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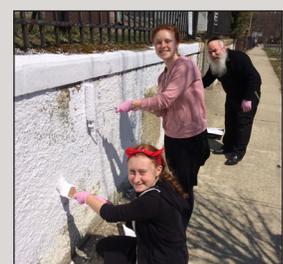
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Hope, Holidays and Honor

I often comment that one of the best benefits of working for our Jewish community is that I have the opportunity to see and interact with children every day. Whether it is the smallest kids in the Beverly Levy Early Learning Center who may be out for a stroller walk or others who are busy learning about friends, colors, Jewish holidays, and sharing, our kids represent the best of our future. They are filled with wonder and possibility, which in turn fills me with optimism and hope.

Hope. Hope is what has kept us through the millennia no matter the hardship or seemingly impossible situation. It is no coincidence that the Israeli national anthem, Hatikva, literally means hope. Of course, hope alone is not enough.

Today Jews are confronted with mounting anti-Semitism and rising anti-Zionism (often anti-Semitism in disguise) that most have never encountered before. The statistics are so overwhelming that they are hard to absorb.

In 2017, ADL reported 1,986 anti-Semitic known incidents, which was a 57% increase in just one year. White supremacist propaganda efforts, including the distribution of racist, anti-Semitic and Islamo-

phobic fliers, stickers, banners and posters on and around college campuses have seen a 182% increase. Internationally, global attitudes continue to be alarming. 35% of people never heard of the Holocaust. 41% believe Jews are more loyal to Israel than their own country, and 74% of people in the Middle East and North Africa are anti-Semitic—the highest regional percentage in the world. Of the 26% of people who hold anti-Semitic views, 70% have never actually met a Jewish person.

Recent incidents in Charleston, S.C., Charlottesville, VA, Pittsburgh, PA and Christchurch, New Zealand and the desecration of the Jewish cemetery in Fall River, MA have left us reeling. College campuses are rife with hate including mock eviction notices targeting Jewish students dorm rooms, conferences that have innocuous titles that devolve into anti-Semitic breeding grounds, and Israel Apartheid Weeks.

While we must continue to be vigilant and work to combat the forces of hate around us, our Jewish calendar offers us the opportunity to come together as a community to express our collective memory, to solemnly remember those we have lost to murder and war and finally to

celebrate our hope. Please plan to join us at Yom Hashoah Community Commemoration on Sunday, May 5 at 1 p.m. at The Towers. This year's speaker is Tagan Engle, a third generation survivor who will share stories of her grandmother, Selma Engle who we lost earlier this year. Then on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. our Israeli Emissaries, Noa & Ziv will lead us as we remember Israel's fallen on Yom HaZikaron. Our third and final "Yom" will be a celebration of Israel on Thursday, May 9 beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a BBQ including activities for all ages as we celebrate Israel's birthday at Yom Ha'atzmaut.

As this is the May/June issue of Shalom New Haven, the holiday Shavuot begins when we celebrate receiving our torah, the guidepost for the generations. The torah is the source of our eternal hope. May you and your family find the opportunities for celebration and hope in your moments together and when you join with others as a family of families—one community with so much promise and hope.

Judy

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Open for Everyone

As reported in the January issue of Shalom New Haven, the JCC has initiated a partnership with Chapel Haven Schleifer 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 Kurz, 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 are inclusive and able to serve people of all abilities" she said.

A group of adults from Chapel Haven already visits the JCC on a regular basis to participate in a variety of supervised

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, the JCC will become a job 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 filling different

positions, including reading with children in the Beverly Levy Early Learning Center, writing for and helping to edit Shalom New Haven, working with the maintenance team on preventative maintenance, and assisting our physical education department.

The JCC was selected as a jobsite because it offers a wide variety of opportunities that cater to an extensive range of interests and aspirations students have. To prepare for the students, JCC staff took a daylong training at Chapel Haven. "We want to be the best hosts we can be," said Scott Cohen, JCC Executive Director. "Becoming a jobsite was a natural progression from the close relationship that we developed with Chapel Haven parents, as we learned about their potential interests and needs" says Emily Kurz.



Nate Sapan, a student of Chapel Haven, as he reads to children at Beverly Levy Early Learning Center as part of his Career Exploration internship at the JCC.

"The partnership benefits our community by opening up more opportunities for our members and non-members alike to see that people with developmental delays also can be productive members of society," says Kurz. "It teaches empathy and patience to all that spend time working with these adults, and it helps us where we may need an extra employee or intern!" she concluded.

A Vision for the Future



by Gus Keach-Longo
President/CEO The Towers

By merging Tower One and Tower East into one company, The Towers, a wonderful renovation project has been made possible through HUD funds exclusively for the purpose of physical plant. As a key Jewish community asset in downtown New Haven, our innovative new design will be enjoyed by all.

The Towers is delighted to announce that it will begin renovations on its ground and first floors to enhance the lives of our seniors through a beautiful modernization. Renovating our ground floor will provide a cohesive new look to accompany our already inclusive community. The architectural plans reflect the latest research on how light, shape, texture and space affect mental and psychological well-being. The new aesthetic of The Towers will retain its original warmth, but offer a fresh foundation for the next generations of seniors to make our community home.

Residents and visitors will feel the elevated Towers experience from the moment they step through our new light-filled entrance and are greeted at our new and welcoming concierge desk. The beloved Vine Gift Shop will have a special new location and enlarged space right near our entrance. Our state-of-the-art dining room will accommodate more and varied seating options along with a café that will feature a display kitchen where everyone can watch the chef work his magic. Live food preparation and grab-and-go items will accompany our other dining options. Our entire community will benefit from enhanced common spaces in both buildings.

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The Jewish Historical Society Honors Four



Leonard Honeyman



Stanley Sax



Lil & Lee Liberman

The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven will mark its 43rd Anniversary Sunday June 23, 2019 at 10 a.m. with a celebratory brunch at The Towers, 18 Tower Lane, New Haven.

The four honorees being recognized this year in appreciation for their many years of service and countless contributions to the Society are Leonard Honeyman, Stanley Saxe, and Lil and Lee Liberman.

Founded in 1976, The Society's mission is to collect and preserve historical records and to document the history of the Greater New Haven Jewish community. Records go back to 1830, a few are even earlier.

Our collection, consisting of thousands of photographs, articles, objects and books, is archived and available to researchers and others with an interest in the subject at jhsghn.org under "Archives" Additionally, ten volumes of Jews in New Haven have been published by the Society and may be purchased.

Tickets to the Brunch are \$54 for members, and non-members \$60. Kashrut is observed. The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven welcomes new members. For tickets or to advertise in the Program Book, please contact the Society office at (203) 392-6125, or info@jhsghn.org.

Amy Holtz Accepted to Fundraising University

Fundraising University is an intensive year-long program of the JFNA Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence in partnership with JFNA's Philanthropic Resources department. It was created to help a select cohort of top professionals improve their managerial, development and leadership skills. The cohort of only 21 professionals from around the country will work with top mentors within and outside of the organization and will travel to Israel as part of their educational journey.

Jewish Federation CEO Judy Alperin commented that "it is no surprise that Amy Holtz was selected after participating in a highly competitive process. Amy has already demonstrated her great skill and potential to drive our development efforts. Fundraising University will provide her with the tools, knowledge and cohort of colleagues to help her take us to the next level." Alperin, a Fundraising University graduate of the inaugural cohort takes extra pride in this accomplishment.

As the Chief Development Officer for Federation, Holtz overseas all fundraising efforts in the organization, which in 2018 raised nearly \$4 million. Amy sees her mission as "raising funds for our community while engaging as many people as possible in the activities of the JCC and Federation". When asked why she does what she does, Amy goes back to her Jewish upbringing and to values taught at home by her parents.

"My parents were committed leaders and deeply involved with their local Jewish community. They taught us at a young age that as Jews we are commanded to perform acts of Tikkun Olum (repairing the world). We all need to take care of each other, now more than ever."



For We Were Strangers

by Arthur Levy
Co-chair, Jewish
Community
Relations Council

As we leave the Passover holiday behind, celebrate Israeli Independence on the fourth of Iyar and memorialize those who fell in defense of that state, it behooves us to consider the role of those 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 the Jewish State.

Several years ago Rabbi Fred Hyman of Westville Synagogue spoke at a press conference to protest crimes perpetrated against the African



The Jewish Community Relations Council hosted a panel about the Israeli election in collaboration with the Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale. From left to right: Arbel Astrachan, Joseph David, and Tzippy Shmilovitz.

inhabitants 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 Torah is the phrase: because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

And in fact Israel has largely adhered to that admonition. After independence more than 800,000 refugees fleeing 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," Hebrew Israelites from the Chicago area and most recently Africans fleeing persecution and violence in Eritrea 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

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Fortunoff Video Archives

Housed at Yale University, the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies holds more than 4,400 testimonials and 12,000 recorded hours of videotape.

With testimonials from nineteen countries, the collection reflects a broad range of Nazi-occupied Europe. Testimonies include survivors that are Jewish, Roma and Sinti, Jehovah Witnesses and political prisoners; resisters and rescuers; and liberators who served in the armed forces. You do not need to be part of the Yale community or affiliated with an academic institution to access the collection, which is now a significant resource to researchers around the world. The archive marks its 40th anniversary this year with yearlong events through November of 2019. In 1979, a grassroots organization, the Holocaust Survivors Film Project, began videotaping Holocaust survivors and witnesses in New Haven, Connecticut. In 1981, the original collection of testimonies was donated to Yale University. The Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, part of the Yale University Library, opened its doors to the public the following year. Since then, the Fortunoff Archive has worked to record, collect, and preserve Holocaust witness testimonies, and to make its collection available to researchers, educators, and the general public.

"The thing that has been clear to me, that the ideas that fed Nazi Germany and their allies to commit genocide, these ideas didn't go away entirely. At most they hibernated. They went under the surface. We need to remain vigilant. We have to fight these battles again and again. It's never over," said the Archive's Director Stephen Naron to the New Haven Register.

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Pardeep Kaleka



Arno Michaelis

March Of The Living Journey

by Hannah Sosensky
Jewish Teen Education
(JTE) Board Officer



death camp's purpose and pain was obscured, which bewildered me.

Taking part in The March of the Living made me think of the millions of victims and their despair that passed through the gates of the

camps on the death marches. Tens of thousands of us walked the same steps of the death marches, which was symbolic commemorating those victims who could not march, and the next generation that could. Surrounded by so many people from across the world all in one place, uniting, provided me with feelings of hope and friendship.

I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to go on this unforgettable trip. I met so many new friends from around the world, visited places I never thought I would get to, and I now have countless memories that I will forever hold on to and share with whoever will listen.

For more information, contact Evan Wyner, (203) 530-2079.

The March Of The Living is an annual educational program that brings teenagers and adults from all around the world together in Poland and Israel to study the history of the Holocaust.

Until two years ago I had no idea about The March Of The Living. Not until I was sitting in one of the Ezra Academy classrooms during JTE (Jewish Teen Education) when Evan Wyner presented the program to me and five of my classmates and friends. All six of us pondered the idea for a while. Eventually we all agreed that we would go on that fantastic journey together that April 2018.

Before long, I was standing on the grounds of Auschwitz death camp. I was flooded with emotions standing on the same soil as millions of victims once did. The weather that day was hot and sunny. Before the trip, I imagined the weather being rainy and gloomy there, what I expected it to be. In the sun, the



A Farewell From Our Emissaries

"Thank you for 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"

Derek Holodak: Young Adult Fellowship



Derek Holodak, Programming and Development Associate, has been accepted to the second cohort of the Next Gen Jewish Federation Fellows through the Jewish Federations of North America. Acceptance into this highly competitive program reflects Derek's professional talent, potential and commitment to deepening his own Jewish enrichment and leadership skills while also participating in a community of practice with colleagues who share interest in engaging the next generation actively and proudly in Jewish life.

This is an 18 month-long program which includes leadership coaching and learning as well as professional mentoring and a capstone project to benefit our Federation. Derek was nominated for the program as a result of his work with our NextDor group which represents the next generation of Jewish Leadership. It is comprised of young professionals and young families making connections with both old and new friends to volunteer, network and learn more about their Jewish heritage.

His supervisor, Amy Holtz, says "I have had the pleasure of learning about Derek's background as a former resident at Moishe House and creating interesting programs to engage Jewish millennials.

In his role as the NextDor Coordinator, Derek has formed partnerships with the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale University, UConn Hillel (and their alumni association), and One Table. Derek identifies and engages with young adults in this community. He has built relationships that foster a sense of community and partnership and has done well in educating young adults about Federation.

Derek's warm personality welcomes newcomers with ease and comfort. Mazeltov to Derek on his acceptance in this program. We look forward to the positive impact this will have on our community.

Beth El-Keser Israel Project for JFS Food Pantry

by Aaron Bruce
BEKI USY Communications

One of the greatest mitzvot that a small community is capable of doing is coming together for Tikkun Olam (helping the world) and helping those in need. BEKI USY's spring service project was working at the April 7 JCC Mitzvah Day, to which we invited USYers from the CT and MA region.

The fall service project for BEKI Kadima/USY was making, selling, and donating Thanksgiving pies to various families and the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry. This charity event gave BEKI members who bought pies a wonderful dessert for Thanksgiving, and also gave aid to struggling families. BEKI USY/Kadima pie-baking has become an annual project that the congregation greatly appreciates.

A total of 125 pies were made, and 54 were donated to the JFS Food Pantry, along with \$660. When ordering pies, members of the community had the option to order or donate pies, or to give money, and it was wonderful that so many people were so generous.

The pie making was a group effort that required everyone possible to pitch in. During each pie making session, over a dozen volunteers showed up. Encouraging children to give back to their communities through youth groups is very important, and BEKI is lucky to have so many devoted kids and parents.

One Youth Commission volunteer, Rebecca Weiner, said she joined the pie-baking to provide a service

to BEKI and the larger community and, in her words, because "to me pie-baking is a sweet way to bring home to our kids the many forms that Tikkun Olam can take." Eva Shragis, who is a parent of former members of USY, has supervised the pie-making for the past few years. She said she views the project as a team building effort 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 pies I have bought through this program," she said, "have made their way to Pennsylvania, Florida, New York, and California for our family Thanksgiving celebrations."

Thanksgiving pie-baking is one of the many things that BEKI does in the service of others. In recent months, the synagogue has served food at Columbus House, helped out with Chapel on the Green, provided refuge 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

by Susan Donovan
JCC Fitness Services Director

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 a lower risk of 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.

- 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 help 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 guide you into a healthier, happier and more active life!

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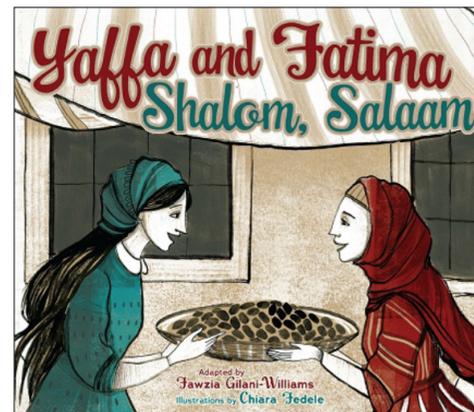
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PJ Library Yaffa & Fatima—Shalom, Salaam

BOOK REVIEW
by Stacey Battat
PJ Library Professional

One of my favorite PJ Library books contains the most compelling lesson for our times, entitled Yaffa & Fatima – Shalom, Salaam, adapted by Fawzia Gilani-Williams, with beautiful illustrations by Chiara Fedele.

The value the book conveys is B'Tzelem Elohim, the teaching that God created all people as equals. Our continuously shifting and seemingly smaller world must find a way to integrate those who seem "other" to us. This story is about two women, Yaffa & Fatima, who are neighbors and dear friends. One is Jewish & the other is Muslim, and they connect despite their differences. Both of the women grow and sell dates, and care for one another. During a time of draught, they worry for one another and find a lovely and surprising way to demonstrate their compassion, further deepening their connection. Another lesson in the book touches



upon the highest form of Tzedakah (charity) reached in Jewish life, which is giving anonymously.

If your family lives in an area in which a variety of cultures are represented, consider making a special effort to get to know a family with a different background from your own. Whether or not you read the book, speak with your children about how to respectfully ask questions of another and

encourage the sharing of one another's traditions. Many Jewish holidays include giving food and treats, and inviting guests to the table, which is an ideal way to get to know others.

Consider creative ways to give to others who are in particular need, as a family or with your community. One example is collecting and bringing needed items to food banks or places

that serve less privileged populations, as we did in Mitzvah Day in our community on April 7th. You can also collect coins in a Tzedakah box or piggy bank to donate to a worthy cause.

Feel free to contact Stacey for suggestions, more info or to borrow the book! Email Stacey at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org

PJ LIBRARY MAY & JUNE PROGRAMS:

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 5:30 p.m.
PJ Library Story Walk. Mangal & Mingle: Israel Independence Day BBQ at the JCC

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 12-5 p.m.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Family Shabbat on Massaro Farms "Taking care of the earth". Join PJ Library and Massaro farmers to gather greens for a salad, sing and celebrate Shabbat outdoors! Ages 2-6 and their adults. Suggested donation \$5-\$10

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 5:30 p.m.
Shavuot 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 Massaro Farm experience to welcome Shabbat with a hike, song, dance and - of course a PJ Library story! Suggested donation \$5-\$10

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"Good Deeds & Dunes" Day at Walnut Beach, Milford. Details at jewishnewhaven.org/pjlibrary

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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 developmental disabilities. For the past 30 years, the agency has been offering social events and educational activities to create a welcoming and inclusive community.



In February, the group gathered for a night of bowling at Amity Bowl. Attendees bowled several games and enjoyed socializing with friends while practicing their bowling skills.

Some of the other recent events include a Purim activity, where everyone gathered to make groggers. At the Tu Bishvat Seder, JFS' Sydney Perry, taught about the meaning of the holiday. Shalom Group Coordinator Rachel Scolnic Dobin, LMSW, says "We have several fun activities planned for this summer, including Shabbat dinners and outdoor picnics."

If you know someone who might enjoy and benefit from the Shalom Group, please contact Rachel at (203) 389-5599 x109 or rsdobin@jfsnh.org.

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JFS thanks Dick Fitzpatrick and Steven Nathman of Crest Lincoln of Woodbridge for their generous ongoing contribution of a vehicle which enables Food4Kids to deliver 354 backpacks of nourishing food to hungry children each week.



Ezra Gala

Ezra Academy recently hosted their annual Gala and Auction at Congregation B'nai Jacob. The sparkly, Snow Ball-themed Gala was artfully conceived by Judy Skolnick. Judy and her husband, David, were the evening's honorees, and Alumni Hall of Fame inductee Shelley Kier was also celebrated. Over 250 guests dined on gourmet offerings from Abel Caterers, and bid on everything from vacation packages and Broadway tickets to local services and the chance to be Head of School for the day. To learn more about Ezra Academy's Montessori Preschool and K - 8 Day School for your family, please contact us at info@ezraacademyct.org.

Pride Shabbat in Hamden

Pride Shabbat service will be held at Congregation Mishkan Israel on Friday, June 21 at 6 p.m. This Pride Shabbat will bring an LGBTQ perspective to the Friday evening Shabbat ritual and will celebrate the LGBTQ community.

Congregation Mishkan Israel is a progressive Reform congregation, dedicated to creating a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere to all, regardless of religious upbringing or family structure. In recognition of the beauty of our diverse human community, CMI welcomes interfaith families and people of any background, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or ability.

Congregation Mishkan Israel is the 14th oldest congregation in the United States, and the oldest continuously operating one in New England. It is located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden. For more information, call the synagogue office at (203) 288-3877 or visit cmihamden.org.

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MA Jewish Cemetery Desecrated

Fifty-nine graves at a Jewish cemetery in Massachusetts were desecrated with anti-Semitic messages such as "Hitler was right," and "Expel the Jews." Amir Cohen, the CEO of the New Bedford Jewish Federation, a regional partner of the Jewish Federation 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 of 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



Photo courtesy of the Jewish Federation of New Bedford

Fall River families whose loved one's tombstone was defaced, anti-Semitism in any form breeds violence in our communities. We stand united in rejecting these acts of anti-Semitism and hatred." Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass) posted on Twitter "Anti-Semitism has no place in Massachusetts or anywhere else in this country."

As reported in the Fall River Herald News, Louis Gitlan, who has relatives buried at the cemetery, said many of those buried at the Fall River cemetery faced persecution during their lives. "What did they go through to get to this place, and finally be free? Then realize that they can't escape it." "this is just the worst possible language... it's hard to imagine that in 2019 in America something like this would happen."

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House Condemns anti-Semitism

(March 7, 2019)
Jewish News Syndicate

"Whereas whether from the political right, center or left, bigotry, discrimination, oppression, racism and imputations of dual loyalty threaten American democracy and have no place in American political discourse," states the resolution.

It defines anti-Semitism as "the centuries-old bigotry and form of racism faced by Jewish people simply because they are Jews." Islamophobia, according to the measure, is "prejudicial attitudes towards Muslims and people who are perceived to be Muslim, including the irrational belief that Muslims are inherently violent, disloyal and foreign."

It then cites examples of anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim incidents from the October 2018 Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh to mosque attacks in 2017 in Minnesota, Texas, Florida and Washington state.

The legislation came in response to Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), who on Sunday defended her recent remarks accusing her "Jewish colleagues" for attacking her and Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) for labeling every criticism of theirs as anti-Israel because of the faith of the two congresswomen, in addition to slamming her critics regarding "the political influence in this country that says it is OK to push for allegiance to a foreign country."

Omar voted in favor of the resolution, which cites anti-Semitic instances such as "accusing Jews of being more loyal to Israel or to the Jewish community than to the United States constitutes anti-Semitism because it suggests that Jewish citizens cannot be patriotic Americans and trusted neighbors, when Jews have loyally served our Nation every day since its founding, whether in public or community life or military service."

Golda Meir's Handbag

In 1972, Golda Meir made a visit to New Haven to visit her daughter Sarah Meyerson and her 6 year old grandson. This is the handbag which she carried on her visit to New Haven.



So how the story came about to the Jewish Historical Society is as follows:

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. Her time was a simple time with her family with a family dinner at her daughter's home.

As told to Marvin Bargar, Archivist for The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven. From the Archives: The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven.

Federation enhances safety, security and resiliency for our Community



"Stop the Bleed" training was provided to the Jewish community and local law enforcement in March. Training was led by and in collaboration with Yale New Haven Hospital and the Woodbridge Police Department.

Safety and security of the Jewish community is of primary importance to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, which empowered a community security committee 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 and in collaboration with Yale New Haven Hospital and the Woodbridge Police Department.

On a national level, Jewish Federations of North America is partnering with Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and Secure Community Network (SCN) to enhance the safety, security 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-Semitism 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 safety, security, and resilience of all faith-based communities.

The task force will develop best practices to increase coordination and cooperation related to incident tracking, information sharing, reporting and addressing threats, 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 team members from ADL and SCN, a range of faith and community leaders, as well as representatives from local, state and federal law enforcement, among others.



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For more information please contact Jeanette Yurman at jjurman@jewishnewhaven.org.



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Chag Shavuot Sameach

Torah, Learning & Pride

by Rabbi Marci Bellows,
Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek,
Chester

Shavuot is a holiday of gratitude for the gift of Torah. It is very easy to take the Torah, and all that it teaches us, for granted. Rather, let us allow ourselves to see that moment of revelation at Mt. Sinai as a moment when such fundamental ethics, truths, and lessons were passed down to our people, and thus to humanity. In the receiving of Torah, and through the stories contained within, we inherited essential values such as:



Rabbi Marci Bellows

- We are each created in the image of God
- We are all one family, as we are all descended from the same two individuals.
- Love your neighbor as yourself.
- Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor.
- Love the stranger, for you were a stranger in the land of Egypt.

Shavuot is a holiday which celebrates the love of Jewish learning. The tradition of holding a Tikkun Layl Shavuot, an all-night study session of Jewish texts, encourages us to devote ourselves to the joy of lifelong Jewish learning. That learning can take place in a variety of ways, and through a variety of modalities (text study, art, meditation, music, discussion, etc.). Most importantly, we are reminded to cherish this hearty tradition with which we've been entrusted, to strive to understand it more fully and more deeply, and to treasure our encounters with it.

Shavuot reminds us that we are fortunate to be Jews. There are many times in our history (and, sadly, even now) when it has felt scary, shameful, or even dangerous to be Jewish. Shavuot, and its celebration of the revelation of the Torah and the covenant with God that it symbolizes, gives us the space to feel proud of our heritage. We are reminded of the time when the People of Israel chose to accept this covenant, and we read the beautiful story of Ruth choosing to live her life as a Jew. I pray that we each feel that we can stand proudly each and every day as Jews, that we can outwardly celebrate our ethical and moral traditions, and that we can boldly embody our mandates to work as God's partner in the world.



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, let's eat. That is true but if 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 — God didn't only set us free, he gave us a purpose — the Torah. Sukkot — our bounty is in God's hands — we are grateful for what we are given. 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 lulavim and twirling graggers, 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 roots of our tradition stand against tyranny. God is on the side of justice and miracles can happen. Life is forgiving but you are accountable. And most of all, the gift of Shabbat — our gift to the world — that you are not created just to work, that you are a human being, not just a human doing, and that you are entitled to rest, to cease from your labor, to enjoy the world and cease from your creations and destructions.

Pretty powerful pedagogy! Even when the message gets lost, as it so often does in our schools and even for us, the symbol persists, laden with meaning, waiting to be understood by the inquisitive child or the wise elder.

And more than this! To be a Jew is to orient yourself to this calendar, to know that New Year's comes in September and not January, that April means Pesach, not taxes, and that, as I am writing this in the month of Adar, when joy increases. It is that the rhythm of your days and your weeks, reminds you like a song — God created the world, you were slaves in Egypt, don't oppress the orphan, be thankful, say I'm sorry, little guys sometimes beat out tyrants, miracles happen, God helps. To live by this calendar is to know who you are, to know your place in the world, to give meaning and shape to time that is otherwise shapeless. Our calendar is not one damned day after another — it is Shabbat to Shabbat, havdalah to havdalah, Adar to Nisan, and so on. You are not the sole author, giving meaning to your days on earth — those days also give meaning to you, a meaning determined by your people.



Rabbi Rona Shapiro



The Tale of Aunty Bonnie's Legendary Cheesecake Kugel by Chava Light

It's not every day a legend is borne, 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 scrawled in wispy 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 this world.

With great kugel comes great responsibility. Aunty Bonnie immediately called home. Bubby Florence and Zaidy George needed to know. Uncle Wayne needed to know. The world needed to know. And so did (thankfully!) my mother.



Chava Light removing Cheesecake Kugel from the oven.

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 dish that could make peace in the Middle East, 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 derails any hope of me ever going low-carb," 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 (surprisingly) had an extra pan of Aunty Bonnie's Legendary Cheesecake Kugel which made its way onto the plane as our on-flight snack.

My mother handed a slice to my father; to me; to my brother Yitz; and to my sisters Naomi, Shevy, Riffy,

and Shoshi. As she was about to take a piece for herself, a flight attendant tapped her on the shoulder. "Can I try that?"

The Power Of The Kugel took over the flight. Never mind that it was leftovers, its powers had not diminished. In a few minutes every flight attendant on that airplane had a piece. Even passengers took part until every ounce of Aunty Bonnie's Legendary Cheesecake Kugel was gone. Email addresses were exchanged, and when we returned back to Connecticut, my mother sent the recipe out to the new crop of the Keepers Of The Kugel. "It's out of our hands now," she told us. "Aunty Bonnie's Legendary Cheesecake Kugel has grown its wings."

It's been eighteen years since that day, and my mother has made the kugel every year. Almost ten years into my own marriage, I'm finally trying to bake it on my own (and stop mooching off my mother now that I'm in my mid-thirties). Only time will tell if my kugel has the same legendary power, but I'll make some extra just in case someone happens to be walking by and is overcome by the scent of heaven and stops in to have a slice.

AUNTY BONNIE'S LEGENDARY CHEESECAKE KUGEL

INGREDIENTS

TOPPING:

- 2 cups Rice Krispies
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon

LEGENDARY CHEESECAKE KUGEL:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 8 oz package of cream cheese
- 2 cups warm milk
- 16 oz bag flat, broad noodles (cooked)
- 1/2 cup raisins

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Pour melted butter into 9x13 pan.
3. Crush Rice Krispies, sugar and cinnamon together, and pour half of it into the pan.
4. Beat eggs and sugar together in a bowl.
5. Add cream cheese and mix until smooth.
6. Stir in milk.
7. Add noodles and raisins.
8. Pour into pan, and sprinkle with remaining topping.
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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- Hyla Goldberg Vine Lion of Judah Endowment Fund



Elliot and Diane Alderman with their daughters.

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 Caron 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, fundraisers 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 person 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 our future," Scolnic appreciates the lasting 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."

Temple Emanuel Receives Torah Grant

Jewish people are often called Am ha-Sefer, "The People of the Book". This term emphasizes the importance of text in Judaism, with Torah being the most sacred of them all. The Torah scroll is the holiest and most valued object in Judaism. Writing a Torah scroll is a holy task that requires knowledge, dedication and a specific set of skills. Temple Emanuel hosted a scribe, Rabbi Moshe Druin, who took them all on an

amazing journey of rediscovering the beauty of their Torah scrolls. He spent time with Religious School students and parents offering a very informative yet engaging talk about the scrolls. Later that day, the synagogue's faculty held a professional development program with Rabbi Druin. This inspirational and truly elevating workshop not only gave

My Summer Internship in... Israel

by Jake Teplitzky
 Junior at the University of Miami,
 Summer Intern at the National ADL in NYC



Jake Teplitzky

In the summer of 2017, while I was a student at Miami University, I had the opportunity to participate in an internship program in Israel, as part of Onward Israel Program. I lived in Tel-Aviv and worked in the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzeliya. It was one of the best experiences of my life.

My role in the IDC, a university focusing on social responsibility and community service, was to update social media posts and the day to day operations of ACT IL (combating BDS). There I met the most amazing people, learned about the culture and worked to combat BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) and modern day anti-Semitism. It was beyond rewarding to be a part of the program.

Jake Teplitzky is a junior at the University of Miami and will be a summer intern at the National ADL in NYC.

Onward Israel offers young Jewish adults internships, academic study and fellowships, to provide a global, cross-cultural, immersive experience in Israel. The program offers a venue to provide experiences to meet the interests and concerns of young adults entering the labor force in a globalized world. generations. Onward Israel is made possible through the generous support of many Jewish institutions and philanthropists including the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.



BBYO Connecticut Valley Region

This past February, more than 20 Jewish teens from The Greater New Haven Area joined 70 fellow BBYO Connecticut Valley Region members at BBYO International Convention in Denver, Colorado.

BBYO International Convention brought 4,000 Jewish teens from 50 different countries together for a long weekend of experiential learning and meaningful prayer where teens got the opportunity to hear from top speakers, politicians, rabbis, and performers.



NEW to TOWN? Make a Connection With Jclick

Jclickct.org – a new resource for Jewish newcomers to the Greater New Haven area – is now live. Our goal is to welcome newcomers and make their transition to New Haven seamless and more enjoyable by providing an online gateway to Jewish resources and a network of ambassadors to welcome them more personally. Jclick is also a great way to rediscover the richness and diversity that Jewish New Haven has to offer as you move through various life stages.

STARTED BY 5 RELATIVE NEWCOMERS

We were five strangers, all relative newcomers to the area who met through Yesod, a National Jewish leadership program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. As we shared our relocation stories, we realized that we all experienced a variety of challenges connecting with the Jewish community and navigating local resources. We decided to band together to build jclick, with the goal of supporting newcomers and strengthening the Jewish community in Greater New Haven.

LOCAL AMBASSADORS PROVIDE A WARM WELCOME

Ambassadors are featured on the website with



Left to right: Elina Katzman, Julie Katz, Tanya Kanner, Oren Kanner and Jamie Zubkoff

key information that offers newcomers common ground, like hobbies, life stage, or Jewish affiliation. Visitors to the site may select an ambassador to get in touch with based on shared interests or other connecting factors. We believe there is nothing like making a personal connection to help someone feel welcome.

RESOURCE LIST AND BLOG FOR ALL THINGS JEWISH

The site also features a comprehensive list of area

resources. From Israeli dance and musical groups to where to find a kosher babka, hopefully this list will help people get to know their neighborhood. Through the jclick blog, we will also find out about some of our ambassadors' favorite local Jewish activities and businesses.

JUST BECAME A PARENT? RECENTLY RETIRED?

Although originally conceived as a resource for newcomers, jclick can also help people rediscover what's available now that they may have reached a new milestone. Retired and have more time to explore? Need to figure out about local pre-schools? The jclick resource list and ambassadors may be able to help.

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 working 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.



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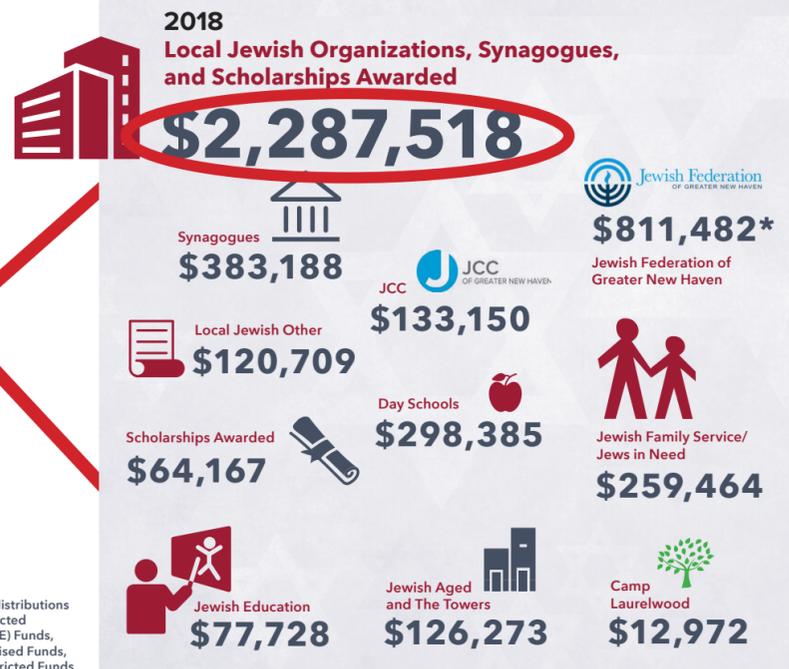
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For more information, go to newhavenjewishfoundation.org or contact Lisa Stanger at (203) 387-2424 x382, lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org

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:

1. CONNECT WITH A JCLICK AMBASSADOR

The first step towards feeling at home in your local Jewish community is to find yourself a jclick ambassador with similar interests to your own.

Jclick ambassadors are your best resource for learning about all things Jewish in Greater New Haven, from where to get the best kosher pareve desserts (answer: Claire's Corner Copia) to where you can learn Israeli folk dance and more!

And who knows? Your jclick ambassador might just turn out to be the first new friend you make in the area! Learn more about jclick in the article above, or by visiting jclickCT.org.

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.

New to town? Make a connection with

jclickct.org

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 resource, or hoping to connect with a community member, we hope you'll find it all with jclick.

LEARN MORE AT jclickct.org QUESTIONS? info@jclickct.org



In collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.



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 host emissaries in your home for their 3 week long experience, please contact Emily Kurz at emilyk@jccnh.org.

Paz Shushu



Hey, My name is Paz Shushu, I'm sixteen years old from Moshav Nir Yafe in Israel. I have two brothers, my older brother Shaked is a medic in the Israeli army (IDF), and my younger brother Yarin is in the seventh grade. My father is a manager in the Israel Electricity Company and my mother is a bookkeeper. I study in "Nir Ha'Emek" high school and my majors are Arabic, Cyber and Bees-Agriculture. In addition, I am the president of the students' council. In my free time, I volunteer in a youth movement called "Bnei Hamoshavim" in my community. I have been in this movement since the fourth grade and I have been guiding the eighth grade for two years. I like to watch movies and series and I really like to see and experience new places in my country and around the world. One of my favorite things to do is to be with my friends and family and meeting new friends.

Nitzan Bengio



Shalom!

My name is Nitzan Bengio and I am 16 years old. I live in Gan Ner since I'm born, together with my parents, my dad, Izik, who is an annalist and my mom, Inbar, who is a quality manager and my siblings – Idan is 19 years old and ab to join the army and Yarden is 23 and is a student at Tel Aviv University.

My school majors are drama and social studies and I enjoy them a lot.

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

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

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

Tal Zbatani



Shalom!

My name is Tal Zbatani, I am 16 years old and live in Afula Illit.

My parents' names are Tanya and Shuli. I have two siblings - my older sister Chen, she is 18 years old and nowadays a Young Emissary in Worcester Massachusetts, and a half-brother named Ziv, he is four.

I study at Ben Gurion high school and my majors are Chemistry and Photography.

My hobbies are cooking, drawing and singing.

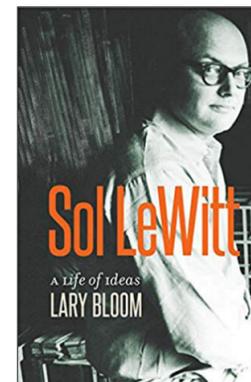
This is also my third year participating in "Unistream"; a program that takes kids from the periphery and gets them inside the "real" business world. My role is the product Manager in my company. This is my second year as a guide.

SHORELINE HAPPENINGS

Local Author Lary Bloom

Books & Bagels with author Lary Bloom: Sunday, June 2, 4 p.m.

Friends and fans of Chester's very own artist, the late Sol LeWitt, are invited to a special Books & Bagels at Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek when we celebrate the book launch for Sol LeWitt, A Life of Ideas. The book is Lary Bloom's new and definitive portrait of LeWitt, his good friend, fellow CBSRZ congregant and fellow Chester resident. This important new book, no ordinary biography, no dry critical monograph, offers an intimate yet multifaceted portrayal of LeWitt and has already received acclaim from artists and art scholars alike. Bryan Wolf, Professor Emeritus of Art and Art History at Stanford University, described it as "a remarkable narrative filled with history, biography, art criticism, gossip, behind-the-scenes chatter and insight. Lary Bloom presents a LeWitt that most of us have never seen before: private, irreverent, passionate, generous and deeply self-aware." And Scott Timberg, author of Culture Crash: The Killing of the Creative Class, noted Bloom's "tireless research, rich anecdotes and playful sense of humor."



Copies of the book will be available for sale and for autographing. Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek is located at 55 East Kings Highway in Chester. For more information, call 860-526-8920 or visit www.cbsrz.org.

Cool Reads for Hot Days

A Women's Philanthropy favorite, Cool Reads, will take place again this year on Tuesday, June 25, at the Guilford Yacht Club.

New this year, book authors James Mustich, and Matthew Dicks will have a conversation facilitated by Roxanne Coady, owner of R.J. Julia Booksellers in Madison. Coady will also share some of her favorite readings with our guests.

James Mustich began his career in bookselling at an independent book store in Briarcliff Manor, New York, in the early 1980s. In 1986, he co-founded the acclaimed book catalog, A Common Reader, and was for two decades its guiding force. He subsequently has worked as an editorial and product development executive in the publishing industry. He penned the bestselling book, 1,000 Books to Read Before You Die Must Read Novels.

Matthew Dicks is the internationally bestselling author and novelist and is

also the co-founder and creative director of Speak Up, a Hartford-based storytelling and public speaking to individuals, corporations, universities, religious institutions, and school districts around the world. Matthew has been teaching for 20 years and is a former West Hartford Teacher of the Year and a finalist for Connecticut Teacher of the Year.

Cool Reads is sponsored by the Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. A portion of the evening proceeds will support the Alma Pre-Military Academy for Female Leadership in Israel and PJ Library.

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. This program is open to all women who have made a gift to the 2019 Annual Campaign.

For more information contact, Robyn Teplitzky at (203) 387-3434 x320 or email: rteplitzky@jewishnewhaven.org.

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Featuring Roxanne Coady of R.J. Julia's
PLUS Authors James Mustich & Matthew Dicks

For questions or more information, contact Robyn Teplitzky, Senior Consultant, (203) 387-2424 x320 | rteplitzky@jewishnewhaven.org

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Westville Synagogue University presents Rabbi Alex Ozar

May 1, 7-9 p.m., Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Contact: Steven Zalesch (203) 387-9666, sezphl@aol.com

The First Four: Excerpts from the Holocaust Survivors Film Project May 2, 7-9 p.m. Whitney Humanities Center, Yale Campus, 53 Wall Street, New Haven, Contact: (203) 432-1879

Second Annual Geoffrey H. Hartman Fellowship Symposium May 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Linsly-Chittenden Room 211, Yale Campus, 63 High Street, New Haven, Contact: (203) 432-1879

Families Invited to celebrate Tot Shabbat at CMI May 3, 5:30-6 p.m., Congregation Mishkan Israel, 785 Ridge Road, Hamden Contact: Sarah Legassey slegassey@cmihamden.org

"The Culture of Lying" May 4, 12:30-2 p.m., Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road Woodbridge, Contact: Rosalind Atkins, rozatkins@optonline.net

S'mores & Tours: Camp Laurelwood Open House May 5, 1-3 p.m. Camp Laurelwood, 463 Summer Hill Road, Madison, Contact: Jennifer Gelband, (203) 421-3736, info@campl laurelwood.org

JCC Family Fun Day: Musical Extravaganza May 5, 12-4 p.m., JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306.

JCC Fitness: 5 Day Detox for Beginners May 5, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, Contact: Susan Donovan, (203) 387-2424 x265.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration/Community Observance May 5, 1-3 p.m., The Towers, 18 Tower Lane, New Haven, Contact: Jeanette Yurman (203) 387-2424 x325, jyurman@jewishnewhaven.org.

2019 AIPAC New England Leadership Dinner May 5



Updated Maps to Display Golan as Belonging to Israel

Published on March 28, 2019
Jewish News Syndicate

U.S. Special Representative for Iran Brian Hook said the maps are being officially re-drawn 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 “re-draw” 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

April 10, 2019, JNS

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.



JCL Visits New Haven Museum

Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL) volunteers toured The Yale Center for British Art to learn how to speak, encourage and excite children about art— both in the gallery and in the classroom. JCL seeks to encourage literacy and provide the special one-on-one attention that helps children thrive. JCL volunteers receive training and support and spend one hour a week reading with a student throughout the year. About 300 children are served through JCL, a non-denominational program of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

One Happy Camper Program Offers Grants, Financial Aid

The Jewish Foundation’s One Happy Camper New Haven program provides incentive grants for first-time campers and returning as well as financial aid to over 195 different Jewish overnight camps. Campers must reside in the Greater New Haven catchment area.

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Remembering V-E Day

by **Yelena Gerovich**
New American Acculturation Coordinator

This year is the 74th anniversary of V-E Day. On May 8, 1945, President Harry Truman announced “Victory-in-Europe.” Coincidentally, May 8 was also Truman’s 61st birthday. He dedicated the victory to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who died one month before the end of the war. Roosevelt helped create the alliance between Britain, the Soviet Union and the U.S., which made it possible to defeat Nazi Germany.

In 1945, the Nazis officially surrendered on May 8, bringing an end to WWII but small pockets of fighting still continued into the next day. German and Soviet forces confronted each other in Silesia on May 9. The Soviets lost 600 more soldiers before the Germans finally laid down their arms. World War II intimately affected everyone in the Soviet Union, whose collective casualties during the war exceeded 25 million. All Jewish families from the former Soviet Union lost relatives, friends or loved ones in the war, many killed just for being Jews. May 9, Victory Day marks the most important holiday for people from the former Soviet Union and also represents great sadness for Soviet Jews.

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 Rabbi Levitin and his family for providing free services, and to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven for providing free transportation for low-income families.

The New American Acculturation Program is planning more educational programs and lectures, as well as celebrations for Victory Day, Lag B’Omer, Shavuot, Independence Day and others. For more information about the New American Acculturation Program, contact Yelena Gerovich at (203) 387-2424 x321, or ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org.

Welcome to America

День Победы

В этом году исполняется 74 года со дня Победы. 8 мая 1945 года президент Гарри Трумэн объявил День Победы в Европе. По совпадению, 8 мая был 61-й день рождения Трумэна. Он посвятил День Победы памяти своего предшественника, президента Франклина Д. Рузвельта, который умер за месяц до конца войны. Рузвельт помог создать союз между Великобританией, Советским Союзом и США, что позволило быстрее победить нацистскую Германию. Флаги в США оставались приспущены до 12 мая, когда закончился траур по Рузвельту.

Нацисты официально сдались 8 мая 1945 года, но в отдельных местах боевые действия продолжались и на следующий день. Немецкие и советские войска противостояли друг другу в Силезии 9 мая. Еще 600 советских солдат погибло прежде чем немцы наконец сложили оружие. Вторая мировая война глубоко затронула всех в Советском Союзе, погибли более чем 25 миллионов человек. Все еврейские семьи из Советского Союза потеряли родственников, друзей или близких на войне, многие были убиты только за то, что были евреями. День Победы- это самый главный праздник для народов бывшего Советского Союза , а для евреев это еще и день великой скорби.

В марте и апреле русскоязычные семьи и друзья собирались вместе на празднование Пурима и Пасхи, чтобы больше узнать о еврейских традициях и укрепить свою еврейскую самобытность. Мы благодарны раввину Левитину и его семье, еврейской федерации за помощь в праздновании Пурима и Пасхи, за бесплатный транспорт для малообеспеченных семей. New American Acculturation Program планирует интересные лекции, празднование Дня Победы, Лаг ба-Омер, Шавуот и Дня независимости. Давайте чаще собираться вместе летом! С вопросами и предложениями обращайтесь к координатору культурно-образовательных программ Елене Герович по тел. 203-387-2424 доб.321 ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org

Hebrew High School of New England



Congratulations to Hebrew High School of New England students who earned High Honors in the second quarter. Front row, left to right: Brian Silberman, Harry Gold, and Gabriel Ganeles. Back row, left to right: Elijah Kesler, Rivka Resnick, Jack Resnick, Batya Koenigsberg, and Jacob Hasbani.

BARRY VINE
SEND A KID
TO CAMP

Camp for Kids Scholarship

Final preparations are underway at the JCC Day Camps for this summer. The campers will enjoy swimming, archery, music and so many other enriching activities. Unfortunately, some children in our community may not get the opportunity to participate. The JCC has received more requests for financial assistance than they can award. Barry Vine started the Send a Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund several years ago to help children experience camp. “My participation in JCC Camp was one of the most formative experiences of my life and it only happened because of other people’s generosity” says Barry. The dollars raised through this scholarship campaign benefit families like Badria’s - a refugee from Sudan. “My family loves the JCC. The summer camp was a great experience and my children cannot wait to go back. My 12 year old daughter found her best friend. My 11 year old son loved helping to make the GaGa court and really loves playing; in fact when they aren’t

in camp, they play GaGa in my living room. And my youngest, 6 years old, learned how to swim. They came home every day with the biggest smiles I’ve ever seen since moving here 4 years ago. Their camp experiences would not have been possible without the generous support of the donors to this scholarship fund.” Donations will help further our community’s tradition of one generation helping the next to grow and succeed and enable us to provide many young people with rewarding and enriching summer camp experiences. Vine says, “Our children will treasure their summer camp experiences and memories forever, as I have, and you will treasure the part you have played in helping these children flourish and grow”.

To support the Barry Vine Send a Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund, go to jccnh.org/donate or contact Amy Holtz, Chief Development Officer at aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org, (203) 387-2424 x254.

5 Ways to “Do Jewish”

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The Moishe Pod is a peer-led, home-based Jewish 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.

Want to learn more? Drop the current residents, Yoni and Naomi, a line at ynadiv@gmail.com or Naomi.scheinerman@gmail.com to get a full listing of upcoming events.

3. CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH YJP NEW HAVEN

Finally starting to settle into the community and make some friends? Take things to the next level by attending a YJP holiday party or Shabbat Social.

Originally formed as a group of eight friends who celebrated Shabbat together, YJP has grown over the past four years into a powerhouse of Modern Orthodox social-religious programming, hosting 100+ person open-bar events for Hanukkah, Purim, Sukkot and more!

To learn more about upcoming events, visit facebook.com/groups/jppnewhaven.

4. GRAB SOME COFFEE AND HANG OUT AT THE SLIFKA CENTER

Did you know? The Slifka Center and NextDor recently partnered to start providing more programming for graduate students and young professionals in Greater New Haven: from Shabbat dinners to volunteer opportunities and everything in between!

Have an idea for a program? NextDor now has office space at the Slifka Center one afternoon per week, so let’s grab a cup of coffee and talk it out in Susman Hall (also affectionately known as “the Purple Couch Room”).

Learn more by joining the Jews in New Haven (JiNH) Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/365933100144157

5. GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY AND STAY INFORMED ABOUT EVENTS THROUGHOUT GREATER NEW HAVEN WITH NEXTDOR

If you followed all of the steps above, you should be pretty well-connected into the community at this point. But how do you make sure you know about everything that’s happening from month to month? And how can you get involved in making more great stuff happen? That’s where NextDor comes in.

NextDor is the convener for all things young and Jewish in Greater New Haven. We’ll make sure you always know about upcoming Shabbat dinners, author talks, volunteer opportunities and more, regardless of who the hosts are, and we’ll also give you the resources and opportunity to create your own.

So whether you’re looking to take that next step and get involved with event planning and community building, or you just want a central destination for everything young and Jewish in New Haven, get in touch with NextDor by sending me an email at dholodak@jewishnewhaven.org



Temple Emanuel Receives Torah Grant

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the synagogue a rare opportunity to learn from one of the best professionals in the field, but also improved their knowledge and abilities as educators to make this topic alive and appealing to their students.

“I really enjoyed having Rabbi Druin at Temple Emanuel. He provided complicated information in a very accessible way, making it fun for adults and kids alike. My highlight would be learning about the differences between the Torah fonts and how they can be used to locate the scroll’s place of origin. Rabbi Druin even taught us something new about our Holocaust scroll, showing the teachers how it mixed certain elements of Sephardic and Ashkenazic traditions in a now-forgotten stylization of the letters. I’m glad we were given this opportunity, and I hope that the future will bring more like it.”
— Sam F.

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For We Were Strangers

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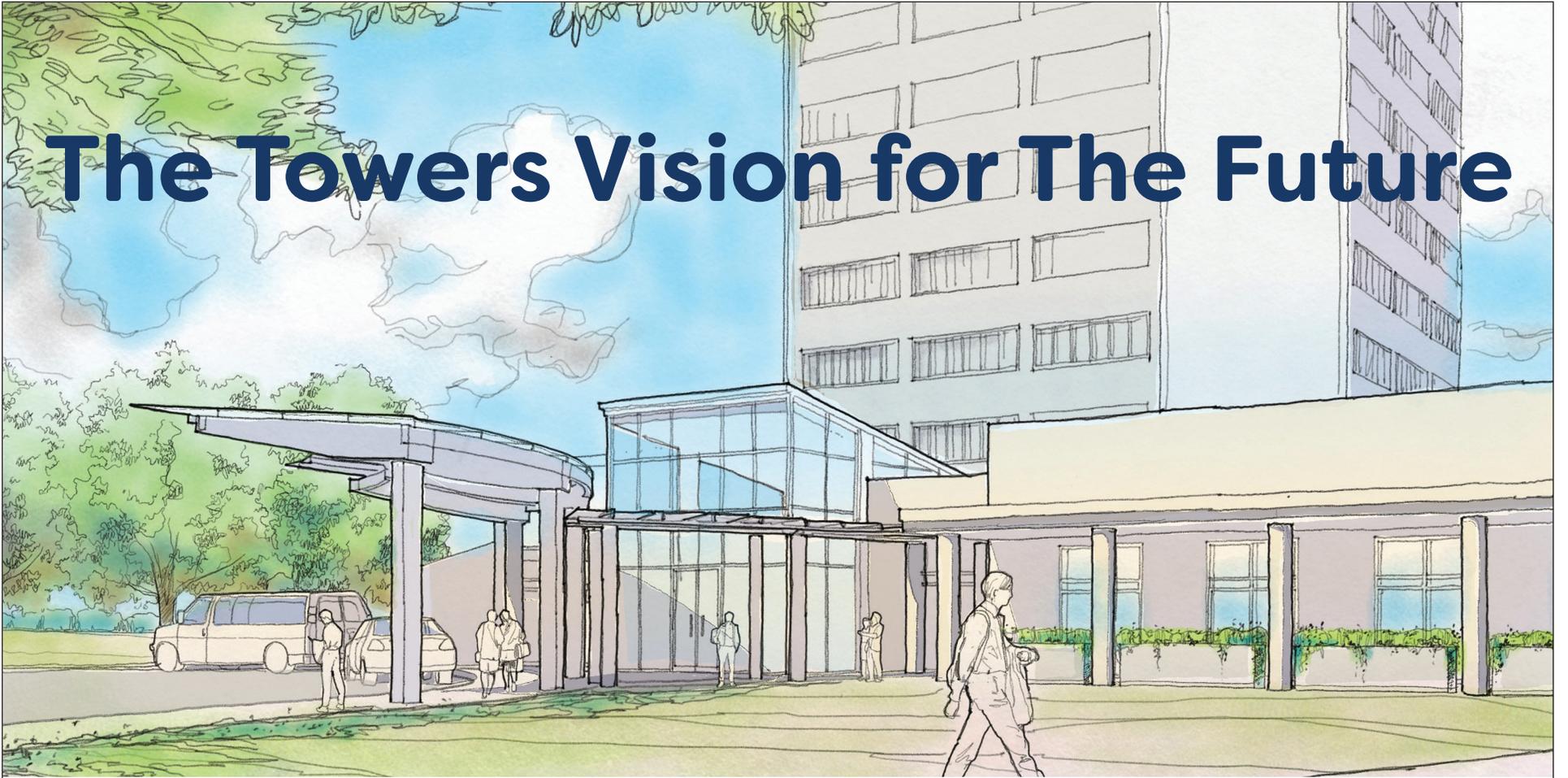
prejudice, but the project largely was successful.

That is not to say that Israel is perfect. Several months ago Netanyahu’s government tried to induce the African migrants to leave. But the attempt was met with a storm of protest by Israelis and Diaspora Jews and the government backed down. I, and many others, believe that the recent Nation State Law was ill-advised and wrong. I personally am concerned about what I consider undemocratic moves by the Netanyahu government. The policy towards non-Orthodox strains of Judaism smacks, in my opinion, of Theocracy. As Jews, both in Israel and the Diaspora,

we should protest against all injustice. But we also need to protest and act against the unfair vilification of Israel as well as the rising tide of anti-Semitism worldwide. **Leshana Haba B’Yerushalaim**

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is the public affairs and community relations arm of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, representing Jewish organizations and synagogues throughout the Greater New Haven area. The JCRC focuses on government relations, Israel advocacy, inter-group relations, and social justice.

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