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**LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS TO SPEAK AT JEWISH COALITION FOR
LITERACY BREAKFAST THURSDAY, MAY 14**

JCL Event Honors Volunteer Children's Literacy Advocates

WOODBIDGE, Connecticut; May 4, 2015 – The Jewish Coalition for Literacy's will host their Volunteer Reading Partner Appreciation Breakfast Thursday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the JCC, 360 Amity Rd. in Woodbridge. The event will feature guest speakers Linda Friedlaender, Senior Curator of Education at Yale Center for British Art, and Krista Bergin, Literacy Intervention Facilitator at New Haven Board of Education.

With about 165 JCL reading partners, the diverse group spans different faiths, educational backgrounds and experiences. Each volunteer commits one hour a week to read one-on-one with assigned students, sharing the pleasures of reading, learning and conversation, and giving the child the opportunity to express themselves to an interested adult. Volunteers and students enjoy reading and conversation with each other to form nurturing relationships. JCL is an award winning-project of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. JCL is the recipient of the Superintendent's Award from the New Haven Network for Public Education for outstanding contributions to public education.

Educators from JCL's seven partner New Haven public schools and other local children's literacy advocates are invited to attend the breakfast to honor JCL reading partners for donating their precious time and for sharing their love of reading and learning with students.

JCL's programs are open to the community without charge.

For more information about JCL or to get involved, contact Brenda Brenner at bbrenner@jewishnewhaven.org or (203)387-2424x308.

WHAT: Jewish Coalition for Literacy's Volunteer Reading Partner Appreciation Breakfast
WHERE: JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, CT
WHEN: Thursday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m.
COST: FREE



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