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The Jewish Film Festival of Fairfield County Goes VIRTUAL

(Courtesy of the JCC) The show must go on! As more people turn to their screens for meaningful content and entertainment, the Jewish Film Festival of Fairfield County is a constant in providing an impactful, film-driven 'gathering place' for our community.

"Audiences will be able to watch award-winning films in the comfort and safety of their own homes," says Jennifer Kaufman, co-chair of the Festival. "The Jewish Film Festival of Fairfield County continues to thrive, inspire, and innovate, as it expands to online viewing."

Scheduled for **Thursday, October 15 – Sunday, November 22**, the Festival will include high quality, award-winning films - both dramas and documentaries, offering one film a week over six weeks, with Q&As via Zoom each Sunday at 12 p.m., featuring film directors, producers and expert speakers.

"As the need arose to adapt to this unprecedented time, entering a new frontier of virtual programming is exciting and has its advantages. It enables us to hear from filmmakers and speakers from around the world, and share outstanding film experiences with an even wider audience," explains Debbie Lee, Festival co-chair. "Participating in the Festival is not limited to geography or schedule. Audiences from anywhere can register to screen



Festival film Shared Legacies addresses African-American and Jewish relations over the years. Picture of Martin Luther King with Rabbi Abraham Heschel during a civil rights march.

a film and they can watch the film anytime Thursday – Sunday of the designated week."

"Each Festival film creates deep connections to Jewish culture and identity, while addressing current and relevant topics such as African American and Jewish relations pertaining to civil rights, Israeli-Palestinian

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Looking Back and Moving Forward with UJF's 2020 Campaign

(Courtesy of UJF) In 2019, United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan and Darien tried something new. UJF gave donors the opportunity to strengthen the Jewish community by directing their philanthropy to programs that were most important to them. It was new and different and proved to be a real success! The annual campaign increased over 10 percent and many lapsed and new donors stepped up to create a stronger community.

One highlight of this year's campaign will be Super Sunday and Family Fun Day on November 8th. Due to the COVID pandemic, the campaign will adapt and hold its Super Sunday virtually and the Family Fun Day will have both in person and virtual opportunities, depending on the situation in November. Super Sunday chairs this year are Robin and Jason Fischel and Allison and Jonathan Ostroff. *(See ad on page 8).*

In addition to Super Sunday, be on the lookout for the announcements for



Past President and current UJF Campaign Chair, Ellen Weber, kicks off the 2020 Annual Campaign.

virtual parlor meetings, educational events and more. And, if the situation allows, small in-person campaign events will be held as well.

In September, UJF officially launched the 2020 Campaign for Communal Needs, which will run through December 31st.

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(l to r) Lisa and Seth Linzer, Terry Newman and David Rubin, Rabbi Jay TelRav, and Howie and Judy Goldstein.

UJF's 2020 Campaign Launches with a Drive-In Movie

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From UJF's Chief Executive Officer Better Together? A Challenge

BY DIANE SLOYER

For many years, our Federation used the tagline "Better Together". In my opinion, it is a great tagline because I believe it is true. Do you?

Every Jewish organization and congregation have a role to play in our Jewish community. With each day our global and local Jewish communities face increased needs. Our Federation goal is to have these organizations fill community needs



Diane Sloyer, UJF CEO

community better, richer, and more vibrant. However, it can become challenging when these efforts are duplicated which can have the effect of weakening the overall strength of communal impact. From my perspective that leads to inefficiencies that overtax an already very generous donor base.

For me, the COVID-19 crisis has given me pause to think about this even more.

While individual organizations are rightfully

concerned about their own vitality, in my opinion we would be so much stronger in service, impact and efficiency if our organizations focus on what they do well and challenge themselves to work together in other areas outside of their core areas to strengthen each other. Our community does not exist in a vacuum and neither should our Jewish communal agencies. It is imperative that we all look beyond ourselves to accomplish the greater good.

I believe that we all owe the community and our donors transparency and cooperation, and by directing our efforts to fulfilling our missions we could all be using scarce resources in the most impactful way possible.

With the New Year upon us, I am hoping

and asking our leadership and our readership to give this serious thought. And I look forward to coming together in community dialogue to strategize how our work as individual organizations can avoid overlap in services and be as cost efficient as possible, with the goal of strengthening the local and global Jewish community. Please reach out to me if you have ideas and thoughts on how we can unite our goals and aspirations to really be "Better Together."

I do believe we are better together, and I think you believe it too.

It is my sincere hope that 5781 brings us all health, a return to normalcy and the ability to work together for a stronger community.

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relations, standing up for one's beliefs, forgiveness, resilience, and more. Festival attendees over the years have commented on how certain films have stayed with them long after viewing," adds Lisa Popper, Festival co-chair.

All films are \$10 per household. Upon registering, a film link and Q&A Zoom link will be emailed to registrants. The film link will be active during the scheduled screening days. Films can be viewed on any computer, laptop, or tablet and many TVs.

"The Stamford JCC is grateful, especially during these challenging times, to all the benefactors of the 19th annual Jewish Film Festival of Fairfield County, whose extraordinary generosity enables us to continue to engage and build community through meaningful film and conversation, now more essential than ever before," relays Nancy Schiffman, JCC Associate Executive Director of Development & Signature Programs. "Although no longer at their theaters, Garden Homes Management and the Freedman family have continued to support the Festival since its inception. A special thank



Festival film *The Keeper* is based on the true story of Bert Trautmann, a German soldier and prisoner of war who secures the position of Goalkeeper at Manchester City, and becomes a footballing icon.



Festival film *Crescendo* tells the story of a world famous conductor trying to create an Israeli-Palestinian orchestra and the challenges and triumphs they face.

you also goes to AJC Westchester/Fairfield, our esteemed partner on two films, who will be facilitating high level conversations with AJC expert speakers during the Q&As."

For full Festival details, film descriptions and trailers, to register or to make a donation, visit www.stamfordjcc.org or email nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org.

The Jewish Film Festival of Fairfield County schedule-at-a-glance:

Thursday, Oct. 15 – Sunday, Oct. 18
The Keeper
Q&A on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 12 p.m. with film producer

Thursday, Oct. 22 – Sunday, Oct. 25
The Rabbi from Hezbollah
Q&A on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 12 p.m. with film director

Thursday, Oct. 29 – Sunday, Nov. 1
Shared Legacies: The African-American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance
In partnership with AJC Westchester/Fairfield Q&A on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 12 p.m. with film director and AJC expert speakers

Thursday, Nov. 5 – Sunday, Nov. 8
Box for Life
In partnership with the Jewish Historical

Society of Fairfield County in commemoration of Kristallnacht
Q&A on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 12 p.m. with film director

Thursday, Nov. 12 – Sunday, Nov. 15
Crescendo
In partnership with AJC Westchester/Fairfield Q&A on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 12 p.m. with AJC expert speaker

Thursday, Nov. 19 – Sunday, Nov. 22
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Q&A on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 12 p.m. with film director

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

October 2.....	6:16 pm
October 3.....	7:13 pm
October 9.....	6:04 pm
October 10.....	7:01 pm
October 16.....	5:53 pm
October 23.....	5:43 pm
October 30.....	5:34 pm
November 6.....	4:25 pm
November 13.....	4:19 pm
November 20.....	4:13 pm
November 27.....	4:10 pm



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TBE Celebrates 100 Years

BY STEVEN LANDER

On Sunday, September 13, Temple Beth El celebrated its 100th anniversary with a full-day program representing the synagogue's past, present and future. The program was put together by the TBE 100 Committee, chaired by long-time members Sue Frieden and Sari Jaffe.



Hazzan Rabinowitz singing the Shehecheyanu Prayer.

The day began with TBE's young families, physically distant from one another and all wearing masks, painting rocks for the TBE Rock Garden and making chalk drawings on TBE's sidewalks and parking lot. In the afternoon, the magnificent new Emmet Manheim Playground, which will be completed mid-October,

was dedicated, and a special tree was planted in Emmet's memory.

Early evening marked a special all-congregation Zoom session featuring four of TBE's past and present cantors, special presentations by Mayor David Martin and State Representatives Matt Blumenthal and Caroline Simmons, and a video full of photos from the last 100 years—pictures of former TBE rabbis, Religious School graduating classes, congregant life-cycle events and ground-breakings at both of TBE's homes.

The program was originally conceived as a huge indoor and outdoor celebration that included a Torah march from the original synagogue location, on Prospect Street, to Roxbury Road where brunch would be held; but then the pandemic hit.

For those readers unfamiliar with Temple Beth El's history, here's a very brief snapshot.

Just preceding the High Holy Days in 1920, a small group of Stamford residents met in the Summer Street home of Mr. & Mrs. William Block to organize a new congregation. They quickly found 50 interested families, rented space in the Greyrock Place building of the Hebrew Institute, and were served by visiting rabbis. Within a year, the congregation chose a name: Temple Beth El.

In 1922, a building committee was formed and on September 24, 1924, land was purchased for a building on Prospect Street. The first service was held at the new synagogue on Rosh Hashanah, September 27, 1927. The synagogue flourished for more than 40 years on Prospect Street, becoming a driving force in the growth of Stamford's Jewish population and culture.

By the early 1970s, synagogue membership had grown to almost 500 families and a new building was needed. Ground was broken on Roxbury Road on April 23, 1972, and by the High Holy Days of the following year, Temple Beth El's current facilities were ready to welcome the community.



Lisa Manheim, President of TBE and mother of Emmet Manheim, speaking at pre-dedication of Emmet Manheim Playground to be completed by mid-October.

Today, Temple Beth El is a diverse, spiritually rich synagogue with members from all generations and backgrounds.



Temple Beth El built in 1927 and sold in 1973 when they moved to Roxbury Road.



(l-r) Top row: Cantor Deborah Jacobson, Cantor Magda Fishman. Bottom Row: Cantor George Mordecai, Cantorial Soloist Katie Kaplan and Music Director Beth Styles.

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"As we build on the success of 2019, United Jewish Federation is excited and proud to offer you donor choices once again. With the community's input and feedback, this model has been improved to provide greater impact and growth to our Jewish Community" shared UJF CEO Diane Sloyer.

Ellen Weber, past UJF President and current Campaign Chair stated, "I am excited to be chairing the 2020 campaign. We launched the campaign in September with a fabulous kick-off event, honoring the over 600 donors who have given to Federation 18 years

or more. As we move forward in this time of uncertainty, I am confident that our campaign will allow for you, our donors to make smart and meaningful decisions in this time of need. The "2020 UJF Campaign for Communal Needs" brochure has been mailed to our donors. We are excited, once again, to be highlighting programs that will impact our community."

"In addition to the campaign launch and the upcoming Super Sunday, United Jewish Federation continues to bring the community together. During the fall, UJF joined other Jewish communities from around North America for a community "Kvell" with the cast of Schitt's Creek. And then just prior to Rosh Hashanah, a virtual cooking class was held with James Beard Foundation Award-winning chef Michael Solomonov", shared Diane Sloyer.

"Our community has a strong history of stepping up in times of need. I am confident that our community will dig deep and help fund the increased needs in our community, especially during these difficult times", said David Gordon, UJF President.

Information about all funding opportunities can be found on the Federation website at www.ujf.org or by calling UJF CEO Diane Sloyer at (203) 321-1373, ext.105.

Professional Development at Gan Yeladim



Professional development at Gan Yeladim focused on the social and emotional growth of children during all the changes brought by the pandemic and on working to set up outdoor classrooms. As part of the professional development week, the teachers explored different art mediums to introduce into the classrooms. (l-r) Romy Braun and Danielle Schrag.

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UJF's Cardozo Society Keeps It Secure

BY SHARON FRANKLIN

United Jewish Federation's Cardozo Law Society held a virtual program on August 13 about cyber security and the dangers of cyber-crime. The program was moderated by Cardozo Society member Cathy Satz and featured two experts in the field of security and insurance.

Colleen Capossela, President of CATICPro, an insurance company that provides services for cyber issues, spoke about the variety of ways cyber criminals can attack a business or individual, and how best to protect yourself, including helpful resources and a list of agencies that can give aid. Chris Dunning, Chief Security officer at cxLoyalty, Inc., added how cyber crime is now an organized business, with HR departments, and how they recruit graduates right out of college to join their teams.



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Cathy Satz, Group Vice
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Both commented on the in-depth and organized way criminals go about doing cyber-crime, and how they shift quickly to new

trends. One example mentioned was about government stimulus relief money, and how criminals created fake government gift cards with a small amount of money on it, which they mailed to unsuspecting taxpayers. They told people that before they used the card, they needed to add dollars to it. Once this was done, the criminals stole the additional dollars.

The key takeaway from the program was prevention. The need to be more knowledgeable was stressed and participants were advised to set up their technology in a way to better protect them from cyber crimes.

Thank you to the presenters, event co-chairs Jerry Knopf, Adam Furmansky and Jeff Cunningham, and to Goldberg Segalla for sponsoring the CLE credit for this program. For more information about UJF's Cardozo Society and how you can join, contact Sharon Franklin at sharon@ujf.org or call Sharon at 203-321-1373, ext. 109.

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The Human Services Relief Matching Fund Meets Critical Needs

(Courtesy of UJF) Jewish Federations across North America have been blessed with some of the most compassionate donors in the world. Still, due to the current economic crisis, an estimated 1.2 million Jewish adults are worried about paying their next month's housing costs. More than 500,000 are facing food insecurity, not confident they will be able to afford to feed their families – unless we support these unmet needs. That is why Jewish Federations of North America created the \$18 million Human Services Relief Matching Fund. These funds, when matched 2 to 1, will go exclusively to meet the critical needs of our Jewish community members most affected by the crisis.

Thanks to generous donors like you, our local Federations have been among the first to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The Jewish Federations have been leaders in mobilizing our efforts to support those in need. Now we must work together to support the unmet needs.

"As an intermediate size Federation, UJF is eligible to receive \$60,000 if we raise \$120,000 of additional funds. The Federation system has given us the opportunity to leverage your philanthropy and strengthen our community by providing crucial additional

resources during these trying times" shared UJF CEO, Diane Sloyer. "JFNA mobilized the power of the collective in the truest sense and brought together major philanthropists to leverage local giving. By contributing a total of \$18 million, they are challenging the 146 local Federations to raise \$36 million across North America", Sloyer continued.

From now until December 31, 2020, every eligible dollar given to United Jewish Federation's Human Services Relief Matching Fund and Covid Relief will be matched by 50%. Gifts are eligible if a donor's intention is to support Jewish human services, and donors must be either increasing their existing gift, be a first-time donor, or not have made a gift in at least 18 months. Any Jewish organization with a direct human service component will benefit from funds raised.

Just imagine what this 50% match means in human terms. If \$100,000 can enable 20 families to keep a roof over their heads, then the 50% match to that gift will enable 10 additional families to keep their homes. If a gift normally feeds 100 children for a month, then with the match, it will feed 150 children.

For more information, please contact Diane Sloyer at dianesloyer@ujf.org or call (203) 321-1373.

Schoke JFS Anachnu Holds Open Mic Session

On the first day of September, twenty-four Holocaust survivors, who frequently join many of the Anachnu programs sponsored by Schoke Jewish Family Service, participated in Anachnu's first open microphone program. Online, people sang, read poetry, and shared stories in both English and Russian. Those on the session watched videos created by one of the participating survivors, too.

A participant said, "It was truly remarkable. Marina (Sapir, the program director of Anachnu) is building COMMUNITY here.

This program idea worked with an organic build-up of communication, engagement and fun. Each performance was special, personal, heartfelt and the audience got involved---clapping, comments, smiles, singing along. And Marina was a super host, as always. It was an amazing one and half hours of pure joy!"

To join upcoming Anachnu events, visit the schedule at www.Ctjfs.org/anachnu/.

The Anachnu Program is made possible by a grant from Jewish Federations of North America.



Marina Tadiashvili and Simon Grafman joining in the performance.

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Menu:

- Fried chicken (comes with corn bread, coleslaw, mashed potatoes, and gravy)
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- Green salad
- Quinoa stuffed pepper (vegetarian main dish)
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Questions? Contact Sharon Franklin at sharon@ujf.org



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Bits & Pieces

BY SANDY GOLOVE

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Alison & Russ Dudley on the birth of a son, Oliver Arlo Dudley; and to grandparents **Mary C & Alan Silberman**.

Pam Ehrenkranz & Matt Greenberg on the birth of a grandson.

Adina & Elisa Fried on the birth of a son; and to grandparents **Shara & Rabbi David Israel**.

Shari & Allen Glucksman on the birth of two grandchildren **Austin Zachary Hyne** and **Rainen Alston Schaffer**.

Grace Gould & Jon Goldberg on the birth of a son, **Remy Rebeck Goldberg**; and to the grandparents **Joanne & Marshall Goldberg**.

Chanie & Rabbi Yossi Kamman on the birth of a son.

Liatte & David Lasher on the birth of a daughter, **Anaelle Shira Lasher**.

Heather & Ben Susman on the birth of their daughter, **Meira Adele Susman**.

Silvana & Brad Tobin on the birth of a son, **Adrian Vergara Tobin**, and to grandparents **Lori & Bruce Tobin**.

MAZEL TOV TO ENGAGEMENTS/MARRIAGES:

Karen & Ira Berk on the engagement of their son, **Aaron Berk to Stacie Lane**, daughter of **Sharon & Scott Lane**.

Ronni & Paul Ginsberg on the engagement of their daughter, **Ilana Ginsberg to Ben Meiselman**, son of **Terry Shuch & Neil Meiselman**.

Kori & Bill Meyers on the engagement of their son, **Sam Meyers to Emma Seligson**, daughter of **Sara & Sam Seligson**.



Sandy Golove

Sharon & Burt Rubin on the marriage of their son, **Marty Rubin to Sarah Baumgarten**.

Diane & Elliot Sloyer on the marriage of their son **Coby Sloyer to Leora (LeeLee) Borzak**.

Nurit & Mark Wexler on the marriage of their son, **Michael Wexler to Rebecca Gourevitch**; and to grandparents, **Debbie & Ben-Zion Soifer**.

Shira & Mitchell Zucker on the marriage of their daughter, **Hannah Zucker to Yarden Sokol**.

MAZAL TOV TO OTHER:

Ken Broder, Eliot Essinfeld, Robert Goldman, and Ken Temple for being named "Top Dentists in Fairfield County" in *Stamford Magazine*.

MAZEL TOV TO B'NAI MITZVAH:

Richard Baer, son of **Beth & Ray Baer**.

Evan Bilinker, son of **Stephanie & Josh Bilinker**.

Sydney Kassel, daughter of **Caroline and Matthew Kassel**.

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Judith Rothstein: mother of **Lisa Rothstein**.

Silvia Shapiro: mother of **Barbara Shapiro**.

First Day of BCHA Preschool in COVID Times

Benny Rubinfeld and Maya Warmflash had fun letting their curiosity run free on the first day of preschool at Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy on Sept. 8. Benny let the learning begin

by examining a bug up close and personal; and Maya, looking whimsical in her pink cat mask, followed suit by holding a shell to her ear and listening to the sound of the ocean.



Benny Rubinfeld



Maya Warmflash



Daniel and Margaret Conroy on their way to crossing the finish line!
(CREDIT: NICOLAS MANCHENO)



Rebecca Wilbur from the Run 169 Towns Society crossed her final finish line in the running clubs goal to run a race in every town in the State of Connecticut with fellow club members by her side (Debbie Perry, Elizabeth Geib, and Laurie Adams). (CREDIT: NICOLAS MANCHENO)

JCC Run/Walk Benefits Children with Disabilities

On Labor Day, September 7, the JCC held their 13th Annual *Give a Child a Jump-Start 5K/10K Run/Walk*. With extensive health and safety protocols in place, participants enjoyed the beautiful weather while running or walking the traditional route through the JCC campus and the Pepper Ridge neighborhood. This event raised critical funds for JumpStart, a therapeutic early childhood classroom experience for two-year-olds with disabilities; Hand in Hand (Yad B'Yad), an inclusion camp and division of Day Camps @ The J, offering a unique summer experience for children with a variety of needs; Recreate & Relate,

social groups that provide youths with a structured and safe environment to develop social skills and build relationships; and a variety of music, movement, sports and arts programs and classes for youths with disabilities.

"Careful steps were taken in coordination with the Department of Health to ensure a safe event, and our participants were thrilled that we were able to offer this annual event after so many similar events have been canceled," said Nancy Schiffman, the JCC's Associate Executive Director of Development & Signature Programs. "It was a special morning for our community."

UJF's Shalom Welcome Visits In September

Sara Rubinfeld and her daughter Ariella received a UJF Shalom Welcome bag upon moving to Stamford, while Leah Miller and her new baby were given a Shalom Baby Welcome bag and a PJ

Library Rosh Hashana holiday gift bag (sponsored by UJF and BCHA). New to town or just had a baby? Contact Sharon Franklin to arrange a safe outdoor visit, or bag drop off.



Ariella and Sara Rubinfeld



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Tiny Treasures Mommy & Me



Classes were held outdoors this summer at Chabad of Stamford and will continue to be throughout the year when possible. (l-r) Ilana Cik, Charlotte Finkelstein and Luca Siegel prepare for Shabbat.

Schoke JFS Camp Scholarships Helped During "COVID" Summer

(Courtesy of Schoke JFS) Schoke Jewish Family Service understood that many households, during the difficult time of the COVID-19 epidemic, were looking for assistance to send their children to a Jewish summer camp program this year. Families were struggling with unemployment or working from home and financial priorities were shifted to cover the essentials.

Through the generosity of the Joan and Ben Zinbarg-Schoke JFS Camp Scholarship Program, financial assistance was again available for eligible families from the greater Stamford and Upper Fairfield County areas who were looking for a rewarding Jewish summer experience for their children.

It is well documented that attendance at Jewish camps helps to strengthen youngsters'

Jewish identities and involvement in Jewish communities, now and into the future.

The Joan and Ben Zinbarg-Schoke JFS Camp Scholarship Fund, generously established by them for this purpose, continues to provide the funding for this program. United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropy of Upper Fairfield County also generously support this program, increasing the number of scholarships that were able to be awarded. Although fewer Jewish camps were operating this past summer, as a result of the fund's generosity, twenty-three children were able to attend a Jewish day camp.

Anyone wishing to help support the Camp Scholarship Program should contact Matt Greenberg, CEO of Schoke JFS, at 203-921-4161 or email mgreenberg@ctjfs.org.

Gan Yeladim Back to School BBQ



Rabbi Moshe Shemtov blows the shofar at the Gan Yeladim back to school BBQ on Labor Day for new and returning pre-school families. (COURTESY OF CHABAD OF STAMFORD)

Schoke JFS Offers Financial Education Workshop

(Courtesy of Schoke JFS) Elayne and James Schoke Jewish Family Service is offering a financial education workshop called "Grow You!" The online presentation is scheduled for October 22nd at 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

The open to the community presentation will be led by Liz Krebs and follow the "SMART" goals program, based on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Toolkit "Your Money, Your Goals." The program will discuss and teach attendees about personal finance

and budget goals. The "SMART" goals provide an easy-to-follow structure for creating goals. This helps an individual or family to break down what they want into a format that makes it simpler to plan for, track, and ultimately achieve their goals.

Please contact Rebekah Kanefsky at 203-921-4161 or email at rkanefsky@ctjfs.org to obtain the Zoom address and reserve a spot. For more information, please visit www.ctjfs.org.

Sweet Cake for the New Year at Chabad

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) On Erev Yom Kippur there is a custom to ask for and receive sweet lekach (sweet cake) signifying a sweet year, from someone (usually one's mentor or parent). One reason given for this custom is that if it had been decreed, G-d forbid, that during the year we should need to resort to a handout from others, the decree should be satisfied with this asking for food. The Lubavitcher Rebbe adds a deeper insight: "asking for lekach" on the eve of Yom

Kippur instills in us the recognition that ALL the sustenance we receive throughout the year, including that which we supposedly "earn" by our own powers and endeavors, is in truth a gift from Above, granted in response to our daily requests from "He who nourishes the entire world with in His goodness, with grace, with benevolence and with compassion."

A beautiful custom, "Tzu Betten Lekach", to ask for honey cake, has come to symbolize the sweet New Year we anticipate.

Shared Thoughts at Holiday Lunch and Learn Series

(Courtesy of UJF) The UJF Education Committee, chaired by Nan Gordon, held an inspiring High Holiday Lunch and Learn Series on Zoom, with the theme "Repentance, Prayer and Charity Avert the Severity of the Decree". Sessions were taught by Rabbi Eric Hoffman - "Repentance, Prayer and Charity: An Introduction", Dr. Betsy Stone - "Trauma and Teshuvah", Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg - "Call of the Shofar" and

Rabbi Daniel Cohen - "Sacred Strategies from the Holiest of Prayers."

Over the course of two weeks, over 60 people joined in this opportunity to learn and share thoughts on the holidays, especially in these trying and unique circumstances. Committee members include Michael Feldstein, Barbara Friedman, Meryl Gordon and Elissa Kaplan. For more information contact Diane Sloyer at Diansloyer@ujf.org.

Chabad Offers Virtual and In-Person Youth Programming

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Chabad of Stamford's youth programming has something for everyone this year and has been redesigned to offer in-person and online options.

For its birth to age three group, "Tiny Treasures Mommy & Me" classes will be offered on

Thursdays at 9:30am. Spend quality time with your child in a nurturing and warm Jewish atmosphere and connect with other moms. These classes will be held outdoors whenever possible.

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Zoom Yiddish Coffee Klatch with JHSFC

(Courtesy of JHSFC) The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County wishes you a beautiful fall harvest and Happy Sukkot! Using Yiddish, you can wish people *Gut Yontif (Happy Holiday)* on Friday,

October 2nd at 10:00 am when Judy Liebeskind and Judy Altmann welcome you with virtual hugs on the Zoom Yiddish Coffee Klatch, A Bissel Yiddish. Check the JHSFC website for the link.



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Let UJF decide which of the programs on this menu your dollars will support. Your generosity will ensure that UJF continues to impact, support and strengthen our Jewish community and beyond.



The Infrastructure of UJF

Help keep the UJF engine running so it can continue to provide all the educational and local community-building activities which strengthen our community and enhance our connections to Israel and World Jewry.



Communal Security

The global and local Jewish community faces a growing threat of hatred and anti-Semitism. Money raised for communal security will support local efforts to help offset every increasing need of securing our Jewish community. Our community will continue to work with and benefit from The Secure Community Network (SCN), the official homeland security and safety initiative of the organized Jewish community in North America.



Jewish Community Relations Council

The JCRC is the arm of UJF which works with the non-Jewish world, on a local and state level. It mobilizes the Jewish community, building relationships, and engaging in non-partisan work focused on education, social justice, communal security, support for Israel and combating anti-Semitism.

Funding goal \$79,400



Israel

Our collective Jewish communities helped fund the founding of the State of Israel. Today, because of our partnerships with the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Joint Distribution Committee and World ORT, UJF continues to provide social services to those Israelis in need and helps strengthen education and opportunities for immigrants and those on the periphery.

UJF's partnership with the Southern New England Consortium, SNEC, is supported through our Israel donations.



Overseas

UJF's global connections are strengthened through our contributions to the overseas Jewish Community. Wherever there is a Jew in need, UJF's partners, the American Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency and World ORT are there to provide a safety blanket for any Jew in need. Our network, especially in post-communist countries, serves as a catalyst for the rebirth, renewal and growth of Jewish life.



Jewish Free Loan Society

This program, administered by Schoke Jewish Family Service, will provide interest free loans to community members in need.

Funding goal \$23,520



Affinity Groups

UJF events provide opportunities for Jewish community members in the same profession or life stage to gather while learning about timely and relevant topics - often with the opportunity to earn professional credits. Groups include: lawyers, doctors, business professionals, NextGen and Chapter Two (empty nesters).

Funding goal \$27,000



Ongoing Covid Relief

Our community has been hit hard by this pandemic and every Jewish institution has incurred increased operation costs to keep us connected and safe in these unprecedented times. Funds raised in this category will be available to provide additional financial support to local agencies/synagogues requiring aid for expenses during this period.



New Jewish Voice Newspaper

The New Jewish Voice, published by UJF, is provided free of charge to over 5,000 households. Local Jewish communal organizations submit articles and photos, and receive thousands of dollars of free publicity annually.

Funding goal \$69,000



Life & Legacy

LIFE & LEGACY® is a collaborative program that helps individuals and families create legacy gifts for Jewish causes they care about, providing a permanent source of support for our community organizations and beyond.

UJF applied and was accepted to this program on behalf of our local community. Federation administers the program in partnership with 10 local synagogues and Jewish organizations in Stamford, New Canaan and Darien. Participating community organizations receive training and incentive grants from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and UJF.

The program is founded on the principle that all of us, regardless of age, wealth or affiliation, can make an enduring impact.

Funding goal \$82,000



Shalom/Welcome Program

Through the Shalom/Welcome Program, UJF welcomes new Jewish residents to our community, providing them with information and opportunities to connect Jewishly. The Shalom Baby Program welcomes new babies with gifts and provides relevant information to their parents.

Funding goal \$9,200



Virtual Classroom and Studio

In order to better build, engage and sustain the Stamford Jewish community now and in the future, The Stamford JCC proposes the creation of a professional quality production studio space with capabilities to develop, create, and deliver high quality, multi-media virtual programming. Community members of all ages will be engaged through educational, recreational, and cultural programs; fitness classes; podcasts; cooking demonstrations; speakers and interviews; early learning and youth activities; teen programming; and more.

Funding goal \$72,800



Communal Scholarship Fund

Our community, like others around the world, has had a tremendous rise in scholarship needs due to the economy caused by the pandemic. By contributing to the Communal Scholarship Fund, Jewish organizations in our local community will receive funds which can be provided for scholarships to those in need for programs, schools, camp and more.



Yom HaShoah Commemoration

UJF, together with the Board of Rabbis, brings the community together with impactful speakers and programs to remember entire communities and individuals lost in the Shoah.

Funding goal \$14,000



Introducing United Jewish Federation's 2020 Campaign for Communal Needs

Here you will find opportunities to direct your 2020 campaign gift to programs that will strengthen our community. Please take the time to read more about these innovative initiatives and support them with your generous philanthropy.

If you don't fund them, they don't happen!

YOU can impact and strengthen our Jewish community. It's your community, your money, and your choice. And of course, you can choose to support Israel, our Jewish brethren overseas, the Infrastructure of Federation or put your funds to "Where it is Needed Most" which will be used to fund the programs outlined below.

This campaign is Powered By YOU.

It's your community, your choice and your money, so please read through the list below and see how you want your philanthropy to make an impact.

More information can be found at www.ujf.org
or please contact Diane Sloyer at (203) 321-1373/105, dianesloyer@ujf.org.



Connect to Community

Schoke Jewish Family Service will continue to implement a friendly visiting program geared toward reaching elderly and homebound individuals looking for companionship.

Funding goal \$24,640



Passover Seder

The Friendship Circle will host and facilitate a Passover seder to allow special needs families from across our community to enjoy the holiday in a comfortable and controlled environment.

Funding goal \$5,600



Senior Services at Home

Schoke Jewish Family Service will administer and facilitate programming to address an unmet need for mobile counseling, and provide case management services for the physically impaired and home bound elderly.

Funding goal \$16,800



Community Chesed

Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy will offer a curriculum for students of grades Pre-K through 12 to volunteer, perform acts of chesed, on a regular basis in the local community and beyond. The purchase of a bus will allow for transportation as needed.

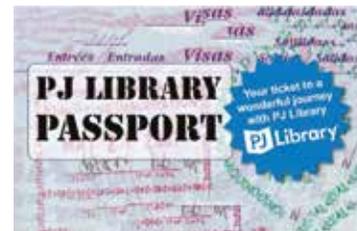
Funding goal \$112,000



B'Yachad/Together

Schoke Jewish Family Service will provide a welcoming inclusive program for LGBT tweens and teens where Judaism, sexual orientation and sexual identity can be explored and embraced in a safe place.

Funding goal \$30,240



PJ Library Programming

UJF's PJ Library and PJOuWay provide children ages 6 months to 11 years old with monthly books, free of charge as well as regular programming opportunities. These programs serve as connectors for families with young children to the greater community.

Funding goal \$38,000

Social Services & Senior Support

Youth and Young Adult Opportunities



Marc and Sherry Silver displaying one of the 50 plus red bows designed by Sherry that were proudly displayed by donors of 18 years or more.



Carol Brewer and Barbara and Harry Webski took a moment for a socially distanced hello.

UJF Campaign Kick-off: Innovation During a Pandemic

United Jewish Federation launched the 2020 Annual Campaign for Communal Needs as summer ended in early September. A first-ever drive-in-movie event was held. The made-for-UJF movie featured some of the over 600 donors who give year after year for 18 years plus. Over 130 attendees in 70 cars packed the JCC parking lot, received a

dinner-to-go bag, and enjoyed the movie from the comfort of their cars. Gifts were given to all honorees and, due to the generosity of the sponsors, all costs were covered. A special thank you to campaign chair Ellen Weber and the fantastic committee and volunteers: Robin Fischel, Nan Gordon, Linda Gornitsky, Jill Kaplan, Rachel Klein, Aviva Maller, Arlene Rosen, Nancy Schulman, Tara Shapiro and Sherry Steiner.

OUR APOLOGIES

While this creative event was extremely successful, the US Postal was not cooperative and many of you received the invitation just days before the event. Printing lists of honorees always presents an opportunity to miss and insult important donors and since we have a relatively new database, not all our wonderful 18-years-plus donors were listed in the honor roll in the last issue of the New Jewish Voice. We apologize to **Dena Kaplan, Linda and Larry Rezak and Renee Samson**, who were accidentally left off the list. If you too were left off the list, please let us know so we can thank you properly!



UJF president David Gordon and CEO Diane Sloyer greet the guests.



A beautiful marquis, designed by Ellen Weber, welcomes guests to the UJF 2020 Campaign Kick off.

Thank you to all our honorees, to Michael and Aviva Maller for producing the movie, to Aviva Maller for photography, and to the following sponsors: Ricky Arbron, Barocas Law Firm, Benchmark Senior Living, Alix Field Eben and David Eben, Edgehill - Benchmark Senior Living, Thomas Gallagher Funeral Home, LLC, Meryl and David Gordon, Jill and Mitchell Kaplan, Karp's Ace Hardware, L & S Realty, Carol and Peter Lilienthal, Mort and Eleanor Lowenthal, Nancy and Gadi Mimoun, Jonathan and Allison Ostroff, Ed Smith and Edith Samers, Monica Smith and Michael Schlessinger, Steven B. Steinmetz of Ivey, Barnum & O'Mara, LLC, Ellen and Richard Weber and Barbara and Harry Webski.



Robin Madan, Co-Chair of UJF's 3Square.



Committee member Nancy Schulman and her husband Gary pick up their dinner in a bag.



UJF Board member Caryn Halbrecht and Tommy Haendler.

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Friendship Circle Drive Through Carnival

(Courtesy of Friendship Circle) In August, the Friendship Circle of Fairfield County held an outdoor drive through carnival at the Chabad of Westport. Approximately 20 families and young adults living in group homes attended the event. Over 20 volunteers, both teen and adult, helped run the booths in a safe manner and allowed the participants to enjoy themselves. Cars signed up for specific time slots to allow for social distancing and the following of safety protocols.

As the cars arrived at the carnival, participants received a welcome bag with instructions for participating in all the carnival activities, snacks to enjoy and fun art projects to complete. Next, they were greeted by Leo the Clown.



Leo the Clown entertains Friendship Circle participant Jacob Fleger.

Leo made animal balloons and entertained attendees with bubbles and other clown antics. Attendees were also able to take a socially distanced photo with Leo.

With music playing, the cars proceeded around the parking lot to various carnival booths and games. These included basketball shots, tic tac toe, a football toss and more. Along the way, participants were treated to freshly made cotton candy.

Naomi Fogel, an adult volunteer who was making the cotton candy said "I was so happy to have the opportunity to volunteer at an in-person event! It was really nice that Friendship Circle was able to organize a carnival that could adhere to social distancing guidelines, while still providing plenty of fun activities in which people could participate!"

After cotton candy, participants were able to try their luck at dunking a volunteer at the dunk booth. The families also enjoyed visiting with the animals at a petting zoo. Animals included an alpaca, chickens, bunnies, a horse and other



David Finkel and his mom enjoy the petting zoo.

animals. They were able to feed the animals, as well as pet and talk to them.

"The carnival was an event my daughters looked forward to going to and it didn't disappoint," said Hadas Kleschelski. "The FC staff and volunteers went above and beyond to allow a safe event. The stations of games and art & craft were located six-feet apart from each other, and families were scheduled to come only a few at a time. There was a hand-sanitizer bottle on every table. Everyone without exception was wearing masks."

For more information on how to become involved with the Friendship Circle, please contact Director Malya Shmotkin at malya@friendshipct.com.

Chabad Offers Virtual and In-Person Youth Programming

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Bring your little one to feel, touch, see and experience a hands-on Jewish experience with singing, creative movement, rhythm, snack, story-telling, cooking, baking and much more. Caregivers are welcome.

For children in Kindergarten to 7th grade, Chabad offers its CKC program, a unique after-school Hebrew school program offering Judaic homework help, fun lessons and games and prizes on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. Once a month, its Chai Five club meets to find exciting ways to help people's lives in the community.

A monthly Bat Mitzvah Club is also offered which incorporates a fun, interactive and thought-provoking experience for girls in 6th -8th grade.

Chabad of Stamford also runs a Cteen program for high schoolers which meets several times a year. For Sukkot Chabad of Stamford will host its annual "Sushi in the Sukkah" event for local high schoolers on October 5th at 6:00pm.

For more information and to sign up contact morahleah@stamfordchabad.org.

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— GRATEFULLY, SALLY L (GREENS FAMILY MEMBER)



Jewish Women Connected Lunch in the Sukkah

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Chabad's Jewish Women Connected (JWC) "Lunch in a Sukkah" is an annual favorite where women of all ages and backgrounds enjoy a beautifully prepared luncheon and a thought-provoking class. This year's event will take place on Tuesday, October 6th at 11:30am and will include an individually packaged lunch. Social distancing and COVID protocols will be observed.

JWC brings women together throughout the year to study, to celebrate, to explore and to recharge. They welcome women of all ages to celebrate Sukkot, where people gather in a relaxed outdoor setting among nature and within the walls of the sukkah. For more information contact programs@stamfordchabad.org.

Schoke JFS and Partners Provide High Holiday Food

(Courtesy of Schoke JFS) Once again, Schoke Jewish Family Service 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.

Program chair Risa Goldblum organized, packed and distributed holiday food gift bags to the clients of the Freedberg Family Kosher Food Pantry. Chabad of Stamford, Soosh, Six Thirteen Restaurant, Stamford JCC JCares and Beldotti Bakery provided traditional food items such as round challot, fresh apples and honey, cakes, soup, roasted chicken and grape juice, along with apples hand-picked by UJA/JCC Greenwich PJ Library Families during their "Picking for the Pantry" program. Handmade greeting cards made by the children from Kid's Place

at the Stamford J were included in each bag to send special holiday wishes to clients from the community.

Schoke Jewish Family Service operates the Freedberg Family Kosher Food Pantry all year round for those in need. If you know of families or individuals who might benefit from assistance in the future, please contact Rebekah Kanefsky, JFS Case Management, at 203-921-4161 by email at rkanefsky@ctjfs.org. All requests and referrals are kept strictly confidential.

If you would like to donate non-perishable kosher food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, fish, pasta, beans, toiletries and store gift cards to Schoke JFS, please contact Rebekah Kanefsky, 203-921-4161 or email at rkanefsky@ctjfs.org to arrange for drop-off at the Stamford office.

Chabad Young Professionals Sukkot Under the Stars

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Come hang out, connect, network and enjoy an evening under the stars with local young Jewish professionals on Friday, October 2nd at 6:30 pm. Enjoy classic Israeli delicacies and drinks under the three thousand year old mystical canopy traditionally known as the sukkah.

For more information about this and other events planned throughout the coming year for young Jewish professionals in the Stamford and surrounding areas, contact Rabbi Binyomin Warmflash at yjp@stamfordchabad.org.

Stuffed Squash is Seasonal Favorite

BY RONNIE FEIN

The Coronavirus pandemic has impacted all of the Jewish holidays this year and Sukkot, which begins at sundown on October 2nd, is no different. We won't have the usual community sukkah-building or celebrations because of the need for social distancing.

And yet, the very nature of this holiday may give families a bit of leeway for getting

together – albeit in small groups -- because on Sukkot, according to Rabbinic tradition, you're supposed to eat all your meals outside in a sukkah (a "hut" or "booth"). Outside seems to be less of a health risk and although a sukkah is supposed to have three walls, it need not be completely enclosed.

Even if we can't get together with another family, we can celebrate the holiday in a

traditional manner: perhaps only a makeshift sukkah inside your house or set up in your yard, on your porch or terrace.

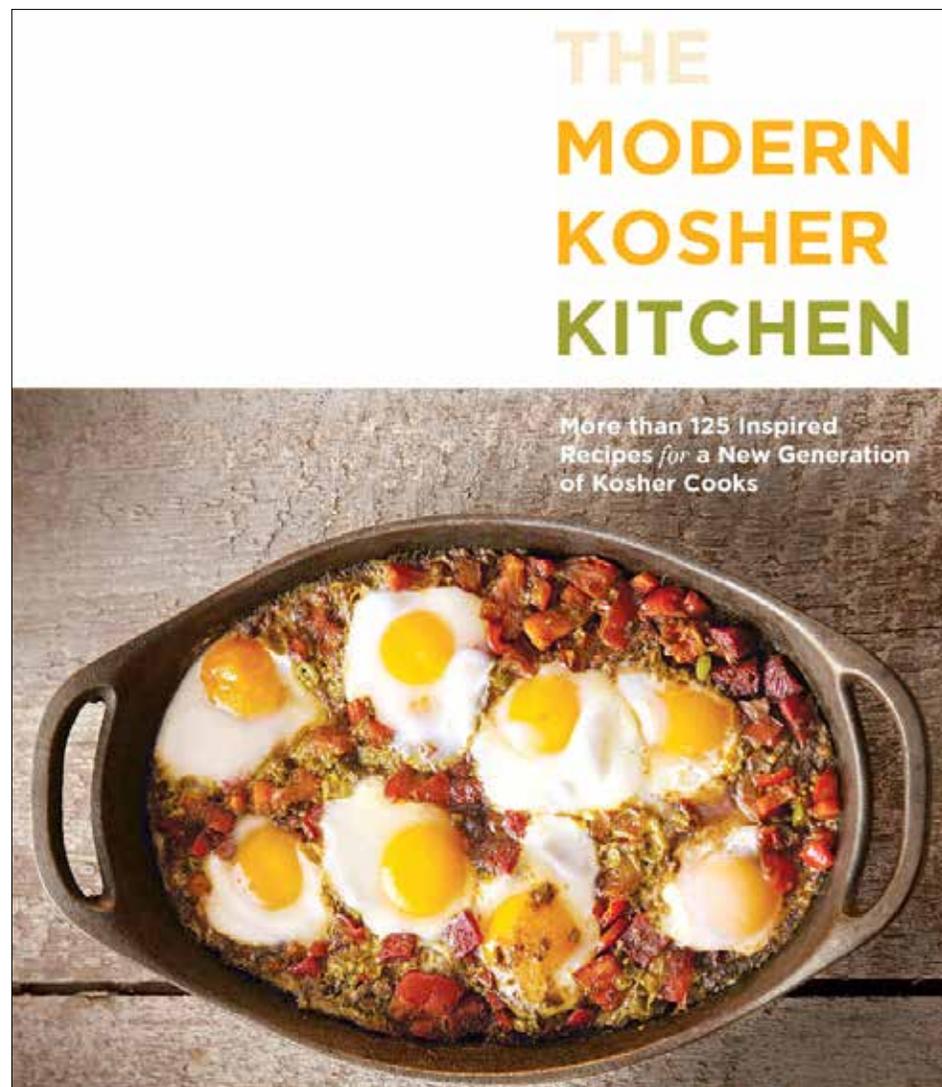
Of course we can feast on some of the sumptuous foods that have become traditional for the occasion. Recipes for Sukkot rely on the fall harvest: apples, carrots, winter squash, sweet potatoes, pears and the like, and many of them are "stuffed" – cabbage, peppers, zucchini, kreplach, strudel and so on.

One of our family's well-loved Sukkot dishes is Stuffed Acorn Squash. I also serve this post-Thanksgiving because one of the ingredients is chopped, cooked turkey, but you could also substitute cooked chicken or brisket or one cup of raw ground meat of any

kind (turkey, lamb, beef and so on) or switch to all vegetarian by using finely chopped mushrooms or even diced tofu. I've prepared vegetarian versions of this dish many times, sometimes adding some meltable cheese to the mix (mozzarella, Swiss, cheddar, for example).

Enjoy the delights of the season and Chag Sameach.

Ronnie Fein is a cookbook author, food writer and cooking teacher in Stamford. She is the author of *The Modern Kosher Kitchen* and *Hip Kosher*. Visit her food blog, *Kitchen Vignettes*, at www.ronniefein.com, friend on Facebook at [RonnieVailFein](https://www.facebook.com/RonnieVailFein), Twitter at [@RonnieVFein](https://twitter.com/RonnieVFein), Instagram at [RonnieVFein](https://www.instagram.com/RonnieVFein).



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

STUFFED ACORN SQUASH

- 4 small acorn or carnival squash
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 cup chopped yellow squash
- 1-1/2 cups finely chopped cooked turkey
- 1 cup chopped fresh spinach
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries or raisins
- 1/4 cup plain breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, optional
- 2 large eggs
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Cut the squash about 1/4 to 1/3 of the way down and remove the cap (you can bake it and serve it for decoration). Scoop out the seeds (you can rinse them off and roast them separately to use as a snack). Wrap the squash in aluminum foil and bake for about 35-45 minutes or until tender. Set aside. Reduce



the oven heat to 350 degrees. While the squash is roasting, heat the olive oil in a sauté pan over medium heat. Add the onion and carrots and cook for 3-4 minutes, to soften them slightly. Remove the pan from the heat. Add the chopped yellow squash, turkey, spinach, cranberries, breadcrumbs, parsley, thyme and cayenne pepper (if used) and toss the ingredients to distribute them evenly. Mix in the eggs and salt and pepper to taste. Spoon equal amounts of the mixture into the baked squash hollows. Bake for about 30 minutes or until golden brown.

Makes 4 servings

UJF LIFE & LEGACY Testimonial

BY LORRAINE AND DAVID KWESKIN

The Kweskin and Plotkin families have always been immersed in the Stamford

Jewish Community. Our mothers were Hadassah members and Sisterhood Presidents, our fathers bowled for the Jewish Center League, and both families actively supported their synagogues (Agudath Sholom and Temple Beth El). We were born and raised in Stamford; David's mother and father were born here as well. With one exception, our grandparents also raised their families

locally. So, there is a rich history of connection to the Jewish community and the city of Stamford.

We became awakened to the global Jewish community through our involvement with United Jewish Federation. We visited countries that had been in the sphere of the former Soviet Union whose Jewish

citizens were experiencing serious challenges of aging and Jewish identity. These are the same countries that our grandparents and great grandparents left when they came to America for opportunity and to escape antisemitism. Our Israel missions with the Stamford community sparked deeper connections to our faith and our People. These insights broadened our view of the Jewish world and magnified our involvement with Israel.



David and Lorraine Kweskin

LIFE & LEGACY is the obvious choice to nourish these Jewish communities and to support Jewish organizations both locally and worldwide.

We have never been people of overwhelming means, however, we do have an overwhelming commitment to the Jewish world. It is our prayer that by joining LIFE & LEGACY we can keep our commitment alive through financial support while at the same time setting an example for our children and grandchildren.

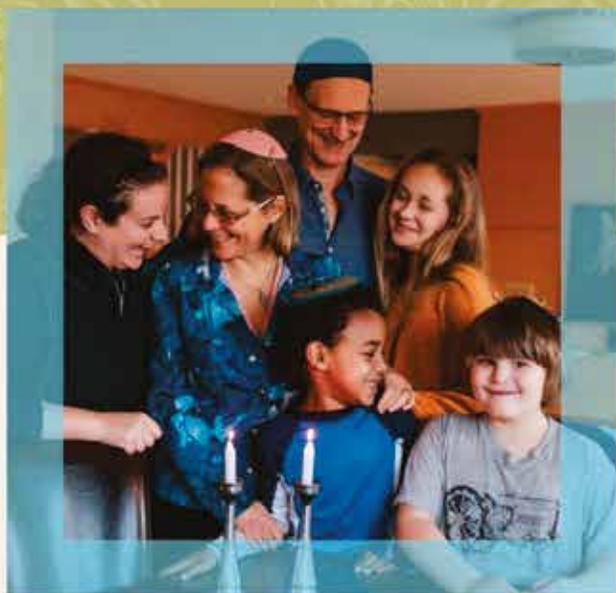
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Lindberg Defeats Roosevelt and the Earth Floods

BY ELISSA KAPLAN

In the midst of a pandemic, could we imagine anything worse? What if a flood covered the whole earth? Join us for the JHSFC Book Talks Series at its regular day and time, Wednesday, October 21st at 10 am on Zoom to find out about the Great Flood—the mother of all disasters.

Sarah Blake's novel, *Naamah*, uses the voice of Noah's wife, Naamah, to spin a "tell all" story about life on the ark with Noah, their three sons and daughters-in-law, and all those animals. Elissa Kaplan will review this work of midrash, which won the 2019 Debut Fiction Goldberg Prize of the National Jewish Book Council. Elissa Kaplan, in addition to serving as President of JHSFC, has a degree in Comparative Literature and is a frequent book review presenter.

In the middle of this election season, could we imagine an alternative history for a past election? What if Charles Lindbergh, the heroic aviator, had defeated Franklin Roosevelt, the sitting president, in the 1940 election? In

2004, Philip Roth published his book, *The Plot Against America* to address issues of Lindbergh's isolationist views, admiration of Adolf Hitler, and openness to anti-Semitism. The novel traces what happens to the Jews of Newark as new federal policies are implemented, such as moving Jews out of urban areas and into the American heartland.

Join us for the JHSFC Program Wednesday evening, October 21st at 7 pm on Zoom to discover Roth's take on Lindbergh, Roosevelt, and the Jews. Susan Herbst, the fifteenth president of the University of Connecticut, will review the novel from her perspective as a professor of political science.

Prior to serving as the first woman President of UCONN from 2010 - 2016, Herbst was the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer of the University System of Georgia, overseeing the academic missions



Susan Herbst



Naamah Book Cover

from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication in Los Angeles in 1989. Susan Herbst was born in New York City and raised in Peekskill, New York. Dr. Herbst resumes teaching at the Stamford campus this Fall 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County, *Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow*, by phone (at the Archives): 203-359-2196, by email: info@jhsfc-ct.org, or on-line: <http://jhsfc-ct.org/>.

The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County wishes you a beautiful fall harvest and Happy Sukkot! Using Yiddish, you can wish people *Gut Yontif* (Happy Holiday) on Friday, October 2nd at 10:00 am when Judy Liebeskind and Judy Altmann welcome you with virtual hugs on the Zoom Yiddish Coffee Klatch, A Bissel Yiddish. Check the JHSFC website for the link.

UJF Helps the Community Keep On Trucking

BY SHARON FRANKLIN

On a Wednesday in August, United Jewish Federation helped Stamford residents skip

a night of cooking with Neil's Wheels kosher food truck. The food truck is owned and operated by Meredith Abel, of Abel Caterers. The

truck parked at Temple Beth El in Stamford and provided a safe and socially distanced pick up with time slots every 15 minutes.

"With the pandemic and the drop in large in-person events and simchas, we had to get creative. Neil's Wheels was created during this past summer to continue our business with area organizations and individuals, and to provide a mobile kosher dining service in Connecticut," says Meredith.

The food truck night included a Mediterranean themed menu and cheesy flatbread.

UJF scheduled Neil's Wheels to be in Stamford for a second date - Thursday, October 8th, so mark your calendars for another delicious

"mobile" dinner. For more information contact Sharon Franklin at sharon@ujf.org or at 203-321-1373, ext. 109.



Shelly and Eddie Senker chat with Dr. Jason Fischel at UJF's mobile food truck night.

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Elissa Klapper picks up dinner from Meredith Abel and her team.



Brandon Shapiro and Evan Goldblum grab dinner to go from Neil's Wheels kosher food truck.

PJ Library Holds “Food & Tunes” Picnic

(Courtesy of UJF) United Jewish Federation’s PJ Library held a “Food & Tunes” program on a Wednesday in August, allowing families to gather on a sunny evening outdoors at Temple Beth El in Stamford. Parents spread blankets out on the lawn in their own family pods to enjoy a program featuring Bobby Doowah, a local children’s musician. Kids sang along and danced the night away listening to a variety of tunes, including some Jewish themed favorites. For some families, this was the first time they had attended an in-person program since March.

The PJ Library “Food & Tunes” program coincided with UJF’s Kosher Food Truck Night, and families had a chance to pick up dinner from Abel Caterer’s Neil’s Wheels

mobile truck and picnic on the lawn while they enjoyed the music.

UJF will continue to bring the community socially distanced outdoor programs, while carefully looking at current health conditions to ensure everyone feels comfortable and safe.

The next outdoor PJ program is a Sukkot event on Tuesday, October 6th, which will provide two forty-minute shifts so numbers of guests are limited. You can sign up for this program by going to www.ujf.org/pjhoney.



Families attend the UJF PJ Library “Food & Tunes” program.

For more information about PJ Library or programming contact Sharon Franklin at sharon@ujf.org or call 203-321-1373, ext. 109.



Faizakoff family enjoys a musical picnic.



The Fener family enjoy a night out in a safe and socially distanced way.

LIFE & LEGACY Honor Roll

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- Betty and Dan* Roberts
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- Nancy Schiffman
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- Monica Smyth and Michael Schlessinger
- Greta Solomon
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- Linda Spilka
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- Gladys and Greg Teitel
- Rabbi Jay and Dr. Julie TelRav
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- Carl and Dana Weinberg
- Leon Weisburgh
- Joan Zinbarg*
- Renee Zinn

*Of Blessed Memory

UJF’s PJ Library & BCHA’s Rosh Hashana In the Bag

(Courtesy of UJF) On a sunny Sunday morning the week before Rosh Hashana, United Jewish Federation’s PJ Library and Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy held a free joint holiday program. Families who attended wrote and decorated holiday cards for US service people stationed in Japan and heard a Rosh Hashana story. Kids also made napkin rings to be used for their holiday tables,

a craft created by BCHA’s Director of Admissions, Miriam Sperber.

To keep the program safe, over 15 families selected from two shifts, and numbers were kept to 12 families each shift. “Before Covid we could expect up to 80-90 people at our PJ Library programs. Times have changed, and we have incorporated strategies to keep families socially distanced and safe, which includes

keeping numbers down and holding programs outdoors,” says Sharon Franklin, UJF’s Managing Director of Campaign and Community Engagement.

UJF’s PJ Library and BCHA also sponsored a free holiday gift bag, which families were given at the event. Parents also had the option to do a drive through pick up that day. Over 75 bags were distributed for the holiday,

which included apples and honey, holiday games, toys, a recipe card, a challah cover craft, and PJ Library’s Rosh Hashana holiday guide booklet.

For more information about UJF’s PJ Library, Contact Sharon Franklin at sharon@ujf.org. For more information about BCHA, contact Miriam Sperber at m Sperber@bcha-ct.org.



Dina and Paul Berger collect their Rosh Hashana gift bag and work on a craft with their granddaughter at the PJ Library/BCHA Rosh Hashana program on September 13th.



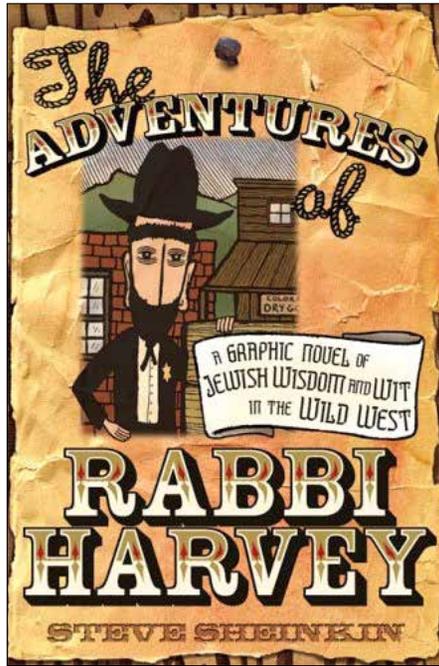
David and Rachel Levi and family enjoy making cards and doing crafts.



Erica Safer, UJF’s PJ Library Parent Ambassador, attends the program with her quarantine pod. (l-r) Jodi Farber and Tom Jackson, Ari Yagur, David Ariyeh, Safer, Shushannah Yagur and family, Mihal Ariyeh and daughter, and seated, Erica Safer and daughter.



Author Steve Sheinkin



Rabbi Harvey Book Cover

PJ Our Way Presents Author Steve Sheinkin

(Courtesy of UJF) Calling all middle and high school aged kids! On Saturday night, October 24th, PJ Our Way author Steve Sheinkin will hold a virtual program for area tweens and teens. Sheinkin, who is the author of the popular graphic novel series Rabbi Harvey, will talk about what inspires his stories and also do a drawing demo and lesson (so have paper and a pencil on hand for the program). The Rabbi Harvey character is a Jewish rabbi who also functions as an Old West sheriff in the fictional Rocky Mountain frontier town of Elk Spring, Colorado. Each story takes inspiration from one or more Jewish folktales and puts a Western spin on it.

This eclectic mixing of genres sprang from Sheinkin's childhood as a Jewish-American boy who read both Jewish legends and American Westerns. Rabbi Harvey not only contains elements of a wise mythical rabbi and a heroic lawman but also reflects the author's father.

To sign up go to www.ujf.org/pjowharvey. The program is free, and is made possible by Julie Daniel as part of her son Adam Daniel's Bar mitzvah project. The first 20 kids to sign up will get a free book. Be on the lookout for future Daniel's family bar mitzvah project programs for PJ Our Way. For more information contact Sharon Franklin at Sharon@ujf.org.

PJ Library Feature Family: The Frank Family

(Courtesy of UJF) Two-year-old Sammy Frank loves getting his PJ Library package each month containing his free Jewish book. Sammy's father, Mark, a Vice President at an executive search consulting firm, moved to Stamford 12 years ago. His mother, Joanna, a special education and literacy learning specialist at a Jewish day school, joined Mark in Stamford five years ago after they got married. They bought a home and their son Sammy was born several years later. Sammy and his parents love incorporating PJ Library into their lives!



Sammy Frank with his parents, Joanna and Mark Frank.

What is your family's favorite PJ Library book(s)?

Sammy's favorite book is *Dayenu* (he sings it ALL the time). Mark's favorite is *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*, and Joanna loves *Alligator Seder*.

What is your favorite PJ Library program you have attended?

We loved the adorable pajama, pancake Hanukkah party, which was last December!

Why is PJ Library important in your home?

We are all about books and teaching Jewish holidays and values. We don't believe in screen time, so books are a must. Also, the books are a lot of fun!!

What is your bedtime routine like?

We always include tons of books in the bedtime routine!! Sammy often chooses some of his favorite PJ library titles!

PJ Library Corner

BY SHARON FRANKLIN

New and exciting things are happening at PJ Library & PJ Our Way in our community, providing more ways for your family to share Jewish stories and experiences!

- Remember- families are eligible to receive "One Book Per Child" It's easy to sign up! Just go to www.pjlibrary.org and fill out the online form, and books will arrive within several months. For kids ages 6 months to 8 years old.

- PJ Our Way offers kids 8 1/2-11 a free chapter book each month. Tweens can choose from a selection of four high-quality titles that have been reviewed by a panel of PJ educators, kids, and parents. To sign up go to www.pjourway.org.

- Grandparents in Stamford, New Canaan and Darien can now receive a free subscription of PJ's PROOF Magazine and 2 free books each year. Sign up at www.pjlibrary.org/grandparent-enrollment



Sharon Franklin

- UJF's PJ Library and Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy invite you to "A Slice In the Sukkah" on Tuesday, October 6th at 1035 Newfield Ave. Enjoy a pizza dinner, crafts, an apple and honey tasting (each family will get their own honey tasting kit) and a story time. Also hear from an expert from Savannah Bee Company about the importance of bees and all about how honey is made. Safe and socially distanced program. Two shifts: 4:30-5:10pm and 5:20pm-6:00pm. Sign up at www.ujf.org/pjhoney

- Craft idea for Sukkot: Sukkot, the Jewish harvest festival, starts on the evening of October 13th! Looking for a fun craft to do with your kids? **Make a model sukkah out of paper towel rolls.**



Step 1: gather 14 paper towel rolls, tape or staples, 2 sheets of green tissue paper (or use real greenery from outside), 3 wood skewers or sticks, several sheets of colored paper.

Step 2: Now you'll need to make the three walls. The two side walls use five paper towels each. The back wall uses four. Use the stapler or tape to connect the paper towel rolls. Staple or tape them together at both ends.

Step 3: The Schach is the greenery we use to cover the sukkah. For this part you'll need the skewers or ticks and the green tissue paper.

3a: Use scissors to make a few small holes on the inside of the side walls. Now put the skewers through the holes so they stay in place. Or lay sticks on the top of the sukkah. **3b:** Cut the green tissue paper into strips. Crumple up each piece and then unfold them. This will give it texture and volume. Place the tissue paper over the skewers or sticks.

Step 4: Decorate your sukkah! You can make mini paper chains to hang on the sukkah, glue beads, use stickers, or add any kind of decoration you want!

WHY I CARE...

Focus on Aileen Tisser

“Our lives are fashioned by our choices. First, we make our choices. Then, our choices make us.”
– Anne Frank

Aileen Tisser grew up in Brooklyn, New York where she was an avid swimmer and a lifeguard at Brighton Beach Baths. Aileen and her husband, Steve, lived in Los Angeles when they were first married but moved to Stamford because they were attracted to the strong Jewish community that it offered. Their children, Adam, Hannah and Daniel, grew up in Stamford, attended Bi-Cultural Day School and were active at The JCC. Aileen is a Pediatric Physical Therapist and she feels blessed to do the work she truly loves to do. Twenty years ago she started her own business called Swim Angelfish, with her partner, Cindy Freedman. Her work there started out as a labor of love and a hobby and the business now operates in four states. It offers adaptive swim lessons, aquatic therapy, and training for aquatic professionals around the world. In addition to her devotion to her family and her business, Aileen is

dedicated to making an impact on the Jewish community.

Here’s why she cares...

Describe your current and past involvement with UJF and how long you have been involved.

My husband and I have been supporters of UJF for many years. I recently participated in the Behrend Leadership group and through this group connected with Jewish organizations throughout Stamford to help make an impact in our community. This year-long leadership training course is facilitated by UJF and is a wonderful resource for our community. I have also done virtual programs for UJF’s PJ Library, teaching about science and water safety.

Have you been involved with other Jewish organizations in the community and elsewhere?

I’m very passionate about working with the special needs community and have been involved with the Friendship Circle since it started. Last year I was fortunate to go on the Poland trip with Congregation Agudath Sholom.

My husband’s parents are Holocaust survivors and this trip was something we’ve been wanting to do for a long time. Upon returning from this trip I had a strong yearning to do more in honor of the 6 million Jews who had perished in the Holocaust. I wanted to make an impact on others. I wanted to do this personally and professionally and try in my own small way to make a difference.

Why is it important for you to give back in this way?

This is so easy to answer. It fills my soul and enables me to live with purpose every day.

How has the pandemic affected how you give back in the community?

In a strange way I feel the Poland trip which was the summer before the pandemic prepared me to handle this crisis with confidence and conviction. I saw first-hand that you can get through anything if you have faith and trust in God. I am not a very religious person, but I am very spiritual. I used the messages and lessons I learned on the Poland trip, at the Behrend leadership program, and from the families I work



Aileen Tisser

with day in and day out that overcome so many hardships. I found ways to connect and help others even when we were quarantined and unable to see each other. I ran webinars to help families that were struggling with their child with special needs at home. I offered free resources weekly for families on different topics to help support them with home schooling and therapy goals. I gave online courses for aquatic professionals. I also did lots of Zoom calls with family, friends, and my clients. I took the time to really connect with the people that are important to me.

TEEN VOICES

Being a Jewish Teen during COVID-19

BY NOAH DOFT

Judaism has been a big focus in my life so far, and many of the most important parts are colored by being Jewish. My school is Jewish, my friends are Jewish, even the way that I eat is Jewish. Every Shabbat I would go to synagogue to pray and socialize with my friends and every Friday night I have Shabbat dinner with my family. All of this has changed with COVID-19. The pandemic has made it so I can’t go to synagogue or meet with friends. COVID-19 has changed my life dramatically, and because my life is so connected with Judaism, it has affected many of the ways that I practice as a Jew.



Noah Doft

The first big change in my life was the isolation I felt from not seeing friends and having to stay at home, changing my life socially. I used to love talking to people in shul about different aspects of my faith, but I suddenly couldn’t do that anymore. Also, a favorite part of my eighth-grade year was the discussions I had with my teachers and fellow students in person. This was much harder to do over Zoom last spring when the pandemic started, and schooling switched to online.

How I celebrate Judaism has changed, too. The holiday that changed the most because of COVID was Passover. I usually go to my grandparents’ house, where the seders have a ton of people. This year my family chose to stay

at home. Our seders had much less conversation and wasn’t as good. But one positive result of staying at home was I wasn’t out and about like I usually am seeing bread everywhere, so I wasn’t tempted since we had no bread at home.

The pandemic has also affected the dynamic of shabbat dinners with my family. We used to invite people over, but now it’s only us. We used to play board games, but now the games we play are mostly digital. We never used to see each other so frequently throughout the day, so the planning of shabbat dinner is much more coordinated and everybody helps with the preparation. We, as a family, also have more conversations together, which is really fun.

These changes to my life and how I deal with them are partially a result of Jewish teachings. I can’t see people at shul, at school, or during any of the major holidays and I am mostly with my family because of social distancing. I do all of this because of what Judaism teaches. I have been taught by rabbis to value the lives of others as well as my own. I want to do my part to keep others safe during this pandemic, and if I have to change the way I live my life and practice my faith, I will do so.

Noah is a freshman in high school at Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy’s upper school.



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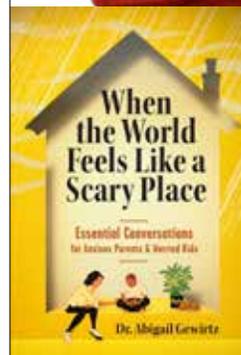
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