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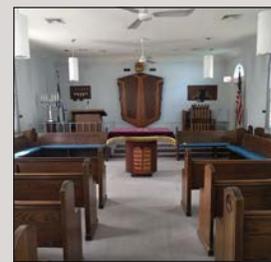
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Shofar Sounds as a Call to Action During These High Holy Days

When I was a little girl, we would go to Aunt Carol's house for Rosh Hashanah dinner. We weren't related by blood, but our families were the best of friends and none of us had relatives in Cherry Hill. We celebrated Rosh Hashanah and Passover together every year and our holiday dinners and Seders were filled with the best memories of my childhood.

As I think back to Aunt Carol's family room with the furniture swapped out in favor of a large T-shaped table outfitted with the best china and crystal along with the incredible aromas of Aunt Carol's famous delicacies, including the taygelach that my father would croon on about endlessly, I cannot help but picture the huge Shofar (ram's horn) splayed across the mantle.

The Shofar has been sounded for millennia to stir our people to action and to awake us from our slumber. Today, the Shofar is sounded both as a physical and metaphorical call to action; to stir our souls, to propel us to do the work that we must do each year at these High Holy Days.

We are awakened and called to act communally as well as individually. As our community emerged from the challenging times after the fire, our leaders knew that it would be important to take stock of our community to determine our goals and priorities that will define us for the short-term future of the next five to seven years. We have and continue to experience great change and shifts in demography, identity, practice and experience in our Jewish community.

A Strategic Visioning Process has been convened by the Jewish Federation Board of Directors, under the leadership of immediate past president Dr. Norman Ravski that will seek your input and guidance over much of the 2018-19 program year. There will be many opportunities to engage in discussion about community priorities and needs, including focus groups, town halls and a community survey.

Perhaps you recall that our community commissioned a demographic study in 2010. That study was conducted by Dr. Ira Sheskin, a preeminent Jewish

community demographer. Because Dr. Sheskin has worked in so many Jewish communities and has compiled the data at JewishDataBank.org, his research into current trends and knowledge regarding our geography and demographic shifts continues to be important. The Jewish Federation and The Towers, also conducting a strategic planning process, have joined to bring Dr. Sheskin back to our community September 27-28 to update and enlighten us as we jump-start both processes.

As we ready to ask ourselves the questions that provide insight into who we are and where we are going communally, we are simultaneously asking ourselves those same questions individually. It is my prayer that both our communal and personal selves find meaning, purpose and the answers that we seek to sustain the future. May the Shofar sound mightily and stir our souls.

Judy
Shanah tovah u'metukah



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Kristallnacht Program Honors Lawyer Whose Efforts Saved Thousands

"...Tell the President that if he doesn't act on this report, I'm going to resign and release it to the press!"
Josiah "Joe" DuBois Jr.



On Sunday, Nov. 18, at 9 a.m., Congregation Or Shalom will honor the late Josiah "Joe" DuBois Jr. at the 12th annual Kristallnacht Commemoration at the synagogue, located at 205 Old Grassy Hill Road in Orange. DuBois served as a prosecutor at the Nuremberg war-crimes trials and led efforts to save thousands of Jews during World War II.

The annual commemoration, which is open to the public, is truly a labor of love for Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus. His own family was saved thanks to the heroic deeds of Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese consul general to Lithuania who disobeyed his government's orders and issued visas that allowed 6,000 Jews to escape from Nazi-occupied territories through Japan.

During this year's program, Robert DuBois will receive a U.S. Senate commendation, on behalf of his late father, Josiah, from Sen. Richard Blumenthal. Guest speakers will include Dr. Rebecca Erbelding, historian at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and author of the new and acclaimed book "Rescue Board," Christy Marrella and her eighth grade creators of the award-winning video, "An American Holocaust Hero," and Holocaust survivors rescued by the War Refugee Board.

Born in Camden, New Jersey, Josiah DuBois Jr. graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and its Law School.

On January 16, 1944, as Nazi Germany was carrying out its genocidal "Final Solution," President Franklin D. Roosevelt suddenly received extremely disturbing classified information, noted Wainhaus.

What Roosevelt learned caused him to make an unprecedented decision to take personal responsibility for providing relief to the still-living victims of Nazi persecution, he added.

Wainhaus said President Roosevelt created a special task force, the War Refugee Board, whose mission would include, remarkably, "... taking all measures... to rescue the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death." DuBois helped orga-

nize the board and served as its general counsel. He also served on the Allied Reparations Committee in Moscow in 1945 as well as a member of the United States delegation to the Berlin Conference.

Although Wainhaus noted that the War Refugee Board was formed "heartbreakingly late in WWII," he said Roosevelt's board succeeded in alleviating the plight of tens of thousands of Holocaust victims. "Raul Wallenberg, for example, commissioned by the War Refugee Board, managed to rescue many thousands from the clutches of Nazism," Wainhaus added.

"Who exposed the crucial information that jolted President Roosevelt into finally taking action regarding the victims of Nazism?" asked Wainhaus. "The answer is: a courageous young lawyer in the Treasury Department by the name of Josiah 'Joe' DuBois Jr."

In 1947, DuBois was appointed deputy chief counsel for the prosecution of war crimes at Nuremberg and led the case against executives of I. G. Farben, a German chemical company that manufactured gas used to kill prisoners at Auschwitz. DuBois published "The Devil's Chemist," an account of the Nuremberg trials, in 1952.

In his later years, DuBois ran a private law practice

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Wishes for a sweet new year!

Ensuring Jewish traditions are honored and passed on from generation to generation, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven is sustaining and securing the future of our community. Thank you for your support.

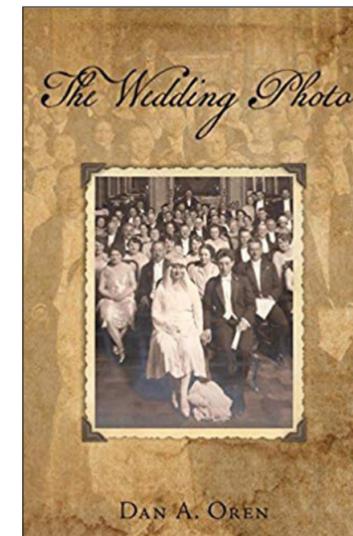
L'shana tova & l'chaim!

Oren Shares Genealogical Hunt at JCC Author Series

A visit to an abandoned Polish Jewish cemetery in 1993 launches New Haven local Dan Oren's 20-year search to solve the mystery of "Who is buried in Sarah's tomb?" "The Wedding Photo" is the story of Oren's genealogical hunt over the past 25 years for his family's lost histories. The new book was released in July.

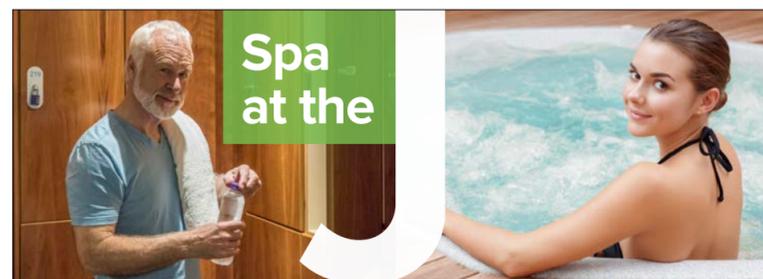
Oren will share his personal story of "The Wedding Photo" on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the JCC as part of the 2018-2019 JCC's Jewish Author Series. For anyone interested in genealogy, this is a great "how to" on the all-consuming passion of discovering one's own history.

A visit with a cousin unearths a breathtaking photograph of a Berlin family wedding from 1926 and leads Oren to discover their unimaginable post-wedding lives. An archivist in Prague discovers a secret uncle whose celebrity-filled life takes the reader from the halls of the Metropolitan Museum of Art to the treasures of the Vatican.



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Jewish Foundation Promotes Wish List of Community Needs



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A wish list of local community grant needs is featured on the Jewish Foundation's website. Community members can access the list by going to jfgnh.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/grant.

Donors interested in funding a grant request can contact the organization directly or go through the Jewish Foundation. Although anyone can view the grant requests and fund items,

donors with donor-advised funds at the Jewish Foundation can fund the grant requests directly through their funds. All local organizations and synagogues were invited to submit wish list items.

Thanks to a local donor, the Jewish Cemetery Association's request for funding to fix head and footstones has already been granted!

Reform Congregations Gather for Annual Selichot Service

Members of Reform congregations in Cheshire, Chester, Hamden, Madison, Orange and Southbury will come together on Saturday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. at Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden for the Annual Union Selichot Service for area Reform congregations.

Selichot, an inspirational evening service held prior to Rosh Hashanah, culminates the process of repentance and forgiveness.

The annual service is a once-a-year opportunity to be together as part of a bigger Jewish community and family.

Rabbis, cantors, choirs, and soloists from participating congregations will lead the prayers, songs and study of psalms.

The community is invited. Congregation Mishkan Israel is a Reform synagogue located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden.

For more information, call (203) 288-3877.



Photo courtesy of Chabad.org

Selichot are communal prayers for divine forgiveness and are said during the High Holiday season or on Jewish fast days.

Celebrate International Diversity

The Simpsons, Jewish Christmas, Global Shabbat this fall with the JCC

by **Dr. Mara Balk**
JCC Program Director

Back in the Beckerman Lender building for the first season kick-off since 2016, the JCC will utilize its updated program spaces for a host of stimulating books, films, and food. Children and families, teens, intellectuals, foodies, and film buffs will each find something to sink their teeth into this fall.

Jewish authors visiting Greater New Haven hail from prestigious and admirable arenas. Distinguished ambassador Wendy Sherman, previous a key aide to Secretary of State, Madeline Albright, and lead negotiator on the 2015 Iran Nuclear Deal, combines personal storytelling and expert insight in "Not for the Faint of Heart" on October 14; and Bristol, Connecticut, native Mike Reiss, who offers a humorous look at the writing and making of the legendary Fox Series "The Simpsons" in "Springfield Confidential," will be "selling laughs" on November 29.

The Third Annual International Festival returns to the JCC on Sunday, October 21, with music, perfor-

mances, and tables from local cultural groups. The Second Annual Great Big Challah Bake later that week on October 25 is another exciting perennial for children and families. The Challah Bake is presented with support from the Women of Vision Society, and coincides with the global phenomenon, "The Shabbos Project," which promotes a worldwide celebration of Shabbat October 26-27. Families can look to PJ Library for additional Shabbat activities with several "Tot Shabbat" events at Massaro Community Farm in Woodbridge in September and October.

Learners of all ages are encouraged to join us at the Community building for classes and workshops in our new MakerSpace. Opened in February, 2018, the re-purposed office space now plays host to woodworking, 3D printing, crafting, tinkering, and more. Children have been hammering away in the afterschool, vacation, camp, and Nitzanim programs, and adults have created pottery, floral, and gardening projects galore. The fun will continue with flower arranging, board art, knitting, and candlemaking, as well as some making-for-charity projects.

Kids will be invited to join the "Maker Club" or spend a "Crafternoon" with peers and instructor David Bennett.

Greater New Haven's annual "Evening of Jewish Learning," A Taste of Honey, is back for its 23rd year, on Saturday, November 17. This year's event will include special guests from Israel's Afula-Gilboa region to host a panel around inter-religion advocacy. Jewish educators and teens will each have specialized programming as well, with the traditional two-workshop format offering topics for adult learners.

Finally, guests are invited to join us on Sunday, December 23, for a screening of "Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas," followed by a kosher Chinese nosh. The documentary details a group of Jewish composers who created the soundtrack of Christmas, with songs like "White Christmas," "Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer," and "Do You Hear What I Hear."

For a full listing of events, visit jccnh.org/community_calendar, or contact the Programming Department at (203) 387-2424, x228.

Chalutzim Campers Pitch In



In August, Chalutzim (campers entering grades 6-9) held their yearly car wash at JCC Day Camps, where they raised over \$900. Way to go, Chalutzim! Proceeds will benefit Barry Vine's Send a Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to families who wish to send their child (or children) to JCC Day Camps but cannot afford to do so. Learn more about JCC Day Camps, buy camp swag and/or donate to Barry Vine's Send a Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund by visiting: jccnh.org/camp.



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Jewish Foundation Offers 2018-2019 Scholarship Opportunities

The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven is pleased to offer college scholarships made possible by generous donors who have established scholarship funds. The scholarships may each have different criteria, but they all share the same goal of encouraging students to pursue their dreams by pursuing education at an institution of higher learning.



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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

There are needs-based as well as needs-blind scholarships for high school seniors from Jewish households. All applications must be completed online by May 1, 2019.

All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed. Awards range from \$500 - \$3,000. The application process is competitive, see online for application requirements for individual scholarships.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

Mary Taylor Friedler Memorial Scholarship Fund, Stuart J. Drell Scholarship Fund, Emma Kohn Podoloff Scholarship Fund of the National Council of Jewish Women's Greater New Haven Section

SYNAGOGUE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Jewish Foundation also offers needs-based

assistance for New Haven area synagogue schools. The deadline for the online application is October 19, 2018.

ONE HAPPY CAMPER

The Jewish Foundation offers needs-blind incentive grants for first-time campers to Jewish overnight camp as well as needs-based aid for first time and returning campers. There are over 195 traditional and specialty Jewish overnight camps from which to choose.

ISRAEL EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Recognizing the impact of Israel travel/experiences,

the Jewish Foundation provides scholarships for both short-term (minimum of 3 week program) and long-term organized Israel educational programs for Greater New Haven area youth ages 14-19. The Jewish Foundation Israel Experience Scholarship Program enables local Jewish students ages 14-19 the opportunity to participate in an Israel experience to develop and enrich their Jewish education and reinforce their Jewish identity.

For 2019 summer trips, applications are due by March 9, 2019. For the 2019 gap or academic year programs, applications are due by May 4, 2019. This is a competitive application and is needs-blind. An essay and two recommendations are required. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed by the Israel Experience Scholarship committee.

ISRAEL EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

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For more information and applications, visit jewish-newhaven.org/scholarships.

New Year Marks Time for New Beginnings with New Leadership

As we celebrate the New Year and usher in 5779, this also marks a time of new beginnings with Dena Schulman-Green serving as the Jewish Federation Campaign Chair, and Dana Schwartz and Jessica Halprin named as Co-Chairs of Women's Philanthropy.



From left to right, Dena Schulman-Green, Dana Schwartz & Jessica Halprin.

With two successful years as Women's Philanthropy Chair already under her belt, Schulman-Green is enthusiastic about her next two years working as Campaign Chair. Schulman-Green said she has always believed in the importance of the campaign to support our local community, Israel, and Jews all around the world. "Seeing firsthand what our support has made possible in our sister city of Afula, Israel, has deepened my commitment," she said. "I am delighted to work on the campaign more broadly and to build on its strengths," Schulman-Green remarked.

While the need for everyone to give generously to the campaign has not changed, Schulman-Green said now the ways in which individuals and families wish to communicate about and make their gifts to the campaign have changed.

"Our Federation has invested in a new system that will allow us to be more personal and responsive to varying preferences," she explained. "This system supports my vision of updating the campaign and structuring it for its greatest success."

The new Women's Philanthropy Co-Chairs, Dana Schwartz and Jessica Halprin, are also excited to build on the successes of their group and forge ahead with exciting ideas. Schwartz said one of their goals is to build on the upward trajectory the group has experi-

enced over the past few years. She believes this will naturally lead to an increase in and re-vitalization of the group's active membership. Halprin agreed. "Specifically, we would like to see increased involvement by first-time WP members, whether they are younger women, new to the area, or just have not been involved in Jewish Federation life," she continued. "Another goal is to thread together monetary philanthropy, tikkun olam, community building, social events and new friendships."

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Chief Development Officer Amy Holtz is looking forward to collaborating with Schulman-Green, Schwartz and Halprin to continue the wonderful accomplishments already made. "We have many exciting things planned and will further our good work under the leadership of powerful women making a difference," Holtz said. For more information on how you can help, contact Amy Holtz at (203) 387-2424, x254.

Oppenheimer Dishes on Podcast, Jewish Media, Millennials



NOTE: Mark Oppenheimer, a member of Shalom New Haven's Editorial Board, recently sat down with Erin Ben-Moche of New Voices, News & Views of Campus Jews, to discuss Jewish media, millennials, and authenticity.

by Erin Ben-Moche
New Voices, News & Views of Campus

With years of mainstream journalism under his belt, former New York Times columnist Mark Oppenheimer decided to use his voice in a more personal way in 2016. He collaborated with Tablet Magazine's Stephanie Butnick and Liel Leibovitz to create Un-

orthodox, a weekly podcast that discusses all things Jewish and Jew-ish. The best part - you don't need to be observant or even Jewish to enjoy it.

As of May, Unorthodox is the #1 Jewish podcast on iTunes, has a wide listener-ship in 11 countries, and receives over 1,879,000 downloads. The podcast has managed to capture the attention of Jews young and old across the religious and political spectrum.

I sat down with Oppenheimer, now Tablet's editor at large, to discuss how Unorthodox went from an idea to a success and his candid thoughts on Jewish media and millennials.

Erin Ben-Moche: Unorthodox is almost three years old and really covers a wide variety of Jewish news. Was the transition from non-religious reporting to strictly Jewish news difficult?

Mark Oppenheimer: For me, personally, I was really excited after six years of writing a secular take of news for The New York Times to be able to do more specifically Jewish work. It's a different experience when you're writing for a community of people who are deeply involved in a particular religion, and the feedback is just extraordinary. I get more mail from the thousands of listeners of Unorthodox than I ever did from the millions of readers from The New York Times.

EB: How do you decide what to talk about each week?

MO: I think it's evolved. At the beginning, if you go back to listen to the very first episodes, we felt more of an obligation to get five or ten of the greatest headlines in the Jewish world, and now we just follow our own idiosyncratic interests. We focus on things where we can give an unorthodox perspective.

EB: Where did the idea for the segment "Jew and Gentile of the Week" come from?

MO: That was all me. I definitely wanted to do interviews and so it made sense to interview Jewish guests. But then I also thought the show would feel a little claustrophobic if we only had Jewish

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Beverly Levy Center Welcomes Bickford as Educational Director



The Beverly Levy Early Learning Center of the JCC of Greater New Haven welcomes Lisa Bickford as its new Educational Director. Bickford will co-direct the Center with Lynn Bullard, who will continue serving as its Administrative Director.

Bickford brings more than 16 years of experience as a Director of early childhood education centers and programs. She worked most recently with IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services) where she led an early learning program. Bickford also directed The Children's New School in Madison. She holds a Bachelors' degree in Early Childhood Education from Sarah Lawrence College and has over 40 years of experience in the Early Childhood field.

JCC Executive Director Scott Cohen said, "Lisa will be a great addition to our program. In addition to her embrace of our child-centered, play-based curriculum, she is warm, energetic, and creative."

The Beverly Levy Early Learning Center is for children ages 12 weeks old through kindergarten. Proudly Jewish, our diverse early learning center enthusiastically welcomes families of all backgrounds. BLELC is named in memory of the late Beverly Levy, a longtime leader in the Jewish community who died at the young age of 63 in 2014.

Are you 22-45?

NextDor Seeking New Members

By Derek Holodek
NextDor Coordinator

Are you between the ages of 22 and 45? Are you interested in volunteering, learning more about your Jewish heritage, networking socially and professionally, or all of the above? Then NextDor is for you!

NextDor is the next generation of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. We are a diverse community of young Jews from all backgrounds and walks of life who enjoy "doing Jewish" together (and other stuff too).

So whether you are Orthodox, Reform or somewhere in between or neither; just out of college, married with kids, single or a single parent; looking for new friends to celebrate Shabbat with or that special someone to bring home for Passover who will make Bubbe proud, NextDor is here to help you live the Jewish life you want and connect you with the people you'll want to share it with.

Join us on **Thursday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m.** as we kick off our new season (and the new year!) with a mix of good friends and tasty drinks in the back garden of 116 Crown in New Haven.

Have we piqued your interest yet? Well then head on over to Jewishnewhaven.org/NextDor to sign up for our mailing list and find out about the other programs in our fall lineup, like our **November 29** author talk with Mike Reiss, producer and writer for The Simpsons.

And if you really want to get the most out of NextDor, join our Facebook group, too! That's where we post about more informal, spontaneous hangouts (like pub trivia nights, concerts, pick-up soccer/ultimate frisbee in the park, etc.), share news and events from the New Haven Jewish community at large, and chat about the issues that matter most to us. Join the conversation at [Facebook.com/groups/NextDorGNH](https://www.facebook.com/groups/NextDorGNH). For more information, contact Derek Holodek at (203)387-2424, X217 or at dholodek@jewishnewhaven.org.



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New Groundbreaking AJC Surveys Reveals Israeli, American Jews Disagree on Many Key Issues

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) recently released its groundbreaking surveys of the attitudes of American and Israeli Jews. Many of the identical questions are used in both surveys, allowing a basis for comparison.

The surveys reveal sharp differences of opinion between the world's two largest Jewish communities on President Trump, U.S.-Israel relations, and Israel's security and peace process policies. On Jewish communal issues, such as Jewish religious equality in Israel, the surveys confirm fissures between American Jews and Israelis, though, at the same time, the data show a degree of commonality in opinions about the vitality of both the Diaspora and the State of Israel and their significance for the future of the Jewish people.

"Our surveys are important barometers of the perceptions and views affecting current and long-term relations between American Jews and Israelis, the two largest Jewish populations in the world," said AJC CEO David Harris.

"Significantly, for both communities, the main factor predicting how people will respond is how they identify religiously. The more observant they are on the denominational spectrum, their Jewish identity and attachment to Israel is stronger; skepticism about prospects for peace with the Palestinians higher; and support for religious pluralism in Israel weaker," said Harris. "In the survey of American Jews, political affiliation also plays a major role. The majority who identify with the Democratic Party and voted for Hillary Clinton are less attached to Israel, more weakly identified with the Jewish people, and more favorable to religious pluralism than the minority who are Republicans and report that they voted for Donald Trump."

U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS

The gap between American Jews and Israelis regarding President Trump's approach to Israel is profound. While 77 % of Israeli Jews approve of how the president is handling U.S.-Israel relations, only 34 % of American Jews do. A majority, 57 %, of U.S. Jews disapprove, while only 10 % of Israelis do.

On the U.S. decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and move its embassy there, 85 % of Israeli Jews, compared with 46 % of U.S. Jews, support the decision, while 7 % of Israelis and 47 % of U.S. Jews oppose it.

PEACE PROCESS

More than two-thirds of Israeli Jews, 68 %, say it is not appropriate for American Jews to attempt to influence Israeli policy on such issues as national security and peace negotiations with the Palestinians, and 25 % say it is appropriate. A majority of U.S. Jews, 53 %, say it is appropriate and 43 % say it is not.

Looking ahead to prospects for peaceful coexistence between Israel and a Palestinian state, 42 % of Israelis think the chances will decline over the next five years, 37 % say they will stay the same, and 13 % say they will improve. Among U.S. Jews, 56 % of U.S. Jews say the chances will stay the same, 22 % decline, and 18 % improve.

Asked if in the current situation respondents favor or oppose a two-state solution through the establishment of a demilitarized Palestinian state in the West Bank, 51 % of U.S. Jews favor and 30 % oppose, while 44 % of Israelis favor and 48 % oppose.

Israelis and American Jews also differ on what to do with settlements in the context of a peace agreement with the Palestinians. 15 % of American Jews and 4 % of Israelis say that Israel should be willing to dismantle all the settlements, 44 % of U.S. Jews and 35 % of Israelis say Israel should be willing to dismantle some of the settlements, and 35 % of U.S. Jews and 54 % of Israelis say Israel should not be willing to dismantle any of the settlements.

ISRAELI-AMERICAN JEWISH RELATIONS

American and Israeli Jews hold rather similar views regarding the importance of the U.S. Jewish community and the State of Israel for the future of the Jewish people.

78% of Israelis and 69% of U.S. Jews agree that a thriving Diaspora is vital for the long-term future of the Jewish people, while 15% of Israelis and 17% of American Jews disagree.

79% of U.S. Jews and 87% of Israelis agree that a thriving State of Israel is vital for the long-term future of the Jewish people, while 17% of U.S. Jews and 6% of Israelis say it is not vital.

On the basic relationship between Israel and the largest Diaspora community, 20% of American Jews and 30% Israelis think the ties will be stronger in five years, while 15% of U.S. Jews and 19% of Israelis think they will be weaker. The view that the ties will be the same as today is held by 60% of American Jews and 40% of Israeli Jews.

American and Israeli Jews were asked how they view one another in the context of "family."

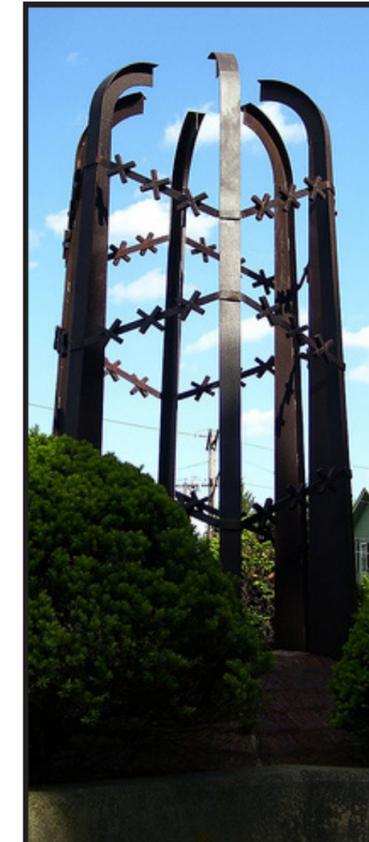
40% of Israeli and 39% of American Jews view each other as extended family.

28% of Israeli and 12% of U.S. Jews view one another as siblings.

10% of Israeli and 15% of U.S. Jews consider each other as first cousins.

And 22% of Israelis and 31% of American Jews consider the other as not part of their family.

On the question of family, the breakdown by religious affiliation is profound.



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Historically, the Jewish community of New Haven offers a special program "Kever Avot" the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for survivor families to come together to recite kaddish. Since survivors have no cemetery to visit, the Holocaust Memorial on Whalley Avenue provides the venue for the gathering.



Charitable Giving Opportunity Available for Those 70 ½ and Older

The IRA Charitable Rollover creates an opportunity for donors to establish an endowment or make an outright charitable gift to a charitable organization. Your rollover can be directed for a capital campaign gift, current needs or restricted for endowment purposes. Your gift can be earmarked for your synagogue, a local Jewish agency, Jewish education, or any program or organization that is important to you.

Example: Mr. Cohn distributes \$18,000 from his IRA to his synagogue and/or to establish an endowment fund for his synagogue (Mr. Cohn names the fund after his grandchildren).

Without the IRA Charitable Rollover: Mr. Cohn would be subject to federal and Connecticut income tax on the amount of the distribution (even if it went straight to charity) – although he could claim a charitable income tax deduction on his federal return for the donation, he would not be able to do that on a Connecticut income tax return and would have Connecticut income tax liability for the distribution—even if it was given directly to charity.

With the IRA Charitable Rollover: The \$18,000 distribution is not taxable income for federal and Connecticut income tax purposes (even if it is being used toward his required minimum distribution)—it is tax neutral. Mr. Cohn has created a wonderful Jewish legacy for his family and community,

reduced his Connecticut income tax liability, and reduced his taxable estate!

What is the advantage? If you already have enough income and your IRA minimum distribution requirement only increases your tax liability, this allows you to donate your distribution directly to charity without realizing federal or Connecticut income tax liability on the amount of the distribution (you will not have to pay Connecticut or Federal income tax on that amount). In addition, if you have a taxable estate, your IRA, will be subject to income and estate taxes (once both spouses are deceased and the IRA is left to your children, grandchildren or other individuals). In fact, in a taxable estate, your non-spouse beneficiaries could end up with 25 cents on the dollar for your IRA assets! The rollover allows you to remove some of those tax-plagued assets from your estate while also providing you with the opportunity to make a significant charitable gift.

In addition, if you have a secondary smaller IRA, which is not a necessary income source, this is an opportunity to donate that IRA to our community and make a significant and much needed impact.

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 ½ or older at the time that the distribution is made (note, this differs from the required minimum distribution where you only need to turn 70 ½ 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 rollover 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 life-income gift (charitable trust or annuity).

10) No goods or services can be received in exchange for the distribution (i.e. tickets 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.

Five Reasons Why You Should Be Getting Facials at Spa at the J



by Susan Donovan
Director of Fitness & Spa Services

Facials are becoming exceedingly popular, as more people realize the health benefits they have to offer. Your body's largest organ is your skin, so if you want your skin (especially on the face) to look its best and stay healthy, you need to take care of it.

A facial by a trained professional can help keep it healthy and free of issues. And, a good way to find out if your skin needs anything or how it is reacting to hormones, pollution, stress, and other elements.

Here are a few other reasons why you should schedule yourself a facial treatment:

1 Reduce Stress and Relieve Psychological Distress

According to a study published in the Journal of Biomedical Research, facial massage activates your sympathetic nervous system. This reduces your anxiety levels and uplifts your mood.

There are hundreds of pressure points on your face that are connected to various systems in your body. When these pressure points are massaged, your body responds.

A good facial massage not just keeps your skin glowing, but it also affects the functioning of the other organs. It's exercise for your face!

2 Prevent Aging

We are not getting younger with each passing day. And because you have only one face, you need to take care of it properly. Regular facials and face massages boost cell regeneration and promote collagen development. With age, your skin loses its elasticity as the production of collagen diminishes.

During a Spa at the J facial treatment, organic skin care products are used that help stimulate the production of collagen and reduce the signs of aging.

3 Open Up All the Pores

It's impossible to avoid all the pollution and damage caused by environmental free radicals. Your skin is bombarded with UV rays and other toxic substances on a daily basis. These accumulate on its surface and clog the pores.

During a facial, the esthetician can open up the pores and remove all dead cells, thus preventing acne and other skin issues.

4 Boost the Absorption Abilities Of Your Skin

A facial treatment can help your skin's ability to absorb other products effectively. You might be spending a lot of money on cosmetic products, but your skin may not absorb them effectively. Why? Because your skin's surface is so rough that they cannot permeate it properly. With regular facials, your skin becomes smooth and ready to absorb the products.

5 Facials are much more than just an hour of sheer bliss

They are a way of saying "I love you" to your skin. So do something good for your skin and get your facial scheduled today!

Spa at the J offers a variety of Facial Services as well as Swedish, Orthopedic, Thai and Clinical Massage Therapies, and Reflexology. Visit jccnh.org/spa or call (203) 387-2424 x444 for more information, susand@jccnh.org.



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For more information
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"Through BEKI Eyes: Photographs of Synagogues by our Members" is an exhibition in the BEKI Art Gallery of a selection of synagogue photographs from around the world, offered by members as evidence of their observations in wandering. Included are images of synagogues from Turkey, Georgia, Morocco, India, the Virgin Islands, and Italy, among others. They include images of an ancient synagogue in ruins and contemporary synagogues in the United States, with a concentration of many from the last century. The exhibition will be on view until late October, and open to the public by appointment. Call (203) 389-2108 or go to beki.org.



The Great Synagogue of Rome in Rome, Italy, by BEKI member Yaron Lew, is just one of a selection of synagogue photographs from around the world and taken by BEKI members.

Federation Helps Fund Camp for Young Israeli Victims of Terrorism

As a barrage of rockets and burning kite attacks continue to bombard Israel, sending thousands of Israelis into bomb shelters, Israeli children suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder attend a special summer camp for victims of terrorism. The camp, in which all staff members are trained to work with children suffering from PTSD, is run by the Jewish Agency for Israel, an organization funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

The 10-day camp was held in mid-August before most Israeli children return to school. The camp's structured programming, which included field trips and continued emotional support, offered children a welcome respite from the trauma and helped them gain resilience and improve their emotional well being. Campers explored hobbies and interests as well as enjoyed nature hikes and travels to different attractions across Israel, including the Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem, the Israeli Museum, Cinema City and the Superland amusement park in Rishon LeZion. The campers were also able to connect with other children who have experienced similar trauma. The flare-ups at the Gaza border over the past few months have increased demand for the camp dramatically this year with a long waiting list for eligible children who hail from all over Israel.

According to the Jewish Agency, children must be between 6 and 16 years old and be recognized by the Israeli government as a victim of terror or have an immediate family member who has experienced prolonged PTSD as a result of an attack. Through the Jewish Agency for Israel, Federations also provide financial support for victims of terrorism through immediate grants to help with necessities as well as long-term funding to help victims overcome their trauma and gain employment.

Funding this special camp is just part of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's unwavering pledge to strengthen the State of Israel and provide a safety net to those most vulnerable.

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Just in Time for the High Holidays...

Beth Israel Synagogue Gets New, Bigger Bimah

By Rabbi Bruce Alpert
Beth Israel Synagogue

A new, extended bimah, seating-in-the-round, along with new paint, carpeting and lighting are some of the renovations taking place these days in Beth Israel Synagogue's 90-year-old sanctuary.

Having remained virtually unchanged since being renovated in 1969, Wallingford's independent congregation needed a clean-up to bring out the simple beauty of its prayer space. Gone are the cracked, stained popcorn ceiling and dark trim paint, which dimmed the bright colors of its stained glass windows. Chairs now ring the rebuilt, semi-circular bimah, allowing both a more comfortable and more intimate prayer experience.

"We think of ourselves as a friendly congregation, where strangers can walk in and feel welcomed and appreciated for who they are," said

Rabbi Bruce Alpert. "Our leadership felt it was important that our sanctuary reflect those values. Our renovated prayer space is brighter, fresher and more comfortable than ever."

In the weeks and months ahead, further renewal work is planned, including the installation of a custom-designed parochet (ark curtain) being made in Tsfat, Israel. Ultimately, the congregation is planning a major renovation that will update all the building's facilities and make it a hub for Jewish living in central Connecticut.

Beth Israel Synagogue dates back to the early 1900s when the congregation purchased property on North Orchard Street. By 1908, a permanent house of worship and a center of Jewish culture was established in Wallingford. The congregation continued to grow and by the late 1960s, instituted a major renovation and expansion, adding classrooms, a large kitchen, social hall, office and library.



To meet the needs of Wallingford's changing Jewish community, the congregation shed its orthodox affiliation and joined the United Synagogues of America, a conservative denomination. Beth Israel has chosen not to be affiliated at this time, to better reflect the realities and uniqueness of its membership.

Walk into Beth Israel Synagogue today, and it feels like home. A small, friendly, family-oriented congregation can be found just inside its doors. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and participate.

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New Groundbreaking AJC Surveys

Among the Israelis, 59% of Haredi, 44% of Religious-Zionist, 38% of Religious-Traditional, 24% of More than Religious-Traditional, and 15% of Secular consider American Jews as siblings, while 13% of Haredi, 9% of Religious-Zionist, 16% of Religious-Traditional, 19% of More than Religious-Traditional, and 31% of secular do not view U.S. Jews as part of the family.

For American Jews, 47% of Haredi, 22% of Modern Orthodox, 17% of Conservative, 6% of Reform, 4% of Reconstructionist, and 9% of Secular view Israelis as siblings, and those that see Israelis as not part of the family are 5% of Haredi, 10% of Modern Orthodox, 23% of Conservative, 34% of Reform, 21% of Reconstructionist, and 34% of Secular.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS PLURALISM ISSUES

The fact that Israel recognizes only Orthodox Judaism as the official form of Judaism elicits different reactions from Israeli and American Jews. A majority of American Jews, 53%, and 40% of Israelis say that the current system weakens the ties between them, while 14% of Israelis and 7% of Americans say it strengthens ties. Those who say the recognition has no effect on ties constitute 35% of American Jews and 29% of Israelis.

Views of the status of non-Orthodox streams of Judaism diverge widely.

43% of the Americans believe that the growth of non-Orthodox streams in Israel could improve the quality of Jewish life there, as compared to just 26% of Israelis who think so.

30% of Israelis feel that the non-Orthodox denominations strengthen Diaspora Jewish life but are irrelevant to Israel, and 10% of U.S. Jews agree.

17% of Israeli Jews think those denominations are destined to disappear, as compared to just 7% of

American Jews.

Far more American than Israeli Jews want to break the Orthodox monopoly in Israel on the performance of Jewish weddings, divorces, and conversions. Fully 80% of American Jews want Israel to open those functions to non-Orthodox rabbis as compared to 49% of Israelis, while 17% of U.S. Jews and 45% of Israelis favor the status quo.

A majority of Israelis – 55% – support the introduction of civil marriage and divorce in their country while 40% oppose the change, but American Jews are even more supportive, with 81% saying they want the change and 13% against it.

A strong majority of American Jews—73%—favor providing a space near the Western Wall for mixed-gender prayer, with just 21% opposed. Israeli Jews, in contrast, are deeply divided over the issue, with 42% in favor and 48% opposed.

Questions for American Jews Only

The survey of American Jews only has additional questions regarding President Trump's performance, the status of Jews in the United States, how Jews may vote in November's midterm congressional elections, and other political and communal issues.

For example, on President Trump's job performance, 26% found it favorable and 71% unfavorable.

55% report that the status of Jews in the U.S. is less secure than a year ago, while 18% say

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it is more secure and 24% about the same. On this question, the political divide is striking, as 70% of those who voted for Clinton, and 24% for Trump, say Jews are less secure, and those who say Jews are more secure are 8% of Clinton and 41% of Trump supporters. For 20% of Clinton and 32% of Trump supporters, the status is the same.

And, if elections for Congress were held today, 20% would vote for the Republican candidate, 67% for the Democrat, and 3% for another party.

AJC's 2018 Survey of Israeli Jewish Opinion, conducted by Geocartography, is based on telephone interviews carried out in May with a national sample of 1,000 Jews over age 18. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.1%.

AJC's 2018 Survey of American Jewish Opinion, conducted by SSRS, is based on telephone interviews carried out April 18-May 10 with a national sample of 1,001 Jews over age 18. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.9%.

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Congregation Mishkan Israel invites prospective members to its free Shabbat Under the Stars Open House on Friday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m. The evening begins with traditional Shabbat Evening Services followed by a barbecue and ice cream social. Meet the Rabbi, cantor, and school directors.

The synagogue hosts its annual Community Day & Activities Fair on Sunday, Sept. 16, the first day of Religious School, from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be information booths on membership, the synagogue's schools and high school program (open to all community teens), family programs, adult programs, committees and other activities. Parents and children can participate in the school's regular activities.

Congregation Mishkan Israel is a progressive Reform congregation, dedicated to creating a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere to all. Located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden, they are the 14th oldest congregation in the United States, and the oldest continuously operating one in New England. For more information, call (203) 288-3877.

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Joan and Henry Katz Lecture in Judaic Studies
"Looking for Bubbe: The Remembered and Forgotten Jewish World in Heritage Tourism"
Dr. Daniel J. Walkowitz, Emeritus Professor of History and of Social & Cultural Analysis, New York University
Monday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m.
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Jacoby-Lunin Humanitarian Lecture
"Defending Human Dignities"
Khizr Khan, lawyer and activist
Wednesday, November 14 at 8 p.m.
Quick Center for the Arts, Kelley Theatre - ticket required



Adolph and Ruth Schnurmacher Lecture in Judaic Studies
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Dr. Marc Michael Epstein, Professor of Religion and Visual Culture, Director of Jewish Studies, Vassar College
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Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy Opens Its Doors This Fall



After months of careful planning, two highly regarded private Jewish schools in Stamford have announced their merger.

The Boards of Trustees of Bi-Cultural Day School, a national pre-K through grade 8 Blue Ribbon School, and the acclaimed Jewish High School of Connecticut, recently joined forces to create one comprehensive academic institution that will provide students with a unique continuum of education.

The newly formed Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy of Connecticut – the only school of its kind in Connecticut—opened its doors this fall. At least initially, each school will continue to operate at its present location.

The new Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy reflects the shared missions and values of its two core schools, both of which are comprised of vibrant student bodies steeped in Torah values and a love of Israel; dynamic, evolving and innovative curriculums; reputations for academic excellence; legacies of service to community; and passions for passing on the beauty of our Jewish heritage.

The merger also lays a solid foundation for the future of Connecticut's Jewish community by instilling in families considering a move to the area the confidence that their children will have convenient access to a top-quality, well-rounded education.

Rabbi Hyman Discusses Teshuva as Part of Westville University

As part of Westville University, Rabbi Fred Hyman will present a lecture on "Teshuva According to Rav Soloveitchik and Rav Kook" on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect St., New Haven. Westville University is an educational initiative that offers dynamic high level programming to the community reflecting their commitment to Jewish learning, history, culture, law and the State of Israel. For more information, call (203) 389-9513 or go to westvilleshul.org.



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Friday, November 2
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Saturday, November 3
10 am – Shabbat Morning Minyan
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Sunday, November 4
11:30 am – mini concert featuring TE religious school students.

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Shofar 11:15

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
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Yom Kippur - Yizkor 11:30 AM
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The Wepawaug-CT Valley-West Rock Chapter of Hadassah will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center Cafeteria, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange. Joyce Saltman, noted comedian, laughter consultant, author and Life Member of Hadassah will speak on "A Humorous Look on Sex and Aging." Members, husbands, significant others and friends are invited to attend. Please RSVP to wepawaug@gmail.com.



On Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m., "It is beautiful to be free" will be presented by Joshua Perry, Deputy Director, Connecticut Legal Services, at Beth El-Keser Israel, 85 Harrison St., New Haven. RSVP Wepawaug@gmail.com

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The Jewish Coalition for Literacy, a nondenominational/nonsectarian program with 165 volunteers of different faiths, educational backgrounds and experiences, recruits, trains and places volunteer reading partners to share the pleasures of reading and conversation, one to one with a child who can benefit from the attention of a caring adult. JCL invites you to enjoy a unique, custom-built volunteer opportunity to help our community. Can you think of a better way to use an hour? Contact Brenda Brenner at bbrenner@jewishnwhaven.org or (203)387-2424 x 308 for further information.

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New Haven Area Observances

Beth Israel Synagogue

22 North Orchard Street, Wallingford
(203) 269-5983 | bethisraelwallingford.org

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 10, about 10:30 a.m., Torah Reading
Sept. 10, about 11 a.m., Shofar Service, followed by Rabbi Alpert's sermon
Sept. 10, 12-12:30 p.m., Service concludes
Sept. 10, about 1 p.m., Tashlich at Wallingford's Community Lake
Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m., Service with Sermon by Rabbi Heshe Sommer
Sept. 11, 8 p.m., Evening Service

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 8 p.m.
Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 19, 4 p.m., Study Session with Rabbi Alpert
Sept. 19, 5:45 p.m., Mincha/Neilah with community breakfast to follow

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI)

85 Harrison Street, New Haven
(203) 389-2108, x14 | BEKI.org

The sanctuary is handicapped accessible and equipped with a T-coil hearing loop.

Guests and visitors are most welcome. However, advance arrangements are required. Active-duty military and police personnel, and full-time students, may enter with valid official ID. Children require pre-registration for children's programs. Adults require tickets or reservations for most services. Contact the office at (203)389-2108, x14, office@beki.org .

Selichot

Sept. 1, 9-10:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 9, 6:45-7:45 p.m., Mincha & Ma'ariv
Sept. 10, 8:30 a.m. -1:20 p.m., Services, including Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation, Learners' Service & Cosmic Conversations for Youth
Sept. 10, 5:45-6 p.m., Tashlich, Edgewood Bridge, Whitney Museum Covered Bridge, West River
Sept. 10, 6:45-7:30 p.m., Mincha & Ma'ariv
Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., Services, including Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation, Learners' Service & Cosmic Conversations for Youth
Sept. 11, 5:45-6:10 p.m., Mincha & Ma'ariv

Kever Avot

Cemetery Memorial Service
Sept. 16, 10-10:15 a.m., Beth El Memorial Park, Warner St., Hamden
Sept. 16, 11 -11:15 a.m., Keser Israel Memorial Park, Farwell St., West Haven

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 6:45-8:45 p.m., Service
Sept. 19, 9 a.m. -2:15 p.m., Services, including Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation, Learners' Service & Cosmic Conversations for Youth
Sept. 19, 3-4:15 p.m., Study Session
Sept. 19, 5-7:38 p.m., Concluding Services

Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek

55 East Kings Highway, Chester
(806) 526-8920 | cbsrz.org

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m., Morning Service
Sept. 10, 2:30 p.m., Children's Service
Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m., Service

Cemetery Service

Sept. 16, 11 a.m., Fountain Hill
Sept. 16, 2:30 p.m., Rodfe Zedek, Moodus

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m., Kol Nidre
Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m., Morning Service
Sept. 19, 2 p.m., Children's Service
Sept. 19, 3:30 p.m., Afternoon Service with Yizkor & Neilah followed by Break-the-Fast

Sukkot

Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m., Hang in the Sukkah Potluck Dinner

Congregation B'nai Jacob

75 Rimmond Road, Woodbridge
(203) 389-2111 | bnaijacob.org

Selichot

Sept. 1, 9-10:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 9, 5 p.m., Young Family Service
Sept. 9, 6 p.m., Service
Sept. 10, 8:30 a.m.
Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m., Children's Programs
Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m., Tashlich
Sept. 10, 6 p.m., Mincha/Ma'ariv
Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m.
Sept. 11, 6 p.m., Mincha/Ma'ariv

Cemetery Service

Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m., Service at B'nai Jacob Memorial Park, Wintergreen Ave., New Haven, or B'nai Jacob at 11 a.m. if rain

Hazkarat Banim

Sept. 17, 7 p.m., in Memory of the Young

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19, 9 a.m.
Sept. 19, 10:30 a.m., Children's Programs
Sept. 19, 5:15 p.m., Mincha
Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m., Neilah
Sept. 19, 7:44 p.m., Sounding of the Shofar

Sukkot

Sept. 23, 6 p.m.
Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sept. 25, 9:30 a.m., 8 p.m., Service & Program

Shemini Atzeret

Sept. 30, 6 p.m.
Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 1, 11 a.m., Yizkor

Simchat Torah

Oct. 1, 6 p.m., Family Service
Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m.

Congregation Mishkan Israel

785 Ridge Road, Hamden
(203) 288-3877 | cmihamden.org

Congregation Mishkan Israel holds community services each year on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur that are open to everyone. No tickets are required.

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 10, 2 p.m., Community Service

Yom Kippur

Sept. 19, 12:30 p.m., Reflection Service
Sept. 19, 2 p.m., Community Service, Adult Discussion
Sept. 19, 3 p.m., Afternoon Service
Sept. 19, 4:45 p.m., Memorial & Concluding Service

Sukkot

Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m., Tot Sukkot Program for families with pre-school-aged children
Sept. 23, 6 p.m.
Sept. 24, 11 a.m.

Simchat Torah

Sept. 30, 7 p.m. Aliyahs for new members, August & September birthdays, consecration of new religious school students.

Congregation Or Shalom

205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange
(203) 799-2341 | orshalomct.org

Please call to inquire about tickets.

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 9, 7 p.m., Holiday Evening Service, open to all
Sept. 10, 8:30 a.m., Shaharit Service, ticket needed
Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m., Torah Service
Sept. 10, about 10:15 a.m., Children's Gathering.
Sept. 10, about 10:45 a.m., Shofar sounding, then Youth Service
Sept. 10, about 11:15 a.m., Rabbi's Sermon followed by Musaf
Sept. 10, 1 p.m., service ends, Tashlich follows at Wright's Pond
Sept. 10, 6:15 p.m., Minchah/Ma'ariv
Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m., Shaharit Service, ticket needed
Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m., Torah Service
Sept. 11, about 10:45 a.m., Shofar Sounding, then Youth Service

Sept. 11, about 11:15 a.m., Rabbi's Sermon followed by Musaf
Sept. 11, 1 p.m., Service ends
Sept. 11, 6:15 p.m., Minchah/Ma'ariv

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 6:15 p.m., Kol Nidre – "Operation Isaiah," open to all
Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m., Shaharit, ticket needed
Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m., Torah Service
Sept. 19, about 9:45 a.m., Children meet for retelling of the story of Jonah
Sept. 19, about 10:45 a.m., Youth Services
Sept. 19, about 11:15 a.m., Rabbi's Sermon followed by Yizkor & Musaf
Sept. 19, 1:15 p.m., Break
Sept. 19, 4 p.m., Community Yizkor, open to all
Sept. 19, 5:15 p.m., Minchah followed by Neilah & Break-Fast

Sukkot

Sept. 23, 7 p.m., Service in the Sukkah (bring a coat)
Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m., Service in the Sukkah (bring a coat)
Sept. 25, 9:30 a.m., Service
Sept. 27, 7:30 a.m., Morning Minyan
Sept. 28, 7 p.m., Rabbi's 70th Birthday, Oneg to follow
Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m., Service

Shemini Atzeret

Sept. 30, 7 p.m., Service in Sukkah
Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 1, about 11 a.m., Service with Yizkor

Simchat Torah

Oct. 1, 7 p.m., Service
Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m., Service

Orchard Street Shul

232 Orchard St., New Haven
(203)776-1468/orchardstreetshul.org

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 9, 6:45 p.m., Mincha/Ma'ariv
Sept. 9, 7:15 p.m., Annual Dinner
Sept. 10, 9 a.m., Morning Service
Sept. 10, 11:15 a.m., Shofar
Sept. 11, 9 a.m.
Sept. 11, 11:15 a.m., Shofar

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m., Kol Nidre
Sept. 19, 9 a.m.
Sept. 19, 11:30 a.m., Yizkor
Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m., Mincha
Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m., Neilah
Sept. 19, 7:35 p.m., fast ends, Break-fast following services

Sukkot

Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 25, 9:30 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret

Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 1, 11 a.m., Yizkor
Simchat Torah
Oct. 1, 7 p.m., Ma'ariv, Dinner & Hakafot
Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m., Morning Minyan & Hakafot

Sushi & Shots

Oct. 5, 6 p.m.

Temple Beth Tikvah

196 Durham Road, Madison
(203)245-7028 | tbtshoreline.org

Selichot

Sept. 1, 7 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 9, 8 p.m.
Sept. 10, 10 a.m., Ticket required.
Sept. 11, 10 a.m.

Shabbat Shuvah

Sept. 14, 7:15 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 8 p.m., Ticket required.
Sept. 19, 10 a.m., Ticket required.
Sept. 19, 3:30 p.m., Yizkor/Neilah, with community break-fast after Neilah.

Sukkot

Sept. 26, 6 p.m.

Simchat Torah

Sept. 30, 6 p.m.

Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven

150 Derby Avenue, Orange,
(203) 397-3000 | templeemanuel-gnh.org

All members of the Greater New Haven Jewish community are welcome to attend our services and celebrations. Please contact the TE office at for details and to acquire guest tickets (required for security purposes).

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 9, 8 p.m., with Oneg after the service
Sept. 10, 9:45 a.m., Children's Service*
Sept. 10, 10 a.m., Service, with Kiddish after, followed by Tashlich
Sept. 11, 10 a.m., Service with Kiddush after

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 8 p.m.
Sept. 19, 9:45 a.m., Children's Service*
Sept. 19, 10 a.m., Morning Service, YK Study Session with Bennett Graft to follow - "The Book of Jonah"
Sept. 19, 4:15 p.m., Mincha

Sept. 19, 5:45 p.m., Yizkor/Memorial Service, Neilah/Concluding Service, Havdalah Service, Break Fast to follow

Sukkot

Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m.

Simchat Torah

Sept. 30, 6 p.m., Consecration Service

*Children's High Holy Day Services are intended for children in grades pre-K-5. Younger children are welcome to attend if accompanied by an adult. Reservations are necessary.

Temple Beth Sholom

1809 Whitney Avenue, Hamden
(203) 288.7748 | tbshamden.com

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 9, 8:15 p.m., No ticket required
Sept. 10, 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m., No ticket required
Sept. 11, 9 a.m.

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19, 9 a.m.
Sept. 19, 4:30 p.m., Mincha/Yizkor/Neilah, no ticket required.

Temple B'nai Abraham

127 East Main Street, Meriden
(203) 235-2581 | meridentemple.org

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 9, 8 p.m.
Sept. 10, 8:30 a.m.
Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m.

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m.

Sept. 19, 5 p.m., Mincha Services
Sept. 19, 6:10 p.m., Neilah Services
Sept. 19, 7:34 p.m., Shofar Sounds

The Towers Synagogue

18 Tower Lane, New Haven
(203)772-1816/towersonline.org

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 9, 7 p.m.
Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m.

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m., Service including Yizkor
Sept. 19, 5 p.m., Neliah
Sept. 19, 7:15 p.m., Breakfast

Sukkot

Sept. 23, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 25, 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 28, 7 p.m.
Sept. 29, 10 a.m., Shabbat Service

Shemini Atzeret

Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m., Service including Yizkor

Simchat Torah

Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m.

Westville Synagogue

74 Prospect St., New Haven
(203) 389-9513 | westvilleshul.org

Celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and all the fall chagim at Westville Synagogue led by Rabbi Fred Hyman. Contact the office for information.

High Holiday Recipes

Chicken Honey Nut Stir Fry

2 teaspoons peanut oil
2 stalks of celery
2 carrots peeled and sliced diagonally
1-1/2 pounds skinless chicken breast cut into pieces
1 tablespoon cornstarch
3/4 cup orange juice
3 tablespoons light soy sauce
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
1/4 cup cashews
1/4 cup minced green onions



1. Heat 1 teaspoon oil in wok over high heat, add carrot and celery and stir fry for 3 minutes. Add remaining oil then add chicken and stir fry for 5 minutes.
2. In a small bowl, dissolve the cornstarch into the orange juice. Mix the soy sauce, honey, and ginger. Add the sauce to the wok and cook over medium heat until thickened. Top with cashews and green onions.
Recipe courtesy of The Towers



Holiday's Sweet Treat Has Ancient Roots, Modern Day Health Benefits

Honey has an interesting role in the history of Judaism. As noted in the Torah and explained on the website, Chabad.org, Jonathan, King Saul's son, and David's friend, was exhausted after the hard battle against the Philistines. While dragging his feet through the woods, he came upon a beehive and drew some honey from it on the edge of his cane, and ate it. His eyes lit up because his energy was restored, but this sweet mouthful of honey almost cost him his life. For unknown to Jonathan, his father Saul had proclaimed a public fast that day, to thank G-d for the victory. When Saul learned that his son had broken the vow, he was prepared to condemn him to death, but the people saved him because he had not known about the prohibition and they were grateful to him for that miraculous victory. (I Sam. chap. 14.)



When G-d promised the children of Israel that they would be freed from Egyptian bondage and led to their own land, the Promised Land was described as "a land flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus. 3: 17, etc.), but that "honey" actually referred to the honey of dates.

Beekeeping was a very ancient art and bees were plentiful in the Holy Land. The manna that sustained the Israelites during their 40 years of wandering is described in the Torah as having the flavor of "wafers made with honey" (Exodus. 16:31).

On the night of Rosh Hashanah, honey is an important symbol of the holiday. When we take a piece of sweet apple and dip it in honey, we pray that G-d should renew a "good and sweet year" unto us. Because of honey's sweet association with Rosh Hashanah, Shalom New Haven interviewed **Katherine R. Casale, PhD, RN, co-owner of Monkey's Pocket Apiary in Fairfield**, which claims to be the only apiary and honey certified kosher in Connecticut.

SNH: So what makes your honey kosher? What is your process? There are some arguments about whether all pure honey is kosher or not...why was this important to you to have kosher honey?

Katherine: Pure honey may be considered kosher, but we learned that our honey harvesting, processing, and bottling needed to meet certain standards to be deemed kosher. Many of our customers who bought our honey at Lupe's Drugstore in Fairfield asked us whether our honey met those standards. We invited Vaad HaKashrus of Fairfield County to visit our apiary and evaluate our harvesting and bottling process. After two visits and many questions from their committee, they determined that our process adhered to strict kosher dietary law.

SNH: Has anyone reached out to your company because your product is kosher?

Katherine: Yes, many of our customers are of Jewish faith and purchase our honey specifically for that reason.

SNH: Are you the only local kosher honey company in Connecticut?

Katherine: To the best of our knowledge we are the only apiary and honey certified kosher in Connecticut.

SNH: How long have you been beekeepers?

Katherine: We have been raising bees for close to 10 years. We wanted to learn a hobby together as we planned for retirement. We became interested in honey bees after learning of their importance in our ecosystem and started with two hives. We learned our craft and grew - now we have more than 30 hives!

SNH: Where is your honey sold? Are there any places in New Haven County where folks can purchase your honey or is it only online?

Katherine: Our honey is sold at Lupes Pharmacy in Fairfield and at In Touch Therapeutic Bodyworks in Trumbull. We also sell direct from our apiary at 2788 Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield. For the most economical prices, we encourage customers to visit us at the apiary - our honey is packaged in glass bottles and is expensive to ship. However, we do accept credit cards and will ship upon request.

SNH: There's a lot of medical research on the anti-inflammatory properties of honey...how has it

improved your health?

Katherine: Many local physicians refer customers to us because they recognize the anti-inflammatory and antibacterial benefits of local raw honey. Pediatricians often suggest that parents use honey to treat children (over the age of one year) for coughs and allergy symptoms, which research has shown to be equally effective as over-the-counter medicines.

SNH: How often and how much honey should someone eat to experience these anti-inflammatory benefits?

Katherine: Most literature recommends one teaspoon of honey at least daily. For seasonal allergy relief, most people report that taking the honey daily throughout allergy season provides the best relief of symptoms. A spoonful of honey will coat the throat and relieve cough immediately. Some of our older clients also report that daily honey relieves their chronic constipation!

SNH: What makes your honey special?

Katherine: Our honey is local, raw, and completely unprocessed - the way nature intended. While some honey producers add flavors and mix-ins to produce more exotic products, we believe that natural is better - the honey bees create a product with a shelf life of more than 3,000 years (honey recently found in Egyptian tombs was edible and unspoiled) - we don't mess with Mother Nature!

SNH: What are your future plans for your company? New products? Demonstrations?

Katherine: We sell many styles of candles and three varieties of honey - summer (light and delicate in flavor), fall (amber and more robust) and buckwheat (dark and malty with molasses undertones). We believe in recycling and using everything created by our honey bees. We melt the beeswax and repurpose it into beautiful candles. Did you know that 100 percent beeswax candles purify the air when they burn?

We encourage residents to visit our apiary to see the bees in action and learn about their importance in our food cycle. For your New Haven readers, it is a short ride to Fairfield and well worth the trip. Call us at (203)371-6448 to schedule.

From June to October you can also visit us at Lachat Farms Farmer's Market in Weston on the last Friday of each month between 4 and 8 p.m. In addition to vendors, there are food trucks and live bands - it is a fun family adventure (and inexpensive entertainment)! For more information on Monkey's Pocket Apiary, go to monkeyspocketapiary.com.



Rabbi Immerman Comes Home to Congregation Mishkan Israel

By Rabbi Brian Immerman
Congregation Mishkan Israel

When I arrived at Congregation Mishkan Israel for my initial interview in October of 2017, I was given a tour of the building. This tour was different than the other congregations - we started in the back. The tour didn't start with sanctuary, the chapel, or the library, which are all amazing spaces, instead we walked into the kitchen. "This is where 'Life is Delicious' prepares food for a local homeless shelter," Michael explained to me. How appropriate, I thought, to begin a tour of a synagogue in the kitchen, the place where most people gather when hosting company in their homes. Our tour began in the kitchen because for Michael, as for many members of Mishkan Israel, our synagogue is not just a building but it is a home.

Since arriving in Hamden this summer, my wife Jenny and I been overwhelmed at the warm reception we've received from the congregation and the larger Jewish community.



I spent my summer learning why so many people participate in the CMI community. From "Life is Delicious," to the "Peah Garden," to worship, to our nursery school and educational opportunities, there are so many ways that people get involved in the life of the synagogue.

I have also started to learn more about why Jewish New Haven is thriving with a newly renovated JCC, a wonderful sense of k'lal Yisrael, a strong interfaith community and commitment to making our world a better place for all people.

As we enter into 5779, we reflect on the past year as we look to the future. I am honored to be the next spiritual leader of a congregation celebrating its 178th year and I am committed to honoring Mishkan Israel's rich history. May we all find joy, happiness and a place that we can call home this year. Shanah tova u'metukah, wishing you a sweet and happy new year.

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BEKI Hosts Unique Yiddish Performance

On Saturday, Oct. 20, Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel will offer a unique musical program that combines diverse strains of African American and Ashkenazi religious and folk music. The performance, "Yiddish Kiddush: Written in Breath," is an a cappella musical conversation between classical Jewish texts and Yiddish songs, performed by Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell, who is an African-American classically trained operatic bass.

Soon after converting to Judaism, Russell heard Sidor Belarsky on the soundtrack for the Coen brothers film, "A Serious Man" and became hooked on Yiddish music.

Ten years after making his professional debut in the world premiere of Philip Glass's "Appomattox," Russell became a composer, arranger, and vocalist specializing in Yiddish art and folk songs, chazones and Chasidic nigunim.

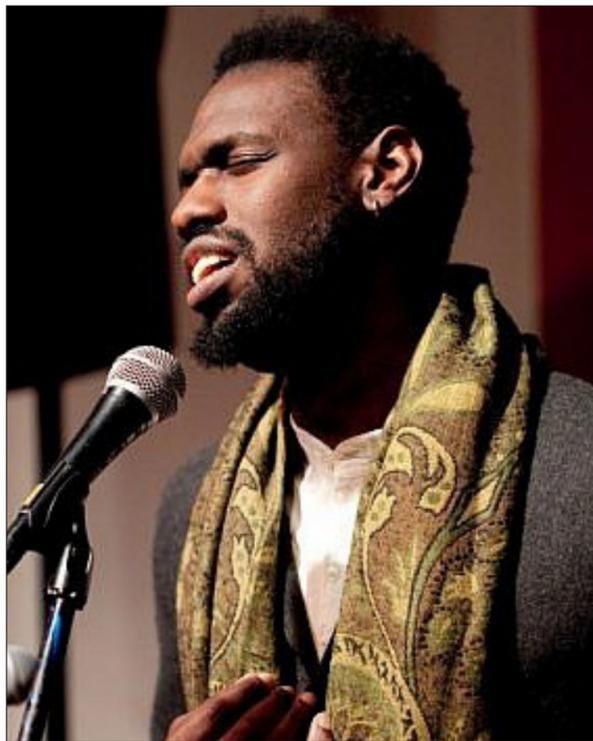
His study of traditional Ashkenazi musical forms led to a musical exploration of his own roots. The result is an ongoing performance project in collaboration with klezmer consort Veretski Pass that creates a new repertoire of works exploring exile, spirituality, hope and redemption.

Russell's work in Jewish music has brought him to stages not only across the U.S. and Canada, but also in Israel and at Limmud Fests in Europe. Recent engagements have included performances in Berlin, Warsaw, Krakow and London. When he's not touring, Russell lives in Concord, Massachusetts, with his husband, Rabbi Michael Rothbaum.

In "Written in Breath," Russell will lead a lively discussion in which classic Jewish texts (Tehilim, Nevi'im and Talmud) are compared and contrasted with Yiddish texts from songs that he performs.

The program will start at 12:45 p.m., after the weekly Shabbat Kiddush lunch. BEKI is located at the corner of Whalley Avenue and Harrison Street in New Haven. Sabbath rules will be observed.

Go to anthonyrussellbass.com to learn more about Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell and to hear a sample of his music.



Claire Rice Photography

CMI Offers Intro. to Hebrew Classes, Book Discussion, Nursery Fall Registration

Congregation Mishkan Israel is offering several adult education classes this fall that are open to members of the community. Rabbi Immerman will conduct an Introduction to Judaism class on Sundays from 10-11 a.m., beginning October 14. Rabbi Steve Steinberg is teaching Introduction to Hebrew class on Sundays from 11 a.m. - noon, beginning October 14. Registration is required. Contact Sarah at (203) 288-3877 or slegassey@cmihamden.org.

Mishkan Israel Book Discussion group will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 26, to discuss "The Ruined House" by Ruby Namber at noon at CMI. The group will meet again Wednesday, Oct. 24, at noon to discuss "Eternal Life" by Dana Horn. All are welcome and invited to bring their lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. For more information, call (203) 288-3877.

The Mishkan Israel Nursery School, located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden, is taking registrations for the 2018-19 School Year. The school serves infants six weeks to five years. Contact Early Childhood Director Susan Witten Nason at (203) 288-2375 or sperry@cmihamden.org.

JFS Receives National Accreditation



Pictured is Acting Executive Director, Amy G. Rashba; and just a few of the JFS staff members who were involved in the COA Re-accreditation process.

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven recently received National Accreditation from the Council on Accreditation (COA). COA accreditation is an objective, independent, and reliable validation of an agency's performance. The COA accreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of an organization's administration, management, and service delivery functions against international standards of best practice. The standards ensure that services are well-coordinated, culturally competent, evidence-based, outcomes-oriented, and provided by a skilled and supported workforce. JFS is proud of their staff and board for their dedication and the quality services they provide to the community.

Nationality Law Passes Vote

By JNS, Jewish News Syndicate

On July 19, the Knesset passed a nationality law that enshrines Israel as "the national home of the Jewish people." The bill was approved in its second and third readings overnight, after hours of heated debate. The law, which passed by a vote of 62-55, will be added to Israel's Basic Laws, the underpinning of the national legal system, which is harder to repeal than regular laws.

The law calls Israel a Jewish and democratic state, and declares "Jerusalem, complete and united, is the capital of Israel." It also makes the Jewish calendar the official calendar of Israel, and recognizes Independence Day, Jewish holidays and Shabbat as national days of rest. Arabic, while not an official language of Israel, is given "special" status, and will still be used in a public capacity for an array of public writings and services.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu celebrated the new law as "a pivotal moment in the annals of Zionism and the State of Israel." "We enshrined in law the basic principle of our existence. Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people, that respects the individual rights of all its citizens," he said. "This is our state—the Jewish state. Today, we made it law: This is our nation, language and flag."

Uproarious debates over the legislation included Joint (Arab) List Knesset member Jamal Zahalka ascending the podium and ripping a printed copy of the bill to shreds. Though wording that would "authorize a community composed of people having the same faith and nationality to maintain the exclusive character of that community" proved too controversial to remain in the law, a new clause celebrating and supporting "Jewish settlement" as a "national value" in Israel was placed in the legislation.

The Towers Is Looking for Helpers

Gustave Keach-Longo
President/CEO The Towers

As we look forward to the New Year about to begin, we are organizing our new strategic planning process with the kick-off scheduled for late September and continuing through mid-spring. We will conduct interviews and host focus groups. To participate, email Nicole Merritt (nicole@towerone.org). We want to hear from every community member who has ideas as we plan our future.

Recently, we changed our method for assessing the well-being of our seniors. We realized that many of our residents haven't had to make new friends in many years as they spent much of their time focused on their families. Then, years later, they move in with us at The Towers. Their children are busy with their own lives and often live in other states. Many of our elders now need to gain the skills and self-confidence to participate in activities here. They often fear rejection, so, they hold back and become isolated in their new home. Our staff understands how important it is that

each of us knows we have people who care about us. Without these connections, feelings of isolation and loneliness build, but we, as a community, can reverse this. Together, we can help our seniors feel more connected and less alone.

We're looking to create a team of helpers who can provide just an hour or two to make a difference in the lives of our seniors. We need helpers to facilitate simple interactions with our residents. Volunteers can lead activities, watch TV with our seniors, go for walks, or even just listen to our residents share their stories. Our goal is to help our seniors make connections and foster their sense of contributing beyond themselves. This creates opportunities for them to make new friends and become more involved. We need our wider community to help. This problem can't be fixed by buying some new device or creating a new program. This is all about our own human need, no matter our age, to connect with others. Do you have just a few hours to volunteer? Please consider contacting us! L' Shana Tovah!

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High Holidays:

1 Symbolic Fruit
Many people eat pomegranates on Rosh Hashanah, demonstrating their wish for as many merits as the pomegranate has seeds. It is commonly said that the pomegranate has 613 seeds, corresponding to the 613 mitzvahs in the Torah, but this has yet to be empirically proven.

2 No napping?
Even though napping on Shabbat is considered a way to celebrate the day of rest, on Rosh Hashanah, we make a point of not napping, and some even stay awake all night, to not waste a precious moment. The Talmud states that if one sleeps at the beginning of the year—his good fortune also sleeps.

3 Special Delivery
Millions of people visit the Western Wall every year and leave requests on pieces of paper they wedge into the cracks of the stones. Right before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, employees at the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem clean out the wall and take the notes to be buried on the Mount of Olives.

4 Sweet Holiday
Every year in Israel some 1,600 tons of honey produced by about 100,000 beehives is consumed in the month of holidays that begin with Rosh Hashanah.

5 So Puzzling
Some 1.2 million puzzles are sold in Israel annually with the peak sales times coming just before the High Holidays. In 2010, Puzzland — the largest seller of jigsaw puzzles in Israel — sold 2,200 puzzles a day in the days before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

6 “Alien” Sounds and More
Tradition tells us that the Shofar is the closest thing to the voice of God, which may explain why it has inspired so many composers. The Shofar was used in composer Jerry Goldsmith’s score for the 1979 film “Alien.” Even composer Leonard Bernstein’s musicals pay tribute to

his Jewish roots and the High Holidays. The Jets’ call that opens “West Side Story” simulates the call of the Shofar.

7 Prayers Inspire Rockers
Avinu Malkeinu, the Rosh Hashanah prayer that means “Our Father, Our King,” inspired Mogwai, a Scottish post-rock-trio, to write a 20-minute epic song which borrows the prayer’s traditional melody and is alternately soft and beautiful and loud and raging. More famously, in “Who By Fire,” the late singer-songwriter, poet and novelist Leonard Cohen draws inspiration from the Unetanah Tokef, which many consider the most important prayer for the High Holidays.

8 Seasons Greetings
In 1927, the Western Union Telegraph Company reported that Jewish people sent telegrams of congratulations and well-wishing much more frequently than members of any other group. In particular, they exchanged thousands of messages for Rosh Hashanah. Sadly, Western Union closed its telegraphy service more than a decade ago, but many now send their new years’ greetings electronically, especially through Tweets.

9 Shofars Are Stinky
You have to get close to notice, but a common complaint is that these horns smell bad. According to Jim Barbarossa, also known as The Shofar Man (theshofarman.com), all kosher shofars have a bit of a scent because they come from a dead animal. There are even several products marketed exclusively for the purpose of removing or neutralizing shofar smells.

10 Not All Shofars Are Created Equal
According to Barbarossa, all Shofars are not created equal. Some have a very flat, muffled sound, while a select group has a very crisp, clear, vibrant, alive, victory shout type sound. The cost of a Shofar can vary greatly, from \$20 for a small, simple one to more than \$1,000 for a special, one of a kind ram’s horn that has a unique finish and colors as well as a beautiful sound. Generally, the larger the Shofar,

the more notes or tones you will be able to play.

11 Matchmaker, Matchmaker...
Yom Kippur was once a big matchmaking day. According to the Talmud, both Yom Kippur and Tu B’Av (often described as the Jewish Valentine’s Day) were the most joyous days of the year, when women would wear white gowns and dance in the vineyards, chanting, “Young man, lift up your eyes and see what you choose for yourself. Do not set your eyes on beauty, but set your eyes on a good family.” It is said that in the Biblical era, during the late afternoon of Yom Kippur, the unmarried maidens would dance in the forest clearings, and the unmarried young men would watch, hoping to know which was meant to be his bride.

12 Never on a Wednesday
Rosh Hashanah generally falls in the month of September, but can actually be between September 5 and October 5 on the Gregorian Calendar. It always occurs 163 days after Passover. It also never falls on a Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday.

13 Not Mentioned
The name “Rosh Hashanah” doesn’t even appear in the Torah, which instead associates the holiday with the blowing of the Shofar (Yom Teru’ah) — probably because of its significance in heralding the imminence of Yom Kippur.

14 Eat Your Veggies Too
While it’s traditional to eat a fruit you’ve never tried or haven’t eaten

18 Interesting FACTS

for a long time on the second night of Rosh Hashanah, the holiday isn’t just about fruits. Jews do a number of different things with a number of different vegetables to celebrate. Carrots and squash are often eaten as a cleansing ritual, while eating leeks or cooking them into a soup is meant to symbolize the cutting off of enemies.

15 Yom Kippur & Number 5
The number 5 is an important number on Yom Kippur. In the Yom Kippur section of the Torah, the word soul appears five times.

The soul is also known by five separate names: soul, wind, spirit, living one and unique one. Unlike regular days, which have three prayer services, Yom Kippur has five- Ma’ariv, Shacharis, Mussaf, Minchah and Neilah. The Kohen Gadol (High Priest) rinsed

himself in the mikveh (ritual bath) five times on Yom Kippur. The Kohen Gadol wore five sets of garments (three golden and two white linen).

16 Goat Lotteries in Ancient Times
In the Biblical era, two goats were chosen by lotteries. One was ritually sacrificed to atone for the sins of the people, and the other, as an act of purification, was driven off into the wilderness, and some say over a cliff. This was, of course, the “scape-goat.”

17 Play Ball...or not
In 1934, first baseman of the Detroit Tigers, Hank Greenberg, also known as the Jewish Babe Ruth and the Hebrew Hammer, anguished over whether or not to play in a key game against the New York Yankees on Rosh Hashanah.

The Detroit media even sought the opinions of local rabbis and ran a headline that said, “Talmud Clears Greenberg for Holiday Play.” Greenberg skipped batting practice that day, but finally chose to take the field. He hit two home runs to lead the Tigers to a 2-1 victory. The next day, the Detroit Free Press ran a banner headline, in Hebrew, that read “Happy New Year, Hank.” Days later, Greenberg opted not play on Yom Kippur. When he arrived at synagogue, the service stopped, and the congregants gave him a rousing round of applause. Since Greenberg, there have been many Jewish athletes who have struggled with this holiday dilemma.

18 High Holidays All Around the World
For Jews around the

world, there are different rituals performed and different foods eaten to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. French Jews of North African descent follow a Rosh Hashanah seder. A typical Rosh Hashanah dish in France is onion quiche. In Ethiopia, the village elders blow the Shofar and are the only ones capable of reading Jewish texts in their ancient dialect. In India, Jewish communities eat lamb and goat on the holiday and women wear colorful saris. At the stroke of midnight, Cuban Jews enjoy 12 grapes, one for each month of the harvest as a sign of good luck.

While traditions, customs, rituals and celebrations around the world may be different, we all share in the same hope for a happy and sweet New Year! We wish you and your family a Shanah Tovah Umetukah!



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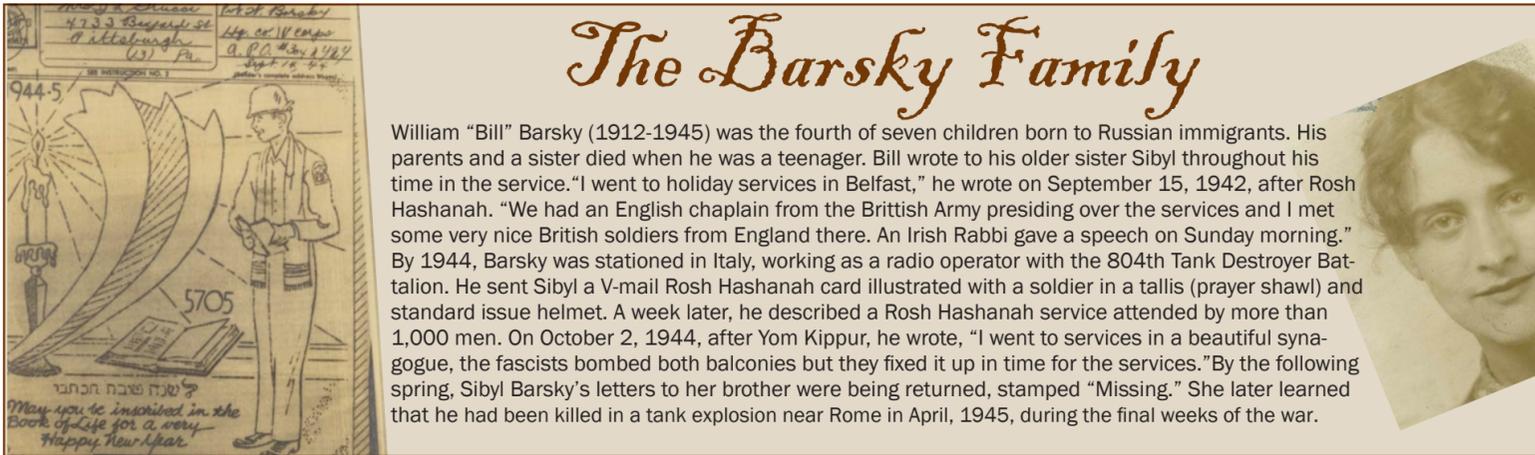
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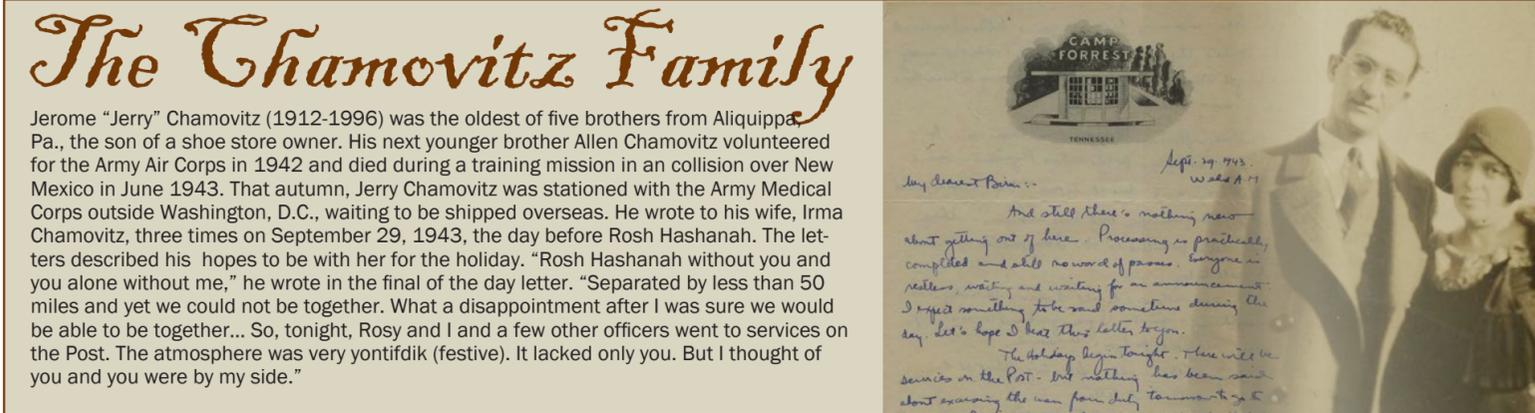
Soldiers Write High Holidays Letters Home During War

The Rauh Jewish Archives contains many collections of letters written by soldiers at war and their families waiting back home. These letters show how four soldiers during World War II celebrated the High Holidays amid military routines. For more information, go to heinzhistorycenter.org.



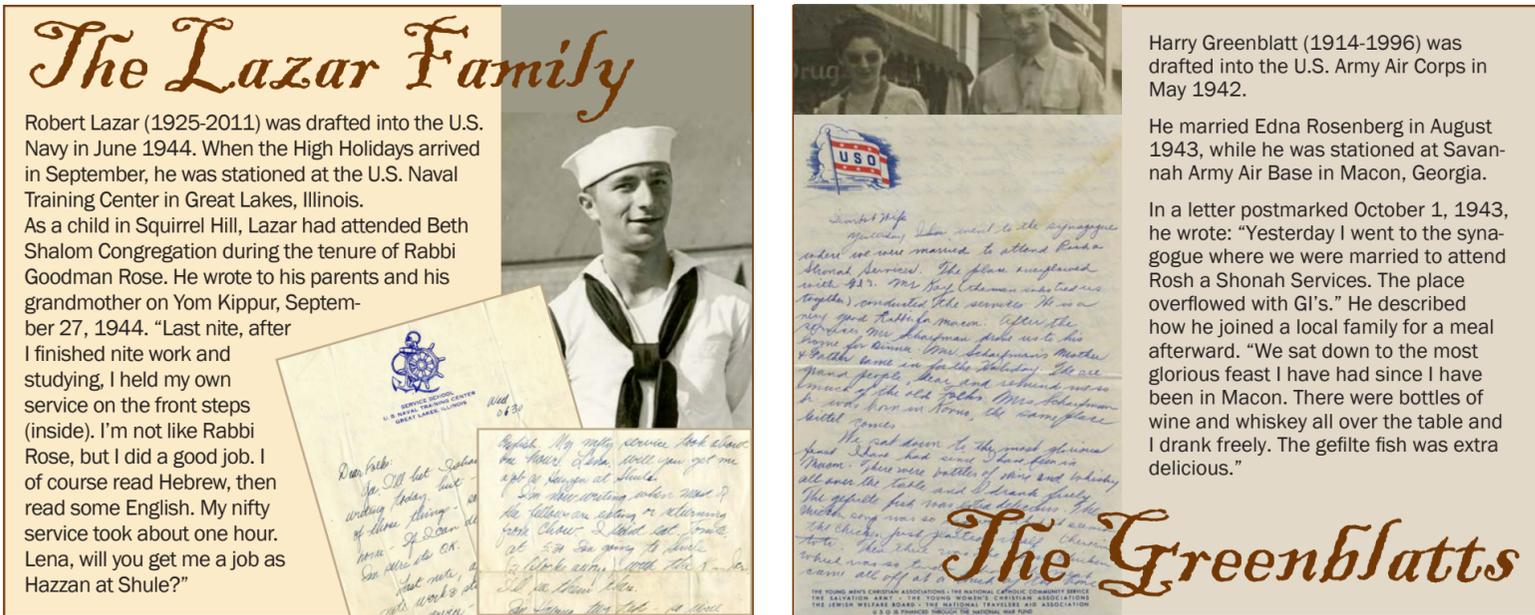
The Barsky Family

William "Bill" Barsky (1912-1945) was the fourth of seven children born to Russian immigrants. His parents and a sister died when he was a teenager. Bill wrote to his older sister Sibyl throughout his time in the service. "I went to holiday services in Belfast," he wrote on September 15, 1942, after Rosh Hashanah. "We had an English chaplain from the British Army presiding over the services and I met some very nice British soldiers from England there. An Irish Rabbi gave a speech on Sunday morning." By 1944, Barsky was stationed in Italy, working as a radio operator with the 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion. He sent Sibyl a V-mail Rosh Hashanah card illustrated with a soldier in a tallis (prayer shawl) and standard issue helmet. A week later, he described a Rosh Hashanah service attended by more than 1,000 men. On October 2, 1944, after Yom Kippur, he wrote, "I went to services in a beautiful synagogue, the fascists bombed both balconies but they fixed it up in time for the services." By the following spring, Sibyl Barsky's letters to her brother were being returned, stamped "Missing." She later learned that he had been killed in a tank explosion near Rome in April, 1945, during the final weeks of the war.



The Chamovitz Family

Jerome "Jerry" Chamovitz (1912-1996) was the oldest of five brothers from Aliquippa, Pa., the son of a shoe store owner. His next younger brother Allen Chamovitz volunteered for the Army Air Corps in 1942 and died during a training mission in a collision over New Mexico in June 1943. That autumn, Jerry Chamovitz was stationed with the Army Medical Corps outside Washington, D.C., waiting to be shipped overseas. He wrote to his wife, Irma Chamovitz, three times on September 29, 1943, the day before Rosh Hashanah. The letters described his hopes to be with her for the holiday. "Rosh Hashanah without you and you alone without me," he wrote in the final of the day letter. "Separated by less than 50 miles and yet we could not be together. What a disappointment after I was sure we would be able to be together... So, tonight, Rosy and I and a few other officers went to services on the Post. The atmosphere was very yontifdik (festive). It lacked only you. But I thought of you and you were by my side."



The Lazar Family

Robert Lazar (1925-2011) was drafted into the U.S. Navy in June 1944. When the High Holidays arrived in September, he was stationed at the U.S. Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. As a child in Squirrel Hill, Lazar had attended Beth Shalom Congregation during the tenure of Rabbi Goodman Rose. He wrote to his parents and his grandmother on Yom Kippur, September 27, 1944. "Last nite, after I finished nite work and studying, I held my own service on the front steps (inside). I'm not like Rabbi Rose, but I did a good job. I of course read Hebrew, then read some English. My nifty service took about one hour. Lena, will you get me a job as Hazzan at Shule?"

The Greenblatts

Harry Greenblatt (1914-1996) was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps in May 1942. He married Edna Rosenberg in August 1943, while he was stationed at Savannah Army Air Base in Macon, Georgia. In a letter postmarked October 1, 1943, he wrote: "Yesterday I went to the synagogue where we were married to attend Rosh a Shonah Services. The place overflowed with GI's." He described how he joined a local family for a meal afterward. "We sat down to the most glorious feast I have had since I have been in Macon. There were bottles of wine and whiskey all over the table and I drank freely. The gefilte fish was extra delicious."

BEKI Youth Groups Pack Food Bags at JFS

by Gilah Benson-Tilsen
BEKI Youth Group Coordinator

As one of our many community service projects this past year, a group of 12 volunteers – BEKI USY and Kadima members and parents – efficiently packed several hundred bags of food with 10 food items per bag, for distribution at several local schools.

The Food4Kids Backpack Program at the Jewish Family Service (JFS) of Greater New Haven's Food Pantry, where these were assembled, provides weekly bags of food for children who are chronically hungry. Under the direction of Sandy Hagan, the Food Pantry and Nutritional Health Center Director and Coordinator of Agency Operations, we raced toward the finish line. We made good time until the very end, when the rapid pace backfired and we lost count of how many bags we finished. After a recount, we confirmed that the right number of bags was packed, and we went into the back room for a group picture.

Projects like these help increase our appreciation of our place in the BEKI community, the Jewish community, and the New Haven community. Upholding our ideal of Tikun Olam is a central part of our Youth Groups' mission, and we had a successful year following this principle.

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Preparing food bags for Jewish Family Service, from left to right: Jalina, Sarah, Ella, Michelle, Sam, Benjamin, Noam, Sandy, Rebecca, Dina, Nicole, Gilah.

community service, and social events. Both groups are open to all Jewish youth, regardless of synagogue affiliation. For more information, see beki.org/youth/kadima-usy/. We are always happy to welcome new members and attendees.



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Birthright Pride Trip

Harley Schein, whose mom is Shalom New Haven Editor Jeannette Brodeur, enjoys the view of Mount Arbel in Tiberius, Israel on a recent Birthright Pride Trip in June. Harley, 22, was the only Connecticut resident to participate in the 10-day trip, which attracted 40 young adults from ages 21-26 across the country. He said the experience, organized with Keshet, a leader in the LGBTQ Jewish community, was truly life-changing.

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september

SEASON'S EATINGS: Cooking for the High Holidays, September 6, 7-9 PM, \$25 Members/\$30 Community, JCC, Beckerman Lender Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x228, gracek@jccnh.org.

TOT SHABBAT ON THE FARM: Kindness to Animals, with PJ Library September 7, 9:30-10:30 AM, \$5 Suggested Donation, Massaro Farm, 41 Ford Road, Woodbridge, Contact Stacey Battat, (203) 387-2424 x317, pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org.

TODDLER WITH PARENTS: Sticky Fingers, September 13, 10-11 AM, every month, on the 2nd Thursday of each month. \$5 per session, \$15 for series, JCC, Beckerman Lender Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306, emilyk@jccnh.org.

NEXTDOR: Mixology and Mingle, September 13, 6-9 PM. FREE, 116 Crown, 116 Crown Street, New Haven, Contact Derek Holodak, (203) 387-2424 x217, dholodak@jewishnewhaven.org.

JCC's Annual Murray Lender 5k Bagel Run and Fitness Walk, September 16, 8-10:30 AM, \$25 entrance fee, JCC,

360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. Contact Susan Donovan, (203) 387-2424 x265, susand@jccnh.org.

HIGH HOLIDAY DAY: Kever Avot, September 16, 2-3 PM, FREE, The New Haven Holocaust Memorial, 491 Whalley Avenue, New Haven. Contact Jeanette Yurman, (203) 387-2424 x325, jjurman@jewishnewhaven.org.

BOTANICAL BLOOMS: Floral Design for Beginners, September 17, 7-9 PM, \$25 Members/\$30 Community, JCC, Beckerman Lender Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. Contact Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x228, gracek@jccnh.org.

STYLE THE SUKKAH: Family Sukkah Decorating, September 20, 5:30-7 PM, FREE, JCC, Beckerman Lender Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. Contact Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306, emilyk@jccnh.org.

TOT SHABBAT ON THE FARM: The Food We Grow, with PJ Library September 21, 9:30-10:30 AM, \$5 Suggested Donation, Massaro Farm, 41 Ford Road, Woodbridge, Contact Stacey Battat, (203) 387-2424 x317,

SENIORS: Senior Day at the J, September 27, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, FREE, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Mara Belk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org

october

JEWISH COALITION FOR LITERACY (JCL) Information and Orientation Session, October 3, 9:30-11 AM, FREE, JCC, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Brenda Brenner, (203) 387-2424 x308, bbrenner@jewishnewhaven.org.

TOT SHABBAT ON THE FARM: Taking Care of the Earth, with PJ Library October 5, 9:30-10:30 AM, \$5 Suggested Donation, Massaro Farm, 41 Ford Road, Woodbridge, Contact Stacey Battat, (203) 387-2424 x317, pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org.

TODDLER WITH PARENTS: Sticky Fingers, October 11, 10-11 AM, every month, on the 2nd Thursday of each month. \$5 per session, \$15 for series, JCC, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306, emilyk@jccnh.org.

SENIORS: Senior Day at the J, October 11, October 21, & October 25, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, FREE, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Mara Belk, (203) 387-2424 x300, marab@jccnh.org.

AUTHOR: Wendy Sherman "Not for the Faint of Heart", October 14, 2-4 PM, JCC, Beckerman Lender Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x228, gracek@jccnh.org

MAKERSPACE: Wood & Wine, October 18, 7-9 PM, \$15 Members/\$20 Community, JCC,

Beckerman Lender Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306, emilyk@jccnh.org.

FAMILY: International Festival, October 21, 11 AM-2 PM. FREE, JCC, Beckerman Lender Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Emily, (203) 387-2424 x228, emilyk@jccnh.org.

GREAT BIG CHALLAH BAKE: Afterschool Edition, October 25, 4:30-6:30 PM. FREE, JCC, Beckerman Lender Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Emily Kurz, (203) 387-2424 x306, emilyk@jccnh.org.

GREAT BIG CHALLAH BAKE October 25, 7-9 PM. \$5, JCC, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x228, gracek@jccnh.org.

JEWISH FOUNDATION: Women of Vision Society Brunch, October 28, 10:30 AM-12 PM. Call for price. The Towers, 18 Tower Lane, New Haven, Contact Beth Kupcho, (203) 387-2424 x316, bkupcho@jewishnewhaven.org.

Partners Pottery, October 30, 6-8 PM, \$60 Members & Community, The Clay Date, 146 Amity Road, New Haven, Contact Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x228, gracek@jccnh.org



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AUTHOR	BOOK TITLE	DATE	TIME
Wendy Sherman	Not for the Faint of Heart: Lessons in Courage, Power, and Persistence	10/14	2 p.m.
Dan Oren	The Wedding Photo	11/8	7 p.m.
Justin David	Longing: Jewish Meditations on a Hidden God	11/17	7 p.m. AT TASTE OF HONEY
Mike Reiss	Springfield Confidential: Jokes, Secrets, and Outright Lies from a Lifetime Writing for The Simpsons	11/29	7 p.m.
Amalia Hoffman	Dreidel Day with PJ Library	12/02	10:30 a.m. AT JCC CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

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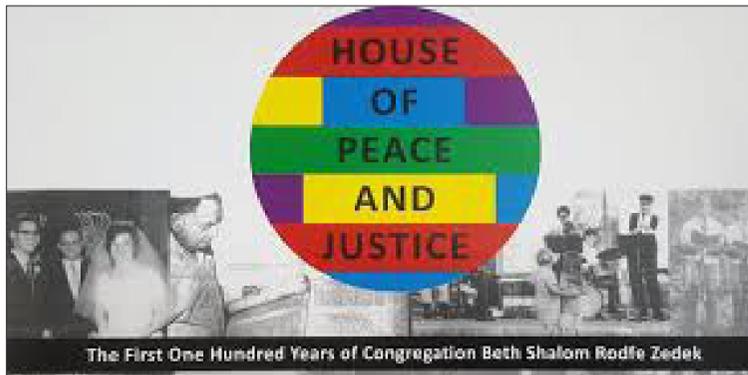
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SHORELINE HAPPENINGS



CBSRZ Book Receives Print Industry Award

Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek's (CBSRZ) recently published book House of Peace and Justice: The First One Hundred Years of Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, printed by Essex Printing in Centerbrook, Connecticut, has been awarded the Award of Recognition in the Print Industry from New England's

(PINE) Awards of Excellence competition. The book, written by Ellen Nodelman and designed by Lynne Stiles, was printed by Essex Printing, causing quite a stir at its publication, both because of the unusual nature of its subject matter and the beauty of its design. To buy a copy, call the CBSRZ office at (860) 526-8920.

Jewish Federation Opening Shoreline Office on Guilford Green

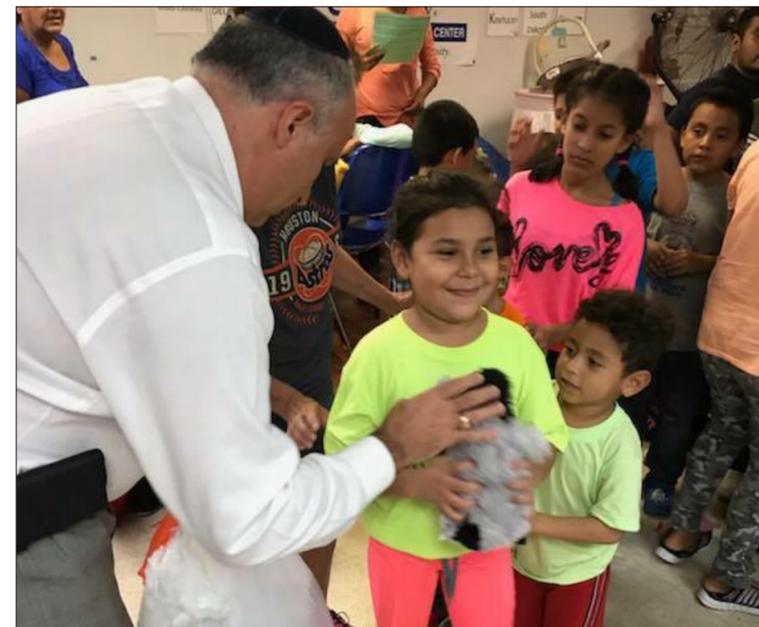
The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven has opened an exciting new location for its Shoreline Office, right on the Guilford Green, at 63 Whitfield Street (upstairs from the Purple Bear). The Federation had closed down their previous Shoreline Office in Lighthouse Square, located at 705 Boston Post Road, in July.



Photo courtesy of goodstreets.org

Hours for the new location will be limited, at first, but be on the lookout for a schedule of meetings, events and programs to be held in the new location as the Federation uses this opportunity to renew their commitment to serving the entire Greater New Haven area, including our Shoreline communities.

TBT Offers Comfort to Separated Children



All the teddy bears and other stuffed animals that Temple Beth Tikvah and our shoreline neighbors have donated have been distributed to children at the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas. Thank you to everyone that donated. Your compassion and generosity brought smiles and joy to all the children. Thank you to Elizabeth Friedman-Rubin for coordinating the stuffed animal collection and shipping. Thank you to Rabbi Claudio Kogan for receiving and distributing the animals. Yasher Koach!

SHORELINE HAPPENINGS

Shoreline Jewish Festival



The JCC & Jewish Federation had a great day making new friends and enjoying the sun and great music at the 13th Annual Shoreline Jewish Festival on the Guilford Green on Aug. 5. Festivalgoers enjoyed free massages and Dead Sea Scrubs at their busy booth.



Shabbat on the Beach in Madison

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2018 Federation, Foundation, JCC Annual Meeting



The 2018 Jewish Federation, Jewish Foundation and JCC combined annual meeting was held on July 17 at the JCC. The organizations installed new leadership, recognized achievement and distributed awards. Above, outgoing Federation President Norman Ravski, current Federation President Jeffrey Hoos and Federation CEO Judy Alperin celebrated a year of accomplishments that propelled the Jewish community of Greater New Haven forward.



Above, Talya, Raphaela & Rebecca Hyman. Rebecca & Raphaela both received the Robert M. Pite Youth Award. Below, David Rothberg received the JCC President's Award.



Above, guests all enjoyed the ice cream reception. Below, Federation Education Vice President Evan Wyner presented Amalya Brownstein with the Greater New Haven Harold Grinspoon Award.



Beth Israel's President Penning His First Novel



Dick Caplan, the President of Beth Israel Synagogue in Wallingford, is hard at work writing his very first novel of fiction, called "Saturday Afternoon Swamp." Caplan hopes his novel will be released early next year.

He describes "Saturday Afternoon Swamp" as an imaginative, tall tale told at first by a young boy and then later by the same

person as a young man as he recounts his adventures, his relationships and his failures and successes in life.

His first book, a creative memoir called "The Boomer Blues," was released last year and delved into what it was like for Caplan, who was born in 1949, growing up in the small, idyllic town of Wallingford during the 1950s and confronting the tumultuous times of the sixties and seventies.

The grandson of Eastern European Jewish immigrants, Caplan recounts how his father grew up with the sting of anti-Semitism and prejudice. But unlike his foreign-born parents, he was an American boy who sought and found the American Dream.

Caplan wrote and edited most of his memoir during

a six-year period, writing from 4 -6:30 a.m. daily for seven days a week. "It was one of the most enjoyable processes I have ever experienced," he admitted. While Caplan has written many short stories, "Saturday Afternoon Swamp" is his very first novel. "I think I wrote the memoir for my father, as well as for myself," he admitted, "but the novel is for me. It's mine."

Caplan describes his writing process in general as slow and challenging, but enjoyable. "I rewrite often and with gusto.....until I think I get it right," he said.

Caplan served as president of Beth Israel for several terms in the mid-1980s and is now in his second year of his new term as president again. He has been a member of the synagogue for his entire life. His grandfather was a founding member early in the 20th century.

While Caplan admitted that he is not particularly observant, he said he certainly follows a sense of spirituality. "For religion, I practice kindness - something I heard the Dalai Lama say when asked what his religion was," he said.

"I am president to help if I canto help others or get out of their way," Caplan said. "Beth Israel Synagogue is a welcoming place of worship that follows a kind of Jewish Conservative flavor but makes room for many passengers who journey with good intentions and a

real curiosity for warmth, acceptance, community, and spiritual connections."

Jewish authors Caplan has read and enjoyed include Saul Bellow, Philip Roth, Joseph Heller and J.D. Salinger, but his favorite is Bernard Malamud. "The Fixer" was delicious," he admitted.

Caplan's favorite writers are Kurt Vonnegut, Salinger, Ernest Hemingway, and NYC journalists Jimmy Breslin and Pete Hamill. "'Snow in August' (Hamill) and 'Forever' (Breslin) are both terrific," he said.

Caplan was born in New Haven and grew up in Wallingford. He graduated from Antioch College in Ohio in 1972 and Smith College School for Social Work in Massachusetts in 1980.

He intended to travel and be a writer, but returned to Wallingford to help his mother when his father died in the winter of 1974. Caplan has spent more than 20 years working in mental health and social services and over 30 years in private practice. He is also an entrepreneur and businessman.

"I started out in the 1960s planning to be a writer... a young, rich and famous one of course, you know like Hemingway or Fitzgerald, " Caplan said, "but was derailed by life happening." Caplan is living proof that it's never too late to follow your dreams.

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and lectured on the Holocaust. In 1983, the American Jewish Committee presented DuBois with its Humanitarian Award for his role saving the lives of thousands of Jews. He died later that year.

Oskar Schindler, the businessman who saved more than 1,200 lives during the Holocaust, may be the most well known for his heroic deeds, but Wainhaus believes that there are many other unsung heroes who should be honored. So every year, for the past 12 years, Wainhaus spends close to a year searching for unknown or little-known heroes to honor for each commemoration. "It's a personal thing for me," he admitted. "It's hard to find these people, but I must do it." While Kristallnacht is traditionally a sad time of reflection for many, Wainhaus believes it should also celebrate these amazing acts of heroism and selflessness. "It's uplifting," he admitted. "It gives people hope. We are celebrating the mystery of human goodness."

For more information on the year's program, call (203) 799.2341, email: info@orshalomct.org or go to orshalomct.org.

Oren's Genealogy Hunt Continued from page 3

gative accounts transforms genealogy into a world of exciting historical adventures.

When a bishop, a minister, and a rabbi meet in a cemetery, it is not the set-up for a joke. Rather, "The Wedding Photo" becomes a dramatic and meaningful encounter of Christians and Jews with the darkest and the brightest sides of humanity. Dan A. Oren, M.D. has worked for 30 years as a psychiatrist and faculty member at Yale University, The National Institute of Mental Health, and the University of Rzeszów, Poland. Oren wrote "Joining The Club: A History of Jews and Yale," and co-authored "How to Beat Jet Lag: A Practical Guide for Air Travelers," as well as numerous scientific articles.

For tickets to the JCC's Jewish Author Series, contact Grace Koo, JCC Program Associate, at (203) 387-32424 x228, gracek@jccnh.org or go to jccnh.org.

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guests, so I thought it was important to have non-Jews help us keep our listeners engaged.

EB: Who was your demographic when the podcast was born and how has it changed if it's changed at all?

MO: We never set out to aim for a particular demographic and we never changed our content because of who we think our listeners are. I would say some of the audience who we speak to a lot is gentiles. I don't think we had any reason to suspect, and we had thousands, they would tune into the show. Some have obvious reasons - they are intermarried or have Jewish members of the family or are interested in conversion, but a lot of them are just really curious listeners. I think in an unconscious way, we look at the audience as a humanity instead of a predominantly Jewish audience.

EB: Being Jewish doesn't have one specific meaning, and young American Jews are connected with Jewish politics, culture, and religion but not always all three. How does Unorthodox reach the younger Jews each week?

MO: First of all, it's not just young Jews

who don't want to attend synagogue. Old Jews don't want to go either. I don't necessarily think there's a uniqueness between old and young except that the younger Jews haven't lived as long. I think that it helps us reach unaffiliated Jews that we ourselves aren't represented in a particular affiliation. We aren't doing a show for Conservative Jews or Zionists or a show for social-justice-oriented Jews or a show for observant Jews. We are doing a show created by three Jews who want to talk about Judaism on all spectrums and love.

EB: What do you think are issues within the Jewish community that could drive away younger generations of Jews if they aren't addressed?

MO: Well, I think the Jewish community has to get past its obsession with dividing people. It's true in regard to observance. It's true with intermarriage and Israel and Zionism. At the end of the day, we should want more people to think of themselves as Jewish.

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Cheshire's Temple Beth David Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Under the leadership of Rabbi Micah Ellenson, Temple Beth David, the beating heart of Reform Jewish life in Northern New Haven County with members from Hamden, Meriden, Southington, Prospect, Wallingford, and Cheshire, is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

As part of the celebration, a special, musical Artist-in-Residence Shabbat experience, sponsored by the Rutberg and Erwich families, is planned. Rabbi Deborah Zecher - the Cabaret-Singing Rabbi - will enhance Shabbat evening services as Cantorial Soloist on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 20 (following Havdalah at 7:15 p.m.), Rabbi Zecher will perform her 'Jewish Caroling' Cabaret program. Contact the temple office for tickets. On Sunday Oct. 21, Rabbi Zecher will perform her "Broadway Bible" program for religious school students and their families.

Other 50th anniversary events are planned throughout the year. The celebration culminates on Dec. 1, at a gala featuring music, dancing, and treats at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. Visit tbdcheshire.org/about-us/tbd-50th-anniversary for more information.

information.

As they enter their 51st year, Temple Beth David is approximately 200 families strong and growing. Rabbi Ellenson is excited about the future, and in particular, their religious school and vibrant youth programs. He noted that the temple was recognized for sending a high percentage of its children to Jewish camp on par with larger synagogues in the Northeast.

Temple Beth David is a recent recipient of a Walmart Foundation Community Grant for its Mitzvah Garden and Social Action projects.

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Please register for the service to Jashira:
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For additional information contact Susan:
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This program has been generously funded through a grant from the Women of Vision Society at the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven.

Temple Beth David Welcomes Rabbi Deborah Zecher for Musical Artist-in-Residence Weekend

Sponsored by the Rutberg and Erwich families

Friday October 19: Rabbi Zecher will join TBD's Rabbi Micah 7:00 - Shabbat Service "Sermon in a Song" Rabbi Zecher, Guest Cantor

Saturday October 20: Cabaret Program at Temple Beth David RSVP to office@tbdcheshire.org by October 15 Tickets: \$18 per person

Schedule: 6:30 - Welcome reception for Rabbi Zecher, Mediterranean appetizers
7:15 - Havdalah and Musical Program
Rabbi Deborah Zecher performs her "Jewish Caroling" Program

Sunday October 21: 10:00 a.m. - Children's Musical Event Pre-Schoolers to Adults Welcome





Fish Head Symbolizes Hoping to Be Head, Not Tail in Society

by **Yelena Gerovich**
New American Acculturation Coordinator

For centuries, Jewish communities used the head of a fish as a part of their Jewish New Year meal. It expresses the hope to be a head, not a tail, in society.

On July 10, almost 120 people gathered at the Jewish Community Center to celebrate their freedom, Independence Day and the success of their families. Special thanks were given to the Jewish Federation, which helped resettle refugees, assisting them with everything from food to transportation to education. The keynote performer of this event was Dalia Medovnikov.

Dalia was born in Connecticut 17 years ago, but her parents and grandparents escaped from the former Soviet Union with the hope of having a better life and freedom for future generations. Their dreams came true. Dalia is the winner of many international and American competitions, and she now has an opportunity to travel all around the world. Jewish families in the former Soviet Union had to hide the fact they were Jewish because of anti-Semitism and persecution from the state. Their exposure to Judaism and what freedom and independence mean was very limited.

Many of them were called refuseniks, referring to those who were initially not allowed to leave the Soviet Union. Many have memories of secretly listening to Voice of America broadcasts on a shortwave radio, dreaming about leaving for the U.S. After Jewish families escaped and landed in the New Haven area as refugees, they were finally able to celebrate not only Jewish holidays and learn the traditions of Judaism, but also to celebrate their freedom, American holidays and traditions.

The gathering at the Jewish Community Center was a celebration of the community, of people who came to America with nothing and became successful. Many of the refugees were educated, but sometimes had to find lesser-paying jobs because of language barriers. Most families are contributing members of our community now. They pay taxes, they help others in need, and they also reconnect with their Jewish traditions.

The goal of the New American Acculturation program is to help the Russian-speaking community strengthen their Jewish identity. As one of our modern sages taught, "When choosing to be ritually observant, it is better to do something rather than do nothing." Let's have a great New Year and enjoy the head of a fish as a part of the Jewish New Year meal, celebrating that whether you speak English with an accent or not, you are trying to be a head, not a tail, in society.

For more information about the New American Acculturation Program, including sponsorships of specific programs, contact Yelena Gerovich at (203) 387-2424 x321, or email ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org.

Enjoy Temple Emanuel's Shabbat Under the Stars with Kosher BBQ

Come welcome Shabbat under the Stars at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7.

A kosher barbecue with hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and salads will be held at 5 p.m. Rabbi Michael Farbman will lead a Kabbalat Shabbat

service starting at 6 p.m. on the patio. Participants are asked to bring a comfortable chair or blanket. A traditional Oneg will follow in the social hall.

This event is FREE if you pre-register on the TE website (templemanuel-gnh.org), or \$5 per person with a \$10 maximum per family at the door.

Welcome to America

Голова рыбы на праздничном столе

На протяжении веков голову рыбы ставили на стол как часть еврейской новогодней трапезы. Голова рыбы выражает надежду быть главой, а не хвостом, в обществе.



Dalia Medovnikov

10 июля в Еврейском центре собралось почти 120 человек, чтобы отметить День независимости. Благодаря образовательным программам для эмигрантов из бывшего Советского Союза эмигранты собираются вместе, веселятся и отмечают праздники. С особой благодарностью они вспоминают помощь Еврейской федерации, которая помогла беженцам во всем: от еды до транспортировки, от мебели до образования. Главной звездой этого празднования была Далья Медовникова. Далья родилась в Коннектикуте 17 лет назад, но ее родители, бабушки и дедушки уехали из бывшего Советского Союза с надеждой на лучшую жизнь и свободу для будущих поколений. Их мечты сбылись. Далья является победителем многих международных и американских конкурсов, у нее есть возможность путешествовать по всему миру.

Из-за антисемитизма и гонений со стороны государства, еврейские семьи в бывшем Советском Союзе должны были скрывать тот факт, что они хотят сохранять традиции, праздновать еврейские праздники. Связь с иудаизмом, чувство свободы и независимости были очень ограничены. «Отказникам» не разрешалось покидать Советский Союз, многие хранят воспоминания о тайном прослушивании заглушаемых властями радиопередач «Голос Америки» и мечте уехать в США.

После того, как еврейские семьи поселились в районе Нью-Хейвен в качестве беженцев, они наконец смогли праздновать не только еврейские праздники, соблюдать традиции иудаизма, но и почувствовать себя свободными, праздновать американские праздники и узнать американские традиции.

Многие из беженцев получили высшее образование, но часто им приходилось идти работать на мало оплачиваемые рабочие места из-за языкового барьера. Большинство семей в настоящее время стали успешными и полноправными членами нашего общества. Они платят налоги, помогают другим, соблюдают еврейские традиции.

Одна из задач программы New American Acculturation - помочь русскоязычному сообществу укрепить свою еврейскую идентичность. Как учил один из наших современных мудрецов: «Когда выбираешь соблюдать ли традиции иудаизма - лучше делать хоть что-то, чем не делать ничего». Давайте насладимся головой рыбы на столе, понимая, что говорите ли вы по-английски с акцентом или нет, вы стараетесь стоять во главе, а не в хвосте. С Новым годом! Это так приятно - встречаться по хорошим поводам! Звоните, приходите!

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BEKI Continues Long Tradition of Inclusivity

by **Rachel Bashevkin**
Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel

Last year, after the speeches had been delivered at the retirement luncheon for custodian Clarence Bromell, and dessert was about to be served, a BEKI member named Sandy Goldberg walked up to the microphone and said he too had something to say. People looked nervous. Goldberg, though, had several stories he wanted to tell about Bromell. One was that when he came to services wearing a tie for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Bromell always helped him fix it. Goldberg wanted Bromell to know how much he appreciated that kindness. When he finished his stories, much of the audience was weeping, and the crowd gave Goldberg a standing ovation.



Sandy Goldberg

Twenty years ago, BEKI launched the Kulanu program, which provided holiday programs for Jewish adults with developmental challenges. Thanks to start-up funds from the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven but mostly donors within the congregation, Kulanu, which was directed by BEKI member Lauren Kempton, PhD, helped Jewish adults who were affiliated with Fellowship Place and Chapel Haven feel part of the Jewish community.

Years later, Kulanu participants still consider BEKI their Jewish home. Some regularly attend services as well as concerts and lectures. Proudly, they lead English readings and assist the weekly Kiddush lunch teams. Some of these congregants live in nearby apartments, as do many young adults with mild developmental disabilities and autism who have graduated from the REACH (Residential Education at Chapel Haven) program. REACH participants spend two years at Chapel Haven learning to live independently. Upon

graduation, they can continue living in the area and receive support. Ina Silverman, principal of the Beth El - Keser Israel Religious School, continues the tradition of including these adults in BEKI holiday celebrations

by sending them special invitations to family events like the Sukkot and Hanukkah dinners. Silverman noted that heartwarming relationships can develop when the fear of people who are different is overcome.



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