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Remembering Hazzan Sidney Rabinowitz, z"l

(Courtesy of Temple Beth El) Hazzan Sidney Gershwin Rabinowitz passed away on Monday, October 2 at the age of 90. He spent 53 years as Hazzan and Hazzan Emeritus of Temple Beth El in Stamford, CT. During his tenure at Temple Beth El, he prepared over 1,000 students for Bar and Bat Mitzvah, performed countless weddings and funerals, led an annual seder at local nursing homes, visited Jewish patients in Stamford Hospital, and put on his famous Annual Cantor's Concert. He was known to all as a caring, sweet, comforting clergyman.

"When we recall Hazzan Rabinowitz," said Rabbi Joshua Hammerman, senior rabbi of Temple Beth El, "many images come to mind. For some, it is the caring smile at bedside in the hospital, or that warm hand clasp at a house of *shiva*. For others it is the twinkle of an eye under the *huppah* (marriage canopy). For many it is the word 'e-nun-ci-ate,' which first appeared in the nightmares of 12-year-olds, then in their most cherished memories for the remainder of their lives."

"Hazzan Rabinowitz stood at the point, the pinnacle, where Torah and *derech*



Hazzan Sidney Rabinowitz, z"l

eretz (human decency) intersected," continued Rabbi Hammerman, "and that is the secret to his great success and why we cherished him so. As our *shaliach tzibur* (prayer leader), he stood before God representing the entire congregation, not just the most accomplished ones,

not just the wealthiest, not just the ones who come closest to moral perfection. The Hazzan reached down with all his strength, he dug his hands down into the earth, beneath the lowest of the low, and like a push from the diaphragm to reach the high notes, he lifted us all up to Godliness."

Following his tenure at Temple Beth El, Hazzan Rabinowitz and his wife Sandy, of blessed memory, moved from Connecticut to their home in Burke, Virginia and were members of Agudas Achim Congregation. He volunteered with ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others), performed Sabbath and holiday services at Fort Belvoir and visited the elderly in local nursing homes, often singing to the residents in

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UJF's "Big Give" Brings Community Together

(Courtesy of UJF) This year, United Jewish Federation's annual "Super Sunday" has been rebranded as "The Big Give" as UJF celebrates its 50 years of impacting the local and global Jewish community. Mark your calendars for November 10 through November 12 for 50 hours of philanthropy and impact!

"The Big Give will not only be an event when the community is asked to 'answer the call' and pledge to support the annual campaign of Federation, but it will be so much more, involving adults and children alike," according to event co-chairs Robin

Fischel and Wendy Siegel.

People often ask "What is Federation?" or "Why Federation?" United Jewish Federation (UJF) of Stamford, New Canaan, and Darien is an organization that builds and safeguards the Jewish community and strengthens connections to Israel and global Jewry by convening and mobilizing the community to invest in Jewish life for today and future generations.

"When there is a fire, help can only be

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JCRC Takes Local Action

From the Desk of Sharon Lewis, UJF JCRC Director

Since October 7, United Jewish Federation and its Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) have been working to support Israel and our local community. We have fielded hundreds of phone calls from our concerned constituents regarding the situation in Israel, what can be done to help, rising levels of antisemitism here and security concerns.

Federation and JCRC have convened the community several times since October

7 as a show of solidarity, to educate our community, and to raise much needed funds. Most notably, on October 10, almost 2,000 people participated in our Solidarity Gathering—with over 1,000 attending in person. We worked closely with Community Security Service (CSS), local law enforcement and private security firms to ensure that safety and security needs were met. We thank our local CSS

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Standing in Solidarity with Israel



On October 10, over 2,000 people gathered in-person and by live-stream in a solidarity gathering organized by United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan and Darien and UJA-JCC Greenwich, following the terrorist attacks of October 7 in Israel. (See centerfold for more photos.) (PHOTO CREDIT: AVIVA MALLER PHOTOGRAPHY)

From UJF's Chief Executive Officer Finding Hope in Times of War

BY DIANE SLOYER

On Friday night October 6, I went to sleep having just had a lovely Shabbat/holiday dinner in a neighbor's sukkah. Good food and friends were a nice end to a hectic week.

I woke up in the middle of the night, as I often do, to an unfolding situation of horrific acts of terror on our beloved family and friends in Israel.

As the clock ticked and reports rolled in, our leadership, volunteers, and staff sprang to action, because that is what we do. In an unprecedented act on Shabbat, UJF began sending out community-wide emails and updates. While Israel began mobilizing its forces, we mobilized our community.

I write through tears of worry while family and friends defend the Jewish people in a war on terror. All of us have a connection. People we know, people who are there, people who are impacted, people who have lost loved ones. People we love.

A non-Jewish friend from high school reached out on social media and asked if we could speak. She offered her support and sent a check and shared how her parents always instilled a love of Israel and the Jewish people and what could she do to help... We are all Israel, she shared!

In the eight days since this war began, I have been numb, and vacillate between crying and anger. We are on overdrive - from a briefing with President Herzog, top army personnel and our partners on the ground to planning a community solidarity gathering with over 2,000 people in person and live streaming, with more to come.

The tremendous outpouring of support from our entire Jewish community as well as the interfaith community, elected officials,



Diane Sloyer, UJF CEO

and law enforcement has been enormous.

So, what does support look like...it looks like unity I have not felt in all 30 years I have lived in Stamford. Our entire community has shown incredible generosity and philanthropy from all ages. Rachel and Greg Waldstreicher and Molly and Adam Rafalowicz, have each offered a \$5K match to

encourage the NextGen community to give. And they are giving! This communal spirit is nothing short of a human decent response to evil and barbaric cruelty. We stand together because that is how we win!

UJF announced a \$1 Million Israel Emergency Campaign. At the time of printing we have raised over \$700,000 from 529 donors. If you have made a gift, thank you. If you have not given or can give more, please visit www.ujf.org/israel or email dianesloyer@ujf.org.

We all need to show support right now. Don't hesitate. Don't wait. Give as much as you can so we can send funds to help today with funerals, shivas, bringing at-risk populations to safety, protecting Israelis and moving them away from the fighting, helping with post-trauma care, delivering aid, and more. 100% of all funds go directly to Israel to help!

We know that the needs will, unfortunately, continue for a prolonged period of time.

When there is a fire, help can only be had if the firehouse and all equipment are in place and ready to go. Just like that firehouse, having a strong Federation supported by all, leaves us ready to bring the community together, to act quickly whenever crises strike.

May we hear *besorot tovo*...good news!

UJF President's Message Message for Solidarity

BY MICHAEL SCHLESSINGER

As I write this note, we are only a few days removed from a jointly convened (Federation and UJA-JCC Greenwich) solidarity gathering that was attended in person and live streamed by more than 2,000 community members. A few of the attendees have asked me to publish my remarks from that evening. I hesitate to do so because the unfathomable crisis in Israel and Gaza will have taken unforeseeable turns by this newspaper's publication date, and these sentiments may seem dated or inappropriate.

But I do so nonetheless and offer the following by way of explanation. One privilege of being Federation president is hearing a lot of different views. I thought I was well informed coming into the role, and particularly that I understood what was in the hearts of people with whom I disagreed on controversial topics. I didn't. Solidarity is important in a crisis. This does not mean that we agree on everything or communicate in "official" talking points, only that we make sure our common denominator - in this case our abiding love for the Jewish people - is heard loudest and most clearly by those watching our response. Federation's most critical role is to facilitate that common denominator emerging - we may be bland in that sense, but we are not unimportant. Am Yisrael Chai.

Good evening. As we gather in solidarity, we are reeling from an attack that Israeli President Herzog has called the darkest day in the history of Israel. Our hearts are broken as we watch with horror the images... of unspeakable cruelty and inhumanity. And we are consumed in prayer for those taken hostage, those called up to serve, and those who remain



Michael Schlessinger, UJF President

subject to rocket fire and mortal threat from every possible direction. And we see from the reactions around the world that no Jew is isolated from the events in Israel, or truly safe.

Context eludes us, as the events on the ground and the geopolitical realities are too fluid to comprehend. Many of us

reflected on the division within Israel over the high holidays, aided by the thoughtful sermons of our clergy. Our enemies have exploited that division and brought us to the existential brink.

So the importance of solidarity... Look around the room. We have every congregation, every faith and denomination and every Jewish institution represented. We have Israelis, we have Americans, and we have many families that are some mixture of both. We have Holocaust survivors and their descendants. We have our political leaders and our spiritual leaders. We have every political party and every opinion, as our organizers know from the passionate feedback they have received in planning this event.

We are all here because we have one thing in common -- we care deeply about Israel and the Jewish people. This is a moment of solidarity but we know that solidarity will be tested in the days, weeks and months ahead. My prayer is that we hold solidarity sacred and rise above our differences as we seek the wisdom to find the right path going forward. The future of Israel -- and the inextricably entwined future of the Jewish people -- depend upon it.

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had if the firehouse and all equipment are in place - ready to go. Just like that firehouse, having a strong Federation supported by all, leaves us ready to bring the community together, to act quickly whenever crises strike," said UJF CEO Diane Sloyer.

UJF prides itself in fostering a welcoming, strong, cohesive Jewish community characterized by compassion, generosity, and commitment to Jewish values and the State of Israel. By respecting and celebrating diversity, Federation strives to sustain an inclusive, flourishing, and vibrant Jewish community. It is an organization that is here in good times and bad, always present, bringing the community together and acting quickly whenever crises strike.

As in years past, all community members are invited to participate in events pertaining to "The Big Give". Over

the course of "The Big Give Weekend", there will be numerous learning opportunities and ways to get involved.

Children will receive a "Big Give" package containing items which will allow them to have fun and keep busy while focusing on spreading kindness and good deeds! Packages will be distributed at Jewish schools like Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy and Gan Yeladim Preschool, and at local Hebrew schools as well. Additionally, if your child did not receive one, packages can be obtained at the UJF office (2009 Summer Street, 3rd Floor).

Each package will contain a *tzedakah* box, "Mitzvah Bingo" card and information detailing the weekend's events. Children are encouraged to decorate and fill the boxes and complete the Mitzvah Bingo cards.

On or before November 10, the boxes should be turned in to their teachers or brought to the UJF office. Proceeds from

the boxes will go to the Israel Emergency Fund.

Every child who brings a completed Mitzvah Bingo Card to The Big Give on Sunday, November 12, will receive a surprise gift from UJF.

"Starting with a PJ Library program at Temple Beth El on Friday afternoon, November 10, and again on Sunday, November 12, there will be family friendly and adult opportunities to volunteer and give back as part of UJF's Big Give," shared event co-chair Wendy Siegel.

The UJF phone-a-thon will have shifts throughout the day on November 12 with volunteers manning the phones and reaching out to the community. "With the war in Israel, we understand the importance of supporting those in need while still working to reach our annual fundraising goals and engage with the Stamford, New Canaan and Darien community," said co-chair and UJF board member Robin Fischel.

"The Big Give will enable participants to learn more about UJF and the impact our community has on thousands of Jews," added Siegel.

Far more than just a fundraiser, The Big Give is an event when staff and volunteers from Federation and its partner organizations come together as one community.

"The dollars raised during The Big Give make a real impact on our community, and in Jewish communities all around the world. By 'answering the call,' you are ensuring your local and world-wide Jewish communities will stay strong and thrive. Each person can make an impact, no matter the size of their gift. Funds raised go to programs and services, ensuring a Jewish future and care for all those in need," continued Fischel.

For more information, please contact UJF Deputy Director Eric Ross at eric@ujf.org or at (203) 321-1373.

Antisemitism and Philo-Semitism

BY EVA WELLER

The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County (JHSFC) invites the community to the Sixth Annual Norma and Milton Mann Lecture to be held on Sunday, December 3 at 11:30 am at Congregation Agudath Sholom in Stamford. The Lecture, which is free of charge, brings renowned experts to the community to present on topics that have wide appeal, are historically significant and impact the future. The Lecture is the first and only named lecture of the Society and is underwritten by the Mann Family Foundation to honor the memory of their parents, Norma and Milton Mann, two extraordinary leaders of the Society and community.

Alan Cooperman, this year's featured speaker, will present "Can Jews be the most loved and most hated religious group in America?" Cooperman, who is director of religion research at the nonpartisan Pew Research Center, led the Pew Research Center's landmark surveys of Jewish Americans in 2013 and 2020 and co-authored the accompanying reports A



Speaker Alan Cooperman

Portrait of Jewish Americans (2013) and Jewish Americans in 2020 which have shaped the thinking of Jewish leaders and organizations at both the national and local levels. He also oversaw the Center's survey, *Americans Feel More Positive than Negative About Jews, Mainline Protestants, Catholics*, released on March 15, 2023. Cooperman will present his lecture based on these findings.

Cooperman will share data both on antisemitism and on positive public attitudes toward Jews in the United States, illustrating challenges of measuring antisemitism, in particular. In an interview, Cooperman said, "An important goal is to help people evaluate polling data in a savvy way." He also added, "I'd really like to get a good conversation going about both antisemitism (hatred of Jews) and philo-Semitism (love of Jews) in our society, asking where people see evidence of these tendencies and whether they are opposite or fundamentally similar."

JHSFC President Peter Lilienthal said, "We look forward to learning how this March study's data might impact American Jewry."

Cooperman leads a staff of more than 20 researchers who conduct surveys, demographic analyses and other empirical studies of religion's role in public life around the world. This includes surveys in more than 110 countries and 150 languages. A recognized authority on the topic of antisemitism, Cooperman lectures internationally on the topic and will offer a fresh look at an age-old problem. Before joining Pew Research Center in 2009, Cooperman was a national reporter and editor at the *Washington Post*, foreign editor of *U.S. News & World Report*, and a prize-winning foreign correspondent in Moscow and Jerusalem.

An invitation-only reception for distinguished leadership donors who gave annual gifts of \$100 or lifetime giving of \$500 will precede the lecture at 10:00 a.m.

Congregation Agudath Sholom is located at 301 Strawberry Hill Avenue in Stamford. Registration is suggested, contact info@jhsfc-ct.org or call 203-359-2196.

JCRC to Host Legislative Reception

(Courtesy of UJF) The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of United Jewish Federation and the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut will host a legislative reception on November 19, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at Congregation Agudath Sholom, 301 Strawberry Hill Avenue, Stamford. All Connecticut representatives from Stamford, New Canaan and Darien have been invited.

The reception is a wonderful opportunity to meet your representatives and tell them about issues you feel are important. The representatives will also speak about issues of particular importance to the Jewish community, particularly the rising levels of antisemitism, security for Jewish organizations, and Holocaust education in our schools.

It is very important for elected officials and constituents to have face-to-face meetings so each can hear from the other. This is a crucial element of democracy. Please make the time to participate in this reception.

NextGen Comes Together in Support of Israel

BY MELANIE VORM

As I write this, it's impossible to put into words my thoughts on what has happened over the past week. My best friend is the granddaughter of a Holocaust survivor, I have met Holocaust survivors, I have been to Auschwitz and Yad Vashem and have seen some of the horrors left from the Holocaust. But never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined what happened in Southern Israel... Jews being slaughtered just because they were Jewish.

Words cannot begin to express how devastated and completely heartbroken I am by the senseless atrocities committed by Hamas against our brothers and sisters in Israel.

I have spoken to many of you over the past few weeks and we have all shared the same sentiments - we have watched the unfolding terror with intense sadness, heartbreak, fear, anger, and helplessness. Many of us have family and friends in Israel who either have been, or are being, directly impacted by the war. Tragically, some of us have loved ones that have been murdered, injured, or kidnapped. The gravity of the situation has been almost unspeakable.

As we watch anxiously from the US, many of us have been asking, "What can we do? How can we possibly help?" At the time of writing this, our Jewish Federations have been collectively responding, working with our core partners to support victims of terror,

enabling them to help to rebuild damaged infrastructure, and addressing the immense levels of trauma caused by this horrific attack. Lots of you have already donated to our emergency fundraiser, Operation Swords of Iron, (an extra special THANK YOU to Rachel and Greg Waldsteicher; and Molly and Adam Rafalowicz for their incredibly generous \$5,000 gift matches for all new NextGen donations), and each penny of those donations will be used to fund powerful initiatives to support our brothers and sisters on-the-ground. But there's still so much more that needs to be done. If you haven't already done so, please consider contributing to the UJF fund to support Israel at this critical time. If there's one thing that we've all learned these past few weeks, it's that our impact is far greater when we work together.

With that being said, and in order to further reach our Federation's \$1 million goal for Operation Swords of Iron, NextGen's Chanukah Casino Night, planned for Saturday December 9, will also be in support of Israel and we will be donating all profits to the ongoing emergency needs. In so much darkness, we look forward to a night of light amongst family and friends, all the while playing blackjack (and other casino games), spinning dreidels, eating good food, and sipping cocktails.

We look forward to brighter days ahead and until then, *Am Yisrael Chai!*

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Icons Reimagined: A Pop Art Celebration

(Courtesy of the JCC) Experience an art exhibition like no other as the Faye and Ben Manger Gallery at the Stamford Jewish Community Center proudly presents "Icons Reimagined: A Pop Art Celebration" by the talented Stamford, Connecticut artist, Ilyse Lyman. Running from November 2 to December 30, the exhibition transports viewers into the vibrant realm of pop culture, where vivid colors, timeless allure, and legendary figures converge.

The opening reception of Lyman's show will take place at the Stamford Jewish Community Center located at 1035 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, on Saturday,

November 18, from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Guests will revel in the evening's delights with complimentary, expertly crafted cocktails by Ross Silver, voted Stamford's Best Mixologist. They can also groove to the sounds of live music by Stamford's JUMO, who will be spinning beats inspired by icons featured in the show.

Ilyse Lyman, a dynamic local artist, blends pop culture icons with intricate patterns, creating visually striking artworks that pay homage to enduring figures. Her paintings highlight cultural icons including Madonna, Marilyn Monroe, Bob Marley, Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, Ruth Bader

Ginsburg, Biggie Smalls, Jay-Z, and more. Lyman incorporates glittering elements, patterns, and famous logos from Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Fendi, and Apple.

"This exhibition celebrates the enduring, profound impact of cultural icons," says Lyman. "I'm excited to share my unique perspective on these beloved figures and pop culture references through my art, inviting viewers to engage with their legacies in a fresh, immersive way."

For more information or to register for the event, please contact Jenifer Simon at jsimon@stamfordjcc.org.



Abe, created by Ilyse Lyman.
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Temple Beth El Concert

(Courtesy of Temple Beth El) Temple Beth El of Stamford invites the Jewish community to a free concert, featuring Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, on Saturday, November 4, at 7:30 pm.

Rabbi Warshawsky has been described as a "breakthrough talent

in the world of Jewish music" and his original melodies are written intentionally to express and re-imagine the deep meaning of the words of our tradition. He has performed at synagogues throughout the U.S., Canada and Israel.

Joining Rabbi Warshawsky will be Coleen Dieker, renowned musician and violinist.

Dessert will follow the concert.

Temple Beth El is located at 350 Roxbury Road in Stamford.

Kuriansky Teen Tzedakah Program Returns

Join teens from across our community to explore the importance of getting involved and giving back through the Kuriansky Teen Tzedakah Corps.

Meeting one evening each month from November through May, teens will identify the social justice issues that are important to them and learn how to allocate community dollars to

support these causes, through the lens of Jewish values.

The program is funded by the Kuriansky Family Foundation and facilitated by Jewish educator Jonathan Fass.

Community service hours are awarded for participation.

The meeting dates will be:

Sun, Nov. 12

Sun, Dec. 3

Sun, Jan. 14

Sun, Feb 11

Sun, Mar 3

Sun, April 14

Wed, May 15

For more information and to receive an application, contact Diane Sloyer at dianesloyer@ujf.org or ujf.org/kuriansky.

Babies, Blocks, and Bagels

(Courtesy of the JCC) Families with young children, mark your calendars for a morning of laughter and togetherness! The Jewish Community Center of Stamford is thrilled to announce the return of "Babies, Blocks, and Bagels," an event designed for families with children from birth to 3 years old (siblings up to 6 years old warmly welcomed).

"Babies, Blocks, and Bagels" will take place on Sunday, November 12 from 9:30-11:00 am at The Stamford Jewish Community Center.

This event is free and included in JCC membership. The community can join for \$10 per family. Registration is required. To register visit www.stamfordjcc.org. For more information, please contact Danielle Mittleman at 203-487-0976 or dmittleman@stamfordjcc.org.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

November 3.....5:30 pm
November 10.....4:22 pm
November 17.....4:16 pm
November 24.....4:11 pm

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December 2023 / January 2024 - Chanukah
Deadline: Monday, November 6, 2023

Email submissions to sandy@ujf.org
You should receive notification that your submission was received!

"Life Can Be Miserable and Magical"

(Courtesy of the JCC) Join the Stamford Jewish Community Center on Thursday, November 30 at 7:30 pm for a fun and informative mom's night out as Dr. Shieva Ghofrany and podcaster Caitlin Murray share their thoughts and guide us on women's issues including, surviving parenthood, health, anxiety, making time to take care of ourselves and lots more.

Shieva Ghofrany, MD, is an OBGYN since 1999, co-creator of Tribe Called V and host to the Instagram, Big Love Fierce Juju with over fifty thousand followers. Having endured six miscarriages, ovarian cancer and other health issues, Shieva harnesses her personal experience coupled with her professional observations to genuinely help achieve a calmer perspective for women of all ages. She strives to help women eliminate their fear by being "proactive not paranoid" about their health. Shieva's mission is to help women wrangle their mindset to get through life's challenges. Her motto is "Life can be miserable and magical!"

Caitlin Murray, the host of the popular podcast "Big Time Adulting," has 1 million followers on Instagram. She is known for making parenting discussions realistic, hilarious, and relatable and can be seen often dancing around her kitchen to release the stress of parenting. Caitlin coined the iconic self-care catchphrase for moms, "get yourself a snack!" Her journey into



Dr Shieva Ghofrany, OBGYN, speaks with Caitlin Murray at The Stamford JCC. (PHOTO CREDIT: SHIEVA GHOFRANY)



Caitlin Murray, the host of the popular podcast "Big Time Adulting," comes to The JCC. (PHOTO CREDIT: CAITLIN MURRAY)

social media began during a challenging time in her life when she was pregnant with her third child and her oldest son was undergoing leukemia treatment. She uses her platform to share her experiences and creativity.

Tickets are \$15 for JCC members and \$30 for the community. For tickets, visit stamfordjcc.org. For more information, contact Sandi Waldstreicher, JCC Sara Walker Nursery School Educational Coordinator, at 203.322.6541 or swaldstreicher@stamfordjcc.org

The JCC's Early Childhood Scholar-In-Residence program is underwritten by the Charles M. Karp Memorial Fund, through the generosity of Douglas and Sharon Karp and Arnold and Lisa Karp.

Stamford JCC To Host Holiday Vendor Fair

(Courtesy of the JCC) The Vogel Family Center for Early Learning at The Stamford Jewish Community Center will present its Holiday Vendor Fair on Tuesday, November 7 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. The event chair is Rachel Sackman.

Favorite vendors from last year's spring vendor fair will return, along with many new vendors offering unique gifts, clothing, jewelry, housewares, accessories, Judaica, teacher's gifts, and more. Some of the vendors include: Auburn Jewelry, Barre Bodywear, Beads by LTucks, Chintz Giraffe, Dash, DUXSTYLE, Eleanor Stone NYC, Erry Shop, Excessorize, Funky Tykes, Jewish Joy, Marci Gifts, Mickayla's Creations, Milo+Me, Paige Layne Jewelry, Phyllis and Rosie, Playground, Roadie Couture, Rock Candy NYC, Strands by Stacy, Wonnaful and more to come.

One-hour babysitting sessions for

children 2 to 8 years old will be available, free of charge, for JCC members, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The event raises funds for The Vogel Family Center for Early Learning so that its programs are accessible to all, regardless of financial need. A portion of each vendor's sales will be donated directly to The Vogel Family Center for Early Learning.

The Vendor Fair and parking are free to all. The Stamford Jewish Community Center is located at 1035 Newfield Avenue, at the intersection of Vine Road. For more information, visit www.stamfordjcc.org or contact Allison Murphy at 203-487-0988 or amurphy@stamfordjcc.org.

The Vogel Family Center for Early Learning at The J provides preschool programming for children 15 months to kindergarten, with before and after care.

Discover Youth Activities at Chabad of Stamford

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Chabad of Stamford's youth initiatives promise diverse and engaging experiences for children of all ages, with sessions kicking off in early October and continuing throughout the year.

The youngest group, ranging from birth to 3 years, can join the "Tiny Treasures Mommy & Me" sessions. Scheduled for Thursdays at 9:30 am, beginning on October 12, these classes allow for special moments with your "tiny treasure" in a warm Jewish environment. The program includes singing, storytelling, crafts, snacks and challah baking. Parents and caregivers are warmly welcome.

For children in grades K through 7, Chabad runs the Chabad Kids Club (CKC) program. This enriching afterschool initiative encompasses Hebrew lessons, Judaic studies, engaging classes and exciting games. CKC runs on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. Additionally, CKC runs P.O.G.S. (Parsha and Other Great Stuff) class, a weekly blend of science, Torah and culinary activities tailored for children



Chabad Hebrew School holds a Sukkah building competition.

in grades K through 2. Starting from October 31, Chabad's Chai Five club will run once a month, aimed at those in grades 3 through 7. The Chai Five club is a unique, fun way for children to be involved with community-based needs and projects and be part of social action

adventures that make an impact.

Additionally, Chabad of Stamford runs a monthly Bat Mitzvah Club (BMC) designed to provide a mix of entertainment and meaning for girls in grades 6 through 8. BMC runs monthly on Sundays and their next session will be on November 19. Lastly, for high school teens, the "Cteen" club has several programs lined up throughout the year, with a Thanksgiving mitzvah event scheduled for Monday, November 20, at 6:00 pm.

For more information about any of Chabad's youth programs, please email programs@stamfordchabad.org



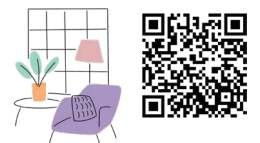
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Gatherings at Chabad

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Chabad of Stamford has organized two meaningful evenings for the community this November.

On Monday, November 13 at 8:00 p.m., Chabad invites men for an enriching "Farbrengen" gathering, celebrating Rabbi Moshe Shemtov's Hebrew birthday with food, drink and inspiration. The term "Farbreng" translates to "spending time" together and for Rabbi Moshe it is "an invitation to bond, connect, and elevate each other spiritually. It's an opportunity not just to learn but to also share experiences and wisdom in an engaging and significant manner."

The tradition of Rosh Chodesh is deeply intertwined with the role of women in Judaism. With this tradition in mind, Chabad's Jewish Women Connected (JWC) group gathers several times a year to mark Rosh Chodesh in special ways. On Tuesday, November 14 at 8:00 pm, women in the community are invited for a Rosh Chodesh study session. This

session honors the memory of two beloved *Shluchim* (Chabad emissaries), Gavriel and Rivkah Holzberg, marking their 15th *Yahrzeit* as well as honoring all the recent victims of terror in Israel.

Gavriel Holtzberg, an Israeli-American Orthodox rabbi, served as the Chabad emissary in Mumbai, India, alongside his wife Rivka. They played pivotal roles in the Mumbai Chabad House and nurtured the local Jewish Indian community. Tragically, they were victims of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. To remember them, Morah Leah Shemtov will lead a women's Rosh Chodesh class on the eve of the Hebrew anniversary of their passing (Cheshvan 29). This session is open to all women in the community at no charge.

For more insights and details about all upcoming events and programs at Chabad, please reach out via email at programs@stamfordchabad.org.

Join the Schoke JFS "Senior" Prom Committee

(Courtesy of Schoke JFS) For decades, what have most high school seniors looked forward to at the end of their time in school? Senior prom! Schoke Jewish Family Service supports seniors in many different ways as they celebrate the golden years. The agency not only provides seniors with essential services, but also with opportunities to socialize, eat, dance, and enjoy life's simple pleasures.

What better way to do that than with the first annual "senior" prom on Sunday, June 2, 2024? Applications are now open to seniors in high school to join the "senior" prom committee to help plan and run a prom for all

members of the community ages 62 and older.

All active high school committee members will receive at least ten hours of community service hours towards graduation requirements if they participate in committee meetings and are present at the June event.

Meetings will take place from January to June 2024. Applications to serve on the committee are due by Friday, November 10. To receive the link to apply and for any questions about serving on the committee, contact Elizabeth Hinds, Volunteer Services and Programs Coordinator, at ehinds@ctjfs.org or 203-921-4161.

JCC Thanksgiving Luncheon for Seniors

(Courtesy of the JCC) All senior adults in the community are invited to share in a traditional Thanksgiving meal and entertainment on Friday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m. at the JCC. The Seniors

Thanksgiving Lunch is sponsored by Marsha Kaiser Shendell and family in memory of her parents Dr. Daniel and Edith Kaiser.

Thanks to the generous sponsor, the luncheon is free and open to all seniors. A donation of \$6 per person is suggested. Reservations are required by Friday, November 10.

Please register online at www.stamfordjcc.org or contact Shari Ziegelman at 203.487.0979 or sziegelman@stamfordjcc.org.

Remembering Hazzan Sidney Rabinowitz, z"l

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English, Hebrew or Yiddish. Singing was his passion. He gave his last concert only four days before his passing, at the Landow House Assisted Living in Rockville, MD.

Hazzan Rabinowitz was trained as a Cantor at the Jewish Theological Seminary in NYC. He was later given an honorary doctorate from the Seminary for his outstanding work as a Hazzan. Hazzan Rabinowitz is survived by his daughters

and their husbands, Tamar (Morris) Gold of Elizabeth, NJ and Alissa (Ed) Locke of Fairfax, VA, his grandchildren Adina, Naomi, Eitan, Amanda, Ellen, Evan, Sima, Sawyer and Sam and 9 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Sondra "Sandy" Resnick of Newark, NJ, and his daughter Ilana Davida Schwartz.

May his memory be for a blessing.

JCRC Takes Local Action

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volunteers led by Adam Breiner for stepping up on short notice.

We worked with Mayor Simmons and Carmen Hughes, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion to organize an Israeli flag raising at Government Center; we worked with Congregation Agudath Sholom and local faith leaders to organize a rally at Government Center and a Solidarity Walk to Mill River Park. We organized an information briefing with Dan Elbaum, North America Head and President and CEO of Jewish Agency International Development (JAID).

Michael Shanbrom, our Regional Security Advisor from Secure Community Network (SCN) has been assisting with increased security needs and local incidents of concern. Michael and SCN monitor

online chatter regarding increased security needs.

We have been in touch with the Stamford Public School system to sensitize them to the needs of the Jewish community at this time and have gotten good response from administrators. Our local *shaliach*, Yoav Yaron, has conducted programming for teens at Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy, Stamford High School, Westhill High School, and through local youth groups to support them and to help them support our community.

We are advocating for Israel with our state and federal elected officials to assure that they know our priorities and hear our concerns.

Federation and the JCRC will continue to advocate, secure, educate and support this community as the crisis in Israel unfolds.



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Let The Good Times Roll



Chabad of Stamford Rallies the Community for Israel

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Less than 24 hours after the holiday of Simchat Torah ended, men, women and children (whose prayers are especially needed at this time), gathered together at Chabad of Stamford to be strengthened and to give strength to one another and to their brothers and sisters in Israel. The evening started with having the children making a *bracha* (blessing). Rabbi Moshe shared insights into the special power of the blessings of children. A video that had been prepared for the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War was also shared. It contained messages of hope, inspiration and positivity from the Lubavitcher Rebbe, of blessed memory, and included people sharing personal accounts and reflections from that time.

A local mother of two Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers currently serving, Rachel Haron, an educator at Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy (BCHA) and former Gan Yeladim Preschool mom, led *Tehillim* (Psalms) with words of prayer and encouragement aided by Tamar Links, a Gan alumna and current BCHA high school student, whose two brothers are also currently serving and protecting the land of Israel. The *Tehillim* were dedicated to all the lone soldiers from the Stamford community



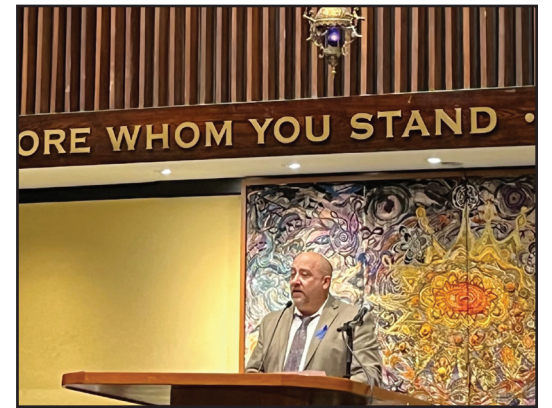
The Ulmer family leads prayers at Chabad of Stamford's "Torah, Tefillah and Tzedakah" unity rally for Israel.

currently serving in the IDF.

The children of Gan Yeladim led the room in the recitation of twelve special Torah passages. Chabad rounded out the evening by giving each attendee a *tzedakah* (charity) box, Shabbat candles and *Tehillim* cards, so everyone present could take part in *mitzvot*, in prayer, and in Torah study. Chabad encourages everyone to stop by and drop in to pick up a *tzedakah* box, get *Tehillim* prayer cards, put on *tefillin* or get Shabbat candles. In the words of Rabbi Moshe, "we can all do our part to help our brothers and sisters with *mitzvot* for our people and *mitzvot* for our land." To find out more, please contact programs@stamfordchabad.org.

The Impact of Your Generosity

(Courtesy of UJF) United Jewish Federation *Shaliach* Yoav Yaron, Eve Nachman, Senior Vice President Israel and Global Philanthropy at the Jewish Agency for Israel, and Dan Elbaum, CEO, Jewish Agency for Israel of North America spent an inspiring evening in Stamford sharing the immediate needs on the ground as the war unfolds.



UJF Deputy Director Eric Ross addresses the crowd.



(l-r) Yoav Yaron, Eve Nachman, and Dan Elbaum.

Chabad of New Canaan Holds Solidarity Events for Israel

(Courtesy of Chabad of New Canaan) On October 12, approximately 300 members of the New Canaan community gathered outside of Town Hall in solidarity with Israel.

On October 13, Senator Blumenthal joined the New Canaan community for a pre-Shabbat "Light for Israel" event where participants put on *tefillin*, gave *tzedakah* (charity) and lit shabbat candles in honor of Israel.



Senator Richard Blumenthal speaks to attendees at the "Light for Israel" event at Chabad of New Canaan.



New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan speaks outside the New Canaan Town Hall.



Rabbi Levi Mendelow of Chabad of New Canaan addresses the crowd gathered in solidarity with Israel.



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City of Stamford Stands with Israel

(Courtesy of UJF) Under the leadership of Stamford Mayor Caroline Simmons, over 300 people gathered at the Stamford Government Center to hear from local Jewish clergy and other faith leaders, elected officials and Jewish organizational

leadership. This standing-room only crowd heard a clear and united message in support of Israel and condemning the barbaric acts of Hamas terrorists. Following the program the flag of Israel was raised outside.



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Interfaith Rally of Faith and Solidarity

(Courtesy of UJF) United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, the Stamford Board of Rabbis, and the Interfaith Council of Southwestern CT joined together at the Stamford Government Center in support of Israel. This gathering of faith and

solidarity brought over 100 participants to pray for peace and stand unified against terrorism. Communal singing led the group from the Government Center to Mill River Park in a walk for peace and the freeing of innocent hostages.



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- Immediate cash assistance for families and individuals who have been impacted by acts of terror and violence
- Critical trauma counseling



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Community Gathers in Solidarity and in Support of Israel

Just three days after Hamas murdered, kidnapped, terrorized, and invaded Israel, United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, with UJA-JCC of Greenwich, gathered over

2,000 people in person and by live stream to mourn together and find solidarity in community. Ambassador of Israel to New England, Counsel General Meron Reuven, Governor Ned Lamont,

Senator Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General William Tong, Stamford Mayor Caroline Simmons, and many other local politicians were on hand to offer words of support and comfort.

Donations to the Swords of Iron Emergency Campaign can be made at www.ujf.org/Israel with 100% of funds raised going to support humanitarian efforts.





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Bits & Pieces



BY SANDY GOLOVE

To submit information to Bits and Pieces, call (203) 912-9945 or email sandy@ujf.org.

MAZEL TOV TO

GROWING FAMILIES:

Rebecca Gourevitch & Michael Wexler on the birth of a son, Oren Victor Wexler; and to the grandparents **Nurit & Mark Wexler** and to great-grandparents **Debbie & Ben Soifer**.

Micky Sofer Hobbs & Chris Hobbs on the birth of a daughter, Amelia Sara Hobbs and to the grandparents, **Marilyn Galler Sofer & Mitch Sofer**.

Karen Lander Lafferty & Kevin Lafferty on the birth of a son, Levi Miles Lafferty; and to the grandparents, **Lieba & Steven Lander**.

Lindsay & Dylan Lawrence on the birth of a daughter, Wesley Emilia Wexler.

Adena & Davi Levkovich on the birth of a daughter.

Katie & Jessie Lifshitz on the birth of a daughter, Ava Lifshitz.

Rachel & Yanky Lipskier on the birth of a son, and to the grandparents, **Yael & Victor Saul**.

MAZEL TOV ON MARRIAGES/ ENGAGEMENTS:

Julie & Warren Breakstone on the engagement of their daughter Carolyn Breakstone to Ben Finkelstein and to the grandparents **Eileen & Bob Breakstone**.

Karen Feinberg on the engagement of her daughter, **Stevi Feinberg to Jacob Hertzog**.

Debbie & Neil Gershon on the engagement of their daughter, **Ariel Gershon to Gustavo Torrealba**.

Liz & Marc Kitay on the engagement of their daughter, **Amber Kitay to Ethan Sumner**, son of **Barbara Sumner and Pamela & Eric Sumner**; and to

the grandparents, **Marsha & Edwin Greenberg, Nancy Kitay and Mike Kitay**.

Shira & Mitchell Zucker on the engagement of their son, Ephraim Zucker to **Melissa Dresner**, daughter of **Esty & Alan Dresner**.

MAZEL TOV OTHER:

Elissa & David Kaplan, recipients of the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County (JHSFC) Heritage Award and **Sandy & Fred Golove**, recipients of the JHSFC Lifetime Achievement Award.

MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH:

Gavin Cooper: son of **Kahla & Gordon Cooper**.

Eliana Nadel: daughter of **Jill Swartz Nadel & Mitch Nadel**.

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF:

Jean Best: mother of **Barry Best**.

Barry Beyer: husband of **Carol Beyer** and

father of **Jamie Feit**.

Elaine R. Feldman: mother of **Sue Feldman**.

Bradley Greenbaum: husband of **Avital Greenberg** and father of **Lyla, Jonah and Rae**.

Robert Harris: companion of **Paula** and father of **Cindy Harris, Karen Keeter, Richard Harris, Laurie Coleman, Marc Harris**.

Melanie Links: wife of **Brian Links** and mother of **Mark Links and Joanne Rose**.

Temple Beth El Hazzan Emeritus Sidney G. Rabinowitz: father of **Tamar Gold and Alissa Locke**.

Taira Rapoport: mother of **Brocha Rapoport**.

Irwin Rifkin: husband of **Jeannie Rifkin** and father of **Michelle, Raquel and Francine**.

Alan Silberman: husband of **Mary C. Silberman** and father of **Lauren Silberman and Alison Silberman**.

The Hebrew Corner

A Monthly Primer by Robert Abrams,
UJF Education Committee Chair

When we cross through our front doorway we frequently look at the *mezuzah* on the doorpost. And we know why it's there. The book of *Shmot* - Exodus in English - tells the story that



Robert Abrams

in order for our ancestors to be protected from the tenth plague of the slaying of the first born, they had to take a lamb, slaughter it, and mark the doorposts and the lintel of their homes with its blood. The description can be found in chapter 12, verse 7 of *Shmot*/Exodus. But the Hebrew words for the doorposts and the top of the doorframe (a.k.a. the lintel) combine into a very interesting concept.

The Hebrew word "mezuzah" literally means doorpost. The root of the word *mezuzah* is not clear. Our most famous Biblical commentator Rashi states that the doorposts are standing upright, one on either side of the doorway. There is a similar word in Akkadian that also means "standing," consistent with and supporting Rashi's opinion.

There is, however, another possible source. The word *mezuzah* may come from the Hebrew word for movement - "TeZuZah" - of

people walking in and out of the doorway. The three letter root of TeZuZa is Taf, Zayin, Zayin.

The other word we're interested in for this discussion is the Hebrew word for the

lintel - the crosspiece connecting the top of the two doorposts of a doorway. That word is maSHKoF, with the three letter Hebrew root being Shin, Koof, Fay. The word SheKeF means a view or a perspective. The word niShKaF means to be seen, to be visible. Further, if you possess a particular viewpoint, outlook, or approach to something, you have a particular "haShKaFah."

So, our doorways have a maShKoF that views us as we walk in between the meZuZot of our doorways. Interestingly, one of the questions the Talmud tells that we're asked upon reaching Heaven is, how did we behave in the marketplace? In other words, did we behave one way in our home and differently in public? Our doorways evidently watch us each time we leave and return and ask how we behaved.

A Message from UJF's Community Shaliach A Time For Unity

BY YOAV YARON

This is a difficult and challenging time for Israel and for all of our people as well.

We are at war.

We are fearing for our loved ones, the people of Israel and many more lives that are at risk. I find myself moving from feeling devastated, hurt, angry, sad, hopeful, hopeless, energetic, numb, and much more throughout the days. Countless emotions and thoughts pass through my mind every minute.

When I went to *Mechina* (gap year) before drafting to the IDF, I learned about Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveichik and I want to share something he wrote, in his book *Kol Dodi Dofek* (*Listen, My Beloved Knocks*), in "The Righteous Suffer", verse 13.

"How pitiful if man's sufferings do not bring him to a spiritual crisis, and his soul remains frozen and bereft of forgiveness. How pitiful is the sufferer if his soul is not warmed



Yoav Yaron

by the flame of suffering, and if his wounds do not spark 'the Candle of God' (Proverbs 20:27) within him. When pain wanders in the wide world as a blind force without purpose, a stinging indictment of the man who squanders his suffering issues forth."

We cannot choose what we feel, but we can choose what to do. To take action means that

we actively decide to redirect our emotional energy into something constructive. To move forward.

As long as we keep moving, we will get better. Remember: The story of the nation of Israel did not begin yesterday and it will not end today. We have survived much more difficult things. In the end, the Nation of Israel and the entire world always triumphs over evil, with God's help and as one strong indestructible united community. *Am Yisrael Chai!*

Friendship Circle Welcomes New Teen Board Leaders

(Courtesy of Friendship Circle of Fairfield County) Friendship Circle of Fairfield County welcomes new leaders who have been elected by the Teen Board. Zachary Price and Jonah Rosenberg will share

the title of President of the Teen Board.

To learn more about the Friendship Circle and become involved, please contact Malya Shmotkin at malya@friendshipct.com



Zachary Price and
Jonah Rosenberg

Teens Support Israel Across Stamford



Stamford High School's Jewish Heritage Club showed their support of Israel.



BCHA High School students heard from Rabbi Tzvi Bernstein about community unity.



BCHA students gathered to pray for healing amid Israeli crisis.

(Courtesy of UJF) Following the news on the attack on Israel, United Jewish Federation Community Shaliach, Yoav Yaron, took part in high school assemblies across Stamford including visits to Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy (BCHA), Stamford High School, and Westhill High School.

At BCHA, Yoav led the assembly with middle school and high school students, along with Morah Ayelet Schlesinger and BCHA's Israeli emissaries, Yiska Ben-David and Hila Hakak, who joined in by sharing a prayer for hope.

At Stamford High School, around 50 students gathered during the school's Jewish Heritage Club led by Dovi Siderson with NCSY (National Council of Synagogue Youth) and the Jewish Student Union, who also led the Jewish Heritage Club at Westhill High School.

At each school students offered their prayers, shared their thoughts, learned about the impact of the tragic events in Israel, and how they can do their part to help support Israel and each other at this difficult time.



Westhill High School's Jewish Heritage Club gathered to hear the news from Israel.



BCHA Upper School learned how to support and encourage each other.

Teens Unite in Mitzvot for Israel



Teens join together to bake challah at Chabad of Stamford.

(Courtesy of UJF) In a show of solidarity with their brothers and sisters in Israel, various youth organizations in Stamford came together for a challah bake at Chabad of Stamford thanks to a joint initiative from United Jewish Federation, Chabad's CTEEN, NCSY (National Council of Synagogue Youth) and Jewish Student Union.

The updates from Israel have taken a heavy toll on local teens. Together the youth groups rallied to find a meaningful way for the teens to spend an evening disconnecting from social media and connecting in person. For some of the teens in attendance, the evening was especially significant as they have siblings or close relatives in Israel actively serving in the Israel Defense Forces. Finding a practical and spiritual way to help their families was particularly comforting.

The event brought together teens from different schools in the area, private and public, Jewish and secular, and various communities in the hope of strengthening and connecting every one of them to channel their energies into positive deeds and actions.

"The Torah also teaches (and history has repeatedly demonstrated), that the physical protection of each one of us, and indeed, our very collective destiny is intrinsically connected to our spiritual activism," said Leah Shemtov, Co-Director of Chabad of Stamford.

All challah prepared on the night was distributed on Friday throughout Stamford to bring light and joy to many families, including those with "lone soldiers" currently serving in Israel and individuals in need of a "taste of Shabbat" in a real show of unity, love and tradition.

New Around Town

Gus Nunez, Schoke JFS Director of Clinical and Family Services

Gus Nunez joins Schoke Jewish Family Service as the Director of Clinical and Family Services. He is a LMSW (Licensed Master Social Worker) in both NY and CT. He received his MSW at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, and trained at the Mount Sinai Icahn School of Medicine. Gus brings with him an extensive work history including his time spent working at three major NYC hospitals over the span of 18 years, and his experience as Deputy Director for a large community-based organization.



Gus Nunez

His most recent role has been as a medical social worker for United Health providing care to the senior citizen population. His background is in behavioral health, mental health, case management, emergency room, trauma care, as well as infectious disease. In addition, Gus has his own private practice in Stamford. "I'm excited to share my knowledge and provide support to the incredible team at Schoke JFS in order to enhance the amazing work being done for our community," Gus shared.

The Temple Sinai Wind Phone

BY CANTOR MICAH MORGOVSKY

The Telephone of the Wind was created in 2010 by Itaru Sasaki, as a response to the pain of losing his beloved cousin to cancer. In his grief, Sasaki purchased an old black rotary telephone and placed it in his garden. And, though it was not connected to any “earthly communication system” he began using the phone to continue speaking to his cousin. In this way, it became a powerful tool to help him feel connected to his cousin and bring comfort and healing.

The following year, an earthquake of enormous magnitude caused a tsunami that obliterated the coast of Japan, destroying entire towns and taking thousands of lives. Countless souls were swept out to sea by the 30-foot waves crashing to shore, and their bodies were never recovered. The city of Ōtsuchi suffered the highest number of missing persons and its survivors were awash in a sea of grief and loss.

In the aftermath, Sasaki relocated his Wind Phone to a blustery hill overlooking the Pacific Ocean, next to the town of Ōtsuchi. He welcomed mourners to his phone booth and encouraged them to make calls to their friends and relatives lost to the great tsunami. He hoped that, like him, they would find connection and hope, and thus ease some of the pain of their grief.

For thousands of mourners from all over the world, speaking into the Phone of the Wind has become an incredibly powerful mourning ritual, sparking resilience in the face of loss. Mourners make the pilgrimage to “call” their loved ones in spirit, to say the things they didn’t get a chance to say in life.



Cantor Micah Morgovsky uses the Wind Phone in the beautiful setting behind Temple Sinai.



The Temple Sinai Wind Phone.

The Wind Phone is a sacred place that provides solace to the bereaved as they work through the pain of their loss. As a result, The Phone of the Wind has inspired the creation of many similar spaces all over the world.

Temple Sinai is proud to bring this new ritual object to the greater Stamford community as well.

All are welcome to come and use the Wind Phone which is located behind Temple Sinai. Some may wish to speak to their loved ones, others will choose to speak to God, and still others will simply use it as a way to speak what they need to say without feeling self-conscious. It’s ready and waiting for all who wish to consider the endless possibilities of expression, interconnectedness, and healing. In this way, the Temple Sinai Wind Phone becomes a powerful tool for coping with loss, communicating with God and loved ones, and better understanding humanity. It is our hope that, by using the Wind Phone, hearts may be healed, faith deepened, and memories lifted up for blessing and carried off on the wind.

JWC Celebrates Friendship, Unity and Mitzvot

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) On what was the warmest day of Sukkot, a group of almost 50 ladies gathered for a special luncheon in the sukkah at Chabad of Stamford. The annual “Jewish Women Connected” event combines the joys of friendship with the spiritual significance of the festival. After the guests enjoyed a delicious lunch,



(l-r) Rachel Beldock, Rita Yellen and Havi Pessio with Leah Shemtov (standing) enjoy lunch in the sukkah.

senior program invited several local seniors in the community to join as their guests, with various other attendees volunteering to drive them to and from their houses.

For Leah Shemtov, “the JWC lunch in the sukkah is not just a meal, it is a shared experience of gratitude,

reflection, and joy.” To find out about volunteering with seniors in the Stamford community through the Betsy’s Buddies program please contact programs@stamfordchabad.org.

TBE Social Club Forges Connections

(Courtesy of Temple Beth El) Two years ago, as the world emerged from the worst of the pandemic, Scott Krowitz and Lisa Manheim, two of Temple Beth El’s prominent lay leaders, began looking for ways to bring congregants back together in person at the synagogue. Hence was born the TBE Social Club.

At first, events were outside only, with Scott and Lisa chairing a rotating committee of people who would plan the event over Zoom. But the two chairs knew they were on to something when 80 congregants started showing up for the events.

Today, the TBE Social Club still remains a major promoter of social life at TBE with the same goal: to bring together adult congregants of all ages to socialize, make new friends, and forge deeper connections. Amy Davidson now chairs the club with members continuing to volunteer for each event to plan and execute the festivities.

Events are usually held on Thursday evenings and often coincide with the Jewish festive holidays. Over the past 12 months, there’s been “Vodka and Latke”



TBE members coming together for “Steak, Scotch and Sushi in the Sukkah.” (PHOTO CREDIT: AVIVA MALLER PHOTOGRAPHY).

(Hanukkah), “A Night Under the Stars” to mark the beginning of summer, and “Shabbat Under the Stars” to mark its end. A few weeks ago, the club held “Steak, Scotch and Sushi in the Sukkah”, and another event is being planned around Hanukkah time this year.

Participation at many events now exceeds 100 individuals.

“The success of the TBE Social Club helps us see how much our community enjoys being together and the extent to which the synagogue can play a significant role in our congregants’ social lives,” says Lisa Manheim.

JumpStart Classroom at Maritime Odyssey Preschool



Representatives from the Suzanne McGraw Foundation, Stamford JCC, Maritime Odyssey Preschool and The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk. (PHOTO COURTESY OF FRANCISCO COSTA)

(Courtesy of the JCC) On October 2, Jumpstart celebrated the grand opening of its new classroom at the Maritime Odyssey Preschool at the Maritime Center in Norwalk. JumpStart, a program of the Stamford Jewish Community Center, enhances the lives of children with developmental disabilities and provides support to their families. This expansion was made possible by the Suzanne McGraw Foundation.



JumpStart children enjoying circle time. (PHOTO COURTESY OF FRANCISCO COSTA)

Checkmate!

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) The children in Gan Yeladim Early Childhood Center have loved learning new chess skills which in turn helps develop and promote critical thinking while also teaching core math and verbal skills.



Spirituality Under the Stars

BY MELANIE VORM

The NextGen community came together for an evening of “Spirituality and Mindfulness” last month in the latest installment of its “Weekday Wine Down” series.

Gathering under the stars in a sukkah at a private residence in Stamford, guests sipped wine and ate cheese, while listening to words of affirmation and encouragement from guest speaker Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld of Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy.

Grounded in Jewish teachings, Rosenfeld gave a fresh and timely perspective on the art of “mindful living,” a term that has almost become a buzzword amongst the NextGen generation. He explained that in order to spiritually grow, attuning ourselves to live life in the moment and have authentic conversations with our peers that require active listening, will take us to a place of true mental wellbeing.

“Sukkot is a reminder that everything in life is temporary. Much like an etrog that will disintegrate, or the sukkah that is a temporary dwelling, every moment in our lives, too, are ones that will be fleeting,” said Rosenfeld.

“So, take the time to be real in each moment. Whether it’s with friends, work colleagues, your parents, or your children, if you can do your best to pause in that moment, be present, truly listen, be thankful, and be grateful, that’s when you can really enjoy the simple things in life and attain true spiritual growth,” he explained.

Rosenfeld’s words were inspirational to everyone in the room (or sukkah) with one attendee, Micky Reich – who also sits on the NextGen executive committee – commenting that “Rabbi Rosenfeld is incredible. His words were so captivating through his teachings of Jewish spirituality and its applicability in our everyday lives. The UJF NextGen crew came out in numbers and for good reason!”

While that was the last “Weekday Wine Down” of the year for NextGen, make sure to save the date of Saturday, December 9, at 8:30 pm for NextGen’s big Chanukah Casino Night. It’ll be an evening of cocktails, casino games, dinner, desserts, and a DJ. And yes, we’ll even be playing dreidel!



NextGen participants enjoy an evening in the sukkah.



(l-r) Avi Teplitsky, Mickey Reich, Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld, and Jason Fischel at the sukkah entrance.



(l-r) Robin Fischel, Stacey Soffer, Lee Soffer, and Wendy Siegel pose in the sukkah.

BCHA Named Gold Member of AP School Honor Roll

BY PAUL SILVERFARB

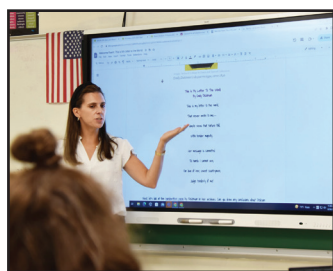
The awards just keep on piling up for the Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy of Connecticut Upper School. In early October, BCHA was named to the 2023 AP School Honor Roll as a Gold member.

“It is truly amazing that our high school continues to win awards and scholastic commendation in virtually every area of our curriculum,” said Rabbi Tzvi Bernstein, Head of School. “It is a testament to the stellar quality of our faculty and the learning environment they create, which engages all students to perform their very best.”

BCHA had 69% of seniors who took at least one AP (Advanced Placement) exam during high school, 69% of seniors scoring a three or higher on at least one AP exam, and 13% of seniors who took five or more AP exams. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools with AP programs that are delivering results and broadening access for students.

Meghana Fernandez, Director of College Guidance at the BCHA Upper School, noted that the AP honor means the school’s curriculum and teaching methodology better prepare its students for not only the test but also to be successful in college classes.

“Achieving AP Honor Roll status typically



Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy teacher Laura Tobin instructs one of her classes. (PHOTO CREDIT: PAUL SILVERFARB)

requires sustained effort and success in offering AP courses,” said Fernandez. “We are so thrilled that our sustained efforts have paid off, with 80% of our graduating class this year taking an AP class. In addition, 100% of our graduating class got 4’s or 5’s on their APs and that gave them college credit.

This is a well-deserved acknowledgment of our teachers’ hard work and their positive impact on our students’ academic journeys.”

In addition to Fernandez, who also teaches AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Microeconomics, and AP Macroeconomics, other AP teachers at BCHA include Paul Castle, who teaches AP Computer Science Principles and Computer Science; Jeon Sung, teaching AP Calculus; Natasha Cohen, teaching AP Pre-Calculus; Laura Tobin, teaching AP English and AP U.S. History; Upper School Principal David Giver, teaching AP U.S. Government; and Zhanna Williams, teaching AP Physics.

Schools can earn the Honor Roll recognition annually based on their ability to increase their school’s college-going culture, provide opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximize college readiness.

BANTER & BEER

01. WHAT

Enjoy a cold pint and light conversation with friends old and new at some of Connecticut’s local breweries hosted by UJF’s Community Shaliach, Yoav Yaron.

02. WHEN

Wednesday, November 15 7:00 pm

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03. WHERE

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PJ Library Celebrates Sukkot

(Courtesy of UJF) PJ Library celebrated Sukkot through United Jewish Federation's community partnerships. On Friday, September 29, Temple Beth El hosted their first pre-Shabbat Shabazz Shalom event of the season, thanks to a UJF community impact grant. On Sunday, October 1, Temple Sinai hosted a "PJ Library in the Sukkah" program for the community. At each event, UJF Deputy Director Eric Ross treated children to Sukkot-themed PJ Library read-alongs, and families enjoyed age-appropriate arts-and-crafts activities focused on Sukkot.



UJF Deputy Director Eric Ross shows Oz Manheim how to shake a lulav.



Children at Temple Sinai were treated to PJ Library stories and balloon animals.



Families came from all over Fairfield County to participate.

UJF Welcomes New Members to the Community

(Courtesy of UJF) "Shalom Baby" is a program of United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan, and Darien which welcomes newborns to the Jewish community with a home visit and gift bag that includes information on United Jewish Federation family programs and events.

"Shalom Stamford," also a program of UJF, offers a warm welcome to all newcomers with a personal visit and a bag full of goodies and information to help navigate life in their new community.

If you know of the birth of a child, or the arrival of newcomers to the community, please contact Eric Ross, Deputy Director of United Jewish Federation, at Eric@ujf.org



Eric Ross, Deputy Director of UJF, delivers a "Shalom Baby" package to Sarah Skolnick and her new daughter Tzvia. (Not pictured: Tzvia's father, Noam Skolnik)

Go Fish!

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) In honor of Rosh Hashanah, the children of Gan Yeladim were able to combine Judaics, cooking, experiential learning, nature and fun. Together, the class explored fish physiology from head to tail while also discussing the symbolism of the parts of the fish and how it relates to the holiday of Rosh Hashanah. They then seasoned, cooked and enjoyed their dish.



BCHA Celebrates Simchat Torah

(Courtesy of Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy) On October 6, Stamford's Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy of Connecticut hosted a Pre-Simchat Torah parade led by the Early Childhood and first-graders that brought dancing, ruach/spirit, and pure joy to the entire school. In addition, the students in the parade showcased their homemade flags that celebrated the Torah.



Students from Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy parade through the halls of the school in celebration of Simchat Torah. (ALL PHOTO CREDIT: PAUL SILVERFARB)

UConn Hillel Kicks Off Programming in Stamford

(Courtesy of UConn Hillel) UConn Hillel kicked off a year of programming by joining UConn Stamford's campus on Thursday, October 5 during the holiday of Sukkot. Jewish students had the opportunity to come learn about UConn Hillel's programming from its Executive Director, Edina Oestreicher, while also participating in the holiday with the shaking of the lulav.

Through the generosity of United Jewish Federation, UConn Hillel is able to offer programming to Jewish college students in Stamford. Programs planned throughout the year will include participation in religious events including Shabbat services and meals as well as Hanukkah and Passover celebrations. For more information, please reach out to info@uconnhillel.org.



UConn Hillel Executive Director Edina Oestreicher and UConn Stamford students celebrate Sukkot.



UConn Stamford student with a Lulav.

Slushies in the Sukkah

(Courtesy of Chabad of Stamford) Families and children of all ages enjoyed a special "Slushies in the Sukkah" event this year at Chabad of Stamford with a Kona ice truck, bubble show, live music, food, crafts and fun.



Festive Vegetables for Thanksgiving

BY RONNIE FEIN

Our family loves Thanksgiving. It's a happy, food-filled day that we look forward to every year. My kids and grandkids come plus my brother and his kids and grands. That's a lot of people! And this year we have one more because my nephew was married so he and his new bride will be joining our celebration.

For us, that means that in addition to our traditional American dinner: turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, spinach strudel and pumpkin pie, we will be needing another vegetarian entree.

As I wrote last Thanksgiving, I always serve Mujadarah, a brown rice and lentil dish that's popular throughout the Middle East and beloved at our house by the vegetarians and meat eaters alike. This year I will add Couscous with Seven Vegetables. This fabulous dish is traditional among Sephardim for Rosh Hashanah, but, in my opinion, it is too delicious and too festive looking to save for one occasion. I'll bet that, just like with the Mujadarah, my turkey eaters will also love it as a side dish.

ISRAELI COUSCOUS WITH SEVEN VEGETABLES

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion (preferably a sweet variety such as Vidalia), sliced
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh ginger
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 4 carrots, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 2 medium tomatoes, cut into chunks
- 1 parsnip, peeled and cut in 1/2-inch slices
- 1 cup cut up bite sized butternut squash
- 1/2 teaspoon harissa paste (or use some cayenne pepper or crushed red pepper)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2-1/2 cups vegetable stock
- 1/2 large red bell pepper, cut into bite sized chunks
- 1 small zucchini, cut into bite sized chunks
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup canned chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- Salt to taste
- 1-1/2 cups Israeli couscous

Heat the olive oil in saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring often, for about 5-6 minutes or until softened and beginning to brown. Add the ginger and garlic and cook for

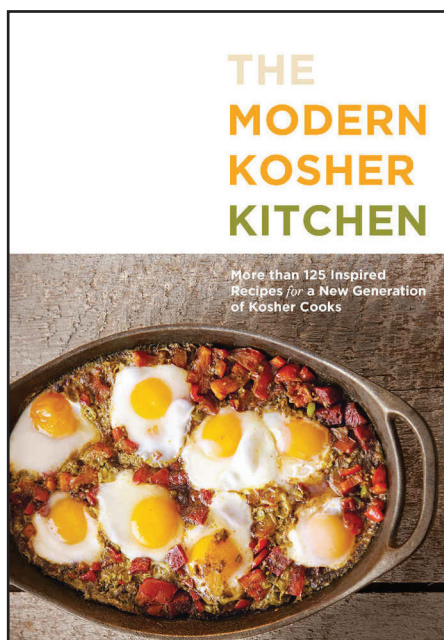


Israeli couscous with seven vegetables

1-2 minutes. Add the carrots, tomatoes, parsnip and squash and stir the ingredients. Stir in the harissa, turmeric and cinnamon. Add the stock, bring to a boil, reduce the heat to medium low and cook for about 15 minutes. Add the bell pepper, zucchini, raisins and chickpeas. Cook for about 10 minutes more, or until vegetables are tender. Add salt to taste. Cook the couscous according to the manufacturer's directions. Spoon the couscous on large serving platter. Spoon the vegetables and pan fluids over the couscous.

Makes 4 dinner servings, 8-10 side dish servings

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Fairgate Farm Hosts Schoke JFS Anachnu Program



Maura Smotrich, owner of Nature Therapy Placemaking LLC, with participants of the Anachnu Program.

(Courtesy of Schoke JFS) Fairgate Farm, the community farm in Stamford's Vita Health & Wellness District, hosted 50 Holocaust survivors from the Schoke Jewish Family Service Anachnu program on September 19.

Stamford's Vita Health & Wellness District aligns multiple community service organizations, including Fairgate Farm, to support the health and wellness of vulnerable residents in Stamford's West Side neighborhood. Anachnu members participated in a Nature Therapy Program led by owner of Nature Therapy Placemaking LLC, Maura Smotrich, Certified Association of Nature and Forest Therapy Guide.

The Anachnu elders experienced Fairgate Farm's beautiful setting at a significant time of year in the Jewish calendar. The outing took place between two of the most important Jewish holidays, Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement. Fairgate Farm was chosen as the perfect venue to experience a program focused on nature and the bountiful gifts associated with the concept of harvest.

Fairgate Farm's mission – to increase access to locally grown produce and to strengthen the community – underscored the Schoke JFS choice of location. It was the perfect venue for education and community building – two of the pillars of Fairgate Farm's Mission. Farm Manager Peter Novajosky was excited to host the largest group yet to visit Fairgate Farm from the Stamford nonprofit community. The outing represented the rich collaboration of two of Stamford's important nonprofit organizations.

The Anachnu participants came in buses from different parts of Stamford and traveled to the heart of the Vita Health



Elizabeth Hinds, Schoke JFS's Volunteer Services and Programs Coordinator, performs Kol Nidrei on the violin for Holocaust survivors.

& Wellness District for reconnection, community building, and a sensory celebration of life. The outing was only the second in-person event for these vulnerable elders since before the pandemic, and their excitement was palpable. Moreover, it was symbolic that this coming together happened outdoors in a place that only exists because of community engagement and volunteerism. Fairgate Farm exudes a spiritual essence of reciprocity as farmers work the land and the land provides for the community. There couldn't have been a better place to shed loneliness and celebrate life together during the Jewish High Holiday season.

The day's event culminated with Elizabeth Hinds, Schoke JFS' Volunteer Services and Programs Coordinator, serenading Holocaust survivors by playing Kol Nidrei on the violin, making the outing especially meaningful.

To learn more about the Anachnu Program at Schoke JFS, visit www.ctjfs.org/anachnu/ or contact Marina Sapir at 203-921-4161, msapir@ctjfs.org.

LIFE & LEGACY Honor Roll

United Jewish Federation is proud to partner with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to bring the Stamford, New Canaan and Darien community the Harold Grinspoon LIFE & LEGACY Program. Through communal efforts, the following individuals have made a commitment to one or more Jewish communal institutions to secure our Jewish future. The names in blue indicate that formal actions have been taken.

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

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Community Organizations Achieve LIFE & LEGACY Goals

(Courtesy of UJF) After a successful year both as a community and individually, United Jewish Federation partners who achieved LIFE & LEGACY Year Three goals received incentive grant checks. The qualifying organizations grew their endowment funds and raised their numbers of legacy donors. As a bonus for meeting these goals that strengthen the future of the institutions and of the Stamford, New Cannan and Darien Jewish Community, United Jewish Federation and LIFE & LEGACY awarded unrestricted funds for current use.



Lenore Fogel and Diane Sloyer present a check from UJF to Young Israel of Stamford Co-Presidents Maruja Ivr and Shani Cohen.



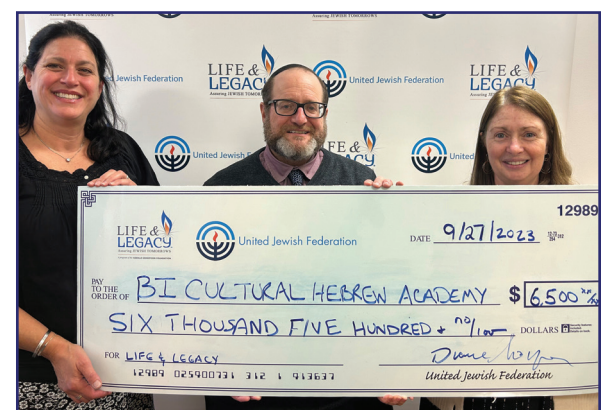
Diane Sloyer and Lenore Fogel present a check from UJF to Friendship Circle President Fred Springer.



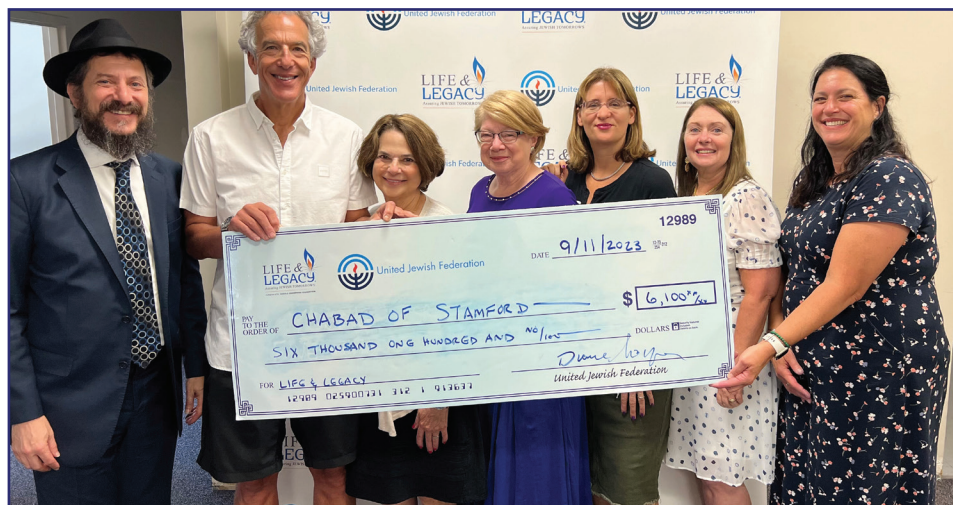
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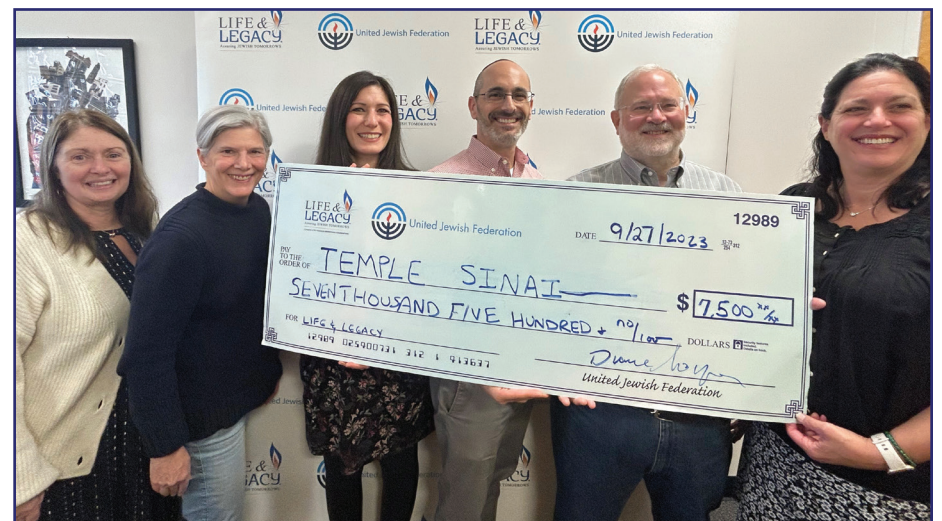
UJF LIFE & LEGACY Director Lenore Fogel, UJF President Michael Schlessinger, UJF LIFE & LEGACY Team Leader Edith Samers, and UJF CEO Diane Sloyer receive an incentive check for United Jewish Federation as a participant in, as well as the administrator of, the LIFE & LEGACY program.



Head of School Rabbi Tzvi Bernstein receives a check from UJF for Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy from Lenore Fogel and Diane Sloyer.



Rabbi Moshe Shemtov and LIFE & LEGACY Team Members Eric Goldberg, Cyndy Goldberg, Sandy Speter, and Vered Links receive a check from UJF from Diane Sloyer and Lenore Fogel, on behalf of Chabad of Stamford.



Diane Sloyer and Lenore Fogel present a check from UJF to Temple Sinai President Susan Kostin, Cantor Michah Morgovsky, Rabbi Jay TelRav, and LIFE & LEGACY Team Leader Michael Stone for Temple Sinai.



Lenore Fogel and Diane Sloyer present a check from United Jewish Federation to LIFE & LEGACY Team Leaders Carl Weinberg and Jeff Cohen for Temple Beth El.



UJF Deputy Director Eric Ross and UJF LIFE & LEGACY Director Lenore Fogel present a check to LIFE & LEGACY Team Leader Dan Faizakoff and Rabbi Daniel Cohen for Congregation Agudath Shalom.



Eric Ross and Lenore Fogel present a check from UJF to Schoke JFS CEO Matt Greenberg and LIFE & LEGACY Team Leader Beverly Stein for Schoke Jewish Family Service.

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This year's Tapestry theme will be "Israel at 75" - with each of the presenters focusing on an aspect of Israel, from creation through modern day.

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There will be a wide variety of learning opportunities for adults, and crafts for kids 3rd grade and older.

The evening will close with a dessert reception, as we all gather to celebrate the unity of our community.

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Advance tickets are \$25 per person. **Pre-Registration closes Sunday, November 5th at 5:00 PM.** Registration after November 5th and at the door will be \$36 per person for Tapestry. **All classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.** For more information, contact Eric Ross at 203-321-1373 ext. 1004 or Eric@ujf.org.



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