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Israel: A Different Conversation

Hoffman Lecture Features Gordis and Beinart

Dr. Daniel Gordis and Peter Beinart have much in common. They are both noted authors, scholars and pundits who say they love Israel and are concerned about her future. But their views and politics diverge when it comes to issues facing the Jewish



Peter Beinart



Dr. Daniel Gordis

community, most especially the Jewish state.

On Tuesday, November 7, at 7:30 pm, the 33rd Annual Hoffman Lecture will engage Gordis and Beinart in a debate at Temple Beth El, 350 Roxbury Rd., Stamford. Their topic See "Israel" on page 8

Standing Against Hate

UJF Brings Community Together

Almost 200 people joined together at a vigil organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council, the public affairs arm of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, in partnership with the Interfaith Council of Southwestern Connecticut on August 15 in front of the Stamford Government Center.

Lauren Steinberg, director of the JCRC, opened the rally by proclaiming common cause against hate. "We know that we cannot stand idly by in the face of hatred," she said, adding that, "In standing against hate, we stand together for respect, for dignity, for inclusion, for democracy and for our country."

Steinberg was followed by Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy, who emphasized that gatherings like this are a first response to prevent hate. "These are dangerous days in our country's history. If we don't stand up, that which has happened in other nations could happen in our nation," Malloy said. "We have to stop hate, and hate will be stopped in Stamford and West Hartford and in other communities. When we come together and have rallies like this, we will make everyone understand that we will not stand by while you pick on our friends, our neighbors and those that we love."

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The Strength of Community

Update on Federation Hurricane Response

The people of Greater Houston and Florida are suffering from the devastating effects of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and the collective Jewish community has snapped into action – one of the great strengths of the communal Federation system.

The national Federation system, Jewish Federations of North America, has conducted a thorough needs

assessment in Houston and convened the Emergency Committee. Immediate needs such as locating and relocating residents, and ensuring their basic needs – food, blankets, clothes and satellite phones to reach their loved ones – have been addressed.

The Jewish Federations' Emergency Committee was established in See "Strength" on page 18

JCC's Jewish Arts and Film Festival Returns

BY LUISA VILADAS

The 16th annual Jewish Arts and Film Festival of Fairfield County, presented by the Jewish Community Center of Stamford, will return for nine days, from Saturday, October 28, through Sunday, November 5. The festival will open with the screening of the film "Sabena Hijacking – My Version," an Israeli docudrama about the 1972 hijacking of Sabena Flight 571 by the Palestinian organization Black September.

In an event preceding the festival, on Sunday, October 1, Israeli musician David Broza's documentary, "East Jerusalem / West Jerusalem," will be screened at the Quick Center for the Arts. In the film, Broza sets out to realize his dream of cooperation and dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians through music.

"Song of the Seas: Bodies of Water in Israel" will be the subject of an art exhibit and musical performance by

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Community Unites Against Hate

Governor Dannel Malloy addressed the crowd gathered in front of the Stamford Government Center on August 15 for a rally against hate organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council, an arm of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien. See story above.

Federation – We are All about Connections

We all know that it feels good to be connected to people, and research has even linked social connections to happiness, health and a longer life. It has been suggested that our feelings of connection don't just make us feel good, they also make us do good. Together we can do a world of good.



Diane Sloyer

The role of United Jewish Federation is to strengthen, nurture and build our local and worldwide Jewish community by connecting us through our common values. This year, Federation is also connecting Israel directly to our Greater Stamford community by organizing a Community Mission to Israel in celebration of its 70th birthday. There is nothing like traveling through Israel on a mission. Whether you are a first timer or have been to Israel many times, missions are a unique, unforgettable and often life changing experience.

Greater Stamford has had an influx of new residents in the past few months, which is a wonderful vote of approval for our community. With more than 30 new Jewish families moving to the area over the summer months alone, we expect increased demand for our local Jewish institutions and agencies. These partner organizations are highlighted monthly in *The New Jewish Voice*, our community Jewish newspaper, published and fully funded by UJF.

Looking to make an impact on our community, UJF has many volunteer opportunities. This includes 3 SQUARE, a program that provides supplemental nutritious food for children at risk during weekends in the school year, and the Herbert and Sarah M. Gibor Reading Partners program where volunteers

spend an hour each week reading with children, encouraging them to value reading while becoming competent readers.

Strengthening community is at the core of our mission. PJ Library engages families with young children. Through our generous donors, Federation touches more than 300 households every month by sending them children's books that are both entertaining and spread great values. The Behrend Institute for Leadership continues to educate the next generation of leaders for our community, the Kuriansky Teen Tzedakah Corp. trains teens to incorporate philanthropy in their lives and the UJF Advisory Council brings together both lay and professional leaders to shape the vision for the future of our community.

UJF's role as convener and connector is also realized through programs including Tapestry, Shabbat Across Stamford and Yom Hashoah. Our JCRC has been front and center working with the interfaith community to stand strong against hate. And recently,

as in the past, we have connected with our big Federation family to come together to mobilize communal funds for victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Jewish community means different things to different people, but having a sense of community is what connects us, defines us and makes us stronger. My connections have brought me to the Stamford Jewish community now to serve as your interim executive director. I am proud to work on behalf of Greater Stamford and I urge you to join me. Connecting has never been easier, so be sure to "like" our Facebook page and check out our website, www.ujf.org.

Federation connects you to all things Jewish happening in Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien. We can and will do so much more when we are connected. We are the strength of a people and the power of a community! We are one gift impacting a local and global community.

Diane Sloyer
Interim Executive Director
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A Message from UJF's Jewish Community Relations Council

BY LAUREN STEINBERG

From the rally in Charlottesville to the swastikas on the Rich Forum and AITE this summer, manifestations of hate have hit close to home. As we work on a communal level to combat antisemitism and all forms of hate and to secure our communal institutions, I am often asked what individuals can do to work against hate. Here are 11 suggestions:



Lauren Steinberg

1. Listen to someone new. Someone of a different faith, ethnicity or country of origin, or someone who has different political views than you. Invite them for dinner. Even if you feel strongly, take the opportunity to not change their mind, but to hear and empathize with their hopes, worries and fears.

2. Don't be a bystander. Speak out if someone you know tells an antisemitic, racist, homophobic or sexist joke, or makes assumptions about people based on appearance, faith or ethnicity.

3. Talk to your elected officials about your concerns. Tell them that manifestations of hatred and extremism across the ideological spectrum are unacceptable.

4. Talk to your children and grandchildren. If they are too young for a discussion about racism and antisemitism, you can talk about being nice to

new friends, and about what it feels like to be new. Slightly older children can think about bullying and the importance of welcoming a peer who may look or feel different, out of place or uncomfortable.

5. Help build positive relationships between our institutions and law enforcement, and between our community and other communities. Be friendly. Say thank you.

6. Remember, and be present for remembering. Attend community commemorations for Kristallnacht and Holocaust Remembrance Day.

7. Read about contemporary hate, antisemitism, racism and bias. Educate yourself on its manifestations and on how it impacts different communities.

8. Work to secure our communal institutions. Talk to communal leadership about how you can help implement better security measures – from standing guard to rearranging the furniture – that make our institutions less vulnerable to potential incidents. Some practical steps can include making sure that staff know to monitor entrances and to report suspicious behavior; inviting police for a security training or walk through; making response plans for potential scenarios; considering hiring guards for some events; and making sure unused entrances are closed and locked. Say thank you to law enforcement personnel and partners who keep our institutions safe – and build positive relationships with them.

9. Question your own assumptions. Are you quick to label or judge people – illegal, redneck, terrorist – based on external features? Acknowledge prejudices you may have yourself.

10. Standing against hate works best when there are things we stand for. Think about the values you want to replace hate, such as community, democracy, liberty and inclusion.

11. Join us for Federation and JCRC programs that create unity and stand up to extremism – and help us make those programs happen!

As we enter the new Jewish year, we pray that peace and calm will prevail. By doing these small things, we ourselves can contribute to that outcome. Hopefully, we will soon see the time when these actions are no longer necessary.

Lauren Steinberg is the director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

	September 226:33 pm
	September 296:21 pm
	October 4.....6:33 pm
	October 5..... after 7:10 pm
	October 6.....6:09 pm
	October 11.....6:01 pm
	October 12..... after 6:59 pm
	October 13.....5:58 pm
	October 20.....5:48 pm
	October 27.....5:38 pm
	November 3.....5:21 pm
	November 10.....4:22 pm

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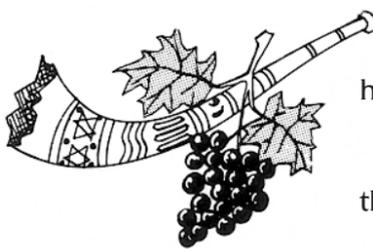

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Nov. 15 Middle School (Grades 5 & 6) Open House
www.countryschool.net/visit

Correction

In the September issue of *The New Jewish Voice*, the Rosh Hashanah greeting ad for Barbara Miller listed her late husband's name. *The New Jewish Voice* apologizes for the oversight, and any confusion and distress it may have caused.



May peace, happiness, and good health be with you throughout the New Year.

BARBARA MILLER AND FAMILY

COMMUNITY NEWS

United Jewish Federation Welcomes Newcomers to Stamford

BY SHARON FRANKLIN AND UJF STAFF

United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien's Shalom Stamford program welcomes all new members to the community with a Shalom Stamford welcome bag and visit. The bag is filled with information about the Jewish community, gifts and coupons from UJF, area agencies and businesses. At the visit, newcomers can ask about local schools, places of worship, volunteer opportunities and social or professional groups they may want to join. "Families, couples, individuals, affiliated, unaffiliated, LGBT or interfaith are all welcomed by UJF with kindness and sincerity," said Sharon Franklin, UJF director of community campaign and the Shalom Program coordinator.

The Stamford Jewish community, with a population of nearly 12,000 individuals, has always been considered a growing and thriving community. Re-

cently, the number of Shalom Stamford visits have increased, showing a trend of young Jews moving to the city. With its close proximity to New York City and to New Haven, a diverse Jewish community and new apartment buildings going up, many feel Stamford is an ideal place to hang their hat. In fact, the metropolitan area now has the third largest concentration of Fortune 500 headquarters in the country, behind New York and Chicago.

Shari Raymond moved to the area with her husband Sam and their two children this summer. When asked why she and Sam moved to the area Shari said, "My husband grew up in Stamford, so it has always been on our radar, but once we started doing our research, we were delighted to learn that there are so many young families moving here. We were drawn to Stamford's unique location: close

See "Welcomes" on page 8



Jessica Katz and her baby daughter Eliana, Stamford's newest "future philanthropist."



At right: Shari Raymond and her family recently moved to town and received a Shalom Stamford visit and welcome bag.

A New Year for Kuriansky Teen Tzedakah Corps

Teens Learn about Philanthropy and Leadership

This October will mark a new year of teen philanthropy at United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien. The Kuriansky Teen Tzedakah Corps will enter its sixth year of learning about and practicing philanthropy. The KTTC, which is funded by a grant from the Louis J. Kuriansky Family Foundation, introduces teens to philanthropy, and fosters leadership skills and Jewish values. Beginning immediately, UJF is accepting applications from teens wishing to participate in the next KTTC cohort.

In the 2017-2018 academic year, KTTC plans to incorporate more hands-on experiences as well as a variety of different fund-raising activities. The group will begin meeting in October with monthly meetings held on a Sunday.

In the past school year, a group of 10th, 11th and 12th grade students met on a monthly basis. The group of teens engaged in discussions and exercises to establish the values, goals and mission of KTTC. They researched local Jewish and secular charitable organi-

zations and took part in fund-raising to enable them to donate to charities of their choice.

"We look forward to working with the Board of Rabbis and other community leaders to identify teens who would be an asset to this program," said Ricky Arbron, UJF president. "And we look to you, our readership to send teens our way as well."

"We look forward to continuing our role in educating the next generation of Jewish philanthropists. The continued generosity of the Kuriansky Foundation has impacted close to 100 teens since the inception of the Kuriansky Teen Tzedakah Corps. UJF is grateful for their visionary leadership," said Diane Sloyer, interim executive director at UJF Stamford.

Applicants for the Kuriansky Teen Tzedakah Corps must be entering 10th-12th grades, and must make a commitment to attend all meetings and events. For information, visit www.ujf.org or contact Diane Sloyer at dianesloyer@ujf.org or 203-321-1373, ext. 105.

Deadlines for articles

The deadlines for the next three issues of *The New Jewish Voice* are:
 Thursday, September 28..... November
 Monday, October 30 December/January
 Friday, December 22 February

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



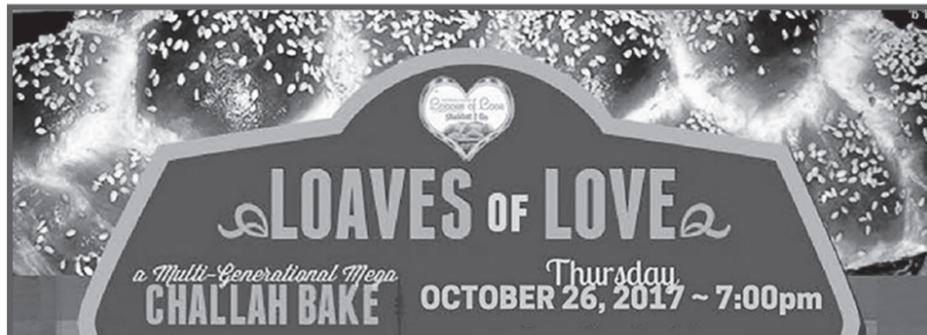
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Tournament Helps Dodge Hunger

BY SHARON FRANKLIN

On August 3, United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien held its fourth annual Dodgeball Tournament to raise awareness and funds for UJF's 3SQUARE initiative to fight local hunger. Nearly 100 players and spectators gathered at the Stamford JCC for the tournament, which was co-chaired by Josh Levine, Craig Price and Seth Young. The tournament was sponsored by Donald A. Konrad and Timothy D. Oberweger of Titlevest.

Guests enjoyed a kosher barbecue, mingling with friends and some competitive rounds of dodgeball. Co-chaired by volunteers Jill Kaplan and Robin Madan, 3SQUARE provides elementary school-age children identified as "in need" with a bag of food each Friday to sustain them through the weekend. Most of these children are chronically hungry and don't have regular access to food.

Dodgeball players had the option to join a team or form their own, many of which represented area synagogues, temples, agencies and schools. Area teams



Team Orange Crush and Team Carmel battled it out.

included Bi-Cultural Day School, Carmel Academy, Temple Beth El, Young Israel and Team JCC. The competition was called stiff, but team Orange Crush was the overall winner of the tournament.



L-r: Rebekah Raz, Seth Young*, Josh Levine*, UJF Director of Community Campaign Sharon Franklin and Craig Price* (*event co-chairs).

"It was beautiful to see our community working together from all sides," stated Price, event co-chair.

UJF thanked its co-sponsors Beldotti Bakery, Belkin
See "Dodge" on page 17

Festival.....

Beth Styles at a reception on Sunday, October 29. The festival will premiere Styles' series of acrylic and oil paintings depicting the seas and lakes of Israel. The reception will also feature a performance by the New World Chorus, Stamford's multi-faith community choir founded by Styles.

This year's literary event on November 5 will feature an appearance by author Tova Mirvis, who will discuss her new memoir, "A Book of Separation." The story is drawn from the author's widely praised *New York Times* essay, which chronicled her journey as she walked away from her marriage and her faith.

"We are thrilled to present the very best current Jewish films, speakers, fine art and literature that the international Jewish community has to offer," said JCC Associate Executive Director Nancy Schiffman. "Recognized as an essential part of the Jewish cultural scene in Fairfield County, the Jewish Arts and Film Festival is a highly anticipated celebration of Jewish and Israeli life, culture, community and history,



The film "Fanny's Journey" will be the closing film at this year's Jewish Arts and Film Festival of Fairfield County, presented by the Jewish Community Center of Stamford. The film chronicles the story of a small band of orphans who, in 1943, escaped the Nazis and found their way to Switzerland and freedom. The festival will run from October 28 through November 5.

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brought to audiences during the festival week and throughout the year."

See the calendar below for all times and locations.

For ticket prices and full information on films and events, visit stamfordjcc.org. For additional information, contact Schiffman at 203-487-0941 or nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org.

Jewish Arts and Film Festival of Fairfield County

Festival Calendar At-A-Glance

- ◆ Sunday, October 1
Pre-Festival Event
4 pm
Film, "East Jerusalem / West Jerusalem"
The Quick Center for the Arts, Fairfield
- ◆ Opening Night – Saturday, October 28
7:30 pm
Reception
8 pm
Film, "Sabena Hijacking – My Version"
The State Cinema, Stamford
- ◆ Sunday, October 29
1 pm
"Song of the Seas: Bodies of Water in Israel"
Art by Beth Styles, music by the New World Chorus
Art will be on display through November 5
JCC of Stamford
7 pm
Film, "On the Map"
The Garden Cinema, Norwalk
- ◆ Monday, October 30
7 pm
Film, "A Quiet Heart"
The State Cinema, Stamford
- ◆ Tuesday, October 31
7 pm
Film, "On the Map"
Jewish Senior Services Campus, Bridgeport
Admission free for Merkaz students and all teens
- ◆ Wednesday, November 1
7 pm
Film, "Past Life"
State Cinema, Stamford
- ◆ Thursday, November 2
10 am
Film, "Sabena Hijacking – My Version"
Senior matinee, ages 62 and up, no charge
State Cinema, Stamford
7 pm
Film, "My Hero Brother"
State Cinema, Stamford
- ◆ Saturday, November 4
7:30 pm
Films, "The Last Laugh" followed by "The Last Blintz"
JCC of Stamford
- ◆ Sunday, November 5
11:45 am
Community book discussion
"The Book of Separation" with author Tova Mirvis
JCC of Stamford
- ◆ Closing Night – Sunday, November 5
7 pm
Film, "Fanny's Journey"
Garden Cinema, Norwalk
- ◆ Festival Encore, Commemorating Kristallnacht
Sunday, November 12
3 pm
Film, "Disobedience: The Sousa Mendes Story"
State Cinema, Stamford

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UJF's Super Sunday Now a "Super Week"

Annual Event Moves to December

United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien announced that Super Sunday will take place on Sunday, December 3, from 9 am-noon. Customarily a communal day of giving, Super Sunday will now incorporate a full week of opportunities to give back and get involved in the Stamford Jewish community. Super Week activities will commence on Tuesday, November 28, with Giving Tuesday, which will include hands-on *chesed* (acts of kindness) projects and will culminate with UJF's traditional Super Sunday phone-a-thon on the morning of December 3. Taly Farber, Shira

Nerenberg and Stacey Palker will serve as Super Sunday chairs this year.

"The move is mainly a strategic decision as UJF's Annual Campaign closes on December 31, 2017. Moving Super Sunday to December better aligns the annual day of giving with UJF's fund-raising calendar. Extending the day to a 'Super Week' offers the community the perfect opportunity to give back during the holiday season," according to Ricky Arbron, UJF president.

Details are still being finalized, but plans include a toy drive benefiting David's Treasure Tree Toy Closet

at Stamford Hospital (sponsored by UJF's Women's Philanthropy division), creating holiday-themed packages for the food-insecure children of 3SQUARE (sponsored by the women of UJF's Chapter Two division), a PJ Library event and an ongoing kosher food drive benefitting Schoke Jewish Family Service. Super Week seeks to help UJF touch many aspects of the local community, as well as helping Jews in need in Israel and in more than 70 countries around the world.

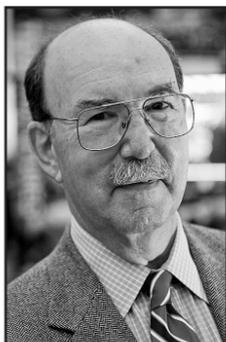
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Women's Auxiliary Fall Gala

Jewish Senior Services Honors Community Service

Jewish Senior Services will honor two individuals who have made contributions to the local community. John E. Herzog, of Southport, is the 2017 recipient of the Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award recognizing outstanding public and community service as exemplified by the good works of Arthur and Gladys Lunin. In addition, Jeffrey Radler, of New Canaan, will receive the Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service, which recognizes devoted long-term service to Jewish Senior Services as demonstrated by the late Louis Lotstein. The awards will be presented at the Women's Auxiliary Fall Gala on Thursday, October 26, at the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus in Bridgeport. The evening will also include a dinner, an auction and entertainment by mentalist Ken Salaz.

Herzog spent his active business career at Herzog, Heine, Geduld Inc., where he spearheaded its expansion into the third-largest Nasdaq market maker



John Herzog



Jeffrey Radler

in the country. He retired as chairman emeritus when Merrill Lynch acquired the firm in 2000. This story is told in the book "A Billion to One," published by the Museum of American Finance. Herzog is formerly chairman of R. M. Smythe and Co. In 1988, he founded the Museum of American Finance, donating part of his collection of financial memorabilia to the museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution.

A Cornell and New York University Stern School graduate, he is president of the board of the Fairfield Museum, a Pequot Library board member and a member of the American Antiquarian Society, the Grolier Club, the Down Town Association and the Union League Club. Herzog is honorary chair of the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society. He served as trustee emeritus of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and is a holder of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Radler has worked alongside Jewish Senior Services

for almost 10 years. He is a member of the Board of Directors and served as its 21st chair on the board from 2013-16. Under his leadership, Jewish Senior Services built and moved to The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus on Park Avenue, the new resident-centered household model nursing home and assisted living community.

After graduating from Syracuse University with a degree in finance, Radler went to work for a division of the Manufacturers Hanover Corporation in New York City. Later, Radler went to work for Chessco Industries Inc., a manufacturer of specialty chemicals headquartered in Westport, as chief financial officer, where he was promoted to president of Chessco and the Chemionics Corporation, an affiliated company. Subsequently, Radler was also involved in two other businesses from their inception to sale, and is involved in commercial real estate. Radler and his wife, Loretta, have two sons, Kyle and Keith.

The Fall Gala is co-chaired by Susan Cascella and Linda Lazingier, both of Fairfield. Reservations are required in order to attend the event. For more information or to RSVP, contact Susan Freed, development associate, at 203-365-6407 or sfreed@jseniors.org.

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BY SANDY GOLOVE

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MAZEL TOV TO GROWING FAMILIES

Chana Rivka and Dovid Chavkin on the birth of a son; grandparents are **Joyce and Barry Chavkin**.

Alison and Jason Dolinger on the birth of a son, Graham Asher Dolinger; grandparents are **Donald Damast and Marcia and Jerry Dolinger**.

Anna and Paul Felix on the birth of a daughter.

Ellen and Ari Fischel on the birth of a daughter; grandparents are **Flossy and Sam Fischel and Ann Rosenberg**; great-grandmother is **Guta Fischel**.

Jessica and Adam Furmansky on the birth of a son; grandparents are **Stewart and Carol Furmansky and Gary and Wendy Leiter**; great-grandparents are **Louis and Shirley Furmansky and Alvin Mishkin**.

Lauren and Dan Hazony on the birth of a daughter; grandparents are **Ruth and Yehonathan Hazony** of Newton, MA, and **Nurit and Mark Wexler**; great-grandparents are **Debbie and Ben-Zion Soifer**.

Tori and Gabriel Phillips on the birth of a daughter, Eve Felicity Phillips; grandparents are **Barbara and Alan Phillips**; great-grandmother is **Helene Zimmerman**.

Erica and Ben Pomerantz on the birth of a daughter, Camilla Landyn Pomerantz; grandparents are **Honni and Sylvan Pomerantz**.

Rachel and Perry Steinmetz on the birth of a daughter, Blakely Dylan Steinmetz; grandparents are **Norine and Dov Steinmetz**.

MAZEL TOV

Rochel and Hecky Attar and Yospa Lieberman on the engagement of their daughter and granddaughter, **Shana Attar**, to **Tomer Mangoubi**, son of **Esther and Rami Mangoubi**, of Newton, MA.



Diane and Rabbi Daniel Cohen on the marriage of their daughter, **Sarah Malka Cohen**, to **Avi Petrushka**.

Claudine and Stuart Feurstein and Tamara Feurstein on the marriage of their son and grandson, **Michael Feurstein**, to **Hannah Mackler**.

Debbie and Neil Gershon on the engagement of their daughter, **Keren Gershon**, to **Dave Jonas**.

Rhonda and Avi Greif on the engagement of their son, **Matt Greif**, to **Liat Tretin**, daughter of **Jeff and Judy Tretin**, of White Plains, NY.

Jordan Soifer, son of **Louise and Amiram Soifer** and grandson of **Devora and Ben Soifer**, on winning the 16-and-under gold medal in tennis at the Maccabi Games for the second year.

Sharon and Rabbi Steven Ziskin on the engagement of their son, **Yossie Ziskin**, to **Sassie Weinberg**, of Johannesburg, South Africa; grandparents are **Rosalyn and Alan Ziskin**.

MAZEL TOV TO B'NAI MITZVAH

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CONDOLENCES

Erica Axelroad and Helen Gross on the loss of her husband and her brother, **Don Axelroad**.

Alan Barnett on the loss of his mother, **Adelle Barnett**.

Linda Kopel, Jennifer Kopel Feinberg, Lauryn Kopel Margerum and Lee Kopel on the loss of her husband their father, **Jerry Kopel**.

Stephen Pollack on the loss of his mother, **Lillian Pollack**.

Sol Rose on the loss of his father, **Stanley Rose**.

To the family of **Ronald Muni Schwartz**.

David R. Widrow, Larry Mark Widrow, Kevin Bruce Widrow and Robert John Widrow on the loss of his wife and their mother, **Arline B. Widrow**.

FROM A THERAPIST'S PERSPECTIVE Sustaining Long-Term Marriage in a World of Replacement

BY EVE MOSKOWITZ, L.C.S.W.

Prior to the early part of the 20th century, the institution of marriage was focused on the need for love, but as important, if not more so, was the socio-economic partnership in which two people with like values built a home and family with the long-term goals of commitment and sustenance. As the shift from rural to urban life took shape and men began to work outside the home, the exposure to outside influences for both members of the marriage fueled a sense of independence for the parties.

This increase in individualism grew with the shift in women's rights and the changes in traditional roles. For better or worse, the simplicity of knowing the boundaries of marital roles lent a certain expectation and predictability for all the family. Once the roles became blurred and the choices for both parties became open to self-actualization and individual achievement, the foundation of the marriage became compromised.

The premise of this "me" generation and the expectation that marriage is now another essential part in discovering personal fulfillment and satisfaction requires that the more complicated expectations for happiness and serenity also require new and various levels of commitment and devotion. In a world in which the accoutrements of life are upgraded and replaced every few years, whether they are damaged or just obsolete, gives the impression that perhaps the people we choose to love are also expendable and easily replaced.

We upgrade our cell phones, computers, television sets and automobiles, so why not upgrade or replace our partner once they become used and tired? The notion of a long-term com-

mitted relationship is at the forefront of a marital dyad on their wedding day, but 50 percent of the time, it doesn't work out that way. The lack of stigma and the commonplace circumstance of divorce makes it easier today than ever in history to dissolve an intact family. So how do we sustain a long-term marriage in a world of replacement?

To sustain a marriage commitment, the couple needs to set a firm foundation with time to develop a story. The couple must find balance in their relationship and it is not always equal. At times, one party may be the focus, and the give and take requires cooperation and acceptance. This leads to the need for care and attunement, a willingness to have empathy for the other party and to be attuned to their needs and, at times, being willing to place those needs ahead of your own.

To successfully achieve these goals, the parties must have a mutual respect for the other's differences, because there will be times in which opinions differ greatly. The need to demonstrate respect must outweigh the need to be right. There is no room for defensive behavior in a marriage, just a counterbalance of mutual acceptance. The connectedness between the parties must trump the conflict. Finally, those are the times that constancy is required, a vow to push through conflict and problem solve rather than run away from the problem, because it will continue to infect the foundation of the relationship.

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WORDS OF TORAH

Responding to the Deluge

BY RABBI ELISHA PAUL

In the aftermath of what has been one of the worst floods in U.S. history, there have been a number of heartwarming and heartbreaking outcomes. The outpouring of support and kindness of strangers for those in dire circumstances in Texas has been overwhelming.

It is difficult to comprehend the magnitude of this tragedy. Playing Mon-

day morning quarterback questioning decisions that were or weren't made, or attributing natural or supernatural causes for the devastation in hindsight isn't beneficial. The best response is to assist now and in the future.

Life experiences help us understand the Torah better and the Torah helps us understand life experiences better. The hurricane saga in the book of Yonah read on Yom Kippur begins with the response of Gentile sailors who combine supplications for divine assistance while taking proper precautions.

During the hurricane, my daily prayers increased as I opened my siddur and *tehilim* with renewed focus. Prayers read for years with minimal appreciation suddenly had new meaning. One of the standard morning blessings said upon awakening is thanking God for "spreading dry land over the water." It was only after seeing the constant images of the Houston flood that I felt real genuine gratitude for the simple ability to walk unimpeded on dry land.

As the new yearly cycle of Torah reading focuses on the flood epic of Noah, I better appreciate the Mesopotamian deluge and Noah's desperate efforts to save family and animals in a boat until the storm waters subsided.

I never understood why even after the rain began to fall, many of Noah's neighbors refused to heed the warn-

ings of floods to come and chose to stay at home hoping for the best. As numerous stories have emerged, it is clear that the human condition at its core has remained very similar over the millennia. It seems from the delayed evacuations in Houston that, when choosing between bad options, sometimes people will choose the familiar until it is too late.

During the season of Sukkot, when we purposefully leave the comfort of our home and enter a temporary shelter with minimal protection from the elements, my emotions surfacing from the entire vicarious flood episode in Houston have been humility and awe in the face of the power of unbridled forces of nature.

When we are left to our own devices with diminished human or divine assistance, we emerge very frail and vulnerable. As I sit in my sukkah hut this year and come in contact with winter's dawning outside the comfort of my own home, I cannot help but feel heartbroken for those people who have been displaced from their homes for much longer than a week. I take some solace knowing that on some level as a nation we have come to realize the truth expressed in the Chasidic teaching that tells us "there is nothing quite as whole as a broken heart."

Rabbi Elisha Paul is the head of school of the Jewish High School of Connecticut.

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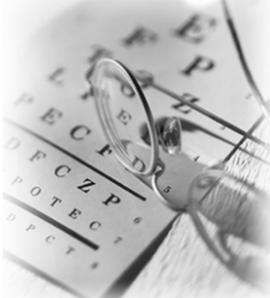
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UJF Hosts Congressman Himes

Addressing Jewish Communal Concerns

Following the displays of antisemitism and bigotry at the “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, VA, the Jewish Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien hosted Congressman Jim Himes on August 28 for a community leadership meeting

to discuss actions being taken in Washington, DC, and concerns of the Jewish community.

His visit, planned two weeks after the “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, came at a time when the Stamford community had been even more directly affected by manifestations of hate.

The Saturday prior, vandalism – including swastikas, profanity and “KKK” – was discovered defacing the Academy of Information Technology and Engineering, a Stamford magnet high school. The United Jewish Federation, through the Jewish Community Relations Council, reached out to law enforcement and the Anti-Defamation League to ensure that appropriate measures were taken to clean the vandalism and address the incident. UJF and the JCRC also issued a statement calling on community leadership to stand together against discrimination in all forms.



Congressman Jim Himes with UJF Interim Executive Director Diane Sloyer

Addressing representatives of UJF agencies and leadership, local synagogues and other communal organizations, Himes addressed both the Charlottesville rally and the AITE vandalism.

Himes then took audience questions, which covered topics from the Iranian nuclear threat to the need for government support for institutional security.

At one point, Himes asked Rabbi Daniel Cohen of Congregation Agudath Sholom to share his thoughts on the importance of grass-roots responses to hate. Rabbi Cohen responded that there is much more we can do as a community – including increased participation in Holocaust commemoration efforts – to learn from the past, so as to stand against hate in the present.

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Additional speakers at the vigil included Stamford Mayor David Martin; Jack Bryant, president of the Stamford chapter of the NAACP; Rabbi Joshua Hammerman of Temple Beth El; Pastor Mark Lingle of the Interfaith Council and St. Francis Episcopal Church; and Dr. Kareem Adeeb of the Interfaith Council and the American Institute for Islamic and Arabic Studies. All of the speakers emphasized the importance of standing against hate in word and deed, as well as the need to build bridges of understanding between different faith, ethnic and racial communities to ensure that bigotry cannot gain a foothold. The speakers also unequivocally condemned the violence in Charlottesville, VA, that had precipitated the vigil.

Additional attendees included Rabbi Jay TelRav of Temple Sinai, Rabbi Oran Zweiter of Congregation

Agudath Sholom, State Senator Carlo Leone, State Representatives Livvy Floren and Caroline Simmons, and representatives of local churches and mosques. The vigil concluded with a rendering of “God Bless America” led by Cantor Micah Morgovsky of Temple Sinai.

The vigil was organized in response to the “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, VA, on August 10 and 11. Marchers, comprised of white supremacists, neo-Nazis and skinhead groups, chanted hateful slogans, including “Jews will not replace us,” “Heil Trump,” blood and soil” (a reference to the Nazi slogan ‘blut und bloden’), “white lives matter” and “one people, one nation, end immigration.” The hate spilled over into violence, killing counter-protester Heather Heyer and injuring many others. Two policemen were also killed in a helicopter crash at the scene of the rally.



Mort Lowenthal, a member of UJF's Jewish Community Relations Council, stood in solidarity with the Greater Stamford community.



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REMEMBERING TIMES PAST

Meet Ida Fisher Davidoff (1903-2001)

Our community's stories shape the way we see ourselves. Irwin Miller, founding member past president and historian of the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County, originated a history column as a once regular feature in The New Jewish Voice. Larry Ginsberg, a current board member of the society, is restoring Miller's column, which will highlight a local Jewish historical figure or event.

BY LARRY GINSBERG

"We do not grow old. We become old by not growing."
— Ida Fisher Davidoff

Meet Ida Fisher Davidoff (1903-2001), wife, mother, doctor of psychology, marital and family counselor, therapist, expert on aging and a Jewish resident of New Canaan for many years. As you can already determine, Dr. Ida Fisher Davidoff was a remarkable person who advanced the study and treatment of the emotional and mental concept of aging with dignity. In an interview for Betty Friedan's 1993 book "The Fountain of Age," Davidoff stated, "I live as if I'm going to live for a long time.... Why deprive yourself of even an hour of beauty because you don't know how long you'll be around to enjoy it?" She further stated that "the older you get, the more you get to like yourself."

Born in Massachusetts in 1903, Ida Davidoff, at a time when most girls had limited educational opportunities, and against her father's initial objections, graduated college in 1924 and earned a master's degree in comparative religion at Radcliffe. Ida met and married Dr. Leo Davidoff in 1926. Dr. Leo Davidoff was a neurosurgeon and a founder of Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Leo Davidoff died tragically as a result of Parkinson's Disease in 1976. After her husband's death, Dr. Ida Davidoff established the Leo M. Davidoff Society in his memory.

Though after marriage and raising four children, she decided not to pursue her professional career,

she worked tirelessly in the local community as a member and president of her local school board. She also was a co-founder of the League of Women Voters.

As an "empty nester," Dr. Davidoff went back to school and received her doctorate in marital and family counseling, and, from the mid 1980s until her death on May 11, 2001, at age 97, continued to see patients in her New Canaan office.

Dr. Davidoff was extensively quoted in The New Yorker magazine on October 13, 1977, concerning Ang Lee's movie "The Ice Storm," which "exposed" the lifestyle of teenagers and their parents in 1977 New Canaan. In discussing certain sexual practices,



Ida Davidoff

Dr. Davidoff stated, "Couples going to... parties were almost like teenagers exploring a way of doing something naughty, but as a game. It's not done anymore. People don't have to. They are much more honest about saying 'this is what I want, this is what I am going to do, and there are no longer rules that I'm breaking.'"

Dr. Davidoff was recognized as an expert on the subject of aging. At the age of 96, she stated, "I am constantly aware that I am living on borrowed time" and "if after 65 you wake up without any pain or quake, you're dead." She resolved to "make my own image as an older person" and had a wry sense of humor, stating that there are "four categories of life: babyhood, childhood, middle age and 'you look wonderful.'"

Wife, mother and practicing therapist, Ida Davidoff is a true pioneer of her time.

Welcomes.....

enough to work in New York City and yet the perfect launching point for exploring the rest of beautiful New England. Stamford's warm and welcoming Jewish community is the cherry on top."

Rebekah Heath, who moved to Stamford over the summer with her fiancé Jeremy, contacted UJF on her arrival to town. During her Shalom Stamford visit, Heath commented, "We chose Stamford mainly because it's halfway between Columbia, where I will be attending, and Yale, where my fiancé will be attending. We've only heard great things about the young, vibrant Jewish community in Stamford. We want to start our lives together in a place that fosters Jewish living and a commitment to ambition, kindness and community. Our Shalom Stamford welcome bag is the first example of the warmth in this community."

Avital Greenbaum and her family relocated to

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Stamford in June. When asked why she and her husband chose Stamford, Greenbaum replied, "We were drawn to Stamford because of its diverse Jewish community that embodies mutual respect and appreciation for one another. The children here reflect this mantra by being apparent mensches. We look forward to raising our own children in such an open-minded environment that fosters a real love of Jewish identity and values."

"We have definitely felt the impact of the influx of young Jewish families into our community. Our programs for our youngest participants, ages birth to 3, have been extremely well subscribed. From our Terrific Tots to our Shabbat with Sandi programs, we have had great response and are excited to provide a welcoming environment for these new young families. Additionally, our 2's program is fully subscribed for the upcoming school year. We currently have a waiting list and are hopeful that we will be able to open an additional class to accommodate the additional families," says Ann Liss Johnson, Sarah Walker Nursery School director.

Denise Rafailov, director of admissions at Bi-Cultural Day School, commented, "We've witnessed tremendous growth in the community this year. Our school opened last year with two kindergarten classes, now we have three. We've experienced an increase in the number of new families contacting us, who are interested to learn more about our school and all of the programs we offer, as well as to schedule tours. This is an exciting time for us, and we'll continue to provide an engaging and enriching general and Judaic studies curriculum, as well as a warm, nurturing learning environment, where all of our students can thrive."

Area real estate brokers have also noticed the growth in the Stamford area. Rhoda Freedberg of Halstead Realty recently commented, "Stamford has become more attractive to young Jewish families because of a choice of Jewish nursery schools, day schools, kosher restaurants and easy access to NYC. Combine all these attractions with taxes that are half that of Westchester, it makes Stamford very desirable." Jodi Boxer of Keller Williams Realty stated, "We have gone from a community making an organized effort, hoping to attract young couples and families to a community that has become a destination as a first choice. It is so nice to see the 'stroller brigade' expanding in leaps and bounds." Lisa Linzer, who runs L&S Realty with her husband, Seth, recently commented, "In the past 12 months, I have helped more young Jewish couples find homes and apartments in Stamford than I have since I started this business in 1994. They're choosing Stamford not just for work, but because it has a vibrant and diverse Jewish community. This is not your father's Stamford."

In addition to Shalom Stamford, UJF offers a welcome bag for families with new babies called Shalom Baby. It is an opportunity to welcome the newest arrival to the Jewish community with a bag of toys, baby products and a book.

Part of a growing, thriving community, UJF strives to make all Jews feel connected through Jewish schools, synagogues, agencies and organizations. Let UJF know if someone is new to town, will be relocating in the near future, or has recently had a baby, so UJF can say "shalom" and welcome them to the Jewish community.

Contact Sharon Franklin at 203-321-1373, ext. 109, or sharon@ujf.org.

Israel.....

will be "Israel: A Different Conversation."

Gordis is senior vice president and the Koret Distinguished Fellow at Shalem College in Jerusalem, and the author of a number of books on Judaism and Israel, including "Israel: The Concise History of a Nation Reborn."

Beinart is associate professor of journalism and political science at City University of New York. He is the author, most recently, of "The Crisis of Zionism."

Earlier this year, Gordis and Beinart embarked to bridge their ideological divides with "Fault Lines," a podcast series produced by the *Forward*. The audience response to these broadcasts was called enthusiastic and the two men were said to

have proven that meaningful conversation can take place among Jews who passionately disagree about many subjects.

The lecture, which kicks off a year of programming at TBE to mark Israel's 70th anniversary, will be followed by a question-and-answer period and reception. For further information, call the synagogue at 203-322-6901, ext. 304, or e-mail execdir@tbe.org.

As with all the Hoffman lectures, the public is invited to attend without charge.

The lecture is sponsored by the family of the late Hyacinthe and Harold E. Hoffman, former members of TBE and the Stamford community, who were dedicated to many civic and Jewish causes.

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Kuriansky Conference at UConn

BY REBECCA ISENSTEIN

This fall, the Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies at UConn-Stamford welcomes author, professor and scholar Dr. Jeffrey Rosen as keynote speaker for its 2017 Louis J. Kuriansky Annual Conference on Wednesday, October 18, at 7 pm. Rosen will discuss “The Legacy of Justice Louis D. Brandeis and Why He Matters Today.” He will be joined by Dr. David Yalof, professor and chair of political science at UConn, as respondent, and Dr. Howard Erichson, professor of law at Fordham University School of Law, as moderator of a question-and-answer period.

Rosen is a professor of law at George Washington University Law School, and the president and CEO of the National Constitution Center. He is also a contributing editor of *The Atlantic*, and a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. Rosen is a graduate of Harvard College, Oxford University and Yale Law School. His newest book, “Louis D. Brandeis: American Prophet,” was published on June 1, 2016, the 100th anniversary of Brandeis’



Dr. Jeffrey Rosen,
keynote speaker

Supreme Court confirmation. His other books include “The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America,” the best-selling companion book to the award-winning PBS series. His essays and commentaries have appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times Magazine*, on National Public Radio, in the *New Republic*, where he was the legal affairs editor, and in *The New Yorker*, where he has been a staff writer. The *Chicago Tribune* named him one of the 10 best magazine journalists in America, and the *Los Angeles Times* called him the nation’s most widely read and influential legal commentator.

To register for the Kuriansky Conference, or for more information about this or other programs of the Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies, contact the Center at stamfordjudaicstudies@uconn.edu or 203-251-9525.

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Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel

Francine Klagsbrun Discusses Her New Book

BY ELISSA KAPLAN

The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County invites the community to meet Francine Klagsbrun – writer, scholar, researcher, columnist and feminist – on Tuesday, October 24, at the Harry Bennett Library, 115 Vine Rd., Stamford. The program will start at 7 pm and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Klagsbrun has dedicated time and energy to many Jewish agencies: the Jewish Publication Society, the Jewish Museum, the Jewish Theological Seminary Library, the American Jewish Committee and the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. She is the author of “Voices of Wisdom: Jewish Ideals and Ethics for Everyday Living,” the editor of “Free to Be... You and Me,” and one of the founders of Women

of the Wall. Her latest book, “Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel,” is due out on October 10. This will be one of Klagsbrun’s first discussions of her book about Meir.

From Russian immigrant (born Golda Mabovitch), to Milwaukee teacher, to Israeli prime minister, Meir has been called a larger than life figure. She was considered an iron-willed and chain smoking politician who could just as easily serve tea and cake like a grandmother. Ben-Gurion described her as ‘the only man’ in his cabinet. Praised for her Zionist zeal and her political savvy, she was also criticized for her handling of the Yom Kippur War and her denial of Palestinian



Francine Klagsbrun
(Photo by Joan Roth)

national rights. According to Kirkus Reviews, Klagsbrun has written “an evenhanded new biography of one the larger-than-life Israeli leaders” and called the new biography “a terrific chronicle of a unique world leader.”

Klagsbrun’s book paints a multifaceted picture of Meir. Meir moved to Palestine in 1921 with her husband. After working on a *kibbutz* for a short time, she left for a job at a public works office. Noticed by Ben-Gurion, her life changed. The year 1948 has been called a banner year for Meir: fund-raising in America, secret meetings in Amman with King Abdullah, and being the Israeli representative to the U.S.S.R., where she

was mobbed by thousands of Jews at a Moscow synagogue. Her political career was equally high profile. When she was prime minister, she negotiated arms agreements with Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger, and she secretly met with Jordan’s King Hussein in a vain effort to offer land for peace. Meir has been called an influential and complex woman.

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to guarantee seating. For questions about the program or to RSVP, contact the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County at 203-321-1373, ext.150, or info@jhsfc-ct.org, or visit its website at <http://jhsfc-ct.org>.

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PJ Library at **United Jewish Federation** is now being directed by Lauren Steinberg, Director of **United Jewish Federation’s Jewish Community Relations Council**. Sending books is just the beginning. Taking a lesson from the Pew Study, as well as the **Harold Grinspoon Foundation**, we strive to make our **PJ** programming meaningful to YOU and driven by YOU, our **PJ** families. To be more involved with reshaping **PJ Library** here at **United Jewish Federation**, contact Lauren at (203)321-1373, ext. 104 or email her at lauren@ujf.org.



Torah Play Comes to Temple Sinai

This fall, Temple Sinai integrated a new program into its kindergarten through second-grade curriculum. Torah Play, based on Godly Play, was developed about 40 years ago by Jerome Berryman, a Christian theologian and educator. Torah play's approach to storytelling invites children into the story and seeks to encourage wondering, exploration and creativity. Instead of listening to a story and being asked to remember facts about the narrative, students are guided to ask themselves how they, themselves, would fit into the story, or to wonder what would have happened if the characters had made different choices. During the explor-



Temple Sinai teachers Rebecca Winters, Julie Hannum and Cindy Pitkoff participated in a Torah play training class.

ative portion of the lesson, students have the option to participate in various activities. They can recreate the story, read a book, work on puzzles, draw a picture, or make a craft.

Temple Sinai's educator, Amy Ritell, said she was eager to bring Torah Play to Temple Sinai after learning about this exciting curriculum. "I watched a video of Torah Play being used in the classroom and saw students

engaged, focused and having fun, and I thought this is perfect for Temple Sinai!" She subsequently contacted the school in Massachusetts where the video was filmed and then attended a live presentation of the program. "I wanted to see Torah Play in action

and see how students really responded during a live class. It was well worth the trip," said Ritell.

After almost a year of preparation, the Temple Sinai teaching staff came together for a Torah Play training session. "Although we plan to use Torah Play mainly with the younger students this year, it can be adapted for older students, too, so we asked the entire staff to train. The teachers enjoyed it so much that some of our teachers are already looking for ways to use it in the upper grades, as well. Similarly, one teacher has already written her own Torah Play script to use when teaching about the history of Israel," said Ritell.

While Torah Play is in its infancy at Temple Sinai, the methodology has been used for years in thousands of churches, synagogues, day schools and early childhood centers all over the world. Temple Sinai staff say they are excited to join these institutions in utilizing this teaching tool.

Reading Partners Welcomes New Director

As The Herbert and Sarah M. Gibor Reading Partners Program enters its 19th year of service to the Stamford public schools, a new director is coming on board to oversee the program's mission of improving literacy in early grade readers. Reading Partners is a program of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

Four years ago, Marlyn Agatstein stepped up from her role as a reading volunteer to assume leadership of the program. During her tenure as director, she spearheaded many new changes, including adding Westover School and The New School at Strawberry Hill to the partner schools; participating in Bridgeport's Read Aloud Day; conducting a Reading Attitude Survey; convening a Connecticut Jewish Agency Volunteer Literacy Partnership; corroborating with Stamford's Cradle to Career current initiative; participating in Stamford public schools mission evaluation workshops; and starting after-school volunteer sites at the YMCA and the Fish Church.

"I have the best job in the world and that's because I work with the most dedicated and committed volunteers," says Agatstein. "Someone asked me recently if I keep an attendance sheet at each school to keep a log of the Reading Partners' attendance. The question kind of startled me because I thought why would I do that when I know that Reading Partners never, ever miss a



L-r: Outgoing Reading Partners Director Marlyn Agatstein with Incoming Reading Partners Director Lenore Fogel

day – it's the best day of their week."

"Marlyn has been a tremendous asset to the UJF staff and has brought the Reading Partners Program to a new level. With an increase to sites served and an increase in volunteers, she will be a hard act to follow. We are grateful for her tireless efforts and passion for the program's mission. I am confident that Marlyn will stay an active part of the Greater UJF community. I am grateful that the Herbert and Sarah M. Gibor Foundation will continue to graciously support the program," says Interim Executive Director Diane Sloyer.

The incoming director is Lenore Fogel, who lives in Stamford with her husband, Ilan, and five children. They have called Stamford home since 2004.

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The Center Women Funds New JCC Bus

BY LUISA VILADAS

On the agenda for the May meeting of the Jewish Community Center's Board of Directors was a discussion about its aging fleet of buses. Four 16-passenger, handicap-accessible buses are used almost daily to transport senior adults to and from the JCC's kosher lunch program, and to bring children from public schools to the JCC for after-school care. The oldest of the JCC buses had just been retired from the fleet.

In the room that night were Beth Baer and Dana Roth, co-presidents of The Center Women, a fund-raising arm of the JCC. "We knew that we had enough money in reserve to cover a new bus," said Beth Baer, "so we brought the idea to the Center Women board and decided as a group to fund the bus. The vote to approve was unanimous."

"It was inspiring for me to watch The Center Women board vote on the new bus," said JCC CEO Marshall Kurland. "They were enthusiastic and kind-hearted, and truly embodied the JCC's mission of communal responsibility and service to the community."

The Center Women's mission is to support the JCC through fund-raising, volunteering and programming, while fostering a welcoming environment for all women and providing social and leadership opportunities. The group currently has more than 200 active



Dana Roth (left) and Beth Baer, co-presidents of The Center Women of the JCC. The group recently purchased a new bus for the Jewish Community Center.

members and more than 500 lifetime members. Funds raised by The Center Women have been called an important component of the JCC's overall fund-raising, and help operate the JCC Senior Adult program, JumpStart and inclusion programs at the JCC.

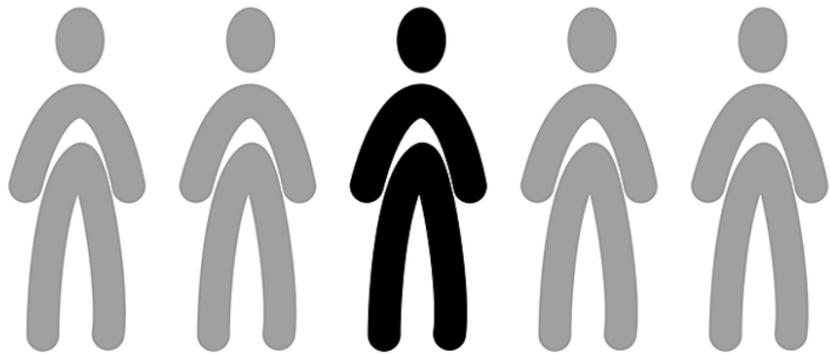
"We were delighted that all of our hard work had built up to the point where we could allocate \$50,000 for a new bus," added Roth. "This really is a result of the collective efforts of all Center Women through years of fund-raising events and programming in support of our community."

Women in the community are invited to join The Center Women. Jewish Community Center membership is not required, although only JCC members

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Stuffed Cabbage for Sukkot

BY RONNIE FEIN

Stuffed foods are traditional for Sukkot, as a way of saying how grateful we are for all we have, for our personal bounty and the bounty of the land. We are stuffed, right?

The classic dish? Ashkenazi stuffed cabbage!

Stuffed cabbage wasn't a "thing" for me, growing up. My grandma made Stuffed Grape Leaves or Stuffed Peppers. That isn't so unusual, of course. For thousands of years, Jewish cooks have been making stuffed leaves of one kind or another, including chard and other greens. But cabbage became more popular in the United States because it is so widely available, easy to keep and work with, and relatively inexpensive.

Stuffed cabbage wasn't a "thing" for me after I married and had kids, either, because my two daughters didn't like "that kind of food."

But time passes. My husband and my sons-in-law, and now even my grandkids, love "that kind of food." And so I make Stuffed Cabbage.

After years experimenting with Russian versions and Polish, German recipes and Israeli, I now have a dish that satisfies everyone. I call it my "mixed Ashkenazi-European" Stuffed Cabbage: large rolls of cabbage (the small ones I freeze to keep as a nosh for some other occasion) stuffed with meat mixed with rice in a rich, thick, sweet-and-sour tomato-based sauce with raisins.

RONNIE FEIN'S STUFFED CABBAGE

Prep time: 30-40 minutes

Cooking time: 2 hours

1 large head of green cabbage

2 lbs. ground beef (or mix beef and veal or turkey)

1 medium onion, finely chopped

1 large egg

¼ cup raw white rice

2 Tbsp. matzo meal or plain bread crumbs

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

2 Tbsp. vegetable oil

1 large onion, finely chopped

1 cup brown sugar

1 12-oz. bottle chili sauce

½ cup fresh lemon juice

½ cup raisins

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Bring a large pot half filled with water to a boil.

Cut out the hard center cabbage core. Remove the large cabbage leaves. Place the cabbage leaves plus the smaller remaining cabbage in the boiling water. Cook the cabbage leaves for about 3 minutes, or until they wilt. Cook the remaining cabbage core for 3-5 more minutes, or until you can easily remove the leaves.

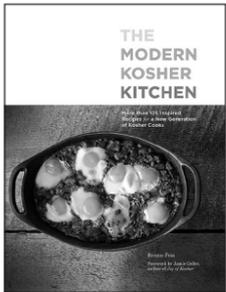
Cut off the hard stem portions from the large leaves so that they can be rolled easily. Set the leaves aside. *Alternately:* if you plan ahead, you can freeze the entire head of cabbage for 24 hours (or more). Thaw the cabbage and the leaves will already be wilted and you can avoid having to cook them.

In a large bowl, mix the ground meat, onion, egg, rice, matzo meal, and salt and pepper to taste. Place a mound of this mixture in the center of each leaf (more on the larger leaves, of course). Enclose the meat by wrapping the cabbage leaves, envelope style. Place the stuffed cabbage leaves, seam side down, in deep baking dishes. (I separate the large rolls and smaller ones.)

Heat the vegetable oil in a saute pan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook for 4-5 minutes or until softened. Stir in the brown sugar, chili sauce, lemon juice and raisins and cook for 3-4 minutes. Pour the sauce over the cabbage rolls. Cover the pan. Bake for 2 hours (or, to cook ahead, bake for one hour, freeze, thaw and bake for an additional hour).

Makes 18-24.

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), or follow her on Twitter and Instagram at [@RonnieVFein](https://www.instagram.com/RonnieVFein).



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

Problem Solving Through "Positive Discipline"

BY JUDIE JACOBSON

There are no bad children, just bad behavior. That's what they say – and, as the new school year takes off, early childhood teachers at Bi-Cultural Day School say they are revved up not only to talk the talk but, more than that, to walk the walk.

The reason: Over the summer, Bi-Cultural's early childhood teachers received training in the techniques of "Positive Discipline," an approach to promoting good behavior in the classroom that is designed to bolster students' self-esteem, and help them thrive and grow into confident and responsible adults.

Using Positive Discipline methods, teachers encourage children to discuss their mistakes, problem-solve, determine the consequences of their actions and proactively come up with ideas for resolving their issues. Teachers don't ignore problems, but they do reinforce good behavior, helping children learn how to handle situations more effectively.

Bi-Cultural's teachers were trained by Carol Dores, co-founder and president of Positive Discipline of Connecticut and a certified Positive Discipline trainer. The program was developed by Dr. Jane Nelsen, a licensed marriage, family and child psychologist.

"Bi-Cultural was the first Jewish school in Connecticut to approach me about implementing Positive Discipline into their early childhood program, and I was delighted to help," says Dores. "Even more exciting than that, I connected Bi-Cultural with a couple of other Jewish day schools in different states, through the JDS (Jewish Day School) Collaborative,

who will also be introducing Positive Discipline in their schools. I am excited for what the future holds for Bi-Cultural. Positive Discipline and Jewish values really go hand in hand."

Supported by the Avi Chai Foundation, the JDS Collaborative brings schools together around shared initiatives. The goal is for each participating school to benefit from the collaboration by gaining new ideas, activities and colleagues.

"The Positive Discipline approach allows for children to be actively involved in positive decision-making, and teaches expectations to them in a firm, kind, respectful way that greatly encourages positive behaviors," said Denise Rafailov, who is the school's director of admissions and also a parent. Rafailov brought the idea to the school after observing another school implement the program successfully. "When teachers are committed to the program – as ours are – it works really well. Our teachers work really hard with these students. Watching these children learn and develop these important life and social skills, while at the same time boosting their self-esteem, is an amazing thing," said Rafailov.

Bi-Cultural is launching the program in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade, with the intention of expanding it throughout the rest of the elementary and middle school.

Dores plans on scheduling monthly follow-up meetings with Bi-Cultural teachers to review their progress and help navigate any challenges they may encounter.

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

Sukkot Happenings Around the Community



Sunday, October 1 at Temple Beth El. Decorate the Sukkah at 11 am.

Tuesday, October 3 at The J. JCC Senior Adult Sukkot Luncheon from 12:00-1:00 pm.

Dine in the sukkah or indoors, depending on the weather. There is a \$4 suggested donation for lunch. For reservations, please contact Connie Freeman at 203-487-0983 or cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org

Thursday, October 5 at Temple Beth El

Sukkot Morning Service at 9:30 am.

Sukkot Kids' Program with edible Sukkah making at 10:30 am.

Immediately following services - Pizza in the Hut

Thursday, October 5 at Chabad of Stamford. Community Sukkah Lunch Hop. 12:15pm after services

Friday, October 6 at Temple Beth El. Sukkot Morning Service at 9:30 am.

Sunday, October 8. Sukkah Hop at the home of Mara and Rabbi Joshua Hammerman from 12-1:30 pm. Lunch and dessert. Call for reservations at 203-322-6901 ext. 301.

Sunday, October 8. Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah at 7 pm with TBE Men's Club.

Information at execdir@tbe.org

Tuesday, October 10 at The J. JCC Family Sukkot Celebration from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Families from all over the community are invited to bring their own supper to the JCC's sukkah, then stay for dessert and Sukkot activities and games, courtesy of the JCC.

Wednesday, October 11-13 at Chabad of Stamford. Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah Services.

Wednesday, October 11 at 5:30 pm at Temple Sinai. Pizza in the Hut at 5:30 pm. Fee: Dinner \$13 per adult, \$9 per child. Please contact the Temple office to register 203-322-1649.

Wednesday, October 11 at Temple Sinai. Simchat Torah and Consecration Service at 6:00 pm.

Thursday, October 12 at Temple Beth El. Shemini Atzeret Services (Yizkor) at 9:30 am and Simchat Torah Services at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, October 12 at 4 pm. Kids Hakafot at 4 pm.

Friday, October 13 at 9:30 am. Simchat Torah Services at Temple Beth El.

All events are free except where noted.

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Chabad of Stamford Offers HaMakom (The Space)

Beginning the Jewish New Year, Chabad of Stamford is launching a new space for restorative mindfulness called HaMakom, or The Space. Designed to create a space where a person could come for quiet solitude, meditation, prayer or experience holiness, The Space is available Monday through Friday during the day, or by appointment.

The Space is housed in the sanctuary where the traditional *Aron Kodesh* holding the Torah

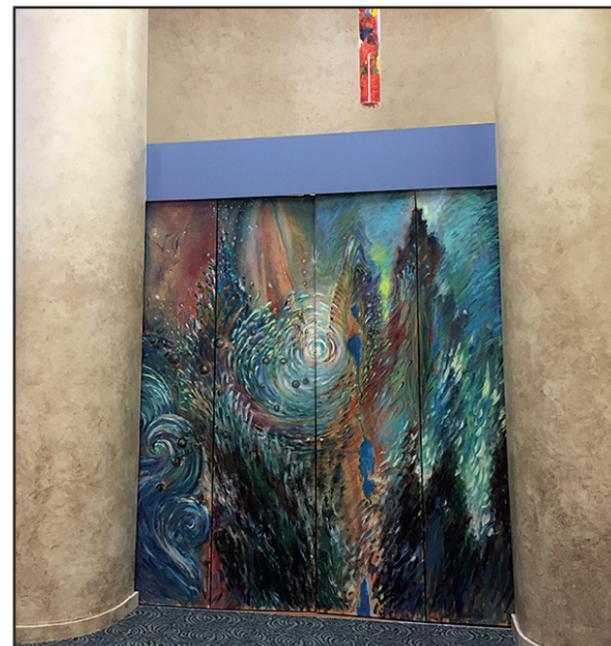
scrolls is the focal point. Says Chabad of Stamford Co-Director Rabbi Moshe Shemtov, "In a time of need, no matter how trivial the need may seem, or in a time of joy to simply stop by. The Space is there so that a person may reflect, contemplate, have a quiet dialogue and leave refreshed and reconnected."

The idea for The Space came from community members who had approached Rabbi and Leah Shemtov to ask if there was space for connecting and meditating outside of *davening* in synagogue. This made the Shemtovs aware that people needed space outside of traditional *davening* to regroup and center themselves spiritually.

The Space offers cards with select prayers, readings, meditations and suggestions for how to spend time there, be it five minutes or 45 minutes.

For more information on The Space, contact morahleah@stamfordchabad.org.

At right: HaMakom, or The Space



Carmel First Day of School



Carmel Academy welcomed students back to campus on September 5, kicking off a new school year and the school's 20th anniversary celebrations. As they arrived, students were greeted by the entire faculty before gathering for an opening ceremony and schoolwide tefillah led by Carmel's eighth grade class. The day included an orientation for shorashim and kindergarten students, and was capped by an end-of-day assembly. L-r: Shifra Batkin, Gaia Alon, Charlotte Bednarsh, Asher Diamond and Morah Danielle Maroff.

Telling Your Story – Genealogy Classes at JHSFC Archives

The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County has envisioned a way to fulfill the mission of "telling the story." This summer, the society began a new initiative – genealogy classes at the JHSFC Archives, located at 990 Hope St. (rear of the building), Stamford. With the help of TV research pro, family historian and genealogy teacher Janeen Bjork, a three-part course was held in July. Participants said they had such a great experience that the class was extended by three weeks in August and new classes are being planned for next year. Also planned are classes in memoir writing, and Yiddish culture and language.

At right: Janeen Bjork (left) reviewed family information of Elissa Kaplan.



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Schoke JFS College Ahead

Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 pm. Deans of Admissions of prominent colleges will form a panel of experts to share information about the college admission process, academics, Jewish life on campus, residential options and other topics of interest. Claire Friedlander, JFS College Consultant, will moderate the discussion at the Stamford JCC, 1035 Newfield Avenue. Open to the community at no cost and registration is not required. Contact Claire Friedlander at 203-921-4161 or email clairef@ctjfs.org for more information

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Carmel Academy Celebrates “20 Years of Daring”

BY JULIE LAPIN

This September marks a milestone for Carmel Academy, as the school kicks off a yearlong celebration in honor of its 20th anniversary.

“Two decades ago, a group of 20 parents gathered to do something quite extraordinary – launch a new kind of Jewish day school,” said Carmel Academy’s Head of School Nora Anderson. “Our founders had a clear vision of a school that would embrace and celebrate religious diversity, a school whose philosophy would champion a true child-centered educational journey, and a school that would be fully committed to an innovative educational approach. Our founders were aspirational and ambitious – qualities that I am proud to say are a legacy that continues to make Carmel Academy the exceptional school it is today.

“As we celebrate this notable anniversary, we do so as we proudly welcome our largest incoming early



Members of Carmel Academy’s faculty filmed a welcome dance video to kick off the school year and Carmel Academy’s 20th anniversary celebrations.

JHSC Teens Take the Lead

BY DAVID GIVER

The Jewish High School of Connecticut offers students academic opportunities, while also providing them with Jewish experiences. One of the ways that students have found to make their own Jewish experiences is through Jewish youth groups. JHSC supports each student’s growth as a teen leader, both in and out of school, as stated by Zoe Jaffe-Berkowitz, “the Jewish High School of Connecticut has given me the skills to be a leader in BBYO and in other aspects of the Jewish community.”

Julia Arnowitz, Jaffe-Berkowitz and Sam Terr have all taken up the challenge of being student leaders, both at JHSC and in BBYO, and are now taking advantage of these opportunities to further prepare themselves for the challenges of being a leader in a Jewish organization. Arnowitz was elected to the BBYO Regional Board, which means that not only will she serve as a leader at home, she will work with the organization forward at the regional level. Speaking about her new role, Arnowitz remarked, “What I have learned during my years at JHSC has made it possible for me to express my Jewish heritage in all that I do, especially BBYO.”

Another example of the leadership coming out of JHSC is Gabriella Lieberman, who has just been chosen from a group of Jewish teens across the country to serve on the National Board of NCSY. “Such recognition of her past leadership roles and efforts in her local community shows that hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others leads to greater opportunities to serve one’s larger community,” said Susan Birke Fiedler, JHSC board member.

To help foster this type of growth in all of the school’s students, JHSC is creating a leadership seminar to help transform the leaders in the school into mentors for those students in the school who wish to take on such roles in the future. The leadership seminar seeks to provide students with leadership skills, peer mentorships and guest lectures on all of the things that it takes to be a leader, especially in the Jewish world.

“With peer examples walking the halls, and with this brand-new leadership seminar in the works, the steady stream of teen leaders coming out of the Jewish High School of Connecticut will continue for years to come,” said Geoffrey Erickson, president of JHSC Board of Trustees.

“The fact that the Jewish High School of Connecticut has national leaders of two of the largest Jewish youth groups in the country is a testament to JHSC’s success at developing young leaders’ ability to step up beyond our local school and community,” remarked Rabbi Elisha Paul, JHSC head of school.

The Jewish High School of Connecticut is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

childhood class this fall and graduate our largest class this upcoming spring – a true testament that our founders’ dream of creating a thriving Jewish day school has come to fruition,” Anderson said. “Twenty years later, we have graduated 12 classes – close to 200 students – many whom are now young adults taking the roots they planted at Carmel and making a difference in the world.”

Carmel Academy, which was founded as Westchester Hebrew Academy in 1997, opened its doors on one floor of a synagogue with 14 kindergarten and 10 first grade students. Today, the school serves students from transitional kindergarten through eighth grade, and is located on a 17-acre campus in central Greenwich. The school attracts more than 225 students from throughout Fairfield and Westchester counties, as well as Riverdale and New York City.

“Our anniversary theme is ‘20 Years of Daring,’ which reflects our founders’ pioneering spirit and the innovative culture that remains a core value of the Carmel Academy educational experience,” Anderson said.

From its inception, Carmel Academy has had a forward-thinking approach to education – from the

quality of its faculty to the way the school’s educational leadership develops and implements curriculum, Anderson said.

That mindset has led to programs such as the PALS program for children with learning disabilities and the Reggio Emilia-inspired transitional kindergarten. Carmel was also asked to pilot and then adopt the E2K STEM program, and was selected to pilot the Judaic and general studies Standards and Benchmark programs.

The “20 Years of Daring” theme will be integrated into the curriculum, as students and faculty will be encouraged to take on academic and personal challenges. In honor of this significant year, Carmel Academy will take a step back into 1997 for a “1997 Day,” gathering for a 20th Anniversary Erev Tov Annual Dinner. It will honor the architects of the school with a Founder’s Day Celebration.

Carmel Academy welcomed students and families to the school year with a 20th anniversary dance video, which can be found on the school’s website at www.carmelacademy.com.

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L-r: Julia Arnowitz and Zoe Jaffe-Berkowitz

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Golf Classic is a Hole in One



At left: On August 8, more than 85 Carmel Academy parents, supporters, alumni and faculty enjoyed a full day of golf at the Glen Arbor Golf Club in Bedford Hills, NY, that included an Elite 18 Hole Shamble on the Gary Player signature course, followed by a sunset cocktail reception, awards dinner and raffle. Chairing the event were Carmel Academy parents and golf pros Debbie Doniger and Kevin Sprecher, Gilad Kalter, Jon Malkin and David Eben. Shown (l-r) are Josh Levine, Hayley Levine, Eli Freedberg and Josh Kurtz as they gathered for the cocktail reception.

At right: Marshall Kurland, Steven Roth and Stuart Roth on the green at Carmel Academy's Annual Golf Classic, which was held on August 8 at Glen Arbor Golf Club.



An Update with the Jewish Agency



On August 10, a group of Federation leaders gathered for a briefing with Nir Buchler, vice president of Israel and Global Philanthropy for the Jewish Agency for Israel (a partner of the Federation), and Eve Nachman, director of the Israel Education Fund. The group learned that the Jewish Agency has aided more than 3.3 million people in making aliyah and currently have more than 1,600 shlichim (emissaries) serving in the Diaspora (outside of Israel). Shown are Jill Kaplan (seated, left) and Shoshana Dweck listening Buchler (standing) speak.

► “Walk the Talk” with Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle, a local organization that pairs teenage volunteers with children with special needs, will host a “Friendship Day and Walk” on Sunday, October 1, beginning at 12:30 pm, at Westhill High School. The day of activities and entertainment will include a carnival, crafts, shows, entertainment and free food, as well as a walk.

Organizers say the goal of the event is to raise funds and create awareness for children with special needs and the efforts of local teen volunteers who frequently take hours of their personal time to hang out with local children with special needs. The event is free and open to the entire community.

The Friendship Circle’s approach brings together teenage volunteers and children with special needs for hours of fun and friendship. These shared experiences are said to empower children with special needs, while enriching the lives of everyone involved.

Go to www.FriendshipDayCT.com to donate and participate, or call Malya Shmotkin at 203-409-1543.

► JCC Mother-Son Game Show Night

Now in its fourth year, the Mother-Son Game Show Night at the Jewish Community Center has become a Stamford tradition. A night of games, food and fun is on tap for boys 5-10 years of age and their moms on Saturday, October 14, from 6-7:30 pm.

Games will include Easy Jeopardy, Name That Tune, Beat the Clock and more. Pizza, salad and drinks will be served. Admission is \$45 per “couple” and \$5 for each additional child; or \$36 per “couple” and \$5 for each additional child for JCC members.

Register online at stamfordjcc.org or by calling the JCC Welcome Desk at 203-322-7900. For additional information, contact Brandon Yarborough at 203-487-0970 or byarborough@stamfordjcc.org.

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In Connecticut, nearly one child in five is hungry or food insecure and does not get enough food outside of the free meal programs provided by the public schools. Women’s Philanthropy of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien is joining other programs throughout the country to do something about this situation in our own backyards. Help shop and pack bags to be delivered to area schools. Call 203-321-1373 for more information.

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If you have Adult Volunteer Opportunities and would like to be listed in future issues, please email sandy@ujf.org

“Junior Makerspace” at Bi-Cultural

BY JUDIE JACOBSON

Since it was unveiled in February 2016, the Makerspace Lab at Bi-Cultural Day School has been called a breeding ground for student creativity; a place where budding young inventors in grades one through eight can bring their imaginative, innovative ideas to life. Now, a year and half down the road, the success

of Makerspace in stimulating learning and fostering creativity among older students prompted Bi-Cultural administrators and faculty to think out-of-the-box. If Makerspace works well for older students, they thought, it ought to work for younger students, too. And so, over the summer, Bi-Cultural built an activity-filled Makerspace for preschoolers. The first

of its kind in the state of Connecticut, the space is similar in spirit to the Makerspace for students in the older grades, but is geared to the interests and abilities of the youngest learners.

“We created this new early childhood Makerspace because it’s a natural fit for this age group. These early ‘makers’ naturally have a creative and vivid imagination,” says Beth Fritz, a third grade teacher at Bi-Cultural who, together with middle school teacher Adrienne Robinson, set up the school’s first Makerspace.

After what Robinson describes as “a ton of research,” the two brought their expertise to bear on the conceptualization and construction of the early childhood space.

“Beth and I designed the space to promote curiosity and wonder,” notes Robinson. “Each piece in the space is purposeful, functional and can have a multi-faceted approach to further support the curriculum, and foster an awareness of how and why things work the way they do.”

The goal, says Fritz, is for students “to develop an urge to simply ‘wonder.’ We want them to examine their surroundings to develop a deeper appreciation for how things work. We want them to explore and question all of the ‘what ifs’ that occur when they

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Professional Development at Gan Yeladim



The morahs (teachers) of Gan Yeladim Early Childhood Center re-entered the building on August 21 to begin a week of professional development. During the week, the morahs had a chance to reflect on their hopes and dreams, curriculum planning, positive discipline, literacy, Torah instruction, observations, technology development and environment set-up. L-r: Hillary Isaacs, associate director of Gan Yeladim ECC; Kelley Lombardo; Peshy Raitport; Alice Janush; and Gisele Febles.



The teachers said they were happy to be reunited and make new friends, and to get to know each other on a deeper level. Through the process, new and seasoned teachers said they were able to learn from each other, creating a reinforcing team of professionals. L-r: Amanda Branstrom greeted Debra Bloomgarden and Puja Mansukhani greeted Danielle Tomczyk. New Morah Ely Sahar (front) looked on.

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Burden Wenig and Goldman LLP, Bi-Cultural Day School, Carmel Academy, the JCC, Seasons and SOOSH.

Those who would like more information about United Jewish Federation and its 3SQUARE program, or who would like to volunteer to shop and pack bags, are asked to contact Rebekah Raz at 203-321-1373, ext. 102, or rebekah@ujf.org.



Team Temple Beth El members (standing l-r) Jeff Manheim, Lisa Manheim, Marni Amsellem, Josh Levine and Dan Avnir. Kneeling (l-r): David Robinov and Adam Tronick.



Team Young Israel (l-r): Greg Teitel, Seth Linzer, Gabe Moreen, Matt Greif, Yossi Notik (holding his son), and Team Carmel’s Seth Young.

Students Get Royal Treatment at Bi-Cultural



In keeping with a Bi-Cultural Day School annual tradition, eighth-graders lined up at the entrance to the Stamford school to greet students on the first day of school. Among those getting the “red carpet” treatment was fifth-grader Keshet Kurtz, followed by her sisters, Samara (grade three) and Ayelet (pre-kindergarten).

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Focus on Dinah Miller

Marlowe and Seth Marlowe

BY SHARON FRANKLIN AND JANE LEVENE
Dinah Miller Marlowe and Seth Marlowe, originally from the Bronx and Queens, have lived in Stamford for 24 years. Their three children, Sarah, Noah and Rina, attended Gan Yeladim nursery school, Bi-Cultural Day School and Camp Yavneh, and have participated in New England Region National Council of Synagogue Youth. Two are graduates of Ramaz and the youngest is a sophomore there. After a gap year in Israel, their oldest daughter made *aliyah*. Their son is a junior at Yeshiva University Honors College, after two years at Yeshiva HaKotel in Jerusalem. The youngest, Rina, just returned from an NCSY summer program.



Seth Marlowe and Dinah Miller Marlowe

Dinah, describe your involvement with UJF through the years and how long you have been associated with the organization?

Dinah: I began my involvement almost 30 years ago in the New York City and Connecticut Federations starting in 1987 by interning and then joining the staff. My role included fund-raising and community development – Real Estate, Department of Synagogue Relations, Young Leadership, Young Real Estate and the Management Assistance Program. After moving to Stamford in 1993, I became involved with UJF of Greater Stamford in lay and professional capacities. I was director of The Gorney Commission on Jewish Continuity and a

staff coordinator for the Yom Hashoah Program. For the past 10-plus years, I have been on the Women’s Philanthropy Board working in a lay leadership role for programs such as David’s Treasure Closet, Spring Dinner, Chocolate and Martinis, and Super Sunday. I have involved all of my children (ages 15-24) in raising money for Federation and they all are educated in the concept of federated giving. I became a Pomegranate three years ago and I hope to continue for many years.

Have you been involved with other Jewish organizations?

Dinah: I have volunteered for Gan Yeladim, Bi-Cultural Day School and

JFS. I have also served on the Board of Directors of Congregation Agudath Sholom from 2000-2002, and 2015 to present, and the CAS Executive Board 2016 to present. I also serve on the New England Region NCSY Board currently, which began in 2015. In the past, I was the director of the Teen Tzedakah Program, and at JFS Greenwich as director of the Jewish Health and Healing Center for seven years. In 2004, Seth and I were the recipients of the CAS Young Leadership Award.

Seth: I had the privilege of being the Commissioner for the Fairfield County Connecticut Jewish Baseball League for 10 years and was on the CAS Board of Directors for several years. I was the recipient of UJF’s Benson Zinbarg Family Adult Leadership Award, the Young Israel of Stamford Community Service Award and the Wells Fargo Community Service Awards in 2010, 2012 and 2014, all in recognition of my FCCJBL efforts.

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

Dinah: Why do I give back to the Jewish community? The answer is two-fold. First, I believe that we are all responsible for each other. Secondly, my parents taught that even though we

grew up with very little, we as a family gave back through volunteer work and financially as best we could. Why am I involved in Federation? Years ago, someone explained to me the concept of Federated giving and it really hit home. Because of this, I decided to give to make sure all in the Jewish community – in Stamford, in Israel, in all of the Diaspora – have what they need. I feel blessed and honored that we are able to volunteer and to give!

Seth: Honestly, Dinah pulled me along for the ride and I just kept riding. In the case of our Jewish baseball league, our kids were participants and it needed additional support. We also had our kids playing in the local Stamford Little League (Stamford American). I decided to go from side-line parent and occasional coach to coordinating and running the entire league introducing many little, but very important, details to make it a more enjoyable experience for the kids and the parents. This endeavor allowed me to combine a huge passion for baseball with community to create a legacy for our community’s kids who might not have had any other opportunity to play ball in a friendly, *hamish* environment. The more I did, the more I wanted to.

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the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo in 1989. From California wildfires to Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, to Texas flooding, the committee has immediately reached out to local Federations when emergencies strike to offer continental assistance.

The next steps focus on homes: removing water, mud and furniture, ripping out drywall and pulling out floorboards, a process that, for just one home, means several days of work for 10 volunteers from partner groups like NECHAMA – Jewish Response to Disaster.

“United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien recognizes the heroic efforts of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, which has gone above and beyond the extreme circumstances to remain focused on aiding their community,” said UJF President Ricky Arbron. “Our ability to help them is determined by the strength of our unified efforts – by how we come together as one Jewish

people, regardless of our differences, in times of calm and in times of crisis, to work for the greater good of all.”

More than 70 percent of the Jewish community of Houston lives in parts of the city that were badly flooded, and that includes nearly 12,000 Jewish elderly. Just before the start of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, flooded synagogues scrambled to find places to hold services.

Jewish Federation donations continue to come in. As of mid-September, Jewish Federations had raised more than \$8 million for Hurricane Harvey relief. Of that amount, \$1.6 million was allocated to address the following priorities:

- ◆ Immediate cash grants for flood victims’ essential needs.
- ◆ Extended day-camp programming to make up for delayed school opening.
- ◆ Expanding capacity of Jewish Family Services to allow it to provide one-stop, comprehensive assistance.
- ◆ Grants to individual Rabbis’ Discretionary Funds to meet specific congregational needs.

◆ Funds to the Hebrew Free Loan Association that will match resources from Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco to create a new Hurricane Harvey loan pool.

JFNA was organizing its third team of national Federation professionals to assist the Houston Jewish Federation at the time of publication. It is also working with the Network of Jewish Services Agencies to enable them to provide national professional assistance to Houston’s Jewish Family Services agency for mental health counseling.

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Discussion in response to a question about the lack of Holocaust education in some public high schools resulted in a consensus that the JCRC would work with Himes to address the local school board about the importance of teaching about the Holocaust.



Vandalism at AITE magnet high school in Stamford was discovered on August 26.

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Fogel has an M.S.W. and has been involved with the community volunteering at Federation’s 3SQUARE program, her children’s day schools and the Young Israel of Stamford. In addition, when the family was living in South Africa while her husband was working on an AIDS project, she volunteered with the Shine literacy program in Cape Town. Prior to moving to Stamford, Fogel spent several years as a social worker with homebound

elderly in Jerusalem and coordinated a Big Brother/Sister program for children with special needs.

“I am excited and honored to be joining the Federation and the Reading Partners program,” said Fogel.

This school year’s corps of volunteers is forming and the orientation was scheduled to begin September 25. Anyone who wished to apply should contact Fogel at 203-321-1373, ext. 115.

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are eligible to serve on The Center Women Board of Directors.

In September, hundreds of people took part in The Center Women’s largest annual fund-raiser, the Give a Child a Jumpstart 5K/10K Run/Walk. The next event on the calendar will be its Annual Gift Show on Monday, November 20. Other events planned for the coming year include the return of the J-Palooza Battle of the Bands, a women’s health event, a spring fund-raiser and numerous other social and community-building events.

“The Center Women have something to offer everyone,” Baer concluded. “Whether it’s volunteering for an hour here or there, chairing a committee, or participating in our events, we welcome new members to join and be part of this extraordinary network of women.”

For more information, visit stamfordjcc.org.

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Begin the new year with the Hebrew Conversation Club. The club meets every other Monday from 7:30-9 pm at the Westport Library. No experience is necessary and all levels of Hebrew are welcome. Each meeting provides an opportunity to sharpen Hebrew conversation skills, increase vocabulary, learn about a variety of topics and enjoy an evening with a group that loves the Hebrew language. There is no fee. This is an Israelis-in-CT program. For more information, contact the Westport Library at 203-291-4800 or Susie Cutler at zeldala13@hotmail.com.

Junior Continued from page 17 are surrounded by the tools that inspire them to create. We want them to find solutions to problems by trying something different. The 'trying something different' is what led to the Makerspace to begin with."

Bi-Cultural plans to give young families an opportunity to see the space "in

action" at a grand opening and other events, to be scheduled for later this fall. For more information, contact Denise Rafailov at drafailov@bcds.org or 203-329-2186, ext. 1310.

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► Bruce Feiler to Speak at Schoke JFS Lecture

Save the date – The sixth Annual Saul Cohen-Schoke JFS Lecture will take place on Thursday, November 9, at 7:30 pm, at the Ferguson Library in Stamford. Bruce Feiler, an American television personality and author of 12 books, including six consecutive *New York Times* nonfiction best-sellers, will speak about "The Family Today: Secrets to Stronger Relationships and Greater Happiness at Any Age."

The lecture is open to the community at no charge. "The First Love Story: Adam, Eve and Us" and "The Secrets of Happy Families," authored by Feiler, will be available for purchase and signing at the dessert reception to follow. Prior to the lecture, a Patrons' Reception will be held for a select group of donors to thank them for their support of Schoke JFS.

For details about the reception, contact Lisa Rich, donor relations coordinator, at lrich@ctjfs.org. For more information about the lecture, call JFS at 203-921-4161 or visit www.ctjfs.org.

► Shred Day at Schoke JFS

Want to securely dispose of credit cards, passports, bills, invoices, checks, statements or other personal, confidential papers, or have stacks of boxes filled with private papers to dispose of? Schoke Jewish Family Service will host a shredding day on Sunday, November 12, from 8-11 am, at the Stamford office, 733 Summer St., in the parking lot behind the building.

There will be no cost for the disposal, but those coming are asked to bring kosher non-perishable food items, toiletries, grocery gift cards or a donation to the Schoke JFS Kosher Food Pantry. Visit the website at www.ctjfs.org for a list of suggested items.

The event is sponsored by Michael Alexander, Plaza Realty and Fred Springer.

The Jewish Food Society wants to Preserve Your Grandma's Recipes

BY JOSEFIN DOLSTEN

TENAFLY, NJ (JTA) – Ayala Hodak usually cooks the way her mother taught her: adding a pinch of spice here or relying on her eyes – never a measuring cup! – to judge how much liquid to add. But on a recent Tuesday, she was being much more precise.

At her home in this suburban town less than 15 miles from New York City, Hodak, 52, who grew up in an Iranian family in Israel, measured the amount of salt and pepper she added to a stew. She also paused to demonstrate how thickly to cut a piece of beef.

Her reason for the accuracy: Hodak's recipe was being recorded by a new non-profit, the Jewish Food Society, which aims to be an archive of Jewish recipes from around the world. Its *kibbutz*-born founder, who once promoted Israeli culture as an employee of the Israeli Consulate in New York, was inspired by the diversity of food traditions in Israel and her desire to preserve them in the Diaspora.

"I realized there is an urgency in capturing these stories because the older generation is about to leave the world, and many of these recipes are labor- and time-consuming in a way that we should really protect them," the society's founder, Naama Shefi, told JTA. "These are skills that would just disappear if no one could capture them in a methodic way."

The project, which launched officially in March and receives financial support from several Jewish foundations, has added over a dozen recipes to its online archive, and more are on the way. Along with the recipes are photographs and stories of the cook's family history, as well as how he or she learned to make the dish.

Each week, Shefi, 36, who lives on New York's Lower East Side, interviews a chef and takes down his or her story. If distance permits, Shefi or an Israel-based employee will meet with the cook in person; if not, they communicate long distance. All ingredients are measured, and dishes are then re-created in a test kitchen and adjusted accordingly.

Though some participants work in the food industry – Hodak is the manager and co-owner of Taboon, a Midtown Manhattan restaurant serving Middle Eastern and Mediterranean-inspired food – others are home cooks.

Shefi came up with the idea after a Shabbat meal in 2005 at the home of her now-husband's grandmother, who was born in Turkey, but also lived in Greece and South Africa prior to immigrating to Israel with her family. "The flavors really represented all of their previous immigration stories and journeys, and some worlds that do not even exist anymore," she said. "It was such a vivid expression of disappearing worlds, and of bitter and sweet memories. It was just moving, so I told him, let's just spend a day with her try to capture a few recipes. It was just really inspiring."

In addition to the weekly cooking session, the Jewish Food Society puts on larger-scale events, such as Schmaltzy, a yearly storytelling event where people share the stories behind family recipes..

Shefi's long-term goal for the Jewish Food Society extends beyond the archive of recipes. She wants to establish a center for Jewish food in New York, where visitors would be able to take cooking classes and learn about their family's culinary histories. Shefi describes her vision as "the James Beard Foundation for Jewish food."



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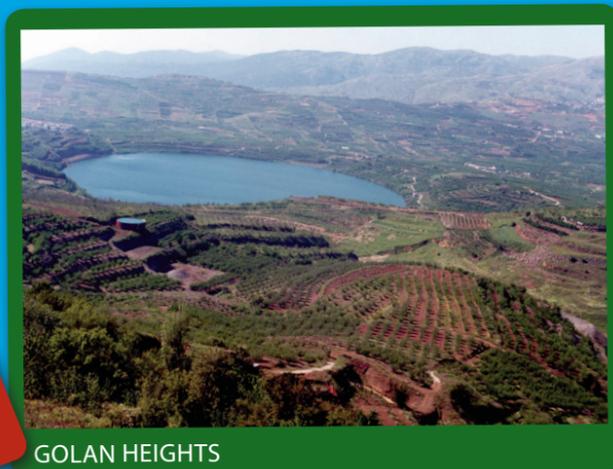
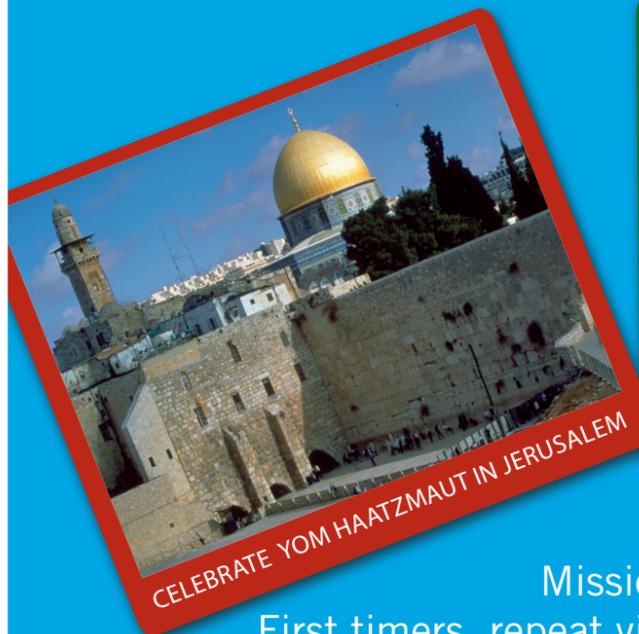


Israel at 70:
April 11-21, 2018

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

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5 Star Hotels Include:
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What is a Mission?

Missions are group travel with a purpose!
First timers, repeat visitors...see and experience Israel like never before!

Highlights Include:

- Tour the cities of Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Tzvat, Tiberias, Afula/Gilboa & Jerusalem
- Security & geo-political briefings
- Spend time with our friends in Afula/Gilboa
- Impactful visits to UJF-supported programs
- Shabbat in Tel Aviv & Jerusalem
- Join 1000's at the Jewish Agency/Masa ceremony for Yom Hazikaron Memorial Day
- Join in festive celebration of Israel at 70

**Community Chairs:
Rica and Ari Lieberman**

\$3999: Price based on 30 participants & subject to change. A refundable deposit of \$500 is required to secure your spot. *Airfare is additional.

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