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## Limmud NY Returns to Stamford Weekend Retreat Celebrates Jewish Learning Without Limits

Thanks to the success of last year's event, Limmud NY is returning to Stamford, CT.

From Friday, February 13, to Sunday, February 16, more than 800 Jews, from the tri-state area and beyond, from infants to grandparents, of all affiliations – Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Orthodox, secular, post-denominational – will gather to celebrate Jewish life for an extended weekend retreat filled with text study, discussions, performances, meals, late-night jam sessions and opportunities to learn about themselves and each other. At Limmud NY, everyone is a teacher and everyone is a student.

"Limmud" is Hebrew for "learning" and Limmud NY is devoted to Jewish learning in every conceivable form, from learning Torah to learning how to make gefilte fish; from Middle Eastern politics to Jewish Kirtan chanting; from Refuseniks to slam poetry; from Schneerson to Seinfeld; from *Kol Nidre* to klezmer. Limmud was founded in England in 1980; there are now more than 80 Limmud affiliates around the world.

Limmud NY runs on nearly 100 percent volunteer power. Limmud NY seeks to create community through volunteering. Limmud NY has only

one paid employee who facilitates the work of countless volunteers, who are empowered to oversee every aspect of the event, beginning a year in advance and continuing on-site throughout the weekend. Limmud NY's goal is to be a participatory event, a communal collaboration and a celebration of what is possible when people work together.

"Limmud NY 2014 was such a wonderful experience," notes Ricky Arbron, United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien's vice president for education. "I am incredibly excited that this landmark event will be returning to Stamford. Limmud NY's spirit matches perfectly our Federation's belief in 'better together.'"

Limmud NY will be held at the Stamford Hilton Hotel and Executive Meeting Center, right off Route 95 and less than a mile from the Stamford Metro North/Amtrak station. "Come with friends or come to meet new friends! Bring your parents! Bring your kids to Camp Limmud! All are welcome!" said Sivya Twersky, Limmud NY president.

For registration information, go to [www.limmudny.org](http://www.limmudny.org). There will be program-only options for local residents

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## "JM in the AM" Visits CAS

Nachum Segal, an international celebrity in the Jewish music and radio world and the host of the "JM in the AM" Jewish music show, will visit Congregation Agudath Sholom the weekend of December 19-20, and speak three times at the congregation.



Nachum Segal, host of the "JM in the AM" Jewish music show

A graduate of Mesivta Ohr Torah of Riverdale and Yeshiva College, Segal began his radio career at the Yeshiva University campus radio station WYUR in 1981. Segal launched a Jewish music radio show, "JM in the AM," in September 1983, and it has run uninterrupted for more than 30 years. Segal's presentation of music, news and community events reaches tens of thou-

sands of listeners through their morning routine. Segal's passion for important causes and his longevity has also propelled "JM in the AM" to be regarded as the radio program of record in the Jewish world. His interviews regarding current events are considered must listen radio for many in the community. He is widely known as one of the few people in radio to analyze and probe issues from

the perspective of the Jewish world. As a result, influential members of the political world – including political leaders from America and Israel – have sought time on the air and joined Segal in the studio.

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## Securing Stamford's Future UJF Holds First Legacy Initiative Workshop for Community

On October 19, volunteer and professional representatives from a dozen agencies and synagogues participated in the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford New Canaan and Darien's first Legacy Initiative workshop. The workshop was the first of many offerings UJF will provide the community's Jewish organizations to help them better execute their own legacy planning. According to UJF Vice President Rebekah Raz,

"By developing brochures, templates and a legacy information on its website, UJF hopes to eliminate duplication of efforts around town and provide useful resources for the community."

In his welcome remarks at the event, UJF CEO James Cohen noted that, "This workshop is a milestone in our effort to lead our community's conversation on this important subject.

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### Mitzvah Madness Comes to Carmel Academy

Carmel Academy's sixth grade girls and their mothers prepared and served a meal at the Inspirica Women's Homeless Shelter in Stamford. This was the first community service project the mothers and daughters completed as part of their year-long Mitzvah Madness program. See page 16 for article.

CEO Message

# A Legacy Close to My Heart

BY JAMES A COHEN

One of the words heard often at UJF's offices of late is "legacy." As the pages of *The New Jewish Voice* have displayed, we have launched The Herzl Initiative, designed to assist all our partner and recipient agencies with their legacy goals. Additionally, we will be honoring any legacy givers of whom we are aware who have made their intentions known to any Jewish organization at our December 10 annual meeting. This important legacy conversation, which UJF is very proud to lead, serves as a wonderful segue for me to shine the spotlight on one legacy in particular.



James Cohen, UJF CEO

At year's end, Shoshana Dweck, with whom I have

shared this column space since I arrived at UJF a year and a half ago, will finish her term as our president. The time she has invested in this organization and the caring for this community she has displayed are nothing short of remarkable. From the launching of the initiative described above, to leading the organization through governance, financial, fund-raising and marketing changes, to assisting with multiple emergency campaigns, Shoshana has been an invaluable leader. The legacy of her term will be felt positively by our community for generations and for that I am personally grateful.

Shoshana would be the first to point out that she did not lead in a vacuum. For the past two and a half years, the Executive Committee and Board of Directors have worked tirelessly to do right by UJF and our community as a whole. All of the positive and forward-leading news you have read about in this publication would not have been possible without the hundreds of man and woman hours of these volunteers. I thank each and every one of them for supporting our work

and for their selfless commitment to the ideals for which UJF stands.

We at UJF have much work ahead of us. Jews at home, in Israel and around the world are still in need, still struggle to provide a meaningful Jewish life for their children or care for elderly parents. Some of us combat antisemitism regularly, while our brothers and sisters in Israel confront challenges that have grown more complicated with the passage of time. I can think of no better way to honor the legacy of the volunteer leaders, who have given so much of themselves these past two and a half years, than to continue our work, to improve upon it and to continue to grow our Federation so that future generations will look back and thank us for not dropping the ball. Under the guidance and stewardship of our incoming president, Ellen Weber, and the new board, I know we will do nothing less. As I invite you to join us in this endeavor, I encourage you to think about the legacy you want to leave for the community we all cherish and additional ways UJF can help turn those dreams into reality.

May the redeeming miracle of oil and lights be yours at this season.

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Segal has also been at the forefront of numerous Jewish causes and has been called an inspiration for Jewish activism. During the recent operation Protective Shield and during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy on the East Coast, Segal directed his audience how to help others in need, provided guidance to his listeners, and visited the devastated areas as a sign of solidarity and commitment.

"We are delighted to be able to bring Nachum Segal to the Stamford community to share his insights on the world of Jewish music and Jewish journalism," said Michael Feldstein, who made the arrangements for the visit. "His warmth, sincerity and overall gentle personality have helped him develop a loyal following and an enthusiastic audience. And as a person who is deeply involved in the Jewish world, he certainly has his finger on the pulse of the Jewish community."

Segal will speak three times at the synagogue over the course of the Shabbat weekend – at a dinner on Friday night at the synagogue, after morning services in the main sanctuary on Shabbat day, and between the Shabbat afternoon and evening services.

"JM in the AM" can be heard on 91.1 FM in the New York City area. For more information about the exact titles and times of the talks, call the synagogue office at 203-358-2200 or visit the *shul's* website at [www.agudatsholom.org](http://www.agudatsholom.org).

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who do not wish to stay at the hotel. Complete information, including a regularly updated conference schedule and list of presenters and conferences, can be found on the Limmud website. Limited financial aid is available. For more information, call 212-908-2539 or e-mail [info@LimmudNY.org](mailto:info@LimmudNY.org).



## UJF Tailgate Party

JCC Parking Lot  
1035 Newfield Avenue, Stamford  
1:00pm-3:00pm

Join United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien (UJF) and our partner agencies for our first annual Tailgate Party.

The day's activities include a Chili Cook-off sponsored by local kosher restaurants and caterers, games and activities for kids, an opportunity to learn about UJF agencies and schools, and a touch football game for everyone!

**Tailgate Party Chairs: Lael and Dani Shapiro**  
**Super Sunday Chairs: Lisa and Jeff Manheim**

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Super Sunday Season Kicks Off with Tailgate Party

The United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien will join together with its partner agencies on Sunday, December 7, to hold the first Tailgate Party to kick off the Super Sunday season. The event will be held from 1-3 pm outdoors at the Jewish Community Center sports court in the

spirit of a tailgate party. Light refreshments will be served. The event will be free of charge.

The day's activities will include a Chili Cook-off sponsored by area kosher restaurants and caterers. People will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite chili. There will also be activities and games

for children of all ages, including face painting, crafts and sports-related games. People will have a chance to visit booths and learn more about the agencies and schools that are supported by UJF, highlighting UJF's theme of "Better Together."

The Super Sunday coin program will also kick off at the Tailgate Party. In order to involve people of all ages, children are asked to collect coins as part of the fund-raising efforts for Super Sunday. A container will be given out at the event for them to start their coin collection. Children will have the opportunity to bring in their coins on the day of Super Sunday and put them in the coin machine, which will then count the money they have collected.

Chairing the Tailgate Party are Lael and Dani Shapiro. Lisa and Jeff Manheim have been named chairs of Super Sunday, which will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, from 9 am-5 pm, with a Super Bowl theme.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held in the JCC auditorium. For more information about the UJF Tailgate Party, or to learn more about Super Sunday, contact Sharon Franklin at 201-321-1373, ext. 109, or e-mail [sharon@ujf.org](mailto:sharon@ujf.org).

# JFS Cognitive Fitness Training Program Enlists First Volunteers

BY LYNN SALTZ

Jewish Family Service kicked off the new at-home JFS Cognitive Fitness Training Program to assist individuals looking to maintain and improve their cognitive abilities as they age.

In 2011, the first of the baby boomers turned 65. As part of the aging process, skills and abilities that were once simple and routine slowly decline. Two of these areas are memory and overall cognitive functioning. There is a growing body of evidence that supports the fact that the use of brain stimulation exercises can help maintain current levels of functioning in the elderly with cognitive impairments, and actually increase functioning in people with healthy cognitive functioning.

The creation of the JFS Cognitive Fitness Training Program was the result of a social worker exchange program through Partnership Together with the Afula/Gilboa, Israel community, in conjunction with the Jewish Agency for Israel, and United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien – a member of Jewish Federations of North America (or JFNA). JFS Social Worker Isrella Knopf observed a similar program being implemented and introduced it to the local agency. Laurence Sheinman, Caroline Temlock Teichman and Robin Fischel, board members of JFS, were instrumental in developing the concept further.

"Although there are many wonderful educational awareness programs about dementia and Alzheimer's in particular operating in lower Fairfield County, we believe we are creating the first At Home (one-on-one) Cognitive Fitness Training program," explained Sheinman, former president of the board of JFS.

Adults who volunteer to be a part of the program are trained by professionals at JFS to be qualified to perform the exercises with clients. When the learning is completed, trained volunteers begin to meet with clients in their homes once a week for 30-minute sessions. The work of the client and the Cognitive



L-r: Matt Greenberg, CEO of Jewish Family Service; Robin Fischel, JFS board member; Judy Schneiderman, cognitive fitness trainer; Isrella Knopf, JFS director of senior services; Roni Lang, cognitive fitness trainer; and Laurence Sheinman, former president of the board of JFS.

Fitness Trainer will be reviewed by a professional, and feedback and direction will be discussed. JFS Home Companion clients have already signed on to participate in the program. However, it is not limited to JFS Home Companion clients. Anyone needing this service is welcome. There is no cost to an individual to participate.

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# Deadlines for articles

The deadlines for the next three issues of *The New Jewish Voice* are:

Monday, December 23..... February  
Monday, January 26..... March  
Monday, February 23..... April

Send *New Jewish Voice* article submissions to Sandy Golove at [sandy@ujf.org](mailto:sandy@ujf.org) marked "Stamford Voice" in the subject line. Expect an acknowledgment; please re-send if you do not receive one.

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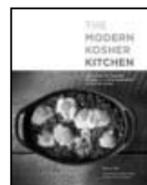
# No-Mess, No-Fuss Chanukah Doughnuts

BY RONNIE FEIN

Remember the Cronut? That super-successful, super-popular pastry that people waited on line for (and paid about \$5 a piece)? Cronuts, a cross between a croissant and a doughnut, were the first of the so-called "hybrid" pastries.

But there was more to come in the mix-and-match world of baked goods. Like the Bruffin, a cross between a brioche and a muffin. And the Duffin, a combination of doughnut and muffin.

The Duffin especially intrigued me because news of its sales caused a brawl on Facebook last year. What happened was that Bea's of Bloomsbury, a well-known London tearoom, created this particular pastry and Starbucks there tried to sell its own version. That got Bea's and



The cover of Ronnie Fein's newest cookbook, "The Modern Kosher Kitchen"

its customers upset, thus, the social media fight. It all worked out in the end and both bakeries made lots of money selling Duffins. Alas, the Duffin never made it to the United States.

So, I made my own. Here's what I discovered: while doughnuts and Cronuts are messy and time consuming, a Duffin is easy and relatively quick to cook.

What a terrific alternative to the usual Chanukah *sufganiyot*! Duffins are no-fry, no-mess and no kitchen-odor. They taste pretty good, too.

My recipe is *pareve* and it's plain. But you can substitute cream for the coconut milk if you wish and also brush the surface of the baked muffin with melted butter, scatter the top with sugar and stuff it with jam as they do at Bea's.

I call my recipe Hanukkah Muffin Tin Doughnuts because I want to be free of any arguments on Facebook and Twitter, plus avoid any legal stuff.

HANUKKAH MUFFIN TIN DOUGHNUTS

- 1 cup sugar
  - 1 large egg
  - ¾ cup coconut milk
  - ¼ cup vegetable oil
  - 1 tsp. vanilla extract
  - 1½ cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 tsp. baking powder
  - ¼ teaspoon salt
  - 2 Tbsp. confectioner's sugar
  - ¼ tsp. ground cinnamon
- Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly grease 10 muffin tin cups.

Place the sugar and egg in a large bowl and beat with an electric mixer at medium speed for 1-2 minutes or until light, thick and smooth. Add the coconut milk, vegetable oil and vanilla and blend in thoroughly.

Mix the flour, baking powder and salt together. Add the flour mixture to the egg mixture and beat at medium speed for a minute or until well blended.

Fill the muffin cups about ¾ full. Bake for 18-20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Let cool for 5 minutes.

While the doughnuts are baking, mix the confectioner's sugar and cinnamon together. After the doughnuts are baked, but still warm, sprinkle the tops with the cinnamon sugar.

Makes 10.

Ronnie Fein is a cookbook author and cooking teacher in Stamford. Her latest book is "The Modern Kosher Kitchen." Visit her food blog at [www.ronniefein.com](http://www.ronniefein.com) and follow her on Facebook at [RonnieVailFein](https://www.facebook.com/RonnieVailFein) or on Twitter at [@RonnieVFein](https://twitter.com/RonnieVFein).

## ► JCC Chanukah Giftique and Book Fair

The annual Chanukah Giftique and Book Fair at the Stamford Jewish Community Center will run this year from December 8-18. The Giftique will feature gifts and holiday-related items such as menorahs, dreidels, candles, gelt, toys, books, paper goods and decorations. The event is organized by The Center Women. For more information, call 203-322-7900 or visit [www.stamfordjcc.org](http://www.stamfordjcc.org).

The Jewish Community Center is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

## ► Chanukah Fun at JCC World Series of Dreidel

On Wednesday, December 17, from 6-7:30 pm, the JCC will host its first World Series of Dreidel, a Chanukah party for families. Everyone will receive gelt and a chance to spin the dreidel, with prizes given to the top eight finishers. Other games, snacks and holiday crafts will also be available. Dinner, including pizza, latkes and *sufganiyot*, will be served.

The cost is \$12 per person, \$42 family maximum; or \$10 per person, \$36 family maximum, for JCC members. Pre-registration is required by Friday, December 12.

Register online at [www.stamfordjcc.org](http://www.stamfordjcc.org) or by phone at 203-322-7900. For more information, contact Harrison Peck at 203-487-0970 or [hpeck@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:hpeck@stamfordjcc.org).

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# Chasidic Pop Rock Band Headlines Chabad Chanukah Celebration

BY TALY FARBER

Every year, Chabad House Stamford celebrates Chanukah by creating a Chanukah Wonderland in the downtown Stamford area. Families, dignitaries and community leaders alike have attended the menorah lighting in Latham Park. Past Chanukah Wonderlands have celebrated Chanukah with Chanukah shows, meeting Judah Maccabee, arts and crafts, storytelling, Lego menorah building, food, refreshments and more. This year's event will be held on Sunday, December 21, at Rippowam Middle School, and will feature arts and crafts, multi-media stations, storytelling and other activities from 2:30-4 pm, culminating with a concert from 4-6 pm.

This year, Chabad House Stamford's Chanukah

Wonderland will "light up" the night with a concert by 8th Day. An American Chasidic pop rock band, 8th Day is based in Los Alamitos, CA, and was formed by two brothers, Shmuel and Bentzion Marcus. The band has released several albums, but gained popularity on the Jewish music scene with the album "Chasing Prophecy" (2011).

Spearheaded by Chabad House Stamford, working in conjunction with local Jewish day schools, the Chanukah Community Concert will feature opening acts by the children of the local Jewish day schools. The concert is intended to offer an opportunity for the entire Jewish community of Stamford to come together to sing, dance and celebrate, and to "light up" the night together.

# JCC Center Women Annual Gift Show

BY LUISA VILADAS

The Center Women of the Jewish Community Center will present its annual gift show on Thursday, December 4, from 5:30-10 pm, at the Jewish Community Center. "This is everyone's favorite shopping night out," said Co-chair Amy Davidson. "It's a great chance to sip some wine, have a nosh and shop with friends."

Favorite vendors from past years will return, along with many new vendors offering unique gifts, handcrafted jewelry, Judaica, clothing and more. New this year are tastings from area kosher caterers, including Abel Caterers, Mike's Center Café, Joseph Craig Caterers and Navaratna.

Childcare will also be available, with the staff of the JCC's Youth Department offering pizza and a

movie for kids at a nominal fee.

The event raises funds for JumpStart, the JCC's therapeutic early-childhood classroom experience for 2- to 4-year-olds with special needs. The only program of its kind in the Greater Fairfield County area, JumpStart follows the pattern of a typical nursery school classroom, offering social and educational experiences in a group setting.

Fifteen percent of each vendor's sales will be donated directly to the JumpStart program. Co-chair Ellen Laichtman said, "We feel fortunate to be able to help this marvelous education program for children, and hope that all of Stamford will turn out to shop and support JumpStart."

See "Gift" on page 5

# Begin Here, Go Everywhere



## Admission Open House

Tuesday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.

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# Stamford Unites at General Assembly

The G.A. (General Assembly) of Jewish Federations of North America (or JFNA) took place in Washington, DC, on November 9-11. It is considered the premier leadership retreat for Federation volunteer leaders and professionals engaged in the business of Jewish philanthropy from across North America and around the world. With Israel in crisis, it is considered more

important than ever. The G.A. featured a combination of speakers ranging from political figures to intellectuals and philanthropic visionaries. They offered new ways of thinking about the work of Federation and provided inspiration for attendees to bring back to their communities. (See page 23 for UJF CEO James Cohen's report on the G.A.)

# From Vienna to Hollywood Academy Award Winner Interview at JHS

BY PETER LILIENTHAL

Academy Award winner Eric Pleskow will be interviewed by his daughter, Michelle Abt, president of Selah (Fairfield County's Reconstructionist Congregation), as part of the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County's December Featured Program. The interview will cover the story of his life – from a Jewish schoolboy living in Nazi occupied Austria



Academy Award winner Eric Pleskow

to his return to Europe as an American soldier and his subsequent career as a Hollywood executive, during which time he won six Academy Awards for Best Picture. The program, which is free and open to the public will be held on Sunday, December 14, at the Bartlett Arboretum, 151 Brookdale Rd., Stamford, starting at 1:30 pm, with refreshments at 1 pm.

Elissa Kaplan, chair of the Oral History Committee of the Jewish Historical Society said, "We arranged to tape a veteran's history piece with Mr. Pleskow. When we heard his story, we were blown away! We wanted Eric Pleskow to share his story."

A longtime resident of Weston, CT, Pleskow, was born on April 24, 1924, in Vienna, Austria, the son of a Jewish Russian refugee father and a Jewish Hungarian mother. After the Anschluss (the annexation of Austria by Hitler's Germany) in March 1938 and following Aryanization of their apartment, the family emigrated to the United States in 1938, leaving Austria on the last train

into France before war was declared the following day. In 1943, he was drafted into the U.S. Army as one of the "Richie Boys," a small contingent of Jewish Austrian and German immigrants who trained at Camp Ritchie, MD, a U.S. special military intelligence unit. They were able to exact revenge by returning to Europe as U.S. soldiers – using their language and cultural knowledge to wage psychological warfare against the Nazis, interrogate prisoners of war and help liberate Europe.

After World War II, Pleskow was stationed in Germany, where he guided POW interrogations during denazification and filmed trials and executions. Due to his short education in film editing, which he finished before joining the Army, he became film officer (U.S. War Department) in 1945 and was assigned to rebuild the Bavaria Film Studios at the age of 21.

Continuing in the film industry after being discharged from the Army, he worked for United Artists and was responsible for film distribution in South Africa and then Europe. He went on to become president of United Artists in 1973. Under his presidency, United Artists won the Academy Award (Oscar) for the best picture three years in a row (1975: "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," 1976: "Rocky" and 1977: "Annie Hall").

In 1978, Pleskow left United Artists See "Vienna" on page 9



UJF staff and lay leaders at this year's General Assembly. Standing (l-r): Ricky Avbron, Peter Lilienthal, Consul General of Israel in New York Ido Aharoni, Nancy Mimoun, Carol Lilienthal, UJF CEO James Cohen, Ellen Weber and UJF Director of Outreach Sharon Franklin. Kneeling: Rachel Dayan and UJF President Shoshana Dweck.

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Beth Baer and Alissa Wool are also serving as co-chairs of this year's Gift Show. Admission and parking for the event are free. The JCC is located at 1035 Newfield Ave., at the intersection of Vine Road. For more information, visit [stamfordjcc.org](http://stamfordjcc.org) or contact Nancy Schiffman at 203-487-0941 or [nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org). The Jewish Community Center is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.



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## BITS AND PIECES

BY SANDY GOLOVE

To submit information to Bits and Pieces, call 321-1373, ext. 107, or e-mail me at sandy@ujf.org. MAZEL TOV TO GROWING FAMILIES:

**Shayna and Jeremy Gilbert** on the birth of twins, Sawyer William Gilbert and Kellam Scott Gilbert; grandparents are **Liz and Bill Gilbert**.

**Laurie Pomper-Ganat** on the birth of a granddaughter, Lavie Avraham Bashan; great-grandparents are **Judy and Seymour Pomper**.

**Iana and Howard Paktor Glanzman** on the birth of a son, Yotam Ze'ev Glanzman; grandmother is **Sandra Ehrenkranz**.

**Hilary and Ari Goldstein** on the birth of a son, Noach Daniel Goldstein; grandparents are **Joan and David Goldenberg**.

**Emily and Robert Klein** on the birth of a daughter, Abigail Sophia Klein; grandparents are **Linda and Jacob Darer** and **Laurie and Mark Klein**.

**Randi and Philip Mayer** on the birth of a daughter, Leah Mayer; grandparents are **Carol Battin and Sam Mayer**.

**Siona and Perry Smith** on the birth of a daughter; grandparents are **Shirley Zajdel and Arthur Smith**.

**Laura Stein and Mike Farias** on the birth of a daughter, Lily Rose Farias; grandparents are **Beverly and David Stein**.

**Cara and Benjamin Zimon** on the birth of a daughter, Ella Jade Zimon; grandparents are **Sue and Mark Alswanger**, and great-grandparents are **Fran and Bob Alswanger**.

**MAZEL TOV TO:** **Deb and Steve Denardo** on the marriage of their daughter, **Jennifer Lee**, to **Eric Henry Galpin**.

**Laura Markowitz and Stewart Casper** on the marriage of their daughter, **Stacey Casper**, to **Daniel Warshaw**, son of **Martha Warshaw and Steven Warshaw**.



**Lisa and Aby Slen** on the engagement of their son, **Matthew Slen**, to **Mary Cline**.

**Linda Spilka and Edward Spilka** and **Barbara Smith Burstein and Ilan Burstein** on the marriage of their children, **Raquel Spilka** to **Eitan Burstein**.

**Lisa and Scott Wasserman** on the engagement of their daughter, **Brittany Wasserman**, to **David Sand**; grandmother is **Anita (Kandi) Wasserman**. MAZEL TOV TO B'NAI MITZVAH:

**Ezra Franks**, son of **Hindy Najman and Paul Franks**

**Charlotte Freund**, daughter of **Cathy Bernstein and Bud Freund**

**Sara Gatz**, daughter of **Marlene and Jeffrey Gatz**

**Dawson Elliott Golove**, son of **Beth and Rob Golove**; grandparents are **Sandy and Fred Golove**

**Molly Herckis**, daughter of **Karen and Scott Herckis**

**Gavriel Karsch**, son of **Liat and Benji Karsch**; grandparents are **Carol and Dan Karsch**

**Justin Kipness**, son of **Elise and Robert Kipness**

**Tatyana Lovishuk**, daughter of **Gabriella Lovishuk**

**Cameron Morson**, son of **Michele and Eric Morson**

**Jakob Okun**, son of **Irene and Mike Okun**

**Margalit Patry**, daughter of **Rebecca Martin and William Patry**

**Yonah Patry**, son of **Rebecca Martin and William Patry**

**Joshua Pickel**, son of **Elizabeth and Alan Pickel**

**Tyler Pomerance**, son of **Lisa and Mitch Pomerance**

**Ashley Shapiro**, daughter of **Tara and Richard Shapiro**

**CONDOLENCES TO:** Family of **Evelyn Barron**.

**Lynn Berman and Mark Peters-Golden** on the loss of their mother, **Marilyn Golden**.

**Jon Cline** on the loss of his sister, **Alanna Cline**.

**Cheryl Effren** on the loss of her father, **Abraham Josephson**.

**Claire Fishman** on the loss of her sister, **Leah Kasar**.

**Jerry Gold** on the loss of his father, and **Leonard and Robert Gold** on the loss of their brother, **Joseph Gold**.

**Ari Goldstein** on the loss of his grandfather, **Sam Kaplowitz**.

**Denise Greenman** on the loss of her father, **Dr. Samuel Kessler**.

**Sue Greenwald** on the loss of her sister, **Sarah Raikis Gorman**.

**Jerry Gross** on the loss of his mother, **Ethel Scher Gross**.

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**Bruce Klenoff** on the loss of his wife, and **Heather, Jason and Mindy Klenoff** on the loss of their mother, **Joyce Klenoff**.

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**Vivian, Lloyd and Ginny Stiassny** on the loss of their father, **Jacob Stiassny**.

## RABBI'S CORNER A Re-New-ed Focus

BY RABBI JAY TELRAV

Every synagogue is proud of the accomplishments of its youth. Temple Sinai is no different as its *b'nai mitzvah* continue to master the chanting of their Torah portions, and embrace the teachings and traditions of our people, as they stand before a congregation of beaming friends and family. Additionally, like many congregations, Temple Sinai seeks to avoid becoming the stereotypic "bar mitzvah mill" and so, in recent months, has committed to deepening the spiritual experience of this important Jewish moment. Today, many Jewish tweens and teens across denominational lines uphold the misconception that *b'nai mitzvah* marks the end of the Jewish journey, rather than an important milestone along the way. So, to counteract that perception, Temple Sinai recently collaborated with leaders from 67 other congregations across movements and geography to grapple with the challenges of retention post bar and bat mitzvah, and to seek out new ways of engaging our Jewish youth.

The first step, though it may seem obvious, has been to encourage young students and families to play a more active role in the planning and personalization of the *b'nai mitzvah* experience. The Temple Sinai clergy have begun coaching and guiding families to "think outside the box" when it comes to the *b'nai mitzvah* service. And already, in the past few months, several families have embraced their celebrations in new and innovative ways. Randy Skigen, whose son Daniel celebrated in November, said, "The way we have personalized the experience speaks strongly to who Dan is as an individual." During his service, Dan presented several challenging theological questions to the congregation and encouraged his guests to develop their own answers. Beth Lurie's son, Aaron, celebrated his milestone outdoors with the family's own Torah scroll in his arms. "As we created a ritual that would be right for Aaron, by extension, the whole family experienced something very powerful," reported Beth. "One of the most powerful aspects of Jewish worship is its ability to speak to the needs of its participants. Rabbi TelRav and I are simply working to unlock this key feature of our tradition for today's families," said Cantor Micah Morgovsky.

In the coming months, Temple Sinai will worship at Shabbat morning services led by students who have been deeply affected by their camp memories and who, in turn, have collaborated with Cantor Morgovsky to choose music to reflect that connection. Similarly, Justin Kipness, a student who has wrestled with the English meanings of our prayers, has worked closely with me to reframe each piece of the liturgy to reflect his unique view of the world while remaining true to our long and rich tradition.

Recent *b'nai mitzvah* families have lauded Temple Sinai's leadership for their openness and willingness to accommodate their individual hopes and needs, while still preserving their connection to long-standing traditions and customs. The cantor and I recognize that Judaism is an ever-evolving tradition. To that end, even more important than meeting an individual family's needs, is the need to acknowledge and embrace the fact that change is an integral part of assuring our Jewish survival into the future. If even one generation of our people had decided that Torah ceased to have relevance for them in their day, our chain of transmission would have been irrevocably broken. The goal of Jewish leaders everywhere should be to inspire an intrinsic connection to Judaism in the next generation through meaningful, personal worship experiences, contemporary music, creative learning and spiritual partnership.

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## MAZEL TOV TO AREA PROFESSIONALS

Rabbi Yehuda Jeiger Appointed YU Lead Mentor



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Rabbi Yehuda Jeiger, coordinator of Middle School Jewish Life at Bi-Cultural Day School, has been appointed as a mentor in Yeshiva University Lead, the YU School Partnership's leadership development program for current and aspiring Jewish day school leaders.

As a YU Lead mentor, Rabbi Jeiger will blend the best of online, face-to-face and group learning for this year's cohort. Throughout this nine-month program, Jeiger will support and challenge YU Lead participants to take their school leadership skills to the next level by having them reflect on their practices and beliefs about Jewish day schools and Jewish leadership.

The program began in early November as Rabbi Jeiger participated in a two-day training at the YU School Partnership's Critical Friends Group Conference, where he joined more than 100 other professional and lay leaders from around the country.

YU Lead mentors share a commitment to cultivating and guiding a new generation of Jewish day school leaders. "My goal for the year is to help facilitate learning and to create a positive culture promoting a cohesive group where we can all learn from one another and share our experiences in an open and safe environment," said Rabbi Jeiger.

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## JCC Center Women Presents "Fairy Tale Endings," January 24-25

Women from throughout the Stamford Jewish community will take center stage at the Jewish Community Center again this year, singing and dancing in an original theatrical production called "Fairy Tale Endings."

Sponsored by The Center Women, there will be three performances of the show, on Saturday, January 24, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, January 25, at 11 am and 3 pm.

Appropriate for children and adults alike, the entire community is invited

to attend. There is no charge for admission, however a donation of \$5 per person is suggested. Proceeds will benefit The Center Women of the JCC.

The JCC is located at 1035 Newfield Ave., at the intersection of Vine Road in Stamford.

For more information and to order tickets online, visit [www.stamfordjcc.org](http://www.stamfordjcc.org).

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Last year's Center Women production of the musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," was seen by nearly 1,000 people in three sellout performances. This year's production, "Fairy Tale Endings," will be presented on Saturday and Sunday, January 24-25, at the JCC.

## UJF Reading Partners Out in the Community



UJF Reading Partners participated in Bridgeport's 29th annual Read Aloud Day at The Hallen School. Back row (l-r): Dr. Deborah Santacitta; Marge Pavlou, reading partner; Marlyn Agatstein, director of Reading Partners; Ena Sarkar, reading partner; and Meg Mooar, reading partner. In front: George Markley, Hallen's volunteer captain.

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# Jewish Family Service and Person-to-Person Exchange Collected Food

Rebekah Kanefsky, Jewish Family Service case manager and Janet King, Person-to-Person director of volunteers, exchanged non-kosher for kosher packaged foods. Jewish Family Service, the only kosher food pantry in Fairfield County, provides non-perishable food and grocery cards for perishable items to clients in need, regardless of race, religious or ethnic background.



Rebekah Kanefsky and Janet King at Person-to-Person

Jewish Family Service and Person-to-Person, two organizations that respond to the challenges in the community by providing food for the hungry and assisting individuals and families through life's transitions, worked together to collect both kosher and non-kosher foods during this year's 2014 High Holy Days Food Drive.

Based in Darien and Norwalk, Person-to-

Person's High Holy Day Food Drives are a long-standing tradition, which began decades ago in Stamford and have expanded into Norwalk. In the spirit of *tikkun olam*, congregations in Stamford and Norwalk were encouraged to donate both kosher and non-kosher foods, and to return the filled bags to their house of worship during the High Holy Days.

Jewish Family Service extended its thanks to everyone in the community for their generosity at this time of the year. If anyone would like to donate additional kosher food items to JFS, contact Rebekah Kanefsky at 201-921-4161 or rkanevsky@ctjfs.org.

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# JFS Partners to Provide High Holiday Kosher Food

BY IRIS MORRISON

Once again, Jewish Family Service has preserved the tradition of coordinating the collection and distribution of kosher food to individuals and families who are in need of assistance during the High Holidays, the *yomim tovim*. The Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County provided food and the ShopRite Partners in Caring program donated \$1,000 to assist in the project. Congregation Agudath Sholom of Stamford also collected and donated food from its holiday food drive. This Jewish New Year, almost 250 individuals or families primarily in Stamford, Norwalk, Westport, Wilton and Trumbull received

the bags of food for the holidays.

On October 2, about a dozen volunteers from the Jewish Family Service's JTT program (Jewish Twenties and Thirties) packed large shopping bags at the Stamford Jewish Community Center. A group of youngsters from the Stamford JCC Swim Club offered to assist, as well. The basic High Holidays bag included apples, fruits and vegetables, a jar of gefilte fish, a jar of horseradish, a small bottle of grape juice and a dessert. As always, JFS gathered the names and addresses of those in need of assistance and coordinated the distribution of the kosher food bags.

Keeping a kosher home can be a challenge for those who are experiencing financial hardships. Especially in these hard times, a family who wants to keep a kosher home may require some assistance. The generosity of the Greater Stamford community made it possible for JFS to reach out to more families and individuals than it has ever assisted in the past.

Jewish Family Service operates a Kosher Food Pantry all year-round for those in need. Anyone

See "Kosher" on page 10



Nathaniel Morgulis and Josh Herman were hard at work counting apples to distribute to those in need from the yomim tovim food drive.



L-r: Tatiana (last name withheld to preserve privacy) waited to receive bags of kosher food from Shira and Solomon Green from the JFS Kosher Food Pantry.

# Shabbat Re-imagined at Temple Beth El

BY STEVE LANDER

As the fall holidays recede from view, Temple Beth El is turning its attention to re-imagining Shabbat with a variety of service and programmatic offerings. The renewed focus on Shabbat is a by-product of the congregation's recent exercise in strategic planning, with

Shabbat considered a pillar of TBE's collective vision.

A centerpiece of these efforts is Cantor Magda Fishman, whose delivery of cantorial vocal tradition, contemporary music and prayer filled the sanctuary over the recent High Holidays, and has led to a new level of participation

among congregants. Joining Cantor Fishman and Rabbi Joshua Hammerman as part of the spiritual musical team is Beth Styles, producer/composer of Stamford's community multi-faith choir, the New World Chorus, as well as "The Shabbat Experience."

"Our goal," Rabbi Hammerman stated, "is nothing less than to create a new energy in the congregation and a deeper connection to the Jewish and interfaith community at large, building on the congregation's longstanding record of inclusivity and innovation."

"Every Friday night, members and guests are welcomed into a loving, spiritual atmosphere, where the message and music of Shabbat take us on a journey that is sure to inspire," said Styles.

A rotation of events will include "Shabbat Around the World," such as the service dedicated to the story and music of Jews from Uganda that took place in November; "Shabbat

Socials," with wine and cheese and potluck dinners; "Family Shabbats," such as the "Shabbat Chanukah" extravaganza planned for Friday, December 19, with live music and latkes; "Shabbat on the Road," such as the one planned for downtown Stamford in the winter; "Shabbat Alive!," a service featuring a live band; and "The Shabbat Experience" coming up on Friday, December 26, where Temple Beth El will join Temple Sinai and Selah for a candle-lit, meditative and musical community experience.

More information on upcoming Friday night events, along with a number of special programs planned for Shabbat morning as well, including learners, musical and meditative experiences, will be announced at a later date.

All *Kabbalat* Shabbat services begin at 7:30 pm unless noted otherwise (such as the Chanukah family service, which will begin at 7 pm). For more information, contact Styles at bstyles@me.com.

# Jewish Women Connected Luncheon



On October 14, Chabad House Stamford's Jewish Women Connected annual Luncheon in the Sukkah was held. The event was chaired by Elaine Finkelstein and had more than 50 women in attendance, including seniors from Bright Horizons. L-r: Jodi Shapiro, Sheri Jacobson, Leah Shemtov and Frances Schaff.

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to found Orion Pictures, which he directed until 1992. Its greatest successes were "Amadeus," "Dances with Wolves" and "The Silence of the Lambs."

Since 1998, Pleskow has been president of the Film Festival Viennale in Vienna. In February 2007, he was awarded honorary citizenship of Vienna, following Billy Wilder and

Teddy Kollek (2001).

For information about the program, contact Marcie Schoenfeld at 203-359-9148 or elissa@de-kaplan.com.

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# Len and Susan Mark to Receive Humanitarian Award

The Israel Cancer Research Fund will honor Susan and Len Mark of Stamford, with the Tower of Hope Humanitarian Award at its Gala on Wednesday, December 3, at 6:30 pm, at The Pierre in New York City. Dr. Aaron Ciechanover, Nobel laureate, distinguished professor at Technion Institute of Technology and ICRF research professor, will be the guest speaker.

Recently, Len and Susan Mark became interested in the Israel Cancer Research Fund, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to harness Israel's scientific talent to find cancer cures. Len and Susan have earmarked a major three-year gift to ICRF.

According to the Marks, "It was an easy decision to support ICRF because of its mission to retain the best scientific minds in Israel by providing the resources needed to fund their world-class research. We are so pleased that ICRF has brought together our desire to fight ovarian and other cancers, and our lifetime commitment to Israel."

David Kweskin, ICRF Connecticut area director, noted, "Israel has the world's largest concentration of international scientists and physicians, but insufficient funds to sponsor all of the vital cancer research projects. With the generous support of Len and Susan and others, I believe that many of the cancer cures will come from Israel's outstanding scientific community."

ICRF-funded research has helped lead to the development of life-saving drugs such as Gleevec, Doxil and Velcade; the discovery of the location and chemical nature of the p53 tumor-suppressor gene; and identification of the "Philadelphia Chromosome." Since awarding its first grants in 1977, ICRF has funded 2,115 grants totaling \$52 million to scientists in Israel, including two Nobel Prize winners.

Both Len and Susan have been active in the local and international community for 30-plus years. Len sat on the Stamford Housing Development Fund board; was a founding board member



Susan and Len Mark

of Kulanu, Stamford's supplemental Jewish high school; board member and House Committee chair of Congregation Agudath Sholom; and a member of the Board of Trustees of Bi-Cultural Day School. He has served UJF of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien in several senior level capacities. The Marks sponsor the Len and Susan Mark Youth Outreach Center in Afula, Israel, for Ethiopian teens.

Susan was a board member of the League of Women Voters; worked at the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County and chaired its Hunger Walk and Concert; twice chaired the Bi-Cultural Day School Gala; was a board member of Congregation Agudath Sholom, and held the position of secretary and chaired the youth committee; and served in several positions at Hadassah, including member of the National Board for 30 years, president of the Connecticut Region and national VP. Currently, Susan serves on the Friendship Circle board.

Len has been a manager of various properties, including self-storage facilities and offices, retail and industrial, for 20 years. Previously, he was a builder and was involved in the renovation of two 19<sup>th</sup> century mill complexes into 300 apartments.

For information on the gala, contact Kweskin at David.Kweskin@icrfonline.org or 203-321-1006.

# Slingshot Recognizes Jewish Student Connection

BY DAVE DOSSICK

Jewish Student Connection announced it was included in Slingshot's 2014-2015 guide of innovative and effective Jewish organizations in North America. A go-to resource for volunteers, activists and donors looking for new opportunities and projects, the Slingshot guide seeks to ensure that the Jewish community remains relevant and thriving. Jewish Student Connection, a non-profit organization

that helps teens create and operate Jewish cultural clubs in public and private high schools across the country, currently serves three Stamford high schools: Academy of Information Technology and Engineering, Stamford High School and Westhill High School.

Jewish Student Connection recognizes that many teens disconnect from Jewish life after their bar or bat mitzvah and seek to counter the trend

by providing accessibility without barriers, no dues, no membership requirements and no restrictive definition of what it means to be Jewish. It brings Jewish experiences directly to where teens spend most of their time – their high schools. By welcoming Jews and non-Jews alike to explore Judaism, they seek to open the doors to students who would otherwise lack access to Jewish engagement. The Slingshot guide sums up JSC with the following statement: "There is a great need to reach teens with meaningful Jewish opportunities, and the

strategy of going to where they are and allowing non-Jews to participate is very successful."

Jewish Student Connection announced that it is thrilled to be a part of the Stamford community and is grateful to United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien for its support.

To learn more about Jewish Student Connection or Slingshot, contact Rebecca Shapiro at Rebecca@myjsc.org. Jewish Student Connection is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

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who knows of families or individuals who might benefit from assistance in the future, should contact Rebekah Kanefsky, JFS case management, at 203-921-4161 or rkanefsky@ctjfs.org. All requests and referrals are kept strictly confidential.

Anyone who would like to donate non-perishable kosher food items such as canned fruits and vegetables,

fish, pasta, beans and supermarket and pharmacy gift cards to JFS should also contact Kanefsky at 203-921-4161 or e-mail at rkanefsky@ctjfs.org to arrange for drop-off at the Stamford office.

Iris Morrison is the associate executive director of Jewish Family Service.

Jewish Family Service is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.



L-r: Heather Susman, Rachel Aaron, Robin Treidel and Robin Fischel, all Jewish Twenties and Thirties volunteers, sent out their holiday wishes.



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# National Merit Scholarship Program Recognizes JHSC Students

The Jewish High School of Connecticut announced that Miriam Gerber and Eva Gerber have been recognized in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. Miriam was named a semifinalist, an honor less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors achieve. Eva received a letter of commendation, placing her in the top 5 percent of students who took the exam. About 1.5 million high school juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the program by taking the PSAT in 2013.

Miriam credited the school for providing an environment supportive of in-depth scholarship and conducive to serious integration of academic

and creative talents. "JHSC's faculty encourages learning. There are core classes, but there is also an emphasis on discovering your own personal interests. It is simultaneously supportive and challenging," she commented.

"We strive for an atmosphere of collegiality and creativity. With our students' input we develop elective opportunities both in school and through virtual learning venues to support their diverse passions," said Susan Birke Fiedler, acting head of school. Examples of courses students have taken are playwriting, engineering, oceanography, Jewish Philosophy, politics and society and comparative religion.

The school's mission is to educate Jewish youth for whom Jewish values and traditions shape and guide their lives and for whom learning and responsible action are the foundation for achievement. Student voice and individual attention are considered central to the school's pedagogy. The school is located at the Stamford Technology Center, 1937 West Main St., Stamford. The space supports the STEM program.

Students entering all grades may apply now to JHSC for the 2015-2016 academic year. To apply or for more information about the school, visit [www.jhsct.org](http://www.jhsct.org), call 203.357.0850 or e-mail [admissions@jhsct.org](mailto:admissions@jhsct.org).

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L-r: Nimrod Dayan, James Cohen and Eve Nachman

All organizations and synagogues will benefit from a meaningful assessment of what our legacies should be, and we look forward to providing the community more assistance in this regard."

Participants at the workshop heard from several members of the UJF Legacy Committee, which had prepared the workshop, in addition to the new materials UJF has created for use by all organizations in the community. Committee member Rabbi Daniel Cohen of Congregation Agudath Sholom opened the discussion by placing the notion of legacy in a Jewish context. He was followed by Committee Chair Carol Karsch, who served for more than 20 years as the executive director of the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona. Karsch demystified some of the elements of having a legacy conversation with donors and gave examples from her decades of experience. Henry Bubel, a partner in the New York law firm Patterson Belknap Webb and Tyler, presented an overview on the legal and financial aspects of the types of gifts one can make, and Isaac

Shalev, president of Sage70, walked participants through a year of legacy planning.

UJF President Shoshana Dweck wrapped up the formal part of the program by highlighting UJF's commitment to helping all of the organizations in town succeed. Emphasizing that UJF was not undertaking to establish a new foundation or fund, she noted that, "We want to honor any donor to any one of our Jewish organizations, local, national or international." To that end, UJF has asked all of the agencies and synagogues for the names of their current legacy donors, so that they can be honored as founding members of the newly launched Herzl Society.

Feedback from the event has been called very positive. Sylvan Pomerantz, president of Temple Beth El, said, "This is a fantastic initiative. The community needs this and we will certainly benefit from it."

For more information on the Herzl Initiative, or those who have made a legacy gift to any Jewish organization, contact Cohen at [dcohen@ujf.org](mailto:dcohen@ujf.org) to be recognized.

# BCDS Adds Coral Reef Tank to Science Program

By DORA SALM

The newest members of the Bi-Cultural Day School community don't carry books, backpacks or attend class, but they do travel in schools – ocean fish have joined BCDS in a customized coral reef tank located just inside the front entrance of the school for both students and faculty to view.

Featuring subtropical coral ocean life commonly found in the northern tip of the Red Sea from the Israeli port city of Eilat, Bi-Cultural's new coral reef aquarium adds a level of experiential learning to the science program. Middle school science teacher Christopher Graseck, the caretaker of the tank, explained that the purpose of an aquarium in a school environment is multi-fold, lending itself to many hands-on learning opportunities and providing real-life examples of living creatures in an ocean-life ecosystem.

"Teachers can use the reef to demonstrate any part of an ecosystem, including ecological processes, classification of living things, and symbiotic and co-evolution relationships – how animals rely on each other," Graseck explained. The students learn that the reef fish, which include the male and female Lyretailed Anthias, the Green Chromis, the Long-Nosed Hawkfish,

and Bullet and Shrimp Goby fish, all play a role in maintaining a healthy habitat within the 120-gallon, 48-inch-wide tank.

Building beyond the initial coral reef biology unit, Graseck is in the process of creating a set of curriculum plans to use the aquarium in the science curriculum for each grade level. With the students helping to maintain the balance of electrical, plumbing and chemistry levels, Graseck explained that the reef tank is an accessible way to incorporate S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and math) into the BCDS science program. "We're measuring chemical parameters, such as salinity, ammonia and nitrate, as well as phosphate levels, making sure that LED levels are correct and checking bacteriological filters," explained Graseck, who is assisted in performing these necessary functions with the help of an after-school ecology club, as well as the audiences that pop up when Graseck performs his daily checks of the tank.

Graseck also explained that an additional benefit is to "add depth and knowledge" to the eighth-graders to reference during their snorkeling activity in Eilat on the annual Israel Experience trip. "The students are going to see hundreds of fish and



Science teacher Christopher Graseck explained the maintenance specifics of the Bi-Cultural coral reef tank to students Douglas Herman and Rina Parhi. (Photo by Dora Salm)

they are going to know the names of the various fish even before they get there. It's a great way to incorporate biology and marine life study into their trip," Graseck said.

Sixth-grader Ben Marcus, one of the members of the Coral Reef Club at BCDS, explained that he has already learned a lot about the mechanical and technical aspects of the tank, yet it's the overall feeling that he gets from the coral reef system that he appreciates the most. "With all the variety of fish from the Red Sea, there's a cultural aspect of the tank and it adds even more life to the school," he said.

Bi-Cultural Day School is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

# Jewish High School of Connecticut Announces Introductory Tuition

The Board of Trustees of the Jewish High School of Connecticut announced an introductory tuition of \$18,500 for the academic year of 2015-2016. JHSC is now located in the Stamford Technology Center (1937 West Main St., Stamford), which offers research labs and is close to the Stamford train station. "We are offering our high caliber program at this tuition to introduce ourselves," stated Randie Weseley, president of the board.

JHSC is accredited by the New England Association of Independent Schools. The college preparatory program is supported by a faculty committed to individualized attention and mentoring. "Students are encouraged to attain the full measure of their potential. We believe that every person has a talent and a passion and it is up to us to help our students pursue or uncover their unique gifts," said Susan Birke Fiedler, acting head of school.

"The scope of course opportunities is astounding," said Miriam Gerber, a 2014 semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. "The faculty's breadth of knowledge and willingness to explore student's interests create a dynamic and supportive academic environment."

Students entering all grades may apply now

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"As a leader in the Lower Fairfield County area supplying care for seniors in their homes for almost 30 years, JFS is well-qualified to conduct the training and evaluation necessary to provide an effective program targeted to improving the quality of life of an aging population," added Matt Greenberg, CEO of Jewish Family Service.

JFS Home Companion is a training and referral service that provides caregivers for families needing help for one of their members. The service provides customized support allowing clients to remain in the living situation that is most independent and comfortable for them. For more information about JFS Home Companion, contact Isrella Knopf, director of senior services, at 203-921-4161 or e-mail at [isrellak@ctjfs.org](mailto:isrellak@ctjfs.org).

JFS extends its gratitude to the volunteer recruits from local agencies and synagogues. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer trainer for the program, or who knows someone who may benefit from the cognitive fitness training program, should contact Greenberg at 203-921-4161 or [mgreenberg@ctjfs.org](mailto:mgreenberg@ctjfs.org).

Lynn Saltz is the Jewish Family Service marketing and communication coordinator.

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For more information, please contact Sharon Franklin, Director of Outreach and Engagement at 203-321-1373 x 109 or [Sharon@ujf.org](mailto:Sharon@ujf.org)

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# Mitzvah Madness Hits Carmel Academy

## Sixth Grade Girls and Their Mothers Team Up

BY JULIE LAPIN

Carmel Academy's sixth grade girls and their mothers are piloting a year-long community service project that they may never forget. Each month, a sixth grade girl and her mother choose and organize a community service project. Then, all the girls in the grade, together with their mothers, complete the project as a team.

Termed "Mitzvah Madness," the program is a powerful way for mothers to model for their daughters the importance and impact of giving back to the community and the world at large," said Stamford resident Dr. Rachel Messinger, a sixth grade parent who is spearheading the program with fellow Carmel Academy parent Dr. Eve Goldstein.

Each mother and daughter duo will have the opportunity during the academic year to take on a leadership role by creating a mitzvah project based on their specific interests.

"It's really empowering for the girls and it gives them a chance to do something quite meaningful with their mothers," Messinger said. "By the end of the year, we will have given our daughters an enduring life lesson."

The program was first initiated in Israel by Carmel Academy's director of general studies curriculum and professional development, Dr. Cindy Mann, as a coming of age project to help raise children's awareness of others and encourage children to give back to their community. After discussing the program with Mann, Messinger said she and other parents were eager to adopt the program at Carmel Academy.

One Sunday afternoon each month, a mother and daughter team organizes a service project. The first Mitzvah Madness project, organized by Messinger and her daughter, Hannah, involved cooking a meal and serving it to 25 women at the Inspirica Women's Homeless Shelter in Stamford.

"Spending time volunteering with my mom and friends has been so great," said Hannah, who had never been to a homeless shelter before. "It really made me realize how good it feels to help people who are in need and to appreciate things that others don't have like food and clothes. I feel very lucky!"

In October, the group volunteered at Kids Kloset in White Plains, packaging clothing for children and families in need, and this month they will be volunteering with The Friendship Circle in Stamford, a



Carmel Academy sixth-graders Hannah MacDonald of Stamford and Rachel Meiliken of Rye helped prepare a meal at the Inspirica Women's Homeless Shelter in Stamford.

program that brings volunteers and special needs children together for fun activities and friendship.

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# Chabad Launches New Chabad Kids Club

BY TALY FARBER

Chabad House Stamford has launched its new kids program, Chabad Kids Club. The new program incorporates all of the previous children's programs – like POGS (Parsha and Other Good Stuff), which offers science, cooking and PARASHA for kindergarten-second grade; Chai 5, a hands-on Chessed club for third-sixth-graders; Hebrew School; and Aleph Bet programs – and consolidates them into a two-hour

afternoon program.

CKC will be held at Chabad on Wednesdays, from 4-6 pm, at the rededicated Keravtanu Children's Library. Like before, the program is run by the MO-RAHS (teachers) of Chabad, open to children from kindergarten-sixth grade, and caters to public and private school students. The new aspect of CKC is that kids can come get a snack, read a library book or get Judaic/Hebrew homework help. One-on-one

tutoring options will be available.

"CKC is an invaluable resource if you are a non-Hebrew speaking parent, or finding it difficult to tutor your own child," said Leah Shemtov. "With this new format, CKC provides something for everyone. It's a great afternoon program with academic and social aspects, where kids can come learn and have fun!"

For more details, contact Shemtovatmorahleah@chabadstamford.org.

# Sukkah Cycle Takes a Spin Around Carmel Academy

Is it a bicycle? Is it a sukkah? No, it's a Sukkah Cycle!

Rabbi Eytan Hammerman, from the JCC of Harrison, brought his Sukkah Cycle to the school's Greenwich campus, giving Carmel Academy's students a hands-on tour of his bicycle turned sukkah. Rabbi Hammerman explained what makes a sukkah kosher and why the Sukkah Cycle completes the commandment of dwelling in a sukkah. He took the children on rides around the lower school courtyard. Even Head of School Nora Anderson took the Sukkah Cycle for a spin.

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At right: Carmel Academy fifth grade students admired the Sukkah Cycle ridden by Rabbi Eytan Hammerman of the JCC of Harrison.



Carmel Academy students Kayla Erickson of Greenwich, Nadav Coll of Stamford, Max MacDonald of Stamford and Neveh Yechieli of Greenwich took a ride on the Sukkah Cycle.

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<b>Celebrate Chanukah at Temple Beth El</b> Friday, Dec 19 at 6:00 pm. Fun filled, Chanukah themed Shabbat dinner, including a song session for young children, games and prizes followed by a family friendly, participatory Shabbat evening service. For more information and to register for the dinner, please call 203-322-6901.
<b>Chanukah Community Concert and Celebration</b> Sunday, Dec. 21. Wonderland from 2:30-4 pm and Concert from 4-6 pm at Rippowam Middle School. Open to all. Chanukah shows, meet Judah Maccabee, arts and crafts, multi media station, storytelling, Lego menorah building, Chanukah Super Store, food, refreshments and more. For further information: Leah Shemtov at 203-323-2223 or morahleah@chabadstamford.org.
<b>Family Fun Day Brunch</b> Thursday, Dec 25 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm at Chabad House. Open to all. Pancakes, waffles, eggs and all the trimmings. Activities and fun for all ages!
<b>Giant Menorah Lighting</b> Tuesday, Dec 16 at 5:30 pm at Latham Park. Open to all. Light Fairfield County's largest menorah, joined by dignitaries and community leaders. Donuts and hot apple cider, latkes and gelt for the kids.
<b>JCC Open House</b> Sunday, Jan 4 from 10 am-2 pm. Try a group exercise class, use the JCC fitness center and pool with family and friends. Learn about JCC programs, enjoy special membership discounts. For information, contact Ilene Kirschner Madwed at 203-487-0945 or imadwed@stamfordjcc.org.
<b>JCC Purim Carnival</b> Sunday, Feb 22 from 1-4 pm. Fee: Free. Circus performances, games, food and prizes. Tickets and bracelets available for purchase. Volunteers needed. For more information, contact Harrison Peck at 203-487-0970 or hpeck@stamfordjcc.org.
<b>Limud NY</b> Friday – Monday, Feb 13-16 at Stamford Hilton Hotel & Executive Meeting Center. Fee: Free. Celebrate the rich diversity of Jewish culture, life and learning through art, music, text study, film, hands-on workshops, performances and more. Programming for the whole family including babysitting and Camp Ramah at Limud NY. All meals are glatt kosher. Financial aid and student pricing available. Register now at www.limudny.org
<b>O-la-mi Family Bingo at The J</b> Sunday, Jan 11 from 5-7 pm. Fee: \$12 per person; \$42 family maximum; \$10 per person / \$36 family maximum JCC members. Pizza dinner and prizes. Children under 3 enter and eat for free. Proceeds will support the JCC summer scholarship fund. Pre-registration required by Thursday, Jan 8. For more information, contact Harrison Peck at 203-487-0970 or hpeck@stamfordjcc.org.
<b>UJF Tailgate Party</b> Sunday, Dec 7 from 1-3 pm at the JCC parking lot. Fee: Free. Chili Cook-off sponsored by local Kasher restaurants and caterers, games and activities for kids, opportunity to learn about UJF agencies and schools and a touch football game for everyone. For more information, contact Sharon Franklin at Sharon@ujf.org or 203-321-1373 x109.

## BIRTH through PRESCHOOL

<b>Babies and Babble at the JCC</b> Birth – 2 years with parents or caregivers. A monthly playgroup on Fridays from 3:30-4:30 pm. Fee: Yearly \$25 / JCC Members \$18. To register, call the JCC welcome desk at 203-322-7900. For further information, contact Galit Roloff at 203-487-0974 or groloff@stamfordjcc.org or Dana Drazin-Polikoff at Babiesandbabble@yahoo.com.
<b>Got Shabbat! Tiny Treasures Mommy &amp; Me</b> Birth to 30 months. Fridays from 10 am-10:45 am at Chabad. Second session begins Friday, Jan 9. Fee: \$15 per class (first timers FREE). Bring your little one to feel, taste, touch, see and experience a hands-on Shabbat celebration. Caregivers welcome.
<b>JCC Supper and Song – Purim Party with Amy Rogel</b> Ages 1-8 with parents or caregiver (no charge for children 6 months and younger). Wednesday, Feb 25 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Fee: \$12 per person, if registered before Feb 18 / JCC members \$9; beginning February 19, \$14 per person / JCC members \$11. Sing along, sup along! featuring guest entertainer Amy Rogel in a concert tailored to young children. Pizza and a Purim dessert served to children and adults. For further information, contact Galit Roloff at 203-487-0974 or groloff@stamfordjcc.org.
<b>Movin' and Groovin' at the JCC</b> 12 – 30 months, with parent or caregiver. Tuesdays through Dec 16; Jan 6-Mar 24 (no class 2/17) from 10:00 am-10:45 am. Fee: \$253 / JCC Members \$209 (11 sessions). Children will swing, spin, jump, stretch, leap, roll and climb. Rhythm, music and song aid in the development of fine and gross motor skills, listening and social skills while playing and learning.
<b>Music and Movement</b> For children birth – 30 months. For toddlers. Wednesdays, Dec 3, 17; Jan 7, 21; Feb 22, 25 from 1:30-2:10 pm at Bi-Cultural Day School. Fee: Free. With Jonathan Cahr and Rachel Bahar. For more information, contact Joanne Karow, 203-329-2186 x1310 or jkarow@bcds.org. Music, movement, nursery rhymes, dramatization and folk song. Join in whenever you can.
<b>Music Together at the JCC</b> Birth-5 years with parent or caregiver. Music education program that nurtures children's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. To register, contact Music Together of Fairfield County at 203-256-1656.
<b>Shabbat Party</b> Kids birth-3 years old (special program for older siblings also). Friday, Dec 6 from 11 am-12:30 pm at Chabad. Experience the tastes, touch, smells and sounds of Shabbat.
<b>Singing and Dancing with Natasha and Steve</b> Ages 1-8 years old with parent or caregiver. Wednesday, Dec 10 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm at The J. Fee: \$12 per person if registered before Dec 3, JCC members \$9; and \$14 per person beginning Dec 4, JCC members \$11. "sing along, sup along" featuring Natasha and Steve in a concert tailored to young children. Pizza served to children and adults. For further information, contact Galit Roloff at 203-487-0974 or groloff@stamfordjcc.org.
<b>Wonderful Ones</b> Ages 1-2 years old with parents or caregiver. Thursdays through Dec 18; Jan 8 – Apr 2 from 9:15-10:15 am at the JCC Sara Walker Nursery School located at Temple Sinai. Fee: \$234 / JCC Members \$195 (13 sessions). Led by Sandi Waldstreicher. Children get a social, classroom experience including free play, art projects, stories, songs; parents benefit from parenting tips and discussions.

## SHABBAT

<b>This American Jewish Life at Temple Beth El</b> Friday, Dec 12 at 7:30 pm. Fun, filled, Chanukah themed Shabbat diner, including a song session for young children, games and prizes followed by a family friendly, participatory Shabbat evening service. For more information and to register for the dinner, call 203-322-6901.
<b>A Taste of Chanukah at Temple Sinai</b> Friday, Dec 19. Time TBA. Fee: Dinner Only (\$18 per adult, \$10 per child). For further information, contact Temple Sinai office. Learn and Celebrate Chanukah together
<b>Ruach Services at Temple Sinai</b> Friday, Dec 19 and Saturday, Jan 31. For further information, contact Temple Sinai office, 203-322-1649. Ruach means spirit. All musical services are energetic and informal. Open to the community.
<b>Shabbat Martin Luther King Jr. Service with Rabbi Phil Schechter</b> Friday, Jan 16. For further information, contact Temple Sinai office at 203-322-1649.
<b>Shabbat With Kolot Sinai</b> Saturday, Jan 31. Open to the community. For further information, contact Cantor Morgovsky at Temple Sinai, 203-322-1649.
<b>Tot Shabbat at Temple Sinai</b> Birth – 7 years old. Friday, Dec 12, Feb 13 at 5:00 pm or Saturday, Jan 10 at 9:00 am. Fee: Free. For further information, contact Temple Sinai office. Open to the community. Dancing, singing, praying and playing. Led by Rabbi Telrav and Cantor Morgovsky.

## GRADES K-8

<b>4th Annual Havdalah &amp; Hoops Tournament at The J</b> Grades 6-12. Sat., Jan 17 at 6:30 pm. Fee: \$18 per person. Father & son 3-on-3 basketball tournament. For information, contact Mo Conception at 203-487-0971 or mconception@stamfordjcc.org.
<b>Bat Mitzvah Club &amp; BMC Beyond</b> For Bat Mitzvah Aged girls. Sunday, Dec 7 from 6:00-7:30 pm at Chabad. Bat Mitzvah coming up? Caught up with the theme, clothing and party favors but clueless about the meaning. Do you think a Bat Mitzvah ends or begins with your party? Did you already celebrate your Bat Mitzvah and are wondering "What now?" Then this club is for you!
<b>Bat Mitzvah Club Shabbaton</b> For Bat Mitzvah Aged girls. Friday, Jan 23 at Chabad House. 26 hours of non-stop BMC fun! Spend a complete Shabbat experience with your BMC leader and fellow BMC friends – an experience not to be missed.
<b>BBYO</b> For Grades 8-12. Every 2nd Monday from 7:00-9:00 pm at The J. For further information, please contact BBYO Regional Office (203) 389-2127 or CVR@bbyo.org www.cvrbbyo.net. Leviticus AZA (Boys) & Tikvah BGG (Girls). Teens engaged in opportunities for leadership, athletic, social and community service.
<b>CKC – Chabad Kids Club</b> Grades K-6. Wednesdays, Dec 3, 10; Jan 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 25 from 4-6 pm pm at Chabad. Incorporating POGS, Chai 5, Hebrew School and Aleph Bet. Hands on Chessed Club, science and cooking, weekly Torah Portion, snacks, aleph bet and Hebrew reading. Judaic homework help included – plus one on one tutoring option available.
<b>JCC Maccabi Games Open House</b> Ages 13 to 16. Tuesday, Dec 9 from 7 pm at The J. and Thursday, Dec 18 at 7:00 pm at The J. For teens and parents who want to know more about the JCC Maccabi Experience. Teens must be the age of 13 to 16 by July 31, 2015. For further information, contact Mo Conception at 203-487-0971 or mconception@stamfordjcc.org.
<b>JCC Mitzvah Ball 'Pretty in Pink'</b> Ages 4-10. Saturday, Feb 7 from 6:30-8 pm at The J. Fee: \$45 per couple (\$5 each additional child); \$36 per couple (\$5 each additional child) JCC members. Fathers and daughters will dance and play games. For further information, contact Galit Roloff at 203-487-0974 or groloff@stamfordjcc.org.
<b>JCC Supper and Song – Purim Party with Amy Rogel</b> See description above under Birth through Preschool.
<b>JFS Workshop – The Race to College – For Grades 8-12</b> Mondays, Dec 1 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Harry Bennett Branch of the Ferguson Library. Fee: Free and open to the community. For further information, contact Claire Friedlander at claire@ctjfs.org or call 203-921-4161. Pre-planning for college for 8-11th graders and their parents and facilitated by Claire Friedlander, Jewish Family Service College Consultant.
<b>Meet and Greet with Cast of Fairy Tale Endings</b> For children 8 and under, accompanied by an adult. Wednesday, Jan 14 from 5:30-6:30 pm at The J. Fee: If registered before Jan 7: \$12 per person / JCC members \$9; After Jan 7: \$14 per person / JCC members \$11. Cast members will perform selections from their upcoming performance. Pizza and refreshments served. For further information, contact Galit Roloff at 203-487-0974 or groloff@stamfordjcc.org.
<b>Middle School Laser Tag at The J</b> Saturday, Jan 31 from 7-10 pm. Fee: \$15 per person / \$10 JCC members. Complete in the laser tag battle of the year. Snacks will be provided.
<b>Singing and Dancing with Natasha &amp; Steve</b> See description above under Birth - Pre-School.

## GRADES 9-12

<b>BBYO</b> For Grades 8 - 12. Every 2nd Monday from 7:00-9:00 pm at The J. For further information, please contact BBYO Regional Office (203) 389-2127 or CVR@bbyo.org www.cvrbbyo.net. Leviticus AZA (Boys) & Tikvah BGG (Girls). Teens engaged in opportunities for leadership, athletic, social and community service.
<b>FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE</b> For volunteers in Grades 9-12 at Chabad • At Home: Every week, pairs of teen volunteers visit special needs children in their homes offering friendship and unconditional support. • Children's/Teen Circle: 15 Sundays through the year. Volunteer to work with special needs children under the guidance of professionals. Activities include art, music, cooking and sports. • Special Events: Throughout the year for Friendship Circle volunteers and children and families they support. For further information: Malya Shmolkin at 203-329-0015 #414, Malya@friendshipct.com or www.friendshipct.com
<b>4th Annual Havdalah &amp; Hoops Tournament at The J</b> See description above under Grades K-8.
<b>JCC Maccabi Games Open House</b> See description above under Grades K-8.
<b>Jewish Student Connection</b> For Grades 9 – 12. Tuesdays at 2:15 pm at Stamford High School, or Thursdays at 2:15 pm at Westhill High School. For further information on either Tuesday or Thursday, contact rebecca@myjcc.org
<b>JFS Workshop – The Race to College – For Grades 8-12</b> See description above under Grades K-8.
<b>Kuriansky Teen Tzedakah Corps</b> Meets once a month on Sundays: Dec 14, Jan 25 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at The J. For further information or to nominate a teen, contact 203-321-1373. For Grades 10. Come together to learn about philanthropy, leadership, the importance of community, and work together to make our community, Israel and the world a better place. The group will create a mission statement and allocate funds to a non-profit of their choosing based on that mission statement.
<b>Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing and Shevet Achim: The Brotherhood</b> For Grades 8 and 9. Tuesday, Dec 9 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Temple Beth El. You don't have to be a member of TBE to participate. For further information, contact Lisa Gittelman Udi at 203-322-6901 x305 or eddir@tbe.org
<b>Speak Up for Israel</b> Sundays, Dec 14, Jan 25 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at The J. For further information or to nominate a teen, contact Or Berger, JCC Israeli Shlichah at 203-487-0961. For grades 11 and 12. Israel gets a bad rap, especially on college campuses. Join an elite group of high school juniors and seniors and learn from experts in the field, how to respond and take action. Students enrolled will attend the AIPAC Policy Conference in March. Spaces are limited. A partnership between the JCC and UJF.

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# Battle for Beersheva

By RACHEL NEIMAN  
<http://jrael21c.org>

There is a photograph of the 1917 Australian Light Horse charge on Beersheva that was a critical victory over Turkey during World War I. Or is it?

"For nearly 60 years, the authenticity of this photograph has been hotly debated," states the Australian Light Horse Association on its website, which includes a copy of the photo. "It was claimed to show the Light Horse charge at Beersheba on 31 October 1917. But the photographer was unidentified, the original negative could not be located and the viewpoint of the charge seemed unlikely. How does a photographer come to be in no man's land in the path of an actual cavalry charge?"

Controversy swirled around the image from the very start, with "the official view of the Australian War Memorial... that it was actually taken during a re-enactment of the charge staged for an official cameraman at Belah on the coast of Palestine some five months later." There was also a theory that "the photograph had been taken by a Turk and found in his camera when he was captured."

"The photograph first appeared as a copied snapshot passed around among light horsemen on the Palestine front in 1918. By December 1920, when

an exhibition of war photographs toured Australia... the theory that it actually showed the Belah re-staging had already been advanced. However, this notion was effectively squashed when Brigadier General Grant (who had directed the charge) and members of his staff examined the photo and pronounced that while the landscape in it tallied with that at Beersheba, it did not match the terrain at Belah. Grant also said that the charge was shown in correct formation, finally declaring, "I cannot and will not take exception to the claim made in the Exhibition catalogue that it is a photograph of the actual charge."

In the end, the Light Horse Association – a non-profit organization whose aim is "to preserve the history and tradition of the Australian Light Horse and its predecessors" – researched the surviving veterans and found the man who had taken the photograph, one E.G. (Rex) Elliott. The complete text of his account can be found on the Australian Light Horse Association website – [www.lighthorse.org.au/famous-battles/world-war-one/famous-battles-the-controversial-photo-of-beersheba](http://www.lighthorse.org.au/famous-battles/world-war-one/famous-battles-the-controversial-photo-of-beersheba) – along with a high-resolution scan of the entire image and rare photographs of the Australian Light Horse going into action at Beersheva.

The charge itself is considered "one of the most strategic and decisive Allied victories of the First World War," according to a proposal for a museum made by the Light Horse Association, which noted, "The charge by the 4<sup>th</sup> (Victorian) and 12<sup>th</sup> (New South Wales) Light Horse Regiments of the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Brigade took place over 6kms of open ground, under heavy enemy fire. In one dramatic hour the Australian Light Horsemen, backed up by the New Zealanders, captured the city of Be'ersheva. The battle's significance in the context of the war was that it broke the back of the Turkish German resistance in the Middle East. In more far reaching geopolitical terms, it proved to be one of those pivotal history changing moments."

In 2013, the Israel Postal Company and Australia Post jointly issued two stamps, one featuring the statue of an Australian Light Horseman in the Park of the Australian Soldier at Beersheva and a second featuring contemporary images of Australian Light Horsemen.

The event recently received additional recognition at its annual memorial ceremony on October 31 when it was announced that the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (or ANZAC) museum

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# Bi-Cultural's Student Council Takes Charge

By DORA SALM

A talent show, a sports rally, a *tzedakah* challenge, a book club, a debate team and an allergy-awareness event were just some of the ideas Bi-Cultural's Student Council brain-stormed – and that was just at the first meeting.

Bi-Cultural Day School created the Student Council Organization a few years ago as a forum for middle school students to voice their opinions, suggest new ideas and become active participants in their own daily life at school. This year, the energy and participation has skyrocketed among students. With the guidance of faculty advisor Adrienne

Robinson, the group of more than 20 middle-schoolers meet weekly during their lunchtime, to hammer out new ways to improve the student life experience.

"Our goal in establishing the Student Council is to create a platform for student interests and collaborate with each other. We want our kids to find ways to advocate for their own interests in a constructive and productive way," said Robinson. One student interest is in giving *tzedakah*, a core Jewish value that is stressed throughout all grades at Bi-Cultural. Working in tandem with the long-standing Chesed (kindness) Club, one of the

first projects that the Student Council has initiated is the Tzedakah Challenge, in which students will collect money for charitable organizations, using the campaign headline of "Every Bit of Change Can Make a Big Change." To jumpstart the Tzedakah Challenge, a Student Council member wrote lyrics to a Taylor Swift song, which will be used in an awareness-raising video to be shown throughout the school.

Student Council member Maya Wiener explained that being part of the Tzedakah Challenge was about more than just fund-raising: "We want to give students as many options to give and to feel that they're part of something larger. It's not just about money; it's about giving time or sup-

port to a good cause." Wiener also explained that being on the Student Council is important because it enables students to "have a voice" and to work with the school through their faculty advisor, who assists in transforming student ideas into workable action items. "All the ideas come from us and Mrs. Robinson helps us fine-tune and polish them," said Wiener.

One of the ideas that seemed to resonate with many Council members, Robinson explained, was having student-run book clubs. "I was most surprised by the students' interests in the area of literature," she said. "In an age of digital media, I was happy to see that kids still want to read good books."

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# Bi-Cultural Hosts All-School Open House



On October 26, Bi-Cultural Day School hosted an all-school open house. With more than 150 people in attendance, the school provided a glimpse to prospective parents and students of the typical school day, as well as entertaining young audiences with an interactive music and movement session. Faculty and current BCDS parents were on hand to answer specific questions for those in attendance. Principal and Head and School Jacqueline Herman addressed the audience of prospective parents. Bi-Cultural Day School is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

# Connecticut Salutes Israel's Soldiers

On October 26, more than 130 lay leaders and Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (or FIDF) gathered at the Stamford Marriot Hotel in celebration and support of Israel's soldiers at the first FIDF Annual Community Event in Connecticut. The event paid tribute to Israel's soldiers and honored Avi Dichter, chairman of the Foundation for the Benefit of Holocaust Victims in Israel and former IDF soldier.

Additional guests included two Lone Soldiers (soldiers who serve in the IDF, but whose immediate families live abroad), who fought in Operation

Protective Edge, and one FIDF IMPACT! Scholarship recipient. The FIDF IMPACT! Scholarship Program provides IDF combat soldiers who have completed their mandatory military service, but cannot afford the cost of higher education, with academic scholarships to study and pursue the next chapter in their lives.

For more information about Friends of the IDF and its programs in Connecticut, contact Anat Chavkin, director of the Westchester/Connecticut Chapter, at [Anat.chavkin@fidf.org](mailto:Anat.chavkin@fidf.org) or 646-275-9669.



Mort and Eleanor Lowenthal with IDF soldiers at the first FIDF Annual Community Event in Connecticut.



Adrienne Robinson facilitated a planning meeting with members of Bi-Cultural's Student Council, with Ashley Shapiro (left) and Helene Leichter (right). (Photo by Dora Salm)

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 Divorce mediation program at JFS Stamford.

**PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM (PEP)**  
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**JFS FOCUS ON K.I.D.S.**  
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 For more information, contact Erika Garcia at (203) 921-4161 or [erikag@ctjfs.org](mailto:erikag@ctjfs.org)

**JFS SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**  
 At JFS Westport, 431 Post Road East. Fee: \$10/session or \$50/entire 6 sessions.  
 For more information, contact Rebekah Kanefsky at 203-921-4161 or [rkanefsky@ctjfs.org](mailto:rkanefsky@ctjfs.org)  
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## JFS EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

**JFS COMPUTER TRAINING COURSES**  
 Variety of courses - all levels, individuals or small groups. Nominal fee. For more information, contact Ilene Locker at 203-921-4161 or [iklocker@ctjfs.org](mailto:iklocker@ctjfs.org).

**JFS LIFE TRANSITIONS:**  
 Support group for the unemployed at Stamford JFS office. Discuss concerns and issues related to job loss and alternative solutions for career satisfaction. Supported by both JFS Counseling and Employment & Training Departments. Wednesdays at 11 am. For Information/Register: Rosemarie Delia 203-921-4161 or [rdelia@ctjfs.org](mailto:rdelia@ctjfs.org)

**JFS SENIORS2WORK**  
 Job Bank for age 50+. Lower Fairfield employers can list full / part time jobs for dedicated, skilled mature workers. No fees.  
 For more information, contact Ilene Locker or Jodi Maxner at 203-921-4161 or [www.seniors2work.org](http://www.seniors2work.org)

## SUPPORT

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**  
 Sunday, Dec 7 from 1-4 pm at Chabad. To learn more about engaging in the Adult Chapter as a participant or volunteer, please contact Miriam Sperber at [Miriam@friendshipCT.com](mailto:Miriam@friendshipCT.com) or 203-329-0015.

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 Non-perishable staples for those in need. Donations welcomed.  
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**JFS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**  
 At JFS Westport, 431 Post Road E. Fee: \$10 per session. An open forum to provide support and help in dealing with the difficulties and stresses of caring for two generations. For more information or to register, contact Eve Moskowitz at 203-921-4161 or Email: [emoskowitz@ctjfs.org](mailto:emoskowitz@ctjfs.org).

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# What's On for Adults

December/January 2015 & February 2015

## OPEN EVENTS

**AGABHUMI HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE**  
**Tuesday, Dec 2 from 5-8:30 pm at Agabumi, 12 Magee Avenue, Stamford.**  
 Trend setting fashion, jewelry and accessories. A percentage of the sales goes directly to Hadassah. Can't make it, shop online from Tuesday, Dec. 2 – Sunday, Dec 7 at [www.agabumi.com](http://www.agabumi.com) and enter special online code: HAD. To RSVP for Tuesday night's fun, contact Jodi Maxner at [jmaxner19@gmail.com](mailto:jmaxner19@gmail.com) or (203) 968-8711. For further information, call (203) 325-2274 or [www.agabumi.com](http://www.agabumi.com).

**ANNUAL MEETING OF UJF**  
**Wednesday, Dec 10 at 7:00 pm at Temple Beth El.** Election of new officers; Recognition of outgoing board members; Honoring our Legacy Initiative Givers and Recognition of Harvey A. Peltz Award and Volunteers of the Year Award.

**BOOK FAIR**  
**Sunday & Monday, Dec 14 & 15 at Temple Sinai.** For more information: Temple Sinai office at 203-322-1649

**CAFÉ CHABAD (for couples and singles)**  
**Saturday, Jan 10 at 8:00 pm at Half Full Brewery.** For more information: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or [morahleah@chabadstamford.org](mailto:morahleah@chabadstamford.org). A night on the town for couples and singles.

**COME PLAY MAH JONGG**  
**Mondays from 6:30-9:00 pm at Temple Sinai.** FREE but bring your own mah jongg card. For more information or if you are new to mah jongg, call the Temple office at 203-322-1649.

**COOKING CLUB**  
**Thursday, Dec 4 at 6:30 pm at Temple Sinai.** Fee: \$36.00 per session, registration for one session at a time or all 4 – payment is due at time of registration. Taught by Chef and Food Writer Ronnie Fein. Maximum: 12 people per sessions. Each session will focus on different types of cooking.

**CROCHET AT THE JCC**  
**Fee: \$30/JCC members \$24 plus cost of materials (purchased separately. For information on both classes or to register: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org).** Learn how to crochet a scarf or hat in 3 sessions. Taught by Madeline Field. Limited capacity.

**ISRAELI FOLK DANCING**  
 Enjoy a great way to connect with Israel while reaping the mental and physical benefits of dance. Light, Kosher refreshments are served. For other locations and up-to-date schedule, go to [www.ctisraelidance.com](http://www.ctisraelidance.com).

**JCC CENTER WOMEN GIFTIQUE**  
**Sunday, Dec 8 – Friday, Dec 18 at the JCC.** For more information: [www.stamfordjcc.org](http://www.stamfordjcc.org) or call 203-322-7900 for hours. One-stop shopping for all your holiday needs: dreidels, candles, menorahs, cards, wrapping paper, decorations, gifts and more.

**JCC ISRAELI FILM SERIES: "BETHLEHEM"**  
**Thursday, Dec 4 at 7:00 pm at JCC.** Fee: \$5 suggested donation. For information or to register: Or Berger at 203-487-0961 or [oberger@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:oberger@stamfordjcc.org). See Israel through the lens of a movie camera. Or Berger, JCC Israeli shaliach will lead us in a meaningful discussion.

**JCC NESHAMA YOGA**  
**Fridays, Through Dec 19 (not 11/28) | from 9:00-10:30 am at the JCC.** FEE: \$198 JCC members / \$231 others (11 sessions). A fusion of Kundalini Yoga and Jewish spirituality - ancient wisdoms provide a pathway to connect with G-d on a deep spiritual level. Led by Jackie Tepper Robinov.

**MAH JONGG AT THE JCC**  
**Fee: \$35 / JCC members \$25.** For more information, register or schedule lesson: Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org). Learn from Mah Jongg masters. All levels welcome. Bring a 2014 National Mah Jongg League card.

## FOR WOMEN

**JWC FABRENGEN**  
**Thursday, Jan 15 at 7:15 pm meet, mingle and nibble; program begins at 8:00 pm at a private home.** For more information: Leah Shemtov at 203-324-2223 or [morahleah@chabadstamford.org](mailto:morahleah@chabadstamford.org). Fabrengen "spend time" to connect and share on a soul level. Featuring Mitzvah gifting.

## FOR MEN

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## SENIORS

**The J (JCC) SOCIAL SENIOR PROGRAMS**  
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# American Jews in the Military

New Exhibit on 350 Years of Service

BY HILLEL KUTTNER

WASHINGTON (JTA) – Mementos of Jacob Goldstein slide across the 3-foot-by-4-foot horizontal screen like cards being dealt at a casino: his photograph, his name, an Operation Urgent Fury headline denoting the 1983 military campaign in Grenada, Goldstein's explanatory text summarizing his role during the invasion.

Even more striking than the photograph showing the uniformed rabbi wrapping *tefillin* on the Grenada beach with his rifle resting atop a mound of sandbags is his recollection of going from Lubavitch disciple in Brooklyn, NY, to a U.S. Army officer and chaplain attaining the rank of colonel.

Goldstein is among the dozens of individual soldiers whose stories are told in an exhibition that opened Tuesday at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History. Titled "Jews in the American Military," the exhibit engagingly conveys the role of American Jews in defending their country, from Asser Levy's being granted the right to bear arms in 1657 to help protect Manhattan, to the 55 Jewish men and women killed in this era in Iraq and Afghanistan.



A U.S. Marine in Vietnam featured a Magen David on his helmet, circa 1968. (Photo courtesy of National Museum of American Jewish Military History)

The interactive digital table from whence Goldstein emerges is dubbed "Service Around the World." Pull up a chair, select a decade since the Cold War began in 1945, tap any dot arising across the map and

learn about the American military's involvement in conflicts, events and humanitarian missions. Many items include individuals' stories. Others, like the peacekeeping force that President Ronald Reagan dispatched to Lebanon, do not, but curators hope that Jewish veterans will write in with information that can be added.

Elsewhere, the exhibit presents text, photographs and artifacts in chronologically ordered sections. Display cases present such Jewish gems as medals from the Civil War and the Spanish-American War; an 1899 prayer book; a captured German rifle from World War II; and a Torah ark that a Chinese officer fashioned from teak as a gift to Morris Gordon, whom the officer had befriended after saving Gordon from drowning during World War II. (Gordon would use the ark while conducting services on the Burma Road.)

Nearby, from Guam, is the coconut that Seymour Silverman mailed to his daughter Maurita – writing her name, their Portsmouth, VA, address and a sketch of a palm tree on the fruit itself. Maurita

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December/January & February 2015

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VOICES AND VIEWS

# You Have “One More Child”

BY CAROL KARSCH

We are each endowed with different talents and advantages. Children, in particular, are a blessing that come to some and not others. But whether we have 17 kids or none at all, we all have “one more child” to worry about and protect. We each have a unique opportunity to pass our values through this child to our next generation. That one more child is the community.

This concept hit me on the day that Dan and I bought our first small insurance policy in Philadelphia. Benjy was 5 months old and had one more member who would receive a portion of the legacy – no matter what happened. It didn’t mean that the portions were equal, just that something would be shared. Of course, I didn’t realize at the time that I’d end up in Tucson, AZ, as a Legacy professional explaining to hundreds of other Jews how they, too, could leave a legacy for their “one more child.” But in that moment, I truly began to understand just how powerful the concept was.

The legacy idea grew on us, together with the realization that our family had expanded and now had one more member who would receive a portion of the legacy – no matter what happened. It didn’t mean that the portions were equal, just that something would be shared. Of course, I didn’t realize at the time that I’d end up in Tucson, AZ, as a Legacy professional explaining to hundreds of other Jews how they, too, could leave a legacy for their “one more child.” But in that moment, I truly began to understand just how powerful the concept was.

No two the same, donors ranged from 30 somethings to pushing 100, and definitely from all levels of wealth, what we came to call “every walk of life.” Scott, 40ish, came for a short visit on the way to his lawyer to draft pre-nuptials. He quickly designated five beneficiaries, half to his synagogue where he was president. Marion, my first donor, just decided that it should go unrestricted to the community because she couldn’t read the future. Jeff and Marlene chose the Jewish Community Center for a third and a third for each of two organizations picked by their son and their daughter in cities where they lived.

Some meetings were joyous, others brought tears, some were nostalgic, others recalled loss. But it was always electric. And it invariably ended with a feeling by the donors of accomplishment and a feeling of completeness. As I walked into an event one morning, donors I’d spent several years assisting called out with a big smile: “Best thing we ever did!”

So, who is your “one more child”? It is how you define community and it is a unique opportunity to put your personal imprimatur on the future. A music scholarship to memorialize your parents, lunch for kids who go to school without breakfast, UJF to fund the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee because they brought you to America, or, of course, your favorite organization. This child is one that you believe in and that you choose to protect by including in your legacy.

*Carol Karsch is the founder and chair of Israel Legacy Central.*

# Friendship Circle Program Changes Lives

BY NANCY HELLER

Our family has been part of the Friendship Circle for almost 12 years. We have participated in almost all of its programs from holiday events to the sibling support group to the teen bowling league. We’ve benefited from each and every program, particularly its Friends at Home program, which has had a profound impact on our lives.

The Friends at Home program matches teenage volunteers with a child with special needs. The program asks that the volunteers spend one hour a week with their “special friend” to provide companionship for the child/young adult, as well as needed respite for parents and siblings. Both of our children have participated in the program, one as a child with special needs and the other as a teen volunteer.

Our experience began in 2002, when our son Mark was 4 years old. Every Sunday afternoon, Mark would wait by our front window. When he saw the familiar black car go up the driveway, he would smile, jump up and down, and go to the door to greet his amazing teen volunteers – Natan Warmflash z”l and Elie Niedober. Every week, they’d do the same activities with Mark and listen to the same songs, but never seemed to tire of the routine.

Since those early years, we’ve had four more sets of teen volunteers, all of them patient, dedicated and connected to Mark. But they’ve also been connected to one another, as Mark has been handed down like a Torah scroll from siblings to cousins and friends.

While the routine has changed, the importance and strength of the relationships have endured.

When Mark became a bar mitzvah almost three years ago, five of his Friends at Home volunteers were there. At age 14, Mark traveled into New York City on his own with his two special friends, Stanley Block and Eli Schildkraut. He beamed with pride and joy upon his return and seemed a foot taller! Now 15, Mark paces by the door each Sunday, before he heads outside to play football and soccer with Daniel Jubas.

Our daughter, Karen, became a Friends at Home volunteer four years ago. She was paired with a teenage girl, Ellie, and they developed a close bond through reading, doing puzzles and looking at family pictures. In addition to home visits, Karen attended theater performances and movies with Ellie and her family, and shopped with her as typical young women do. Now a freshman in college, Karen volunteers with a small group of individuals with special needs through the Chabad Center on her campus.

The Friendship Circle programs provide a safe haven – an environment where individuals are accepted and cherished for who they are and not judged by their challenges or defined by their diagnosis. For us, the Friends at Home program taught Mark the meaning of friendship and fostered Karen’s self-confidence and esteem. And this month, our circle will be completed, when Mark begins his journey as a Children’s Circle volunteer.

# Military . . . . .

Silverman would follow her father into the military, serving as a nurse in the Vietnam War, according to museum archivist Pamela Elbe.

“Jews in the American Military” is a permanent exhibition that took eight years to develop at a cost of \$750,000. The funding was raised by Jewish War Veterans of America groups and from the national office of JWV, an affiliate of the museum, with which it shares its brick DuPont Circle building.

While the museum has mounted exhibitions on such themes as Korean War service and females serving in World War II, it has never presented a comprehensive look at the Jewish presence in the U.S. military from the start to present day, said museum coordinator Mike Rugel.

Drawing on figures supplied by the National Jewish Welfare Board, which tends to the needs of Jewish soldiers, JWV and museum officials estimated, for example, that some 10,000 Jews fought in the Civil War, 225,000 in World War I and 550,000 in World War II.

Contemporary membership numbers for JWV are modest, however, as older veterans are dying and the number of Jewish enlistees dropped once the compulsory draft was lifted following the Vietnam War. The organization now has 20,000 members, mostly World War II veterans, according to Norman Rosenshein, its treasurer.

To remain viable long-term, JWV is recruiting returnees from Iraq and Afghanistan while offering free membership to the 20,000 Jewish soldiers now on active duty. Poor outreach seems to stand in the way, however. JWV’s national chief of staff, Marsha Schjolberg, provided an example.

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When Schjolberg’s daughter, who works at the nearby Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, sought to publicize a talk on this Veterans Day by a Jewish author of a new book on military heroism in Iraq and Afghanistan, a local JWV post refused to help promote the event. Indeed, said Schjolberg, a San Diego-area resident who served in the Naval Reserves for 28 years, she didn’t learn of JWV’s existence until after she had retired. Her late father, Harold Fuchs, a World War II veteran, lived just 10 blocks from a JWV post near Los Angeles and would eagerly have participated in the organization had he known about it, she said.

Schjolberg said she hopes the exhibit helps inform non-Jews of the contributions made by this one ethnic segment of America.

The exhibition abounds in examples. Col. Teddy Roosevelt, the exhibit text states, held his Jewish soldiers in high regard and became a member of the Hebrew Veterans of the War with

Spain, a precursor to JWV. A photograph shows Murray Blum, killed on December 3, 1943, after rescuing a Merchant Marine shipmate when a German U-boat torpedoed their vessel.

Then there’s Col. Gerald Fink, a Korean War fighter pilot shown in his plane, “Big G” chalked on its door. The plane was shot down in 1951 and Fink was tortured as a prisoner of war. He passed his time woodworking and, using shattered glass and an improvised knife, sculpted a three-foot crucifix memorializing Father Emil Kapoun, a Catholic chaplain and fellow American POW.

“Surely, the crucifix made by a Jew for a deceased priest in a Communist prison camp is unique,” the exhibition’s text states. “It was a point of pride for Col. Fink until his death in 1987.”

*The National Museum of American Jewish Military History, at 1811 R St. NW, in Washington, DC, is open 9 am-5 pm Mondays to Fridays, and by appointment on Sundays. It is closed on Jewish and federal holidays.*



An artifact case shows objects from World War II. (Photo courtesy of National Museum of American Jewish Military History)

# Touching More Jewish Lives: Notes from the G.A.

BY JAMES COHEN

As I sit at Union Station in Washington, waiting for my train home, I can’t help but look back on the past several days with tremendous pride. Not only am I proud of UJF’s 13 person-strong delegation to the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America (G.A.), I am incredibly proud of the work of Federation highlighted at the conference and the impact each and every one of us has on local and global Jewry, thanks to our work through Federation.

Over the course of the last four days, we heard inspirational stories about Federation programs enhancing and in many instances saving lives. The mayor of Sderot, Alon Davidi, and several IDF soldiers thanked attendees and all Federation supporters for all of the help provided to the South of Israel, both during and after this summer’s war with Hamas. We heard from actress and activist Marlee Matlin on how Federation is on the forefront of supporting programs that make it possible for persons with disabilities to be included in every aspect of Jewish life. Jewish Agency for Israel chief and bona fide hero Natan Sharansky detailed all of the efforts being made to help Jews in France, Ukraine and other places of concern reach safety and freedom in Israel. We learned about how through its Israel Action Network, Federation is helping students combat the “BDS” (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) movement on college campuses with facts and fortitude.

The list of informative and thought-provoking sessions was as long as it was worthwhile (including Vice President Joe Biden, two U.S. Supreme Court justices and PM Benjamin Netanyahu via satellite!). But there are two specific messages we heard in Washington that I want to share. First, Ambassador Ido Aharoni, the Israeli consul general in New York, spent some private time with all of the delegates



L-r: Sharon Franklin, Edith Samers, Nancy Mimoun, James Cohen, Ricky Arbron, Shoshana Dweck, Ellen Dweck, Carol Lilienthal and Peter Lilienthal at the General Assembly in Washington, DC.

from Connecticut. In addition to expressing his tremendous thanks for all that Federation does to bind the Jewish community, he shared useful insights on how to conduct meaningful discussions with those skeptical about Israel. He noted that we can’t ignore Israel’s challenges, but that we must be able to speak effectively about the positive; to talk about relevant aspects of the miracle that is modern Israel that will resonate specifically with individuals or organizations. There simply is no monolithic response.

The other message was from Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, the former chief rabbi of the U.K. Noting that “Globalization is the oldest of the old”

and that the Jewish people were a prime example of an interconnected world long before the advent of the internet. While urging Jews to “care for one another” even if they disagree with each other, Sacks referenced a point raised by many speakers over the course of the G.A., namely that “Federation touches more Jewish lives than any other organization on Earth.”

I think I speak for all of us who were in attendance at the G.A. when I say that we look forward to sharing more from the conference with you and to continue to work with all of you to help “touch more Jewish lives” through all of our joint efforts.

# Beersheva . . . . .

dedicated to the 1917 Battle would be established in Beersheva.

Speaking at the ceremony, Australian Ambassador to Israel Dave Sharma noted that, “The so-called Sykes-Picot settlement – the borders and states of the modern Middle East – is under strain elsewhere. But one element in particular of it endures. For it was on this very same day, 31 October 1917, that the British War Cabinet approved the text for what would become the Balfour Declaration, a declaration of sympathy for Zionist aspirations, setting off a chain of events that would eventually lead to the creation of the modern state of Israel in 1948.” (The full text of the ambassador’s address is available online at <https://ausambisrael.wordpress.com/2014/10/31/battle-of-beersheva/>.)

The new museum will be a highlight along the JNF-KKL’s 100 kilometer ANZAC Trail, which re-traces the route taken by the horsemen when they conquered Beersheva. It was re-enacted in 2007 on the battle’s 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary by members of the Australian Light Horse Association. An Australian Light Horse contingent plans to re-enact the ride in 2017, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the charge. It is hoped that construction of the museum will be well under way by then.

For more images and information, visit the Australian Light Horse Association website, [www.lighthorse.org.au](http://www.lighthorse.org.au), and the Society for the Heritage of World War I in Israel website, <http://www.wwl-israel.org>.

# Student . . . . .

Robinson also has been pleased with the students’ initiative and collaboration within the group. “It’s impressive to see all the middle-schoolers working together, and everyone has something to bring to the table; from the excitement of the sixth-graders to the experience of the eighth-graders,” she added. “Students just want to be heard; all the ideas come from them. I’m just a conduit. It’s exciting to see the students create ways to encourage each other’s ideas.”

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feature writer and consumer columnist. Rachel began writing about Israeli technology companies at LINK Israel’s Business and Technology Magazine and is a professional Hebrew to English translator. In her spare time, she is an active member of the Haurvat Tel Aviv congregation and the Holyland Hash House Harriers, part of an international running and drinking disorganization.



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