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A Season of Gratitude

When I think back to some of my favorite memories growing up, two holidays always stand out, Thanksgiving and Chanukah. Just a few years ago the two holidays coincided and the term Thanksgiving was born. At the time we thought we would never use it again, but this year Chanukah begins just after Thanksgiving, close enough in proximity that some families will break out their chanukkiot early to light the candles and celebrate. And why not? Just being able to be together this year is a miracle worth celebrating after this long and difficult pandemic time.

Gratitude is a value clearly expressed in both Thanksgiving and Chanukah. It has been the tradition of the Alperin family to speak about gratitude each Thanksgiving and go around the table—virtual or in-person—to share what we are thankful for. Inevitably, most of us are thankful for our family and for the good health, safety and security of our community.

Sadly, safety and security are often top of mind these days. With the recent statistics released stating that almost 60% of hate crimes are perpetrated against Jewish people, who make up just 2% of the nation's population and the growing normalization of

anti-Semitic tropes, imagery and accusations, it is time to Shine A Light on antisemitism. Chanukah, the festival of lights, presents a wonderful opportunity to do so and I am excited to share that the Jewish Federations of Connecticut, Connecticut ADL and JFACT have received a generous grant to do just that. During the week of Chanukah, be on the lookout for our Shine A Light statewide media campaign and then join us for a very special virtual program featuring Oren Jacobson from Project Shema on December 6, as we celebrate the final night of Chanukah together.

In addition to Thanksgiving and Chanukah, we also mark Veteran's Day during the month of November. As we remember the veterans of past wars, our gratitude extends to those who answer the call to serve and protect our nation today. Today there are 40,000 active-duty members of the U.S. military who are Jewish or have Jewish family members, and 37,000 Jewish military veterans. These service members and veterans are supported by the Jewish Welfare Board (JWB). JWB was the forerunner to the JCC Association and continue its work as part of its umbrella. JWB's Torahs for our Troops program commissions small Torahs to be sent

into the field and just dedicated a full size Torah at the interfaith chapel at Camp David. Our JCC is proud to be part of the JCC Association.

In the spirit of gratitude and appreciation of this holiday season, I want to thank every volunteer and professional who works tirelessly in support of our Jewish community. Greater New Haven is blessed to have a number of incredibly talented and hard working professionals and volunteers. Our collective success would not be possible without partnership between volunteers and professionals and partnerships between the agencies and synagogues.

Thank you to all who roll up their sleeves to propel our community forward. I also offer a most hearty thank you to the generous donors who collectively invest millions of dollars into the Greater New Haven Jewish community every year so that Jewish life continues to thrive. There are many ways to invest your charitable dollars and the Jewish Federation, Foundation and JCC of Greater New Haven is grateful to be your partner in philanthropy as we continue to be here for good.



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Jewish Foundation Marks \$76 Million & Celebrates Community Impact

The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven recently announced a significant community milestone: as of Sept. 2021, the Foundation's community assets totaled \$76 million.

The achievement reflects generous community donors, the community's trust in the Foundation, strong professional and lay-leadership, as well as the Foundation's excellence in fiscal management, made possible through the Foundation's investment committee, board, and professional investment advisors.

The Jewish Foundation is currently led by Scott Hurwitz, who became Chair this September, and Lisa Stanger, Executive Director. Under her tenure, the endowment grew from just over \$20 million in 2005 to over \$76 million today. Lisa is a self-described "recovering lawyer" with a Masters in Social work and two law degrees, including a LL.M in taxation.

Stanger emphasizes that although the \$76 million is an important milestone, more important is the impact.

"Last year we distributed over \$3 million, over \$2.5 million was to local Jewish organizations and synagogues. In the past 10 years alone we have distributed \$34 million," she said.

Recent initiatives like the COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund, which was established in partnership with the Jewish Federation, deployed over \$500,000 in grants for critical human needs to help local synagogues, social service agencies and schools stay afloat during the COVID-19 pandemic. Similarly, the Foundation has awarded grants to benefit programs and projects for Jewish elderly residing in the Greater New Haven area. In addition, the Foundation has awarded over



\$500,000 to date in security grants, in memory of Arthur and Yvette Eder, which have provided local synagogues, the JCC, Camp Laurelwood, and our schools with funds to provide and enhance security systems.

"Strong investment returns, generous donors, and professional stewardship helped get us to \$76 million," said Jewish Foundation Chair, Scott Hurwitz. The Foundation is very proud of our approach to managing our endowment funds. We have an active working investment committee, led by co-chairs Steve August and Craig Sklar. This committee oversees the work of our independent, outside, investment advisor, SCS Financial, a nationally renowned endowment investment manager.

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Jewish Foundation Financial Snapshot on Sept. 30, 2021

Total Foundation Assets

\$76 Million
Over 700 Funds

2021 Charitable Distributions/YTD Grants

(Jan. 1, 2021-September 30, 2021)

\$3,422,358

2021 Grant Highlights includes

\$277,000
in security grants

\$150,000
in Jewish elderly grants

\$545,040 (2020-2021)
Jewish Federation/Jewish Foundation Covid Maimonides Response grants

\$474,652
in PACE Distributions to Federation, Annual Campaign

\$30,650
in scholarships for Jewish overnight camps

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by MiriYam Judd,
Shalom New Haven Staff Writer

Several years ago, the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement (JCARR) helped to resettle in New Haven a Syrian refugee named Issa and his family.

Now, six years later, JCARR is celebrating its sixth anniversary with the resettlement of its sixth refugee family, in collaboration with its sixth synagogue, Temple Beth David of Cheshire.

And that family just happens to be Issa's mother and two adult siblings.

Today, Issar's entire family feels at home in New Haven, thanks to JCARR and its co-sponsor, Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS).

JCARR was formed in 2015, a coming-together of five area synagogues — Beth-El-Keser Israel (Westville), Temple Emanuel (Orange), Congregation Mishkan Israel (Hamden), Congregation B'nai Jacob (Woodbridge), and Congregation Or Shalom (Orange) — and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. The group is designed to sponsor and assist refugee families new to the area. While local synagogues have historically assisted with refugee resettlement, this was the first organization in which synagogues partnered to co-sponsor arriving families with IRIS.



Among JCARR's responsibilities: secure housing, furniture and household necessities, enroll adults in English as a Second Language classes, help find employment, assist with expenses and much more, all with the goal of enabling the family to become self-reliant.

"[JCARR] became a Jewish community's response to the refugee crisis, even if it didn't start out that way," said Rabbi Michael Farbman, spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel in Orange. "IRIS was looking for community sponsors, and the Jews in the room looked at each other and said, 'how can we help?'"

Since its founding, JCARR has resettled more families than any other co-sponsor in the state, thanks to donations and a coterie of volunteers of all ages who stand ready to jump in and help at a moment's notice.

For example, Jean Silk, JCARR's coordinator, when the apartment that Issar's mother and brother were set to move into needed to be readied within two days, Silk put out a last-minute call for volunteers...and more than two dozen showed up.

One JCARR volunteer is Kris Oser, who moved to Connecticut from New York in 2020. A new member of Temple Emanuel, Oser reached out to Rabbi Farbman when she heard of JCARR. He put her in touch with Silk, and she quickly became one of the organization's most active volunteers.

"JCARR allows me to live my Judaism," explains Oser, who now serves as the Household Task Force Coordinator, where she is responsible for setting up the family's new home.

Susan Millen of Congregation Mishkan Israel has volunteered with JCARR since its founding.

"JCARR is all about welcoming the stranger. Caring about not just yourself, but the community," she says. "There is so much negativity in our world. People are clamoring for something positive and meaningful. This is, for so many people, exactly that."

For many refugees, the volunteer is their "first point of interaction," says Rabbi Farbman. "You have to understand the profound trauma that these people have experienced," he says. "It's up to us; what's going to be their first experience when they get off that bus?"

To learn more about JCARR, to make a donation or volunteer, visit www.jewishnewhaven/refugee-resettlement.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Chanukah!

As we continue to work hard to emerge from the pandemic, I want to express my profound gratitude to the amazing staff of the Federation, JCC and Foundation and all of our agencies and synagogues. So much work is being done to insure that the needs in our community are being addressed. We are now well underway with the 2022 Annual Campaign—"Here for Good." Our theme reminds us that our fundraising supports so many good activities in our community both locally, nationally and internationally. In addition, it reminds us that our fundraising insures that our Jewish community will be here in perpetuity. To that end, I want to take a moment to share with you the importance of your gift today, but also your commitment to helping us prepare for the future through our endowments.



We are so fortunate to have people committed to giving to our annual campaign year in and year out. In fact, this year we are recognizing over 900 people who have been giving to our annual campaign for over 25 years. How amazing is that! Some have been small gifts and some have been large, but the incredible thing to me is the ongoing commitment to our community. These annual gifts allow us to be here for those in need, to provide enrichment within in our Jewish lives and to ensure the safety and security of our community. The annual campaign provides for the good of the community, but it is through planned giving that we build our ability to be here forever. The Jewish Foundation houses funds that have been donated through our PACE program. The Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) are funds that you can set up with a gift today, over time or through estate planning, that provides an annual campaign gift in your name in perpetuity. This year, through prior PACE funds started in our community, our annual campaign kicks off with over \$450,000. These are endowments set up through the Foundation that provide a set giving amount each year after you are gone. I know when people think endowments, large numbers pop into their minds, but setting up a fund with our foundation is easy and can be done with a current gift, gifts over time or even with pledges to give in the future as well. We currently have less than 100 PACE funds. For all of you who give year in and year out, please consider establishing a fund to make sure our community continues with your wonderful support forever. I would love our community to have as many PACE funds as we have donors who have given every single year for twenty plus years!

Thank you all for your commitment to our community. We are not out of the woods from this pandemic yet and need all of your support for this year's Annual Campaign. We are here for good, but we need all of you to make sure that continues as our reality. For those of you who have given to the campaign, thank you! To those who haven't yet, please make your pledge now. Finally, for those of you who believe that a thriving Jewish community is important for our children and their children, please consider opening a PACE fund and join me in helping create a strong foundation for future campaigns.

Thank you,
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Dr. Steven Fleischman
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Barbara Green Orell Receives Prestigious Award

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The selection committee is comprised of the 5 most recent recipients of this award, Stacey Trachten, Robyn Teplitzky, Shirley Scholder, Judy Skolnick and Betsy Hoos. The group met and unanimously selected Barbara Green Orell for this prestigious award.

For more than 25 years, Barbara leadership has made an impact in the Jewish world both locally and globally. Barbara has served as the JFNH Chair of the Women’s Division, Annual Campaign

co-Chair, as a member of the Planning and Allocations Committee, on the Federation Executive Committee and as President of the Southern New England Consortium (SNEC), partnering with the Afula-Gilboa region in Israel. She served on the JCRC Steering Committee, is a member of our Jewish Foundation’s Women of Vision Society, has served as a Board member of The Towers at Tower Lane, New Haven’s Jewish senior housing community, and is a member of the Silver Circle Society, recognizing her 25+ years of support as a proud Ruby Lion of Judah. Barbara received the Federations President’s award in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the Greater New Haven community. Barbara’s engagement in Women’s Philanthropy has paved a path for others to follow. Some of her most memorable experiences include Women’s Philanthropy missions to Uzbekistan, Ethiopia and Israel. Jewish life is so important to Barbara that she recently has established a Lion of Judah Endowment Fund to ensure that her legacy continues for many

years in to the future.

In addition to being a full-time partner at the Law Offices of Green and Gross, Barbara has served as a board member of Congregation Or Shalom, and is a member of the Legal Advisory Board for Planned Lifetime Assistance Network. Barbara is also a past chair of the Board of Directors of the International Institute for Refugees (now known as the CT Institute for Refugees) and was an honoree for the Kennedy Center, where she served as the board president. She is married to Dr. Jeffrey Orell and has 3 married children and 4 grandchildren.

Barbara will be honored, along with other like-minded women philanthropists, at our International Lion of Judah conference in Phoenix on December 9-11, 2022 and locally in our community throughout 2022.

To learn more about Women’s Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven please contact Chief Development Officer Amy Holtz at (203) 387-2424 x254 or aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org.



Barbara Green Orell
NATIONAL WOMEN'S DIVISION 2022
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CULTURAL ARTS SERIES: Better than Ever!

Welcome to the JCC’s 2021-2022 Beckerman Cultural Arts Series. Last season changes were introduced to the Beckerman film series, grouping films by category with a single category discussion offered at the end of each group. Based on this success we are excited to introduce additional changes to this year’s program. This season both the film series and the author series will be combined and grouped under category headings. Again, the programs will be brought to you virtually and there will be a single concluding discussion at the end of each category. When you purchase your ticket or Category Pass you will receive an email with links to the film(s) and live Zoom programs. The film links will, once again, be active for a full week.

An unprecedented 20 films and 15 author programs will be offered from September 2021 through May 2022. In chronological order, the following seven categories will be offered: Jewish Community Traditions, Perspective/Biography, Disabilities (for Jewish Disability month), Women Breaking Barriers, Family Secrets, Passover Hope, and Cultural Conflict. Generally, three films and two author programs are offered for each category.

Through the program, participants will learn about incredible people, some well-known and some ordinary citizens, and their accomplishments. Many of the novels are based on real events that affected the authors. Participants will gain deeper insights into each theme as they are exposed to new literature and media.

Tickets will available for purchase per program, category, or complete series. This is an exciting new format for the 2021-2022 Beckerman Cultural Arts and we hope that you enjoy this step forward.

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TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH

Welcoming Rabbi Danny Moss



On Friday, October 15, 2021, Temple Beth Tikvah celebrated the installation of their new Rabbi, Danny Moss. At the music-filled event, the congregation was honored to hear from their emeriti rabbis, Rabbi Howard Sommer and Rabbi Stacy Offner, and guest rabbi, Rabbi Michael Friedman of Temple Israel, Westport, CT.

Rabbi Offner welcomed Rabbi Moss as the congregation enters into this sacred partnership and offered her partnership as he leads us into the future. Rabbi Sommer passed the Torah that TBT wrote, on the occasion of it’s 30th anniversary, and offered a Rabbinic blessing to Rabbi Moss.

Rabbi Friedman gave the installation address. He drew parallels with the week’s parsha, Lech Lecha, and the beginning of the new journey that Rabbi Moss and his wife, Rabbi Susan Landau Moss, have embarked on. Rabbi Friedman instructed the congregation to install Rabbi Moss with confidence in his ability to be our rabbi, and with compassion as he grows into his new role. He offered two pieces of advice for Rabbi Moss: love your people and help them not only to be Jewish but to be more human.

In response, Rabbi Moss thanked the congregation and discussed why he chose TBT – its pioneer spirit, strong sense of chesed and deep human connections, and pursuit of tikkun olam. He expressed his hope that he be not only our Rabbi but also our Rebbe.

Rabbi Moss received welcome from the TBT Board President, Sarah Mervine, and the Youth Group President, Melanie Siegal. The congregation entered into a brit with a congregational blessing.

This special Shabbat service was enhanced by the musical contributions of Cantor Jennifer Boyle, the TBT choir and accompanist Walter Stutzman, Cory Guzzi, Amy and Steve Eppler-Epstein and Rick Calvert, Stu Weinzimer and Jodie Ambrosino, and Rabbi Susan Landau Moss and Jennifer Silva.

Rabbi Moss grew up in the Chicago area, attended Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music, was ordained by HUC-JIR in 2017, and most recently served as Associate Rabbi of Temple Israel in Westport, CT.

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2022 Campaign Leadership

This year's volunteer campaign team features names that are both new and familiar. Several of them cited inspiration garnered from beloved Jewish community leader and 2021 campaign co-chair, Howard Reiter z"l. When the question was put to Harry and Dana Schwartz, Major Gifts and Lion of Judah chairs, they said, "It's not complicated. We have put down roots in the Greater New Haven community and through the Federation, we can help our fellow citizens locally in so many different ways. And of course, Israel is our personal priority. This year, we got an added nudge from our dear friend, Howard Reiter z"l, who told us to step up when he was no longer able to. We share his passion and his commitment."

Thank you to our incredible leadership for living their values and working tirelessly to help others through their support of the Jewish Federation's annual campaign.



(left to right) Jody Ellant Vice President, Campaign
Dr. Steven Fleischman Federation President



(left to right) Gerry Barker Campaign Co-Chair & Joshua Society Chair
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(left to right) Hap Perkins King David Society Chair
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(left to right) Betsy Flaherty Pomegranate Chair
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(left to right) Judy Alperin Chief Executive Officer
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CONGREGATION BETH EL-KESER ISRAEL New Exhibits in BEKI Galleries

The Ancestors exhibit currently on display at Congregation Beth El - Keser Israel (BEKI) in New Haven has captured the attention of both its members and the local press.

Featuring pre-1950 images of the ancestors of the BEKI community, the exhibit displays the mundane alongside extraordinary family experiences. Approximately 40 people contributed these images—some of which date back to the 1880s—along with information on their ancestors' identities and the lives they lived.

"I intended to indulge in a quick walk-through of the exhibit when it first opened," member Bruce Oren said, "but found compelling stories and riveting images that kept me engaged for hours. The exhibit is a time and space machine—often transporting viewers back to our foreign origins and Old World sensibilities."

"I love it," BEKI President Yaron Lew commented. "This exhibit highlights and celebrates the diversity of our community."

"The exhibit shows that we Jews come from the four corners of the earth. We are a very diverse group," member Diane Krevolin explained. She added, "In many cases it shows a world that no longer exists."

"This exhibit of ancestor photos is a brilliant execution of a brilliant idea," member Dennis Rader commented. "It conveys the BEKI spirit of inclusiveness and participation for everyone involved with the synagogue."



Maria Rangel Woodward, grandmother, Ciudad Ixtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico



Top Right: Aunts Mildred (Millie) Kantrowitz (Rieser) and Violet (Vi) Kantrowitz (Ludwig)



Bottom Right: My father, William Miller, is seen here as the rare smiling face in the middle of a crowd of children photographed at a 1933 Purim party held in the Fidelity Lodge of the Knights of Pythias on Whalley Avenue.

Art Committee co-chair Cynthia Rubin noted, "The joys and the pain of past generations so much lead us to who we are today. The exhibition gave our community a chance to reflect on the continuum of our existence."

"We did not anticipate," she added, "that the texts would be as important as the pictures, but as soon as the stories started pouring out of our members, long before we installed the show, we found that image and text belonged together."

The exhibit has been extended until November 28. To check when the galleries will be open for viewing, call 203-389-2108 ext.114 or email office@beki.org.

The next exhibit at BEKI will be work by Jennifer Anne Moses, an author and a painter in the Outsider tradition. Moses describes her artwork as "fusing Hebrew prayer with a distinctly Southern sensibility, born of the many years I lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana."

Moses explains, "Most of my paintings come to me as flashes of intuition. My inner eye 'sees' an image, sometimes accompanied by words, and I jot the image down so I don't lose it. Eventually, if the image continues to nag me, I paint it...As most of my inner life has been fueled by my search to find meaning and belonging within Judaism while honoring my artistic and creative intuitions...I understand the two branches of my creative output—painting and writing—as two expressions of a single searching, and God-given, impulse."

Her eye-catching paintings will be on display at BEKI from December 4 through the end of February, 2022.

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Yaacov Agam on Faith, Art, and Formation



Fire and Water Fountain by Israeli Artist Yaacov Agam—a picture from 2012

by Nurit Kohl,
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Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

Fun fact: According to the 2006 Guinness Book of World Records, the largest menorah in the world stands 32 feet tall, weighs 4,000 lbs., is colored gold and calls the corner of Fifth Avenue and West 59th Street home.

Commissioned by Chabad Lubavitch in the 1970s, the menorah's art is none other than the internationally acclaimed Israeli artist Yaacov Agam, who is considered the father of the Kinetic Movement in Modern Art, and one of the leading artists of the 20th century. The design for the menorah was inspired by drawings created by the Rambam (Maimonides) of the original menorah in the Holy Temple of Jerusalem.

"The Menorah is not important. The menorah is just the physical object that holds the light," Agam told Shalom New Haven in a riveting phone conversation earlier this month, in which he talked about shadow and light, hope and despair, physical and spiritual, the seen and unseen, truth as the root of faith and art, and god as the original creator of constant change.

Where there is light, said the 93-year-old year old artist, there are shadows. Which reminds him of a nugget of wisdom he's been carrying with him through the years, that was imparted to him by none other than the Lubavitcher Rebbe, with whom he once exchanged personal letters.

"Shadows are important," said Agam, whose apartment sits next door to the art museum established by the city to display some of his most important works. "The shadow cannot exist without the light. Wherever there is shadow, problems or sorrow, there is light; there is hope. Sometimes we need the shadow to help us trace the source of light."

Born in 1928, Agam was raised in a religious household. His father was a rabbi and the young Ya'akov studied with a *melamed*, a private tutor for religious studies.

Agam's connection to faith has changed over the years, and he shies away from discussing his present-day religious practice. Many of the concepts that influence his spiritual world, as well as his personal philosophy, are rooted in the essence of the Hebrew language

"*Emunah* (faith) and *omanot*, are both derivatives of the word *emet* (truth). The latter holds life's journey that starts with *em* (mother) and ends with *met* (death)," he explains. "God is the ultimate creator of change. It's in his name - YeHeVeh, which in Hebrew can also mean "formation".

The essence of his art is the idea that nothing is constant and everything changes, says Agam. The artist doesn't create the art but rather starts a dialogue with the observer, who is invited to look at the art from different angles, interact with it and change it. Since we change and our perspective constantly changes and evolves, then so does the art.

Agam finishes the conversation with an invitation to visit his museum, located at 1 Mayshar St., Kiryat Ha'Leom, Rishon L'tzion. Visit www.en.yama.co.il

CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB Sukkot 2021



B'nai Jacob members, young and old, enjoyed a festive celebration of Sukkot, sharing pizza from the truck in and about the congregation's sukkah. Photos by Lauren Faith Miller.



EZRA ACADEMY New Head of School

by MiriYam Judd,
Shalom New Haven Writer

Tani Cohen-Fraade isn't new to teaching, and he isn't new to Ezra Academy, either. "I've always been around Ezra, one way or another," he said. Cohen-Fraade graduated from Ezra in 2001, after which he attended Cheshire Academy and subsequently enrolled in Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he majored in religious studies and history.

After finishing his degree in 2009, Cohen-Fraade began substitute teaching for a myriad of Ezra classes. He also worked full-time as a Hebrew school teacher at Congregation Beth-El-Keser Israel in Westville, the synagogue he'd grown up attending, and at the Conservative Synagogue in Westport. "I realized that I really loved working with kids and I really loved teaching," Cohen-Fraade said.

To further a future career in teaching, Cohen-Fraade enrolled in the Padres Educators Program in Jerusalem. The two-year program combines biblical study at the Padres Institute of Jewish Studies with a Master of Jewish Education from Hebrew College.

After a career in teaching and instructional leadership and mentoring at Luria Academy of Brooklyn, Cohen-Fraade was recently appointed Ezra's new head of school, following the retirement of Dr. Melanie Waynik at the end of last year.

But this new position doesn't mean he'll be stepping away from the classroom. "I'll always consider

myself a teacher," he said. "This is just a further extension of that." Just a few months into this new role, Cohen-Fraade has big plans that he'd like to help the school actualize.

"My classroom at my previous school didn't even have windows. Look at all this land," he said, gesturing to the various green spaces on Ezra's lot. "Jewish environmentalism is something I'd like to focus on. We have all these great outdoor spaces, and we should be using them. It doesn't all have to be outdoor learning, just better utilization of the space around us."

Cohen-Fraade also wants to see the school adequately utilize the robust Jewish community that surrounds it. "There are so many incredible rabbis in our community," he said. "And they want to teach! I'd love to see those relationships utilized." More so than anything, Cohen-Fraade is excited to learn and grow in this role. "I'm always looking for an opportunity to do something new. I've already learned so much," Cohen-Fraade said.

When he first visited Ezra, Cohen-Fraade noticed how everyone referred to the community as a family, even throughout the pandemic. While there were teachers who had only ever met through screens on a computer, this feeling never wavered. "Everyone was right," Cohen-Fraade said. "This is a family."



Tani Cohen-Fraade

Jewish Community Commemorates Kristallnacht

Over 600 people were on hand Sunday, Nov. 14, to mark the anniversary of Kristallnacht at a community-wide commemoration, held virtually.

The annual event, presented by Congregation Or Shalom of Orange, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and with support by the American Society for Yad Vashem, honored the heroism of Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens, "whose life-saving acts defied the darkness of the Holocaust," said Or Shalom's Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus.



In 1941, as spiritual leader Greece, Archbishop Damaskinos worked hard to protect Greek citizens from German authorities. When the Nazi regime began deporting and killing Greek Jews in 1943, Damaskinos openly protested, publishing letters denouncing the Nazis' actions. Even when the Nazi authorities threatened him with execution by firing squad, he remained defiant. Under his authority, churches were ordered to issue Christian baptismal certificates to Jews, and he advised priests to hide Jews for whom they could not issue certificates. He also convinced Athens' Chief of Police to issue false identification papers to any Jew who asked for one.

The commemoration was highlighted by a prayer offered by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and comments from Father Peter Orfanakos of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange. A U.S. Senate Citation was presented by Sen. Richard Blumenthal to the Archbishop's family. Dr. Marlene Yahalom, director of education of the American Society for Yad Vashem, and Lea Micha of the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem shared their thoughts; as did descendants of those rescued by Archbishop Damaskinos. The event concluded with a Q&A session led by Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

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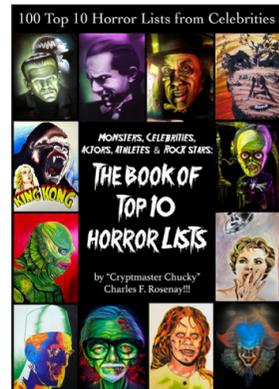
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Charles Is At It Again



Best known as a popular local deejay/emcee and owner/operator of Club Kosher tours, Rosenay has now added author to his list of accomplishments, with publication of his new book, *The Book of Top 10 Horror Lists*.

The book is a compilation of lists written by 100 celebrities, many of whom are Jewish friends of the author, including the late actor, Ed Asner, and actors William Shatner, Karen Black and Irwin Keyes, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Elliot Easton of the band The Cars; comedian and author Laurie Jacobson; and so on. Also contributing lists were a Beatles, a Karloff, a member of the rock band The Monkees, and a Munster from the popular '60s TV show.

Rosenay, who is also creator and organizer of the annual "Magical History Tour" to Liverpool for Beatles fans, and the Dracula Tour to Transylvania (Romania), a "vampire vacation" that brings fans to the land of Vlad the *(Continued on page 25)*

A Man's Choices

Inspired by Shuly Cawood's Workshop

Poem by Anne Schulman

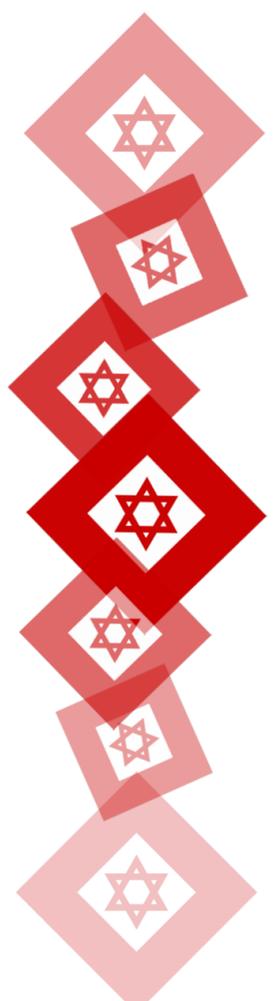
His name is Fadi,
a bear of a man
no paws or claws
hands as gentle
as a new mother's
also gifted for healing

His home is in Arab
East Jerusalem
a fearful, oftentimes
perilous neighborhood

His chosen work
as a paramedic
can be treacherous
COVID or not as
accidents and
terrorism plague
these lands

He has been trained
by the Israelis in the
use of the most
advanced medical
emergency technology
and races in ambulances
marked with the symbol
of the Magen David Adom
the Red Star of David
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His neighbors first
questioned the
meaning of the
bright insignia on
the back and sleeves
of his jacket and
Fadi would begin to explain
in his usual quiet
and patient tone but
then, abruptly his
countenance would
be altered with a
loud exhortation
"When you see this
Star on a uniform or
vehicle, you must NOT
throw rocks and stones
for they have come to
help you. "



When challenged about
why he works with the Jews
he asserts

"I believe in their mission
to heal ALL peoples. "

When enjoined as to
why he chose this often
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CEO of Jewish Family Service to Retire

by MiriYam Judd,
Shalom New Haven Writer

Amy Rashba first walked into the Jewish Family Service (JFS) offices almost three decades ago—a 27-year-old social work student two years into her master’s degree at Southern Connecticut State University. She was an intern, just there for her field placement. Now, over 35 years later, she is finally walking out.

Rashba’s commitment and dedication to the Jewish community of Greater New Haven cannot be understated. In her time at JFS, she has headed a number of initiatives, from the mental health program to the aging adult program. Rashba is best known for her work with adoptions, having run and transformed the infant adoption program during her years with the organization.



“One of my favorite things I did here was start the Stars of David program,” Rashba said, referring to the social group for Jewish families brought together through adoption. “It’s a really incredible, beautiful thing to see, families who have adopted all coming together to celebrate each other. It means a lot for a child to look around the room and realize, ‘I’m not the only one with a family like this.’”

Even though Rashba hasn’t run the adoption program since her appointment as CEO in 2019, she still receives cards, photographs and updates from families she worked with. But programs and initiatives pale in comparison to what some describe as Rashba’s most important contributions to JFS.

“When I think about Amy running JFS these past several years,” said Heni Schwartz, a social worker at JFS since 1986, “the thing that jumps out at me the most is the word, caring. Caring for the agency’s health and vibrancy, caring for the clients that we serve, caring for the staff, caring for the Jewish community, and caring for the community at large.”

Schwartz noted Rashba’s eagerness to expand programs to serve more people in need and her receptiveness to the needs of any given population among her most impressive accomplishments during her time at JFS. “We were lucky to have her,” Schwartz said. This was a common description of Rashba among her coworkers.

Sydney Perry, former CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, explained the difficult position one is in when they go from being someone’s coworker to their superior. Rashba worked at JFS for nearly 30 years before being named CEO in 2019, interrupted only by two short moves to Israel in the early 90s. Rashba, Perry explained, handled this transition with grace and poise.

“It’s a tough situation to be in, the switch from being someone’s colleague to being their boss,” Perry said. “But it wasn’t tough for Amy, because people always knew they could trust her. She has so much humility and empathy, and she always wants to listen to what people have to say. She is a natural leader.” More than just a leader, Perry explained, Rashba has always been and will always be a social worker at heart.

“No matter her role at JFS, leader or not, Amy was always a social worker. She always cared, she was always so dedicated,” Perry explained. “She never let ego get in the way of her work. And she brought great people in to help her, because that’s what great leaders do. Even when she’s not there, they will be.”

Ilene Rosalimsky Bronen, who serves as president of JFS, explained the profound impact Rashba has had on the community and the legacy she leaves as she departs. “Amy identified the need for and started the Shalom Group in 1987. She was responsible for leading our Adoption Program. The positive and emotional impact on these families will continue,” Rosalimsky Bronen said. “Her leadership as CEO exemplifies integrity and a work ethic which we are all grateful for. She has been a passionate advocate for JFS clients and our programs, and we will miss her very much.”

As Rashba’s time at JFS comes to a close, her gratitude and impact on the Greater New Haven Jewish community only continues to grow. “My entire professional career has been spent at JFS,” Rashba explained. “I was 27 and unmarried. All sorts of amazing life events have occurred during my time here. When I think about the career I was able to have at JFS, I will be forever thankful, to both I will the people I worked with and the people who came to me for help. It’s been the privilege of a lifetime.”

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- **Certain tax provisions enacted in 2020 could be beneficial:** The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act enables the current deduction of up to 100 percent of adjusted gross income for cash gifts to charity (other than to donor-advised funds, supporting organizations, and private foundations). Individuals considering large cash donations may find this one-year expansion of the AGI limitation particularly beneficial.
- **The IRA charitable rollover:** The IRA charitable rollover remains an attractive alternative to those over age 70 ½ who may not otherwise be able to itemize their deductions and claim a tax benefit from a charitable contribution. Please see the details on page 18.
- **Consider Bunching:** No longer itemizing? If you are no longer itemizing on your 1040 you may not be able to claim a charitable income tax deduction for your gifts. Consider bunching multiple years' worth of gifts into one year, enough to get you over the standard deduction amount. This can be fairly simple to do with a donor advised fund (which you can do through the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven)—and this will allow you to claim a deduction in the year you make the gifts, while distributing the monies to your choice of charities over several years.
- **When possible, use appreciated assets to make a gift:** Donating stock or other appreciated capital assets remains a best practice. Please see the details on page 21.
- **Other charitable planning strategies might make sense:** In addition to gifting long-term appreciated securities, there are several other charitable planning strategies that can be beneficial. For example, consider



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establishing a (or adding to an existing) donor-advised fund at the Jewish Foundation and take advantage of an immediate charitable tax deduction and the ability to recommend grants from the fund over time.

Other charitable giving vehicles include a Charitable Lead Trust (CLT), especially as interest rates remain low. A CLT is an irrevocable trust that benefits charity as well as non-charitable beneficiaries such as family members.

• Some wealth transfer strategies may be appropriate, especially as interest rates remain low: It may make sense to engage in certain wealth transfer or gift transactions before year-end to take advantage of the higher estate and gift exemption amount. There are a number of estate-planning techniques that can be utilized, including using gifts or sales of property expected to produce income or increase in value, to remove existing or future wealth from the donor's transfer tax base.

As with any significant tax and charitable planning, you should consult with your professional advisor.

WHAT TO DO IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOU CAN CLAIM A CHARITABLE DEDUCTION FOR 2021:

- For donations of cash (including checks), your donation must be either postmarked or personally delivered to the not-for-profit organization on or before December 31.
- For donations of stock, your stock must be transferred out of your account on or before December 31.
- For donations via credit card, your credit card donation must be processed on or before December 31.

Historical Giving



Pictured at left are two tzedakah boxes located at the Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven (JHS). The box on top, left belongs to Burton Levine, president of JHS, and the reference on the front to "Poor Orphans in Jerusalem" dates it back to at least the 1930s, though Levine believes it could possibly be older than that. Levine remembers the "pushke" [box] being nailed to the kitchen wall in his New Haven childhood home. When his parents moved, so did the tzedakah box. Into the mid-1950s, shaliachs [emissaries] would come to their home and collect the money. "My mother would give them the money, add a bit more and always feed them," Levine said. To box at bottom, right, is a cardboard American Red Magen David for Israel (ARMDI) tzedakah box. ARMDI is "the exclusive support arm in the United States for Magen David Adom," Israel's equivalent to the American Red Cross.



Retirement Plans and Charitable Giving

Retirement plans can present tax-smart charitable giving opportunities both during a donor's lifetime and in the donor's estate plans.

1. Charitable Giving Opportunity with an IRA During a Donor's Lifetime—Available for Those 70½ and Older

The Charitable IRA Rollover is a way for donors, age 70½ and older, to pay less tax while supporting their favorite charities. A Charitable IRA Rollover allows donors to direct up to \$100,000 (or less if they choose), from their traditional IRA, to charity, tax-free.

The Charitable IRA Rollover creates an opportunity for donors to establish an endowment or make an outright charitable gift to a charitable organization. Your rollover can be directed for a capital campaign gift, current needs, or restricted for endowment purposes. Your gift can be earmarked for your synagogue, a local Jewish agency, Jewish education, or any program or organization that is important to you. Donor-advised funds do not qualify for the IRA Charitable Rollover.

This strategy may be right for you if you:

- want to make a qualified charitable gift from your IRA to reduce the value of future distributions you will be required to take;
- do not itemize your deductions and would like to realize an increased tax benefit for your giving;
- wish to make an impactful gift to benefit the community;
- already contribute to charity at your deduction limit, and you want to donate more;
- do not need your Required Minimum Distribution (all it does is raise your tax liability);
- have a secondary smaller IRA you do not need; and/or
- wish to reduce your IRA and remove from your taxable estate.

Please consult your professional advisor concerning your tax plans.

2. Retirement Plans as Part of Your Estate Plan

Retirement plans, such as IRAs/401Ks/403bs, are tax-plagued assets when they are left to a non-spouse beneficiary.

Under the Secure Act, a non-spouse beneficiary of an IRA/401K/403B must withdraw the entire amount of the inherited retirement within 10 years; non-spouse beneficiaries are no longer permitted to "stretch" the withdrawals over their lifetime.

A TAX-SMART SOLUTION:

If Mr. Cohen had named a charity as the beneficiary of the IRA, at Mr. Cohen's passing, the charity would have received the entire IRA, tax-free. Mr. Cohen could then leave his other, tax-free assets to his sons.

For example, Mr. Cohen passes away (assume Mrs. Cohen predeceased him) and his 2 sons are the named beneficiaries of his \$150,000 IRA. The sons will need to withdraw the entire \$150,000 within 10 years, which means paying about \$50,000 in income tax. That \$150,000 asset, when left to the Cohen sons, will only be worth about \$100,000. For a \$1,500,000 IRA, the sons will need to withdraw it within 10 years and pay about \$500,000 in taxes.

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Contact plan administrator for rollover paperwork	Contact plan administrator for proper beneficiary designation form
Must be 70½ or older	Can designate at any time but charity will only benefit at your passing

*Want to take advantage of the charitable IRA rollover but only have a 401K/ 403B rather than an IRA?

See if you can roll your 401K/403B into a qualified IRA.

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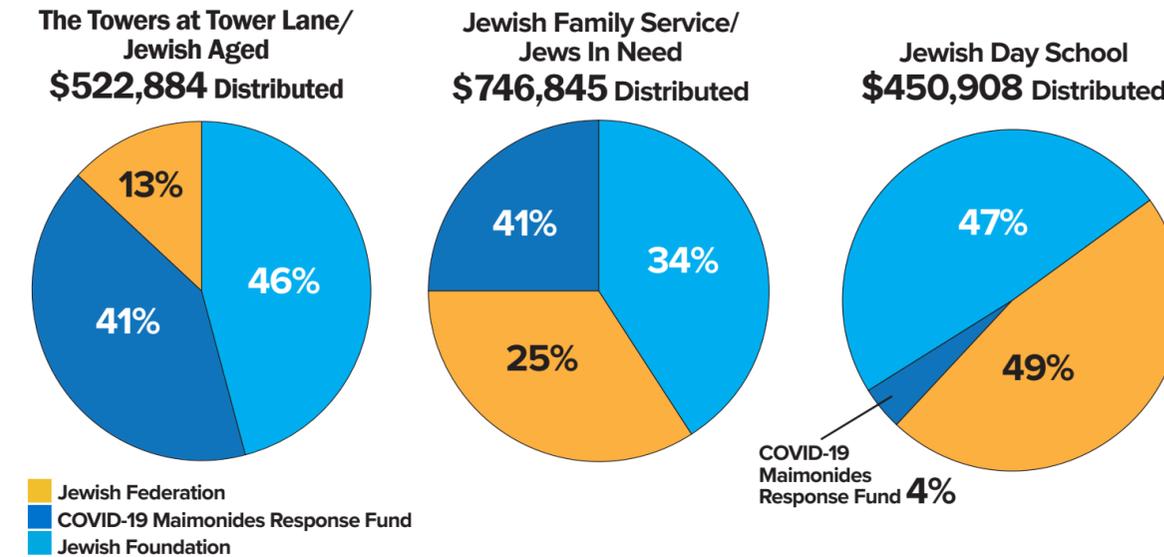
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We care for the most vulnerable members of our community, including many of the Holocaust survivors living in Greater New Haven today, immigrants from the former Soviet Union, refugees, and adults with special needs. Through our partners, we feed the hungry and provide resources, information, and referral for community members facing financial crises.

We ensure that the rich legacy of Jewish life, learning, values and traditions will be transmitted to a new generation. Jewish day schools provide students and their families with a wealth of experiences that build Jewish identity, knowledge and skills—all of which can then pass on from one generation to the next.

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We are the hub of our region's many diverse Jewish communities. Our dynamic ecosystem of schools, social services agencies, camps, synagogues and supporting organizations, relies on our ability to see the big picture, facilitate collaboration, and advocate for the needs of the community as a whole. We build and sustain a strong, vibrant Jewish world every day.

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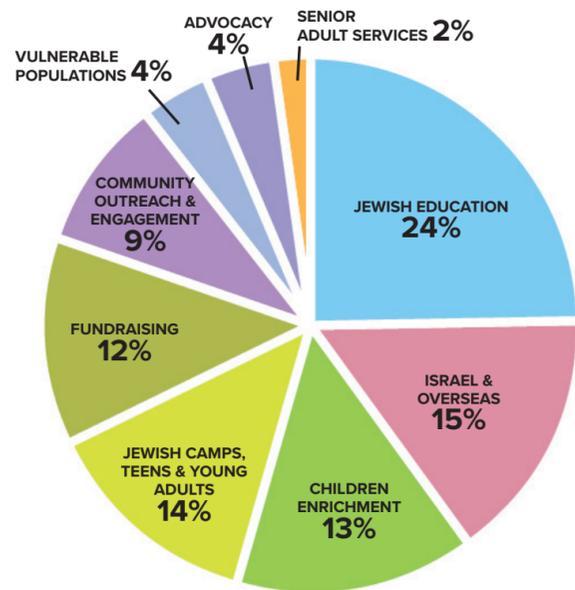
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We create a safety net for Jews around the world. While most of our resources are invested in our local community, a small portion goes to people we may never know or see. Jewish life is reignited in Latin America, Europe, and the Former Soviet Union, connecting children and young adults with their Jewish heritage. It helps build our connection to Israel, and more than anything, it reminds us that we are not alone in the world. Kol Israel Arevim Ze L'aze or all Israel are responsible for one another.

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VULNERABLE POPULATIONS	\$153,000
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ADVOCACY	\$110,000
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DONATING CASH VS. STOCK

In this example, you see that donating the stock results in no capital gains tax being paid, a larger itemized deduction, and more money for the charity of your choice.

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If you hold securities with a loss, it is usually better to sell first. By doing so, you can take the capital loss for tax purposes and then donate the cash. In most cases, donating appreciated securities can be a cost-effective way to benefit the charities of your choice.

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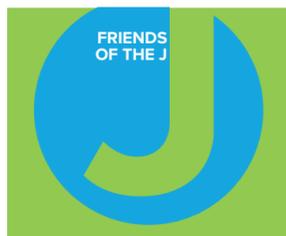
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Amidst the continuing challenging security environment, the JCC regularly evaluates, invests and upgrades campus security to keep all visitors, members and guests safe and secure.



Federation to Increase Jewish Security

by MiriYam Judd, Shalom New Haven Writer

To address continuing concerns about anti-Semitic incidents at synagogues and other Jewish institutions, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, in collaboration with four other Connecticut Federations, have hired a security adviser to increase the region's safety and security.

The full-time Regional Security Advisor (RSA), will oversee the security of area synagogues, day schools, community centers and other facilities. While the RSA position will be based out of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, the role will oversee the Federations of Greater New Haven, Western Connecticut, Stamford and Greenwich. There is also an SCN RSA assigned to Hartford "Security was indicated as a top priority for our community in a recent community survey we conducted, and it is certainly a top priority for our Jewish Federation," said Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. "We take this step with a strong sense of mission and responsibility for our community and look forward to a fruitful collaboration with all the facets of our Jewish community," she said.

The implementation of this role comes at a time of historically high anti-Semitic incidents throughout the United States. The ADL (Anti-Defamation League) recently announced a recorded 2,100 acts of either assault, vandalism and harassment against Jewish people this past year, a 12% increase from the year prior.



"I am thrilled to dedicate myself full time to working with the Jewish institutions in our communities to make them more safe, secure, and resilient,"

Michael Shanbrom,
Regional Security Advisor

Hired for this role is Michael J. Shanbrom, a veteran of both the New Haven Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), where he held multiple national security leadership roles. A New Haven native with strong ties to the community of Greater New Haven, Shanbrom currently serves as a Woodbridge Police commissioner and has previously served on the Board of Directors and security committees of multiple Jewish organizations.

"I am thrilled to dedicate myself full time to working with the Jewish institutions in our communities to make them more safe, secure, and resilient," Shanbrom said. "We want to make these communities more active. We want to empower them. We don't want anyone not to attend a Jewish event or organization because they're worried about what could go wrong," he continued. This is

becoming a reality for many Jewish adults. Pew Research Center data released last May showed that 53% of surveyed Jewish adults feel less safe as a Jewish person than they did five years ago. Twelve percent of those surveyed say these feelings have led to hesitation in participation in Jewish observances or events. One-in-ten of those surveyed chose not to participate in Jewish events because of safety concerns.

Shanbrom explained how he and SCN plan to ease safety concerns for those in the community. "We're going to actively engage with the community," he said. "We will make comprehensive security training, available to all community members." Shanbrom believes that, through working together, a more prepared and resilient Jewish community is possible.



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Jewish Foundation Community Impact

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the driving force behind the Foundation's success. Lisa's expertise in endowment law, charitable and tax planning, and philanthropic advising, as well as her passion for our community have made her an invaluable community asset. We are lucky to have her at the Foundation.

The Foundation prioritizes working with donors to help them support causes most important to them. "I view my most important role as that of a philanthropic advisor," said Stanger.

Barry Vine, a New Haven native, is a prime example of the strong relationships the Foundation has formed with donors throughout the years, "I've been giving to the Jewish community since I was nine-years-old and bringing donations in envelopes from my grandmother to local rabbis," Vine said. As a committed donor who has established multiple funds at the Foundation, he appreciates the Jewish Foundation's long-standing commitment to the Jewish Community and its stewardship of community resources. "I give to help the Jewish community survive and thrive...the Jewish Foundation helps facilitate this," he said.

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI) moved all their funds to the care of the Foundation 20 years ago, "We didn't have the professional means to do this right," said Donna Levine, who served as the congregation's treasurer at the time. The move encouraged more donors to secure endowments benefiting BEKI. The congregation soon received a \$2 million bequest and more followed when BEKI partnered with the Foundation for "Create a Jewish Legacy," a program designed to ensure a vibrant Jewish future through a collaborative approach to legacy giving. Today, with 30 funds managed at the Jewish Foundation, Levine says "these monies make all the difference in the world for us between being in the red and being in the black. Thanks to these funds, we are able to offer reduced fees for 30% of our members who need it, welcome more people, and thrive."



Last summer, Camp Laurelwood received a Torah scroll from the Jewish Foundation which had belonged to the former Jewish Home for the Aged, New Haven.

Temple Beth David in Cheshire also participated in the Foundation's Create a Jewish Legacy program, which then allocated resources to train volunteers who solicited current endowment gifts as well as legacy commitments, on behalf of the synagogue, for the synagogue.

"The more Temple Beth David can expand its revenue beyond membership dues, the more programs and services it can offer to the community," said Fern Feldman, Create a Jewish Legacy co-Chair for Temple Beth David. "We appreciate the initiative and leadership from the Jewish Foundation that helped us raise \$1.8 million in legacy commitments and current endowments."

Dr. Craig Sklar, who served as Chair of the Jewish Foundation when this achievement was reached, sees this as a beginning of a more vibrant future. "I view it as a start...The more we raise, the more we can do to ensure the future of our community. There is still so much work to be done," Sklar said.

Charles Is At It Again

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Impaler and Dracula, has acted in many horror films.

He wrote the book when the pandemic sidelined his DJ/MC business. The idea for a book of lists from an online newsletter he wrote, called "National Horror Happenings," which included an occasional Top 10 List written by a celebrity. In most cases the list focused on their favorite monster movies. Others, however, listed scariest scenes in horror films, funniest scary movies, silliest horror scenes in horror, and so on. Within a short time, there were lists from actors, rock stars, authors, athletes,

horror icons, directors, producers, scream queens, radio and TV personalities, and other pop culture luminaries.

The book also contains often hilarious and sometimes thought-provoking comments explaining the choices made.

A native of the Bronx, New York, where he studied at a yeshiva, Rosenay lives in Orange.

Of his new book, Rosenay says, "You won't believe the actors, singers, musicians, horror figures, writers, film-makers, artists, composers, disco divas, sports figures, and others who are horror buffs and "monster mavens! Will your favorite horror films show up on any of their lists?"

The Book of Top 10 Horror Lists (BearManor Media) is available from Amazon or at www.BookOfTop10HorrorLists.com. Autographed copies are available from the author. For a signed copy or further information, email BookOfTop10HorrorLists@gmail.com, or call (203) 795-4737.

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FITNESS & WELLNESS AT THE J

Train Like An Olympian To Get And Stay Fit

by Susan Donovan
Director of Wellness Services

While you may not be training to compete in the Olympics, non-competitors can learn a lot from these world class athletes. The same process that helps these champions hone their bodies and minds to set world records can actually help us all improve our health, fitness, and overall well-being.

These training secrets of Olympian athletes can help you achieve and sustain lifelong health habits and empower you to become a 'super' version of yourself!

1. GET A COACH

Every good athlete will turn to a coach or trainer for help and guidance. In addition to expertise, this mentor can provide accountability and motivation. Everyone can benefit from this help to accomplish sustainable health and wellness goals in the safest most efficient way possible.

2. TRUST THE PROCESS

Success to achieve any goal does not come overnight, but can be accomplished with patience, trust, and consistency in following a strategic plan. If you want



to change your habits to improve your fitness, create a plan and stick to it. Establish a long-term goal with small consistent steps. Make modifications when necessary and stay committed to the big picture.

3. RECOVERY IS HUGE

It's been said many times in the world of competitive fitness, train hard but recover even harder! Olympians understand that the training is the stimulus for growth, but recovery is when growth and improvement occurs. Without managing sleep, stress, nutrition and other aspects of recovery, they know the impact of their training is diminished.

For us non-Olympians, the role of recovery is still crucial. Take the time to monitor how hard and how frequent you work out. If you find that you are always sore, get injured frequently, or are often exhausted as opposed to energized, consider recovery options such as gentle Yoga, flexibility exercises, foam rolling, meditation, or get an orthopedic massage.

4. TRAINING QUALITY OVER TRAINING QUANTITY

Athletes know that training correctly and strategically will pay off. And they don't want to put additional training stress on their bodies than what is necessary. The same holds true for everyone who wants to improve their health and fitness. You can often accomplish more in 30 minutes of a strategic exercise plan than you can in an hour or more of an unfocused workout. Improving the quality of your workout does not mean you have to make your heart rate sky rocket. It could mean paying attention to different aspects of technique or switching up the activities you do. Hiring a professional is a great first step to maximize the quality and efficiency of your fitness plan.

Consider how these principles could help you on your journey to lifelong health and fitness.

A Special Trip to Israel



Thanks to the Jewish Foundation's Israel Experience Scholarship, Zach Infeld had the incredible opportunity to travel to Israel. This summer he and 49 of his peers, all high school seniors from URJ Eisner Camp, had the trip of thier lifetime. "Our journey in Israel started in the Negev desert, just like our ancestors who came to this land escaping slavery in Egypt," he recalls. Over the course of the trip, the group also visited Jerusalem and the Western Wall — where Infeld donned tefillin for the very first time — the Dead Sea and Masada. After spending the night in Bedouin tents, they traveled north, visiting Haifa and Tzfat, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River and the Golan Heights. "We had a week where six Israeli teenagers joined our group and ate, slept and traveled with us. We spent time deep in conversation about the Palestinian-Israeli

conflict, discussing with Arab-Israelis their situation and visiting a security barrier between Israel and the West Bank," he recounts. "This trip was an incredible experience. Traveling through Israel with all of your friends is an indescribable feeling. The memories which I created on this trip are ones that I will cherish for years to come.

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CHANUKAH HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Freedom of Speech

by **Yelena Gerovich**
New American Acculturation Program Coordinator

The Nobel Prizes, which this year celebrate their 120th anniversary since the first awards in 1901, announced winners in October. Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it." Our Jewish Russian-speaking community was surprised and delighted with the decision to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2021 to Maria Ressa (Philippines) and Dmitry Muratov (Russia) for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace.

In 1993, Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev used part of his Nobel Peace Prize money to help set up the newspaper called Novaya Gazeta, buying the publication its first computers. This year, its editor-in-chief of Muratov, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Since its start-up in 1993, Novaya Gazeta has published critical articles on subjects ranging from corruption, unlawful arrests, police violence, electoral fraud and "troll factories" to the use of Russian military forces both inside and outside of Russia. Since the newspaper's start, six of its journalists have been killed, including Anna Politkovskaya who wrote revealing articles on the war in Chechnya.

Thanks to Gorbachev's political reforms and liberation of the press during the 1980s, investigative journalists became national heroes in the late Soviet Union. When Gorbachev came to power in March 1985, some 11,000 Jews were counted as refuseniks (a person in the former Soviet Union who was refused permission to emigrate, in particular, a Jewish person forbidden to emigrate to Israel), and more than a score of prisoners of conscience (prisoners of conscience are persons imprisoned for the peaceful expression of their political, religious, or other conscientiously held beliefs, or for identity, even though they have neither used nor advocated violence) languished in jails and labor camps for the crimes of trying to emigrate or teach Hebrew. Not only did Gorbachev remove all the restrictions imposed by the previous Soviet regimes against Jewish emigration and Jewish religious expression, but he also was the first leader of the USSR to recognize and publicly state that religious believers were valued.

The New American Acculturation Program connects with and educates members of our community, helping them learn more about American and Jewish history and traditions. We also offer assistance with citizenship exam preparation. All our summer and fall programs were a great success due to the team effort of our educators, musicians and volunteers Irina Polykova, Michael Shekman, Yosif Gorenbeyn, Michael Tsechansky, Marina Milgram, Sasha Medovnikov, Yosif Gorenbeyn, Dora Shafit, Leon Skolnic, and Natalya Kisileva.

Our programs and celebrations were recorded and placed on YouTube for those who were unable to connect via Zoom. Many members of our community and their friends and relatives around the world have had the opportunity to enjoy our programs.

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Наша русскоязычная община была приятно удивлена и обрадована решением о присуждении Нобелевской премии мира за 2021 год Марии Рессе (Филиппины) и Дмитрию Муратову (Россия) за их усилия по защите свободы слова, что является предпосылкой для демократии и прочного мира.

В 1993 году президент СССР Михаил Горбачев использовал часть своей Нобелевской премии на создание газеты «Новая газета», на его деньги издание купило свои первые компьютеры. В этом году его главный редактор Муратов был удостоен Нобелевской премии мира. С момента основания в 1993 году «Новая газета» публиковала критические статьи на самые разные темы, начиная от коррупции, незаконных арестов, насилия со стороны полиции, фальсификации на выборах и « фабрик троллей» с использованием российских вооруженных сил как внутри, так и за пределами России. С момента основания газеты шесть журналистов были убиты, в том числе Анна Политковская, написавшая разоблачительные статьи о войне в Чечне.

Благодаря политическим реформам Горбачева и свободе прессы в 1980-е годы журналисты-расследователи стали национальными героями позднего Советского Союза. Когда Горбачев пришел к власти в марте 1985 года, около 11 тысяч евреев считались отказниками (человек, которому было отказано в разрешении на эмиграцию), и более двух десятков узников совести (лица, заключенные в тюрьму за мирное выражение своих политических, религиозных или других убеждений), томились в тюрьмах и трудовых лагерях за попытки эмигрировать или преподавать иврит. Горбачев не только снял все ограничения, наложенные предыдущими советскими режимами против еврейской эмиграции и еврейского религиозного выражения, но он также был первым лидером СССР, который признал и публично заявил, что верующих людей ценят.

Наши образовательные программы помогают членам нашей общины больше узнать об американской и еврейской истории и традициях, предлагает помощь в подготовке к экзамену на гражданство. Все наши летние и осенние программы имели большой успех благодаря совместным усилиям наших лекторов, музыкантов и волонтеров Ирины Поляковой, Михаила Шехмана, Иосифа Горенбейна, Михаила Цеханского, Марины Мильграм, Александра Медовникова, Доры Шафир, Леона Школьника и Наталии Кисилевой. Наши программы и празднования были записаны и размещены на YouTube для тех, кто не смог подключиться через Zoom. Многие члены нашего сообщества, их друзья и родственники по всему миру имели возможность насладиться нашими программами.

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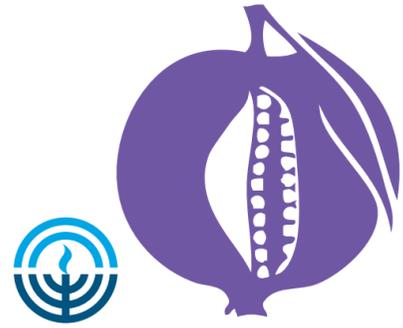
Thank you for the USY teens from Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel for giving your time to the greater good. On Sunday 11/7, the youth assembled 100 Dignity Grows totes, which will be distributed this month to women in need in our community. Dignity Grows is a national initiative that helps provide monthly menstrual and hygiene

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HEAR FROM DR. BETSY SCHULMAN ABOUT WHY SHE "POMEGRANATES"

It is very important to me to support all the local Jewish agencies since each provides valuable services and experiences to our community. I believe that it is important for Jews everywhere to take care of each other and that's what the Jewish Federation does. The Federation takes care of ALL Jews.

My personal mission is to support the availability of Jewish education, and this motivates my involvement in the Jewish Federation; I feel empowered through my philanthropy and that is why I give my financial support and my time. I have tremendous gratitude to the Jewish Federation for supporting its community members of all ages in their learning and love of Judaism.

Dr. Betsy Schulman is a Clinical Research Scientist at the Yale University School of Medicine, where she studies the genetics of neuropathic pain, and rare genetic disorders. In addition, she serves as the Managing Editor of the scientific journal, The Neuroscientist. Dr. Schulman is on the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and serves on the Planning and Allocations committee, she is a Wexner Fellow, and an active member at The Westville Synagogue. Her children - Zachary, Zoe, and Zevi - have attended New England Jewish Academy, Ezra Academy, and Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy.



Towers New Program "Fueling Seniors"



Mayor Justin Elicker celebrated with community leaders, volunteers, Board of Directors and residents at The Towers at Tower Lane on September 30, the launch of their program, Fueling Seniors: Meal Sustainability Through Co-generation which will reduce energy costs, carbon footprint and make meals more affordable for those on fixed incomes.

Community Calendar

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December events

Light the Hanukkah Menorah at BEKI NOV. 29 THROUGH DEC. 5, 5:30-5:45 PM. Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI), 85 Harrison Street, New Haven. Contact: Peggy Hackett, (203) 389-2108, office@beki.org, beki.org

PJ Library's Chanukah Story Time at Mitchell Library Dec. 1, 4-5 PM. FREE, Mitchell Library, 37 Harrison St., New Haven. Contact: Kayla Bisbee, (203) 387-2424 x300, kbisbee@jewishnewhaven.org

Bright Chanukah Lights with PJ Library Dec. 1, 5:15-6:15 PM. FREE, Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI), 85 Harrison Street, New Haven. Contact: Kayla Bisbee, (203) 387-2424 x300, kbisbee@jewishnewhaven.org

JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: AUTHOR PROGRAM: Joshua Cohen "The Best Assassination in the Nation" Dec. 2, 7-9 PM, \$5, Via Zoom. Contact: Susan Skalka, susans@jccnh.org

CMI Chanukah Family Celebration Dec. 3, 6-8 PM, Congregation Mishkan Israel, 785 Ridge Road, Hamden. Contact Tamara Epstein, tepstein@cmihamden.org

Westville University Presents: Family Movie Night for Chanukah: "Full Court Miracle" Dec. 4, 7:30 PM, The Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect St., New Haven, (203) 389-9513, Contact: Betsy Schulman, BetsySchulman@gmail.com

BEKI Kadima and USY Hanukkah Party Dec. 5, 4-6 PM, Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI), 85 Harrison Street, New Haven. Contact: Peggy Hackett, (203) 389-2108, office@beki.org, beki.org

Shine a Light on Anti-semitism Dec. 6, 7:30PM, Learn more at: www.shinealightCT.org

Faith in Jewish Tradition, Monday night class with Rabbi Shapiro Dec. 6, 7:30-9:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, info@bnaijacob.org, bnaijacob.org

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven Brings: UPHEAVAL: The Journey of Menachem Begin Dec. 12, 7-9:30 PM. In-person (proof of vaccine is required). Ad in this issue on page xxxxx. Beckerman Lender Jewish Community Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge.

Contact: Judith Alperin, jalperin@jewishnewhaven.org

ADL Virtual In Concert Against Hate Dec. 12, 7-8 PM. Via Zoom, Contact: terry Sidera, tsidera@adl.org, concertagainsthate.org

Faith in Jewish Tradition, Monday night class with Rabbi Shapiro Dec. 13, 7:30-9:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, info@bnaijacob.org, bnaijacob.org

JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: FILM PROGRAM: "Leona" Dec. 13-19, All day, \$10, Via Zoom. Contact: Susan Skalka, susans@jccnh.org

JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: AUTHOR PROGRAM: Jan Cherubin "The Orphan's Daughter" Dec. 14, 7-9 PM, \$5, Via Zoom. Contact: Susan Skalka, susans@jccnh.org

Westville University Presents: Dr. Shira Bille, Postdoctoral Associate, Yale University December 15, 7:30 PM, Zoom only. Contact: Betsy Schulman, BetsySchulman@gmail.com

Stories and Places. Wandering the Past in the Present. Dec. 19, 7-8:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, info@bnaijacob.org, bnaijacob.org

JCC Beckerman Cultural Arts Series: TALK BACK: Perspective, Bio. Discussion with Rabbi Ellenson Dec. 20, 7-8 PM, FREE, Via Zoom. Contact: Susan Skalka, susans@jccnh.org

Faith in Jewish Tradition, Monday night class with Rabbi Shapiro Dec. 20, 7:30-9:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, info@bnaijacob.org, bnaijacob.org

CMI Community Concert With The Nu Haven Kapelye Dec. 25, 5-7 PM, Congregation Mishkan Israel, 785 Ridge Road, Hamden, Contact Tamara Epstein, tepstein@cmihamden.org

Faith in Jewish Tradition, Monday night class with Rabbi Shapiro Dec. 27, 7:30-9:30 PM, Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge. Contact: (203) 389-2111, info@bnaijacob.org, bnaijacob.org

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Linda Greenhouse is an American legal journalist who is the Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence and Joseph M. Goldstein Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School. She is a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter who covered the United States Supreme Court for nearly three decades for The New York Times. She is President of the American Philosophical Society (since 2017), and a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Senate.

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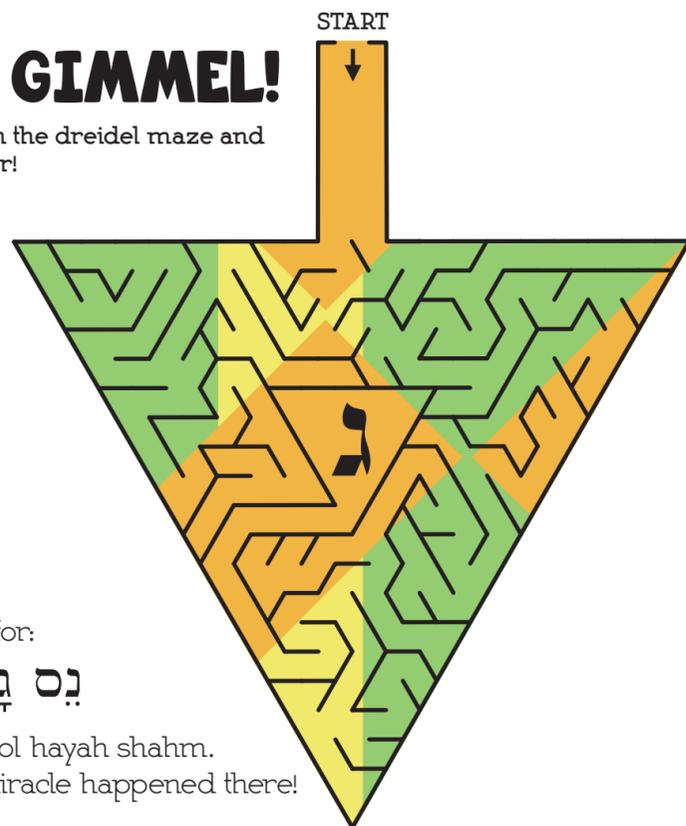
There are 4 letters on the side of the dreidel that mean different things!

They are:
(nun) נ
(gimmel) ג
(hey) ה
(shin) ש

These letters stand for:

נֵס גָּדוֹל הָיָה שָׁמָּה

That reads: Nes gadol hayah shahm.
It means: A great miracle happened there!



Chanukah Facts

What Is Chanukah All About?

THE STORY

Chanukah is a story about Jewish pride. It began when the Jews were pressured to assimilate, to forget their Jewishness and blend in with those around them. However, the Jews refused to do this, and they fought to keep the Torah and the Jewish traditions. Chanukah celebrates the miracle of that victory and being proud of being Jewish!

MENORAH

A menorah has eight branches, one for each night of Chanukah. We light a new candle each night and try to display our menorah in a place where everyone can see - to spread the joy and the miracle of Chanukah and to show our Jewish pride.

LATKES

Why do we eat fried latkes (aside from them being delicious)? To remind us of one of the main miracles of Chanukah: that after returning to the ransacked Jewish temple after the war, the Jews found only enough oil to light the menorah for one day. However, the light lasted a full eight days - giving strength and hope to the Jewish nation.

PIN THE CANDLES ON THE MENORAH



CUT OUT, COLOR, BLINDFOLD, AND PIN THOSE CANDLES ON!

COMMUNITY KIDS



Logan and Beau hanging out!



Bear enjoying the warm fall weather!



Jackie relaxing after school!

HOW MUCH CHANUKAH GELT DID THE SKUNK GET?
One cent.

WHAT'S THE BEST CHANUKAH GIFT FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING?
A burglar alarm.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A SPECK THAT FALLS INTO THE LATKE PAN?
An unidentified frying object.

WHAT DID THE CANDLES SAY WHEN THE MENORAH COMPLAINED ABOUT GETTING TOO HOT?
"Whoa, a talking menorah!"



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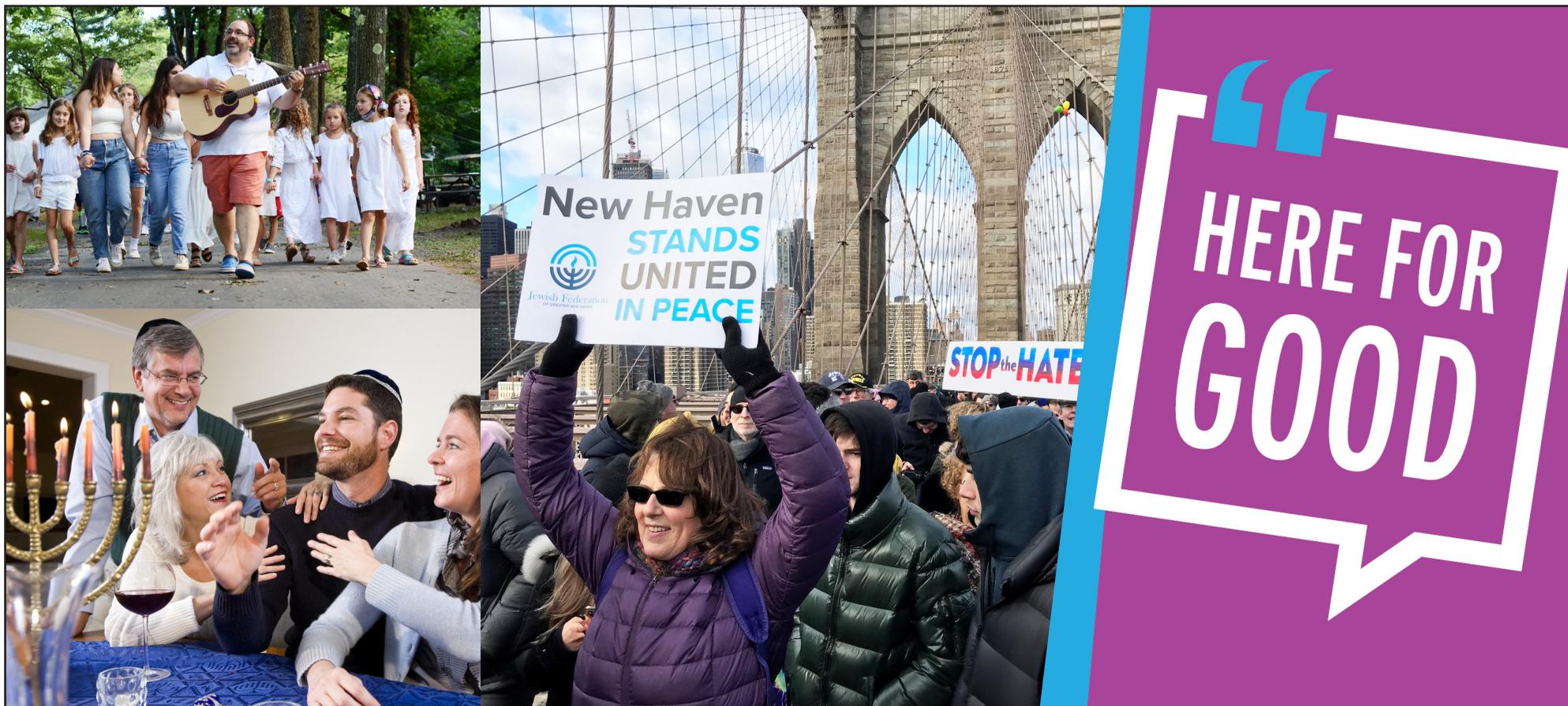
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