NEW CANTOR COMES TO B’NAI JACOB

Congregation B’nai Jacob welcomes Cantor Malachi Kanfer. PAGE 6

GET READY FOR JCC GRAND OPENING

Doors set to open at the Jewish community building in December. PAGE 3

WORTH MENSCHENING

For almost 20 years, Sandy Hagan has helped many feel more food secure at the JFS Food Pantry. PAGE 4

Israel’s Jubilee

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Missions Can Feed the Soul

Judy Alperin in Israel 2003.

Missions are remarkable ways to connect with the Jewish people.

Our community is currently planning its next mission to Poland and Israel departing on Oct. 15, 2018. Jewish Federation president, Dr. Norman Raskin, an expert on the Shoah and the death camps having led numerous March of the Living trips, will be integral in the planning and leadership of the trip. After several ideas experiencing Poland, our group will journey on to Israel where we will experience the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of today's Israel in all her splendor, after her first 70 years. The trip will culminate as just the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly gets underway, and we encourage all participants to add on a few extra days to experience a conference like no other.

Since that fruitful mission in 2003, I had the good fortune to return to Israel many more times. In fact, I find that if I’m not there every 18-24 months, I suffer a bit of withdrawal. I don’t know if it’s the incredible Israeli breakfasts that I crave, walking on the actual stones that our forebears walked upon or interacting with Israelis, but I know that each time I go, I feed my soul. I am looking forward to experiencing Israel with you, and strongly encourage you to make the time for a very special experience. Join the Greater New Haven Jewish community as we journey to the past and catapult into the future.

Poland & Israel

October 15 – 21, 2018

Stay with us for an even more interesting celebration of Israel at 70 at the Jewish Federations of North America’s General Assembly: October 22 – 24, 2018.

It’s Never Too Late to Have a B’Mitzvah

Herbert Mermelstein prepares to say the Barukh atonim before reading from the Torah in preparation for his bar mitzvah.

New Haven – Herbert Mermelstein still remembers his first bar mitzvah ceremony, nearly 70 years ago, how he led the entire Saturday morning service with Rabbi Stanford of Ahavas Zedek in Akron, Ohio, and was the center of attention at a fancy reception belittling the youngest of five children and the only son. His bat mitzvah and bar mitzvah speeches from that May Shabbat in 1948 are among the precious possession sessions that have accompanied him through a lifetime spent in Akron, Florida, and most recently, Connecticut. On Saturday, Dec. 3, Mermelstein will close out his Torah-blessing skills when he joins 14 fellow residents of Tower One/Tower East at a special adult B’Mitzvah Service from 10 a.m. to noon at 360 Towers Lane in New Haven. The event is open to the community.

Mermelstein moved to New Haven in August 2015, nine months after burying his wife, Melia, and these three months after celebrating his 90th birthday. Melia’s death made him a regular at Friday night and Saturday morning services, when he eventually learned the Torah blessings in Hebrew. He attended a monthly class at The Towers taught by Rabbi Benjamin Sokol of Temple Beth Shalom in Hamden.

Why would people in their later years want to participate in a coming-of age ceremony traditionally reserved for 12- and 13-year-olds? “Life circumstances sometimes prevented our residents from achieving that passageway,” said400-year-old ODS Jackie Oul. “For those who were not able to participate when they called 13, this is a wonderful time. For others who once celebrated their Bar mitzvah, this is an opportunity to reaffirm their desire to stand up and be counted.”

“One man told me, ‘I’ve never felt fully Jewish; I’ve always felt like a second-class citizen because I know stuff, but I never had a bar mitzvah ceremony.”’ Sokol said. “He actually knows the brachot – it’s not a matter of not knowing – but he never felt like he could have an aliyah, which is not technically true. Of course if he had one an aliyah, he might never felt like he should have it. He feels fine when he feels it. It’s never too late.”

RIPV requested. Contact Melly at (203) 772-1818, x286, jmj@thejews.org.
FOOD4KIDS New Haven Event Honors Sen. Kennedy

The FOOD4KIDS New Haven Celebration will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at LoRicco Tower, 26 Orange St., New Haven. Mayor Toni Harp, State Senator Ted Kennedy, Jr. will be honored at the event, which raises money for this valuable program that provides food for school children who are food insecure children in the New Haven public school system. For more information, go to www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships for application and guidelines.

FOOD4KIDS New Haven is designed to feed school children who are food insecure and have little or no food on the weekends. Better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased attendance have all been attributed to the program. A contribution of $200 feeds one child in the program for the academic year. FOOD4KIDS New Haven is currently providing for more than 280 students.

Congregation Or Shalom will host the Orange Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service on Thursday, November 23, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

As much as she enjoys seeing her clients, Sandy also loves her invariable work ethic. “I’m a good communicator,” she said. “I’ve got a job or my situation has changed and I’m okay with it. This is my last appointment.” Sandy also loves her invariable work ethic. “The pantry would not exist without them.”

Each month, the food pantry has “Rabbinic Wednesdays” with Rabbi Heshy Som- mer, Rabbi Steve Steinberg, and a rotating cast of guest rabbinical assistants. Sara Grinberg, JFS’s Volunteer Coordina- tor, provides additional support with volun- teers from the Woodbridge branch of the Kennedy Center, the Foundation School of Kosher and CDOO Milford — Wheelers. Food pantry clients schedule a visit to pick up groceries at the Food Pantry once a month. In addition to these scheduled clients, the food pantry also helps to find great number of emergency calls for food. Currently, more than 250 families utilize the JFS Food Pantry on a regular basis. For more information on ways you can help or to donate food, contact Sandy. Sandy makes the experience of acquiring food akin to shopping for food in a store. She also helps all of the food and supplies and gathers statistics. Reeds for the event can be pur- chased online or at the door. They are $20 for adults, $10 for children under 12 and $40 for families. For more information on ways you can help or to donate food, contact Sandy at rsdobin@jfsnh.org or call (203) 599-934.

Our Young Emissaries, Rotem Linchevski and Tayla Macphood, recently got to enjoy their first apple-picking experience with young students from Ezra Academy. They didn’t forget to follow them on Facebook to find out where Rotem and Tayla are headed next. If you are interested in hosting, contact Amalya Braunstein at amalya@jcoh.org.

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B’nai Jacob Welcomes New Cantor in Special Program

Cantor Kanfer, 28, originally from Ohio, was an undergraduate at Oberlin College. He was invited as a cantor from the H.L. Miller Cantor School and College of Jewish Music at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. In his new role, Kanfer will lead the community in prayer, teach liturgical music, officiate at all life cycle events, and serve as a parliamentarian. He is also the new director of the Religious School at Congregation B’nai Jacob and choir director at B’nai Jacob and New Haven Hazan.

For more information and to RSVP: go to B’naiJacob.org. The synagogue office can answer questions at (203) 389-2111. Congregation B’nai Jacob is located at 75 Rimmon Road in Woodbridge.

For more information, contact Lisa Stanger, Jewish Foundation Executive Director, lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org, 203-387-2424, x.382, or visit us at www.newhavenjewish.org.

IRA Charitable Rollover Creates Giving Opportunity

The IRA Charitable Rollover creates an opportunity for donors age 70 1/2 or older to establish an endowment or make an outright charitable gift from an IRA.

To qualify, the distribution can only be for charitable purposes and cannot be designated for a donor advised fund, supporting organization, private foundation or supporting corporation.

Ten Things to Know About the IRA Charitable Rollover:

1) The distribution from your IRA must be made directly to the charitable organization.

2) You must be 70 1/2 or older at the time that the distribution is made. (Note, this offers the required minimum distribution at the time you only need to turn 70 1/2 during the year).

3) The IRA Charitable Rollover is permanent, you can do it this year and every year.

4) The maximum amount that can qualify is $100,000.

5) The IRA Charitable Rollover will satisfy your required minimum distribution.

6) You can roll over more than your required minimum distribution and in addition to your required minimum distribution (up to $100,000) to charity.

7) The amount of the IRA Charitable Rollover does not need to be reported as income on your federal or Connecticut income tax return.

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 advised fund, supporting organization, private foundation or supporting corporation.

10) No gifts or services can be received in exchange for the distribution (i.e., textiles or dinner).

In most cases, you will need to contact your IRA plan administrator/financial institution. Please consult your professional advisor concerning your tax plans.

What will your Jewish Legacy be?

“The synagogues of my youth do not exist anymore. I made a legacy commitment to BEKI to make sure that our family and future generations never have to say that. The BEKI community has supported us spiritually, intellectually, educationally and socially. It is an honor to be able to support it back now and in the future.”—Harold Birn, founder of The Birn Family Charitable Foundation
JCC’s New Makerspace Fosters Creativity
By Jeannette Brodour

EHP Editor

A brand new, state-of-the-art collabora-
tive makerspace is being created within the Jewish Community Center as a springboard to encourage peo-
ple of all ages to make, learn, play, explore, invent and share projects and ideas to foster creativity.

Makerspaces are for everyone, from children to adults. It is a space for teaching, discovering and learning.

Construction is underway for all of the components for the space, including furniture, benches and seating.

The JCC’s new makerspace area will feature four areas of the JCC Fitness Department, including ceramics, computer programming, internet classes and sewing. This area will allow makers to create projects that they could not do at home.

In addition to open-studio time, there will be classes offered in the space throughout the year.

The interdisciplinary makerspace will merge Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) to spark learning and foster self-expression.

Makerspaces can help develop critical thinking skills and boost self-confidence. These creative areas can also foster entrepreneurship.

Makerspaces are even being utilized all over the world as incubators and accelerators for business startups. They are a platform for innovation and invention.

Looking Back, Moving Forward with Women’s Philanthropy
By Dena Schulman-Green

September 4, 2017

Announcing One Happy Camper
Did you know that…
As adults, Jewish campers are 21 percent more likely to feel that being Jewish is very important.
As adults, Jewish campers are 25 percent more likely to feel that being Jewish is very important.

By Dena Schulman-Green

President, Women’s Philanthropy

There’s something exciting about the transition from one year into the next. It’s a time when one wants to simultane-
ously look backward and forward-
ward to lessons learned and assess-
ment of progress, and forward to new
ideas and possibilities. As we all do, I spent some time contemplating this transition over Rosh Hashanah.

Last year was an incredible year for us. Leaders at the Women’s Philanthropy program stepped up to “Feducate” about the Jewish quality events. To implement these ideas of being inclusive, of partner-

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JFS Welcomes King as New Medical Director
Dr. Robert King of the Yale Child Study Center has joined JFS’s Child Mental Health and Counseling Service as its new Child Psychiatric and Medical Director. Dr. King has been a professor within the Yale Department of Psychiatry and at the Yale Child Study Center since 1998. He brings decades of expertise in a variety of childhood psychiatric disciplines to JFS, both as a practitioner and as an academic. Dr. King will provide psychiatric evaluations, medication management, psychiatric care, and consultation to staff.

Nutritional Health Center just before the entire day. Please visit bit.ly/GF4CF and select Thanksgiving Campaign as your Designation of Gift.
How to Keep Pounds Off During Winter Months

By Susan Donovan, JCC Director of Fitness Services

The holiday season might not be the best time to start losing weight, but it doesn’t have to be a time gain extra pounds and affect your health. Here are some ways to keep yourself and your weight balanced over the holidays.

1. SCHEDULE YOUR WORKOUT ROUTINE OR JUST MOVE MORE

Plan to move your body every day. When you make the decision to be more active, decide when and how you are going to do it. And when things come up, just decide to work them into your busy day – walk more, take the stairs, and find ways to keep your body ac-

2. EXPLORE FUN WAYS TO GET THE FAMILY MOVING

Family gatherings usually involve food and sitting around. Get everyone outside any way you can. Even if it’s in 10 minute bursts.

3. LIST YOUR FAVORITE TREATS DURING THE HOLIDAYS & COMMIT TO HAVING ONLY THOSE YOU WANT.

4. SHOP WELL FOR YOURSELF

Stock your kitchen with healthy foods and have some ways to keep yourself, and your weight balanced over the holidays.

5. KEEP SUGAR OFF OF YOUR VEGETABLES

6. JUST SAY NO

7. HYDRATE

Keep your water bottle with you at all times. For health purposes, it’s recommended that you drink half of your body weight in ounces, so fill up a large water bottle and sip throughout the day.

8. SEEK OUT NEW WAYS TO MANAGE STRESS

Shave stress cortisol, affects your insulin, and makes fat burning a tough process. Breath deep every day, chew your food longer and don’t hesitate to use the word NO.

9. GET YOUR GOALS IN CHECK NOW & LINE UP YOUR 2018 PLAN

By Susan Donovan, JCC Director of Fitness Services

10. MAKE THE DECISION TO LOVE MOVEMENT

11. START THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU SHOULDN’T EAT

12. MAKE THE DECISION TO START LOSING WEIGHT

13. DO IT. AND STICK TO IT

14. CREATE OLD TRADITIONS IN MOVEMENT-BASED WAYS

15. RE-INVENT OLD TRADITIONS IN MOVEMENT-BASED WAYS

16. GET EVERYONE OUTSIDE ANY WAY YOU CAN

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Learn about Pluralism
Thursday, Nov. 30
7-8:30 p.m.
Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel
85 Harrison Street,
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Happy Hanukkah
Your official guide to the Greater New Haven area celebrations.

Each woman who gives, no matter the amount, is a philanthropist.
Be a part of something greater! An entire sisterhood who is building a better world, being counted, and amplifying each other’s giving power.

From across the spectrum of our community.
From across the continent.
In every shape and size.
We ensure the future of our community and the continuity of our Jewish values.
Let’s make the world a better place together.
Everyone Counts.

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Lion of Judah
With a gift of $5,000 or more to the Annual Campaign, a woman earns the distinction of the Lion of Judah.
The Lion of Judah pin is worn by 15,500 women in the world and symbolizes their dedication to the Jewish community.

Pomegranate Society
The Pomegranate honors all women who make a personal gift of $1,800–$4,999 to the Annual Campaign.
The Midrash tells us that the pomegranates have 613 seeds, which corresponds with the number of mitzvot of commandments found in the Torah. Through Federation, women's acts of tzedakah are far reaching.

Sabra Society
All women who give a dollar a day to the Annual Campaign, up to $1,799 annually, make our Sabra Society.

Women who are giving at the Pomegranate level attend joint programs with Lions of Judah throughout the year.

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Women’s Philanthropy
Be a Part of Something Greater
Hanukkah in New Haven: Light, Culture and Community

By Stacey Battat
PJ Library Professional | sjbattat@fjwnewhaven.org

The PJ Library books, “The Magic of Hanukkah: A Hanukkah Treasury” by Lynn Taylor Gordon, is about a sweet Hanukkah mitzvah for the homeless. It closes with a lovely poem: “Become Someone’s Miracle: be someone’s light!” Give one pack of Chanukah gifts on one Hanukkah night. Someone in need could be waiting for you. Gracie would say “It’s the right thing to do.” For many families, particularly with young children, materialism becomes a concern during Hanukkah. They are often showered with gifts from parents, grandparents and peers.

Many parents look for alternatives such as books or items for work (socks, pajamas) to avoid indulging their children. In our family, once the kids were old enough, we would choose a night – perhaps the final night during Hanukkah – to work on a special project. As we move into the season of giving, we can all consider a “Fifth Night” opportunity to become someone’s light.

We can teach our children to expand our Jewish community light by inviting their friends, especially those who may have a Jewish connection, to partake in these events. If you or a young person have a friend who has never celebrated Hanukkah, New Haven, will offer many moments for group tightrope walking. Enjoy one of these, or create your own “night for Hanukkah” for a season with less material light, think about the many resources we have to offer, and help spread the giving intention by inviting others into our homes, hearts, and customs to make the world a brighter place.

WALNUT-CRERRY CHEESE LAKTSES

Recipe

INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon, if farmer cheese (a 7.5 oz. package is the preferred variety)
2 tablespoons cream cheese, room temperature
4 large eggs, separated
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
5 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon light brown granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup dried tart cherries, peeled in hot water 10 minutes, then drained and pilled tightly into a loaf
Unsalted butter and mild vegetable oil, like avocado or canola, for frying

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine both cheeses, egg yolks, and extracts in a food processor and process until well-blended and smooth. Add the flour, sugar, and salt, and pulse to blend. Transfer the batter to a large bowl. Mix in cherries and walnuts. Let the batter rest until fairly stiff, but not dry. Gently fold the whites into the batter.
2. Heat 2 tablespoons of butter and oil in a heavy 10-1/2 inch skillet over medium heat until but not allowed to brown (brown the batter by heating tablespoonfuls into the skillet, and fry until the bottoms are golden brown, 2-3 minutes. Turn, using a spatula or a tumbler"

HANUKKAH RECIPES

WALNUT-CRERRY CHEESE LAKTSES With Chunky Cherry-AppleSauce

They make a wonderful light supper, breakfast, or brunch. Or serve the latkes as a finish to a more elaborate meal.

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More Hanukkah Events

Read ‘Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins’ with Rabbi Sommers & PJ Library

On Dec. 14 from 4:30-5:30 p.m., come to the Guilford Free Library, 379 New Whitfield Street, Guilford.

Join us for Latke Tastings, Drinks & Desserts

LIVE MUSIC PERFORMED BY DAVID CHEVAN QUARTET

Thursday, December 14 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Guilford Yacht Club
379 New Whitfield Street, Guilford
Couvert: $36

Latkes & Vodka

Wishing you a happy, healthy and peaceful Hanukkah. May this season be one of joy and contentment.

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Banners Depict Pivotal Moments in Israel’s History

As Israel celebrates 70 years of independence, we are delighted to share in the celebration by highlighting its important contributions to the world in technology, medicine, science, music, art and culture. Look for interesting stories about the State of Israel in each issue of Shalom New Haven in 2018.

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Reminisce with friends at our Neighborhood Reunion

Sunday, November 12, 2017
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
The Towers
18 Tower Lane
New Haven, CT 06519

We are having a reunion to celebrate our history as a community. Enjoy an old-fashioned deli luncheon with mile-high sandwiches and entertainment!

$25.00 per person

Please RSVP to Melly at jermell@towerone.org or 203-772-1816 x280
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Brian tenen of Braden, has joined the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven as the new director of Outreach, Engagement & Community Relations. Levy, who grew up in Branford and attended Talmud Torah of Greater New Haven Post, 360 Amity Rd, Woodbridge, Contact: Elaina Sugarman, (203) 384-2424 x306, elaisa@jcfnh.org

New Year’s Eve Beach Party. Dec. 31, 11 a.m., 3+ with caregiver. $5 per child. $10 Family max. JCC of Greater New Haven Post, 360 Amity Rd, Woodbridge, Contact: Elaina Sugarman, (203) 384-2424 x306, elaisa@jcfnh.org

Foundation Gives Tougas Summer of a Lifetime

Recognizing the impact of Israel travel/ experiences, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven provides scholarships for four days. The chavaya I turned into one of the highlights of my trip. I enjoyed making new friendships and digging deeper into Israel's history and culture. I developed even deeper relationship with Israel and the Jewish culture that goes with it. My most sincere thanks goes with it. My most sincere thanks goes with it.

Annual $500 (C) (3) organizations which seek assistance consistent with the goals of the "B" Foundation to help feed, care, or educate society. The grants will range from $1,000 to $10,000 and will be awarded by the end of the calendar year. For more information on Foundation scholarships, go to: jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships.
Rabbis Tell Jewish Immigrant Mother's Story

By Michael Brennan

Special to SNH

"Rags" features one of the most prestigious collaborations in the history of Broadway. Featuring a book by the writer of "Fiddler on the Roof" - the musical by the composer of "Arien" and lyrics by the lyricist of "Wicked." After an all-staff Broadway run in the mid-90s, Goodspeed decided to try their hands at re-working the show. When they asked David Tonkonog to imagine the latest Joseph Stein's script, he embraced the opportunity.

"I thought of it in an overall way, as a chance to finally connect it to Joe. By spending time with the countless drafts and the characters he had created, I could better understand how he approached his craft," said Thompson. With the help of original composer Stephen Schwartz and original lyricist Stephen Schwartz, Thompson and director Rob Ruggiero were set to create a new story that remains relevant to today's audiences.

"Rags" is about a Jewish immigrant mother, Rebecca, and her child, David, trying to start a new life in early 20th century America. Unlike the original version's many interconnected plots, Ruggiero wanted the story to be more grounded. To make the mother's journey the main focus of the show. "Goodspeed audiences will experience this new version of 'Rags' through a more intimate and personal lens, exposing a powerful story of the American immigrant experience," said Ruggiero. Notably, this production of "Rags" allowed Strouse and Schwartz to perfect their vision for the music; they use much of the original score but were able to recoprocate some of the material and even write a few new songs. Thompson believes this musical truth celebrates the contributions of our generation and those before us - the melting pot of different people who helped build up this country. "In the years since Joe wrote his initial treatment, the story has become even more relevant, more important and, in many ways, more needed. There isn't a day that passes we don't read another headline about an immigrant family coming to America, hoping to find a better life," said Thompson. "Rags" is currently running through Dec. 10 at The Goodspeed in East Haddam. For tickets, call (860) 873-8668 or go online at www.goodspeed.org.

Community $18

Students, Seniors & JCC Members $12

FREE to Hebrew School Teachers

For more information visit www.cbsrz.org/engage/events or call the CBSRZ office at (860) 524-8500.
Italian Artist Had Confronted Anti-Semitism

There are always many opportunities to appreciate Jewish artists. The current exhibition Modigliani Unmasked in the Jewish Museum in New York City features works from the celebrated artist. Amedeo Modigliani, an Italian Jew, who arrived in Paris in 1906, when the city was still ruled with anti-Semitism after the long-running turmoil of the Dreyfus Affair and the influx of foreign émigrés.

As Modigliani himself said: “It is your duty in life to save your dream.” The exhibit shows that Modigliani’s art cannot be fully understood without acknowledging the ways the artist responded to the social realities that he confronted in the “unprecedented anti-Semitic” melting pot of Paris. It reminds us that today, almost 100 years later, the problem of anti-Semitism is not solved.

As is the story with so many immigrants populations, those Soviet Jews who came to United States as children, or were born here to immigrants, are now grown and very well acculturated. But many came as adults, impelled by a language barrier, and were never completely acculturated. This is why the New American Acculturation Program offers many educational programs for our Russian-speaking community, including information about interesting community events, special needs and more. We wish to thank the staff of the Center for their contributions.

Many thanks to the local Jewish organizations, synagogues and the Lina Adult Center in Hamden, the Russian-speaking community had an opportunity to celebrate and properly observe the Jewish holidays. Special thanks go to Rabbi Levin and his family for providing free services and food in different locations. Seniors with transportation were also able to take and enjoy services with their friends.

Contact Helena Gerovich at (203) 387-2424 x321 or ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org for more information.

Welcome to America

The Holocaust and Antisemitism in Paris

The French capital was a Jewish haven in the 20th century, a place where Jews could escape from persecution and find freedom and opportunity. Today, the Jewish Museum in Paris is home to an exhibition called Modigliani Unmasked, which features some of the artist’s best-known works.

The exhibition includes over 80 paintings, sculptures, and works on paper by Modigliani, who was a leading figure of the Parisian art world in the early 20th century. Many of his works depict Jewish subjects, reflecting his own background as an Italian Jew who immigrated to France in 1906.

The exhibition also highlights Modigliani’s relationship with the Jewish community of Paris, which he was deeply involved with. He made friends with many Jewish artists and writers, and his work often reflects the influence of Jewish culture and traditions.

In addition to the exhibition, the Jewish Museum is offering educational programs and events related to the Holocaust and antisemitism in Paris. These include talks, workshops, and other activities designed to help visitors understand the complex history of antisemitism in France and around the world.

The exhibition runs from September 16, 2018, to February 24, 2019, and is open to the public. For more information, visit the Jewish Museum’s website or contact them directly.

More than 100 people attended the Jewish Coalition for Literacy’s Orientation Program on Sept. 26 at the Woodbridge Club. The program offers volunteers a unique, custom-built opportunity to help the community and transform the life of a child. For more information, contact Brenda Bremer at bbrenner@jewishnewhaven.org or (203) 387-2424, x308.

Kever Avot

On Sept. 24, the community gathered at the New Haven Holocaust Memorial to remember those lost in the Shoah at Kever Avot, a moving ceremony held annually during the Days of Awe. This year marked the 40th anniversary of the Holocaust Memorial. In the last issue’s Kever Avot story, Fay Shep- pent’s name was inadvertently omitted as a person who played a crucial role in the creation and care of the New Haven Holocaust Memorial, which was the first such Holocaust memorial built on public land in the United States when it was dedicated in 1973. A child of Holocaust survivors, Sheppard, of West Haven, served as a co-director of the local Holocaust commemoration committee for three decades and has also chaired the annual state commemoration program. Photos used with permission from The New Haven Independent. See complete story at www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/holocaust_event_/.

Shalom New Haven

The annual Kever Avot ceremony was held on Sept. 24 at the New Haven Holocaust Memorial. The ceremony includes a moving tribute to those who perished during the Holocaust. The event is held annually during the Days of Awe, which are observed in the Jewish calendar.

The ceremony begins with a candle lighting ceremony, followed by a moment of silence and a reading of names of those who were killed. The ceremony is led by members of the Jewish community and is open to the public.

He told his companions he would back significant reforms to both the PLO and Hamas—namely, measures allowing Hamas to join Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) institutions—a move that would allow a Hamas candidate to compete in PA presidential elections. According to the Palestinian and Egyptian officials, one of the main articles in the Palestinian reconciliation agreement deals with the option for significant reforms to both the PLO and Hamas—namely, measures allowing Hamas to join the PLO. This move would pave the way for Mashaal to declare his candidacy.
Why leave it all up to LUCK?

Federation fuels the Jewish community in ways you might not think of, from sending free PJ Library books to families worldwide to supporting Jewish camps, Birthright trips and more. Federation powers Jewish continuity and provides a safety net. The needs are great, perhaps greater than ever before. Each one of us can make a difference because Everyone Counts!

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