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SHALOM NEW HAVEN
A New Year — A New Parishioner

The year 2022 has flown by. What a year! I reflect on how things have changed, how much we have learned, how much we have grown, and how much we have accomplished. As we approach the New Year, I am grateful for all that we have accomplished and I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead.

I am also grateful for the support and encouragement that I have received from my family, friends, and colleagues. They have been a source of strength and inspiration throughout the year.

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Jennifer Bayer steps up at The Towers

Jennifer Bayer has been named associate vice president of strategic initiatives at The Towers at Tower Lane. It was announced recently by the organization’s President/CEO Gustave Keach-Longo.

Prior to being promoted to her new post, Jennifer worked at The Towers supporting a variety successful initiatives that helped propel The Towers forward, including strategic planning, the re-branding of The Towers at Tower Lane, and the expansion of The Towers Fund Development.

She successfully built new relationships with partners and funders that have enabled The Towers to expand the organization’s delivery of high-quality support services. The Towers Need Sustainability Through Co-generation Project and the preparation of the Ground Floor Renovation are just two of the projects that Jennifer has accomplished with her strategic thinking and skills.

Jennifer has also been instrumental in the development of the Towers’ new Community Garden, and she will be a key leader in the redevelopment of The Towers’ campus.

“One of the privileges of being a seasoned leader within a given field is having the chance to meet younger talented individuals and to watch them grow.” said Keach-Longo is announcing her appointment. “I am the perfect person to help lead our strategic planning and initiatives as we start exploring the redevelopment of our campus. She is a joy to work alongside every day and I look forward to working together as we prepare The Towers for our future generations.”

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We wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Endre (Andy) Sarkany

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Winners to be highlighted in our next issue!

Sixth Elm City Kallah Scholar-In-Residence Program

OCT. 28-30, FEATURING RACHEL KORAZIM

Elm City Kallah is a collaboration of Westville Synagogue, Beth El Reform Israel, and Congregation Elia Jacob, coming together for the sixth time to create an exceptional collaborative educational experience. All of the events (except for the subsidized Friday night dinner) are free and open to the general community, and most of the sponsorship is indeed and encouraged to attend events at one another’s synagogues.

This year’s Scholar will be Dr. Rachel Korazim. A native Israeli, Dr. Korazim is a Jewish education consultant specializing in curriculum development for Israeli and Holocaust education. She has a Ph.D. in Jewish education from Haifa University, and has vast experience in Jewish education in Israel, the United States, Canada, Latin America and Europe; she is also a founder of a special program for address film disassociation background.

Dr. Korazim will speak at the Westville Synagogue Friday night, Oct. 28th, following Sabbath services and a catered dinner (reserve at westvillesyn.org). Her topic Friday night will be Biblical Models in Modern Israel Poetry.

On Shabbat day, Dr. Korazim will be at Congregation BEH, where following a Kiddush kitchen, she will speak on The Mizrahi (Sephardic) Voice in Israeli Literature. Sunday morning she will speak at a final time at Congregation Elia Jacob, preceded by a light breakfast. Her topic on Sunday will be Three Israeli Songs That Made an Impact.

Additional information will follow as the event approaches. Contact Rabbi Rona Shapiro (RGShapiro430@gmail.com) or Barbara Zalesch (BarbZal918@aol.com).

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Children of JCARR refugee families honed their literacy skills this summer.

Summer! A magical word that conjures up wonderful, fun memories. For many, that magic can come alive at a young age with the help of JCARR (Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Reintegration). This summer, JCARR worked closely with our two newly arrived families, each with different needs, to help them find summer programs that suit the unique needs of their children.

The first family came from Afghanistan and consisted of a mother and her three children, together with her teenage nephew. The oldest child knew some English; Mom and the children knew none. While the oldest children were in school during the year, Mom and the children knew none. While the oldest children were in school during the year, Mom

and baby attended English as a Second Language (ESL) and family literacy classes given by Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS). This summer, IRIS expanded this program to offer ESL and recreational opportunities for school-age children, allowing Mom to continue learning English. To help her succeed, family members provided transportation. For us in JCARR, we call that a success story!

Two other JCARR families with children have been in the New Haven area for several years now and are fully integrated into the New Haven community. Their children had full and fun summer experiences, without any JCARR assistance. For us in JCARR, we call that a success story.
A Summer of Fun at the JCC DAY CAMPS!

Summer 2022 is over… and it’s safe to say it was one for the record books, at least in terms of the sweltering, soaring heat. Still, the record-breaking temps didn’t keep the kids at the JCC Day Camps from enjoying a summer of fun. Thanks to our dedicated staff and our supportive parents, 350 campers had a blast participating in a host of activities — such as music, nature, arts & crafts, low ropes, drama, dance, archery, sports and, of course, swimming in our beautiful outdoor pool — and special event days like Carnival Day, Israel Day and Maccabiah, to name but a few.

HERE’S A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT JCC DAY CAMPS FUN LOOKS LIKE!

Camp Donut Race
Teamwork
Find the M&M’s

“I made so many new friends at camp, they’re kind of like my family now. And I learned a lot too, like how to not be afraid to try new things. I can’t wait to come back next summer!”

– A 10-year-old camper at the JCC Day Camps

Splish Splash
Artistic Creations
Balloon Animals
Slip & Slide
Foam Party

“L’dor v’dor… from generation to generation, each of us has the responsibility to pass traditions on and keep them alive. We have had the great fortune to be a part of the New Haven Jewish community for many years. It is our desire that any Jewish parent who wishes to instill Jewish pride and a love of Israel in their children at a young age should have the financial means to do so. Therefore, we made the decision to set up a charitable fund dedicated to helping offset the cost of a Jewish pre-school and/or camp program.”

– Robert and Rena Grodd

To find out how you can create a legacy for what is important to you, contact the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, Lisa Stanger, Executive Director, lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org, or visit newhavenjewishfoundation.org.
"Mother knew what the punishment would be for hiding Jews, but she couldn’t refuse them... She just wanted to save lives."

Kateryna Sikorska

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
9-11 A.M.

Please join us for our 16th Annual
Kristallnacht Commemoration
“Kateryna and Her Daughters”

PROGRAM’S EVENTS:

Hear from Kateryna’s granddaughter Iryna, who is working to raise funds to restore the historic synagogue in her grandmother’s home town, Pidhaitsi, Ukraine. United States Senator Richard Blumenthal will present a U.S. Senate Certificate of Special Recognition to Iryna, by Kateryna’s story.

Young Adult Author, Marsha F. Skrypuch, will speak about her youth novel “Don’t Tell the Nazis,” inspired by Kateryna’s story.

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All are Welcome In-person
and Via Zoom

We thank Or Shalom Men’s Club for their ongoing support of this annual program.

At the JCC
Living Well, Living Long, Living Healthy!
By Susan Donovar
Director of Group and Virtual Exercise, JCC of Greater New Haven

Move often, eat mindfully, manage stress, and stay socially connected—a recipe that can lead to a longer and healthier life! Of course, that’s often easier said than done for most, as it requires a commitment to some level of change and change can be hard. But we’re here to help.

Restored in the understanding that health is not just about fitness, JCC’s LIVE WELL 360 is a bundle of private services and supportive treatment modalities to guide and assist you in achieving positive change and overall wellness. Live Well 360 operates under the guidance and direction of educated, experienced coaches and practitioners, motivated to assist and address aspects of emotional, mental, social, and physical fitness health, including:

• MOVE WELL: strength, cardio/respiratory, flexibility for safe and effective exercise
• FUNCTION WELL: core strength and stability training
• FEEL WELL: corrective exercise, postural alignment therapies
• RECOVER WELL: therapeutic or relaxation massage
• EAT WELL: menu planning, behavioral change, fat loss, or detoxing

Wellness is an active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a healthy and fulfilling life. More than a survey or a “Diet, Exercise & Stress” class, Live Well 360 offers a dynamic process of change and growth. Beyond physical fitness, Live Well 360 also addresses aspects of health including emotional, mental, social, and spiritual fitness.

Our JCC team of knowledgeable, experienced, and certified fitness pros are on the cutting edge and ready to guide you on your journey to better health and fitness.

We are here to help.

The program begins with a private wellness consultation to determine your needs, preferences, schedule, and any physical limitations. A plan of action is then created based on your choices to include sessions in the areas of Personal Training, Health Coaching, Corrective Exercise Therapies, Nutrition & Eating Behavior Counseling, Stress Management, and Orthopedic Massage Therapies.

Get a FREE consultation to see how this program can help you.

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From our Home to Yours, May You Have a Sweet New Year Filled with Health & Happiness!
I wondered who they were, what they did with their time propped up on lounge chairs reading their novels. I noticed many women like me, ‘convention wives’, convention with my husband in San Diego years ago, while sitting by the pool relaxing, attending a medical publication book and her newfound career as a novelist. Debra Green in which she discusses her recently popular humor groups and writing groups, and much more throughout the New Haven area.

The following is an excerpt of a recent interview with Debra Green, a first-time novelist, Green will discuss her new book The Convention of Wives—a sweeping saga about the ever-evolving messiness of friendship and marriage, and the wonder of survival.

A graduate of Rutgers University and Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health, Debra lives in Scotch Plains, New Jersey where she is a member of the JCC of Central New Jersey and Congregation Beth Israel, Debra’s Connecticut claim to fame is her aunt, New Haven resident Dr. Joan Saffrin, who runs popular humor groups and writing groups, and much more throughout the New Haven area.

The following is an excerpt of a recent interview with Debra Green in which she discusses her recently published book and her newfound career as a novelist,

WHERE DID THE IDEA FOR THE BOOK COME FROM?

Join Debra at JCC’s Beckerman Cultural Arts Series on Thursday, Nov. 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The talk is both in person and on Zoom. Tickets are $5 per event; FREE for ages 18 and under. For more info, visit jccnh.org/SAYYES.

I have always written, for work and for pleasure. I composed a screenplay 30 years ago but was in the throes of motherhood and didn’t do anything with it. Since then, I’ve written numerous essays which fell in a file on my computer. I’ve started a few novels then stopped. But, somehow, perhaps it was the timing of not being busy being ‘wives,’ I started writing, then began taking a writing class. The book map required discussion about issues that strike home for women such as friendship, the complications of long-term marriages, and living within the values and expectations imposed by the era into which we are born.

YOU WERE NOT A NOVELIST WHEN YOU SET OUT TO WRITE THIS BOOK. SO HOW DID YOU DO IT?

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As a health care administrator for many years, I always had an interest in genetic diseases. I wanted to provide a plot twist in the novel that required a Jewish genetic disease. During my research, I became aware of the amazing strides the Jewish population had made combating Tay-Sachs and about Gaucher and the treatments that were refined during the 1970’s. It was all fascinating to me. I did a 23andMe medical panel on myself out of curiosity and am not a carrier of either. But a few years ago, my daughter, who had recently married and was screened, called to tell me that she was a Gaucher carrier. I was spiraling and impactful piece of information—information that I then shared with my husband and his family.

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RABI Brian Immerman

In terms of the service, we are now offering caramel flan and we all had to live with that anxiety during Covid. So, Rabbi Brian Immerman: high holidays are. No caramel flan. You want her chicken that I'd like to try on you.” And that's kind of what the high holy days are about. You ask me what I'm expecting. I'm not expecting any different寻常ice.

RABBI Roni Shapiro:

This year, Rosh Hashanah falls at sundown, during the Hebrew month of Elul, where we can do programming together. We really want to bring kids into our worship. SNH: When we talk about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, what is the process of introspection and repentance? That's a tough subject for kids to wrap their heads around. So, what do you do to get kids engaged in this context? Rabs, thank you all so much for joining us today. So, today, we're going to talk about the High Holy Days and simply being in community, and you're going to hear from the Afrobeats experience, coming together in our respective, wonderful community. SNH: What do you think we’re a little bit too pessimistic about? RABI JOSH PERNICK: I'm going to talk about community, and I think are giving people despair. Hope is choosing to do what we can to make things better because there are so many things that are okay, even if we're feeling bad about it. I think we can do programming together. We're really wanting to bring kids into our worship. SNH: Coming from a background in Ukraine, the erosion of personal rights and autonomy, and the atrocities in Ukraine, the erosion of personal rights and autonomy, I want to ask you about the themes of hope and teshuvah we’re thinking about. The hope theme is really going to be in the newness and the hopefulness we’re looking forward to. SNH: What do you think we're a little bit too pessimistic about? RABI JOSH PERNICK: I'm thinking back to March 2020 and the sense I had that we just need to keep our business open, we need to keep going. We need to be able to do these things that we’re doing. I think this ties into what Rabbis Immerman and Shapiro are talking about. We're coming together in our respective, wonderful community. SNH: What do you think needs to be done in the world, don't wait. That is my personal, our community’s hope. Don’t wait to spend time with the people you love that you love them. Don't wait to spend time with the people you love. I don't have to worry about clothes on my back. I don't have to worry about where I'm going to sleep. RABI JOSH PERNICK: I'm going to say two things. First, I think need to be done in the world, don't wait. That is my personal, our community’s hope. One of them is to think about what are we going to do in this next year. I'm gonna say two things. First, I think need to be done in the world, don't wait.
Fall into the flavors of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

By Ethel G. Hofman

While Rosh Hashanah falls late on the calendar this year, and like all other years, you can be that there will be last minute guests and added recipes that cause a flurry of activity in Jewish households right down to the wire. This year, the holiday starts after Shemini on Sept. 25, Sunday—just in time for those cooks and hosts who have just a few more preparations to make before they welcome the new Jewish Year, 5783.

Since summer seems long gone, families are knee-deep in activities already, make it a little easier on yourself. Make the freezer your friend. With the time ahead of the holiday, whip up a few dishes, slip them into the freezer and forget about them until that Sunday morning. Besides the ubiquitous brisket and chicken, soups and casseroles galore may be cooked, cooled, sealed and frozen. Just don’t forget to label each one, adding key codes such as pareve, meat or dairy.

It’s no big deal to cut out waxies the night before remembering, the clock starts to go back, and then for time after Shabbat for thawing and finishing the menu. Chores of tomato, cucumber and shredded leaf just fly past over time. Toes with a little oil, sliced carrot or onion, can and fresh pepper just before serving. Cream soups, however, do not freeze well. Those are best prepared fresh or make the night before and refrigerate. For thawed soups, the seasonings may need to be adjusted as flavors are reduced by the cold.

All the dishes here may be served at Rosh Hashanah or for fast the break after Yom Kippur.

Ophra’s Mushroom Soup
(Dairy, Vegetarian) | Serves 6

Longtime home cook Ophra Kimberg generously shared this recipe with me.

COOK’S TIPS:
• Cauliflower is the soup thickener.
• Chopped onions are available fresh or frozen.
• Buy canned mushrooms, pieces and stems.
• Cauliflower should be soft before adding to onions and mushrooms.
• When doubling the recipe, freeze in two batches.
• For a pareve dish, substitute olive oil for butter.
• For a dairy dish, top with a spoonful of sour cream or plain yogurt.

INGREDIENTS:
1 cup cauliflower florets
1 15-oz. package mushroom stems
1 15-oz. can pitted cherries, drained
3 tablespoons butter
3 cups chicken broth
2 teaspoons salt
1 cup sour cream or plain yogurt
1 cup orange juice
1 cup water
½ teaspoon celery seed
DIRECTIONS:
1. Place all ingredients, except ginger root in blender jar or food processor. Whirl until smooth. Stir in grated ginger root to taste. Pour into freezer container, cover tightly, label and freeze.

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St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, Orange CT
On Saturday, October 29, eight houses of worship in Orange will host “Tour De Faith,” a unique program that gives residents an opportunity to experience the town’s religious diversity and learn from clergy about different faiths. The October 29 program will feature tours of two houses of worship—Congregation Or Shalom (12-2 p.m.) and St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church (1:15-2:15 p.m.). Tours are underway to visit additional houses of worship in the spring.

“Tour de Faith” is a program of Congregations of Orange Collaborative—a new collaboration of eight houses of worship in Orange that was launched in June 2021. It’s mission — “Together Helping Others” — is to create opportunities for congregations to work together on community service projects that improve the town’s religious diversity. In the spirit of the world, the group encourages participating congregations to engage in social action projects.

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U.S. Senator Chris Murphy

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Orange First Selectman
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Germany 'regrets' boycott of Munich Olympics anniversary by victims' families

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"Of course, we very much regret the decision by the relatives to cancel their attendance at the event," said German government spokesman Steffen Hebestreit, according to AP.

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Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year. To show our wish for a sweet new year, Rosh Hashanah meals often include round challah bread with sweet raisins and apples dipped in honey.

On Sukkot we build a temporary hut called a sukkah. We eat in it, drink in it, and some people even sleep in it! It reminds us of the Jews in the desert, the huts they lived in, and how G-d protected them.

Simchat Torah

On Simchat Torah we celebrate finishing reading the Torah for the year with lots of singing and dancing, and then we start again!
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