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The Power of Collaboration

Throughout millennia, thinkers and teachers have opined on the power of collaboration. As Charles Darwin once said: “It is the long history of mankind, and animal kind, too, that those who learned to collaborate and impressively most effectively have survived.”

Perhaps for me it’s not DNA—it’s CNA—it’s understanding that the best next steps for the organization—a positive and productive model. The strategic plan calls on us to increase dollars available for local needs. For the past several years, we have grown our investments in grants process as part of our planning and allocations informed by the community survey. We are very excited that the new grants process will expand those eligible to receive grants, in ways that may not be readily apparent. Studies show that volunteerism and charitable giving are associated with better health, both physical and mental. People who volunteer and engage with non-profit organizations are less likely to engage in unhealthy behaviors and are more likely to be productive and active lives. So, for those who are starting to experience the winter blues, we’re here to say we need you and we want you. Our Jewish community—our Federation and Foundation, our agencies and synagogues—are so many great ideas and, more often than not, the only thing holding us back is a shortage of volunteers and/or funds.

This winter when you’re stuck inside, consider reaching out to any of our community organizations to offer your help. Not only will you be performing a mitzvah by helping others, you can also help yourself in ways that may not be readily apparent. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not make a pitch for our Annual Campaign.

Over the years, the number one question asked by those who don’t give is: “Why should I give?” There are so many valid answers to that question, but the one concept I always come back to is: Because giving to Federation helps Jewish communities here at home, in less developed parts of the world and those in need around the globe.

To be sure, Jewish communities the world over have created a multitude of organizations that work day in and day out to help people in need. These are absolutely worthwhile and I myself would love to lend my support to them all. But it is simply not feasible to identify and contribute to each one. On the other hand, the good work of our Federation helps not just the Jewish community of Greater New Haven but communities throughout the world and so, for example, through Federation funding to the Archdiocese of Hartford Social Justice Ministry, we have created a multitude of organizations that work day in and day out to help people in need.

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Jewish Family Service Welcomes Two Key Staff

Alissa Wurtzel, LCSW, and Elanit Kayne Linder have joined the staff of Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFS/SHNH). As the new Clinical Mental Health Director for both the Child and Adult Outpatient clinics at JFS/SHNH, Alissa Wurtzel brings with her an eclectic skill set of evidence-based treatment modalities and experience with diverse populations. Having served the mental health and behavioral needs of Connecticut residents for the past 20 years, she is experienced with individual, family, and group therapy, and has worked with clients as young as four and as old as 107. Her strength, says Alissa, is in teaching people about the impact that stressors and stimuli have on us as human beings, and she encourages individuals and groups to use their intuition and uniqueness to identify solutions. Before joining JFS, Alissa’s specialty areas were in trauma informed care, EBMD, medical social work, Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT), and co-occurring disorders. She has worked with community health clinics, children and families using animal assisted training, the Connecticut Army National Guard, and hospice patients and their families. She earned her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees at the University of Connecticut. Alissa can be reached at (203) 385-5509, x117 or awirtzel@jfsnh.org.

Elanit Kayne Linder, LCSW, recently joined JFS as the Aging Adult and Community Outreach Coordinator. “I’m insignitated to be joining JFS at a time when the geriatric program is expanding as are the geriatric needs of our community. I look forward to rolling out the JFS Care Navigators Care Management Program,” she says. In her new position, Elanit will lead JFS comprehensive program that provides needs and psychosocial care to older adults, including ongoing, advocacy, linkage to community resources, weekly check-ins in calls and collaboration with family members. Previously, she worked with the older adult population at various facilities, as assisted living manager, as a director of recreation, and clinical community liaison. Elanit earned her Bachelor’s degree at Tisch School of the Arts at New York University and her Master’s Degree at Columbia University School of Social Work. She is committed to program development that empowers older adults and community organizations to achieve the best quality of life as they envision it. Elanit can be reached at (203) 385-5509, x124 or elinder@jfsnh.org.

The Jewish Federation and JCC of Greater New Haven is excited to welcome Liberty Bank as a new charitable partner. Liberty’s recent $10,000 charitable donation to us demonstrates their commitment not only to the Greater New Haven community but also building impactful partnerships with local organizations like us. It also shows Liberty truly believes in the good work we’re doing.

Tony Rossley, Vice President, Business Banking Officer for Liberty Bank, conveyed how important this partnership between the Bank and the Jewish Federation would be for our organization and the constituents we serve. Tony worked closely with our staff to build the relationship and recommended that the Bank support us with a $10,000 charitable donation. David W. Giddens, President & CEO of Liberty Bank and the Liberty Bank team agreed. Tony shared the great news with us in December 2021.

“Our new partnership with the Jewish Federation and JCC of Greater New Haven is just another example of what we mean at Liberty Bank when we say ‘Be Community Kind’,” said Tony. “This charitable donation speaks volumes about the values and culture we promote at the Bank, our recognition of great organizations like this one and our commitment to making our communities an even better place to live, work and play. The Liberty Bank team looks forward to working with the Federation and JCC on this wonderful collaboration,” said Tony Rossley. Tony has more than 30 years of experience in commercial and small business banking serving the Greater New Haven market. At Liberty, he delivers a wide range of commercial and small business banking products and services. His office is located at 353 College Street in New Haven and he can be reached at arossley@ libertybank.com or (203) 815-9864.

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Annual Swimmathon Makes a Big Splash!

Boat loads of family and friends were poolside on the evening of DATE to witness the Greater New Haven JCC Blue Marlins Swim Team join forces with the JCC's adult Masters Swim group at the 2021 Emma Sundermann Blue Marlin Swimathon. Together the two groups of indomitable swimmers made waves by raising more than $3,300 to benefit the JCC's outstanding aquatics program.

Also on hand, of course, was Pat Sundermann, a staple of the swim community who has served as the Blue Marlin's beloved coach—and inspiration—for more than 25 years. Held annually, the Swimathon honors the memory of Pat's daughter, Emma, who passed away from a rare infection at just 16 years of age. Emma encompassed what it means to be a Blue Marlin, with her bouyant spirit and her competitive nature that will truly be remembered for many years to come.

Josephine Weiner and Pat Sundermann take a moment to admire the dedication and courage of the Blue Marlin team.

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AT THE JCC

Straight to the Core

By Susan Donovan
Director of Group and Virtual Exercise

The core has become a buzz word in the exercise world, but what actually is your core and how best do we exercise it for safety and function?

Arguably the most important part of one's body, your core is made up of a number of muscles that support the spine and pelvis. Think of your core as a cylinder at the center of your body comprised of the breathing diaphragm at the top, pelvic floor at the bottom, multifidus back muscles, and the transverse or deep abdominals in the front that wrap around the cylinder at its deepest layer. This team of muscles work together in anticipation of your body's every move, and foremost to offer stability and protect the spine. Simply put, the core is the foundation of one's body—and, much the same as if you were building a house, you want to start with a strong and stable foundation.

A common misconception about the core muscles is that doing crunches will spot reduce your belly and give you an impressive set of six packs all at once. But abs are really more a factor diet and genetics, as well as how you exercise—a topic for separate discussion. Although each of those four core cylinder muscle groups has its respective functions, for a strong, toned, and healthy functioning core, muscles work best together.

A well-rounded exercise or a movement training program that includes not only flexion and extension movements, but also rotation, stability, and isometrics. Some examples of isometric exercises are planks. With, of course, a breathing focus (don't forget the diaphragm).

To achieve your strengthening goals, and improve the effectiveness and safety of daily activities, think functional. Think movement to create stability at the deep core level; think big full body exercises in combination with a few of the more common crunches.

To determine which exercises are best suited for you, contact susanad@jccnh.org for a free consultation.

Susan Donovan is a certified fitness professional and health coach and Director of Wellness & Group Exercise at the JCC of Greater New Haven.

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Do, too. Don’t put people on the spot to share their background; that can be stressful. But I also want to remind you that you, too, can be the change we need. If you’re a better in this way. Though there’s a long way for our society to go, I’m part of a com be inclusive or welcoming, but to help people feel a real sense of dignity and belong

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Our society is growing in this area, becoming more aware of how we speak about gender and racial difference. How can we bring some of that wisdom into the Jewish world to make it more full of love?

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-Shalom Aleichem...

-Tech Check

-Teens Volunteer at BEKI for Holiday

-Security Check

This past fall, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, together with the Federations in Southern and Western Connecticut, launched a new regional security program to better protect those attending area Jewish day schools and other Jewish faith communities. The Federation, in partnership with the Security Community Network (SCN), the program included the hiring of public security expert Michael Shankman—a 20-year veteran of the FBI—as the region’s first full-time security advisor overseeing the initiative.

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CBR is honored to be able to help these families and more, who have used their stem cells to overcome some of life’s biggest obstacles. The greatest hope is that groundbreaking research with cord blood stem cells can help children with serious conditions in a new way. In fact, stem cells saved with CBR are now being accessed by a new family for current and experimental treatments averaging every week. And as the science develops, so do the possibilities.

The use of cord blood is determined by the treating physician and is influenced by many factors, including the patient's medical condition, the characteristics of the sample, and whether the cord blood should come from the patient or an appropriately matched donor. Cord blood has established uses in transplant medicine; however, its use in regenerative medicine is still being researched. There is no guarantee that potential medical applications being studied in the laboratory or clinical trials will become available.

Cord tissue use is still in early research stages, and there is no guarantee that treatments using cord tissue will be available in the future. Cord tissue is stored whole. Additional processing prior to use will be required to extract and prepare any of the multiple cell types from cryopreserved cord tissue. CBR Systems, Inc., activities are limited to collection of umbilical cord tissue and long-term storage of umbilical cord–derived stem cells. CBR Systems, Inc.’s possession of a New York State license does not indicate approval or endorsement of possible future uses or future suitability of these cells.

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- Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven
- Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford
- UJF of Greater Stamford
- New Canaan and Darien

If you have a child who has never been to Jewish camp, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven offers a variety of camp scholarships, as well as need-based grants. Visit www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarhips for more information.

WHY A JEWISH CAMP?

Jewish camps provide an opportunity for children to connect with Judaism, accommodate special needs and interests, and offer unique programming, catering to each family’s needs. Use the Find a Camp tool (jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper/find-a-camp) to begin your search for the perfect camp for your child.

AND IT DOESN’T STOP THERE. There are a variety of traditional and specialty overnight camps that span different denominations of Judaism, values, culture, and traditions into the fabric of the camp community, helping campers to connect to their own identity and the larger Jewish community. At Jewish camps, skilled staff members use experiential learning to reveal to campers what makes Jewish religion and culture so unique in today’s world. At camp, Jewish and Israel culture is celebrated through song, food, art, and dance. Of course, each camp designs its own program, but whether they’re telling stories in their bunks, learning about the environment, or playing games, at Jewish camps campers explore what Judaism means to them in a safe, nurturing, and fun environment.

WHY A JEWISH CAMP?

Camp Laurelwood is located in Madison, Connecticut, and will celebrate its 85th summer season this year—and it’s bound to be the best yet. That’s no small feat at any time—but given that what is expected to be a blockbuster 2022 season comes just two summers after the COVID-19 pandemic forced Connecticut’s only overnight camp to close down, offering only three weeks of a family day camp instead, makes the accomplishment especially awesome.

“We offered a refund to every family who had signed up for that camp season,” says Rabbi James Greene, Laurelwood’s executive director, reflecting back on the summer that wasn’t.

“We had individual conversations with every family, and asked them to consider donating a portion of the tuition to help keep the camp running. We also invited families to roll over the tuition for this previous summer,” he notes.

This past summer, Laurelwood, along with other area camps, implemented precautions to ensure the health and safety of campers and staff, including requiring two negative PCR tests upon arrival, mandatory mask-wearing and vaccination requirements for staff, a vaccination clinic was also offered for international staff members who had yet to receive the vaccine.

The impact of Jewish camp is immediate—campers return home connected to a community and a desire to elevate all aspects of their game. With experienced coaches, caring role models, state-of-the-art athletic facilities, and a wide range of electives, RSA is the perfect mix of elite sports instruction, joyful community, and inspiring Jewish living. Ramah Sports Academy is coed, offers kosher dining, and is a traditional and modern Jewish summer camp. If you have a child that loves sports or wants to learn more about Jewish camp, please contact us today! For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact us today!

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CAMP LAURELWOOD: 85 and going strong

With a better grasp and greater knowledge of the COVID virus than existed the previous two summers, residential camps are now able to create spaces that are safe and COVID-free.

“All of our staff members are vaccinated. Last year, the rate of vaccination among eighteen campers was 50%, and I presume it will be even higher this year,” Greene says. “We know more about COVID now that we did at this time last year, and people in our community are taking this greater responsibility to protect others. We teach kindness and an understanding that we are all responsible for one another. It’s a Jewish value.”

And that’s just what Camp Laurelwood sets out to do every summer. To teach and encourage young Jewish campers to think about the many ways in which their Jewishness can change them, as well as the world around them.

“Jewish camp is, I believe, the single most important thing we can offer our children and families to increase Jewish identities and strengthen Jewish activities,” Greene points out.

“Jewish camp makes you more Jewish,” he says. “It’s a place where you can ask not how Jewish are you but how do you want to be Jewish? It’s one of the only places in the Jewish world where we can intentionally ask that question.”

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By Miriyam Judd

This past summer, Laurelwood, along with other area camps, implemented precautions to ensure the health and safety of campers and staff, including requiring two negative PCR tests upon arrival, mandatory mask-wearing and vaccination requirements for staff. A vaccination clinic was also offered for international staff members who had yet to receive the vaccine.
Ready. Set. Summer!

Last year, we worked tirelessly to reimagine camp. This year, we are stronger for it. Join us for an even more fun-filled and exciting summer.

Register now & receive our Early Bird Special. Offer ends February 18.

REGISTER ONLINE: jccnh.org/camp
For more information contact Camp Director, Debra Kirschner, summercamp@jccnh.org 203-387-2424 x253

JCC DAY CAMPS:
Jewish values and lifelong memories

At JCC Day Camps, helping children to expand their horizons, hone their social skills, develop leadership skills—all while having the time of their lives—is key to a successful camp experience.

Nestled on a sprawling 54-acre campus in Woodbridge, the camp’s outstanding facility includes an outdoor pool, a stage, sports fields, hiking trails, a low ropes course, arts and crafts area, a whole court, picnic areas, and more. All that may sound terrific, and it is. But as good as it is, it isn’t what really makes JCC Day Camps stand out from the crowd.

“Our facility is great, but the staff is really the component that makes JCC Day Camps so special,” says JCC Day Camps Director Debra Kirschner. “At JCC of our staff were campers and current staff members who now have camp. They lived it—and they are passionate about passing on the best experiences that they had as campers to the children that they lead,” says Camp Director Debra Kirschner, who has been with JCC Day Camps for many years, working as a counselor, sports specialist, CIT director, and the list goes on. “It’s very rewarding to see children learn.

Jewish values are woven into the fabric of camp life through daily activities. The concept of “tikkun olam”—of helping one’s local community and repairing the world—is central to Judaism. At JCC Day Camps, we bring that concept to life through volunteer work, acts of kindness and compassion, and tzedakah projects, that our campers take part in. For example, JCC Day Campers volunteer in the community or participate in events on site to raise money for the charity of their choice. Last year, they organized a car wash on the JCC campus that raised over $1,400. The campers designated the car wash proceeds to two charities: The Barry Vine Send A Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund; and Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer.

Kabbalat Shabbat—the spiritual Friday night service, that welcomes the Shabbat (which at a day camp takes place right before campers leave for the weekend)—is definitely one of the highlights of camp and a most meaningful way to close out the week. At JCC Day Camps, we use this special moment to encourage campers to look back on the week; to reflect on our collective experiences; and to celebrate our individual accomplishments. We light the Shabbat candles and say the blessing over challah, and sit back to appreciate all that we have and all that we are.

JCC Day Camps is proud to instill in campers a love of community, which is a crucial part of Jewish values. Through special events like our Israel Day, Hebrew words are taught and campers learn about Israeli culture through stories, food, songs and games.

WHAT IF COVID CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM THIS SUMMER?
JCC Day Camps has already adapted in many ways to the pandemic—e.g., creating smaller group sizes, running 4 week sessions and staying outdoors as much as possible. We were one of the first camps to run during the pandemic in 2020 and now have 2 years of experience. We will continue to make safety our #1 priority and will adapt our program per CDC and OEC (Office of Early Childhood) recommendations so that everyone can stay safe and enjoy all that camp has to offer.

For more info about the JCC Day Camps contact Debra Kirschner at (203) 387-2252 x253 or visit jccnh.org making sure every summer is a camper’s best summer.
Summer Camps

CAMP TEVYA:
A spirited co-ed camp
Welcome to Camp Tevya, a Cohen Camp, where we celebrate fun, self-confidence and friendship. Our committed staff helps our campers develop strong character and life skills as they encourage one another to be their best selves. Our campers enjoy exciting new activities, including land and water sports, arts, and performance, with dozens of elective Jewish values and our Jewish heritage inspire our community all week, especially on Shabbat. Tevya is trans-determinantal, welcoming young people of all Jewish backgrounds and experiences. Our campers return year after year—and alumni stay deeply connected to one another and to the camp traditions. And, most of all, you'll grow close with friends and communities our summer family. Located on a beautiful lake an hour north of Boston in southern NH. Kosher. Nut conscious. ACA Accredited. Scholarships, first-timer, and sibling grants available. Tours all year. Learn more: camptevya.org or (781) 489.2070.

CAMP TEL NOAR:
A smaller sized co-ed camp
For its 85th anniversary, Tevya has developed Camp Tel Noar, a co-ed camp: a special place that brings out the best in everyone. Established in 2004, Camp Tel Noar’s smaller size provides a closer experience for individual and group expression, creativity and relaxation. Our nut/allergy conscious facility and location attract first-timers and those returning at welcoming first-time campers. We love waterkocking, sailing (lake AND pool), photography, basketball, art, performance, Israeli dance and tennis, shows, color War, and so much more. You’ll love the Jewish values that bring our community together, especially on Shabbat. You’ll share the songs, enthusiasms and camp traditions. And, most of all, you’ll grow close with friends and communities our summer family. Located on a lake north of Boston in southern NH. Kosher. Nut conscious. ACA Accredited. Five-night mini-session options for younger first-timers, Schmooze and Glide, and sibling and sibling grants available. Tours all year. Learn more: campatelnoar.org or (781) 489.2070.

CAMP PEMBROKE:
The Cohen Camp 'Just for Girls'
Explore Camp Pembroke, a smaller sized camp JUST FOR GIRLS. Established in 1935, this unique sisterhood invites girls 8-14 to gain new friendships, explore new activities and experiences, and grow into the person they want to be. In the studio and the pool, on the stage and the field, in lakeside Shabbat services and late-night bunk talks, our girls laugh, cheer, listen, hug, share, and flourish. Your child(ren) will enjoy favorite activities and try new ones, including land and water sports, arts, and performance, with dozens of elective Jewish values and our Jewish heritage inspire our community all week, especially on Shabbat. Pembroke is trans-determinantal, welcoming young people of all Jewish backgrounds and experiences. Our campers return year after year—and alumni stay deeply connected to one another and to the camp traditions. And, most of all, you'll grow close with friends and communities our summer family. Located on a beautiful lake an hour north of Boston in southern NH. Kosher. Nut conscious. ACA Accredited. Scholarships, first-timer, and sibling grants available. Tours all year. Learn more: camppembroke.org or (781) 489.2070.

Govener Ned Lamont helps “Shine A Light on Antisemitism”
Governor Ned Lamont helped kick off “Shine A Light” in Connecticut, at a press conference held Nov. 29 in the JCC of Greater New Haven’s Vine Family Auditorium, and attended by a slate of community leaders—including state senators, leaders of the NAACP and ACLU, and leaders from the NAACP, ACLU, and state’s Jewish Federations, area rabbis, and the interfaith, regional director of Connecticut ADL, and other Jewish community leaders. “Shine A Light Week is part of the "Shine A Light on Antisemitism" campaign—a new North American initiative created and coordinated by the Jewish Federation of North America, that aims to address rising antisemitism in the United States and Canada, and spotlight it through education, partnerships, media and advocacy. The Jewish Federations of Greater New Haven and Greater Hartford, along with their respective Jewish Community Relations Councils and marketing department, led a collaborative grant request to receive funding of $45,000 to bring “Shine A Light on Antisemitism” awareness to communities across Connecticut. The effort included a major media ad buy and a broad social media campaign.

The initiative’s kickoff on the first day of Chanukah served as a reminder that just one small light has the power to illuminate darkness and spark hope. It was followed by a week of events hosted by Jewish community organizations and schools across the state, culminating in the final day of Chanukah, Dec. 6, with a webinar presented by Julia Cashman of Temple Israel of Westport. Governor Ned Lamont helped to open the “Shine A Light on Antisemitism” webinar on Dec. 6. After a performance of “Maoz Tsur” by Cantor Julia Cashman of Temple Israel of Westport, Alperin announced that, while Chanukah may be over, the "Shine A Light on Antisemitism" campaign—announced on Nov. 29 in the JCC of Greater New Haven—will roll on and expand to provide resources, links and tips on combating antisemitic hate.

On how such hate was born, webinar guest speaker Debi Jacobson, co-founder of Project Shema, which helps Jewish organizations “engage more effectively with progressives on issues surrounding Israel and antisemitism,” discussed the history of antisemitism throughout the world. “Many people think about antisemitism as starting with the enclosure of Jews and ending with the Holocaust. The truth is, and Jewish ideas existed before this moment. And unfortunately, they exist long after the Nails were unlinked,” Jacobson said.

Jacobson traced the history of antisemitism from 70 AD, when the Romans drove the Jews out of the Biblical land of Israel; through the 14th century, when Jews were expelled from Europe; the 19th century; the Holocaust; and into the 21st century, when Jews are victims of the Spanish Inquisition and burned at the stake; through pogroms and attacks on Jews throughout Europe over the ages; and through the violence and expulsion of Jews from their native countries in the Eastern countries.

He then brought the history of antisemitism to recent times, touching on the emergence of the KKK and the American Nazi movement in the early 20th century, and the legalized discrimination against and hatred against Jews that existed in the U.S. well into the middle of the 20th century. He also referenced some of the most recent and infamous incidents of antisemitism and hate that include the massacres of Jews and others on the St. Louis in 1939, the murder of the Nobel-ruled Hitler-like Sarah Halimi in Paris, and the KKK Rally in Charlotteburg, Va., in 2017, in which White Supremacists famously chanted, among other epithets, “Jews will not replace us.”

“Now once again, unfortunately, this type of hate and bigotry is rising once more, as people feel emboldened to let these ideas come out from under the rocks, moving more towards the mainstream,” Jacobson told those listening in to the webinar. “And as this happens, unfortunately, we see violence targeting Jews once more.”

Webinar guest speaker Elke Copper of Middletown, a retired middle-school and 40+ volunteer, shared her family’s story of experiencing antisemitic vandalism at her home during Chanukah when she was a child.

“I remember being really scared and I noticed my mom was scared too. I asked one of my friends before bed if I could go in her room. Does anyone want to hurt us?” she recalled. “That was the first time that I learned that some people hate Jews. My first lesson about antisemitism.”

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**New York Times’ admits misreporting on Gaza protest**

(JNS) The New York Times has repudiated its own story about a Gaza protest poet who was said to be running to stop the bloodshed. In its editors’ note, published on Tuesday, Dec. 14, the newspaper said that its reporting did not accurately reflect the facts. The six-page paragraph note is appended to the full-length, online story and was published in the newspaper’s print edition on Dec. 4. It begins: “After examining this article, Times editors reviewed additional information that is at odds with the article’s contention that Alareer, a Palestinian poet and a student at Islamic University in Gaza, who was described as a "poet and activist for peace," was shot to death by Israeli soldiers while running to stop the bloodshed.”

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**Texas man charged with threatening to kill rabbis**

(JNS) A Texas man was arrested and charged for threatening to kill prominent rabbis, including leaders at the Chabad Lubavitch movement in New York. Christopher Stephen Brown, 37, appeared in federal court on Dec. 9. His girlfriend Rebekah Jones, 28, also appeared in court and was charged with assaulting a federal officer with a deadly weapon during Brown’s arrest.

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