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Knowing Our Truth
It has been 18 months since we cele- brated the grand reopening of the Beckenham Banquet Hall and Cafe 360. Since then, we have closed our doors for more than a year. It has been a challenging time for all of us, but with our hard work and the support of many community volunteers to determine the best course in the wake of this, we are heading to a roadmap that has guided the nashim program of programs, services and facility enhancements.
Cafe 360 is a great illustration of how no imagination led to revitalization. The kefi banai is at the heart of the build- ing and draws many for coffee, snacks, meals and conversation. With the addition of the new “Mishpachah Room” bringing a selection of deli lunches, take- away meals and teas, the host is even more enjoying a cup of fresh brewed coffee or cappuccino. The space has been a real hands-on, a really hands-on, and after the renovation and additions, it has become a haven for many nashim newly added to the offerings that have provided a happy and healthy treat, even if my waistline is not as graceful.

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The Greatest Summer of My Life
by Alex Infeld
Scholarship Recipient
Alex Infeld received an Israel Experience Scholarship from the Jewish Foundation to attend HBFIT in Israel/Bar-El Fine Summer Program.
As I step through the airport doors into the city of Prague, I am greeted by scenes from my new counselors. So begins one of the greatest summers of my life.
This past summer, with help from a scholarship from the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, I was privileged to join camp friends from the previous six summers exploring Europe and Israel for the first time. We visited many sites of both religious and historical importance, and we learned more about the land, the states, and the people of Israel.
We started in Prague in the Czech Republic, where we learned of the many different communities that existed before the Holocaust. We visited many old and beautiful synagogues that were nothing like the ones we were used to back home. Later that week, we went to Auschwitz-Birkenau, one of the many death camps set up by the Nazis during the Holocaust. This was a hard and wrote tale for me, as we walked the same roads where one road and a half million Jews had been sent to their deaths. After the darkness of this day, it truly seemed that we were to take a light to Jew lives over the world.
After we arrived in Israel, we spent three days in the Negev. While there we enjoyed hiking, swimming and snorkeling in the Red Sea, and swimming under the stars. This challenging experience brought me closer together and made our group stronger as a whole. After that, we made our way to the Tel Aviv–the “Promenade”, and as sailing took our first look out over the holy city Jerusalem. While there we went on a real archeological dig, exploring the Old City, and touched the stones of the Western Wall. This experience was powerful and made feel even more connected to the land and the people of my time in my life.
After that, we split into the cushion, or experiences, and that we had chosen. We had planned to tour Tiktok Golan in Israel, giving me a chance to learn more about the country that has lived in the land for over 3,000 years. We divided into groups and assisted at a farm and at a food bank and many more places in and around Jerusalem. We sailed at the Sea of Galilee, where we met up with eight Israeli teens who would join us for the next week. We had fun playing in the water and riding banana boats. We visited the Golden Heights, where we swim...
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Located in the heart of the Great Silk Road, Uzbekistan was conquered by Genghis Khan and ruled by the Mongolian Empire before becoming part of the Soviet Union. Today, this Islamic country is home to beautiful mosques, Islamic architecture, and a thriving carpet-making industry. Uzbekistan’s Jewish community, which traces its history back to the time of the Persian Empire, consists of both traditional Bukharan Jews and a newer, Ashkenazi community.

Today, in collaboration with the local Jewish leaders, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) supports Uzbekistan’s poorest Jews, JDC provides impoverished elderly Jews with critical humanitarian services including food assistance, medicines, and winter relief. JDC’s humanitarian assistance program also helps relieve loneliness by connecting these aging Jews to the community through home-visit services and social clubs. To assist impoverished Jewish children and their families, JDC provides food, medical care, and other material assistance. In addition to the main office in Tashkent, JDC operates regional branches in Andizhan, BuKhara, and Samarkand. There, JDC provides professional support and training to staff, which builds capacity and professionalism within the local community.

REVITALIZES JEWISH LIFE

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JDC promotes Jewish life through Jewish community development programs like family clubs, music and dance groups, and communal holiday celebrations. In Bukhara, where there is a small Jewish community, the JDC branch is located in the heart of the old Jewish Quarter. This branch offers Hebrew and computer classes, Jewish holiday celebrations, and dance and music workshops. The branch also offers special after-school Hebrew classes and cultural programs for children.

DEVELOPS TOMORROW’S JEWISH LEADERS

In Tashkent, JDC runs a volunteer initiative that inspires local Jews to take an active hand in helping their community. Committed volunteers work to address various needs of the Jewish community, including helping Jewish children, elderly, families, and children at risk. In doing so, these volunteers foster community cohesion and inspire their Jewish peers to action, while making a real difference in people’s lives. In the spirit of Tizkon Olam, the volunteers also initiate new initiatives.

Supporting Israel: There’s Something for Everyone

by Dr. Dena Schulman-Green

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Uzbekistan is the proud home to a fascinating architectural and ancient cities, all deeply infused with the history of the Silk Road. According to legend, the first documented Jewish presence in the region dates back to the 4th century C.E.

Eva: It has been one of Dena’s and my greatest joys to experience Israel with our children. And there has been something different in Israel for each of them.

Dena: I made my first trip to Israel with my 8th grade class at Eliza Academy. Seeing Israel with my friends was exciting because everyone was so enthusiastic as we saw the country and all we learned together. It was such a fun trip, even more fun than going to Cancun, because in Israel I could practice my Hebrew and it was way easier to find a kosher hamburger.

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Dena: There are many ways to experience Israel, and many ways to support it. I’ve had the opportunity to spend time in Israel with representatives of the Jewish communities visiting Greater New Haven’s sister city of Rafa-Gibbs as well as other places in the country. I visited Beit Seger, a program for at-risk youth who have been removed from broken homes.

I love: three things for each of us. I’ve been to Israel eight times; in high school for a teen tour with United Synagogue Youth, in college to study at Hebrew University, with family for Pesach, with the Weiner Heritage leadership program, for our home’s Bar Mitzvah ceremony, and twice to conduct global health research as part of my work at Yale. The point of every trip, of course, was to be in Israel, but each trip brought us face to face with new friends, new knowledge, a new way of experiencing Israel.

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Something for Everyone

by Dena Schulman-Green

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

Campaign Chair

The following was presented by Dena Schulman-Green, Eric Green and their children as this year’s Yom Kippur Israel Appeal at Temple Beth Sholom in Hamden, CT.

Dena: In Israel, there is something for everyone. In fact, there are many surprising things for each of us. I’ve been to Israel for more than 12,000 years ago after the destruction of the First Temple. The greatest joy to experience Israel is to see how the Jewish community has grown and strengthened over the years, especially in the face of adversity. Today, the Jewish community in Uzbekistan is stronger than ever, thanks to the support of the Jewish community in Israel and the United States.

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JCC & Project CASY Partner to Speed Up Autism Research, Promote Inclusion

By Jeannette C. Brodour
Shalom New Haven

The JCC of Greater New Haven has joined Project CASY (Community Autism Services at Yale) to not only help speed up the research and understand the ongoing challenge of autism but also to create a safe, active, inclusive and life-long community for individuals with autism as well as their families, friends, and others who support them. Project CASY targets young adults and adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and is dedicated to supporting research projects, training and novel interventions to enhance the lives of those on the spectrum disorder and is dedicated to supporting research projects, training and novel interventions to enhance ...

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laş to offer for ALL people while also providing a safe and welcoming place where the Yale Child Study Center can continue to meet the needs of the study.

Dr. Roger Jou, MD, PhD, MPH, an instructor at the Yale Child Study Center, first created Project CASY in April of 2014 to mentions in the autism community. “It will visit the autism community and the research world for support and families.” Dr. Jou’s long career in autism research first began when he was a medical student at University of Pittsburgh, where he used neuroimaging to study the differences in brain structure.

“The JCC of Greater New Haven plays a major role in all Project CASY activites given the shared values and different resources which complement one another,” Dr. Jou said. “We will partner with the JCC to host events for SPARK, the largest genetic study of autism ever with the goal to speed up research and advance the understanding of autism. Project CASY is all about community and so is the JCC.” Dr. Jou explained. “The partnership will bring us even closer to understand the autism community and their needs. It will spawn the research questions and studies that have bigger and more immediate impact on quality of life for the autism community.”

While the vast majority of Project CASY members live in Connecticut, Dr. Jou pointed out that the JCC’s network is much more extensive so the partnership could “potentially accelerate autism research by including the broader JCC network.”

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by Talia Hyman
Shalom New Haven Staff Writer

It started with a thank you letter. Rabbi Matti Pawlak and Hadassah Buchweitz-Pawlak had sent a note of appreciation to the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven for having received a One Happy Camper grant-- available to all local families with first-time campers. The Pawlaks’ note was unique in that it sought to illustrate the impact that the grant had made in their lives. In the letter, they expressed their gratitude to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven for having received a One Happy Camper grant-- available to all local families with first-time campers.

The Pawlak Family: From Poland to New Haven

Hadaszah and Rabbi Matti at the Lauder E-learning school that they co-founded in Warsaw, Poland, which is now the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. The Pawlak Family has been a part of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven for many years. They have not only been donors, but also volunteers, and their family has been an inspiration to many others in the community.

asah insisted that asking “Why are you still Jewish?” is imperative to try and understand. Hadaszah wondered. “I’m fascinated to see which side do they connect to more?” Hadaszah suggested, “What does it take to be a Jew in Poland? What are the challenges, what are the sacrifices?”

The Pawlak Family reside in the Beaver Hill neighborhood of New Haven. Rabbi Matti commutes into New York City where he served as a Printa Fellow at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, and Hadassah is a teacher at Chana Academy High School for Girls and the development manager at SCHA. Subur- ban may not be as bustling as city-life in Warsaw--or as powerful a reminder of the continuity of Jewish life-- but for the Pawlaks, it is now their home, and they would not have it any other way. “For us it’s not the geographical space as much as the community, the people,” Hadassah said. “We found that New Haven has an incredible community.”

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The Miracle of Chanukah in Odessa

The story of Chanukah retells how a small supply of oil miraculous-ly lasted for eight days. It’s a story of light, perseverance, freedom of religion, and miracles.

The joyful lights match those in Ira Sborovskaya’s eyes. She can’t help but marvel at the progress her country has made. “It was forbidden here to be religious… when we celebrate Chanukah so openly, it means we’ve really returned to our tra-dition,” Ira says. She’s especially proud of JDC’s work engaging children in the holiday, especially those at risk. “When we see young people, who do it very naturally, it means there is really another Jewish generation today in Ukraine.”

As civil, life-threatening eastern Euro-pean winter begins, JDC is providing shel-ter, warm clothing, heating supplies and medicine to tens of thousands of Jews. It is part of the spirit of Hesed that makes Jewish life brighter this year.

On Chanukah, this concept comes alive. For eight nights, Jews gather with family and friends to light the Chanukah menorah.

The special prayer inserted during Chanukah, Al Hanisim (for the miracles), highlights the “miraculous deliverance” we were granted by God and courageous individuals. “You delivered the Anglo into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few.” This is placed next to the daily thanksgiving prayer which says, “We thank You for Your miracles and wonders.” The Hebrew word “wonders” also refers to a banner; in this context, a banner is something which we salute, which refers to our values and stories.

We learn to see miracles all around us and grow our appreciation for the wonderful things we see, even in our daily lives. Talk with your children about what they appreciate in their lives and how they can share the light with others. Ask “What would you consider daily mira-cles?” or “what is a miracle the world could really use?”

Here are some things you can do together as a family, beyond, of course, lighting menorahs and enjoying holiday treats, to experience the meaning of the holiday.

1. While you are together, someone serving the Armed Forces—or put together a care package for them.

2. Start a journal and have your family share a “calendar in reviews” of the miracles they want to remember, either in your lives or something you saw or experienced happening in the world. Keep your journal with your menorah to pull it out and add to it each year.

3. Collect outdoor and gently used warm winter items to donate to a homeless shelter.

4. Counteract the darkness and the cold by gathering with neighbors, friends to light the Chanukah menorah.

5. Call or write to a relative you haven’t talked to in a while, or connect with an old friend.

6. Say the “Shehecheyanu” prayer (said on the first night of Chanukah, too) to stop and appreciate the moment of trying something for the first time or for the first time this year.

7. Find the angel Trumpets prayer (said on the first night of Chanukah) and use it to bring peace to the world.

8. Encourage the development of new traditions or family customs to bring together a new generation of Jewish people.

9. What would you consider daily miracles?

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Wed., November 6 - 7:15 p.m.
Beckerman Lender Jewish Community Building
360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT

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Engage in Q&A with Steve Ginsburg of the Anti-Defamation League and Judy Alperin, Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven on the current state of anti-Semitism and security.

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From Workouts to Wellness at the JCC

by Susan Donovan
Director of Fitness & Wellness Services
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No longer is it working out just to lose weight and inches, or to change your physical appearance; wellness means embracing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. The buzzword of the decade, wellness requires embracing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. The buzzword of the decade, wellness requires embracing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. The buzzword of the decade, wellness requires embracing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. The buzzword of the decade, wellness requires embracing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.

Get the support you need and let us be your partners in your wellness journey. Our JCC Fitness Department is now a Wellness Center that has seen some exciting changes and program additions to help you create and foster an environment capable of supporting and nurturing healthy habits. A staff of credentialed wellness professionals, including educated, certified trainers and coaches, holistic health professionals, therapists, corrective exercise specialists and a network of medical and occupational health professionals, are here to motivate and inspire you!

For a free wellness consultation, contact susan@d4jcc.org

The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia

The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia is an exciting, entertaining, and thoroughly modern introduction to Judaism. The book is an alphabetical encyclopedia of short entries—some profound, some playful—and some both—heavy on the graphics and, like contemporary Judaism, featuring a parade of disjointed voices, all amusing and well-informed and none in perfect agreement.

By weaving together the essential and the esoteric, the academic, and the snarky, and the Jewish and the Jew-ish, this book honors its title, offering a truly unorthodox approach to Judaism, and allowing each reader to find his or her own connection with the culture, the tradition, and the religion. Mark Oppenheimer will also appear in the November 6 Commemoration for Pittsburgh the shooting to discuss Squirrel Hill, A Year Later: Lessons from Pittsburgh. For details, see page 17 for ad.

Skating, Snow Tubing and more on deck

When BEKI Kadima (grades 5-8) gathered for an ice cream social and got-acquainted activities on September 15, they also assembled the congregation’s Yizkor funds. Plans for upcoming events include skating, snow tubing, and a chocolate Seder. No details. Contact advisor Hayley Gibson, hjgib06@gmail.com.
Left to right—Jonathan Kluger E ’09 (University of Pennsylvania), Scott Grubman E ’10 (Dartmouth College), Daniel Grubman E ’10 (Dartmouth College), and Adam King E ’04 (Lawrence University).

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To Yelesa Gerovich

New American Acculturation Coordinator

If you grew up in the United States, chances are you can sing “God Bless America.” Irving Berlin’s song was first performed in November, eighty-one years ago. Berlin’s family is of Russian-Jewish origin. He avoided the Holocaust by leaving for the U.S. in 1923 after his parents were killed in pogroms and deportations in Russia. Berlin’s parents were among the first immigrants to arrive in America. His family was among the millions of Jews who came to America to escape violence and poverty. Berlin grew up in the grim tenements of New York City, where his father, a garment worker, toiled long hours. His mother was a laundress. As a young boy, he witnessed pogroms and beatings of Jewish neighbors. He was forced to leave school when he was eight. His early life was filled with hardship and tragedy. Berlin later said that the experiences of his childhood were the inspiration for many of his songs. Berlin wrote an estimated 1,500 songs, including the scores for 20 original Broadway shows and 15 Hollywood films. His music has been distributed to Scouting programs, and it’s still coming in. For him to do this with “God Bless America” was his sincere thank you to the country.

The song was written and performed by Irving Berlin in 1918. It was first released as a sheet music in 1919. During World War II, the song was the official song of the American armed forces. It became the anthem of America’s armed forces and a symbol of national unity. The song was also sung by American soldiers overseas, and it became a symbol of hope and patriotism. The song is often sung at American military events, and it is still popular today. The song has been sung by many famous voices, including Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, and Johnny Mathis. The song has also been recorded by many popular artists, including Whitney Houston, Celine Dion, and Elton John. The song is a true American classic, and it is loved by people of all ages.

For more information and to contact Yelesa Gerovich, please visit shurefuneralhome.com or email yg@jewishnewhaven.org.
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