached for a third helping. Some people don’t believe legends until they have experienced them, and I am no exception. As a teenager, although I had the kugel at least once a year on Shavuot as per family custom, I was dubious as to the reputed Powers Of The Kugel. This matter was put to rest in 2001 when my family decided to take a trip together. It was shortly after Shavuot and we were on the plane to Florida. (Uncle Abraham was the one who suggested the trip.) The Power Of The Kugel took over the flight. Never again.

With great kugel comes great responsibility. Aunty Bonnie immediately called home, Baby Florence and Zaddy George needed to know. Uncle Wayne needed to know. The world needed to know. And so did (thankfully) my mother. Uncle Refael admitted.) “I’m unsure of exactly what this is,” said my father. “If there was a dictionary, a word you made up, the word in the dictionary for this kugel, this would be it,” declared Uncle Abraham. (Uncle Refael disagreed until he tried it, “I stand corrected,” he admitted.) “I’m unsure of exactly what this is,” said my cousin Gloria, “but I’m a fan.” “This is a kugel that deserves any hope of ever going low-gal,” sighed my Uncle Wayne as he reached for a third helping. Some people don’t believe legends until they have experienced them, and I am no exception. As a teenager, although I had the kugel at least once a year on Shavuot as per family custom, I was dubious as to the reputed Powers Of The Kugel. This matter was put to rest in 2001 when my family decided to take a trip together. It was shortly after Shavuot and we were on the plane to Florida. (Uncle Abraham was the one who suggested the trip.) The Power Of The Kugel took over the flight. Never again.

The Tale of Aunty Bonnie’s Legendary Cheesecake Kugel by Chana Light

It’s not every day a legend is born, and certainly not what my Aunty Bonnie expected when she began her first job in a small town in the Midwest shortly after college. No one can say for sure how it started. Some insist a gust of wind blew a stray piece of paper with a recipe screwed in wavy handwriting right into her path, and some will swear that a mysterious stranger with a long staff and a flowing white beard appeared to her in a dream and gave her the recipe. We will likely never know for sure. However, what we do know is that day Aunty Bonnie’s Legendary Cheesecake Kugel entered our world, and our lives would never be the same.

Was it a cake? Or was it a kugel? Aunty Bonnie had to know. By the time evening arrived, the smells filling her one-room apartment were not of roast chicken. With great kugel comes great responsibility. Aunty Bonnie immediately called home, Baby Florence and Zaddy George needed to know. Uncle Wayne needed to know. The world needed to know. And so did (thankfully) my mother.

INGREDIENTS

7/8 cup flour
2 cups Rice Krispies
1 1/3 cups sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
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2 cups Rice Krispies
TOPPING:
1/2 cup raisins
2 cups warm milk
8 oz package of cream cheese
1/2 cup butter
LEGENDARY CHEESECAKE KUGEL:
4. Beat eggs and sugar together in a bowl. 
5. Stir in the flour.
7. Add noodles and raisins.
8. Pour into pan, and sprinkle with remaining topping.
9. Bake 45 minutes to 1 hour.

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350˚.
2. Pour melted butter into 9x13 pan.
3. Great Rice Krispies, sugar and cinnamon together, and pour half of it into the pan.
4. Beat eggs and sugar together in a bowl.
5. Stir in cream cheese and mix until smooth.
7. Add in cheese and raisins.
8. Pour into pan, and sprinkle with remaining toppings.
9. Bake 45 minutes to 1 hour.
10. Refrigerate and eat again on later occasions if by some miracle it was not finished the first time it was served.

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Aunty Bonnie’s Legendary Cheesecake Kugel

Chana Light removing Cheesecake Kugel from the oven.

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Family Creates Fund in Memory of Elliot Alderman

“When my brother Elliot passed away last September,” says Norman Alderman, “I knew that the best way to honor his memory was to establish an endowment, in his memory, to benefit Temple Beth Sholom.” The Elliot S. Alderman Memorial Fund for the benefit of Temple Beth Sholom, which is supported by Norman and Caren Alderman, Elliot’s wife Diane, and Diane and Elliot’s daughters, Jennifer and Cyna, “perpetuates his involvement with Temple Beth Sholom—the synagogue to which he was so dedicated.”

As a current Board member of Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, Norman Alderman recognizes the significance of creating this tribute. “Elliot was a member of TBS for decades—a past president who was involved in so many synagogue-related committees, fund-raisers and projects, as well as other activities and organizations within the community,” he notes. “My older brother and I were both raised in New Haven and we became active with the Jewish community during the ’70s, when Young Leadership was officially formed. But anyone who knew Elliot also knew that he was most devoted to Temple Beth Sholom. This fund will allow Rabbi Scolnic to continually fund new projects at the synagogue.”

When Rabbi Benjamin Scolnic assumed the pulpit at Temple Beth Sholom, he recalls Elliot making a strong first impression. “He was a young synagogue president in his 30s, even before my tenure,” says Scolnic, “and he was always thinking a few steps ahead.” The two men quickly developed a close working relationship that blossomed into a friendship. “He was a pillar of the synagogue,” Scolnic shares, “an extremely genuine, loyal and consistent person—the same per- son as a husband, father, synagogue member, community member, employer, and businessman” who approached everything he did with “devotion and consistency.” Especially since Alderman, “was deeply involved with the endowment committee at TBS, and had a vision for Temple Beth Sholom” was very excited about the impact that this fund will make. “It makes sense that his family members established an endowment in his memory. He and his brother worked well together and were always so supportive.”

Although the loss of his brother was deeply felt by family, and friends, and Temple Beth Sholom congregants, Norman Alderman takes great comfort in the knowledge that, “this fund will continue to keep Elliot’s name alive.”
NEW to TOWN? Make a Connection With Jclick

Jclick is a new online gateway to Jewish resources and a network of ambassadors to welcome people to the Greater New Haven area more personally, whether you’re looking for a Jewish neighbor, new business partners, or any other type of community member, we hope you’ll find it all with Jclick.

Get Involved
Please reach out to us at info@jclickct.org if you would like to become an ambassador, have a resource for us to add or have any thoughts to share. Jclick was conceived and launched by work- ing nights, weekends, between other volunteer activities, and when our children were napping. We are thankful for the support of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven for partnering with us on this effort.

For more information, go to newhavenjewishfoundation.org or contact Lisa Stangier at (203) 987-2424 x482, listanger@jewishnewhaven.org

5 Ways to “Do Jewish” in New Haven as a Young Professional

by Derek Holodak
Program & Development Associate

So you’re newish and Jewish, and you’re looking for ways to get involved in Greater New Haven as a young Jewish professional but you don’t know where to start. Well, you’re in luck because NextDor has your back!

Here are five easy steps you can take to “do Jewish” your way in New Haven as a graduate student or young(ish) professional:

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2. Attend a Shabbat Dinner at the Moishe Pod
   Now that you’ve got yourself a jclick ambassador, it’s time to get social, and if you’re at the younger end of the “young adult” spectrum (20s and 30s), the best place to start is a Moishe Pod Shabbat dinner.

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Emissaries to JCC Day Camps

Meet the three Israeli teens who will be counseling at JCC Day Camps this summer. Paz, Tal and Nitzan will bring the Israeli experience to our campers and provide a human connection to Israel. This program is provided by the Jewish Agency for Israel and funded through your generous contributions to the Jewish Federation’s Annual Campaign. If you wish to help support emissaries in your name for 3 weeks long experience, please contact Emily Kurz at emilyk@jccnh.org.

Paz Shushu

Hey, my name is Paz Shushu. I’m sixteen years old from Masada Yir Yisrael in Israel.

In my free time, I volunteer in a youth movement called “Bnei Akiva”. In addition, I am the president of the students’ council.

My parents’ names are Tanya and Shuli. I have two siblings – my older brother Idan is 19 years old and about to join the army and Yarden is 23 and is a student at Tel Aviv University.

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My name is Tal Batzani, I am 16 years old and live in Kiryat Ata.

My paternal name are Tanya and Shuli. I have two siblings: my sister Yael, who is 16 years old and handsome and Young Educatress in Worchester Massachusetts, and a half-brother named Dror, who lives in my city.

I study in Reut Senior high school and my majors are Chemistry and Photography.

My hobbies are drawing, cooking and singing. This also my third year participating in “Unistream”, a program that takes kids from the periphery and gets them into the “real” business world. My role is the product manager in company. This is my second year as a guide.

Shalom!

My name is Nitzan Bengio and I am 16 years old. I live in Gan Yav since I was born. Together with my parents, my Dad, Aliya, who is a social worker and my Mom, who is a manager and my siblings – Idan 19 years old and ab to join the army and Yarden 23 is a student of Tel Aviv University.

My school majors are drama and social studies and enjoy them there.

In my spare time, I love to bake and cook, exercise, dance, laugh and spend it with my friends. I also spend a lot of time in the local youth movement, which act as a counselor for the second year.

When I was 12 years old, I visited my sister, Yarden, who was a Young Educatress in Connecticut and was lucky to have a very special Israel trip in the synagogue there.

I am looking forward to my time in the JCC day camp.

Tal Batzani

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Cool Reads for Hot Days

A Woman’s Philanthropy favorite, Cool Reads, will take place again this year on Tuesday, June 25, at the Guifford Yacht Club.

Now this year, book authors James Mustich and Matthew Dicks will have a conversation facilitated by Roxanne Cosdy, owner of RJ Julia Booksellers in Madison. Cosdy will also share some of her favorite reads with our guests.

James Mustich began his career in bookelling at an independent book store in Branoff, Maine, New York, in the early 1960s. In 1988, he co-founded the acclaimed book blog, A Com<br />for all seasons, please contact Libby Rutty.

Panel Discussion

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Featuring Roxanne Cosdy of RJ Julia PLUS Authors James Mustich & Matthew Dicks

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For questions or more information, contact Libby Rutty.

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May 30, 7-8:30 p.m.
Ezra Academy Graduation Ceremony
June 27, 12-3 p.m.
Updated Maps to Display Golan as Belonging to Israel

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U.S. Special Representative for Iran Brian Hook said the maps are being officially redrawn and will be made available “as soon as they are ready.”

A department spokesperson told Voice of America that the map modifications would be “consistent” with the proclamation the president signed on Monday, remarking that the United States “recognizes that the Golan Heights are part of the State of Israel.”

U.S. Special Representative for Iran Brian Hook told VOA that Foggy Bottom would “redraw official maps and make them available “as soon as they are ready.”

The editing, said Hook, reflects reality and a “need for Israel to have secure and defensible borders.”

Last week, Trump posted on Twitter that he would make that recognition.

“After 52 years it is time for the United States to fully recognize Israel’s Sovereignty over the Golan Heights, which is of critical strategic and security importance to the State of Israel and Regional Stability!” he tweeted.

Israel took control of the Golan Heights during the 1967 Six-Day War.

Netanyahu Victorious

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Despite facing the prospect of criminal indictment, Benjamin Netanyahu has again successfully outmaneuvered his opponents, including three former generals, to cement his fourth consecutive term and fifth overall, which will likely make him Israel’s longest serving prime minister.
In 1945, the Nazis officially surrendered on May 8, bringing an end to WWII but leaving the world with the scars of fighting still continued into the next day. Germany gathered its troops to the right clearer their borders so that the Soviet Union and the United States could begin celebrating Memorial Day and others. For more information about the New American Acculturation Program, contact Yelena Gerovich at (203) 387-2424 x321, or ygerovich@jewishnewhavendcn.org.

In March and April this year, Russian-speaking families and friends gathered for Purim and Passover celebrations, learning more about Jewish traditions and strengthening their Jewish identity. Thanks to the generosity of the family for financial assistance than they can award. Unfortunately, some children in our community may not get the opportunity to participate in this exciting event. New American Acculturation Program plans to bring the children's camp experiences into their own community for Jewish 20- and 30-somethings. Their events are small and intimate by design, so they are an ideal first foray into the Jewish young professionals scene.

The Theocracy. As Jews, both in Israel and the Diaspora, we should protest against all injustice. But we also need to protect and act against the unfair vilification of Israel as well as the rise of anti-Semitism worldwide.

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), which is the umbrella organization of Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, represents Jewish organizations and synagogues throughout the Greater New Haven area. The JCRC focuses on government relations, Israel advocacy, inter-group relations, and social justice.
The Towers Vision for The Future

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