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One of the perks of my job is coming into a building teeming with activity and happy faces smiling from adorable infants through determined Silver sneakers seniors. I know that we live in a very special community. But this is the first year of my tenure when the Jewish Federation’s Planning & Allocations Committee has the honor of meeting with and learning from agencies and organizations charged with caring, educating, and enriching lives in the Greater New Haven area. And when I reflect on how blessed we are by so many wonderful young Israeli emissary program.

A main theme that echoed through each conversation was collaboration. How could the organization work in tandem with others to better deliver service, streamline efforts and reduce costs? As the committee moves forward under the visionary leadership of Dr. David Neas, the Planning & Allocations Committee hopes to evolve its process by creating a supplemental grant pool. This would allow for collaboration and create pathways to strengthen the bonds of cooperation and extend the reach of impact. Of course, all of this will only be possible with growth in the Jewish Federation’s Annual Campaign, I encourage each of us to give generously. As our theme states, “everyone counts,” and each donor who steps up to say, “I am here, and joins with others to leverage their support, strengthens our community.

We learned many powerful lessons as we experienced the fire and its aftermath. We learned that we are resilient, that we come together in times of crisis, that we deeply care for one another, that we cherish what comes before and will honor that by investing in our future, and that there is more that unites us than divides us.

Perhaps it is that last lesson that rings loudest today as we experience unprecedented acts of hatred and anti-Semitism globally and right here in Connecticut. Let these challenges times serve as a reminder that hatred and bigotry must be called out in all their forms and celebrated.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation is our representative and our voice. It is working in close collaboration with partners at the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT) and the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) when submitting. Please include your contact information when answering. Submissions of an article or photo, please email shalom@jewishnewhaven.org.

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The JCC is gearing up for the Annual Family Fun Day featuring Touch-A-Truck on Sunday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. We are thrilled to host this special event at our recently renovated JCC campus home. Hundreds of families of attend this popular event that features more than 20 trucks on display, train rides, pony rides, a DJ and dancing, food, bounce house, crafts and vendors. Free Touch-A-Truck and free parking at the JCC, while some fee-based activities. Come join the fun!

Vendor spaces, truck spaces and event sponsorships are still available. Please contact Elaine Sugarman, elaines@jccnh.org. This community event will be rain or shine. For more information, go to jccnh.org.
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These young children flourish and grow.

Our children will treasure their summer camp experiences for life.

And enable us to provide many young people with rewarding and enriching summer camp experiences.

As you may know, my participation in JCC camp was one of the most formative experiences of my life and it only happened because of the generosity of donors like you. Your donations will help further our community’s tradition of one generation helping the next to grow and succeed, and enable us to provide many young people with rewarding and enriching summer camp experiences.

If you have a child who is interested in attending camp, please let me know. I would be happy to provide more information or answer any questions you may have.

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Trachten to Receive Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award

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The award will be presented to the Trachten family at the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven’s 42nd Annual Buffet Meeting on Sunday, June 3, at 4 p.m., in the Pine Auditorium of the JCC.

The JCC’s Executive Director, Laura Fredman, and Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, and its 42nd Annual Buffet Meeting on Sunday, June 3, at 4 p.m., in the Pine Auditorium of the JCC.

The event will be catered by Abel’s Caterers. Alperin and Stanger are being honored in recognition of their leadership and involvement in the Jewish world. The award is named in honor of Norman Kipnis and his wife, Sylvia Wilson. Wilson established the award in 1965, the year in which he and Sylvia became co-founders of The Jewish Lynah Foundation of Greater New Haven.

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The JCC’s Executive Director, Laura Fredman, and Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, Jennifer Bayer, will be honored in recognition of the dynamic and growing Jewish community. For information, call Patti at (203) 392-6125.

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More Than 1,000 Attend JCC Grand Re-Opening

More than 1,000 people filled the JCC of Greater New Haven's beautifully reno-
vated building on Sunday, March 18, to celebrate the facility's grand re-opening at the Andy Road campus.

The event was combined with the Jewish Federation's Second Annual Miztvah Day (a mitzvah is an act of kindness), a Miztvah Fair, and the renaming and dedi-
cation of the Beverly Levy Early Learning Center. Formerly known as Niki Levadnik, the early learning center was named in memory of Beverly Levy, a longtime leader in the Jewish community who died at the young age of 63 in 2014. Beverly's husband, Dr. John Levy, daughter, Peri, and her mother, Ann Eden, attended the dedication. The day's events marked the facility's official "coming home" just a little more than a year after a devastating fire broke out in a basement area at the JCC. The fire, which was ruled accidental, caused more than $2.4 million in damage to the 70,000-square-foot building. Throughout the past year, the JCC continued its operations by relocating the fitness center, early learning center, all activities and corporate offices to other area facilities.

At the grand re-opening, JCC mascot Benny the Biggal danced and offered high-fives to visitors as they entered the main hallway, which was decorated with an arch of white and blue balloons. Visitors viewed the renovated facility with its new fitness center and locker rooms, Rohrberg Orning Wolf, MakerSpace, Hoos Family Art Gallery, Café 360 coffee shop and food marketplace, and the co-working business. The renovated facility also boasts new fitness programs, updated equipment and furnishings, and expanded cultural classes and activities. "Every day should be like today here at the J," said Dr. John Levy, who attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated facility. "This should be the heart of the community. This should be the place that all of us come for meeting people: for meeting old people that we know, for meeting new people that we want to know, and for having a good cup of coffee."

As part of Miztvah Day, members of the Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven's Shalom Group, Menorah Club, Lifeskills and Acculturation program and Midrash L'or volunteers assembled more than 300 lunches for Chilton and Otis Saylors social services. Students from New Haven's Hebrew Community Ho-

JFNA Professionals Unite to Help in Houston

More than 600 Houston families were served by local Jewish families by hearing their stories and hands-on experience at the Houston Food Bank, presentations.

This year, the conference included over 60 different Federation professionals. The learning sessions, facilitated by experts in their respective fields, provide the platform to think, plan, and share ideas. This year’s conference included over 60 different presentations.

During the time together, participants had the opportunity to network and participate in a "Repair the World" hands-on experience at the Houston Food Bank, wherein the devastation of Hurricane Harvey and the revitalization of the local JCC, and provide support to local Jewish families by hearing their stories and sharing a meal.

Each affinity department had a significant number of sessions, offering new and innovative ways of engagement. Marketing professionals heard about the branding and story of Chobani yogurt and young leadership professionals interacted with Rabbi Aaron Polase from Beth El Dallas, Rabbi Daniel Smerek and Erica Frazand from Hillel International worked with the Jewish Education and Engagement professionals on new innovative ideas to bring home.

The Financial Resources Development professionals learned the most up-to-date tax laws and consulta-
tants shared their fundraising knowledge.

The take-away for me from the Professional Institute is that, as a collective field, we are continuing to evolve and learn about all different aspects of our work from a variety of disciplines. The highlight for me is meeting new colleagues and reconnection with those I have developed strong relationships with from missions and past conferences.

Women of Vision Society Grant Applications Due May 31

The Jewish Foundation’s Women of Vision Society has been helping women and girls in the Greater New Haven area and Israel for over 20 years. This endowment, created by 100 founding members in our community, has tackled issues from domestic violence and health to acculturation and spirituality. The endowment has more than doubled its membership and giving since its creation. Since its inception, the Women of Vision has disbursed over $180,000 to help seed and sustain critical programming and services for women and girls. Grant awards typically range between $500 and $3,000 for qualifying programs.

Applications are due May 31, 2018 and awards will be announced in June, 2018.

To apply, please visit: www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships.
**Shavuot Cooking Program**
Offered at Westville U

The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven recently launched an educational initiative by Westville Synagogue that infuses dynamic, high level programming to the community reflecting a commitment to Jewish learning, history, culture, law and the State of Israel.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 7:30 P.M.**
Dr. Nadav Berman Shifman

"The Challenge of the "Caring G-d": A. Heschel’s "Theology of Pathos" in light of Eliezer Berkovits's "Crisis"

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 7:30 P.M.**
Rebecca Ronisberg

"Shavuot Cooking from Syria to Iraq"

**LOCATION OF CLASSES**
Westville Synagogue
74 West Prospect St.
New Haven, (203)389-9513

For more information or to register for classes, go to watch1shul.org/.

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**Build a Tzedakah Program**

The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven Build a Tzedakah Fund invites you to help create positive change in your community by giving you an opportunity to make a difference through a personal approach. Build a Tzedakah Fund allows you to take the responsibility of performing the mitzvah of Tzedakah by establishing your own charitable fund, forever.

It works like this:
- You establish a Tzedakah Fund
- The cost to establish a personalized Tzedakah Fund is $1,000. Your commitment is matched by $400 from an anonymous donor.
- Your fund will have at least $1,000 from the ‘get go’.
- Your fund will be matched by $400 from an anonymous donor.
- Your fund will be listed in the Jewish Federation’s Annual Report. At any time, you can add to your fund by honoring a special occasion or milestone (like birthdays, college admissions) and you can continue to make annual charitable additions.
- You can name it after or in honor of loved ones, e.g. the Ethan Cohen Tzedakah Fund in memory of his Great Uncle Lev. Your fund will be listed in the Jewish Federation’s Annual Report.
- If you establish your Fund prior to your Bar or Bat Mitzvah, we will give your rabbi a beautiful certificate designed by the local artist, Let us honor you and you an opportunity to make a life-long commitment to philanthropy.
- Awards are based on the strength of the application and financial need.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Bayer at (203) 387-2424, x320 or visit www.newhavenjewishfoundation.org.

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**JHSC Remembers Parkland**

As students around the country participated in organized school walkouts, in response to the recent events in Parkland, Florida, the Jewish High School of Connecticut provided students with options. They could participate in a student-led and programmed walkout, they could participate in a school programmed memorial service, or they could find their own space to be or not to be involved. All programming was crafted to fit within a 17-minute window, allowing the memory of the students lost in Parkland to be the main focus. The walkout, included a recitation of the students’ names. JHSC Junior, Giselle Rosen, noted, “It felt outside of my school on March 14, I was just proselytizing a country that continues to fund such places of killing our people, the cities of families who have lost loved ones for too soon. I was there standing with a Jewish community mourning the loss of their own.”

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**Jewish Foundation Offers Scholarship Opportunities**

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**
All scholarships are for high school seniors from Jewish households. All applications must be completed by May 1. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed. Go to jewishecn.org/scholarships for more information.

Mary Tyler Friedler Memorial Scholarship Fund
This scholarship is not needs-based and requires an essay on why peace, justice and righteousness mean to you and your Judaism. Awards range from $500-$2,000. Applicant must reside in Greater New Haven. Awards are based on the strength of the essay.

Stuart J. Drell Scholarship Fund - $1,000. Applicant must reside in Greater New Haven. Awards are based on the strength of the application and financial need.

**Emma Kohn Podoloff Scholarship Fund of the National Council of Jewish Women’s Greater New Haven Section**
This average award is $1,500. The application includes an essay and three recommendations. Awards are based on the strength of the application and financial need.

For more information on how to apply, please visit www.newhavenjewishfoundation.org.

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**Jewish Experience Scholarships**

The Jewish Foundation Israel Experience Scholarship Program enables local Jewish students ages 14-19 the opportunity to participate in anIsrael experience to develop and enrich their Jewish education and reinforce their Jewish identity.

The Jewish Foundation provides many scholarships for both short-term (minimum of three-week program) and long-term organized Israeli educational programs. Greater New Haven youth ages 14-19 are eligible. For the 2018-2019 gap or academic year programs, applications are due by May 4, 2018. For 2019 summer trips, applications are due in March 2019.

An essay and two recommendations are required. Awards are based on the strength of the application and essay. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed by the Israel Experience Scholarship committee.

Go to jewishecn.org/scholarships for more information, a list of qualifying programs, and application requirements.
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Massage Offers Many Health Benefits

Massage can lead to profound effects on your emotional state. A few benefits worth better understanding include:

1. **Massage decreases stress, depression and anxiety.** When you’re anxious and feeling under pressure, your body pumps out the stress hormone cortisol. Unfortunately, this just makes you feel even more stressed and anxious. The relaxation response, accompanied with a massage therapy session, can ease this hormonal reaction resulting in less physical and emotional tension.

2. **Less pain.** Pain is the body’s signal that something is wrong. Often times, many issues can be prevented with a routine massage. Massage can help conditions such as osteoarthritis, muscle spasms or general soreness from physical activities. Improved circulation, fascia hydration and a stretched assisted stretching result in improved mobility and range of motion in the joints.

3. **You’ll sleep better.** Many of us have trouble falling asleep at night and nearly 20 percent of Americans suffer from chronic insomnia. A study in the Journal of Clinical Rheumatology compared the benefits of massage to those of only relaxation therapy on people with fibromyalgia. After five weeks of twice-weekly, 30-minute massages, those in the massage therapy group slept longer and more soundly than those who had relaxation therapy. Plus, people in the massage therapy group also found their pain level decreased and they had fewer tender spots on their bodies.

4. **Can alleviate pain from carpal tunnel syndrome.** With more of us logging longer hours in front of our computers, wrist pain in a problem many can relate to. In more serious situations, you may have carpal tunnel syndrome. A gentle hand massage may help.

One study reported in Rheumatology International divided carpal tunnel sufferers into two groups. One group got hand massages in addition to wearing wrist splints, while the other group just wore the wrist splints. At the end of the study, those in the massage group had better grip strength and less pain.

With specific information from the client or medical professional, a therapist can help rid the body of pain and discomfort, increase mobility and flexibility, while activating the lymphatic system; which improves general health and creates more energy, due to increased circulation.

SUNDAY, MAY 6, AT 10:30 A.M., as part of the Beckerman Jewish Film Series, Citizen readers are invited to attend the screening of “Sammy Davis Jr.: I’ve Gotta Be Me” at Madison Art Cinemas. Tickets are $10.50 and can be purchased online at jccnh.org/ tickets or at the door.

**TUESDAY, MAY 15, AT 7 P.M.,** the JCC, in partnership with the Woodbridge Town Library, will host retired Quinnipiac University professors, Recher Rana (sociology) and Heidi Kopf (women’s studies and English) to lead a community discussion on issues surrounding everyday racism in America. Both the JCC and Woodbridge Libraries will have a small number of copies on loan. Digital access is available to all Connecticut residents through their public library’s Hoopla or Overdrive services. The FREE event will be held in the Vine Family Auditorium at the Congregation Beth Shalom, Room 201.

**TBT Presents ‘Rising of Song’**

The Slidker Family Music Fund presents a free concert for all ages at Temple Beth Takvah, 106 Durham Road, Madison, on Sunday, May 6, at 1 p.m. Shira Hama-Velt, “Rising of Song” performance with internationally acclaimed musician Jay Weissberg. Weissberg is the creative director of Hadar’s Rising Song Institute, and is the author of “Building Singing Communities: The Text of Hadar’s Rising Sonic,” winner of a 2017 National Jewish Book Award.

He’s a multi-instrumentalist musician, singer and composer who has performed and recorded internationally with dozens of bands in a wide variety of musical styles.

Lunch will be served at noon (immediately after religious school). The concert begins at 1 p.m. This program is sponsored by the Slidker Family Music Fund.
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Our Capital Campaign Honor Roll

BUILDING our community together

Our building means so much to so many. Here, our community leaders share what this building represents to them. They all believe that this building needs to be maintained, improved and cherished for generations to come. Become part of this effort.

Building our community together.

BUILDING Strength

Norman Raskin, President of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

The fire and the closure that followed reminded us what this building was all about. The loss of our community building was not in the four walls, it was in the activities that brought people together, all under the same roof. It was people of all ages doing the things they love, learning new skills, smiling and greeting each other - that's the essence of our community building.

BUILDING Momentum

Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

When a community pulls together extraordinary things happen. We saw this in the wake of the fire, when letters, phone calls, and contributions spontaneously flooded in. It reflected the level of genuine care and support our community has for the building and what it represents. It stands for Jewish values and it’s open and welcoming for all. It’s a place where our most precious family memories, friendships, hopes, and sense of community come to life. Over the past several months, active fundraising has been focused to support the necessary building improvements which were not covered by insurance, but $1.8 million is still needed to complete the effort. Join us in building momentum. Contribute today.

BUILDING a Future

Scott Cohen, Executive Director of the JCC of Greater New Haven

My work here in the building for the last 20 years has given me a unique, front row seat to experience the positive impact our community building has. I see it in the sparkling eyes of the children attending afterschool activities and in the smiles of our seniors coming in for Friday. I see it in the high fives at the gym and in the tender moments as parents help their children learn a new skill. It is our duty to preserve these kinds of moments for the next generation. Join us in building our future for our community building.

What will you help them build?

You have built your family memories here. From the time you learned to swim to the time you were ready to lead, you raised them at the J. The first point scored on the basketball court, the radiant smiles after a day full of adventures, the fun times at the pool... they all happened here. Now it’s time to build those same experiences for others.

Give to the Capital Campaign and help others BUILD their memories at the J. jccnh.org/build

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Emissaries Offer a Huge Toda

By Rotem Linschovsky & Talya Maschpud

The Anti-Defamation League is excited to announce that Rotem Linschovsky and Talya Maschpud have been named this year’s Greater New Haven Emissaries. The two Emissaries will be helping to share the story of Israel with the community and helping us to learn more about Israel.

Our adventure is coming to an end. Can you believe that a year has gone by so fast? We definitely can’t. It seemed so many things: Rosh Hashanah, dressing up as Israel food on Purim, participating in Shabbat services, mentioning Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaHAtah, celebrating 70 years for Israel here in Connecticut, and so much more!

There are so many small and big moments that we will take with us for the rest of our lives. We’re returning home more humble, more knowledgeable and more complete. We gained a stronger Israel and Jewish identity, and it’s because of you! By showing us your ways of living a Jewish life, you helped us find our own.

We met so many new and incredible people. It was the best year of our lives so far. The only thing we have to do is to say a huge “toda” thank you! Toda to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven for being our home, for supporting us and caring about Israel.

Toda to all the institutions (synagogues, Hebrew schools, Ezras Anshe, JTE, The Towers, public schools, and many more) for opening your doors to us, and opening your hearts for Israel. We hope you will show us how to enjoy the best year of our lives so far. The only thing we will take with us for the rest of our lives is: Hashoah, celebrating 70 years for Israel here in Connecticut, and so much more!

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The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange opens.

Dr. Morris Levi performs the first heart transplant Israel at Beilinson Hospital.

1950
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1951
Hannah Szenes, a 23-year-old Hungarian-Jewish woman, is executed by the Nazis.

Israel’s Law of Return, approved by the Knesset on July 5, entitles anyone of Jewish matrilineal descent or a Jewish convert, to immigrate to Israel and obtain full citizenship.

The Egged bus company becomes a cross-country public transportation network.

1952
Israel takes its first major steps into cannabis research.

Motorola becomes the first U.S. corporation to set up an R&D unit in Israel.

The first all-Israeli motion picture, “Hill 24 Does Not Answer,” is released.

1953
Israel’s first president, Prof. Haim Weizmann, home from a diplomatic visit to Greece.

1954
The Yom Kippur War breaks out. Fought by a coalition of Arab states led by Egypt and Syria against Israel, the battle lasts from Oct. 4 to Oct. 27.

Israel sets up a chip design center in Haifa, its first outside the US.

1955
Israel votes for the first locally manufactured fighter jet, the LI-2, on Independence Day.

As Israel celebrates 70 years of independence, here are just some of the events the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven has offered to commemorate this important milestone:

**FEBRUARY 2018**

- **Jewish Film Series**: An evening of Jewish Learning Through Film. The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven has joined with the Beinecke Library to present an evening full of films rich in Jewish content, history and culture. The series is open to the public. 

- **Machpood**: presented “70 Years, 70 Realities of Bedouin Women in Israel,” featuring the film by Yael Avnon-Avivi, winner of the 2015 Women of Vision Leadership grant recipient.

- **Michal Barkai Brody**: founder of The Greater New Haven community’s evening of Jewish Learning, presented an evening full of films rich in Jewish content, history and culture.

- **Amal Elsana Alh’jooj**: who shared her experiences as a Changing Society grant recipient.

- **Prof. Shlomo Navarro**: develops a large, hermetically sealed bag for space travel, starting the space age.

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- Israel's national emergency medical service, is inducted as an official neighborhood EMTs who often travel on ambucycles.
- Ramon and the other six crew members died when the shuttle blew up while re-entering Earth's atmosphere.
- Israeli astronaut for NASA, takes part in the Columbia space mission.
- Support for Israel is a moral and legal imperative.

2000
- NGO IsraAID is founded to provide lifesaving disaster relief and support across the world.
- Dream Doctors is founded and revolutionizes the field of professional palliative care.
- M-systems launches the world's first flash drive, the DiskOnKey.
- Transgender Sharon Cohen wins the Eurovision Song Contest with her song "Leave Me Alone." She is the first transgender person to win the contest.

2001
- Israel joins the World Trade Organization.
- Drive navigation app Waze is founded by Israeli programmers.
- Israeli women's basketball team Elitzur Ramla wins the Israeli Basketball Premier League.

2002
- The Lebanon War, a military conflict in Lebanon, Northern Israel and Jordan.
- Using ancient seeds found in Masada, Dr. Sarah Sallon and Dr. Elaine Scher begin the process of developing ancient crop varieties.
- Tel Aviv is declared a World Heritage Site for its cluster of Bauhaus architecture.

2003
- The non-profit organization Save a Child's Heart is founded, offering free heart surgery to children from developing countries.
- The non-profit organization The Miracle Foundation is founded to support children in orphanages around the world.

2004
- The Euro Media Co. is founded in Tel Aviv.
- The first International Summit for Accelerating Cannabis Research is held in Tel Aviv.
- Heart Care is a global leader in the development and manufacturing of medical devices.

2005
- Israel becomes the 21st member state of the European Union.
- An international study finds Tel Aviv the best place for tech startups.

2006
- Driver navigation app Waze is founded by Israeli programmers.
- Israeli author Elie Wiesel receives the Nobel Prize in Literature.
- Nobel Prize for Chemistry.

2007
- Israel launches the first modern baby breathing monitor that is used to monitor the health of newborns.
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Long-standing members of B’nai Jacob in Woodbridge, the Sklars were initially introduced to the Greater New Haven Jewish community through participation in the Jewish Federation’s Young Leaders program. Nancy has served as Vice President and on the Board of Jewish Family Services and is an active member of B’nai Jacob’s newly formed Sweet Singers choir. Cohn has served on both the board and investment committee of the Jewish Federation and is currently the Federation’s Volunteer Executive: the liaison forward to collaborating with his fellow board and staff members, and encouraging all of us to give back to the community. To find out how to create your fund at the Jewish Foundation, contact Lisa Stanger, Executive Director at (203) 381-2424, stangerl@jewishnewhaven.org or go to newhavenjewishfoundation.org.

**SCSU Hillel Pitches in at Project H.O.P.E.**

Southern CT State University Hillel members participated in the recent Project H.O.P.E. (Help Our People Everywhere) in preparing over 200 Passover packets for distribution to those in need. For more information, see www.jewishnewhaven.org.

**Troph 41 Performs a Mitzvah**

For the first time, Troop 41 held its Mud statt Rakeout Camp at the JCC in March. Troop 41, boys from Pack Troop 45, continued the troop’s tradition of honoring veterans by conducting Troop 45’s activities include San Martin’s Eagle Project and Giveback in Orange, May 12-13. Troop 41 meets at Congregation B’nai Jacob. Boys of any faith, from all surrounding towns are welcome to join. For more information, go to woodbridgenj.org/mypostsystem.

**Charitable Giving Opportunity Available for Those 70 ½ and Older**

The IRA Charitable Rollover creates an opportunity for donors to establish a permanent endowment or outright charitable gift to a charitable organization. Your gift can be directed toward a capital campaign gift, current needs, or restricted for endowment purposes. Your gift can be earmarked for your synagogue, current needs, or restricted for endowment purposes.

### TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER:

1. The distribution from your IRA must be made directly to the charitable organization.
2. The distribution must be made within 60 days of the date you receive the required minimum distribution (at your 70 ½ birthday) in order to avoid federal and Connecticut income tax purposes (even if it is being used toward his required minimum distribution) – it is tax neutral. Mr. Cohn has created a wonderful Jewish legacy for his family and community, reduced his Connecticut income tax liability, and continued his family’s tradition.
3. The IRA Charitable Rollover is permanent; you can do it again.
4. The maximum amount that can qualify is $100,000.
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8. Only distributions from traditional and Roth IRAs qualify.
9. To qualify, the distribution can only be for charitable purposes and cannot be designated for a donor-controlled fund, supporting organization, private foundation or other income gift (charitable remainder unitrust).
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### ABOUT THE IRA

- **Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven**: An organization that promotes the importance of giving as long as one has something to give.”
- **Project H.O.P.E.**: A program that provides over 200 Passover packets to those in need.
- **SCSU Hillel**: An organization that participates in charitable giving opportunities.
- **Troop 41**: A boy scout troop that performs a Mitzvah by conducting a mud raking activity.

**May is Mental Health Month – Let JFS Help**

Do you feel sad or depressed, over-whelmed or anxious? Many times, just having an impartial person to listen to your feelings can make a world of difference. According to the National Alliance on Mental Health, approximately one in four adults in the U.S. experience mental health issues in a given year. May is Mental Health Awareness Month – a time to shed light on the importance of emotional, psychological, and social well-being – and Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven is ready to help. JFS offers professional counseling services for individuals from all religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds – and at every life stage – from young children to seniors.

Contact Amy Rashba, LCSW, at (203) 389-5599, x113, or arashba@jfsnh.org.

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**One Happy Camper**

The One Happy Camper program of the Jewish Federation is a wonderful Jewish legacy for his family and community, reduced his Connecticut income tax liability, and continued his family’s tradition.

### TITAN FUELS YOUR LIFETIME

### MURRAY LENDER

### TITAN 5K BAGEL RUN

### FREE KIDS RACE + 2 MILE FAMILY FIT WALK

Mark your calendar: Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018

**Jewish Overnight Camps Nationwide**

Need-based aid for overnight Jewish camp. The Jewish Foundation, in partnership with the One Happy Camper program of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, is thrilled to begin its second year of supporting campers from Greater New Haven to attend Jewish overnight camps nationwide. For more information, go to woodbridgenj.org/one-happy-camper.
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Lug B’Omer Community BBQ
Thursday, May 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Tisuote Doolittle Park in Woodbury. BBQ dinner, salads and sides, Music, moonbounce and outdoor games - $8/person. Fun for all ages. For more info, visit www.jewishnewhaven.org

Celebrate Shavuot
Sunday, May 20 at 9:30 a.m. - Join us for holiday morning services, reading of the 10 Commandments at 11:30 a.m., followed by a dairy lunch and ice cream party. No charge.

The JFS foster care team, from left to right, Patrice Brown, Lissy Doyle and Elizabeth Benevides. Doyle (center) is the new, Therapeutic Foster Care/Medically Complex Care program Coordinator. She will be working with JFS's foster care families to counsel and support the youth who were once placed there are now being placed into adulthood - through thick and thin. The JFS foster care team works closely with the CT Department of Children and Families (DCF). Because many residential and group home settings have closed, the youth who were once placed there are now being placed with families.

The JFS team is looking for families who are open to the challenge. They offer families ongoing support at hours of the day. People and families from all different types of compositions are welcome as foster parents. Some basic eligibility requirements are: you must be at least 21, able to provide a youth with a private bedroom, you must make enough income to provide for your dependents (there is a government stipend that accompanies the youth, but it must be used only for the needs of the youth) and you must have a clean police, DMV and DCF record.

Elaine Benedevies, who has worked at JFS for more than 20 years, said the most important attributes of a foster parent are empathy, understanding, patience and the ability to commit to the child. JFS is also able to place foster children in the Medically Complex Foster Care program, which provides foster care for children with intense health conditions. To foster a child in this program, an adult must be a stay-at-home parent with another adult living with them or close by who is also willing to be trained to help when needed.

For more information, check the JFS Facebook page and websites for foster care events in May. For more information, contact Elaine Benedevies at (203) 369-6509 x15.
No Day is a - this is a view for Jewish Days 9 a.m. - the most important day for Jewish Jews. Jews were murdered in the Holocaust and about 200,000 more died in combat. However, according to most estimates between 1.5 million and 2.5 million of Soviet Jews were killed in the Holocaust during WWII. However, it is somewhat less known that about one third of all the Jews killed in the Holocaust were Soviet citizens living in the Soviet territories before 1941. The statistics vary to a great extent, but according to most sources, about 500,000 Soviet Jews were murdered in the Holocaust and about 200,000 more died in combat. It was about 10 percent of all Soviet deaths at a time when Jews were only 2.5 percent of the population. Even though Jews suffered the heaviest losses, it was during the Second World War that most of the Soviet Jews were killed. 

For people from the former Soviet Union, May 9 is a touching and sad holiday that brings tears to the eyes of many. All Jewish families from the former Soviet Union had relatives who died or lived overseas. If they were alive, they were included for being Jews. We should remember them even as we celebrate the holiday.

In March and April, the New American Acculturation Program offered lectures on 2018 tax updates as well as scholarships for first time campers, Irina Polyaika, Sveta Belokrytova and Natasha Mostovskaya also led programs on American and Jewish day schools and the New Haven Jewish community. We are very grateful to Rabbi Levitin and his family for providing free services, and I am ready for that challenge.

We welcome to America accepting, understanding and knowing the American and Jewish cultures. We have collaborated with parents of students with disabilities, to fight against bullying, to organize the first school-wide anti-bullying week. We welcomed parents of students with disabilities, to fight bullying, to organize the first school-wide anti-bullying week. We welcomed parents of students with disabilities, to fight bullying, to organize the first school-wide anti-bullying week.
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Sticky Fingers, $15/$30 family max, recommended
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MEDITERRANEAN MEALS COOKING SERIES
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TOUCH-A-TRUCK, JCC ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY
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There are those who wring their hands over the amount of plastic finding its way into landfills and oceans, and there are others who use their hands as part of the solution. In the act of "plarning," a fusion of plastic and yarn, "plarn" refers to the strips cut from single-use plastic shopping bags. "Plarning." A fusion of plastic and yarn, "plarn" refers to the strips cut from single-use plastic shopping bags. There is an eco-cool crafter, Skalka, residents, and volunteers who help cut and crochet the plastic strips. Skalka brought the project out into the community, engaging the Sisterhood of Congregation Or Shalom and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Women of Visionhood. Skalka brought the project out into the community, engaging the Sisterhood of Congregation Or Shalom and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Women of Visionhood. A Towers aide, who: we're building community."

In the end, Bethel AME Church did not receive funding to set up a warming center, but Skalka is working with the New Haven Police Department to see if they will distribute the mats to the city's homeless. Skalka hopes to continue growing the project through-out the area. "I consider it a win-win project," she says. "We're helping the homeless, and we're making something beautiful."

For information, contact Skalka at skalka@towerone.org (203) 772-1816, x350.

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The Towers Life Enrichment Coordinator Susan Skalka learned about plastic-finding its way into landfills and oceans, and there are others who use their hands as part of the solution. In the act of "plarning," a fusion of plastic and yarn, "plarn" refers to the strips cut from single-use plastic shopping bags. There is an eco-cool crafter, Skalka, residents, and volunteers who help cut and crochet the plastic strips. Skalka brought the project out into the community, engaging the Sisterhood of Congregation Or Shalom and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Women of Visionhood. Skalka brought the project out into the community, engaging the Sisterhood of Congregation Or Shalom and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Women of Visionhood. A Towers aide, who: we're building community."

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By Stacey Batatt PJ Library Professional

Spring and summer give us the chance to plant seeds in areas we want to improve and nurture the beauty of our world. It’s a great time to get outside and using our five senses when we breathe fresh air, take a walk in nature, or physical activity. Breathing fresh air outdoors and using our five senses when we experience all of the above. The PJ Family and your family a chance to experience all of the above.

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Temple Beth David Celebrates 50th

Temple Beth David, located at 3 Main Street in Cheshire, is thrilled to announce their 50th in May, an event they will honor the past and celebrate the future. All are welcome to participate.

A Shavuot-themed family picnic kicks off the celebration on Sunday, May 20, at 6 p.m. at Milford Library. A special Shavuot-themed Shabbat service will be held on October 19 as part of their annual Scholar-in-Residence weekend. Other celebratory events are planned throughout the year. The celebration culminates on Dec. 1, with a gala featuring dinner, dancing, and a performance by the Museum of Natural History. Visit thisbeki.org/about-us/beki50th-anniversary for more information.

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That dream became a reality with the purchase of the building owned by the Darien Congregational Church. Temple Beth David is one of the last remaining examples in the United States of a chapel designed by the founder of the Methodists. Darien, Connecticut, is the 175-year-old history of the congregation.

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