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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 she and my grandfather were close friends and none of us had relatives in New Haven. We celebrated Rosh Hashanah and Passover together every year because Aunt Carol’s house was a rolling holiday haven where everyone was welcome. And also because my parents were filled with the best memories of my childhood.

As I write back to Aunt Carol’s family room with the furniture swapped out in a large T-shaped table outlined with the best china and crystal along with the incredible armoire of Aunt Carol’s famous delicacies, it struck me, the tagalog that my father would croon on about, I remember that we held the picture the huge Shofar (ram’s horn) displayed across the mantle.

The Shofar has been sounded in millennia to stir our souls, to propel us to do the work that we must do each year at this time, to stir up our people to action and to picture the huge Shofar (ram’s horn) room with the furniture swapped out in a large T-shaped table outlined with the best china and crystal along with the incredible armoire of Aunt Carol’s famous delicacies. As we continue to experience great change and shifts in demographics, identity, practice and experience in our Jewish communities, we are compelled to use all the resources at our disposal to address the needs 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 demographics, identity, practice and experience in our Jewish communities. 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 on a range of topics and a vision to guide our community through the next five to seven years. There will be many opportunities to engage in discussion about community priorities and needs, including focus groups, town halls and a community survey.

I would ask that our community commission a demographic study to support this effort.

This 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 Jewish federations worldwide, his research into current trends and knowledge regarding our community and demographic shifts continues to be important. The Jewish Federation and The Tempus, as well as our community partners, work diligently on a strategic planning process, planning in tandem to bring Dr. Sheskin back to our community September 27-28 to update and engage us so that we jumpstart both processes.

As we are asked to ask ourselves the questions posed by the famous donor, who are we and where and as we are going communitywide, we are simultaneously asking ourselves those same questions individually. It is my prayer that both our communal and personal paths find meaning, purpose, and the answers that we seek to sustain the future. May the Shofar sound mightily and stir our souls.

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Celebrate International Diversity
The Simpsons, Jewish Christmas, Global Shabbat this fall with the JCC
by Dr. Mara Baik
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 simultaneous book, films, and food. Families who enjoyed the 2016 ‘Jewish Christmas’ series, featuring a variety of films including ‘The Simpsons’, will be “selling laughs” on November 29. Series “The Simpsons” in “Springfield Confidential,” look at the writing and making of the legendary Fox Series “The Simpsons” in “Springfield Confidential,” will be “selling laughs” on November 25.

Jewish authors visiting Greater New Haven hail from prestigious and admirable arenas. Distinguished ambassador Wendy Sherman, previous 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 25.

The Third Annual International Festival returns to the JCC on Sunday, October 21, with music, performances, 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 phenomenom, “The Shabbat Project,” which promotes a worldwide celebration of Shabbat October 26-27. Families can lock into Pin Library for additional Shabbat activities with several ‘Tof Shabbat’ events at Massaro Community Farm in September and October.

Random Acts of Kindness, a Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund by visiting: jccnh.org/camp.

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Reform Congregations Gather for Annual Selichot Service

Members of Reform congregations in Chesire, 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 part of a bigger Jewish community and family.

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

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Jewish Foundation Promotes Wish List of Community Needs

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.

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Jewish Foundation Offers 2018-2019 Scholarship Opportunities

As we celebrate the New Year and our tradition of supporting the Jewish community, we are proud to announce the availability of hundreds of scholarship opportunities for the 2018-2019 academic year. These scholarships are funded by generous donors who have established various scholarship funds.

The Jewish Foundation also offers needs-blind incentive scholarships. The Jewish Foundation offers needs-based incentive scholarships.

SYNAGOGUE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS
The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven is committed to supporting Jewish education in our community. We offer scholarship opportunities through our synagogue school scholarship program.

COLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

- Stuart J. Drell Scholarship Fund
- Emma Kohn Forum Scholarship Fund
- Mary Taylor Friedler Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Or Shalom Youth, Esther Gold Milikowsky-Copelon Scholarship Fund
- Lawrence & Florence Winer Israel Scholarship Program

More information and applications, visit jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships.

New Year Marks Time for New Beginnings with New Leadership

With years of mainstream journalism under his belt, former New York Times columnist Mark Oppenheimer has managed to capture the attention of Jews young and old across the religious and cultural spectrum. As of May, Unorthodox is the #1 Jewish podcast on iTunes, has a wide listener-base in 11 countries, and receives over 1,879,000 downloads. The podcast has been described as 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.

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Mark Oppenheimer: “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 ideological instincts. We focus on things where we can give an unorthodox perspective.

Feedback from listeners has been extraordinary. I get more mail from the thousands of listeners of Unorthodox than I ever did in the millions of readers of The New York Times.

We wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.
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 Ballard, 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 Refractive & Immigrant Services) where she ran an early learning program. Bickford also directed The Children’s New School of Madison. She is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and has over 40 years of experience in the Early Childhood field.

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 early learning center enthusiastically welcomes families of all backgrounds. BLELC is named in memory of Beverly Levy, a beloved early childhood education leader. She was a trailblazer in the Jewish community who died at the young age of 63 in 2014.

By Derek Holodek

NextDor Seeking New Members

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; that is okay. We are proud to be a Jewish community that is open to all perspectives and we look forward to welcoming you.

Are you part of this community? Do you know someone who is? Let us know and we will reach out to you! 

NextDor Coordinator

September 16, 2018 | 2:30 p.m.

The New Haven Holocaust Memorial 491 Whalley Avenue New Haven, CT 06515

For more information, contact Jeanette Yurman at jyurman@jewishnewhaven.org

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

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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 a current 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 come tax on the amount of 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 liability for the distribution -- even if it was given directly to charity.

With the IRA Charitable Rollover, Mr. Cohn can roll over more than your required minimum distribution (you will not have to pay Connecticut or Federal income tax on that amount). In addition, if you have a tax-exempt estate, your IRA, will be subject to income and estate taxes since both spouses are deceased and the IRA is left to your children, grandchildren or other individuals. In fact, in a taxable estate, your non-sparse beneficiaries could end up with 25% extra on the dollar for your IRA assets. The rollover allows you to remove some of those liabilities and with your estate while still promising you with the ability to make a significant charitable gift.

In addition, if you have a secondary smaller IRA, which is not a necessary income source, like an opportunity to donate that IRA to your 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 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 roll over more than your required minimum distribution and in addition to your required minimum distribution (up to $100,000) to charity.
7. The amount of the IRA Charitable Rollover does not need to be reported as income on your federal or Connecticut income tax return.
8. Only distributions from traditional and Roth IRAs qualify.
9. In order to qualify, the distribution can only be for charitable purposes and cannot be designated for a donor advised fund, supporting organization, private foundation or gift (gifts for charitable trust or annuity).
10. No goods or services can be received in exchange for the distribution (i.e. tickets or dinner).

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If you have any questions regarding the IRA Charitable Rollover program, free to contact your professional adviser concerning your tax plan.

Five Reasons Why You Should Be Getting Facials at the J

1. Reduce Stress and Relieve Psychological Distress
   - 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.

2. Boost the Absorption Abilities Of Your Skin
   - 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.

3. Out of the Ordinary Exercise
   - Your face is a way of saying “I love you” to your organs. It’s exercise for your body. There are hundreds of pressure points on your face that are connected to various systems in your body. When these pressure points are massaged, they rebuild body responses.

4. A Facial is More Than Just an Facial
   - A good facial massage not just keeps your skin glowing, but it also affects the functioning of the other organs in your body. It’s a way to be good for your face!

5. Fabulous Facials are the Latest Trend
   - Fabulous facials are the latest trend. 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 jccnho.org or call (203) 387-2424 x444 for more information. susan@jccnho.org.

Jewish Teen Education BY TEENS, FOR TEENS

JTE Fall semester begins October 6 Classes meet every Tuesday 7-9 p.m.

For more information Contact Jesse at (203) 387-2424 x236 or email jesse@jccnho.org

Jewish Preschool Program Congregation B’nai Jacob

B’nai Jacob presents a Sunday preschool program, open to the community at no charge!

Play-based Jewish curriculum runs Sundays from 9-12pm and provides a warm, caring environment in which children can develop social skills while also learning about Jewish holidays, traditions and values.

- Music with Morah Irma
- Creative Holiday Arts & Crafts
- Tikkunah projects
- Outdoor / Indoor Playtime

FREE for all 3-year old and 4-year olds in the community! Register today!

For more information or to register: Contact Unna Babcock at (203) 387-2424 x236 or email jesse@jccnho.org

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Five Reasons Why You Should Be Getting Facials at the J

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.

3 Prevent Open 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. They 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 penetrate it properly. With regular facials, your skin becomes smooth and ready to absorb the products.

5 Fabulous Facials are the Latest Trend
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Holiday Greetings

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

U.S. Senator Chris Murphy

Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy & Peaceful New Year

Senator Richard Blumenthal

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Through BEKI Eyes: Exhibit Shows Synagogues Around the World

The Jews of BEKI (Beth El Kosher Isra- cai) are known to wander. They wander for work, for vacations, to study, and out of pure curiosity and wanderlust. And because they are Jewish, their wanderings often bring them to syna- gogues, where they experience the striking similarities and the wonderful differences in the sensibilities and usual traditions of the different parts of the world.

“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.

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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 chil- dren 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 con- tinued emotional support, offered children a welcome respite from the trauma and helping them gain resilience and improve their emotional well being.

Campers explored hobbies and interests as well as enjoyed nature hikes and traveling to different attractions across Israel, including the Biblical Zoo in Jeru- salem, the Israel 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 fare-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 im- mediate 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 necessi- ties 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.

Just in Time for the High Holidays...

By Rabbi Bruce Alpert

Beth Israel Synagogue

A new, extended bimah, seating-in- the-round, along with new paint, car- peting 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, Waltham’s independent congrega- tion 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 appre- ciated for who they are,” said Rabbi Bruce Alpert. “Our leadership felt it was important that our sanctu- ary reflect those values. Our renova- tion project 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 Tel-Aviv, Israel. Ultimately, the congregation is planning a major renova- tion that will update all the build- ing’s facilities and make it a hub for Jewish living in central Connecticut.

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

Beth Israel Synagogue is located at 66 North Orchard Street. To meet the needs of Waltham’s changing Jewish community, the con- gregation shed its orthodox affiliation and joined the United Synagogues of America, a conservative denomina- tion. Beth Israel has chosen not to be affiliated at this time, to better reflect the realities and uniqueness of its membership.

To walk into Beth Israel Synagogue today, 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.

For more information, go to bethisraelwallingford.org.

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Among the Israelis, 55% of Haredi, 44% of Religious-Zionist, 38% of Religious-Traditional, 24% of More than Religious, 17% of Secular, and 15% of Secular consider American Jews as siblings; while 13% of Haredi, 9% of Religious-Zionists, 8% of Religious-Traditional, 7% of More than Religious, 3% of Religious-Traditional, 3% of Secular do not view U.S. Jews as part of their family.

For American Jews, 47% of Haredi, 22% of Modern Orthodox, 21% of Conservative, 6% of Reform, 4% of Reconstructionist, and 9% of Secular consider Israelis as siblings, and those that see Israelis as not part of the family are 5% of Haredi, 30% of Modern Orthodox, 23% of Conservative, 36% of Reform, 22% of Reconstructionist, and 34% of Secular.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS PLURALISM ISSUES

The fact that Israeli 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 54% 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 non-Orthodox denominations strengthen Diaspora Jewish life, as compared to just 26% of Israelis, while 14% of Israelis and 7% of Americans say 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 “it is 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 3.5.

Shabbat Under the Stars, Community Day Fair Set

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 barbeque and ice cream social. Meet the Rabbi, cantor, and school directors.

The synagogue hosts its annual Community Day & Activities Fair on Sunday, Sept. 9, 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 programs (open to all community teens), family 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.
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 westvilleush.org.

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Bicultural Hebrew Academy Opens Its Doors This Fall

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.

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One Hour of Reading Can Change a Life

Do you have just one hour a week to spare? You could transform the life of a child by enjoying stories and conversation, giving the child the opportunity to express their opinion, practicing oral language. Attend the Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL) Information and Orientation Session to learn how to share the pleasures of reading, conversation and learning with a child in our local elementary schools on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 9:30 a.m. at the JCC, 360 Amity Road in Woodbridge. All are welcome. No previous experience is needed.

At the event, reading experts will share helpful tips for volunteers to effectively engage students. Joanne White, education consultant for the state Department of Education, will express her gratitude to volunteer reading partners and explain how reading, learning and conversation with a nurturing adult can impact the life of a child.

The Jewish Coalition for Literacy, a nondenominational/nonsectarian program with 365 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@jewishnewhaven.org or (203) 387-2424 x 308 for further information.
Observances

Sept. 19, 5:45 p.m., Mincha/Neilah

Torah Reading

Sept. 19, 4 p.m., Study Session with Yom Kippur

Service concludes

Sept. 11, 8 p.m., Evening Service

Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m., Service with Rabbi Haidish Summer

Kever Avot

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

Yom Kippur

Sept. 18, 6:45-6:45 p.m., Evening Service Sept. 19, 9 a.m. - 11:25 a.m., Services, including Children’s Service, K’Hilat, Junior Congregation, Learners’ Service & Cosmic Conversations for Youth Sept. 19, 10:45-11:45 a.m., Service, Neilah/Concluding Service, open to all

Shemini Atzeret

Sept. 19, 11:15 a.m., Rabbi’s Service followed by Musaf Synech, and Yizkor Sept. 19, 1:15 p.m., Break

Sukkot

Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m., Hang in the Sukkah Potluck Dinner Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m., Service in the Sukkah (bring a coat) Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m., Service Sept. 24, 11 a.m., Service

Simchat Torah

Sept. 30, 7 p.m., Service in Sukkah Sept. 30, 11 a.m., Service with Yom Kippur, no ticket required

Sukkot (Program for families with pre-school-aged children)

Sept. 24, 4:45 p.m., Memorial & Concluding Service

Sukkah (Program for families with pre-school-aged children)

Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m., Service

Shemini Atzeret

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Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 7, 9 p.m., Holiday Evening Service Sept. 7, 9-7:15 p.m., Dinner, Service in the Sukkah (bring a coat) Sept. 7, 7:15 p.m., Service in Memory of the Young

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Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 10, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Mincha/Ma’ariv Service, open to all

Sukkah (Program for families with pre-school-aged children)

Simchat Torah

Sept. 11, 10 a.m., Children’s Service

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 11, 8:15-9:15 a.m., Service with Rabbi Haidish Summer

Sukkah Potluck Dinner

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Honey has an interesting role in the history of Juda-
ism. 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 dagger
and ate it. His eyes lit up because his energy was
restored, but this sweet mouthful of honey almost
cost him his life. For according to Jonathan, his father
Saul had proclaimed a public fast that day, to thank
God for the victory. Saul learned that the honey harv-
est had broken the vow, he was prepared to condemn
him to death, but the people saved him because he
did not know about the prohibition and they were
glad to have him for that miraculous victory (1 Sam.
chap. 14).

When God promised the children of Israel that they
would be freed from Egyptian bondage and laid
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 in their 40 years of wandering was
described in the Torah as having the flavor of “wa-
fers made with honey” (Exodus, 16: 31).

On the right of Rosh Hashanah, honey is an impor-
tant symbol of the holiday. When we take a piece
of sweet apple and dip it in honey, we pray that God
should renew a “good and sweet year” unto us.
Because of honey’s sweet association with Rosh Ha-
shanah, Shalom New Haven interviewed Katherine
R. Casas, 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, process-
ning, and bottling needed to meet certain standards
to be deemed kosher. Many of our customers who
bought our honey at Luper’s Drugstore in Fairfield
asked us whether our honey met those standards.
We invited Vaad HaRabbanim of Fairfield County
to visit our apiary and evaluate our harvesting and
bottling process. After two visits and many questions
from their committees, they determined our pro-
cess adhered to strict kosher dietary law.

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 is a beautiful space. A few
months later, I was able to tour the sanctuary and
other congregations – we started in the back. The
tour didn’t start with the 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. Appropriately, I thought, to begin a tour of a
synagogue in the place, where most people gather
when hosting companies in their home. Our tour
began in the kitchen because, through our members of
Mishkan Israel, our synagogue is not just a building
but a home.

Since arriving in Hamden this summer, my wife
Jenny and I been overwhelmed at the warm reception
we’ve received from the community and the larger Jewish
community.
In “Written in Breath,” Russell will lead a lively discussion in which classic Jewish texts led to a musical exploration of exile, spirituality, hope and redemption. His study of traditional Ashkenazi music and folk music. The performance, “Yiddish and African American and Ashkenazi religious forms led to a musical exploration of his own roots. The result is an ongoing performance project in collaboration with klezmer concert Veretik Paa 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 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 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 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.

Ten years after making his professional debut in the world premiere of Philip Glass’s “Appalachian Spring,” Russell studied with Philip Glass, a composer, arranger, and vocalist specializing in Yiddish art and folk songs, and choreography and childhood music. His study of traditional klezmer music forms led to a musical exploration of his own roots. The result is an ongoing performance project in collaboration with klezmer concerts Veretik Paa 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 (Tefillin, Tefilim and Talit) are compared and contrasted with Yiddish texts from songs that he performed.

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.

For more information, call (203) 288-3877 or slegassey@jewishnewhaven.org.
1. Never on a Wednesday: Rosh Hashanah generally falls on a Monday or Tuesday, not on a Wednesday. However, there can be exceptions if the holiday is close to the full moon.

2. Matchmaker-Matchmaker: A Shofar is a ram’s horn used in Jewish worship, specifically during the blowing of the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah.

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5. 13: Vegetables are a traditional food eaten on Rosh Hashanah, symbolizing the renewal of the earth and the hope for a sweet new year.

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7. On average, 1,600 tons of honey are produced every year in the United States, which is about 100,000 beehives.

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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 Lazar Family

Jerome "Jerry" Chamovitz (1925-1996) was the oldest of five brothers from Squirrel Hill, Pa., the son of a shoe store owner. His next youngest brother Allen Chamovitz volunteered for the Army Air Corps in Great Lakes, Illinois. 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 writes to his parents and his grandmother on Yom Kippur, Septem-ber 27, 1944. "Last night, after I finished rite 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 I read some English. My rite service took about one hour. Lena, will you get me a job as Hazzan at Shul?"

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, Georgia, Air Base in Macon, Georgia. In a letter postmarked October 1, 1943, he writes: "Yesterday I went to the synagogue where we were married to attend Rosh HaShonah Services. The place overflowed with GI’s. I described how he joined a local temple 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 the gefilte fish was extra delicious.""

The Greenblatts

SIBYL Barsky’s letters to her brother were being returned, stamped "Missing." She later learned that her brother had been killed in a tank explosion near Rome in April, 1945, during the final weeks of the war.

The Barsky Family

Willem "Bill" Barsky (1922-1945) was the fourth of seven children born to Russian immigrants. His parents and a sister died when he was a toddler. Bill wrote to his older sister Sibyl throughout his time in the service. "I want to send holiday services in Belfast," he wrote on September 15, 1942, after Rosh Hashanah. "We had an English chaplain from the British Army praying over the service and I met some very nice British soldiers from England. An Irish Rabbi gave a speech on Sunday morning." By 1944, Barsky was stationed in Italy, working as a radio operator with the 604th Tank Destroyer Bat- talion. He sent Sibyl a v-mail Rosh Hashanah card illustrated with a soldier in a tallis (prayer shawl) and standard issue fatigues. 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 syna-gogue, the fasistors bombred 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." "We had been in a tank explosion near Rome in April, 1945, during the final weeks of the war.

The Chamovitz Family

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BEKI Youth Groups Pack Food Bags at JFS

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 Ser-vice (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 Direc-tor 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. Upgrading 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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by Gilah Benson-Tilson

BEKI Youth Group Coordinator

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

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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 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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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.

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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.

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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 was installed as a Lifetime Honorary President.

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, titled “Saturday Afternoon Swamp.” Caplan hopes his novel will be released early next year. 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 series and seventies.

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The granddaddy of 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 4:30 a.m. daily for seven days a week. “It was one of the most enjoyable processes I have ever experienced,” he admitted.

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sands 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 be-
lieves that there are many other unsung heroes who should be honored.

So for every year, 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 per-
sonal 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.

For more information on the year’s program, call (203) 799-2341, email:
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Cheshire’s Temple Beth David Celebrates 50th Anniversary

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

Sponsored by the Ruberg and Erwich families

Friday October 19: Program
Rabbi Zecher will join TBD’s Rabbi Micah
7:30 - 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

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guests, so I thought it was important to have non-Jews help us keep our listen-
ners 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 of gentiles. I don’t think we had any reason to suspect, and we had thousand, they would turn into the shows. Some have obvious reasons – they are intermarried or have Jewish members of the family or are interested in culture, but a lot of them are just casually listeners. I think in an un-
expected way, we look at the audience as a community 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 synagogues. Old Jews don’t want to go either. I don’t necessarily think there’s a uniqueness between old and young except that the young Jews haven’t lived as long. I think that it helps us reach unaffiliated Jews that we nurture aren’t repre-
sented in a particular affiliation. We aren’t doing a show for Conservative Jews or Zionists or a show for social jus-
tice-oriented Jews or a show for obser-
vant Jews. We are doing a show created by these Jews who want to talk about Jews on all spectrum and live.

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 commu-
ity has to get past its obsession with cliques. It’s true in regard to to-obligation. It’s true with intermarriage and Israel and Zionism. At the end of the day, we think we want people to think of themselves as Jewish.

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Fish Head Symbols Hopeing 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 start of their Jewish New Year meal. It expresses the hope to be a head, not a tail, in society.

On July 5, 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 Refuseniks, who helped refugees, assuring them with everything from food to transportation to education. The keynote speaker 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. For many families, freedom was a dream. Their dream came true. Dalia is the winner of many international and American competitions, who was able to travel all around the world. Jewish families in the former Soviet Union had to hide the fact they were Jews in order to protect their families and people from persecution. The exposure to Judaism and freedom and independence 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 secrecy 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 their independence.

The gathering at the Jewish Community Center was a celebration of the community, of people who were not only able to leave but also to become successful. Many of the refugees were educated, but sometimes had to find lesser-paying jobs because of language barriers. Benarz addresses 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 than to 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.

Welcome to America

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