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Warsaw Offers Glimpse of Our Tragic Past, But Also Hopes for Renaissance of Jewish Life

This month’s column is written from Warsaw, Poland, where I am proud to be part of a delegation from our community to visit Warsaw, Lublin and Krakow before flying to Israel to continue our mission and concluding when the Jewish Federations of North America’s General Assembly is in session.

Warsaw is a beautiful, modern, thriving city. It’s difficult to square today’s reality of modern Warsaw with the black and white images of the horror of the Warsaw Ghetto, the forced deportations and mass killings of more than 300,000 Jews from Warsaw alone at Treblinka.

It’s important to understand our history and to bear witness to all that happened here. But equally important was how we completed our first day of the mission.

After a day walking in the footsteps of the past, immersed in the tragic realities that befell the Jews, we concluded with an inspiring visit at the Warsaw JCC, located in a hip, young and thriving city. It’s difficult to square today’s Warsaw with the reality of modern Warsaw with the Warsaw Ghetto, the forced deportations and mass killings of more than 300,000 Jews from Warsaw alone at Treblinka.

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Warsaw Offers Glimpse of Our Tragic Past, which is about to celebrate its fifth anniversary.

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And those roots can be rekindled in unexpected places. There have been several goose bump moments. But the best one for me today came when Dr. Harry Schwartz shared that as a son of a Holocaust survivor who saw alone at Treblinka.

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JFS Launches Ken’s Closet Program for Community

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFSGNH) is excited to launch a new program called Ken’s Closet, serving men and women. This program honors the memory of the late Ken Sperling, who had a passion for helping those in need. Ken’s Closet will supply work-ready clothing to clients who need help navigating the challenges of the job market – with employment as their goal.

Through Ken’s Closet, JFSGNH will screen prospective clients through the JFSGNH Social Services department. Prospective Ken’s Closet clients will be reviewed by staff and approved for admission into the program.

Ken’s Closet, which has been created in partnership with the JFS’s Adult Day Services program, is located in the JFSGNH office at 1440 Whalley Avenue, New Haven. To learn more about the program and how to get involved, contact kenscloset@jfsnh.org.

Important Dates:

- September 10: Ken’s Closet officially opens to clients.
- October 11: Annual Birthday Party for Ken’s Closet.

Group Helps Families Explore Adoption

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven is planning an Infant Adoption Homestudy Group.

How to handle the technical details of different types of adoption

To learn more about the adoption process, contact Amy Rashba at (203) 389-5599 x119. Some of the topics this group will address include:

- Adoption types and timelines
- Requirements for birth parents
- Post adoption contact agreements
- Open adoption
- Placement agency symposiums over the high holidays

Alternatively, donations of suits, dresses, shoes, accessories, and household items will be accepted by appointment at the JFSGNH office at 1440 Whalley Avenue, New Haven.

Jewish Family Service Welcomes New Board Members

At the June annual meeting, Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven welcomed three new members to its Board of Directors.

Harvey Bixon, Rabbi Herbert Brockman and Enid Groves bring a variety of experience, talent and knowledge to the agency.

Harvey Bixon

A native of New Haven, Harvey Bixon is a returning member to the JFSGNH Board. He alumnus of the Southern CT Hebrew Academy and a 1979 graduate of Brandeis University. Bixon built a successful career as a former New Haven Scrap Metal business owner, and later worked as an Industry Consultant for Sims Metal Management, CT.

Rabbi Herbert B. Brockman

Herbert B. Brockman is a seventh-generation rabbi who recently retired from his 32 years at the pulpit of Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden.

His leadership and advocacy for many social justice and interfaith programs have been focused on local, state and national levels.

These include Abraham’s Tent—an annual interfaith program that shelters the homeless, the “PEAH project”—a long-standing initiative by CMD members that raised vegetables for local soup kitchens, the Interfaith Cooperative Ministries, Hartford Seminary and the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement. Brockman, who taught at the Yale Divinity School for over 10 years, earned his MAHI at Hebrew Union College and his PhD from Tufts’s Seminary and University.

In 2014, he was awarded the honorary Doctor of Human Letters from Albertus Magnus College.

Enid Groves

Originally from Queens, NY, Enid Groves has been a member of the New Haven community for 45 years. Throughout her professional career as the Director of Women’s Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, and as Director of Special Events at the Jewish Community Center, Groves worked closely with a variety of local lay leaders, staff and volunteers.

For over two decades, she coordinated fundraising and marketing efforts on major events, conferences and countless fundraising, arts and community events programs. Groves looks forward to combining her skills, knowledge and familiarity with Jewish New Haven philanthropists to the JFSGNH Board.

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Foundation Offers Many Scholarships

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS:** All scholarships are for high school seniors from Jewish households. All applications must be completed online by May 1. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed.

Go to www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships for more information.

- **Mary Taylor Friedler Memorial Scholarship**
- **Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE)**
- **Emma Kohn Podoloff Scholarship**

**Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven**

- **Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE)**
  - Awards are $1,000 and applicant must reside in Connecticut. Awards are based on the strength of the application and financial need.
  - Application and three recommendations. Awards are based on the strength of the application and financial need.

- **Israel Experience Scholarships**
  - The Jewish Foundation Israel Experience Scholarship Program enables local Jewish students ages 14-18 to participate in an Israel experience to develop and enrich their Jewish education and reinforce their Jewish identity. The Jewish Foundation encourages scholarships for both short-term (minimum of three-week program) and long-term organized Israel educational programs. Greater New Haven United Way’s grantees $49,190 are expected to fund other summer programs. Applications are due by May 1, 2020.

- **Scharl J. Drolff Scholarship Fund**
  - Awards are $1,000 and applicant must reside in Connecticut. Awards are based on the strength of the application and financial need.

- **Soros Fellowship Program**
  - For applications and details, visit www.sorosfellowship.org.

- **Women’s Greater New Haven Foundation Scholarships**
  - Visit www.gnewhaven.org/scholarships for more information.

**End-of-Year 2018 Charitable Giving**

- **Donating Stock vs. Cash**
  - In this example, you see that donating the stock results in no capital gains tax being paid, a larger itemized deduction, and more money for the charity of your choice. Below example assumes $52 tax bracket, a cost basis of $5,000, that the investment has been held for more than a year, and that all realized gains are subject to a 15% long-term capital gains tax rate. This does not take into account any state or local taxes.

- **Donating Long-Term Appreciated Securities**
  - Charitable income tax deduction for the full $25,000.

- **Donating Detect**
  - For donations of stock, your stock must be transferred, no matter what you originally paid for them.

- **Donating Donor-Advised Fund with the Jewish Foundation**
  - Available for Those 70½ and Older

**Charitable Giving Opportunity**

- **For donations of cash (including checks), your donation must be either postmarked or personally delivered to the not-for-profit organization on or before Dec. 31.**
- **For donations of stock, your stock must be transferred out of your account on or before Dec. 31.**
- **For donations via credit card, your credit card donation must be processed on or before Dec. 31.**
- **Note: If you are 70½ or older you can distribute up to $100,000 from your IRA directly to a charity, tax-free (note, does not apply to donor advised funds or split interest gifts).**

**DONATING LONG-TERM APPRECIATED SECURITIES CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TAX BENEFITS**

- **When you donate long-term appreciated securities, you can claim a charitable income tax deduction for the fair market value of the securities on the date of transfer, no matter what you originally paid for them.**
- **You may not capitalize tax on the transfer of the securities.**

- **For example, if the securities originally cost $5,000 and now have a fair market value of $25,000, you do not pay tax on the $20,000 gain and you may claim a charitable income tax deduction for the full $25,000.**

- **Tips for End-of-Year 2018 Charitable Giving**

**End-of-Year Tax Deductions**

- **To qualify for a deduction, the not-for-profit organization must be a qualified public charity.**

**Questions?**

For more information contact: Lisa Stanger, Jewish Foundation Executive Director, lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org, (203) 387-2424, x382 or visit www.newhavenjewishfoundation.org or www.jewishnewhaven.org
Flaherty Interns in Israel for Ethiopian National Project
by Hannah Flaherty

My name is Hannah Flaherty. I'm 20 years old and I spent the summer interning at the Ethiopian National Project (ENP) in Jerusalem. ENP is a non-profit dedicated to providing additional educational assistance to Ethiopian-Israeli children in an effort to help them integrate fully into Israeli society. Working with ENP was one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had and I am grateful to have gained that opportunity.

My job consisted primarily of helping out in the main ENP office, located on King George Street, in the heart of Jerusalem. Along with three other interns and under the guidance of Grace and Ariella, the two directors of International Relations, I worked five days a week preparing ENP for the upcoming school year. My responsibilities included applying for grants to fund the ENP SPACE (School Performance and Community Empowerment) program, which is their main program for promoting academic success. Additionally, I was tasked with getting the testimonies of the medical students who are supported by ENP and aiding in any other projects that required extra assistance.

Despite spending most of my time in the office, I was still able to see the impact that my work and the work of ENP has on the Ethiopian-Israeli community. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend two programs where I interacted with many of the children that ENP supports. On one of the days, there was even a pop-up planetarium that the children could explore to learn about outer space. Seeing how excited these kids got over education and hearing their stories was a surreal experience. I am forever grateful for the opportunity I had to work with ENP this summer. Knowing that my work has positively impacted the lives of thousands of Ethiopian-Israeli children is so incredible, and it is a feeling I will keep with me forever.
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Madison Student Recalls Israel Trip

By Elijah Labowe-Stoll

For two months, I lived in Hod Hasharon in Israel. The school is pluralistic and gives students a campus building, boys on one side, girls on the other, and shared a common room and kitchen. On a typical day, our classes ended in the afternoon, and we walked off campus to see the city of Hod Hasharon. The main reason to leave campus was the food, including shawarma, and falafel, sushi, thin-crust pizza, and even shishkabab. My favorite meal was the Druze feast in Haifa. My core teacher asked what connects me to Israel, I didn’t know what to say then, but I can answer her now. The people I met, Israelis in Jerusalem and in Tel Aviv both consider themselves Jewish but for different reasons. I asked Israelis everywhere I went what it meant to them to be Jewish. A man in Tel Aviv said, “To be Jewish is to be a good person.” I asked the same question to a woman who said, “To be Jewish means to live in Israel.” An Orthodox man at the Kotel said to be Jewish is to follow the Torah and its commandments. An Israeli who grew up closely tied to Jerusalem experiences a different life than one who lives in Tel Aviv, but both strongly consider themselves Jewish. I loved Tel Aviv’s lively atmosphere, but dancing at the Kotel with fellow Jews on erev Shabbat was joyous and heartwarming. I felt a connection to people I didn’t know, but after that night I knew them as my brothers. The most interesting person our group met was Ariah Ben Yaakov, who lives in Kibbutz Misgav Am in the Golan Mountains neighboring Lebanon. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he had fought in both Lebanese Wars and was extremely territorial of his mountain-top. Ariah described himself as right-wing conservative from Texas in favor of no gun control and no government. Ariah’s views on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict contained a strong “Israel first” mentality. He made it clear that he and his kibbutzniks would only defend themselves from attacks made by Hezbollah terrorists. I don’t agree with all his views, but he’s happy where he is.

I had all the stresses of being a high school junior, with all the tests, but being in Israel allowed me to escape my daily routine, and there was always something new to see and taste.
Laura is practicing Catholic teaching — living in Washington, DC with her Jewish husband. She is passionate about public service, environmental stewardship, and interfaith connections. She wrote this article for Interfaith Family last December. This year of peace can be complicated and difficult for many of us at the same time. For example, throughout the entire month of Hanukkah, it was assumed that we would spend Christmas with my Catholic family. Since I have a five-year old for whom both my faith and Zach’s Jewish family doesn’t celebrate Christmas, I decided to invite them to our family to go, to see what’s out, or who gets Christmas and who gets jobs, and so forth. From perspective, Christmas, for us, is a way of the interfaith, and the stories I’ve read and listened to at home at Hanukkah. Interfaith Families Project of Washington and through the Interfaith Voices podcast, have shown me another dimension of this knowledge that I never thought was available, in the reality of coming to an event of Christmas. This facades and sentiments that are spent during that time of the year trying to understand the strengths and weaknesses of our families. While every family is different, I can understand feeling overwhelmed by the multitude of汉服—Christmas—the shopping, the in-sens and the plethora of red and green everywhere.

For me, the Christmas season has always been associated with the time of preparation that begins four Sundays from Christmas Eve. This Christmas, this reminder of Hanukkah, a time to prepare for Christmas in a way that’s different than many Jewish families. Advent offers the opportunity to pause and reflect on what Christmas is about—marking room for God in our lives. Christmas is about giving gifts to each other and those who we love. We’ve been talking about Interfaith families and trying to maintain that togetherness in the present. This article is about the importance of being present for Hanukkah.

For additional information, call (203) 389-9513 or go to JewishNerdlights.org.

CMI TOTAL HANNUKAH PROGRAM SUNDAY, DEC. 2, AT 9:30 A.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 360 AMITY ROAD, WOODBRIDGE Enjoy blessings, stories, food and fun. For more information, call (203) 878-3677.

MENORAH LIGHTING CELEBRATIONS ON THE MILFORD GREEN SUNDAY, DEC. 2, AT 5 P.M. 247 BROAD ST, MILFORD Chabad-HCW will hold a menorah lighting on the Milford Green with a “Cold Olymp.” Indoor celebration to follow open the menorah featuring dreidels, latkes, hot cider, and crafts. Call (203) 878-4569.

SHORELINE HANNUKAH EVENT, LATKES & VODKAS TUESDAY, DEC. 4, 7-9 P.M. GUILFORD WOOL CLUB 379 NEW WHITFIELD ST, GUILFORD Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. Contact Amy Holtz at (203) 387-2404, x54.

PI LIBRARY HANNUKAH EVENTS, MENORAH & THE HANNUKAH GOLBLIN SUNDAY, DEC. 2, 4-4:55 P.M. GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY 67 PINE ST, GUILFORD Contact Amy Catsay at (203) 878-2442 x327.

JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN, HANNUKHAH PARTY SUNDAY, DEC. 2, AT 5 P.M. 22 NORTH ORCHARD STREET, CHESTER, CT Shabbat service, enjoy a magic show sing Hanukkah songs. Following a brief Shabbat service, enjoy a magic show, latkes and Hanukkah service, celebration. Call (203) 877-8218.

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Three Basket Program at Temple Emanuel. In this event, the whole Temple Emanuel community, young and old, comes together to assemble holiday baskets for those in need. Temple members donate items such as toys, games, and books for kids, and Hanukkah baskets for those in need. Temple members donate items such as toys, games, and books for kids, as well as other Hanukkah treats. There is a fee for dinner. For more info, go to cmihamden.org or call Emily Kurz (203) 387-2424 x306.

COME READ DREIDEL AT DCM On Sunday Dec. 2, at 10:30 a.m., bring your dreidels to temple Emanuel’s Library program and meet some Amalia Hoffman while she reads her book “Dreidel Day at the” Contact Stacey at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org for more information & registration.

JCC HANNUKHAH PROGRAMS SUNDAY, DEC. 2, 9 P.M. JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN, 360 AMITY ROAD, WOODBRIDGE Go to jccofgnh.org for details.

PERSHON & PETERSON MAKERSPACE, SUNDAY, DEC. 2, 2-3:30 P.M. JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN Baseännkka Hol in the Makerpace to create a menorah lighting. Call (203) 397-3000.

CBSRZ HANNUKHAH CELEBRATION SUNDAY, DEC. 2, AT 11 A.M. GUILFORD HEBREW CONGREGATION BE SHALOM ROCKE RIDEZE 55 EAST KING’S HWY, CHESTER Join us for a celebration of Hanukkah! Contact Derek Holodak, (203) 387-2424, dholodak@jewishnewhaven.org.

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The Jewish Foundation's One Happy Camper New Haven program provides incentive grants for first-time campers as well as financial aid to over 195 different Jewish overnight camps. Campers must reside in the Greater New Haven catchment area. Up to $1,000 (not needs-based) incentive grant for overnight Jewish camp. Needs-based aid for overnight Jewish camp.

To learn more or apply, please visit: jewishnewhaven.org/one-happy-camper

The Towers Receives Two Prestigious Awards

The Towers was recently honored to receive two landmark awards recently for its leadership in the field of aging services. Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo, President/CEO of The Towers, received the Spirit of Advocacy Award for a lifetime of work and dedication as an advocate for all seniors in all types of settings. The Carol Rosenwald “Spirit of Advocacy” Award was established in honor of Carol Rosenwald, who advocated tirelessly for systems and legislative change as the founder of the Statewide Coalition of Resident Councils. The Towers also received the prestigious 2018 LeadingAge Connecticut Media Award which is presented to an individual or organization in recognition of their excellence in reporting or presentation of media events which positively affect older adults.

Each year, the Spirit of Advocacy Award is presented by the State of Connecticut Long Term Care Ombudsman Program at the VOICES Forum to individuals and organizations that work to improve the quality of life and the quality of care for those living in all types of long-term care settings. Throughout his career serving seniors, Gus has always focused on helping people live their best lives. Over the years, Gus has helped the organizations that he has led think more holistically about how supportive services are being provided to seniors and their loved ones. Through his management philosophy that always starts with “YES” to EVERY idea presented, Gus empowers his teams to explore the possibilities of each suggestion before choosing the ones that naturally rise to the top.

The Towers was recognized for developing 12 segments in partnership with WTNH Channel that covered The Towers’ rich history over the past 50 years, our vibrant community and a “sneak peak” of our even brighter future. The Towers’ story is one of our evolving community, growing friendships, increasing generosity and expanding volunteerism, all woven together by our rich heritage. All of this recognition belongs to those who make The Towers the unique place it has been throughout our history. View one of our videos to get to know us better or consider stopping by if you are in the area. For more information about The Towers, contact Jennifer Bayer, Director of Development & Community Relations, jennifer@towerone.org or Rebecca Goodman Olshansky, Occupancy Specialist, rebecca@towerone.org.

Second from left is Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo, President/CEO of The Towers receiving the Leading Age Connecticut Media Award 2018 at the Annual Meeting of Leading Age Connecticut.

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Kever Avot–5779

Historically, the Jewish community of Greater New Haven offers a special program “Kever Avot” the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to provide a space and place for survivor families to come together to recite Had hashanah. This special Sunday, held on Sept. 16 this year, often sees loved ones visiting cemeteries for this purpose. Since survivors have no cemetery to visit, the New Haven Holocaust Memorial on Whalley Avenue provides the venue.
BEKI Presents Pirkei Avot Discussion Series

In the months ahead, Beth El – Keser Israel will present a series of discussions about Pirkei Avot, The Wisdom of our Sages, celebrating the newly published “Pirkei Avot Lev Shalem.” Translated and edited by Rabbi Martin S. Cohen, whose prior books include an edition of Psalms and a prayer book for the house of mourning. All events are free and open to the public.

The text is surrounded by the voices of two commentators, Rabbi Tamar Elad-Apelbaum, founder of ZON; An Eretz Israeli Congregation in Jerusalem, and Rabbi Gordon Tucker, Senior Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Israel Center in White Plains, NY.

The “Lev Shalem” series, published by the Rabbinical Assembly, carries that name because each volume approaches the text with a “full heart,” committed to understanding the text in its ancient setting while transmitting a living “Torah of the heart” to each generation.

The opening event on Sunday, November 4, at 10 a.m. will feature a brunch, remarks by Rabbi Cohen, and a panel discussion about Pirkei Avot with Rabbi Fred Hyman of the Westville Synagogue in New Haven, Rabbi Rona Penheimer. Reservations would be appreciated to (203)389-2108 or office@beki.org.

Weekend events will include:
- Chapter One with Rabbi Alan Lovins on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.
- Chapter Two with Rabbi Carl Astor on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m.
- Chapter Three with Rabbi Eric Silver on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 11 a.m.
- Chapter Four with Rabbi Richard Eisenberg on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m.
- Chapter Five with Rabbi Murray Levine on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 11 a.m.
- Chapter Six with Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m.

Copies of Pirkei Avot Lev Shalem will be available for purchase on Nov. 4 and at Sunday study sessions.

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Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy of Connecticut

Since the beginning of the new year, we couldn’t stop thinking about how Israel made a significant step as it declared itself a country. On Nov. 29, 1947, the UN gave permission for two states to be created within the state of Israel. Resolution 295 recommended the creation of independent Arab and Jewish States and a Special International Regime for the city of Jerusalem. After the proposal, Jews in Israel were so happy, they began dancing and singing in the streets. They were scared of the unknown, but they were happy because they knew it would be a positive change that would lead to a better life. Changes are hard. Even though it might take us a while to get used to everything, you will see us smiling, dancing and singing in the street, and excited just like everyone back in 1947.

What’s Behind the O-U Symbol?

Talking Kosher at Chabad of Milford

What’s behind the O-U symbol? Join senior OU inspector, Rabbi Aaron Shapiro, for an insider’s look into the world of kosher food: the good, the bad, and the truth. Find out what the kosher certification on your food really means. Monday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. at Chabad of Milford-HCW, 25 Edgerton Ave., Milford. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend this event; all are welcome. To help sponsor this event for $100, please contact rabbiteo@ou.org.
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New BLELC Director Believes Strong Home-School Connection Is Crucial

The Beverly Levy Early Learning Center, of the JCC of Greater New Haven recently welcomed Lisa Bickford as its new Educational Director. Bickford brings more than 16 years of experience as a director of early childhood education centers and programs.

The first thing Bickford noticed when she visited the JCC and the Early Learning Center was a culture of warmth, openness and compassion. “It’s a very special place, a family community I knew I would love to join,” Bickford said.

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The highlight of the morning’s program will be the keynote address titled: “The Acquiescence of This Government toward its Jewish Misfortune” by Josiah DuBois. DuBois will present his findings and offer his thoughts on the current situation.
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