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Overcoming Adversity is in Our Community's DNA

Lately we've been saying, "we're built for this", when referring to the Jewish Federation as a not so subtle reminder of why it is so critically important that we support the organization. Without a strong annual campaign and Jewish Federation, when catastrophe strikes, we would not be able to respond.

We learned this powerful lesson just a few years ago when fire ripped through our Beckerman/Lender Jewish Community Building and confronted us with an existential challenge. Because we had a strong Jewish Federation, we managed through the crisis of the fire and its aftermath, galvanized our community, and came back with a clear vision to expand programs and services to better meet the needs of our community.

By the first week in March of 2020, our integrated Jewish Federation/JCC budget was several hundred thousand dollars ahead. We had more than 18,000 people coursing through our building every month. And then life as we knew it stopped. The pandemic had arrived; our Jewish Federation, Foundation and JCC immediately shifted to a virtual world, opening programs to the community to maximize connectedness at a time of increasing isolation.

We mobilized staff and volunteers to contact the 10,000 households in our database. We were able to assist people to meet their needs or refer them for professional help from our partners at JFS. As our calls continued and stories of the vulnerable and newly vulnerable grew, we were learning of the growing challenges confronting our agencies and families. To meet those urgent human needs, the Jewish Foundation and Jewish Federation boards created the COVID-19 Maimonides

Response Fund with a \$300,000 goal. We had hoped the urgency of needs would subside as the crisis ended; unfortunately, we have not reached the end and the needs continue to rise. Fortunately, national Jewish funders and families came together to provide an opportunity to incentivize COVID-related human relief funds while preserving the primacy of the Annual Campaign. **Now until the end of December, all dollars committed to COVID relief, in addition to 2020 campaign commitments, are eligible for a 50% match up to \$90,000.**

We've set a second \$300,000 fundraising goal and already have requests in excess of that amount for food needs, mental health support and family crisis funding.

When COVID forced the building closure, we lost the majority of our revenue drivers that are generated through the JCC enterprise. We have incurred significant additional costs to make our building and campus safer, including upgrading our air filtration to MERV 13; purchasing no-touch faucets; investing in cleaning supplies and personnel; adjusting our outside air-mix ratios; installing Plexiglas barriers and new toilet seats (with lids); and more.

While we have taken extreme measures to cut costs, significantly reduced our staffing footprint, hired back staff with the help of the Paycheck Protection Program and then let go staff again, the Federation board just approved a budget for this fiscal year with a \$750,000 deficit.

Our Federation never sits idly by as things happen to us—we take action by bringing smart volunteers together with our top professionals to work on

problems. Our COVID-19 steering and subcommittees meet almost daily, and our Strategic Planning Process, chaired by Norman Ravski, are looking at the long-term future. Jewish Federation President Steve Fleischman and JCC President Jeff Sklarz formed an ad hoc committee to best understand the challenges, and create workable scenarios and financial models to find a bridge to normalcy. We know that we are capable of meeting this crisis. We did it before and we can do it again.

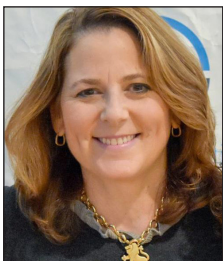
But we also understand that the fire and the pandemic differ in a few areas. With the fire, we had business interruption insurance and a known timeline. With the pandemic, there is no financial safety net; we are in a wilderness of unknowns with regard to the timeline and what consumer attitudes will be with regard to reconvening.

When we are able to gather again, will you be willing? We have reached another crossroads that will require financial help to make it through.

I am truly proud to lead this Jewish community. It has been empowering because of each of you and the many people who have stepped up to say that this is their community. They care about its survival and they will do what is necessary to ensure our continuity. What a powerful statement. What energy for the professionals who work so selflessly on behalf of us all.

COVID is throwing us another curve ball and the financial challenge is very real. But together we will continue to care for and support the Jewish community as we sustain the future.

Judy



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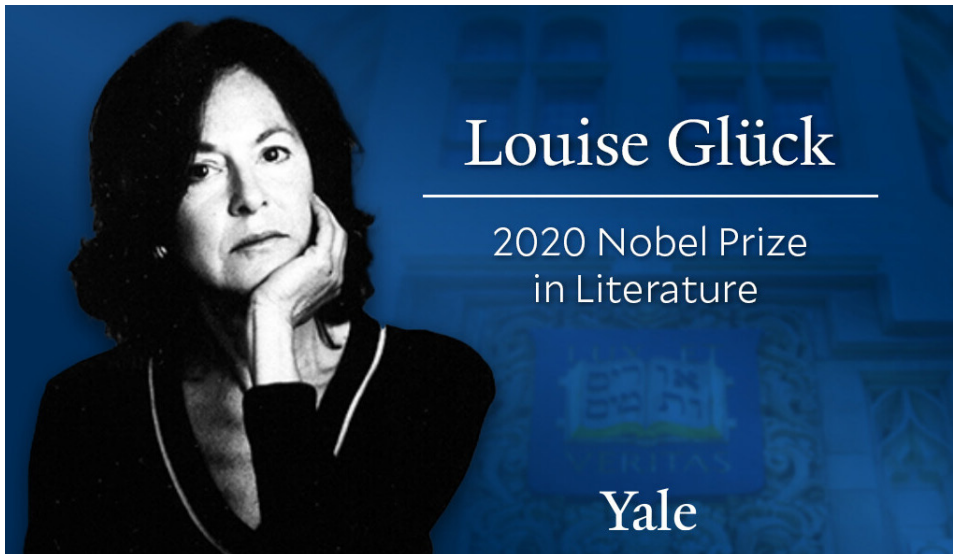
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Louise Glück awarded 2020 Nobel Prize in Literature

Yale News — New Haven, CT — Oct. 8, 2020 Louise Glück, an adjunct professor of English at Yale and renowned poet whose evocative voice has for decades shaped the literary landscape, on Oct. 8 received the 2020 Nobel Prize in



Literature, the Royal Swedish National Academy announced.

Glück, who has taught at Yale since 2004, has published 12 collections of poetry. She won the Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for her collection "The Wild Iris" and the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1985 for "The Triumph of Achilles."

She also received the 2001 Yale Bollingen Prize, the 2014 National Book Award for her poetry collection "Faithful and Virtuous Night," the 2015 Gold Medal of Poetry from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the 2016 National Humanities Medal, one of the highest honors in American culture. She was the U.S. Poet Laureate 2003-2004.

Read the full article at [Yale News \(news.yale.edu/2020/10/08/louise-gluck-awarded-2020-nobel-prize-literature\)](https://news.yale.edu/2020/10/08/louise-gluck-awarded-2020-nobel-prize-literature).

Ariel Zwang Named as Joint Distribution Committee CEO

eJewish Philanthropy — Oct. 18, 2020 — The JDC Board has approved the appointment of Ariel Zwang as the organization's new CEO. She is the first woman to hold this position in JDC's history.

Ariel comes to JDC from Safe Horizon, one of America's leading social service agencies, where she has been CEO for the past 12 years, and previously served as Executive Director of New York Cares, the city's largest volunteer organization for 7 years. She brings to JDC a track record of management, relationship cultivation, and fundraising formed over a 25-year career in the human and public service sector, including time as a White House Fellow in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In a statement, Ariel said: "Today's work – building the future of the global Jewish people, support for those in economic distress, including the elderly and Holocaust survivors, and working with Israel to provide opportunity for its vulnerable – is profoundly meaningful to me. JDC performs these miracles every day, and I am eager to work with its Board, staff, funders and partners to continue this work and position JDC for another 100 years of strength and impact."

Read more at ejewishphilanthropy.com/jdc-names-new-ceo-2. JDC is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign.



3rd District Debate The 3rd District Congressional was broadcast live from the Vine Family Auditorium at the JCC of Greater New Haven. It was presented by the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and hosted by News 8's Darren Krammer. Paul Bass of the New Haven Independent & Mary O'Leary of the New Haven Register moderated the debate and Amity League of Women's Voters oversaw the timekeeping. This event was co-sponsored by the Jewish Federations Association of Connecticut (JFACT), the JCRC of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, and the Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut.

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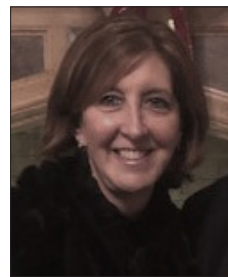


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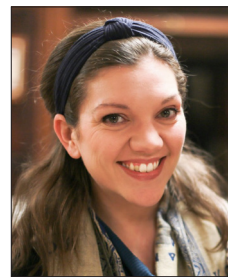
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“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made in the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”

—Nelson Mandela

I am honored and privileged to serve as the President of our Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. I am often asked why I would want to serve in this role. The short answer is that Dr. Norman Ravski and Dr. Jeffrey Hoos asked me. For those of you who don't know me, I am an obstetrician/gynecologist at Yale New Haven Hospital. I came to this community to do my training in 1996; Norman became a mentor and friend from the very start of my time here. He became a wonderful role model for community involvement. During my tenure as President of Congregation B'nai Jacob, it was Jeffrey who took me for coffee one day so I could solicit him for a donation; I walked away agreeing to chair the Jewish Foundation.

My engagement in our community is the result of witnessing so many people in our community who live to make a difference in the lives of others. So despite a pandemic and the resulting financial struggles we will face this year, I am excited to lead our Federation and help make a difference in the lives of our community.

To be successful, we will need all of your support. That does not just mean financial, although that would be helpful too! We need your engagement. Whatever that means to you, we want to support it. We have so many wonderful agencies and synagogues that do so much for our community. There are so many places for you to find a way to help, to find a way to give back, to help our community thrive. We need one another now more than ever. This pandemic may have distanced us physically, but I will do everything I can to make sure it doesn't distance us socially. We have the ability to do great things together. We won't think of everything, so we need and value your input.

Please know that you can always reach out to me at sjfleischman@gmail.com or call me (203) 494-2353. Together we can make a difference.

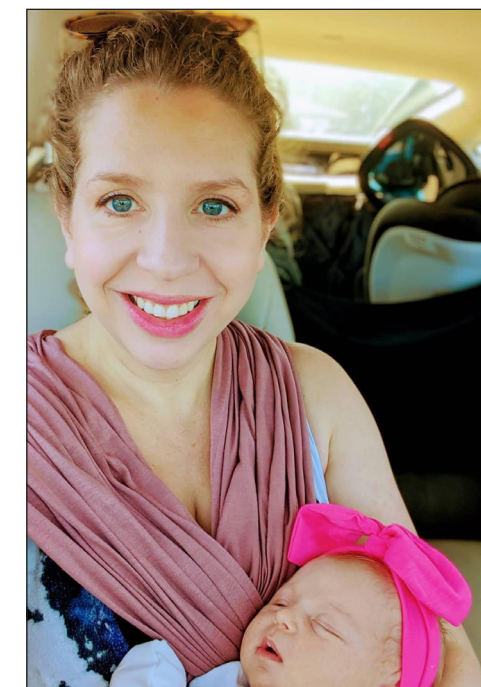
Dr. Steven Fleischman,
President, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

SAY HELLO TO SHALOM BABY: Welcoming New Babies in the Community

The name epitomizes what the program hopes to accomplish as it launches in November. “Shalom” can be translated as hello, goodbye and peace. Shalom Baby, an outreach initiative of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Women's Philanthropy, will welcome Jewish babies and their families to the Greater New Haven area's Jewish community. Through collaborations with area synagogues, vendors and agencies, Shalom Baby will offer Jewish connection and resources to families who have recently experienced the birth or adoption of a new baby.



Already regarded as a leading infant outreach program in the US, Shalom Baby is now introducing local families to the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Greater New Haven, area congregations, and other Jewish organizations.



Nicki Golos, Shalom Baby Co-Chair and her new baby, Ella May, who was born in September

Shalom Baby relies on the community to provide names of Jewish families who recently brought a child into their family. Each family receives a gift bag with helpful information, resources and welcome gifts from area synagogues, agencies and community sponsors.

Some of the items included in the bags from the program's generous sponsors are a teddy bear from Gayle and David Slossberg, a silicone bib from the Jewish Federation, a cloth bib from JSscreen, a PJ Library® Book from Sound OBGYN, Shabbat candles from Big Smiles Pediatric Dentistry & Milford Pediatrics, and more. Information is

included on how to register for a free monthly PJ Library® book (ages birth to 8 years) as a gift from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, local donors and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

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A Connecticut chapter of Balance Boxes was started this past summer by incoming high school students. At the local level here in the Greater New Haven area, Balance Box Connecticut Ambassadors Jacob Schonberger and Zoe Schulman collected donations of money and supplies to create 25 boxes. They delivered the boxes to Dr. Reginald Mayo Early Childhood School in New Haven to Hyclis Williams. The connection was made with the help of Sandy Hagan, Mara Ginsberg and Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven. Schonberger and Schulman prepared these boxes with school supplies so that the preschoolers would be equipped with some supplies for the 2020-21 school year as well as fun projects and new books. They hope to prepare more boxes. Schonberger and Schulman hope to receive more donations of gently used materials, or money to purchase snacks and meals.

For more information or to donate, contact zoschulman@gmail.com.



Zoe Schulman of Balance Boxes CT chapter delivering boxes to Hyclis Williams from Reginald Mayo School.

What I Learned During Quarantine



by Rotem Linchevski
Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Young Emissary 2017-18

Most of the people who know me know I love to travel. I love the excitement of finding new places, learning about different cultures and seeing amazing views. One of my dreams is to travel around the world, and one day—after COVID-19 is gone—I will.

For many Israelis, the holidays are an opportunity to go on a vacation and leave Israel for a while. The joke about Israel being half empty on the High Holidays is actually right in some places! Have you ever felt claustrophobic in a country? Well, since COVID-19 came into our lives, many Israelis do. Maybe it's the consequence of having such a small state.

I decided to make lemonade out of our pretty bitter lemon by starting to re-explore my own area.

It all started small; I've been so busy lately and got stuck on page 237 of the book I'm reading. So I searched for some new spots in my yard and found a beautiful place under an avocado tree. After the "huge" success of moving from my usual spot on the couch to the outdoors, I've decided to go a bit bigger.

I found new observation points just 10-15 minutes from home, supported local businesses and revisited some amazing places in Israel. I've traveled to Mitzpe Ramon and the Kineret, found new fountains in the desert, and ate the best burger in Ramat HaGolan. I have visited many of these places in the past; but now, in this new way of looking at things, they seemed even more exciting.

I'VE LEARNED TWO IMPORTANT LESSONS:

First, I took for granted my own local area and missed a bunch of beautiful places! The "been there, done that" attitude is no longer good for me. I can always find new places. I guess I needed a worldwide virus to remind me to get excited about the small and usual things.

Second, Israel is such a pretty country! I know that is probably what every Young Emissary told you for years. They weren't bluffing. The desert and the mountains, the Kineret and the Mediterranean Sea, those are all pieces of the puzzle that is my home. I remember how excited I was telling you about those places in my year in Connecticut. I promise not to take them for granted again.

So go explore your area, stay healthy and I hope to see you in Israel in the near future.

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Hillel, Secure Community Network to Enhance Security on College Campuses

Secure Community Network is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America, founded under the auspices of The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Hillel International and the Secure Community Network (SCN) launched the Hillel Safety and Security Program to provide security support, training and incident response across the Hillel movement. Through the partnership, SCN will embed a full-time Director of Safety and Security within Hillel's Schusterman International Center to address the security threat posed to Jewish students, professionals, programs and facilities on college campuses across North America and around the world.



The partnership between SCN, the official safety and security organization of the organized Jewish community of North America, and Hillel International will provide on-the-ground security support for Jewish life on campus as universities face a disturbing rise in anti-Semitic activity. It will also support Hillels as they respond to security concerns related to anti-Israel activity on campus, including boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaigns.

John D. Stemen will serve as the first Hillel Director of Safety and Security. Stemen has nearly 20 years of experience in criminal investigations and program management, with expertise in threat evaluation, dignitary protection and incident response, as well as a long history of supporting campus organizations as a lay leader with the Zeta Beta Tau Jewish fraternity. He is a former supervisory special agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and previously served with the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General and the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service. He also has experience with the University of Florida and Gainesville (Fla.) Police Departments and a J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

In this new role, Stemen will provide extensive training for Hillel professionals through individual and small group programs, online workshops, and simulations. He will provide consultation and support for Hillels facing security challenges and develop recommended minimum security standards across the Hillel movement. Stemen will also serve as a thought leader on issues of security, antisemitism and emergency preparedness in Jewish and higher education communities.

Read more at hillel.org/about/news-views.

Congratulations to NEJA Student Liya Simon

Liya Simon, a high school student at New England Jewish Academy (NEJA) and a Greater New Haven area resident, was named as a Commended Student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. She received a Letter of Commendation from NEJA and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program. The letter was presented by Principal Dr. Richard Nabel to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2021 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2021 competition.

New England Jewish Academy was formed in 2019 when the Bess and Paul Sigel Hebrew Academy of Greater Hartford and Hebrew High School of New England (HHNE) merged to form a single preschool through Grade 12 entity. The Hebrew Academy was an integral part of the area's Jewish community for more than seven decades, and its legacy has impacted many generations. HHNE was established in 1996 to fulfill the need for an Orthodox high school in this region, and became a standard of academic excellence in Judaic and general studies.

NEJA (neja.org) builds upon the strengths of each entity and creates a new school with a unified and forward-thinking curriculum, challenging academics, traditional Judaic studies, and innovative activities designed to nurture the love of learning in a thriving modern Orthodox environment.

Successful Start to a Challenging School Year

Ezra Academy successfully completed its first month of school with little illness and no cases of COVID in its community. They attribute this success to their faculty, who adhered strictly to protocols, and to the parents who ensured children were properly masked, screened before coming to school, and willingly sent home at the first sign of any illness. Ezra families use a Wellness Screening App each morning to screen their children; the teachers then scan a QR code and know children are safe to enter the building.



The school held a Virtual Open House for parents to meet their children's teachers and to hear about the coming school year. They intend to continue this method when holding parent/teacher conferences later in the year. Although they miss the whole-school tefillah, the 5-6 and 7-8 classes have read Torah together via Zoom. They enjoyed a whole-school Zoom Sukkot celebration in which each class led a part of the hallel service. A virtual whole-school Kabbalat Shabbat is being added as well.

"If we were to pick one aspect of our new routine that we enjoy most, it would definitely be outdoor classes. This will surely become a holdover that we continue to utilize when COVID is over," says Dr. Melanie Waynik, Head of School. "What we thought might be a distracting environment has turned out to be a wonderful opportunity and these days, we are all looking for those silver linings!"

Both students and teachers are adjusting to Ezra Academy's new routines and requirements. The classes are running smoothly. The students are acting as though they have always had desks six feet apart; their own entrances to the building; outdoor classes; and plexiglass shields for short-term, small-group collaboration.

"Our students have definitely shown us their resilience and flexibility, both qualities we seek to instill in Ezra students, even in non-pandemic times!" says Jessica Khazak, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Enrollment.

For more information about Ezra Academy, visit ezraacademyct.org.

SCSU's Hillel Chapter Going Strong

Hillel at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) is doing quite well in spite of the pandemic—and perhaps because of it! Their well-attended Passover Seder on Zoom began the momentum for what followed. Students were interested in a weekly Shabbat service, a Torah study and also beginner Hebrew classes. All three were offered; classes met starting in May and are continuing to this day. More students continue to join the initial core group of five students.

Once SCSU classes began in person in September, the Hillel chapter began having a hybrid Shabbat, both in-person and online for those who were not physically on campus. They meet outdoors in a beautiful space in the Remembrance Garden. On most nights, there were 10-15 students (in-person and online). They celebrated Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and even had a nice break-fast meal outdoors. Their most recent project was building a pop-up sukkah. The chapter has also started a book club and a Prayerbook Hebrew class.

Of note, most of the students they are attracting are new to their Judaism, and looking to learn and deepen their connection.

"We are lucky to have an amazing group of student leaders who have been relentless in putting Hillel on the map at Southern," says Rabbi Barbara Paris. "For a rabbi, it has been a dream come true finding students who want to learn and grow and explore their Judaism together."

Find out more about Hillel at Southern Connecticut State University at owlconnect.southernct.edu/organization/Hillel.





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Excited Students Return to Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy

Shouts of joy and squeals of laughter could be heard through the halls of Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy (SCHA) as students returned in September to in-person learning for the first time since mid-March. Face masks, temperature checks, hand sanitizers and social distancing could not dampen the enthusiasm as administrators, teachers and students reunited after a long, tedious separation.

The children were excited to greet old friends and meet new ones. They were introduced to the staff members, teachers and counselors who will institute new, exciting extracurricular programs that have been planned for implementation throughout the school year.

In addition, SCHA's administration reviewed the COVID-19-related guidelines and policies established by their medical board in conjunction with Dr. Amir Mohammad, Town of Orange's health director. Social distancing, masks, desk-mounted plexiglass, HEPA filters and new outside classrooms are some of the newly introduced equipment and



set-ups for this year. SCHA has begun a student-advisor and mentoring program for their middle school students. Levi Alperowitz will oversee the Chidon Mitzvos, a worldwide mitzvah study program of Maimonides Compilation of the 613 mitzvos, as well as the Tzivos Hashem Children's Club throughout the school.

Rivka Miriam Brackman will call upon her many years of experience as a youth director for pre-teens to help initiate various enrichment programs for the girls. Theresa Pearce will direct the hands-on science enrichment for students in grades 3-8. She will also work with students who chose to enter the Connecticut Science Fair competition in the spring of 2021.

SCHA looks forward to a successful year of exceptional educational and social growth of their students in a secure and healthy environment.

Learn more about Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy at schacademy.org.

FITNESS & WELLNESS AT THE J

Are Diets Dead?

by Susan Donovan
Director of Fitness & Wellness Services,
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Time and time again, we search for that ideal diet, that magic formula guaranteed to bring us to our perfect weight. And, time and time again, we succeed, only to eventually fail. Not only do we usually gain back whatever weight loss has been achieved, but this “yo-yo” cycle eventually affects our metabolism. When you lose by drastically cutting calories, it comes from fat, water and muscle tissue. When you gain it back, those calories get stored as body fat. Since muscle tissue is metabolically active and fat is not, this will eventually affect the rate your body burns calories—plus the psychological effects it has on your confidence and willpower!

So, as we approach the end of 2020, ask yourself this: is it time to get real about your wellness goals and wake up to the fact that following a regimen of temporary deprivation to achieve a health or aesthetic goal is not the answer? If healthy eating is for life, shouldn't building lifelong habits be the focus?



SO WHAT DO WE DO INSTEAD?

1. Shift your focus on what you want to gain instead of what you want to lose. Let go of determining success being measured by the bathroom scale. Instead, look at what will you gain: physical and mental health, more energy, stronger immune system, and feeling better in mind and body, to name a few.

2. Define your “why.” Target a deeper motivation as to why you want to lose weight in the first place; let this steer you in your behavior change.

3. Set small steps and realistic goals as you work toward self-improvement. Focus on one new habit at a time, such as tuning into your true hunger and satiety signals, choosing nutrition over empty calories, and replacing negative self-talk with kind and positive thoughts.

Close the year of 2020 with a commitment to get real and stop kidding yourself. Get off the dieting “merry-go-round” and commit to a healthier mind, body and spirit. Let your attitude be one of self-care, body acceptance, and lifestyle changes for a healthier and stronger body. Think of exercise as activity for your body; after all our bodies were designed to move!

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Supporting Refugees Through Uncertain Times

by Jean Silk
JCARR Coordinator

The Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement (JCARR) was formed in 2015 as a partnership between Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, Congregation B'nai Jacob, Congregation Mishkan Israel, Congregation Or Shalom, Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven to further immigration work the congregations had separately engaged in since the 1980s. JCARR's vision for refugee resettlement is intricately connected to our historic Jewish tradition of welcoming the strangers among us, and of tikkun olam (repairing the world).

JCARR has successfully resettled four refugee families from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria and Iraq. They are currently assisting with support for an asylum-seeking family from Angola as a co-sponsor with Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS), the main refugee agency in Connecticut.

JCARR recently received two grants to support refugee families—one from the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation's COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund and the other from the Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus Foundation.

The Kraus Immigration Justice Mini-Grant of \$5,000 is an initiative of the Reform Movement's Religious Action Center, which was formed in 1961, "to educate,



JCARR Family #2. Picture taken in 2018

inspire and mobilize the Reform Jewish Movement to advocate for social justice." The Kraus grants this year are being given "to support and to encourage our congregations' essential work with immigrant children and young people during the pandemic."

The COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund was established by the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven to address critical human needs arising from the pandemic in our community, especially food insecurity, housing and mental health needs.

According to JCARR Coordinator Jean Silk, some of the families had become self-sufficient when the pandemic hit, throwing them off to a downward spiral. The grants from the COVID-19 / Maimonides Response Fund and the URJ are helping the families with rent payments, car repairs, food and educational needs.

The funds from the Kraus Foundation have helped the families upgrade internet speed in each household so that the children can better participate in remote learning. They have created a "lending library" of print and electronic educational materials that are age-appropriate and proficiency-appropriate for children who are English learners. Training has been provided to the parents and ongoing tutoring for the children to make use of these materials, some of which will be gifted permanently to the families. In addition, a small portion of the funds has been used to cover emergency expenses to allow families to continue to create a stable home environment for their children during the pandemic.

JCARR has committed to matching the family assistance funds for the grant. If you would like to make a donation to support this or JCARR's ongoing work with immigrant and refugee families, you can send checks, payable to The Jewish Federation with JCARR in the memo line, to: The Jewish Federation, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, 06525; Attention: Amy Holtz.



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Just the spelling, whether it is Chanukah (our version), Hanukkah or Chanuka, exemplifies how varied are the ways we can celebrate this wintertime holiday. Parents and grandparents have multiple resources at their fingertips to help make this not-so-typical Chanukah holiday still feel special. PJ Library offers different ideas in the “Hanukkah Hub” found at pjlibrary.org/hanukkah.

AUDIO
The Hanukkah Story For Kids (podbean.com/ew/pb-fkizy-cbaf2a) is a part of the PJ Library production *Have I Got a Story For You*. In addition to listening to a story version about Chanukah and the Maccabees, families will also discover a short Chanukah blessings guide in Hebrew and English.

TASTE
Surprise your little ones with a special treat with these Star of David chocolate-covered pretzels in their lunchbox. What a creative way to celebrate the holiday!



STAR OF DAVID PRETZELS

(Makes 10)
INGREDIENTS:
1 cup non-dairy chocolate, melted
60 gluten-free pretzel sticks
Sprinkles

INSTRUCTIONS:
You will need six pretzel sticks per star. Dip each pretzel stick into the melted chocolate. Assemble together on a piece of wax paper and coat with sprinkles.
Allow to set until hardened. You can place in the freezer to expedite this process.

Source: [Fork and Beans \(forkandbeans.com/2015/12/05/hanukkah-recipes-for-kids\)](http://forkandbeans.com/2015/12/05/hanukkah-recipes-for-kids)

VISUAL
Although we are not having large family gatherings this holiday, we can still connect with others in the community...or even invite family and friends to drive by to see your glowing pathway.



GLOWING OUTDOOR PATHWAY

MATERIALS:
Old newspaper
Rocks
Glow-in-the-dark spray paint
Optional: Glow-in-the-dark puff paint, stickers, glitter

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Take a walk and collect some rocks. Scrape off dirt before starting. Tip: Too cold to be outside? Grab a bag of “river rocks” from your local craft or hardware store.
2. Cover workspace with newspaper pages. Coat rocks with spray paint—three times each, with at least 15 minutes between coats.
3. When dry, add glow-in-the-dark puff paint, stickers, or glitter to decorate.
4. Place under direct light to “charge.”
5. Make an indoor pathway to your Hanukkah menorah or an outdoor lane for visiting friends and family. Make sure to turn out other lights for a real treat!

Source: pjlibrary.org/getmedia/a626993a-1ec0-4ada-8480-b9fc669e1bea/Hanukkah-Gowing-Pathway.pdf



KINESTHETIC
You can make a clay menorah just like Sadie does in the story, Sadie’s Almost Marvelous Menorah (pjlibrary.org/books/sadie-s-almost-marvelous-menorah/if279). Craft-stick candles result in a safe, flame-free menorah project. Just be careful not to drop it!

HOW TO MAKE A CLAY CRAFT-STICK MENORAH

SUPPLIES
Air-dry clay
Small bowl of water
9 craft sticks
Acrylic paints

DIRECTIONS
1. Cover your work surface with a plastic tablecloth.
2. Shape the clay however you like. Use water to smooth out cracks and help bind pieces of clay together.
3. Use a craft stick to create holes for the “candles.”
4. Put the shamash on a slightly higher piece of the menorah.
5. Paint the craft sticks to look like colorful candles with yellow flames at the top.
6. When your menorah has dried, you can paint it, too.
7. Add another “candle” to your menorah on each night of the holiday. Don’t forget the shamash!

Source: pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/november-2019/how-to-make-a-clay-craft-stick-menorah



BOOKS FOR THE LITTLE ONES
HANUKKAH BABY
Written by Amy Pixton,
Illustrated by Ekaterina Trukhan
Ages: 6 Months to 2 Years

Babies love the Indestructible board books—and so do parents. This offering in the series introduces the littlest readers to all the sights and sounds of a classic Hanukkah gathering.
pjlibrary.org/books/indestructibles-hanukkah-baby/if01086

ANTLERS WITH CANDLES
Written by Chris Barash,
Illustrated by Melissa Iwai
Ages: 3 to 4 Years

Even if children are too young to understand the history, everything looks new when seen from a child’s perspective, including menorahs, dreidels and latkes. But family togetherness is something everyone understands.

pjlibrary.org/books/antlers-with-candles/if00633

THE EIGHT KNIGHTS OF HANUKKAH
Written by Leslie Kimmelman,
Illustrated by Galia Bernstein
Ages: 5 to 6 Years

The whole kingdom has gathered to celebrate Hanukkah—but a dastardly dragon keeps interrupting the festivities. Can the Eight Knights of Hanukkah set things right?

pjlibrary.org/books/eight-knights-of-hanukkah/if01097

NINTH NIGHT OF HANUKKAH
Written by Erica Perl, I
Illustrated by Shahr Kober
Ages: 6 to 7 Years

Max and Rachel have just moved—and they’re looking forward to celebrating Hanukkah, but the box with their menorah is still in transit. For all eight nights of Hanukkah, they have to figure out other ways to make the holiday special.

pjlibrary.org/books/ninth-night-of-hanukkah/if01098

Learn more about the many books PJ Library has offered at pjlibrary.org/books-and-music. Sign up your family to receive the gift of free books at pjlibrary.org/enroll-in-a-community.

Participate in a PJ Library Survey!

We to want continue offering meaningful programming to help keep you connected. We need to know what YOU want to do.

Please take a moment to participate at surveymonkey.com/r/95W3VNN.

We will also feature a different family each month in the PJ e-Newsletter and the PJ Facebook page to get to know each other better. Email Kayla Bisbee, Family Outreach Coordinator, at kbisbee@jewishnewhaven.org for more info.

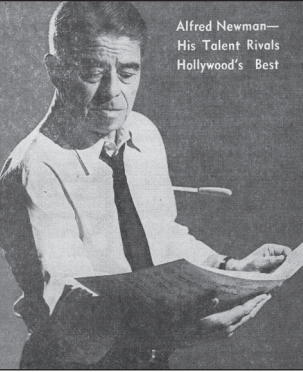
New Haven’s Musical Newman Brothers

The Jewish Historical Society (JHS) spotlights a New Haven family that has contributed so much to music in Hollywood films. The article is based on information from JHS archives.

The Newman brothers—Alfred, Lionel and Emil—helped to create American movies. From 1930 through the early 1970s, they were composers, conductors and musical directors for hundreds of Hollywood films.

The Newman brothers were born and raised in New Haven, and studied piano and music there. Their parents emigrated from Russia and changed their name from Nemorofsky.

Alfred, the oldest brother, was born in New Haven in 1900 and was a local New Haven piano prodigy. The composer and conductor Ignacy Paderewski became his patron. Paderewski arranged for music lessons and a recital in New York City for Alfred. Alfred began to compose, arrange and conduct for the movies in 1930. His first complete score was Samuel Goldwyn’s *Street Scene* in 1931. Among his more than 200 films are *Gunga Din*, *Wuthering Heights*, *How Green Was My Valley*, *Ten O’Clock High*, *All About Eve*, *The King and I*, and *Diary of Anne Frank*. His last movie was *Airport* in 1970. He received 45 Oscar nominations and nine Oscars for either his scores or his musical direction. No musician up to Alfred’s death in 1970 won as many Oscars.



Alfred Newman—His Talent Rivals Hollywood’s Best

Alfred spent 20 years in the 1940s and 1950s as the musical director for 20th Century Fox.

Alfred’s brother Lionel succeeded him as musical director at Fox. Lionel, like Alfred, conducted, scored or arranged music for more than 200 films. Among them are *How*

to Marry a Millionaire; Elvis Presley’s first film, *Love Me Tender*; and *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*. Marilyn Monroe requested him to work on the music of most of her films at Fox. Lionel also wrote music for TV, including the theme songs for popular shows like *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis* and *Daniel Boone*. He was nominated for eleven Oscars and one won for *Hello Dolly*!

The third brother, Emil, is less known, but was successful in Hollywood first as a musical director and then as a composer and conductor. He contributed to close to 200 films, many of the them B films. He was nominated for an Oscar for musical direction in the 1941 for *Sun Valley Serenade*.

Many of the brothers’ children, nieces and nephews continued in music and film. Perhaps the most well-known is their nephew, Randy Newman.

The Jewish Historical Society is dedicated to collecting and preserving historical documents, photographs and memorabilia of the Jewish community of Greater New Haven. Find out more at jewishhistorynh.org.

Awards		
Academy Awards(Oscars)		
1968	Best Music, Scoring of Music, Adaptation or Treatment	<i>Camelot</i> (1967)
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1956	Best Music, Scoring of a Dramatic or Comedy Picture	<i>Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing</i> (1955)
1954	Best Music, Scoring of a Musical Picture	<i>Call Me Madam</i> (1953)
1953	Best Music, Scoring of a Musical Picture	<i>With a Song in My Heart</i> (1952)
1948	Best Music, Scoring of a Musical Picture	<i>Mother Wore Tights</i> (1947)
1944	Best Music, Scoring of a Dramatic or Comedy Picture	<i>The Song of Bernadette</i> (1943)
1941	Best Music, Score	<i>Tin Pan Alley</i> (1940)
1939	Best Music, Scoring	<i>Alexander's Ragtime Band</i> (1938)
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HONORABLE MENSCHEN: Dr. Stephanie Green



Shalom New Haven is honored to recognize the contributions of Dr. Stephanie Green in our latest Honorable Menschen. A Woodbridge resident, she was a staff physician for the New Haven Department of Health for 18 years before becoming an instructor at Yale University School of Medicine’s Department of Internal Medicine last year. We are pleased to shine a spotlight on Dr. Green’s many years of volunteer work for the Greater New Haven Jewish community. She has been on the Ezra Academy Board of Directors since 2004; chaired and/or served on the PTO, development, nominating, trustees/governance committee and golf committees; co-chaired the Ezra Academy Gala and Auction for 11 years; and so much more. At Congregation B’nai Jacob, she served on the board

of directors (2003-2012), including on the executive board as vice president, and on the nominating committee. In addition to being on the board of directors for the JCC for years, Dr. Green is currently serving on the Jewish Federation Board of Directors as well as on the nominating and strategic planning committees, and the women’s philanthropy and campaign cabinets. This year, she has also utilized her medical background to serve as COVID-specific committees for the Jewish Federation/JCC, Ezra Academy and Congregation B’nai Jacob.

YOU HAVE BROUGHT SO MUCH TO THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY AS A VOLUNTEER.

Growing up Presbyterian and with my dad in the business world, we moved almost every year; I was always in new communities. I began to explore Judaism when my husband and I moved to NY and got engaged. My love for Judaism continued to grow. We moved here in 1998 and I started exploring it locally. Because I moved so many times, I sought stability here.

Judy Cooper was my realtor and an inspiration; she was involved in so many things in the Jewish community and introduced us to the local JCC, Ezra Academy and B’nai Jacob. All four of our kids went to the JCC preschool and Ezra Academy. We joined B’nai Jacob. I wanted to be involved since they were in these places. I was on the JCC board for several years and more years for B’nai Jacob. I joined the Ezra board and I am still on it after 20 years! This is also my second year on the Federation board. It has enabled me to have the privilege of getting to know the institutions from the inside. It is so fulfilling to get to know these great people working to further the community. I admire the work of so many individuals working toward a common goal. I am trying to do my part keeping it vibrant. We all share the same enthusiasm and commitment to the community even though we serve different ways in the community. As you give, you get so much more back.

I like to work in the background and be one of the quiet contributors. As a community, we are all working together.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE EVENTS OR CHANGES THAT STAND OUT FOR YOU?

Going back in time, on 9/11, we had to figure out how to best tell the kids at Ezra Academy. It was decided at the time that the parents choose what to tell the kids. We brought in a psychologist to teach the teachers how to talk to the kids. With increased anti-Semitism these days, our administration has worked closely with the ADL and the local police as well as received grants to increase security of the building.

With Ezra, so much is driven by volunteer lay leaders working together to hold the golf classic, galas, PTO breakfast and other events. When something needs to be done, they call on the parents.

More recently, as the change in the number of students diminished over the year, we needed to also be fiscally responsible moving forward. We cohorted the kindergarten and preschool students as well as have multi-age learning and integrated lessons. This is very well-suited in these COVID-19 times as we can adapt it easier now. We have picked up more kids this year!

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SHALOM BABY is an effort to build the next generation of community in the Greater New Haven area by establishing new connections with young families, and providing them with information about Jewish resources, programming, synagogues, and services. We are

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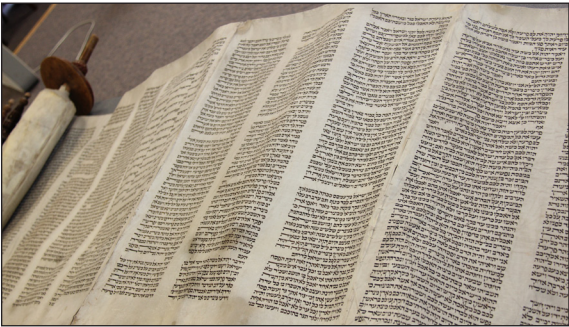
Restoring the Holocaust Memorial Scroll #1178



In 2019, a Torah scribe visited Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven to inspect their Torah scrolls, provide minor repairs, and teach their students and teachers about the scribal art. In the process of his visit, Temple Emanuel discovered that while Holocaust Memorial Scroll #1178 was badly damaged, it was not beyond repair. The synagogue's first-ever Torah scroll has been part of every bar and bat mitzvah at the synagogue from 1967 until 2007. It would take time and money, but they could reclaim this Torah scroll to continue to serve the community and share the words of Torah.

Over the last year, the Temple Emanuel community engaged in the sacred task of repairing and restoring the scroll in order to reclaim Temple Emanuel traditions and to renew their commitment to keeping the memory of the Jews of Horazdovice alive.

“As we restored this sacred scroll together, we made every effort to not just honor its long and, at times, painful history, but to also remember the joy of the community that wrote it and our community that used it over the last 50 years,” says Rabbi Michael Farbman. “Our seventh graders—inspired and supported by the Barbara Rosenthal Memorial Fund created by the Weber family—researched the Jewish



community of Horazdovice's history. They presented their findings to the community. Dozens of Temple Emanuel families had a chance to repair a letter in the Torah (with the help of a scribe). Sadly, the pandemic prevented many more families from participating in this great mitzvah in person. The siyum, or restoration process completion, had to take place on Zoom. But this Rosh Hashanah, our beloved scroll was back in the ark!”

It took the generosity and vision of Temple Emanuel's community to make this project happen in addition to a dedicated volunteer group. In celebration of this special moment, a new set of Torah mantles was commissioned to Jeanette Kuvin Oren.

Learn more at tegnh.org.



Discussing Facebook's Removal of Holocaust Denial Content

Jewish Agency for Israel Chairman Isaac Herzog and Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg discussed...Facebook's latest announcement on removing Holocaust denial content...Facebook's latest announcement on removing Holocaust denial content.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has long defended Holocaust denial as misinformed but allowed, per freedom of expression, garnering much condemnation from antisemitism watchdogs and Jewish organizations...[In October,] Zuckerberg publicized his change of view and thus Facebook policy.

“I've struggled with the tension between standing for free expression and the harm caused by minimizing or denying the horror of the Holocaust,” Zuckerberg wrote in a Facebook post. “My own thinking has evolved as I've seen data showing an increase in anti-Semitic violence, as have our wider policies on hate speech.”

Herzog welcomed the move, which he described as “one of the most influential for a long time” and “very significant in teaching the history and lessons of the Holocaust and fighting its denial.” ...

In response to Facebook's decision on Holocaust denial, Sandberg said it was important to remove hate speech, but no less important to educate the public by directing users to reliable sources of information. Herzog offered, on behalf of his global organization, cooperation in further efforts to ban antisemitism. The two concluded to enhance collaboration on this issue and continue their conversation soon.

Read the full response at jewishagency.org/herzog-facebook-coo-discuss-removal-of-holocaust-denial-content/.

A ‘Reverse Tashlich’ for Rosh Hashanah:

BEKI Kids Take Something Out of the River Rather Than Throwing Something In

The ritual of tashlich on Rosh Hashanah usually involves throwing something into a river, such as breadcrumbs, to represent sins we want to avoid in the new year.

This year, to prepare for Rosh Hashanah, kids at BEKI did the opposite. On September 13, middle schoolers from the Kadima youth group, as well as younger children, cleaned the West River at West Rock Park. They spread out along the banks to pick up as much garbage as possible.



The group, outfitted with gloves and masks, picked up garbage with long grabber tongs, which were reportedly pretty fun to operate. Some kids also tried dangling a long magnet on a rope into the river itself, hoping to pick up garbage made of metal. As it turned out, however, the metal detector didn't detect much.

The young cleaning crew was careful to separate materials that could be recycled from those which needed to be thrown away. They left the banks of the West River notably cleaner and more inviting.

BEKI Kadima and friends celebrated all this good hard work with a socially distanced snack of apples and honey-flavored candies. Finally, magician and BEKI parent C.J. May, also known as Cyril the Sorcerer, gave a mesmerizing performance with themes of water and environmental sustainability.

BEKI offers a range of programs for children, including the Kadima youth group for middle schoolers. For more information, contact Youth and Family Programming Director Annie Norman-Schiff at anormanschiff@beki.org.



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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.

Note, in 2020 where there is no RMD (Required Minimum Distribution), there may not be an income-tax advantage to using the IRA Charitable Rollover. In addition, 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;
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- have a secondary smaller IRA you do not need; and/or
- wish to reduce your IRA and remove some of those assets 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. 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 \$50,000. For a \$1,500,000 IRA, the sons will need to withdraw it within 10 years and pay about \$500,000 in taxes.

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.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RETIREMENT PLAN GIFTS TO CHARITY DURING LIFETIME VS. IN DONOR'S ESTATE PLAN

DURING LIFETIME	IN ESTATE PLAN
IRA Only (Not from 401K/403B)*	IRA/401K/403B okay
Maximum \$100,000 per year	No maximum
Any US-based public charity (but not to donor-advised fund)	Any US-based public charity (including donor-advised fund)
Not subject to income tax	Not subject to income or estate tax
Accomplished via rollover/distribution from IRA directly to charity	Accomplished by naming charity as designated beneficiary for all or part of the retirement plan
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.

Please consult your professional advisor concerning your tax plans.

For more information, visit newhavenjewishfoundation.org/retirement-plans-and-charitable-giving.

Jewish Family Service Steps Up in Many Ways



FOOD4KIDS NEW HAVEN MARKS 8TH YEAR OF PROVIDING FOOD

Pandemic or not, the start of the academic year in September 2020 signaled the eighth year for the Food4Kids New Haven Program.

Started back in 2012 as a joint endeavor between Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFS), Food4Kids's goal is to provide food items to food-insecure children. In Connecticut, this is estimated to be one in every five children. Now with children in New Haven

learning remotely due to the pandemic, there is increased stress on parents to provide food and snacks for their children in the home setting in place of the meals they would have received in school.

Prior to the pandemic, the bags were packed by Food4kids volunteers at the Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven Food Pantry. However, with the Pantry not being available to large groups of volunteers due to social distancing protocols, bags are currently packed off-site and distributed to children from East Rock Community Magnet School, Dr. Reginald Mayo Early Childhood School and Clinton Avenue School in New Haven each Friday. The bags contain kid-friendly foods that can be easily opened and are ready to eat, such as shelf-stable milk, cereal,

pasta or soup, sunflower butter, dried fruit, nut-free granola bars, crackers, and fruit cups or applesauce.

"When schools closed in March due to the pandemic, we quickly worked to find an alternate location to deliver the food so the children would not miss out," commented Debra Epstein, Chairperson of the Food4Kids New Haven Program. "Though the means of packing have changed, we are still accomplishing our goal of getting food into the hands of children—most of whom are from low-income households and are chronically hungry."

To keep up to date on this program, visit jfsnh.org or follow the Food4Kids New Haven's Facebook page.

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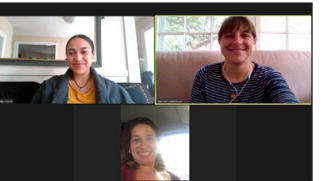
Did you know that a post-adoption service for families is one of JFS' specialties? The organization has a long history helping adoptive families, and has experience in helping them cope with many adoption-related issues. JFS professionals offer families a real understanding of what adoptive parents and their children are struggling with. They will work with children between the ages of 1 to 18 who have been adopted internationally, domestically or through DCF.

Families who are interested should contact Hannah Leiterman at (203) 389-5599 x114.

UNEMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP SERIES

Are you feeling unmotivated or overwhelmed regarding your search for employment? Join Rachel Scolnic, LMSW, and Hannah Leiterman, LCSW, from JFS for a workshop series on unemployment, job searches, stress management and other timely topics.

Follow JFS on Facebook at facebook.com/jfsgnh or visit their website calendar at jfsnh.org for additional dates and topics.



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Remembering and Being Empowered by JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

by Ariana Fine
Editor, Shalom New Haven

The ripple effect that Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Supreme Court opinions and rulings, personal convictions, and relationships had on those around her and across the US has been profound. She had a true awareness of how the law and legal decisions affected real women, including those with Greater New Haven community ties.

“I clerked for Justice Ginsburg in the 2003 term. She was a role model for me in law and in life,” says Abbe R. Gluck, a law professor and faculty director of the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School. “She taught me how to write, how to advocate and how to stand by my work. She taught me how to be a teacher, a spouse, a mother, a mentor and a friend. She worked harder than anyone I have ever met. She was a proud Jewish American woman, often invoking a Deuteronomy phrase as a guiding force in her life: ‘tzedek, tzedek tirdof’ (‘justice, justice shall you pursue’). She was already famous when I clerked for her. But that she later became a feminist icon in her octogenarian years for millions of little girls around the world is nothing short of extraordinary.”

Hamden resident Laura Wexler, a professor of American studies and women’s, gender and sexuality studies at Yale University, recalls her educational and career decisions as she grew up. When trying to decide on pursuing a Ph.D. in English or a law degree, her father, a Harvard-trained Assistant Attorney General for Massachusetts, told her about the horrible working atmosphere for women at the time, who were derisively called “lady lawyers.”

“After my father died, my mother said he always wondered why I didn’t go to law school,” states Laura. “That question was a shock for me. He must have forgotten that he himself had told me at the time that the situation for female lawyers was so appalling. The stats on women who went to law school and stopped working in the industry were high, including two of my cousins.” Justice Ginsburg helped change that, she says, both in the legal world and transcending to other professions and areas of life. Laura notes that it seemed to help change her father’s opinions as well. That is one of the differences between her generation and that of her daughter, Rebecca Wexler, a lawyer, assistant professor



“Justice Ginsburg led by living by her beliefs and fearlessly voicing them, and she fought tirelessly for the things she cared about. She did so in a way that led others to join her. She once said that, “women belong in all places where decisions are made.” As a female partner at a large law firm, often surrounded by mostly men, it is her example that inspires me professionally to not only be the best lawyer I can be, but to stand up and let my voice be heard, and work so that other women’s voices can be heard.” ***–Alison Stein, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP***



of law at UC Berkeley School of Law and Greater New Haven native.

“Justice Ginsburg would want to be remembered for her work. The feminist icon she became and the work she did in the 1970s has paved the path for equality. She did it so successfully,” says Gluck. She notes Justice Ginsburg’s tactics were interesting in that she notably selected cases in which men and women were in atypical roles at the time, such as men being stay-at-home fathers or women in the military. By choosing this avenue, the law could then be broadened to include less common situations.

Rebecca also admires her legal advocacy strategy. Justice Ginsburg started women’s right litigation strategy by bringing cases with male plaintiffs to build on the most compelling, most familiar narrative of the time. “If you want to work for justice in society, you need to work for change and push against a status quo that is unjust. Law has a reputation for being conservative. We learned from Justice Ginsburg that by making an argument for a status quo that is just, you gain the authority of having tradition and continuity, and put your opponent on the path of seeking transition.”

“It was no accident that many of her famous cases had men in stereotypically women’s roles seeking the same benefits a woman would receive under the circumstances,” Gluck agrees. “One of her favorite cases, Weinberger v. Weisenfeld, involved a man who wanted to stay at home and care for his children after his wife passed. For the next 45 years, she extended that vision

of equality into every aspect of American life, from workplace, to education, to criminal procedure. And she lived it. She lived a life with Martin Ginsburg, a husband who was as devoted to his profession and their family. That partnership enabled them to live fulfilled lives as parents and lawyers at the highest level.”

From a Jewish perspective, Justice Ginsburg’s Jewish identity was also a core part of who she was. And she saw dissent as a Jewish value, Gluck remembers. All three women speak about the power of her writing and, particularly, the powerful phrases she used, from the time she was in high school onward. As Laura recalls, Justice Ginsburg pointed out that she had the right to use the language before she had all the rights that women have now.

“I hope my students will see the opportunity that legal claims and rules can help them achieve their goals, whether they are criminal, legal reform or serving their clients,” says Rebecca. “Legal arguments in their ideal form should be available to everyone. The courts and the law are supposed to belong to the people. The horrible legal culture that Ginsburg experienced tried to push people away from using law to make their own arguments. My hope is that my students will not get too bogged down in the boring mundane details of getting a law degree but see how RBG and others like her moved forward.”

Gluck was particularly touched when viewing Justice Ginsburg’s funeral as she saw how she continues to inspire. “It was overwhelming to see the number of fathers who came to pay their respects with their daughters—girls of every ethnicity—and teenage girls who were influenced by her.”

“I do think that it makes a real difference to have a role model that we can strive to emulate in Justice Ginsburg. When I think about her career, devotion to justice, raising up people who have been oppressed, I am energized to continue speaking,” state Rebecca. “If there weren’t figures like her showing us how the ambitions and accomplishments are possible, it would hard for us to do the work of imagining; she has done so much work of imagining what is possible for us.”

CAMP IS BACK: Camp Laurelwood Looks Forward to Summer 2021

by Rabbi James Greene
Executive Director, Camp Laurelwood

Summer camp is unique because it is one of those businesses where flexibility, creativity and planning are foundational parts of the success equation. At Camp Laurelwood, the staff and lay leadership are using 83 years of experience and creativity as we plan for the summer of 2021.

Health and safety will continue to be a top priority as camp reopens in 2021 after its first canceled summer since opening in 1937. Camp will be more important than ever this year. It will create an opportunity to reconnect with friends, build new relationships, and avoid Zoom and screen fatigue. With many communities in a hybrid school schedule, a return to the simple experiences of camp will be critical for the social and emotional development of campers. I have watched my own two daughters gain confidence, grow into young leaders, and nurture their Jewish identities as part of the Laurelwood community.

Families should plan for overnight camps in 2021, and should give Laurelwood strong consideration. Our staff is dedicated and caring, and the depth of relationships

at Laurelwood run through generations of campers and alumni in Connecticut. Our values-driven, welcoming environment means we have campers from around the state and across the Jewish identity spectrum.

Families also expect a great experience at camp. As a nature guide and avid homesteader, I am especially excited about the outdoor enhancements coming this year. In addition to our counselors and specialists, camp also has an array of facilities and programs. Set on over 140 wooded acres near the coastline, Laurelwood is expanding its nature programming to include new nature trails, a larger garden area and a chicken coop, giving campers first-hand experience with raising animals and growing their own food. We will continue to evaluate and improve camp facilities and program offerings to ensure campers have the best possible experiences.

We are excited and optimistic as we look ahead to next year. Camp Laurelwood has supported Jewish families in Connecticut since 1937; we will continue to do that for decades to come. I hope that families will join us through our year-round programs around the state, and next summer at our home in Madison.



For more information about Camp Laurelwood, or to schedule a complimentary in-person or virtual tour of Camp, call (203) 421-3736. Reach out to connect with a camp alumni or current camp family to hear firsthand about their Laurelwood experience.

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Nov. 9	8 PM	Esther Safran Foer
Nov. 10	1 PM	Rachel Beanland
Nov. 10	8 PM	Dale Berra
Nov. 11	3 PM	John Grisham
Nov. 11	8 PM	Cameron Douglas
Nov. 12	8 PM	Jim McCloskey
Nov. 14	8 PM	Lawrence Wright
Nov. 16	8 PM	Ariel Sabar
Nov. 20	2 PM	Mimi Lemay
Nov. 21	8 PM	Rachel Bloom
Nov. 22	1 PM	Melissa Clark
Dec. 2	1:30 PM	Ina Garten



‘It is Better to Light a Candle than Curse the Darkness’

by Yelena Gerovich
New American Acculturation Program Coordinator

The days are getting shorter, the temperatures milder, and the colorful leaves are falling from deciduous trees. Autumn is showing us the full richness of its colors. We continue to celebrate Jewish holidays and enjoy the warm weather before the winter. This year, Chanukah and the Human Rights Day start on the same day.



On December 10th, 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The milestone document proclaimed the inalienable rights that everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world. We remember about the tremendous impact done by Eleanor Roosevelt to help millions of people around the world. With her proven dedication to global peace, Eleanor Roosevelt accepted the appointment by President Harry Truman to serve as the only woman among the five American delegates to the newly created United Nations in December of 1945. She was in attendance at the historic first meeting of the institution in London in January 1946.

Eleanor Roosevelt became an unrelenting advocate for millions of oppressed and tyrannized peoples. She advocated the creation of Israel as a Jewish homeland, and reminded the free world of the oppressions suffered by those who lived under repressive communist and socialist rule.

The New American Acculturation Program continues educational programs and holiday celebrations virtually. They celebrated Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot, and had interesting book and movie discussions. The Russian-speaking community is grateful to people like Eleanor Roosevelt who fought for human rights. We are also grateful to those people who helped us escape from the former Soviet Union, and to our community for being supportive in difficult times. We can now light Hanukkah candles openly, without fear of being arrested. It was Eleanor Roosevelt who said, “It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness.”

Let’s light our Chanukah candles and remember all the amazing people who make our life better. Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness you are able to give. It is another inspiring quote from Eleanor Roosevelt. Technology has allowed us to organize meetings, programs and holiday celebrations with people who would not have been able to attend in person. People from other states and countries joined our programs and celebrations on Zoom. We did not choose to be in this situation, but since we were stuck in it, we have to adjust and find new ways to communicate.

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

HONORABLE MENSCHEN (Continued from page 17)

WITH COVID-19, HOW HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO GIVE BACK?
More recently, the COVID aspect and how it has impacted all the institutions has enabled a lot of medical people, including myself, to volunteer in a new way. Because of my training as an infectious disease specialist, several of the committees I serve on have been tasked to safely reopen organizations in the community. Because of the fluidity of the pandemic, we have done a great job so far of keeping our people safe as we open the institutions. We have been review-

Лучше зажечь свечу, чем проклинать тьму

Дни становятся короче, температура ниже, разноцветные листья опадают с деревьев. Осень открывает нам невероятное богатство красок. Мы продолжаем отмечать еврейские праздники и наслаждаемся теплой погодой перед зимними холодами. В этом году Ханука и День прав человека начинаются в один день.

10 декабря 1948 года Генеральная Ассамблея ООН приняла Всеобщую декларацию прав человека. В этом знаменательном документе были провозглашены неотъемлемые права, присущие каждому человеку вне зависимости от его расы, цвета кожи, пола, языка, религии, политических или иных убеждений, национального или социального происхождения, имущественного, сословного или иного положения. Доступный более чем на 500 языках, это самый переводимый документ в мире.

Мы помним о той огромной помощи, которую Элеонора Рузвельт оказала миллионам людей во всем мире. Доказав свою приверженность делу мира во всем мире, Элеонора Рузвельт приняла назначение президента Гарри Трумэна, и была единственной женщиной среди пяти американских делегатов в недавно созданной Организации Объединенных Наций в декабре 1945 года. Она присутствовала на историческом первом заседании в Лондоне в январе 1946 года.

Элеонора Рузвельт стала защитницей миллионов угнетенных и тиранизируемых людей. Она активно поддержала создание государства Израиль и напоминала всему миру о притеснениях, которым подвергались те, кто жил в условиях коммунистического и социалистического режимов.

Программа New American Acculturation виртуально продолжает образовательные и праздничные программы. Мы отметили Рош - а- Шана и Sukkot, обсуждали интересные книги и фильмы. Мы помним и благодарны таким людям, как Элеонора Рузвельт, которые боролись за права человека. Мы благодарны всем, кто помог нам уехать из бывшего Советского Союза, за поддержку и помощь в трудные времена. Сегодня мы можем зажигать ханукальные свечи открыто, не опасаясь ареста. Элеонора Рузвельт сказала: «Лучше зажечь свечу, чем проклинать тьму».

Давайте зажжем наши ханукальные свечи и вспомним всех замечательных людей, которые делают нашу жизнь лучше. «Поскольку вы получаете больше радости от того, что дарите радость другим, вы должны больше думать о счастье, которое вы можете дать». Это еще одно замечательное высказывание Э. Рузвельт. Современные технологии позволяют нам организовать встречи, программы и праздничные мероприятия с людьми, которые не смогли бы присутствовать лично. Люди из других штатов и стран присоединялись к нашим программам и празднованиям на Zoom. Мы не планировали эту ситуацию, но поскольку мы оказались в ней, то должны были приспособиться и найти новые способы общения.

Для получения дополнительной информации о New American Acculturation Program, с вопросами и предложениями звоните Елене Герович по телефону (203) 387-2424 x321 или ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org.

ing the most up-to-date guidelines from the governing agencies to create science-driven policies that follow best practices. We have to continually reevaluate guidelines as new information comes out; committees will continue to deal with it and we all need to be flexible. Fluidity of the pandemic is a given. The bottom line is we need to make sure that the organizations and community are safe and, at the same time, still deliver programs and services to the community.

Kristallnacht Commemoration Honors Norwegian Odd Nansen’s Heroic Efforts

On Sunday morning, November 15, at 9 a.m., Congregation Or-Shalom in Orange, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, will hold our area’s 14th annual Kristallnacht commemoration. This year, the conscience and heroism of Mr. Odd Nansen will be honored and celebrated.

In 1936, as Adolf Hitler’s noose was tightening around the neck of German Jewry, Odd Nansen, a Norwegian architect, threw himself into the work of providing a safe-haven for Jews and all who were fleeing Nazi persecution by forming a humanitarian organization in Oslo called “Nansen-hjelpen” (“Nansen-Relief”). In 1939, following Nazi Germany’s annexation of Austria and its occupation of Czechoslovakia, Nansen and his wife Kari established a field office in Europe to reach out to all who faced death at the hands of the Nazi regime. Toward that end, Nansen established a Children’s Shelter in the Norwegian capital under the auspices of Nansen-hjelpen.

On April 9, 1940, Norway itself was overrun by Nazi Germany. As a result, by late 1942, most of Nansen’s refugees in Oslo had been systematically murdered by the Nazi authorities, along with many of Norway’s Jews.

However, Nansen’s courageous staff at his Children’s Shelter succeeded in rescuing 14 of their children by secretly transporting them to neighboring Sweden. These children survived the Holocaust and subsequently found new homes all over the world. Some are reportedly alive today.

Meanwhile, Odd Nansen himself went underground and joined the Norwegian anti-Nazi resistance. On January 13, 1942, he was arrested by the Gestapo and ultimately deported to the Nazi concentration camp at Sachsenhausen, Germany. In Sachsenhausen, Nansen courageously maintained a secret diary on tissue-paper pages which included vivid drawings (he was a talented sketch artist) of the horrific details of camp life as they happened in real-time. This diary and its drawings, published after the war, provide an important first-hand account of the atrocities perpetrated at Sachsenhausen. After the war, Nansen published his diary in Norway, where it was and still is widely known. (The diary was annotated and re-published by Mr. Timothy Boyce Esq. in English in 2016 under the title “From Day to Day.”)

At Sachsenhausen, Odd Nansen risked his life to save a ten-year-old Jewish boy, “Tommy”, who had miraculously survived the infamous “death march” from Auschwitz to

Sachsenhausen. “Tommy” today, is Professor Thomas Buergethal, a former judge on the International Court of Justice at the Hague and Professor Emeritus of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence at George Washington University Law School. Remarkably, it was Nansen’s mention of young “Tommy” in his diary that re-united Thomas Buergethal and his savior, Odd Nansen. Years later, Professor Buergethal would write: “Odd Nansen not only saved my life; he also enriched it with his philosophy of life.”

All are invited, by means of Zoom video-conferencing, to our community’s 14th annual Kristallnacht Commemoration on Sunday, November 15. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with the solemn lighting of a yellow “Holocaust” candle and brief remarks about the significance of Kristallnacht. Mr. Timothy Boyce Esq. will then eloquently recount Nansen’s life-saving work, and Senator Richard Blumenthal will present Odd Nansen with a posthumous U.S. Senate Commendation. The Nansen family in Oslo will “virtually” receive it. This event will be emceed by Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus, spiritual leader of Congregation Or-Shalom, and Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.



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*Professor Thomas Buergethal,
Nansen Rescuer*

Please join us for our Annual Community-Wide Kristallnacht Commemoration. This year, we will honor the conscience and heroism of Odd Nansen, who financed and operated an orphanage in Oslo, Norway for Jews and all facing imminent death in Nazi-occupied Europe. Sent to a concentration camp by the Nazi Gestapo, Nansen kept a secret diary there which later became an important testimony to the realities of the Holocaust. In the camp, Nansen risked his life in order to save inmates.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- U.S. Senate Commendation presented by Senator Richard Blumenthal to the Nansen family.
- Comments by Timothy Boyce, Esq., re-publisher of “From Day to Day,” the secret diary of Odd Nansen.

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In honor of Alivia Barker's engagement <i>Judy Alperin Amy & Mark Holtz</i>	In memory of Suzanne Fialkoff, mother of Mindy Fricke <i>Judy Alperin</i>
In honor of the birth of Dylan Diamondstein, grandson of Judy Alperin <i>Jeannette Brodeur Dana & Harry Schwartz</i>	In memory of Bonnie Karp Schwartz <i>The Teplitzky Family Amy & Mark Holtz Judy Alperin Sandy & Elliott Kerzner Barbara & John Lichtman Martha & Bert Weisbart</i>
In honor of Sherri Sosensky and her commitment to Women's Philanthropy and volunteerism <i>Steven Sosensky</i>	In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Lily Green <i>Amy & Mark Holtz Judy Alperin</i>
In honor of the birth of twin boys, grandsons of Norman & Karyn Ravski <i>Judy Alperin Amy & Mark Holtz Stacey & David Trachten</i>	In honor of the marriage of Glenna Vine <i>Judy Alperin Amy & Mark Holtz</i>
JCC	
In honor of and appreciation for Susan Jacobs Skowronek & Stephen Skowronek <i>Deborah Nadler Broomfield & Michael Broomfield</i>	In memory of Yvette Natkin, sister of Sheldon Natkin <i>Robert & Edna Albinger Rosemary Sirico Dr. Richmong Hung, Dr. Beth Bureau, Dr. Katherine DeSilva & the Staff of Soundental Sandy & Richard Whelan Burton Kaplan Fran & David Cohen Judy Moskowitz</i>
In honor of Lauren Faith Miller for receiving a Shem Tov award <i>Elanna Bernstein</i>	In memory of Ariye Ginzburg <i>The Zubkoff Family</i>
In memory of Adrian Kleinman, mother of Stacey Trachten <i>Norman & Karyn Ravski</i>	In honor of Beth Heller, Woodbridge 1st Selectman for all of her tireless efforts for the town of Woodbridge during the recent hurricane <i>Bob Garofalo</i>
In honor of Shannon Lane receiving the Kavod Key award <i>Stephanie Green & Eric Grubman</i>	In memory of Elliot Stone <i>Linda & Steve Meisel</i>
In honor of Paul Portnoy receiving the Kavod Key award <i>Stephanie Green & Eric Grubman</i>	
In honor of Evan Wyner receiving the Kavod Key award <i>Stephanie Green & Eric Grubman</i>	
In honor of Jeffrey Hoos for his leadership as our Jewish Federation President <i>Stephanie Green & Eric Grubman</i>	
In honor of Dena Schulman-Green for her leadership of our Federation Annual Campaign <i>Stephanie Green & Eric Grubman</i>	
In celebration of Rena & Robert Grodd's 58th wedding anniversary <i>The Feinberg Family</i>	
In honor of Stuart Grodd's 90th birthday <i>The Feinberg Family</i>	
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	In memory of Yvette Natkin <i>Sheldon & Geraldine Natkin</i>

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*Tributes listed are up to October 20, 2020.

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GEORGE AND SUSAN KRALL FAMILY PACE FUND In honor of Allan & Helaine Alper's 50th Anniversary and in memory of Bonnie Karp Schwartz <i>George & Susan Krall</i>	
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dedicated parents and grandparents who volunteer their time and work closely with professionals to plan programs for families and parents. The committee's co-chairs are Irit Perkins, Nicki Golos, Stephanie Wain and Shelley Kier.

"I grew up in the area so it's an honor to be able to participate in something that helps bring the community together," says Kier. "I have always been so proud of the community I grew up in and am excited about the opportunity to help fellow moms feel the warmth it has to offer. I hope this helps to reach out to families, especially during this crazy pandemic time. Just because we are isolated physically doesn't mean we need to be emotionally isolated from one another."

"We got involved in Shalom Baby because, as the mother and grandmother of both a toddler and a newborn, we know how important it is to build a community in which the next generation can thrive," state Perkins and Golos. "It really takes a village! And we want to make sure other families, especially new ones, know what a warm, loving, and collaborative little village is waiting to welcome them here in the Greater New Haven area. Now, more than ever, it's important for us all to reach out!"

When asked why they chose to get involved as sponsors, David and Gayle Slossberg spoke about remembering what it was like to come into the community with young children and the importance of connecting with other families.

"Especially nowadays, even though we are connected technologically, it is easy for us to feel lonely. In addition to the idea of reaching out to young families, this is building the future of our Jewish community in the New Haven area. It is a chance to be the extended family in a world where people move all the time. It is a chance to cultivate new relationships and leaders, and a regrowth of our community," says David.

From a practical perspective, the Slossbergs hope the program will not only educate families about the organizational and community services and supports offered, but also the strength of the local volunteer Jewish community and how they can help as their children grow up.

"The single most important thing for me is for the families to know that the Jewish community reached out and was there for them. That every Jewish family knows right from the beginning that they have a community where they are respected and valued, and where they belong. That is what this outreach will hopefully represent," says Gayle. "Shalom Baby is just the beginning. Similar to a well-known saying, someone planted a 'tree' for me, and I am now planting a 'tree' for someone else. So we hope Shalom Baby will take root and grow as our new Jewish families grow in their future in our community."

Support Shalom Baby's efforts to reach as many new Jewish families as possible by providing families' names and contact information to Kayla Bisbee at kbisbee@jewishnewhaven.org or by calling (203) 387-2424 x300. Learn more at jewishnewhaven.org/shalom-baby.



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