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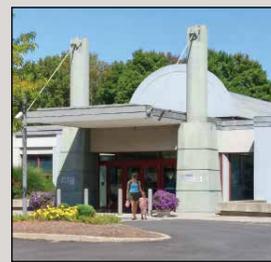
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## What Makes a Community?

One definition I looked up said “a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.” Another said “a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.” The Greater New Haven Jewish community is so much more than a collection of zip codes and mailing addresses, so I believe that the first description that speaks to kinship, shared values and goals defines us better.

At the risk of sounding like Teyve, zip codes and addresses matter, too. In fact, one of the unhappy discoveries I made as I began to settle in (already a year and a half ago!) was that our database and our data were dreadfully out of date. Our system was installed in 1990 and is such an antique that we are working to convert to a new and highly specialized product. Blackbaud partnered with Jewish Federations to create the customer relations manager and we expect to be operable by March of 2018. However, due to the age of our current database, the engineers involved in converting our data are struggling to understand the program. I cannot help but make the connection to one of my favorite movies, “Space Cowboys,” where old geezer astronauts jump back into action to solve a problem in space stemming from the Russian’s pirating of 1960’s NASA technology. Paging Clint Eastwood...

When completed, our new database will be integral to our ability to understand our community and strengthen our connections. This will only be so if we verify the information we currently have and expand upon it. To accomplish this, we will be reaching out to those known to us to ask that personal information be updated through an online or paper form. We are asking for help in alerting those who may not currently receive Shalom New Haven or other Jewish community events information to connect to us and with us.

With the support of better information, we will continue to focus on building the community of the first definition—those who feel a part of something special derived by our shared Jewish values, history and hope for the future.

Community may start at home but as Jews, we know that it extends throughout the globe. As you read this column, Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven Executive Director Lisa Stanger, Jewish Foundation Chair Dr. Steven Fleischman and I will be representing you as we connect to the world Jewish community on the Jewish Federation of North America’s FRD Mission. We begin our travels in Kiev, Ukraine, where we expect to visit with rescued Jews displaced from the fighting in Eastern Ukraine as well as learn about programs that are revitalizing and sus-

taining Jewish life through our overseas partners, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel. From there, we will travel to Israel to explore more programs supported by the Jewish Federation’s annual campaign and Lisa and I will wrap up our visit in the Afula-Gilboa region, our Partnership2Gether sister community. As much as I’m looking forward to this trip, refreshing my knowledge of the incredible impact our Federation makes in the world and especially meeting the people in Afula who are by extension a part of New Haven, I am just as excited to return home to share with you my stories of people and places where we are making a real difference.

As the 2017 campaign draws to its close on July 31 I offer this appeal—if you have not yet had the opportunity to make your increased commitment—please do so as soon as you can. And, if you have made a pledge, kindly pay it by July 31. Summer is a sensitive time in our fiscal calendar and with the added stress from the impact of the fire and its aftermath, cash collections are needed and necessary.

Thank you so much for being a part of our special community and ensuring its future.



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## Your Campaign Dollars at Work

By Amy Holtz

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The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven is committed to lead, build, strengthen and renew our dynamic local Jewish community while simultaneously providing support and care for Jews in Israel and throughout the world. Federation touches lives in multiple ways. Supporting local agencies and programs is central to our mission.

Tier 1 agencies, which include Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven, Tower One/Tower East, Camp Laurelwood, Ezra Academy, and Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy, are generously supported by your campaign dollars and figure prominently in the communal landscape. Perhaps less known, Tier 2 agencies provide critical programs that enhance our Jewish community and also depend upon annual campaign contributions.

### BBYO CONNECTICUT VALLEY REGION

BBYO is an international Jewish teen movement with 45,000 Jewish teens participating in North America, with more than 700 participants in Connecticut and 180 in the Greater New Haven chapters. Offering a myriad of experiences that build leadership skills and develop powerful relationships, BBYO helps Jewish teens gain a sense of their Jewish identity.

### HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL OF NEW ENGLAND (HHNE) & JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL OF CONNECTICUT

Hebrew High School of New England is a community of young men and women from across the Jewish denominational spectrum; one of the only Modern Orthodox co-ed secondary Jewish Day Schools between New York and Boston. Students are prepared academically and spiritually, working together to develop knowledge, leadership and core values.

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### SECURING THE PAST AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITY

**THE JEWISH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** maintains several local Jewish cemeteries that are in need of capital repairs and grave markers.

The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven is dedicated to collecting and preserving documents, photographs and memorabilia, and creating exhibitions, seminars and educational programs.

**THE NEW HAVEN ERUV** is an urban area enclosed by a wire boundary that symbolically extends the private domain of Jewish households into public areas, permitting activities within it that are normally forbidden in public on the Sabbath.

Our wise rabbinic sage Hillel the Elder said “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?” The Greater New Haven Jewish community is special because of the many ways — seen and unseen — that community needs are met, lives are strengthened and supported and Jewish, continuity is affirmed. We can only promise a bright future with your help. Our annual campaign ends July 31 — just days away, and our goal is unmet. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your gift, or wish to increase the pledge you have already committed to, please contact me at (203) 387-2424 x254 or email me at [aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:aholtz@jewishnewhaven.org). Because it’s always something, that’s why there’s Jewish Federation.

## Three Teens Granted Scholarships for Summer in Israel

The Jewish Foundation wishes mazel tov to our Israel Experience Scholarship recipients, each of whom received a scholarship from the Jewish Foundation to attend a summer program in Israel:

• Sophia Bruce for Habonim D’ror-Machaneh Bonim Israel program

• Mia Sandberg for Dor L’Dor-Camp Pembroke, Cohen Camps program

• Mia Tougas for NFTY Adventure Israel program



Four students were also awarded scholarships for Israel Gap year programs. The Israel Experience scholarships are made possible through the generosity of the following funds at the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven: Bloch Family Fund for Israel Travel by Congregation Or Shalom Youth, Esther Gold Milikowsky-Copelon Fund in memory of Matthew Milikowsky for Teen Travel to Israel, Arthur Spiegel Israel Scholarship Fund, Lawrence & Florence Winer Israel Scholarship Fund and the Israel Endowment Fund at the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven.

For more information on the Israel Experience Scholarship program as well as other scholarships through the Jewish Foundation, visit [www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships](http://www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships)



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According to the bylaws of the Mikvah Society, the religious authority for our community’s Mikvah is vested only in the Rabbis of Westville Synagogue and the Young Israel. As presently there is no Rabbi of Young Israel, the religious leadership of the Mikvah rests solely with me.

I write to inform you that recent developments lead me to reassure the community that the Mikvah, one of the cornerstone institutions of Jewish life, is being maintained to the highest halachic standards, organized in its daily operation in an efficient manner, and will continue to represent sanctity in all aspects of its functioning.

The Board of Directors of the Mikvah Society, which controls and manages the affairs of the Mikvah, remains fully committed as always to providing a meaningful and uplifting experience for all who wish immersion in the waters of our Mikvah.

If you have any questions, please call the office at Westville Synagogue to reach me.

I share this message in full recognition of the importance of the community Mikvah, my rabbinic responsibilities, and the community’s trust that the Mikvah will continue to reflect and promote holiness and purity.

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# Created by Teens for Teens

JTE, Jewish Teen Education, is a year-old program in the Greater New Haven area created by teens for teens. JTE has completed two very successful semesters with great feedback from participating students. In the Fall of 2018, JTE will offer a range of classes, ranging from cooking and yoga to Israeli politics and comparative religions, for students entering grades 8 to 12.

In a recent interview with SNH editorial staff, JTE President Samantha Fleischman shares students' impressions about the program's first two semesters:

**What did some of the teens have to say about the program, from your informal conversations throughout the past year?**

I talked to multiple students who were reluctant to join, but were pleasantly surprised by their experience. Everyone really loved their classes and teachers. We had some unique subjects like Comparative Religions, Controversy Debate and Understanding, Scandals of

the Torah, JTE Yoga, The Big Questions, Jewish Images in Media, and Make a Difference. Gender Equality has definitely been my personal favorite. The teacher, Sharon Rosenblatt, has made the class really fun and interesting for all of the teens. I also really enjoyed the cooking class. We were able to make a mix of Jewish and Israeli foods and just typical American foods like cupcakes and muffins.

**Why teens are coming back for a third semester?**

I think people are coming back for a third semester because they enjoyed the classes and saw the program as a great way to hang out with friends and meet new people.

**What's your favorite aspect of JTE?**

The fact that there is really something for everyone. It gave people from the entire community the opportunity to meet others and take classes that interested them. Unlike in school or Hebrew school, there are no obligations, you just take what you want to and think sounds



interesting. I also love the sense of community that we are starting to build in the program.

Information regarding JTE's fall registration, courses and schedule will be available soon on the Jewish Federation's website [www.jewishnewhaven.org](http://www.jewishnewhaven.org). To learn more about the program, contact President Samantha Fleischman and Vice President Maya Barbieri at [JTE@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:JTE@jewishnewhaven.org) with any questions or look for JTE-Jewish Teen Education on Facebook.

# Federation's Partner Provides Emergency Assistance in Sri Lanka

By Tamara Zieve

Federation has a long history of responding to disasters around the world, no matter how near or how far. The devastating flooding in Sri Lanka, which happened in the end of May, was no different. Our overseas partner JDC (Jewish Joint Distribution) immediately sprung into action as they received reports of the event.

**Hundreds killed, thousands displaced in worst torrential rains since 2004.**

The American Jewish Joint Distribution is providing emergency aid to victims of the devastating flooding and mudslides that killed hundreds of people, displacing hundreds of thousands more in Sri Lanka.

This is the worst natural disaster to hit the island nation since the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami. The JDC is already familiar with the region, having then established a disaster-management unit together with Sarvodaya, a local Buddhist-inspired humanitarian organization. The Sarvodaya-JDC disaster-management unit is made up of a fully equipped, trained team of first responders and was created to provide quick and efficient responses to crises in a country regularly hit by natural disasters.

The organizations have since responded to dozens of disasters in Sri Lanka and this flood that impacted more than 700,000 people was no different. The team deployed a first-responder unit to provide food, water and other emergency aid in Sri Lanka's five hardest-hit districts, including Galle and Kalutara on the coast.

"We mourn the loss of life in Sri Lanka and are working to ensure that desperately needed assistance is delivered to survivors who have lost so much in this disaster," JDC CEO David M. Schizer said. "We honor our tradition and its value



for human life by joining with our Sri Lankan partners to save lives and carry forward a shared commitment to compassion in the face of adversity."

The JDC coordinates its relief activities with local and international partners, including the US Department of State, USAID, the United Nations and the Israeli government.

Shortly after the event, Ambassador of Israel to India and Sri Lanka Daniel Carmon delivered disaster-relief supplies to Colombo's Foreign Ministry, along with a letter from President Reuven Rivlin to Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena, expressing Israel's solidarity with the Sri Lankan people. The supplies included power generators, drinking water and high-power light sources. "... I am proud to be able to provide these supplies to our Sri Lankan friends. I am convinced our partnership will continue to grow when the clouds have cleared." Carmon said.



# Summer Cycling

By Yelena Gerovich  
New American Acculturation Coordinator

**"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."**

-Albert Einstein in a letter to his son Eduard, 1930

June 2017 marks two-hundred years since Karl Drais invented the two-wheeler principle of today's bicycle. Almost 125 years later, this invention has saved many Jewish lives. Before the war, Gino Bartali had won the 1938 Tour de France and the Giro d'Italia in 1936 and '37, making him one of the country's biggest stars. During World War II, the champion cyclist helped rescue Jews in his native Italy by hiding forged documents and papers in the tubes and seat of his bike. If you want to know more about this story, watch "My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes." This 2014 documentary film, directed and written by Oren Jacoby, tells the story of the rescue of thousands of Italian Jews during World War II by ordinary and prominent Italians, including Gino Bartali.

May 9 marks the most popular holiday for the people of the former Soviet Union — Victory Day over Nazi Germany. In the former Soviet Union, one could hardly find a family who had not lost one or more of its members during World War II. More than 500,000 Jewish people were fighting against Nazi Germany in the ranks of the Red Army, and more than 200,000 of them lost their lives in the effort. That is why, if asked which event of that generation was the most important, the answer would be Victory Day.

Our Russian-speaking community participates in celebrating Victory Day, Memorial Day and Lag B'Omer in May, Shavuot in June, and Independence Day in July. Thanks to local organizations, rabbis and volunteers, seniors and low income families can obtain free transportation, food and services

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## Welcome to America

# Велосипеду 200 лет.

"Жизнь — как вождение велосипеда. Чтобы сохранить равновесие, ты должен двигаться." - Альберт Эйнштейн в письме к своему сыну Эдуарду, 1930 год.

В июне 2017 года мы отметили двести лет с тех пор, как Карл Дрейс изобрел принцип современного велосипеда. Почти 125 лет спустя это изобретение спасло много еврейских жизней. Итальянец Джино Бартоли был долгожителем в велоспорте, он выступал с 1935 по 1954 год. На его счету две победы в Тур де Франс и три на Джиро д'Италия. Удивительна его помощь в спасении евреев в годы фашистского режима Муссолини. В Италии в те годы была создана организация по спасению еврейского населения, препятствующая отправке его в концлагеря. В массовом порядке для итальянских евреев изготавливались фальшивые документы, чтобы они смогли выехать из страны. Джино Бартоли взялся доставлять эти документы к месту назначения, причём оригинальным способом. К тому времени он уже был кумиром итальянского общества и ему ничего не мешало под видом тренировок разъезжать по различным областям Италии и перевозить фальшивые документы, пряча их в раме своего велосипеда.

При его авторитете никто даже не мог заподозрить, чем он занимается. Эти сведения о Джино Бартоли долго подвергались сомнениям, пока в 2003 году, уже после его смерти один из его сыновей не нашёл старый дневник отца, где подробно было описано как работает подпольная организация по спасению евреев, маршруты его поездок по доставке документов и другие факты, подтверждающие его участие в этом деле. Благодаря велосипеду Джино Бартоли около 800 евреев избежали отправки в концлагеря.

Если вы хотите узнать больше об этой истории, посмотрите «Мой итальянский секрет: забытые герои». В этом документальном фильме 2014 года, созданном Ореном Якоби, рассказывается история спасения тысяч итальянских евреев во время Второй мировой войны итальянцами, в том числе и Джино Бартали.

9 мая - самый важный праздник для выходцев из бывшего Советского Союза - День Победы над фашистской Германией. В бывшем Советском Союзе вряд ли можно найти семью, которая не потеряла одного или нескольких своих членов во время Второй мировой войны. Более пятисот тысяч евреев сражались против нацистской Германии в рядах Красной Армии, и более 200 000 из них погибли. Вот почему, если спросить, какое событие в 20 веке было самым

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# Honorable Menschen: Lynn Bullard

*In Honorable Menschen, Shalom New Haven recognizes individuals in our Greater New Haven Jewish community who make a difference in the lives of other human beings. We hope their actions will serve as an inspiration for others. Please email Honorable Menschen suggestions to [ShalomNH@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:ShalomNH@jewishnewhaven.org)*

**By Jennifer Gelband**  
Contributor to Shalom New Haven

Lynn Bullard is the Director of Yeladim Early Learning Center at the JCC. This year marks her 30th anniversary at the JCC, but her ties to the JCC and the local Jewish community began much earlier. Bullard grew up in the area, as a teen regularly taking the bus downtown to the JCC on Chapel Street. This lifelong engagement is the root of her devotion and commitment to the organization and the community that it supports.

Her career at Yeladim dates back to 1987, when the school operated out of two Hamden locations. There was only one telephone, on a pole in between the classrooms. Hired as a teacher by Gwenn Cohen (the beloved longtime Yeladim director for whom Gwenn's Garden at 360 Amity Road is named), Bullard has taught infants, toddlers, twos, and threes, acting as a mentor for new teachers. She eventually became Gwenn Cohen's assistant director. When Cohen passed away, Bullard became co-director, then director. Over the years, she helped move Yeladim from the Hamden locations, to Sherman Avenue in New Haven, then to Amity Road in 1993.

"Gwenn and I were so close," said Bullard. "In her eulogy, I promised to maintain the quality of the education at Yeladim and to remain as committed as she was to honor her"—which Bullard has done. Under her tenure, Yeladim has added music, a library and an extended day program. After the fire at Amity Road in



Lynn Bullard playing with the young toddlers at Yeladim Early Learning Center.

December 2016 shuttered the school, the JCC and Yeladim staffs, under Bullard's guidance, reopened a complete, comprehensive and fully-licensed substitute location at Congregation B'nai Jacob in just three days. She made this incredible feat happen without much acknowledgement or credit, because her responsibility to the families is what drives her.

Yeladim's philosophy is a play-based vision that encourages experimentation, problem solving, logical thinking and cooperative learning, values, development of social skills, and positive self-concept. "Staff and teachers set the environment, provide the materials and the children are able to create" she said. "No pressure, no expectations, open-ended, free creativity. Even though it is play-based, every learning center is set up with specifically planned activities to enhance the learning in the classrooms. Every child is special and is given individual opportunities to help them do their best."

Bullard demonstrates her dedication and drive to offer the best childcare and early learning program in the area by working closely with the staff, helping to plan curriculum and visits to all the classrooms every day. While the play-based learning is the basis of Yeladim's philosophy and vision, the program was also founded on Jewish values. Bullard keenly balances this core commitment while being inclusive and welcoming to everyone in the community.

"The underlying base is Judaic," she said. "That is represented through culture, traditions, values, morals; it is not religious in nature. We teach that through celebrating the Jewish holidays. We have a diverse staff and a diverse group of children, and we acknowledge all of them."

# Bar Mitzvah Puts Caring for Others at the Top of His List

Robert Farbman, a seventh grader at Amity Middle School in Bethany who became Bar Mitzvah at Temple Emanuel in May, has dedicated his mitzvah project to JCARR, the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement. Over the last few months, Robert spent time with a Syrian refugee family sponsored by JCARR, playing with the children and helping to improve their English skills. Additionally, thanks to the incredible generosity of his community, friends and family, he raised more than \$3,000 for JCARR. This significant contribution will help JCARR welcome its next refugee family, tentatively scheduled for early fall. Robert has also raised over \$2,500 for Temple Emanuel's prayer book fund.

Congratulations, Robert, and thank you for your dedication to JCARR and your synagogue!

Visit Temple Emanuel at [templemanuel-gnh.org](http://templemanuel-gnh.org).



JCARR Coordinator Jean Silk receives donation from Robert Farbman.

# On Stage with The Towers Residents

Residents of Tower One/Tower East have been participating in an exciting, year-long project. The Elder Playwright Program is collaboration between Long Wharf Theatre and Tower One/Tower East. This past season, 15 participants from The Towers attended every show in the LWT 52nd Season. The shows they attended were; Meteor Shower, Other People's Money, Endgame, Napoli, Brooklyn, Smart People, and The Most Beautiful Room in New York. Before and after each performance, the group participated in workshops with Long Wharf Theatre Director of Education, Madelyn Ardito. The goals of these workshops were to explore the plays by engaging in conversations about character development, themes and emotions which residents could relate to their own real life experiences. The residents were then asked to write something about each play and how they either were able (or unable) to draw parallels between their own lives and those they witnessed onstage.

The group spent this year sharing personal experiences—opening up about their lives and losses, while sharing candidly about what matters most to them. Through telling stories and listening to one another they became a community of friends.

Towers resident Lois Itchkawitz, gained a great deal from, "Learning how other people think about things and how it all relates to me," she shared. As a longtime theater fan, she felt the opportunity to attend LWT regularly with her friends from The Towers was too good to pass up. Towers Resident and Elder Playwright participant, Vicky Smith, "loved the camaraderie that developed among all the other participants in the program." Smith especially enjoyed getting out on a Sunday afternoon to visit



Long Wharf Theatre, hearing the sound effects, and admiring the artistic work that went into the stage sets.

The opportunity to work with Ardito and try their hand at writing was not something any of these participants had ever attempted. At the culmination of the season, the group worked together to edit and streamline their writing into a play of their own, entitled, "The Towers Monologues."

Although an intensive program, the hard work will pay off, when these residents travel to LWT to star in their own show. This one-time performance of their monologues should not be missed. To sum up, group participant Ellen DuBoff felt that this rewarding program was unlike anything she had ever encountered in her lifetime.

This year's performance by The Elder Playwright program will be on Sunday, August 13, 2017, and will be held at Long Wharf Theatre. Please mark your calendars and save the date. The performance is free and open to the community. Please join us and listen to the many unique stories our residents have to tell!

For more information contact [susan@towerone.org](mailto:susan@towerone.org)

# JFS Plans Adoption Homestudy Group

By Amy Pressman

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven is planning its upcoming Adoption Homestudy Group. Home study courses are offered by JFS periodically throughout the year for families interested in adopting infants and younger children. This group helps families prepare to be parents and to decide what types of adoption to pursue. Some of the topics this group will address will include:

- How adoption is the same/different from parenting by birth
- What the adoption experience is like for birth parents
- Coping with adoption and the child's cultural background
- How to help children understand adoption and feel good about their heritage



- How to handle the technical details of different types of adoption

As part of a homestudy group, participants must attend all sessions and prior registration is required. If you are interested in learning more about the infant adoption process, please contact Amy Rashba, LCSW, Adoption Coordinator, at (203) 389-5599 x 113 or [arashba@jfsnh.org](mailto:arashba@jfsnh.org). Families of all ethnic and religious backgrounds are welcome.

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# Jewish High School of CT Students Research Recycling Mitigation



From left to right: Sam Terr, Mathew Zweibel, Natalie Shclover, Gabriella Lieberman, Emily Sklar, Julia Arnowitz, and Dr. Riemer.

*Students in the Jewish High School of Connecticut's environmental science class are looking to bring about a positive change in their community's environmental policies. At the end of the school year, they submitted a term-paper that lays out their recommendations. "Most of the students in this class are 11th graders preparing for a career in either environmental science or policy. "Their goal for this project was to reduce the carbon foot print of their neighborhood," says Meghan Fernandez, environmental science faculty at JHSC. "They looked for simple changes in recycling policies that could affect change without disrupting people's everyday lives. To that end they researched cities and countries that have policies which make it easier for the public to participate in recycling programs and they came up with a plan for Stamford. Rabbi Elisha Paul, JHSC Head of School, commented on the importance of recycling from a Jewish perspective: "Recycling is related to many areas of the Torah. One of the most basic Jewish ideas found in Deuteronomy 20:19-20 is Bal Tashchit, which literally means not to destroy trees and implies that one should not needlessly destroy resources. Therefore, recycling is one way of conserving and maximizing the usage of natural resources."*

## A Call for Better Recycling in Stamford

**By Dr. Seth Riemer, Gabriella Lieberman, Natalie Shclover, Samuel Terr, Julia Arnowitz, Emily Sklar, Mathew Zweibel**

Ever since the Industrial Revolution, many nations of the world have tried to come up with varying conservation methods to prevent the depletion of important non-renewable resources. The United States in particular has become aware of many environmental issues such as resource depletion and energy conservation. Thus, the creation of the slogan, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" (Recycle Nation). However, this slogan has failed to inspire action in many cities who have not seen improvement of programs' effectiveness. For instance, Stamford, CT has not been successful in executing programs that incorporate the last of the three R's, Recycle. Stamford, CT has consistently fallen behind other CT cities such as Wilton and Ridgefield in implementing a successful recycling program, due to the cities' lack of incentivization.

The city of Stamford has taken steps towards implementing a recycling-friendly program to decrease its ecological footprint. However, these steps have proven to be ineffective as the citizens of Stamford lack incentives to recycle and are inconvenienced with outrageously high recycling fees. Although Stamford provides free recycling bins upon request, these bins take up to six weeks to be delivered and are not compulsory for all citizens. Moreover, Stamford requires its citizens to pay varying fees to recycle tires, asbestos shingles, hazardous household waste, and oil based paint thinners, making the recycling of these items less desirable and of low priority to households with monetary constrictions.

Other forms of recycling in Stamford, such as hauling recyclable trash to the Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center, have proven inconvenient. The weekday hours (7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) limit easy access to the center for those with day jobs. The weekend hours (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays only) further restrict those for whom recycling on weekdays is not an option. In a survey conducted by the Jewish High School of Connecticut, results found that over 73% of people would recycle more if the times of operation were extended beyond typical work hours. Furthermore, over 80% of the people surveyed stated that they would not pay a \$10 fee to recycle a tire as opposed to dumping it illegally.

Read the full paper online at [jewishnewhaven.org/snh/jhsc](http://jewishnewhaven.org/snh/jhsc)

# JCC Family Funday Featuring Touch-A-Truck

Touch-A-Truck was a blast this year! Many thanks to all of our sponsors, trucks, and entertainers who joined us! Ezra students and parents did an amazing job face painting. We had a super cool magic show, pony rides, vendors, train rides, bounce house, obstacles course, food, and prizes! Thank you to JCC Membership, Yeladim Early Learning Center, JCC Day Camps, Afterschool Kids Klub, and PJ Library for bringing fun and free activities for everyone!



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# Decades of Jewish Camping in CT

Jewish camping has longstanding roots in Greater New Haven. As early as 1931 community leaders felt that Jewish camping experience was of paramount importance. It was then that Women's Auxiliary group of the Young Men's Hebrew Association of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) sat forth to find a location for what would one day become Camp Laurelwood.

Camp Laurelwood initially started as a day camp. Children were transported by car to the camp site and food was prepared at the JCC and brought to the camp by volunteers. It is only at 1935 that Laurelwood became an overnight camp. With \$500 down payment which was paid by the Jewish Community Center, Laurelwood purchased the 180 acres on which it resides to this day. The Laurelwood name was chosen for the many laurel bushes located on the property.

Camp Gan Israel was founded as Camp Tiferet Gan Israel in 1949 by Rabbi Dr. Moshe (maurice) Hecht of New Haven. It was originally founded in order to attract children to the New Haven Hebrew Day School, which proved to be successful. The Camp served 100-120 children each summer in its first decade. Marketing materials from the late 1970s and early 1980s promised " a unique blend of fun-filled, action-packed summer enjoyment in an atmosphere of meaningful Jewish Experience". The camp, now known as Camp Gan Israel, has relocated several times since its inception and even operated for two years out of the JCC. It is now located at Barnard Magnet school in New Haven.

JCC Day Camps has operated for more than 65 years. Known for its inclusiveness and diversity, JCC Day Camps has always been open for children of all faiths. The Jewish experience at JCC Day Camps has been emphasized through Shabbat and Havdalah services, Israeli emissaries, and Hebrew language which is interlaced throughout the camp lingo.

If you remember these early days, you may have participated at camp as child and even sent over your children or your grandchildren. You understand the value of Jewish camping experiences because you have experienced it first hand and you know it played a part in building your Jewish identity. Our camps have flourished for 80 years and counting! You can help ensure Jewish camping continues for decades more through a charitable bequest or other planned gift. For more information on how to Create your Jewish Legacy, please contact the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven.

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# 2017 Women of Vision Grant Recipients

## Israel

**BEIT RUTH:** Integrated Academic and Therapeutic Program in Afula

**WOMEN OF THE WALL:** Claiming What's Ours

## Greater New Haven

**BBYO:** You Go Girl! An Entry to Jewish Teen Leadership Program

**DISCOVERY TO CURE:** Teal Tea Project

**EZRA ACADEMY:** Jewish Women in History

**JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN:** Jewish Women's Film Series

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF GREATER NEW HAVEN:** Break the Cycle, Preparing for the Future Expansion

**RABBI RONA SHAPIRO:** Shalom Hartman Rabbinic Leadership Institute

**TOWER ONE/TOWER EAST:** Tikun Olam Help Save the Environment. Use Plann!



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This year, the Women of Vision Society awarded grants totaling \$12,500. Women of Vision provides women in our community with an easy and accessible way to become lifelong philanthropists through this permanent, restricted endowment fund. The endowment was originally created in 1996 with its founding 100 members and has more than doubled its membership and giving since then. Since 1998, over \$170,000 has been distributed in grants to a wide variety of agencies

and causes ranging from employment and literacy to acculturation and health issues. Women who are lifetime members of the society make a one-time gift of \$1000 that is payable over three years. To find out more about becoming a Woman of Vision or making someone a Woman of Vision, please contact Jennifer Bayer, Assistant Director of Development at (203) 287-2424, x320 or at [jbayer@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:jbayer@jewishnewhaven.org).

# From Whose Dreams



How did it all start? From what humble beginnings? From whose dreams? Aided by the memories of many individuals, we have gleaned the following history of the work of many dedicated volunteers whose names were never recorded. Camp Laurelwood has grown through the generosity and efforts of many people. Some are well known while others are known only in the hearts and minds of families and friends. Camp Laurelwood was started by The Women's Assembly, an auxiliary group of the New Haven Jewish Community Center. The same group established the Camp Laurelwood Scholarship Fund.

From 1931 to 1936, and inspired by a Jewish camp in Massachusetts, Camp Laurelwood began as a day camp facility. But after 1936, the rapidly growing operation no longer fit its rented space along the Pine River in Northford, Connecticut. After an exhaustive survey to find a suitable permanent location, the current property in North Madison, Connecticut was purchased.

Camp Laurelwood started with no money in the bank; it had only the spirit, devoted service and will of self-sacrificing men and women, to provide deserving Jewish children from New Haven the benefits of a summer camp experience. A \$1,000 loan from the New Haven Jewish Community Center covered more than one-third of the \$2,850 purchase price for the North Madison property.

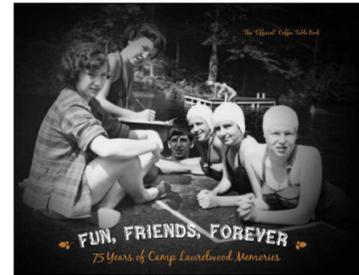
Tents were staked out to house the children, camp director and staff-one side of the road for girls and the other for boys. The first essential need was drinking water, which was obtained by driving a 200-foot deep well into the bedrock. The dining hall from the rented location in Northford was disassembled, transported to North Madison, and erected on a new foundation. Part of the building was used for a small office.

The Camp Laurelwood we know today began in 1937, when Nathan Podoloff, President of the New Haven Jewish Community Center - along with Director Eli Kogas, Irene Glazer and Rose Fox - signed the Articles of Association.

Camp Laurelwood was incorporated on April 28, 1937 as the New Haven Jewish Community Center Camp. In 1980, it became Camp Laurelwood, Inc.

How far we have come!

*Written by Bertha Konowitz, 1911-2008. Bertha served on Laurelwood's board along with her husband Jack for many years and was considered the Camp's Historian. This piece was also published in 'The Official' Coffee Table Book' - FUN, FRIENDS, FOREVER - 75 Years of Camp Laurelwood Memories.*



As Laurelwood prepares for an 80 Anniversary Celebration on August 26, staffers and campers remember their humble roots, acknowledging how far they have come. Laurelwood's history is rich with love, community and hard work. They're thankful to alumni like Bertha Konowitz - who believe in the camp's mission and have given of themselves so this wonderful community can continue to flourish. Please join Camp Laurelwood in marking their 80 birthday Celebration! For event information, visit [camplaulwood.org/alumni](http://camplaulwood.org/alumni)





JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES and SONGS



## PJ Library Summer Series

**Come Together with Friends and PJ LIBRARY for the PJ Library Summer Series: Find us at the PJ Library blanket with the multi-colored umbrella for popsicles, ice cream and crafts this summer from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the following locations:**

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## AUGUST 26, 2017

# Come Home Again



### An Event to Celebrate the Past, and Ensure the Future of Camp Laurelwood



## CAMP LAURELWOOD'S 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### Event Activities

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration and Self-Guided Tours**

**5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Open Bar, "Spiked Bug Juice", and Hors d'oeuvres**

**7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Event Program and Catered Dinner**

**8:30 - 10:00 p.m. DJ Music and Dancing From All Eight Decades of Camp!**

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It is with great pleasure that we are able to invite all of our guests to this truly epic event at "no-charge". You will be invited to make a meaningful gift to support camp Laurelwood and its mission. *Please give generously!*

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# JFS Welcomes New Professionals



Ariel Blau joins the JFS team as its newest licensed psychotherapist. Ariel grew up in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and is ready to assist both English and Spanish speaking members of our community. He was a Professor of Experimental Performance and Creativity at Evergreen State College in Washington state for 18 years, where he advised more than 1,700 students, and received the Consuelo Gosnell Scholarship from the National Association of Social Workers in recognition of his work with underserved minorities. Blau has a Master's Degree in Social Work from NYU, and worked as a clinician at Yale New Haven's Psychiatric Hospital and at Bridgeport Hospital. He resides with his family in New Haven, has a green thumb, and loves barbecue.

Amy G. Rashba, LCSW, Mental Health Clinical Director at JFS says, "We are thrilled to have Ariel join our staff and are excited about the expertise he brings in working with children and adolescents, as well as adults." To request an appointment with Ariel Blau, or any JFS therapist, please call Amy Rashba, (203) 389-5599 x113 or at arashba@jfsnh.org.



Amy Pressman joins Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven as its new Director of Marketing. She is excited to help publicize and advance the mission of JFS and increase its awareness throughout Greater New Haven County. Pressman, who has a BA from Syracuse University, has worked across a broad spectrum of marketing fields –including financial services software, corporate events and awards programs, and for a boutique gym franchise she owned and operated with her husband in Monroe, CT. An avid tennis

player and former resident of Madison, Pressman currently lives in Fairfield, CT with her family.

Amy can be reached at (203) 899-5599 x117 or at apressman@jfsnh.org.

# Connecticut Increases Penalties for Hate Crimes

In response to rising incidents of hate in our communities, the Jewish Federation's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), in tandem with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), celebrated the recent passage of new, tougher hate crimes legislation in Connecticut.

This bill, slated to become the strongest legislation of its kind in the U.S., passed unanimously. Hate crimes previously considered Class D felonies, are now re-categorized as Class C felonies (making threats against a house of worship), punishable by 10 years in prison and \$10,000 fines.

Community initiatives to prevent, educate and advocate against these threats have taken several forms. Under the banner of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven (JFGNH) State and local officials met at Congregation B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge with Jewish community leaders on February 23, to discuss the rise in anti-Semitism, targeted hate crimes and effective security tactics. After receiving security training on April 24, Judy Alperin, CEO of the JFGNH, spoke with community and faith leaders at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel about increased incidents of violence.



**Democrat Alan Levin of the Anti Defamation League spoke during a press conference in favor of a bill strengthening Connecticut's hate crime laws. Photo Credit: Mark Mirko / Hartford Courant**

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and its partner ADL actively promoted the bill through advocacy, culminating in the annual Legislative Breakfast organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council. Legislators Senator Len Fasano, Rep. Themis Klarides and Rep. Pat Dillon mutually shared their support for the new laws, encouraging the community and legislature to come together and set the

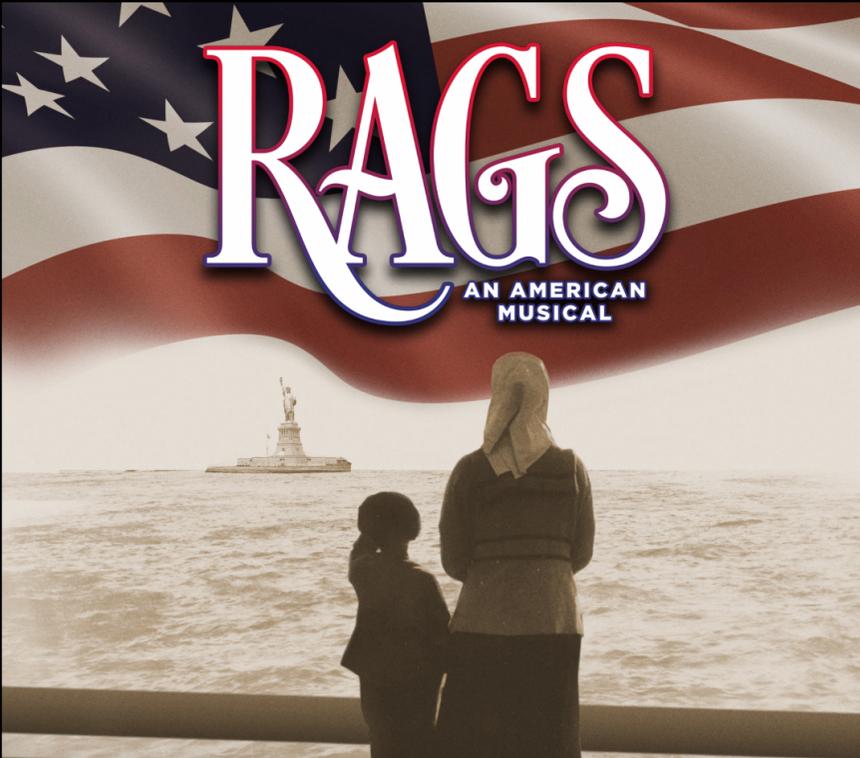
tone by saying, "No more".

In response, Michael Bloom, director of the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT) stated, "Nationwide, the rise in anti-Semitism and bomb threats against the Jewish community have caused stress, angst and fear in the Jewish community. These threats are real and should be punished to the fullest extent of the law."

Steve Ginsburg, director of the Connecticut office of ADL, reacted to the anti-Semitic incidents by calling for, "the community coming together to say this is not who we are." He pointed to a 100 percent rise in reported incidents to the ADL since last summer.

"Hate crimes are distinct from other forms of criminal conduct," said Ginsburg, "as they have a special emotional and psychological impact, expanding beyond the individual victim. Whenever a bias-motivated crime is committed, the victim's entire community is left feeling victimized, vulnerable, fearful, isolated, and unprotected by the law. Connecticut has made clear today that by firming up our hate crimes law, all of our state's residents and their respective communities are much closer to safety.

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## Mazal Tov

The Westville Synagogue's Annual Gala was a "wonderful night," according to the synagogue's Facebook page. Mazal tov to the honorees, Endre (Andy) Sarkany, Siegfried Aftergut, and Arnie Lehrer.



**Left to right: Endre (Andy) Sarkany, Sigfried Aftergut and Arnie Lehrer**



**Co-chairs Betsy and Glenn Schulman**

## Coveted Kavod Key Awarded to Deserving Recipients

At the annual meeting of the Jewish Federation, Foundation and JCC of Greater New Haven, longtime JCC member Soudi Bakhtiari's acceptance speech about her Kavod Key Society Award was filled with admiration, heartfelt praise and many "thank you's" for her fellow JCC community members. "For those who do not know me" she began, "My name is Soudi Bakhtiari –also known as the Mayor of JCC, an Employee of JCC, a Resident of JCC and so many wonderful names given to me by my peers."

Along with fellow Kavod Key recipient Marty Halprin, Bakhtiari, who admitted to being both surprised and honored about receiving this award also felt extremely privileged on being nominated by JCC Fitness Director Susan Donovan. Bakhtiari remarked, "I have been lucky to have met the greatest and kindest members, trainers, instructors and Staff at the JCC" adding, "I would like to share this reward with you, my friends". She went on to thank and list numerous JCC committee, staff, board and personal family members by name, choosing the word "wonderful" throughout her speech to describe her deeply personal JCC experience. "I will do my best to keep doing my part along with my fellow JCC community members", she stated, "to truly make this a wonderful and enjoyable environment to stay fit and unwind...as an oasis away from the stresses of

life; a place where all the tools are available to fine tune and cleanse the living machines that are our bodies."

Describing the JCC as, "not only a great community center but it also my second home," Bakhtiari concluded her speech with more high praise for "the greatest and kindest members, trainers, instructors and Staff at the JCC."



**Soudi Bakhtiari**



**Marty Halprin with award presenter David Sirowich**

# Heart to Heart: A Conversation with Robyn Teplitzky About a Women's Mission to Israel

Jewish Federations of North America's National Women's Philanthropy is proud to present Heart to Heart 9: Empowering. Exhilarating. Extraordinary. Through this special trip, curated particularly for women, you can embark on a life-changing odyssey; joining like-minded, smart, motivated women from across North America on a uniquely inspiring journey. Spend five amazing days traveling Israel. Explore the country's rich culture, embrace your spirituality and witness how Federation helps those most at risk.

Robyn Teplitzky, Senior Director, Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence at The Jewish Federations of North America has traveled on Heart to Heart more than once. She shares reflections from her unforgettable trip in an interview with Jennifer Bayer, Assistant Director, Development, at the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

**Robyn, you've traveled on Heart to Heart, which is a special mission to Israel for women through the Jewish Federations of North America. Can you explain what makes this trip so special and distinguished from other trips one might take to Israel?** The JFNA Heart to Heart Mission is a won-

derful opportunity for women to travel together to get a taste of Israel. What makes this mission so special and unique is the itinerary. The site visits are specifically designed with women's interest in mind. A highlight is visiting the Israeli women's homes who are involved in the overseas federations.

**Can you share some of your favorite highlights or moments from last year's trip?** There are so many, but the two aspects that stand out for me include the Photography With Joy, a JDC program [The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee] that provides the opportunity for Holocaust survivors to share their personal stories through photography. Another highlight was the joint Bat Mitzvah of mission participants with eight young Ethiopian girls.

**As someone who has traveled on many JFNA missions, can you describe what some of the lasting impact has been for you and others you've traveled with on this mission?** Mostly, the friendships made in a very short period of time. There is something special traveling with a group of like-minded women.

**Why might you suggest this mission for a woman who is traveling to Israel for the first time, or**

**alone?** Heart to Heart is a great first-time mission because the itinerary is inclusive of unique visits. This is not a typical first-timer's mission and does not include many of the traditional visits, such as Masada or Yad Vashem. The beauty of the Heart to Heart Mission is that one does not need to be traveling with a group. All of the participants from across the country are friendly and inclusive. Everyone feels the love.

**Which emotions best describe your feelings about the Heart to Heart mission?** The mission title tells it all. Everything we see, touch, hear, and taste touches our heart. One minute you are laughing and singing and the next crying tears of joy. It is simply the best! You'll come home energized and raring to put it all into action in your community. Every journey begins with a single step. Take the first one right now.

Please join us on August 2 at a private home in Woodbridge to learn more about this year's trip, February 4 -8, 2018. Please email or call Jen Bayer at [jbayer@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:jbayer@jewishnewhaven.org) or (203) 387-2424 x320 to RSVP and find out more.

# Partial Facilities Reopen at JCC

By Ruth Douglas  
Shalom New Haven Staff

On Monday, June 26, JCC members embraced the long-awaited pool, racquetball courts, and Playscape reopening at the JCC on Amity Court.

Steve Kovel has been a JCC member for more than 15 years, and was thrilled to be back playing racquetball. He remarked, "It's a great place to be. Racquetball is my principal sport, so I'm glad to be back." Freddie Caminear agreed. "We all couldn't wait. LA Fitness is not the same," said Caminear.

While the indoor pool was scheduled to reopen on Monday morning at the same time as the racquetball courts, members faced another brief delay as a new chlorinator that was installed in the pool needed to calibrate. However, that didn't stop the water aerobics class from taking advantage of the reopened space. The class proceeded on the pool deck, where the ladies stayed dry while getting back into the rhythm for class the next morning. "Rome wasn't built in a day," said Brenda Coleman. "We're very happy. Tomorrow is another day, and we'll be ready to get in the pool." Charlotte Bengtson commented, "This whole campus is great. It's very welcoming and open. It's a great facility—not just the pool." The next day, the pool was fully operational and open for all swimmers.

The PAC Group LLC was selected through a bidding process to serve in the construction management role at the JCC. The PAC Group has been managing the ongoing renovations at the Mandell JCC of Greater Hartford in recent years.

As the facility continues to be rebuilt, one rinsing shower, one accessible shower and three private co-ed changing rooms are available to members.



# Madrichim at Temple Emanuel

Imagine the look on a young child's face, when they realize their teacher is one of the teens who used to help out in their classroom!

At Temple Emanuel in Orange they're making that happen, specifically by partnering with teens that have completed three years of training in TE's madrichim program.

TE has always cherished their madrichim (special teens who assist classroom teachers); providing younger students with role models as they grow into Jewish young adults. TE is proud of watching them grow in the community and the excitement and energy they bring to the school, kids, parents and faculty.

For the past three years, junior teachers have taught the Story Hour program. The laughter and learning and singing coming out of that room is contagious! Parents and children alike delight in the warmth and knowledge that these teens bring to the weekly, hour-long program.



This coming fall, Temple Emanuel will have five home-grown junior teachers and a music specialist on staff. What better way to show students and their families that teens want to stay connected and involved in their community?

Recently madrichim reflected on their personal experiences in their new capacity at TE Hebrew School: "I have been a madrichah at TE Hebrew School for 5

years. The most memorable part of this experience is seeing the group of students I had helped since 4th grade have Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, then come back to Hebrew School as the next generation of madrichim".

"I have been a madrichah since 2014. The most meaningful part of this experience is hearing what the preschoolers take away from our lessons and seeing them have fun..."

"In three years of being a madrichah at TE Hebrew School, the most influential experience is waking up every Sunday morning and seeing everyone. Sometimes I'm more excited to be here than the children, it's worth it. Also, by coming to teach I'm furthering my own Jewish education."

"The most valuable experience of the last 4 months is seeing a difference between being a student and a madrichah. I get to help our kindergarteners and it's really enjoyable."

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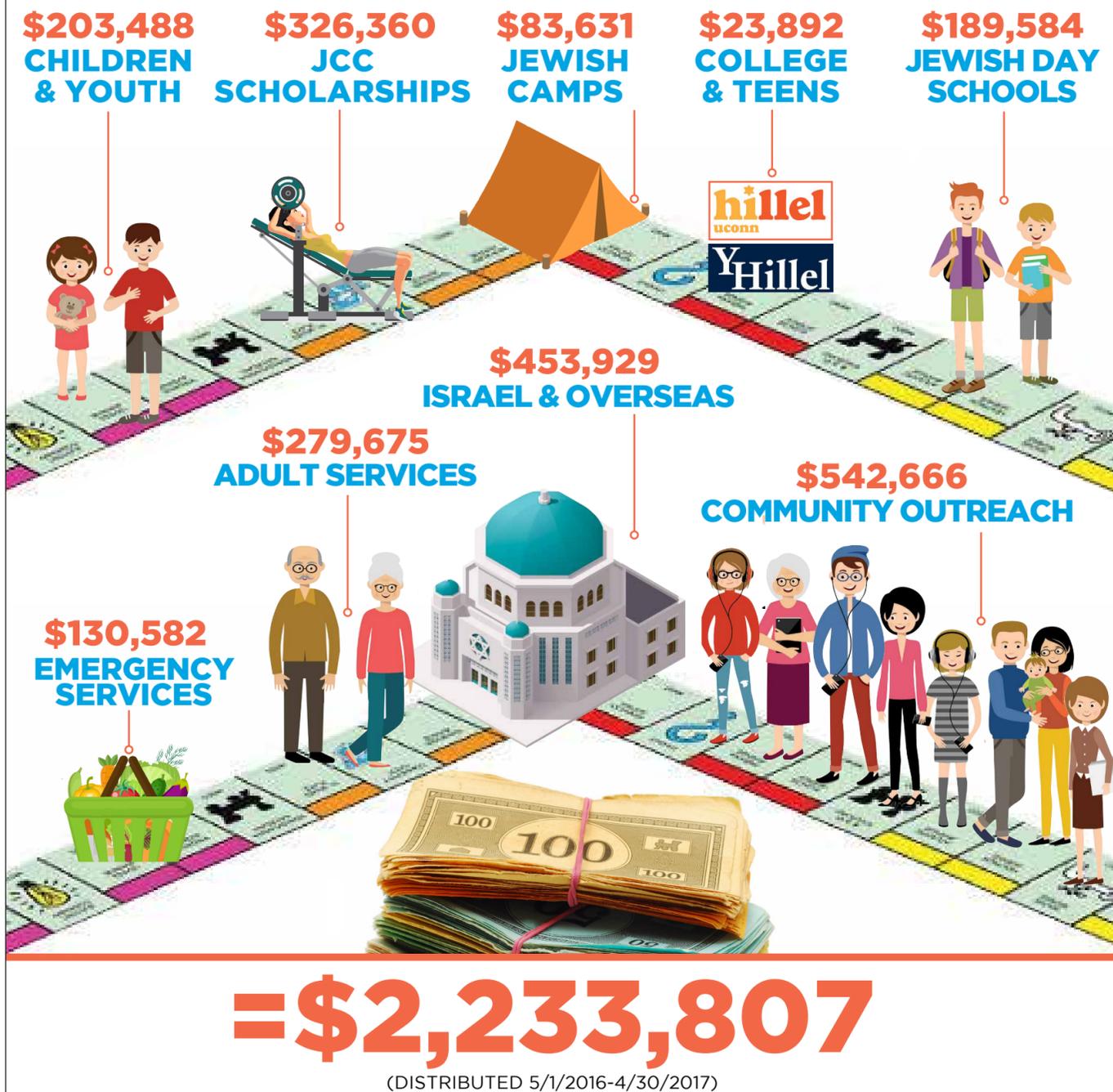
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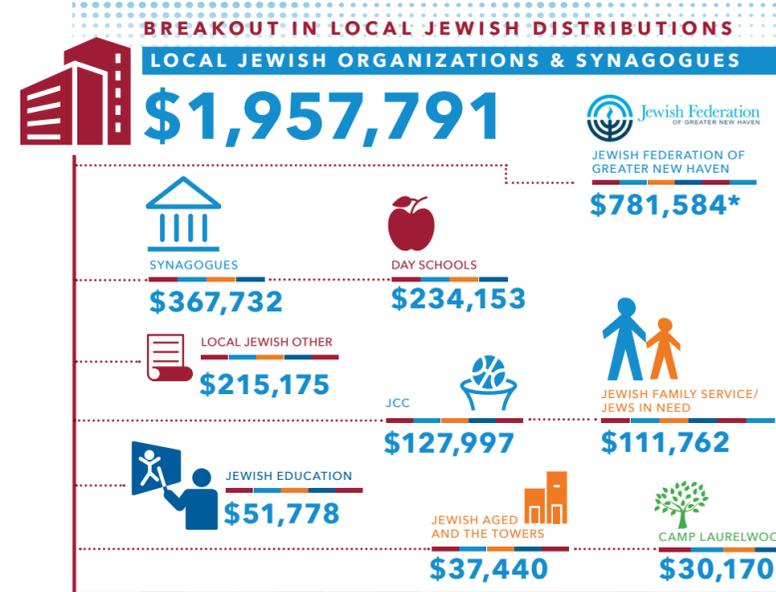
We continue to grow. We continue to fund Jewish New Haven. We continue to be a philanthropic and endowment resource; a partner for our synagogues and agencies, for professional advisers, for individual donors, families, foundations, and for the community. How do we accomplish all this? Through our Create a Jewish Legacy New Haven initiative, our restricted funds, our partner organization (custodial) funds, as well as our Donor Advised Fund program. In a multitude of ways, we counsel individuals and facilitate family discussions to assist donors in their philanthropy and planned giving, concurrently educating them on local needs and impact.

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[www.newhavenjewishfoundation.org](http://www.newhavenjewishfoundation.org) and [www.jewishlegacynewhaven.org](http://www.jewishlegacynewhaven.org) and our 2016 Annual Report. We can assist you to make a charitable impact for the organization(s) and/or program area(s) that is/are important to you. We can also assist you in researching charitable needs in our community, in Israel, and beyond. We can assist with current gifts, planned gifts, and donor advised funds.

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## Scholarship Opportunities through the Jewish Foundation



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Last year, thanks to a generous donor in our community, Jewish Scholarship Initiative distributed \$87,000 in local scholarships. These needs-based scholarships are for Jewish households residing in Greater New Haven. Qualifying schools include: Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy, Ezra Academy and Bais David Yeshiva of New Haven. Qualifying Jewish camps include Camp Laurelwood, JCC Day Camps, Camp Gan Israel and local synagogue camps. Eligible Jewish preschools include: local synagogue preschools, JCC Yeladim Early Learning Center, and Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy. Local synagogue and religious schools also qualify. The deadline for day schools and Jewish preschools is July 14, and the synagogue school deadline is Oct. 20. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed by a scholarship committee. Visit [www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships](http://www.jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships) for the application, more information, and to see the catchment area. The Jewish Foundation also offers college and Israel scholarships.

# One Wall for One Jewish People

**The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven is committed to pluralism in our community and at the Kotel (Western Wall). On June 29, a letter was sent to the Israeli prime minister and consul general, co-signed by congregational rabbis.**

A sense of unity and jubilation defined the first few weeks following the liberation of the Western Wall during the 1967 Six-Day War, with people gathering in the Old City by the hundreds of thousands to touch the Wall's ancient stones. Jews of the Diaspora and Israelis cried tears of relief and joy, rejoicing over Jerusalem's unification. But the feeling of harmony was fleeting. Dissent emerged as soon as secular Israelis and non-Orthodox Diaspora Jews were excluded as Orthodox authorities took control of the site.

Until 1948, when Jews were expelled from the Old City, the Kotel was a prayer space with no formal structures in place, and no separation between men and women. If you visit the Jerusalem mayor's office, you will see historic photos showing mixed gender groups gathered at the Kotel.

After the 1967 Six-Day War, Orthodox religious authorities funded by the Israeli government have controlled customs at the Kotel. In recent years, women were banned from holding Torah scrolls, leading services,



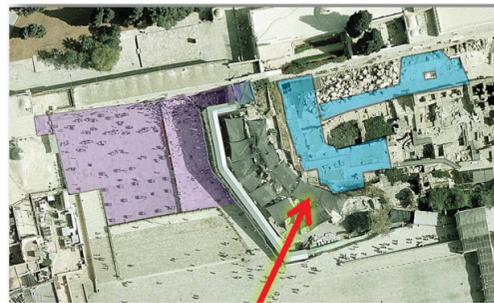
wearing tallit or tefillin, or singing out loud at the site. Similarly, mixed gender services were not permitted.

In 2013, following a decades-long advocacy campaign led by Women of the Wall and supported by the Conservative and Reform movements, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tasked Jewish Agency Chair Natan Sharansky with coming up with a compromise that would enable diverse Jewish practice at the Kotel.

Sharansky's Kotel proposal kicked off several years of intense negotiations that resulted in a seemingly historic compromise. As a result of the agreement, the Israeli Cabinet approved the proposal in January 2016 in a legally binding government resolution. Among other provisions, the Cabinet agreed to create a formal egalitarian prayer space as part of the overall Kotel area. The Resolution envisioned an upgraded and permanent prayer platform for non-Orthodox prayer at the Robinson's Arch area at the southern end of the Western Wall, along with a redesign of the approach to both this area and the traditional Kotel plaza and prayer space.

Beyond the success of the plan itself, many hoped that the groundbreaking agreement would have set a precedent, showing that compromise can be reached. The Jewish Federations of North America played a central role in that process, working with Reform and Conservative movements, The Jewish Agency for Israel, Women of the Wall, the rabbi of the Western Wall, and the Israeli government to reach an agreement. Negotiations were complicated by the involvement and opinions of other diverse groups, including archaeological authorities, the Waqf (Muslim religious authorities), and even the Jordanian government. The fact that so many disparate groups were able to reach an understanding was seen as a very positive sign.

Nonetheless, the optimism proved to be short-lived, as implementation of the plan was halted due to pressure from Israeli Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox politicians and groups. For close to 18 months, the Israeli government avoided moving forward with implementing the resolution while ultra-Orthodox interests looked for ways to overturn the decision. A number of petitions



**The egalitarian area shaded in blue is sectioned out of the overall Kotel plaza, shaded in purple. The bill calls for a permanent structure that will be included in the overall Kotel plaza, with one main entrance leading to both the traditional and egalitarian prayer areas. Chart credit: timeofisrael.com**

were filed in the Supreme Court (Bagatz) on the issue, including one asking the court to direct the government to implement its own resolution. In September 2016, the Court strongly reprimanded the government for not implementing the deal and in April of this year, the Court ordered the government to respond as to why it had not yet begun implementation. With a Court established deadline of June 26, 2017, ultra-Orthodox groups intensified their efforts to block the deal. At the urging of ultra-Orthodox coalition partners, the government voted on June 25, 2017 to formally freeze the Kotel Resolution. The prime minister appointed two government representatives, Regional Cooperation Minister Tzachi Hanegbi and Cabinet Secretary Tzachi Braverman, to undertake negotiations toward a new deal.

On June 26, Jewish Federations of North America met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to express our communities' deep disappointment in the suspension of the January 2016 historic decision to create an egalitarian prayer space at the Kotel. The Jewish Federation urges community members to voice their concern and commitment to Jewish pluralistic expression by contacting the Israel Consul General at info@boston.mfa.gov.il or (617) 535-0201.

## Controversial Conversion Bill Temporarily Halted

The government of Israel has agreed not to move the controversial conversion legislation forward for six months.

Earlier this week, the Israeli cabinet had advanced a bill seeking to consolidate all conversions to Judaism within Israel under the auspices of the Chief Rabbinate, which adheres to Orthodox standards. The bill's critics, who represent all streams of Judaism, say the legislation gives the Rabbinate an unfair monopoly on conversions.

If the conversion bill passed, it would deny citizenship under the Law of Return to Jews converted in Israel by Conservative, Reform or privately run Orthodox rabbinical courts. It would have undermined the pluralistic streams of Judaism in Israel.



**Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Photo Credit: Amos Ben-Gershom/GPO**

The Reform movement has agreed to freeze their Supreme Court petition on the matter for six months (assuming the court will agree), and the prime minister will set up a committee with all parties, to be charged with discussing the issues and challenges and delivering a resolution.

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven summoned Matan Zamir, Deputy Consul General of Israel, for a conference call with concerned community members to shed light on the matter.

## State Security Grant Available to the JCC

State security grants are now available for JCC preschools to the tune of \$1 million in matching funds, based on need. CT Senate Bill 1014, which passed in late June of 2017, extends eligibility to private schools and to licensed childcare centers and preschools that have received security threats.

"The inclusion of JCC preschools in the grant is critical in light of the need for increased security in our institutions", said Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven "This achievement reflects the excellent advocacy work done by our Jewish Community Relations Council and the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut, as well as the genuine concern that public officials like Senator Gayle Slossberg have for the Jewish community".

The JCC of Greater New Haven with its Yeladim Early Learning Center was among Jewish institutions that received hoaxed threats this past winter, forcing the evacuation of children and staff and threatening to erode the sense of security that the JCC strives to provide to its members and guests.

Leaders of catholic private schools who are usually prompt in applying for state grants as they become available for nonpublic schools already expressed that they will give the right of way to Jewish institutions, as they seem to have the greater need with the increase in antisemitic acts in the United States.

"The deadline was extended to June 30, 2018 but since it is rolling decisions we already started working with state officials on the details of submitting a strong proposal for our Jewish Community Campus and Yeladim Early Learning Center by August 1," says Scott Cohen, Executive Director of the JCC of Greater New Haven.

# Camp Security and Orientation

In preparation for the start of camp on Monday, June 26th, the staff at JCC Day Camps welcomed Michael Butsch from the FBI for a security training session last Thursday evening. Butsch emphasized the importance of being prepared for any potentially unsafe situation. His presentation was embraced fully by the staff, who later discussed the camp's emergency procedures with Camp Director Debra Kirschner and Assistant Director Alison Lurie.

Following the security training, the camp staff greeted this summer's campers and their parents at the family orientation, where newcomers were able to get acquainted with the grounds before the start of camp and veteran campers got a chance to meet new friends.

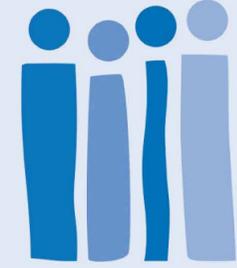


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# Graduation for Yesod Community Leadership Program

By Dr. Sharon Hasbani  
 Yesod Community Leadership Program Chair

On June 7, at the annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, men and women graduated from the Yesod Community Leadership Program. They had spent the last three months learning with and from each other, under the expert leadership of former Federation CEO Sydney Perry. Perry led and facilitated nine classes, assisted by Yesod's diligent program consultant, Olga Markus.

The 18 candidates were selected to participate in this inaugural program due to their involvement and engagement in the local Jewish community. From building synagogue websites to sitting on boards of the JCC, Federation, or local day schools, getting involved in Jewish community relations, or helping to launch Jewish professional organizations, these individuals— from across the Jewish religious spectrum and hailing from nine area towns— had already demonstrated their commitment to their Jewish communities.

The Yesod Program was brought here through the Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence of the Jewish Federations of North America, and funded generously through the Eder Leadership Institute. It was created to foster new leadership skills and study tools, and encourage experiential application



Yesod Community Leadership Program graduation ceremony.

through a Jewish lens.

Through conversations with Yesod fellows, one learns that this course was more than a series of classes adding to their knowledge, or skill set. After engaging with other lay leaders from different towns and settings, the fellows discovered more commonalities than differences. Their initial mo-

tivation — to lead within their communities — had also grown in tandem with their gaining personal insights. But most importantly, Yesod graduates formed a bond with one another. Currently they are planning their next set of meetings — as friends, leadership partners, and future leaders of the Greater New Haven Jewish community.  
**Yasher Koach!**

# Honoring Those Who Have Helped in Challenging Times



The Robert Eisner Community Service Award recipients were honored at the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

At its Annual Meeting on Wednesday June 7, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven honored the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department, Woodbridge Police Department, Ellen Scalettar, First Selectman, and Terry Gilbertson, Town of Woodbridge Building Official, as well as community volunteers, area synagogues and Jewish agencies with the Robert Eisner Community Service Award.

Named for the former JCC President Bob Eisner (1971-1974), the Robert Eisner Community Service Award was established in 1983 to honor individuals who

made significant contributions in both the Jewish and secular communities. This year's Robert Eisner Community Service Award was presented to first responders and community supporters who have helped the Jewish Federation and JCC of Greater New Haven through challenging times. Larry Eisner, son of Robert Eisner, presented the award and said, "This year our community experienced a trauma when fire broke out at our JCC, and those who will now come forward deserve this honor and more. Some ran into the smoke and fire to rescue our property. Some provided shelter from the cold. Some stood with us, schlepped with us, and provided us a home away from home."

## FULL LIST OF 2017 ROBERT EISNER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

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- Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel
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- Ezra Academy
- Hebrew Congregation of Woodmont
- Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven
- Orchard Street Shul
- Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy
- Temple Beth David
- Temple Beth Sholom
- Temple Beth Tikvah
- Temple Emanuel
- Tower One/Tower East
- The Westville Synagogue



# Orchard Street Shul Gala



The Honorable Judge Guido Calabresi presented with the Orchard Street Shul Heritage Award by Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven at the Orchard Street Shul Gala Reception and Concert which took place June 11.



Acclaimed visual artist Cynthia Beth Rubin received the Orchard Street Shul Woman of Valor Award



Persian-American poet, author and scholar Roya Hakakian received the Orchard Street Shul Heritage Award

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## Community Calendar

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# july

**PJ Library Summer Series at Ben & Jerry's**, July 5, 5-6:30 PM, FREE, Ben & Jerry's, 159 Temple Street, New Haven, Contact Stacey Battat, (203) 387-2424 x317, [pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org)

**Sunday Funday on the Shoreline**, July 9, 10 AM-1 PM, FREE, Jacobs Beach Pavillion, 2140 Seaside Avenue, Guilford, Contact Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x228, [gracek@jccnh.org](mailto:gracek@jccnh.org)

**PJ Library Summer Series - Popsicles & Story**, July 11, 5:00 - 6:30 PM, FREE, Woodbridge Town Green, 11 Meeting House Lane, Woodbridge, Contact Stacey Battat, (203) 387-2424 x 317, [sbattat@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:sbattat@jewishnewhaven.org)

**Grill n' Chill**, July 12, 5-8 PM FREE, JCC of Greater New Haven Parking Lot 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, Contact Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x228, [gracek@jccnh.org](mailto:gracek@jccnh.org)

**Ezra Academy Golf Classic**, July 18, 11:30 AM - 7:30 PM, \$300, New Haven Country Club, 160 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, Contact Ali Cranshaw, [acranshaw@ezraacademyct.org](mailto:acranshaw@ezraacademyct.org)

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**Shabbat on the Beach**, July 28, 7 - 9 PM, FREE, Walnut Beach, 113 E. Broadway, Milford, Contact Ruth Gross (203)397-3000, [office@templemanuel-gnh.org](mailto:office@templemanuel-gnh.org), [templemanuel-gnh.org](http://templemanuel-gnh.org)

# august

**12th Shoreline Jewish Festival**, August 6, 12-5 PM, FREE, Guilford Green, 43 Park Street, Guilford, Contact (203) 533-7496, [jewishshoreline.org](http://jewishshoreline.org)

**PJ Library Shabbat on the Beach**, August 11, 4 - 8 PM, FREE, Walnut Beach Pavilion, 85 Viscount Dr, Milford, Contact Stacey Battat, (203) 387-2424 x317, [sbattat@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:sbattat@jewishnewhaven.org)

**Laurelwood's 80th Anniversary Reunion**, August 26, 12 - 5:00 PM, FREE, Camp Laurelwood, 463 Summer Hill Rd. Madison, Evelyn Cohen, [evelyn@camp-laurelwood.org](mailto:evelyn@camp-laurelwood.org), [laurelwood.org](http://laurelwood.org)

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**PJ Library and Friends Visit the Barnyard**, August 27, 3 - 5 PM, FREE, Brooksvale Park, 524 Brooksvale Ave Hamden, Contact Stacey Battat, (203) 387-2424 x317, [sbattat@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:sbattat@jewishnewhaven.org)

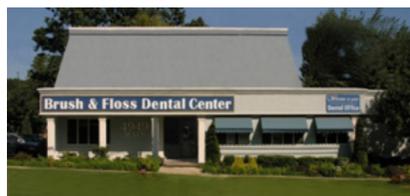
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# SHORELINE HAPPENINGS

## Temple Beth Tikvah Celebrates 40 years

By George Hauer  
Shalom New Haven Contributor

In the early 1950's, using a Torah borrowed from Congregation B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge, about 35 Jewish families purchased a small building in Branford to form the East Shore Jewish Center. Slowly, there was an influx of Jewish families to the shoreline, prompting a need for larger facilities. After the building was sold, High Holiday services were temporarily held at various homes, schools and churches.

In 1973, there were over 60 families involved. By 1975, with 100 Jewish families living on the shoreline and the need for a permanent home more pressing, a 4.5 acre tract of land on Rt. 79 in Madison was purchased. On September 2, 1976, ground was broken for the building of Temple Beth Tikvah. The design, modeled after a tent from the Biblical days of Israel, included angled sides and flat roof. On May 15th, 1977, Temple Beth Tikvah was dedicated, with a membership of over 125 families. Today, over 300 families call TBT their house of worship.

Rabbi Stacy Offner, Temple Beth Tikvah's rabbi since in 2012, commented on TBT's recent 40th anniversary: "Celebrating our 40th anniversary was truly exhilarating. **CONTINUED ON PG. 26**



Picture from left to right: Cantor Kevin Margolius, Rabbi Stacy Offner, Cantor Dorothy Goldberg, Rabbi Hesh Sommer



Roxanne J. Coady, owner of R.J. Julia Booksellers. Photo Credit: Peter Olin

## Cool Reads for Summer 2017

Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven celebrated the first day of summer by hearing about all the best books of the season at the Guilford Yacht Club with Roxanne J. Coady of R.J. Julia Booksellers.

Special thanks the event's sponsors: Jennifer Bayer, Dena Schulman-Green, Amy Holtz, Betsy Hoos, Amy Lipper McCauley, Lauren Miller, Sara Sapire, Dana Schwartz, Judy Skolnick, and Joan Wallack

Many thanks to the event's committee: Joanna Cooper, Erica Gross, Lauren Hass, Hedda Kopf, Sami Merit, Carol Robbins, Sara Sapire, and Joan Wallack.



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**Shoreline Adult Ed.: The Healing Power of Psalms-A Spiritual Journey,**  
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## 12th Shoreline Jewish Festival on the Guilford Green

The 12th annual Shoreline Jewish Festival will take place Sunday, August 6 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Guilford Green. The festival features various styles of Jewish music, traditional and Israeli fair food (all kosher), an art and book sale, and children's crafts and activities. This year's musical lineup features Lazer Lloyd (one of Israel's most acclaimed blues guitarist), Chillent (back for the second year in a row by popular demand), Ilan "Beatbox" Brownstein ("America's Got Talent"), and Zev & The Klezmen (specializing in Klezmer music).

Artists and artisans will be selling a variety of Judaica, jewelry, clothing and art work. Books, videos and games of Jewish interest for both children and adults will be available for sale. Festival-goers can choose from a variety of (kosher) fair favorites, including hamburgers, hot dogs, falafel, schwarma grilled chicken, potato knishes, homemade doughnuts, cotton candy, snow cones, and more.

Children will enjoy an inflatable slide, obstacle course and bouncers sponsored by Sound Spectrum Entertainment of Wallingford. They can also try their hand at a variety of Jewish-themed arts & crafts projects.

Admission is free. Food, crafts, and vendor items are for sale. Mr. Boris Mizhen is the primary festival sponsor. Additional Sponsorship provided by Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, Gladeview Rehab & Health Care In Old Saybrook "Right on the Water", Labowe Family Foundation, Sound Spectrum Entertainment of Wallingford, Guilford Courier, Cherry Hill Construction, Goody's Hardware and

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By Stacey Battat  
PJ Library of Greater New Haven

Finding family time to JUST BE is one of the many reasons why Shabbat has held such a sacred space in Jewish tradition. With the noise of our modern lives, it also has the power to maintain our sanity while giving our children an unplugged, technology-free ritual they can truly look forward to.

This spring, PJ Library and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven supported a local effort to help our PJ families celebrate Shabbat through the "Shabbat in the Hood" program. Three families in the PJ community hosted three other families for Shabbat dinner in their homes. Each group reported having rich and connecting experiences and plans to "do Shabbat" together more often. For many of the hosts, this was their first experience inviting other families into their homes for Shabbat.

In my own home, the children in our Shabbat dinner group bonded as they grew up, enjoying this down time until they went off to college. Now, they continue to host their own Shabbat dinners into young adulthood!

As an exciting next step in the effort of supporting family-based Jewish experiences, New Haven was selected by PJ Library national to be one of 33 communities in the United States for a special "Get Together" grant. This micro-grant of \$150 will be sent directly to recipients who wish to create Jewish family events together. Many of our local community members have applied to host Shabbat dinners, outings, challah baking events, and even Havdallah bonfires this summer!

If you are a PJ Library family and

enjoy the books, please help us spread the good word. PJ is a no-membership required, no obligation avenue for taking baby steps into Jewish life. Families with a variety of Jewish knowledge learn about Jewish life together through the monthly installment of PJ Library books. One PJ parent in our community calls this "the magic in the mailbox."

In addition to home-based rituals, you can celebrate Shabbat and Jewish experiences with your Greater New Haven PJ Library community. For a unique Shabbat experience, please join us on August 11th at Walnut Beach in Milford for Shabbat on the Beach! Families with young children are invited to come together for a fun, musical celebration with PJ Library's Stacey Battat and Congregation Or Shalom's Rabbi Wainhaus.

Enjoy the simple gifts of sand, sea and sky as we bring in the sweet



sounds, smells, and tastes of Shabbat! Bring your own kosher or kosher-style dinner, your pails, shovels, and beach blanket and spend the evening with your PJ Library community!

**FRIDAY, AUG 11th, 4-8 p.m.**  
**Walnut Beach Pavilion, 85 Viscount Dr, Milford** A brief music program will begin at 6 p.m. RSVP to Stacey Battat, pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org, (203) 387-2424, x317

Please check the PJ Library facebook page in case of cancellation due to rain.

**Facebook.com/PJLibraryofGNH**

## Welcome to America FROM PAGE 4

on these holidays. The New American Acculturation program offers many Jewish educational programs and Shabbat gatherings.

As famous philanthropist Lynn Schusterman said: "A Jewish community that is diverse and openly embraces all who seek to lead actively Jewish lives will be a Jewish community that is stronger and more enduring for generations to come."

For more information about the New American Acculturation program, including sponsorships of specific programs, please contact Yelena Gerovich at (203) 387-2424 x 321, or email ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org.

важным, ответом будет -День Победы.

Благодаря образовательным программам для эмигрантов из бывшего Советского Союза мы собираемся вместе на праздники, обмениваемся компьютерными новинками, изучаем английский. Давайте воспользуемся возможностью чаще собираться вместе! Мы планируем праздновать еврейские и американские праздники, интересные лекции и программы.

Как отметил известный филантроп Линн Шустерман:

«Еврейская община с широким и разнообразным спектром интересов, открытая для всех, кто стремится вести активную еврейскую жизнь, станет еврейской общиной, которая будет более сильной и прочной для будущих поколений». Звоните, приходите! Проявляйте инициативу!

С вопросами и предложениями обращайтесь к координатору культурно-образовательных программ Елене Герович по тел. (203) 387-2424 доб.321 ygerovich@jewishnewhaven.org

## Temple Beth Tikvah turns 40 FROM PAGE 24

The Talmud says that 40 is the age for understanding, and I think that for us it was the exact right time to look backward and to look forward. Our vision for the future is clear: to be a vibrant, inclusive, Reform congregation with an emphasis on all that connects us. We are connected through Torah, through Tikun HaNefesh (nurturing the soul) and Tikun Olam (repairing the world)." When asked to describe what makes TBT special, Rabbi Offner commented on their emphasis of Shabbat (held in the sanctuary every Friday evening) and growing Jewishly as individuals and as a congregation. "Ours is a congregation that puts Shabbat at the center. While our membership numbers are robust, I am far more excited by how our Shabbat participation has grown. Our members experience a sense of holiness and opportunities to learn and explore Jewishly, whether in a classroom or in the kitchen or on the playground." TBT congregants also have the opportunity to attend Torah Study, held in the library Saturday mornings at 9 AM.

"We are blessed with a fantastic Cantor (Kevin Margolius), who leads us in music and directs our Religious School", Offner adds. We have a Shabbat Band that bursts with joyous sound. We have Torah Study that all are welcome to, every Shabbat morning. Our school boasts over 100 students and our Nursery School is busy 5 days a week. This coming February, we have a TBT group traveling to Israel. This will be the third such trip to Israel in five years. The trips are a way to connect deeply to Israel and to each other."

"We have a history of sponsoring refugee families and just last year we welcomed a Syrian family to Connecticut with the guidance of IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services) and we are planning to welcome another family just as soon as we can. We work in partnership with our friends at 1st Church Guilford and we will soon be widening our scope to include St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Madison as well. As we do Tikun Olam, we are practicing interfaith relations, and making friendships with people of all faiths and cultures."

"We are blessed by our founders who, in 1977, turned a beautiful piece of land into a synagogue. We are praying, learning, celebrating and growing Jewishly every single day."

## Temple Beth David Teen Installs Cheshire's First Little Free Library

Juliette Markman, who was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth David in June, recently completed a unique and community-friendly service project - Cheshire's first "Little Free Library" on the temple's front lawn. Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. The concept is simple - take a free book and/or leave one for someone else to enjoy. Through Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds (<https://littlefreelibrary.org/faqs>).

"The idea first came to me last summer," said Ms. Markman. "Part of becoming a Bat Mitzvah is taking on the moral and social responsibilities of an adult in your community. Temple Beth David has always stressed social action and the concept of giving and sharing both within your own community and in greater society. When my teachers challenged me to develop a service project, I presented my idea to the Board of Directors for adding a Little Free Library to the temple's Mitzvah Garden. They were very supportive and excited."

Ms. Markman explained, "Raising the money to purchase the unit was not as challenging as I had expected. We decided to do a cleanout in our house of old toys, bikes, clothing, etc. and sold them through



the Cheshire Tag Sale Facebook page and local consignment stores. I raised the money for the first library pretty quickly, so I decided to shoot for a second one. The Cheshire Parks and Rec department approved my idea about donating a library at the entrance to Bartlem Park. I visited that playground many times when I was younger, and I think there are a lot of kids who will love picking up a book to read when they get home. Moving forward, I will act as the registered steward of the two Cheshire Little Free Libraries, periodically checking on them and making sure they are always filled with a great selection of books and other reading materials. The libraries will be featured on the organization's world map among the more than 50,000 registered Little Free Libraries worldwide. A big thank you goes to Michael Rosenthal of Guardian

Solutions in Cheshire, who donated the installation of the units."

Ms. Markman concluded, "I hope something simple like sharing a good book with someone will brighten their day and promote unity, caring, and sharing." Rabbi Micah Ellenson of Temple Beth David added, "Historically, literacy and access to books has been the great equalizer for all cultures. In the book of Proverbs it says, '[Wisdom] is a tree of life to those

who embrace it; happy are those who hold it tightly.' In Judaism, the tree is books and those who hold books tightly acquire wisdom and ultimately happiness. By providing free, easy access to books, I cannot think of a project that better embraces both Jewish and American values."

Please join Temple Beth David for Kabbalat Shabbat services Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings with Torah Study at 9 a.m.. Family services are held the first Friday of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m.. All are welcome to join Temple Beth David in worship, learning, and social action. Please contact the Temple office at (203) 272-0037 or visit our website at [www.TBDCheshire.org](http://www.TBDCheshire.org) to learn more. Temple Beth David of Cheshire is located at 3 Main Street in Cheshire.

## LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Review

By Ruth Douglas  
Shalom New Haven Staff

This year, Pride Month celebrations in the U.S. experienced record attendance and support. But the shocking anti-Semitic actions against Jewish marchers at a pride parade in Chicago revealed a disturbing narrative that has recently emerged in the LGBTQ+ community.

At this June's Chicago Dyke March, which has always billed itself as a social justice-driven gathering, parade organizers told marchers with Jewish pride flags (rainbow flags emblazoned with a Star of David) to leave. The parade banned Jewish stars because other people found them 'offensive.'

The unfortunate events that occurred at the Chicago parade speak to the larger issue of spreading anti-Semitism in the LGBTQ+ community and in the political left. Going forward, it is important now more than ever to stay united in supporting LGBTQ+ issues and against anti-Semitism of any sort.










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