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What Makes a Community?

When completed, our new database will be integral to our ability to understand our community and strengthen our connections. This will be so because if we verify the information currently on file and update it, we are asking for help in selecting those who best fit our definition of standing our community and other Jewish community events information to connect us and our members to those in need.

With the support of better information, we will continue to focus on building the community and expanding it to those who feel a part of something unique, extraordinary, and meaningful both to our shared Jewish values, history and hope for the future. Community may start at home but as we work to connect to a new and highly specialized product, Blackburn partnered with Jewish Federations to create the customer relations manager and to be reached by March 2018. However, due to the age of our current database, the engineers involved in converting our data are struggling to understand the program and the community. There are two sides of the story. One side is that our database and our data were drastically out of date. Our system was installed a year and a half ago! It was that our system, with the new information provided, is out of date. Our system was installed a year and a half ago! It was that our system, with the new information provided, is out of date. Our system was installed a year and a half ago! It was that our system, with the new information provided, is out of date. Our system was installed a year and a half ago! It was that our system, with the new information provided, is out of date. Our system was installed a year and a half ago! It was that our system, with the new information provided, is out of date. Our system was installed a year and a half ago! It was that our system, with the new information provided, is out of date. Our system was installed a year and a half ago! It was that our system, with the new information provided, is out of date. Our system was installed a year and a half ago! It was that our system, with the new information provided, is out of date. Our system was installed a year and a half ago! It was that our system, with the new information provided, is out of date. Our system was installed a year and a half ago! It was that our system, with the new information provided, is out of date.

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One definition I looked up said “a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common interests, attitudes, 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 no more than a collection of zip codes and making addresses, as I believe the first definition that speaks to fellowship, sharing values and goals defines us better.

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 many ways. Supporting local agencies and programs is central to our mission.

The 2 agencies, which include Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven, Tower One/Tower Two, Camp Laurelwood, Esna Academy, and Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy, are generously supported by your campaign dollars and figure prominently in all our fundraising efforts. Perhaps less known is that we support 15 visionary programs that enhance our Jewish community and also depend upon your generosity.

Three Teens Granted Scholarships for Summer In Israel

The Jewish Federation wishes to extend our Israel Experience Scholarship recipients, each of whom will have an opportunity to explore our history and culture through the Jewish Federation to attend a summer program in Israel:
- Sophia Bracha for Habonim
- O’ne Machanai Bonim Israeli program
- Mia Sandberg for Dor D’or Camp Pembekein, Cohen camps 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 Federation of Greater New Haven: Bloch Family Fund for Israel Travel by Congregation Or Shalom, Esther Gold Milikowsky-Copelon Fund in memory of Matthew Milikowsky for study in Israel, Arthur Spiegel Israel Scholarship Fund, Lawrence & Florence Werner Israel Scholarship Fund, and the Israel Endowment Fund at the Jewish Federation 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

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Your Campaign Dollars at Work

By Amy Holtz
Director of Development, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

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BYBBO 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 identity as Jews and a platform to express their uniqueness.

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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 Anido. The goal of these workshops were to explore the plays by engaging from the classrooms. Held as a classroom environment, themes and emotions which residents could relate to their own real life experiences. The session were asked sessions behind each play and how they either were able (or unable) to relate to their between their own lives and those they witnessed onstage.

The group spent this year sharing personal experiences, stories about their lives and losses, while sharing candid about what matters most to them. Through telling stories and listening to 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 friend 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 they went into the stage sets.

The opportunity to work with Ardio and try their hand at writing was not something 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 Elain Dubof 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

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 understand the process of adoption and the types of adoption to pursue. Some of the topics the group will discuss and work with are:

• How adoption is the different from parenting by birth
• How 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

JCC’s FREE summer music series

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

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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 ShalonnH@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 an

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Robert Farberman, 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 Refugees and 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 $10,000 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 2017 Special Campaign.

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

Visit Temple Emanuel at templeemanueltwist.org
A Call for Better Recycling in Stamford
By Dr. Seth Riemer, Gabriella Lieberman, Natalie Schloover, Samuel Terr, Julia Arnowitz, Emily Sklar, Mathew Zweibel

Over the course of 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 consensus. Thus, the creation of the slogan, “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” (Recycle Nation), however, this plan failed to inspire action in many cities with camps. With $500 in the development of programs’ effectiveness. For instance, Stamford, CT has not been successful in executing programs that incorporate the use of the 3 R’s. Recycling, 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 ideas have proven to be ineffective as the citizens of Stamford lack incentives to recycle and are inexperienced with extraordinarily high recycling fees. Although Stamford provides free recycling bins upon request, these bins take up to six weeks to be delivered and are not compulsorily 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 constraints.

Other forms of recycling in Stamford, such as hauling recyclable trash to the Katrina Magonal Recycling Center, have proven inconcertent. The weekday hours (7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) and easy access to the center for these hours (the weekend hours (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.). On Saturdays only further restrict these 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 their work hours. Furthermore, over 80% of the people surveyed stated that they would not pay a $5 fee to recycle a tire as opposed to dumping it illegally.

Read the full paper online at jewishnewhaven.org/snh/jhsc

JCC Family Fundraising 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, Yadbin Early Learning Center, JCC Day Camps, Alltech Animal Club, and RJ Library for bringing fun and free activities for everyone!

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Jewish High School of CT Students Research Recycling Mitigation

From left to right: Sam Terr, Matthew Zweibel, Natalie Schloover, 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 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 neighbors,” says Meghan Fernandez, environmental science faculty at JHS. “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, commended on the importance of recycling from a Jewish perspective: “Recycling is related to many areas of the Torah. One of the ideas I 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 resources.”

2017 Women of Vision Grant Recipients

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 grant-making fund. The endowment was originally created in 1996 with its founding 100 members and has more than doubled to its membership and giving since then. Since 1998, over $170,000 has been distributed to grantees to a wide variety of agencies and causes ranging from employment and literacy to accreditation and health issues. Women who are lifetime members of the society make a one-time gift of $5000 that is payable over three years. To find out more about becoming a Woman of Vision, please contact Jennifer Bayer, Assistant Director of Development at (203) 267-2424, x330 or at jbayer@jewishnewhaven.org.

Decades of Jewish Camping in CT

Jewish camping has longstanding roots in Greater New Haven. As early as 1933 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 (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 thanks to an initial $500 down payment which was paid by the Jewish Community. Laurelwood purchased the property, the property accrued 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. The name took on its present form, MOSSAK, in 1961. The name New Haven was originally founded in order to attract children to the New Haven Hebrew Day School. In 1985, Camp Laurelwood 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 experience in an atmosphere of meaningful Jewish Experience”. The camp, now known as Camp Gan Israel, has relocated to the Fairview sponsored by Upstate Education and even operated for two years out of the JCC. It is now located at Camp Laurelwood in New Milford.

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

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 firsthand 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. To learn more about a bequest or other planned gift on how to Create your Jewish Legacy, please contact the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. Lisa Stangar, Executive Director Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven 40 Sargent Drive, Suite 120 lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org, www.jewishnewhaven.org

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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 family 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 1933 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 Northford, 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 $3,000 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.

As Laurelwood prepares for an 80 Anniversary Celebration on August 26, staffs 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 Laurelwood in marking their 80 birthday Celebration! For event information, visit camplaurelwood.org/alumni
**JFS Welcomes New Professionals**

Ariel Blau joins the JFS team as its new 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 Eugene State College in Washington state for 15 years, where he advised more than 200 students, and received the Council General 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 Yesh New Haven Psychiatric Hospital and at Bridgeport Hospital. He resides with his family in New Haven, has a green thumb, and loves barbecue.

Ariel is 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, communications, and fundraising roles in a variety of non-profits, foundations, and financial services software, corporate events and awards programs, and for a toastmaster/engagement planning firm. She is former owner and operator of her gym franchise she owned and operated 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 (JCR) 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 50 years in prison and $50,000 fines.

Community initiatives to prevent, advocate and address 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 Beth 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, Judge Alperin, CEO of the JFGNH, spoke with community and faith leaders at Congregation Beth El Kesser Israel about increased incidents of violence.

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**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 Soufi 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 Soufi 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.”

Bakhtiari concluded her speech with more high praise for “the community coming together to say this is who we are. We are part of a community and the 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.”

Soufi Bakhtiari

Marty Halprin with award presenter David Stiewick

Left to right: Enrie (Andy) Sarkany, sighted Afterglow and Marty Halprin

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**Mazal Tov**

The Westhill Synagogue’s Annual Gala was a “wonderful night,” according to the synagogue’s Facebook page. Mazal tov to the honorees, Enrie (Andy) Sarkany, Sighted Afterglow, and Marty Halprin.

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For more information, visit jfeds.org/HearttoHeart2018.

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What Do You Want to Do Jewishly and How Can We Help?

Association, for the frail and elderly and the Towers, Ezra Academy, Southern Connective Hebrew Academy, Hebrew High School of New England, the Jewish HS of CT, Camp Laurelwood and the JCC, BHE, the ADL, for the Jewish Scholarship Initiative, PE Library and for Jewish education (See the infographic below as well as our most recent Annual Report for more information).

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.

Talk to us. Look at our websites: www.newhavenjewishfoundation.org and 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. You do not need to be rich to be charitable. Please consider us your partner and resource. Together we can impact lives and make a difference in our community.

Scholarship Opportunities through the Jewish Foundation

**JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE (JSI)**

**DEADLINES:**

- Scholarships for area Day Schools & Jewish Preschools: July 14
- Synagogue Schools: October 20
- Camp Scholarships: May 4, 2018

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 Bara 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.newhavenjewishfoundation.org/scholarships for the application, more information, and to see the catchment area. The Jewish Foundation also offers college and Israel scholarships.

Last Fiscal Year the Jewish Foundation Distributed $2.3 Million. $1,957,791 of those grants were to local Jewish organizations and synagogues.

**LOCAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS & SYNAGOGUES**

- $1,957,791
- $367,732
- $215,175
- $127,997
- $51,778
- $37,440
- $30,170

*Includes distributions from Restricted (PACE/LOJE) funds, Donor Advised Funds, and Unrestricted Funds.

The rewards of your GOOD decisions!

- **$203,488** CHILDREN & YOUTH
- **$326,360** JCC SCHOLARSHIPS
- **$83,631** JEWISH CAMPS
- **$23,892** COLLEGE & TEENS
- **$189,584** JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS
- **$453,929** ISRAEL & OVERSEAS
- **$279,675** ADULT SERVICES
- **$542,666** COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- **$130,582** EMERGENCY SERVICES

In 2016, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven distributed over $2.3 million to charitable organizations, of which, $1.9 million was distributed to local Jewish organizations--our synagogues, the Jewish Federation, for Jews in need and Jewish Family Service, the Jewish Historical Society, the Jewish Cemetary.

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One Wall for One Jewish People

The egaliitarian area shaded in blue is sectioned out of the overall Kotel plaza, with one main prayer space.

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

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 in a security training session last Thursday. Butsch emphasized the importance of being prepared for any potentially unusual situation. His presentation was embraced fully by the staff, who later discussed the camp’s emergency procedures with Camp Director Deborah Krachner and Assistant Director Allyn Luke.

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. Camp Security and Orientation ties funded by the Israeli government have controlled the area since the 1967 Six-Day War, with people gathering at 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 from participating, with mixed gender groups gathered at the Kotel.

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven is committed to pluralism in our community and at the Kotel (Western Wall). On June 25, 2017 to formally freeze the Kotel Resolution. 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 the areas and the traditional Kotel plaza and prayer space.

Beyond the success of the plan itself, many hoped that the groundbreaking agreement would 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 Republican of the Wall, and the Israeli government to reach an agreement.

Negotiations were complicated by the involvement of other organisations, 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.

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On June 26, Jewish Federations of North America with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to express our communities’ deep disappointment in the suspension of the January 2016 historic compromise. As a result of the agreement, 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 the Court, the ultra-Orthodox coalition partners, the government set on June 25, 2017 to formally freeze the Kotel Resolution. The prime minister appointed two government representatives, National Commission Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and Cabinet Secretary Tzachi Braverman, to undertake negotiations toward a new deal.

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 Kerpen, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. “This achievement reflects the excellent ad

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"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 Yadidim Early Learning Center was among Jewish institutions that received trusted threats this past winter, for

 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 ex

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An Active Senior Living Community—In the Jewish Tradition

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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 in Jewish community relations, or getting involved in Jewish community relations. As a career move, as a result of classes adding to their knowledge, or skill set. Thirdly, they had spent the last three months forming 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.

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The J circle mark is bold, modern, and meant to be noticed. Its simplicity lends to its effectiveness to be easily recognized in the busy world of communications. The JCC of Greater New Haven’s identity mark is the ‘J’ inside a colorful circle. The circle represents unity and coming together in spirit. Thank you for your support.

On December 5, 2016 the JCC of Greater New Haven experienced a major fire. Your support at this event will help re-build our facility for the benefit of the community. The JCC is a nonprofit organization that provides a warm, friendly environment for people of all faiths and backgrounds. Powered by Jewish values, our mission is to facilitate total wellness through programs that stimulate mind, body and spirit. Thank you for your support.
SHORELINE HAPPENINGS

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Temple Beth Tikvah Celebrates 40 years

By George Hauer

Shalom New Haven Contributor

In the early 1970’s, 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 over 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 an 18’ high arched ceiling and flat roof. On May 5th, 1977, Temple Beth Tikvah was dedicated, with a membership of over 125 families. Today, over 300 families call TBT their house of worship.

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Cool Reads for Summer 2017

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520 Guin Avenue, Guilford

Rabbi Hesh Sommer

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

Hedda Kopf, Sami Merit, Carol Robbins, Sara Sapire, 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.

Shoreline Adult Ed.: The Healing Power of Psalms - A Spiritual Journey


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12th Shoreline Jewish Festival

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Artists and artisans will be selling a variety of Judaica, jewelry, clothing and art work. Book lovers, visiting the festival from miles 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 bouncy castles 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, Gloucester Rehab & Health Care in Old Saybrook “Right on the Water”; Lulawoe Foundation, Sound Spectrum Entertainment of Wallingford, Guilford Courrier, Cherry Hill Construction, Goody’s Hardware and Jewish Art of Wallingford.

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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 in its membership, where all who seek a Jewish community will find 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 Yekina Garvey at (203) 387-2424 x 321, or email ygarvey@jewishnewhaven.org.

Shabbat, 5777

by Stacey Battat
PJ Library of Greater New Haven

If you are a PJ Library family and summer! local community members have recipients who wish to create Jewish “Together” grant. This micro-grant to be one of 33 communities in young adulthood!

For many of the hosts, this was “Shabbat” together more often. Shabbat! Bring your own kosher shovels, and beach blanket and enjoy the simple gifts of sand, sea and sunset.

In addition to home-based rituals, community calls this “the magic in PJ Library books. One PJ parent in our community calls this “the magic in this down time until they grew up, enjoying dinner group bonded as children in our Shabbat through the “Shabbat in Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven can truly look forward to. This spring, PJ Library and the unplug, technology-free ritual to experience REAL family time.

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Our vision for the Temple Beth Tikvah turns 40 and Tikun Olam (repairing the world).” When asked to define TBT, Rabbi Ellenson answered: “Tikun Olam is the center. While our membership numbers are robust, I am far more excited by the concept is simple – take a free book and/or leave one for others, who embrace it; happy are those who hold it tightly.” In the book of Proverbs it historically, literacy and access to books is a key component to Jewish values. In the book of Proverbs it...
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