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## “My Promised Land” Author Coming to TBE

Hyacinthe and Harold E. Hoffman Memorial Lecture

Ari Shavit, a leading Israeli columnist and writer, will speak at Temple Beth El, 350 Roxbury Rd., Stamford, on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:30 pm. His topic will be “Is Peace Dead? The Arab Awakening, the Israeli Predicament and the Chances for Middle East Peace.” With the recent publication of his internationally acclaimed book “My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel,” Shavit has been



*Ari Shavit, a leading Israeli columnist and writer*

called one of the most talked about and influential authors of 2014. While “My Promised Land” was a *New York Times* bestseller and described by its literary critic as one of the best 10 books of the year, it was also perceived as a game changer and required reading for anyone engaged with Israel, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the Middle East. Among its best known readers

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## Women’s Forum: Navigating Greater Financial Independence

Women of all ages are invited to join the UJF’s Women’s Philanthropy for a casual forum titled “Financially Fit: Financial Intelligence for Today and Tomorrow” on Monday, September 15, at 6 pm, at Temple Beth El, Stamford. The forum seeks to empower women of all ages to achieve financial well-being. The evening will include dinner, dessert and four speak-

ers who will explain asset management, retirement and estate planning strategies for all stages of a financial life. The panel of speakers will share thoughts and insights, and be available to address questions following the presentations.

See the back page of the paper for the full schedule of speakers and topics. The

*See “Financial” on page 3*

## Jewish High School Moves to Stamford

Parents, Leaders and Philanthropists Support Move

The Jewish High School of Connecticut announced that it will open the academic year in Stamford at the Stamford Technology Center for the fall of 2014. The school will be located at 1937 West Main St. The move to Stamford is a result of a demographic analysis of the student population and the desire to be in a space that supports the school’s STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program.

While JHSC is new to Stamford, it is not a new school. Since its opening in 2010, JHSC has received accolades in two Exploravision Science Contests (competing with more than 30,000 students nationwide) and an award of

*See “School” on page 21*

## Cantor Magda Fishman Joins Temple Beth El

Sylvan D. Pomerantz, president of Temple Beth El, announced the appointment of Cantor Magda Fishman as the synagogue’s new cantor beginning September 1. “Cantor Fishman brings an extraordinary amount of talent, passion and energy to our congregation,” said Pomerantz. “We are thrilled to have her as our *shaliach tzibur* (emissary of the congregation).”



*Cantor Magda Fishman*

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman added, “Cantor Fishman possesses a rare combination of musical talent, personal charisma, spiritual depth and sensitivity. She also shares a vision that we have been growing here for more than a decade, one emphasizing inclusiveness, participation and warmth. Her dynamic style fits precisely the kind

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### Stamford Rallies to Support Israel

Children from all over Fairfield County showed their support for Israel at the Fairfield County Rally for Solidarity, Security and Peace held on July 23 at the Jewish Community Center. See page 9 for further coverage of the event. (Photo by Aviva Maller)

## President's Message

BY SHOSHANA DWECK

I love torturing my kids at camp with letters starting, "as I write I am..." They are used to getting immediate knowledge, and for all of us the awareness of temporal and geographic distance between writing and reading can be uncomfortable. And yet... I wrote this while Israelis counted their safety in seconds, and we could only hope for peace.



Shoshana Dweck,  
UJF president

There is so much uncertainty about what the situation will be as you read this. Will war still rage? Will the Jews of France be in continuing danger? Will the antisemitic rhetoric in the United States have subsided? Will Ukraine still be embroiled in war? What will be happening in Sudan, in Nigeria, in Ethiopia?

With the world's chaos and reminders of the uncertainty of life screaming from our phones, our tradition urges us each fall to hit pause so we can

reflect and then prepare for the challenges and joys of the year ahead. How do we prepare for the future when we struggle to plan for next month? As we turn inward and reflect, we each will find our own unique way to answer that challenge for ourselves and our community. "Hatikvah," The Hope, is Israel's national anthem. Hope is the sustenance that enables us not just to believe that tomorrow can be better, but to wake up each morning and have the energy and determination to take tomorrow into our hands and *make it better*.

But the liturgy for the High Holidays reminds us to ask not just how do "I" prepare, but how do "we" prepare; not just what do "I" do, but what can "we" do. After all, we repent in the singular and in the plural, reminding us that we do not face life alone. When we came together as a community across all denominations and geographical and agency distinctions, to rally for Israel, we strengthened ourselves in our joint resolve and we strengthened Israel with our support. We lifted up Israel and we were uplifted by each other.

Whatever the challenges in my life, when I put my hand to the left, my family and friends hold it, and when I put my hand to the right, my community holds it. Whatever the challenges in the Jewish world and in our local community, when you reach to the right, you connect with our agencies and professional staffs to make a difference and help repair the world, and when you reach to the left, all of our hands are there. This year, among many other losses, Israel lost a beloved singer, Arik Einstein, who wrote, "You and I we'll change the world... Others have said it before me but it doesn't matter. You and I, we'll change the world."

And so, let us once again turn to face uncertainty and chaos with hope and unity and resolve. Our community and the Jewish people need every single one of us. That is how you can be sure that when you reach your hand to the left and to the right, others always will be there to grab hold. As individuals and as a community, together we will keep changing the world.

## In France Jewish Self-Defense Group Support Rises

BY CNAAN LIPSHIZ

SARCELLES, France (JTA) – Shortly before their synagogue became shrouded by tear gas and smoke,



In the Paris suburb of Sarcelles, pro-Palestinian rioters broke shop windows and set fires on July 20. (Photo by Cnaan Liphshiz)

100 Jews wielding baseball bats and clubs were singing the French national anthem in front of the synagogue's heavy metal gate.

They had gathered outside the main synagogue in this Paris suburb on July 22 to defend it against a predominantly Arab mob of 200 men who had gathered nearby with sticks and stones, setting garbage cans aflame and chanting "Slaughter the Jews."

The Jewish defenders were not singing for the rioters. Their performance of "La Marseillaise" was intended as a gesture of gratitude toward the 100 police officers clad in anti-riot armor that prevented the mob from approaching.

Unable to reach the Grand Synagogue of Sarcelles, some of the rioters smashed shop windows in this poor suburb where tens of thousands of Jews live amid many Muslims. They torched two cars and threw a firebomb at a nearby, smaller synagogue, which was only lightly damaged.

"We sang to thank them, but also to remind them

and ourselves that we are equal French citizens entitled to safety," said Eliyahu, a member of France's Jewish Defense League, or LDJ, who agreed to be identified only by his first name.

It was the ninth synagogue attack in France in the first two weeks of Israel's Operation Protective Edge in Gaza, which was launched on July 8. To Eliyahu and many other French Jews, the attacks have contributed to a growing realization that, despite the extraordinary efforts of French authorities to protect them, French Jews need to rely mostly on themselves for their defense.

"The cops are here now, but it'll be just us and the Arabs tomorrow," said Serge Najjar, a local community leader.

French authorities have been vigorous in their condemnations of recent attacks, with President Francois Hollande vowing not to allow violence in the Middle East to spill over into the streets of France and Prime Minister Manuel Valls promising to severely punish antisemitic attacks.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Labor Day Run/Walk to Benefit JumpStart

More than 450 people of all ages are expected to run, walk, sprint and stroll their way through the Jewish Community Center's Seventh Annual Give a Child a JumpStart 5K/10K Run/Walk and Family Fun Day. The event is sponsored by The Herbert and Sarah M. Gibor Charitable Foundation and Auslander Kasindorf Group/Keller Williams Realty, and is presented by The Center Women of the Stamford JCC. Now a Labor Day tradition in Stamford, the Run/Walk will be held on Monday, September 1, rain or shine. Check-in will begin at 9 am and the race will start at 9:30 am. The event raises funds for JumpStart, the JCC's preschool program for young children with special needs.

JumpStart is the only program of its kind serving families in the Greater Fairfield County area. The

program follows the pattern of a typical nursery school classroom, offering social and educational experiences in a group setting for children who typically require one-on-one services at home. Money raised from the Run/Walk will go toward the program's general operating costs including new equipment, staff development, maintenance of the playground, special events and scholarships.

The Run/Walk will leave from the JCC, located at 1035 Newfield Ave., and take participants through the Pepper Ridge section of Stamford, a family-friendly route favored by local runners. Participants doing the 5K will complete the route one time; those doing the 10K will complete it twice. Strollers are welcome and there will be water stations along the way. For the safety

of all participants and to satisfy insurance requirements, no bikes, skates, scooters or animals will be permitted. There will be many fun family activities after the event.

The event is certified by USA Track and Field, and the run portion of the race is professionally timed. The fee to enter the Run/Walk, for those who register by Wednesday, August 20, is \$25 per adult/\$12 per child ages 6-18. For those who register after August 20, the cost is \$30 per adult/\$15 per child ages 6-18. Children 5 and under are free.

Online registration is available at [www.stamford-jcc.org](http://www.stamford-jcc.org); for more information call 203-322-7900. Families and local businesses can also support the JumpStart program by becoming sponsors of the communitywide event. Information on sponsorship levels is available by contacting the JCC. In addition, registration and sponsorship forms are available on the website for download, and completed forms can be mailed or dropped off at the JCC.

All proceeds will go directly to the JumpStart program.

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

## "Tailors of Tomaszow" Author to Speak Communal Memoir of Pre-War Jewish Life

Allan Chernoff, a veteran of national network TV news reporting, will speak about his new book, "The Tailors of Tomaszow: A Memoir of Polish Jews," at Congregation Agudath Sholom in Stamford on Sunday, September 7, at 9:30 am. Chernoff served as CNN's senior correspondent and has reported for CNBC and NBC News programs. He is the recipient of six best reporting awards from the Society of Professional Journalists New York Chapter and was a reporter on teams winning Peabody and DuPont Awards.

Chernoff co-wrote "The Tailors of Tomaszow" with his mother, Rena Margulies Chernoff, a native of the town and a Holocaust survivor. The book, a



Allan Chernoff, author of "The Tailors of Tomaszow: A Memoir of Polish Jews"

communal memoir of the survivors of one particular town, presents a view of Eastern European Jewry before, during and after World War II. Among the first-hand accounts included in the book is that of Eva Tenenbaum Romanowitz, aunt of Rena Margulies Chernoff and mother of longtime Stamford resident Dr. Harry "Hesh" Romanowitz, z"l, a pediatrician and mohel who was active in the Jewish community.

The program is co-sponsored by Congregation Agudath Sholom Men's Club, Temple Beth El, Temple Sinai, Chavurat Aytz Chayim, Selah, Young Israel of Stamford, Jewish Historical Society and the Holocaust Memorial Committee.

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two keynote speakers will be Dr. Patty Ann Tublin, who holds a Ph. D. in clinical psychology and who recently published the book, "Not Tonight Dear, I'm Running a Business"; and Laura Weintraub Beck, a principal of the law firm of Cummings and Lockwood, LLC in Greenwich where she is a member of the Private Clients Group. Beck focuses her practice on estate planning, estate administration and related matters, and has written a text on estate taxes in Connecticut. Following the keynote speakers, there will be a choice of three breakout sessions, which will be led by Beck, Janet Welkovich and Gina Douvas. Welkovich, who holds an M.B.A., is a certified financial planner, and serves as a financial advisor with Lenox Advisors in Stamford where she handles a wide range of wealth and estate planning matters for her clients. Douvas is a vice president, senior resident director and senior financial advisor with Merrill Lynch in Fairfield.

"In addition to being informative, the evening should be very lively and enjoyable" said Women's Philanthropy President Ellen Weber. The program is being sponsored by Lenox Advisors and an anonymous donor, and is being held in partnership with Jewish Women Connect, the Stamford Chapter of Hadassah and The JCC Center Women. To register for the event, visit the UJF website at [www.ujf.org](http://www.ujf.org). For more information, contact Rebekah Raz, vice president at UJF, at 203-321-1373, ext.102 or [Rebekah@ujf.org](mailto:Rebekah@ujf.org).

## Deadlines for articles

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

Monday, August 25, **early**..... October  
Wednesday, September 17, **early**..... November  
Monday, October 27 ..... December/January

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

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	Thursday Sept. 25	10:00 am
<b>Yom Kippur Services:</b>	Friday Oct. 3 (Kol Nidre)	8:00 pm
	Saturday Oct. 4	10:00 am
	Yizkor service	5:00 pm
	Martyrology	6:30 pm
	Closing service	7:00 pm
	Break Fast	7:30 pm

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If you don't already belong to a community synagogue, consider enhancing your experience of the High Holidays by participating in one or more of the following **FREE SERVICES OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!**

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Wednesday, September 24  
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Thursday, September 25  
Service - 9:00 am  
Tashlich and Mincha - 6:00 pm  
Maariv - 7:00 pm

Friday, September 26  
Service - 9:00 am  
Mincha and Maariv - 6:30 pm

### Yom Kippur

Friday, October 3  
Mincha - 3:00 pm  
Fast begins - 6:15 pm  
Kol Nidrei Services - 6:15 pm

### Shabbat, October 4

Shachrit at 9:00 am  
Torah Reading and Yizkor at 11:00 am  
Mincha and Neilah - 5:30 pm  
Shofar, Mariv and Break Fast - 7:48 pm

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### Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 24 - Services at 8 pm  
Thursday, September 25 - Services at 10 am

### Yom Kippur

Friday, October 3 - Kol Nidre at 8 pm  
Saturday, October 4  
Morning Service at 10 am  
Afternoon Service at 5 pm;  
Yizkor Service at 5:30 pm and Closing Service  
Break the Fast at 7:30 pm

### CONGREGATION AGUDATH SHOLOM

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### Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 25 - Free Rosh Hashana  
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4:00 pm with Shofar Blowing. Led by Rabbi  
David Walk of Congregation Agudath Sholom  
(Orthodox)

### Selah (Reconstructionist)

(Services held at the Long Ridge School,  
478 Erskine Road, Stamford. Note: The Long  
Ridge School is not a sponsor of the High  
Holidays and is not affiliated with Selah)

### Children's High Holiday Services

**Rosh Hashanah**  
Thursday, September 25 - Children's Service at  
1:00-2:00 pm

### Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 4 - Children's Service at  
1:00-2:00 pm

For more information, visit [http://  
selahfairfieldcounty.org/worship/schedule/](http://selahfairfieldcounty.org/worship/schedule/)



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El in Norwalk - Open to the public

### 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 26  
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that have not attended 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah  
in the past. Special guest ticket required. Must  
call in advance for ticket  
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Main service 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 pm

Children's & Family programming 10:30 am - 1 pm

### Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 4  
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dessert. All are welcome for this introduction to  
the Holy Days.

### Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 25  
1:30 pm - Children's Service (Pre-K and Younger)  
3:00 pm - Tashlich Service - The Stamford  
Museum & Nature Center

### Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 4  
1:30 pm - Afternoon Children's Service  
(Pre-K and Younger)  
3:00 pm - Healing and Afternoon Service  
4:30 pm - Yizkor and Concluding Service

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### Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 24 - Services at  
6:30 pm followed by Maariv  
Thursday, September 25 - Shacharit at  
8:00 am, Mincha at 6:25 pm and Maariv at  
7:05 pm  
Friday, September 26 - Shacharit at 8:00 am  
and Mincha at 7:00 pm

### Yom Kippur

Friday, October 3 - Mincha at 5:55 pm and Kol  
Nidrei Services at 6:40 pm  
Saturday, October 4  
Shacharit at 8:30 am and Mincha at 4:40 pm  
and Ne'ilah at 5:55 pm

## ► Mayor Martin to Speak at Brandeis Meeting

The Brandeis University Committee will hold its Fall Sampler on Wednesday, September 17, at the Harry Bennett Branch of the Ferguson Library, 115 Vine Rd., at 12:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Mayor David R. Martin, whose topic will be about Stamford and what's happened since he took office. At that time, the various programs will be announced for the coming season.

Martin was elected as mayor of Stamford on November 5, 2013, and sworn into office on December 1, 2013. He moved to Stamford with his wife, Judy, 30 years ago because they felt it was a town of diverse population.

Martin is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University. He has served on the Board of Representatives for the 19<sup>th</sup> district for 26 years. He has been called instrumental in forming the Downtown Special Services District. He was the first to start video-taping public meetings and the agendas of the city of Stamford. Those who know him say he has made a valuable contribution to several city and community boards.

Reservations can be made with Betty Baer at 203-324-7972. The entire community is welcome.

## ► Hadassah Member Teas Celebrate the New Year

The Stamford Chapter of Hadassah will celebrate the upcoming holiday season and wishes the community a sweet, healthy year and Rosh Hashanah 2014. Hadassah has invited its members and friends to two "Member Teas" hosted by Hadassah members.

The events will take place on Thursday, September 18, in the evening, just before the New Year begins, and on Tuesday, October 14, for a "High Tea" at 4 pm during *Chol HaMoed*, the intermediate days of Sukkot.

For more information on the teas, including where they will be held, and to RSVP, contact Irma Paull at [Irpaull@optonline.net](mailto:Irpaull@optonline.net) or Rhonda Greif at [Rhonda.greif@gmail.com](mailto:Rhonda.greif@gmail.com).

## ► Jewish Arts and Film Festival: October 25-November 2

The 13<sup>th</sup> season of the Jewish Arts and Film Festival of Fairfield County will open on Saturday, October 25, with nine days of Jewish films, literature and fine art, including the opening-night film, "Kidon," an Israeli spy thriller; the Connecticut premiere of the film "24 Days," the true story of the kidnapping of a young Jewish man in France; a matinee screening of the family-friendly film "Igor and the Crane's Journey"; a seminar on the "American Jewish Experience Through Cinema" by Eric Goldman, followed by the screening of an American classic film; an exhibit by Israeli photographer Oren Cohen; Stamford's own Rabbi Daniel Cohen with the New England premiere of his book, "Mining for Gold: Essays Exploring the Relevancy of Torah"; a screening of the documentary "The Surgeon Queens," about the Lower East Side landmark Russ and Daughters; the futuristic Israeli film "Under the Same Sun"; and more of Jewish arts and culture.

For ticket prices and full information, visit [www.jewishartsandfilm.org](http://www.jewishartsandfilm.org). For additional information, contact Nancy Schiffman at 203-487-0941 or [nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org).

## ► Linking Generations of the Shoah

A Second Generation Group of approximately 50 members ranging in age from 40 and up was formed in July 2012. Members come from all over Connecticut and Westchester County. Monthly meetings take place in Westport, CT (usually at the UJA offices), every second Tuesday of the month. Spouses of Second Generation members, as well as Third Generation, often attend the general meetings. New members are invited to come to meetings.

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# JCC Welcomes New Leaders

At the Jewish Community Center's annual meeting on May 13, new leaders Jeff Goldblum and Sheri Jacobson were elected to serve as president of the JCC Board of Directors, and as president of The Center Women, respectively.

Goldblum is a second-generation Stamford native and lifelong member of the JCC. He joined the JCC Board of Directors in 2007 and served on the Executive Committee as assistant treasurer and first vice president. In 2011, he helped lead the Center's capital improvements campaign and facilities modernization. For the past several years, he has co-chaired the JCC's Julius B. and Edward Kuriansky Memorial Golf Outing.

"We are poised to accomplish great things as we near our 100th anniversary in 2016," Goldblum said at the annual meeting. "If I can play even a small role in the growth and vitality of this institution, there is no better reward. I want to help ensure that our JCC will be here for generations to come, and that my children's children can bear the fruits of our labor and build lifelong relationships here, just as I did."



JCC Board President  
Jeff Goldblum

"Jeff's dedication to the community and to the JCC is remarkable," said JCC CEO Eric Koehler. "We are fortunate to welcome him as the president of this organization, which is sure to flourish and grow under his leadership."

Goldblum is the founder and CEO of SWC Office Furniture, the leading contract office furniture dealership in the Tri-State area. He is also a principal in the family's real estate development and management business. He and his wife, Risa, reside in Pound Ridge with their three children.

Another highlight of the May 13 meeting was the installation of Sheri Jacobson as president of The Center Women. With more than 200 members, The Center Women raise funds to support various programs at the JCC, including the Senior Kosher Lunch Program and JumpStart, the early childhood education program for children with special needs.

Jacobson has coordinated volunteers for the senior nutrition program, co-chaired the Give a Child a JumpStart 5K Walk/Run, and served as vice president of fund-raising on The Center Women Board of



Passing the torch: Newly elected JCC Center Women President Sheri Jacobson (right) with past Presidents Risa Raich (left) and Sheryl Young (center).

Directors. She has also performed in all four of The Center Women's musical productions. She and fellow Center Woman Rachel Leslie were awarded the JCC Presidential Award of Excellence in 2013 for their work on behalf of victims of Hurricane Sandy.

"Sheri quickly distinguished herself as a humanitarian and a natural leader," Koehler said, "and we are confident that she will do a stellar job in building on the Center Women's strong foundation."

Shari and her husband, David, live in Stamford with their two daughters.

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# JCC Volunteers of the Year



At its annual meeting on May 13, the JCC presented awards to 21 Volunteers of the Year. "We are delighted to recognize these stellar individuals who have given of themselves in remarkable service to the JCC during the past year," said CEO Eric Koehler. Front row (center, l-r): Liz Diamond, Melissa Friedman and Janice Steinberg. Back row: Marni Amsellem, Ronni Ginsberg, Peter Gray, Rita Barkan, Susan Kolbrenner, Marguerite Felsenfeld, Julia Brennan, Sid Horowitz, Ellen Jackson, Hannah Kriftcher, Jocelyn Walls, Myrna Lazarus, Marvin Lawrence, Lauren Rhodes, Marsha Shendell, Sharyn Sarner and Helen Waldman. Jennifer Kaufman is missing from the photo.

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## BITS AND PIECES

BY SANDY GOLOVE

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

MAZEL TOV TO GROWING FAMILIES:

**Rebecca and Assaf Ben-Attar** on the birth of a son; grandparents are **Felice and Michael Grunberger** and **Jo and Doron Ben-Atar**.

**Rivky and Rabbi Shmuel Bender** on the birth of twin daughters; grandparents are **Faigy and Rabbi Michael Bender**, and **Eidel and Rabbi Yosef Schwarzman**; great-grandmother is **Rebbitzen Sara Schustal**.

**Melissa and Steve Brooks** on the birth of a son, **Evan Kyle**.

**Robin and Zach Freyburg** on the birth of a son.

**Miriam and Yinon Granat** on the birth of a son, **Geva Avraham**; grandmother is **Laurie Pomper Granat**; great-grandparents are **Judy and Seymour Pomper**.

**Jackie and Seth Greenwald** on the birth of a son, **Wesley Michael Greenwald**; grandparents are **Susan and Art Greenwald**.

**Rebecca and Matthew Grossbard** on the birth of a son, **Brayden Samuel**; great-grandmother is **Enid Randall**.

**Joyce and Larry Haber** on the birth of a grandson.

**Pam and Alex Hunt** on the birth of a daughter, **Gabriella Morgan Hunt**; great-grandmother is **Bernice Fogel**.

**Elyse Krasnogor and Chris Lehew** on the birth of twins, a daughter and son; grandmother is **Norine Krasnogor**.

**Jesse and Lior Krinsky** on the birth of a son.

**Amy and Bruce Lerman** on the birth of a grandson, **Jordan Evan Lerman**; grandparents are **Hedy and Maury Siegal**.

**Tzivia and Gabe Moreen** on the birth of a daughter.

**Rebecca and Yerucham Pliner** on the birth of a daughter, **Ora Ayla**.



**Pegah Hendizadeh Rosenthal and Steve Rosenthal** on the birth of a son, **Ethan Sage**; grandmother is **Rose Hendizadeh**.

**Sarah and Nathaniel Sager** on the birth of a son, **Boaz Sager**; great-grandparents are **Carol and Burton Hoffman**.

**Caren and Benjamin Schiller** on the birth of a son; grandparents are **Rhonda and Judd Love**.

**Tamar and David Shaki** on the birth of a daughter; grandparents are **Rivka and Rabbi David Walk**.

**Pamela and Sam Singer** on the birth of a daughter; grandparents are **Toby Schaffer and Hyman Schaffer**; great-grandfather is **Joseph Macy**.

**Tova Speter and Pete Sperber** on the birth of a daughter, **Yaara Eva**; grandparents are **Sandy and Moshe Speter**.

**Becky Tomskey and Seth Freeman** on the birth of a daughter, **Madison Jo Freeman**; grandparents are **Debra and John Tomskey**.

**Sarah and Mark Turshen** on the birth of a son, **Nathaniel James**; grandparents are **Sharon and Jeff Turshen**.

**Talia and Jeremy Waldstreicher** on the birth of a daughter; grandparents are **Sandi and Stuart Waldstreicher**.

**Sandy Weiner and Marc Weiner** on the birth of a grandchild.

MAZEL TOV TO: **Jenna Abrams and Keren Rubin** on their graduation from **Kulanu**.

**Adrienne and Michael Alexander** on the wedding of their daughter, **Caroline Alexander**, to **Bradley Alhadeh**.

**Judith and Robert Amster** on the engagement of their daughter, **Erica Amster**, to **William Kraypohl**.

**Suellyn Bache** on the marriage of her son, **David Erik Bache**, to **Glenn Stuart Borrett**.

**Dina and Paul Berger** on the engagement of their son, **Ben Berger**, to **Jessica Rothstein**.

**Gital and Rabbi Avigdor Bokow and Margie and Larry Nussbaum** on the marriage of their children, **Cantor Rafael Bokow** of Congregation Agudath Sholom and **Aliza Nussbaum**.

**Pat and Robert Felder and Dalia and Charles Brody** on the engagement of their children, **Ross Felder** and **Keren Brody**.

**Miriam and Ira Flatow and Cathy and Jim Plavin** on the engagement of their children, **Anna Flatow** and **Michael Plavin**.

**Ariel Friedlander**, daughter of **Julie Sandler-Friedlander**, was confirmed at Temple Beth Emeth in Wilmington, DE; grandmother is **Claire Friedlander**.

**Josh Frieser and Rachel Steinmetz** on receiving the 2014 Helen S. and Isadore Mark Teen Leadership Award.

**Wynd Harris** on the marriage of her son, **Brent Harris**, to **Ryann Price**.

**Meryl and Ronald Japha** on the engagement of their son, **Adam Japha**, to **Nicole Remling**.

**Barbara and Dan Klipper** on the marriage of their son, **Michael Klipper**, to **Sarah Wallace**.

**Arlene and Carl Rosen** on the marriage of their daughter, **Alyssa Rosen**, to **Kevin Saunders**.

**Steven and Diane Shaby** on the marriage of their son, **Benjamin Shaby**, to **Kirsten Eilertson**.

**Shani Soloff and Michael Weinberger** on their marriage.

**Nancie Spector and David Caruso** on the marriage of their daughter, **Rachel Spector**, to **Jim Norton**.

**Sandy and Moshe Speter and Mona and Jacob El-Gamil** on the engagement of their children, **Joe Speter** and **Audrey El-Gamil**.

MAZEL TOV TO B'NAI MITZVAH:

**Dean Bilenker**, son of **Stephanie and Josh Bilenker**

**Seth Friedlander**, son of **Julie Sandler-Friedlander and Joel Friedlander**; grandmother is **Claire Friedlander**

**Dylan Johnson**, son on **Anne and Darrell Johnson**

**Evan Lander**, son of **Jill and Joshua Lander**; grandparents are **Lieba and Steven Lander**

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**Aaron Lurie**, son of **Beth and Jay Lurie**

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See "Bits" on page 8

## NEW AROUND TOWN

### Sharon Franklin Named Director of Outreach for UJF

Sharon Franklin, who has been with the United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan and Darien since February, has been named the director of outreach. Her focus will be on continuing to build community awareness of the UJF mission, developing and managing events, and development support.

Franklin's responsibilities will include working with the Young Leadership Division on programming as well as Shalom Stamford, which welcomes newcomers to the community. In addition, she will oversee and develop programs for the UJF Affinity groups, which include Cordoza (law), Maimonides (medical) and Rothchild (business). Franklin previously worked as a designer of footwear and as an artist. "Working for a Jewish non-profit has been a goal of mine... it is important to me to give back to my community, and to help Jews in need locally and around the world," remarked Franklin on her new role.

Franklin has lived in the Stamford community for more than 20 years, and has been an active volunteer in the Jewish community for organizations such as UJF, Bi-Cultural Day School, Young Israel, Congregation Agudath Sholom and Friendship Circle.

For information or questions about the programs mentioned above, contact Franklin at sharon@ujf.org.



Sharon Franklin  
(Photo by Aviva Maller)

## MAZEL TOV TO AREA PROFESSIONALS

### Carmel Academy's Nora Anderson Named to CAIS Board



Nora Anderson

Carmel Academy's head of school, **Nora Anderson**, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools.

Anderson, whose three-year term began in July, joined the 21-member board, which is made up of leaders from independent schools around the state. Anderson joins several other Fairfield County peers on the CAIS board, including school heads from King, The Long Ridge School, Eagle Hill, St. Luke's School and Fairfield Country Day.

"CAIS consists of 97 member schools, ranging from small Montessori schools to some of the most renowned private educational institutions in the country. The organization strives

to put together a board that is diverse, representing both small and large schools, boarding and day schools, secular and religiously-affiliated schools, and that hail from all regions of the state," said CAIS Executive Director Douglas Lyons.

The CAIS Nominating Committee identified Anderson as a possible addition to the board during Carmel Academy's accreditation process in 2011. The members of the accreditation committee who visited Carmel felt that the school exemplified "very fine leadership and they were complimentary and very impressed with Nora," Lyons said.

As part of her responsibilities on the board, Anderson will work with the organization to establish goals for the year, including legislative initiatives. Board members also review and approve re-accreditation recommendations. In addition, various CAIS commissions, which focus on topics ranging from diversity to technology, report to the board, Lyons said.

"Being a member of the CAIS board is an exciting opportunity to work with many of my esteemed peers from around the state, as well as enables me to be on the forefront regarding initiatives that impact independent schools," said Anderson. "Collaborating with CAIS to achieve Carmel Academy's accreditation was one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. CAIS does wonderful work on behalf of independent schools throughout Connecticut and I am thrilled to give back to this important organization."

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

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August 22	7:24 pm
August 29	7:13 pm
Sept. 5	7:02 pm
Sept. 12	6:50 pm
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THE NEW JEWISH VOICE

# UConn Judaic Studies Fall Speakers and Courses

BY REBECCA ISENSTEIN

The Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies at UConn-Stamford announced its fall program and course offerings, which will include some fresh faces and courses combined with some popular favorites.

The Center's Lunch and Learn series will kick off on Thursday, September 18, with the Barbara and Joe Field Lecture, "Early Christian Commentaries and Art on the Sacrifice of Isaac" by the Rev. Dr. Blaine Edele, adjunct professor of Bible at UConn-Stamford and pastor of the Union Memorial Church in Stamford. In the second lecture on Thursday, October 23, Dr. Philip Balma, professor of Italian Literary and Cultural Studies at UConn, makes his Lunch and Learn debut with "Hiding in Plain Sight: Italian Jews and the Film Industry from Mussolini to the Present." Dr. Paul Franks, professor of philosophy at Yale, also new to the series, will deliver the Norma Mann Memorial Lecture on Thursday, November 6, "What Can Jewish Law Mean to Jewish Citizens of a Non-Jewish State?" The Center's founding director, Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy, professor of Literary and Cultural Studies at UConn, will close the series with the Hyacinthe Hoffman Memorial Lecture, "Rewriting the 'Binding of Isaac': The Literary Tale of the *Aqedah* (Gen. 22)" on Thursday, November 13.

The Center will also offer a selection of credit courses this fall, including a brand new course, "The Bible As/In Literature," with Aschkenasy on Tuesdays at 2:35 pm. Dr. Joel Blatt will offer his history course, "The Holocaust," on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. Other courses will include "Modern Middle East from 1700-Present" with Dr. Joy Land on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:20 am; "Political Issues: Religion and Politics" with Dr. Beth Ginsberg on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:10 pm; and "American Diplomacy in the Middle East" with Dr. Jeff Lefebvre on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:10 pm. Classes begin Monday, August 25, and community audits can register through the Office of the Registrar at 203-251-8555.

Aschkenasy remarked, "Our long-standing Lunch and Learn programs provide our community with intellectual stimulation and encounters with scholars currently researching in areas directly related to the Jewish experience. These lectures also enhance our college-age students' understanding of Jewish texts and Jewish history. We are proud of having been able to bring in new and exciting scholars from other universities, who are actively working within the entire gamut of Judaic scholarship, from the ancient texts of the Bible and *midrash*, to new fiction by contemporary Israeli and American Jewish writers."

The Center's annual Louis J. Kuriansky conference, "The Dangerous Neighborhood of the Middle East," will take place on Tuesday, October 28, at 7 pm. To register for the 2014 Lunch and Learn Lecture Series, the annual conference, or for more information about these or other programs of the Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies, contact the Center at [stamfordjudaicstudies@uconn.edu](mailto:stamfordjudaicstudies@uconn.edu) or 203-251-9525.

*The Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies is a recipient agency of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, and is also supported by donations from the community.*

## Support Hadassah's Work – Big Gifts Brunch

### "Tikvah" – Advocating for the Future

The Stamford Chapter of Hadassah invites community members to attend its annual "Big Gifts" Brunch – "Tikvah" – to be held at the Rockrimmon Country Club on Sunday, September 21, at 11 am. Hadassah national board member Pennie Sessler Branden will be the featured speaker.

Hadassah is the founder of the Gender Equity in Medical Research (or GEM) Initiative, a new and growing group of organizations working to ensure that medical research benefits everyone. Funds drive and support the work Hadassah does both in Israel and in the U.S.: hospitals in Israel, Hadassah College Jerusalem, Youth Aliyah/Children at Risk, Young Judea Year Course and Camps, JNF and advocacy on issues considered of import to all, such as stem cell research and GEM.



*Pennie Sessler Branden, Ph.D., C.N.M., R.N., from Woodbridge, CT, is co-chair of Hadassah's Nurses' Advisory Council, a national board member and past president of the Connecticut Region.*

"Raising money for a worthy charity is always a cause for celebration, especially in the current economy," said Jill Kaplan, chair of the event. "Hadassah has a tradition of policy and advocacy work in women's health, leading targeted and effective campaigns. This year, we are especially excited. Not only will we continue to raise funds for Hadassah Hospital's newest state of the art medical complex, the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower, but Hadassah's 330,000 members, associates and supporters – found in every congressional district across the country – will continue to advocate on issues of importance to women and the Jewish community."

Invitations to the event are in the mail. For more details about the "Tikvah" Brunch, contact Kaplan at [jfkaplan@hotmail.com](mailto:jfkaplan@hotmail.com).



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# JFS Wins Grants: Help for Older Job Seekers

BY ILENE K. LOCKER

One of the many ways that JFS helps those in need is by training and helping job seekers find employment. This is the task of JFS' Employment and Training Services, which has recently been awarded a three-year federally funded grant, as well as a grant from the town of Greenwich, in recognition of the role it plays in supporting mature job seekers.

JFS was selected to be the provider for Fairfield County for a federal program that prepares low-income, aged 55-plus job seekers for the workplace for the next three years. This is the Senior Community Service Employment Program, under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Labor and the State Department on Aging.

JFS has been providing similar services under the program for more than 15 years, but this year JFS was required to participate in a comprehensive, statewide, competitive bidding process. Considering that much larger agencies with greater resources submitted applications, "being selected is really quite a feather in our cap," commented CEO Matt Greenberg.

The program has dual primary purposes: to provide supportive employment and training services to qualified individuals and to provide job experience through subsidized community (volunteer) service to partnering organizations. Funding serves approximately 50 individuals over the course of a year. Participants

are assigned to non-profit agencies and government offices that serve as "training"/host sites; they are given responsibilities that provide practical experience and enhance transition to unsubsidized employment.

In addition to the federal program, JFS will operate the Greenwich Employment Readiness Education Center, which provides employment and training

services to Greenwich residents who are ineligible for the federal program. The services provided are similar to the federal program, but this program provides no on-the-job training or stipends. More than 25 clients received assistance under this grant during the past fiscal year. Funds are provided by the Greenwich Department of Social Services' Community Partnership.

These two awards give JFS a springboard to provide additional employment and training services. The reality is that individuals who benefit from these initiatives represent only a small percentage of those who come knocking at JFS' door and the agency would like to be able to help many more individuals. Even if community

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## Bits . . . . .

Perri Liebergall, Gabriella Lieberman, Emma Listokin, Isabel Offir, Jessica Ostroff, Hudson Price, Emma Rich, Daniel Seligson, Noam Semel, Talia Shapiro, Elizabeth Shavrick, Sarah Smart, Claudia Tanner, Samuel Terr, Nicole Vantman, Luiz "Duda" Voldman, Edward Weinstein, Gabriel Yaghoubian, Steven Yudell and Matthew Zweibel  
MAZEL TOV TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

- Benjamin Alper** – Graduated from The Harvey School; going to Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Abigail Berk** – Graduated from SAR High School; going to spend a year in Israel at Nishmat and then to Johns Hopkins University
- Josiah Boyer** – Graduated from Greenwich High School; going to Washington College
- Hilary Fryd** – Graduated from Westhill High School; going to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

- Rachael Klein** – Graduated from Westhill High School; going to University of Virginia
  - Bennett Leeds** – Graduated from Stamford High School; going to University of Miami
  - Eli Lichtman** – Graduated from The King School; going to Hamilton College
  - Emily Pollack** – Graduated from The Harvey School; going to spend a gap year in Israel (Young Judea Year Course) and then Rider University
  - Jennifer Rich** – Graduated from Stamford High School; going to University of Wisconsin
  - Elana Riordan** – Graduated from AITE; going to the Parson School of Design
  - Karen Rubin** – Graduated from Stamford High School; going to State University of New York at Albany
  - Leah Rubin** – Graduated from The Loomis Chaffee School; going to Rice University
  - Paulina Schaefer** – Graduated from Wilton High School; going to UMass at Amherst
  - Ethan Segall** – Graduated from Wilton High School; going to University of Oklahoma
  - Emma Shavrick** – Graduated from Beacon High School; going to Muhlenberg College, Honors Program
  - Miles Singer** – Graduated from Westhill High School; going to Hobart College
  - Zach Smart** – Graduated from SAR High School; going to spend a year in Israel (Yeshivat Maale Gilboa) and then Princeton University
  - Bruno Voldman** – Graduated from Greens Farms Academy; going to Brandeis University
- MAZEL TOV TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES:
- Julia Falkenburg** – Graduated from Roosevelt University Conservatory of Performing Arts
  - Ethan Spector** – Graduated from Wesleyan University and awarded the White Prize in Economics

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- CONDOLENCES TO:
- Nathan Bolinsky** on the loss of his wife; **Barbara, Eileen and Mark Bolinsky** on the loss of their mother, **Eleanor Bolinsky**.
  - David Cohen** on the loss of his mother, **Rachel Cohen**.
  - Stephen Cohen** on the loss of his mother, **Muriel Novack**.
  - Jerry Cooper** on the loss of his brother, **David Cooper**.
  - Gari Dansky** on the loss of her mother, **Blossom Hill**.
  - Paula Eppinger** on the loss of her husband, **Robert Eppinger**.
  - Bill Gilbert** on the loss of his mother, **Barbara Gilbert**.
  - Leonard Gold** on the loss of his wife; **David, Deborah and Richard Gold** on the loss of their mother; and **Florence Seurig** on the loss of her sister, **Phyllis Gold**.
  - Barry Hertzberg** on the loss of his mother, **Alice Hertzberg**.
  - Dorothy Javien** on the loss of her husband, **Leon Javien**.
  - Sallie Kuh** on the loss of her husband, **Richard Hecht**.
  - Frank Melzer and Harvey Melzer** on the loss of their brother, **Abraham Melzer**.
  - Terry Newman** on the loss of her father, **Noel Newman**.
  - Eleanor (Ellie) Mirne** on the loss of her mother, **Esther Nussdorf**.
  - Jeffrey Pasetiner** on the loss of his brother, **Stephen Pasetiner**.
  - Anna Pasternak** on the loss of her grandmother, **Julie Rosenberg**.
  - Susan Plotzky** on the loss of her father, **Irving Cooper**.
  - Bob Raymond** on the loss of his mother, **Emma Raymond**.
  - Lael Shapiro** on the loss of his father, **Howard Shapiro**.
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# Stamford Rallies in Support of Israel

BY SHARON FRANKLIN AND DORA SALM

A standing-room-only crowd of more than 500 people gathered at Stamford's Jewish Community Center on July 23 to express their support and unite as a group for Israel.

The Fairfield County Rally for Solidarity, Security and Peace came together quickly, using social media and traditional word-of-mouth to drive attendance. The attendees – many of whom were spilling out of the JCC auditorium into the hallways – listened, cheered and demonstrated their resounding support for Israel. The rally was an area-wide effort as the Board of Rabbis and Federations of Greenwich; Stamford, New Canaan and Darien; and Westport, Weston, Wilton, Norwalk and Eastern Fairfield worked together to organize a program that included local rabbis and educators, community leaders and local, state and federal politicians.

Amongst the speakers was Stamford Major David Martin, who read a letter he received from the Israel consulate from New York asking him to voice support for Israel. "I, too, stand with Israel, which has a legitimate right to self-defend," Martin said at the event. Also present were representatives from the offices of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy and Congressman James Himes.

Attendees also prayed together, expressing concern in their prayers for the citizens of Israel and Israeli soldiers serving in the Israel Defense Force,



Hundreds of Fairfield County locals rallied together to show their support for Israel. (Photos by Aviva Maller)

including those injured and for the families of those killed. Local families who have family members currently serving in the IDF were also called to lead the group in a special prayer.

Rabbi Daniel Cohen, senior rabbi of Stamford's Congregation Agudath Sholom, who moderated the program, explained the importance of the rally: "At such a crucial time, the spirited and unified support for Israel from the Greater Fairfield County Community was inspiring. The support of our mayor, congressmen and senators affirmed that

Israel's fight is America's fight and together we will all do our best to ensure the future of Israel and the free world."

Linda Meyer Russ, president of the UJA/Federation of Westport, Weston, Wilton, Norwalk and Eastern Fairfield County, echoed Rabbi Cohen: "The importance of this moment for Israel and for all of us as Americans and Jews was clearly palpable in the room."

Many attendees of the rally were younger community members, like Sophie Jacobson, a student entering her freshman year of high school, who expressed how attending such a large-scale event was meaningful to her, but also tinged with some sadness. "Seeing so many people in the community come together for the rally was heartwarming. It's nice to know that our unity as a Jewish people makes us stronger. No matter where we are in the world, we are always there to help each other and support each other through tough times," she said. "The rally itself was eye-opening."

Russ also emphasized the importance of being involved, especially during this time in history, saying, "The threat Israel faces at this moment is profound, and the need for all of us to be united behind Israel is as important now as it has ever been."



The Stamford community gathered to rally spirit for Israel.



L-r: Shira and Rolland Mandel and their children, Erica, Amber and Isabella, attended the rally to show their solidarity with Israel.



In front: Dr. Shira Vidal and her children, Liav and Gil, studied a map of Israel.

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# Dodge Ball Tournament Funds 3 Square Program

BY SHARON FRANKLIN

On July 16, the Young Leadership Division of United Jewish Federation and the Jewish Twenties and Thirties Group of JFS gathered at the Stamford Jewish Community Center for the first Dodge Ball Tournament to fight hunger.

The tournament raised more than \$1,200, with 100 percent of the money going to support the new 3 Square Program, a project of UJF's Women's Philanthropy with support from Jewish Family Service. The program provides weekend food for needy elementary school-age children in the Stamford area. Most of the children are chronically hungry and don't have regular access to food. Two hundred dollars can sponsor one child for a year. To help, make a donation (see below for more information) or drop off non-perishable foods in a bin that has been set up in the JCC lobby.

"Thank you to YLD Chair Lael Shapiro and JFS coordinator Leah Schechter for their efforts in planning this fun-filled event," said YLD President



Players focused as a game began. (Photos by Lee Peskin)



L-r: Josh Levine, Lael Shapiro (chair of the event) and Adam Tonick posed during a break from play.

Amanda Shapiro.

Anyone who would like to donate to 3 Square or

who wants to get involved with the project should contact Rebekah Raz at UJF at [Rebekah@ujf.org](mailto:Rebekah@ujf.org).



Team Captain Seth Young (standing, fourth from left) and team Carmel Academy.



A dodge ball team showed team spirit. L-r: Brian Yomtov, Danielle Alexander, Robin Weber, Amy Gettler, Tova Feldstein and Steve Schapiro.

## Fun at the Touch-a-Truck Event!



Children had the opportunity to climb aboard and get behind the wheel of their favorite trucks and meet some local heroes at the Touch-a-Truck Event on July 13 at the Stamford JCC! The event was co-sponsored by the Stamford JCC, PJ Library of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien and PJ Library of UJA/Federation of Westport Weston Wilton Norwalk & Eastern Fairfield County. PJ Library is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, generous donors, United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien and UJA/Federation of Westport Weston Wilton Norwalk & Eastern Fairfield County.



Check out the rest of the pictures at [facebook.com/StamfordPJLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/StamfordPJLibrary)



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# Jewish Historical Society Plans Big Year

BY ELISSA KAPLAN

The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County is turning 30 this year. Instead of the originally planned gala celebration in September, the Jewish Historical Society will celebrate its coming of age at the end of the year in June 2015. The community will be invited to attend. Look for details later in the year.

The mission of the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County is to be a resource for the Jewish community in Fairfield County for discovering, explaining, preserving, enjoying and generating interest in Jewish heritage and history. To achieve these goals, the JHS facilitates the preservation of individual and family histories of the Jewish community. JHS also promotes and supports research, publication, distribution and usage of matters of Jewish history and Judaica in general, with specific emphasis on such matters and items in Fairfield County. In addition, JHS brings historical informa-

tion as well as educational activities to the community from outside sources.

To learn more about the history of the Jewish Historical Society, there is an exhibition in the display case on the left wall near the front door of the Jewish Community Center in Stamford. To find out more about the JHS, visit the Harry Rosenbaum JHS Judaica Library right past the sign-in desk at the Jewish Community Center in Stamford. Often people think it is the JCC library, but it is actually owned and operated by the JHS. For both amateur and professional historians, the JHS Archives, located behind the State Cinema on Hope Street in Stamford, offers Fairfield County Jewish history and oral history records. Information on JHS is also available on the website <http://jhsfc-ct.org>.

The Jewish Historical Society will open this year by joining with other community organizations to co-sponsor "The Tailors of Tomaszow" with author

Allan Chernoff on Sunday, September 7, at 9:30 am, at Congregation Agudath Sholom in Stamford. In October, JHS will present a panel to describe "Growing Up Jewish in Fairfield County." In November, JHS, with its co-sponsor the JCC Jewish Arts and Film Festival, will present a documentary "The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved my Life." The program is timed to coincide with the commemoration of Kristallnacht. In December, JHS will explore the history and life of one Fairfield County resident, Eric Pleskow, "From Vienna to Hollywood." The monthly book talks will begin again in October at the JCC in Stamford. Community members are invited to look for the schedule to attend the talks that address their interests. All JHS programs and book talks are free and open to the public.

*The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County is a beneficiary agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.*

## FAMILY CENTRAL

### For September/October 2014

Members and non members are warmly invited to all events listed.

#### TEENS GRADES 9+

**SPEAK UP FOR ISRAEL** For grades 11 and 12. Israel gets a bad rap, especially on college campuses. Join an elite group of high school juniors and seniors and learn from experts in the field, how to respond and take action. Students enrolled will attend the AIPAC Policy Conference in March. Spaces are limited. For more information or to nominate a teen, contact the JCC Israeli Shaliach at (203) 487-0961. Meets once a month Sundays, 5 – 7 p.m. **Starts Sunday, Sept. 21** at the JCC. A partnership between the JCC and UJF.

**KURIANSKY TEEN TZEDAKAH CORPS** For Grades 10. Come together to learn about philanthropy, leadership, the importance of community, and work together to make our community, Israel and the world a better place. The group will create a mission statement and allocate funds to a non-profit of their choosing based on that mission statement. **Starts Sunday, Sept. 21, 6:30 pm** at the JCC. Contact Danielle Alexander at [Danielle@ujf.org](mailto:Danielle@ujf.org) or (203) 321-1373 x104 to nominate a teen or for more info.

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 For more info, contact Malya Shmotkin (203) 329-0015 #414, [Malya@friendshipct.com](mailto:Malya@friendshipct.com) or [www.friendshipct.com](http://www.friendshipct.com)

**BBYO** For Grades 8 - 12. Meets every **2nd Monday 7 - 9 pm** at the JCC. Leviticus AZA (Boys) & Tikvah BBG (Girls). Teens engaged in opportunities for leadership, athletic, social and community service. For info, contact BBYO Regional Office (203) 389-2127 [CVR@bbyo.org](mailto:CVR@bbyo.org) [www.cvrbbyo.net](http://www.cvrbbyo.net)

**JEWISH STUDENT CONNECTION.** For Grades 9 - 12. Meets **Tuesdays** at Stamford High & **Thursdays** at Westhill High. At 2:15 pm. For info, [rebecca@myjsc.org](mailto:rebecca@myjsc.org).

#### MOMMY/DADDY & ME

**JCC**  
 • **ShaNahNah with Sandi. Celebrate the Jewish Holidays.** **Tuesday, Sept. 23, 9:15 – 10 am** at JCC Sara Walker Nursery School. 6 months -2 years with parent or caregiver. Learn about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah with songs, movement activities, stories and a snack. \$5 per child.  
 • **Movin' and Groovin' 12 – 30 months, with parent or caregiver.** **Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 am. Sept. 9 – Dec. 16.** (not 11/4 & 11/11). Children will swing, spin, jump, stretch, leap, roll and climb. Rhythm, music and song aid in the development of fine and gross motor skills, listening and social skills while playing and learning. Fees: \$299 / JCC Members \$247 (13 Sessions)  
 • **Wonderful Ones 1 – 2 years, with parent or caregiver.** **Thursdays, 9:15 – 10:15 am, Sept. 11 – Dec. 18** (No class 9/25, 10/9, 10/16 & 11/27). Led by Sandi Waldstreicher. Children get a social, classroom experience including free play, art projects, stories, songs; parents benefit from parenting tips and discussions. At the JCC Sara Walker Nursery School. Fees: \$198 / JCC Members \$165 (11 sessions)  
 • **Babies and Babble.** **Fridays, Sept. 12, Oct. 24, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** A monthly playgroup for babies ages birth – 2 years with parents or caregivers. For more info, Galit Roloff (203) 487-0974 or [groloff@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:groloff@stamfordjcc.org), or [Babiesandbabble@yahoo.com](mailto:Babiesandbabble@yahoo.com). Yearly fee: \$25 / JCC members \$18  
 • **Music Together.** Birth – 5 years, with parent or caregiver. Music education program that nurtures children's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. To register, call Music Together of Fairfield County (203) 256-1656.

**CHABAD**  
**Tiny Treasures Mommy & Me Classes.** For children birth-30 months. Sing, dance, taste and play. Caregivers welcome. \$15 per class (first class free).  
 • **High Holiday Class: Wednesdays, Sept. 17 & Oct 1., 9:15 - 10:15 am.**  
 • **Got Shabbat: Friday, Oct 31, 10 - 10:45 am**

**BI-CULTURAL DAY SCHOOL**  
**Mommy, Daddy, Music and Me.** For toddlers. With Jonathan Cahr and Rachel Bahar. **Wednesday, Oct 22, 1:30 - 2:10 pm.** Music, movement, nursery rhymes, Jewish songs and story telling. Join in whenever you can. Free.

#### FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**JCC 5K/10K WALK RUN / FAMILY FUN DAY** Join more than 450 people of all ages: Run, walk, sprint and stroll on **Monday, Sept. 1,** rain or shine. At the JCC. Check-in begins at 9 am; race starts at 9:30 am. Fee for the Run/Walk if register by Aug 20: \$25 per adult/\$12 per child ages 6 to 18/ Children under 6 Free. [\$30/\$15/free after Aug 20] Online registration [www.stamfordjcc.org](http://www.stamfordjcc.org) or (203) 322-7900 for more info.

**CHABAD BACK 2 SCHOOL BBQ BONANZA** For kids of all ages and their families. **Monday, Sept. 1, 4 – 5:30 pm** at Chabad. Open to all.

**UJF UNPACKING NOAH'S ARK** Suggested for families new to the Greater Stamford community on **Sunday, September 21** from 3-5 pm at a private home. Welcome & greet new families to the area and for kids to meet and learn about animals hands on. RSVP to Sharon Franklin at [Sharon@ujf.org](mailto:Sharon@ujf.org)

**CHABAD BETTEN LEKACH** Erev Yom Kippur custom: "Tzu Betten Lekach", to ask for Honey Cake - a symbol of the sweet New Year we anticipate. **Friday, Oct. 3, 11:30 am-12:30 pm** at the Shemtov Home, 10 Brandt Road. Open to all.

**THE SHABBOS PROJECT** Join thousands of Jews around the world as we "Keep It Together." From Sundown Friday, Oct. 24 till Stars out Saturday, Oct. 25 - unplug from your electronics and plug in to family, friends, community and Shabbat. Choose to celebrate in your own home, be hosted, be a host or join a communal gathering at the Stamford Plaza. Culminating with a special Musical Havdallah. For more info [www.TheShabbosProject.org](http://www.TheShabbosProject.org) or contact Leah Shemtov at [Morahleah@ChabadStamford.org](mailto:Morahleah@ChabadStamford.org)

To RSVP or for more information on these events and groups, contact...

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- JCC: Jewish Community Center, 1035 Newfield Ave, Stamford • (203) 322-7900 • [www.stamfordjcc.org](http://www.stamfordjcc.org)

## Reading Partners Honors Volunteers

The 150 strong volunteer corps of the Herbert and Sarah M. Gibor Reading Partners program were feted at a June Recognition Breakfast at the Stamford JCC. Highlights included a workshop-like presentation by guest speaker Professor Kathy Itterly and recognition of many volunteers.

Itterly, of Westfield State University in Massachusetts, spoke to the group about "Comprehension Matters." In alignment with the Common Core standards for reading literature, she presented the attendees with a mini-comprehension workshop utilizing the poem "Hello Ocean" by Pam Munoz Ryan. First, Itterly read the poem and then guided the group through deeper layers of understanding, much as they would with their own student reading partners. Through this modeling, she enlisted the attendees to talk with each other at various intervals and the presentation was called uniquely interactive.

Susan Krieger, who joined the

fledgling program 16 years ago and soon became part of the "triumvirate" that grew Reading Partners from two schools to its present 11 schools and two community centers, was honored as she "retires" from the program.

In addition, three team leaders (school captains) who have made contributions to the program and are stepping down were acknowledged: Deidre Goldberg, Renee Zinn and Charlotte Goldblatt. Ilana Klein, who runs the volunteer corps at Domus/Chester Addison Community Center, was also singled out for her contribution to that after school program.

Special acknowledgments went out to Marge Goldman, Ellen Weber, Lois Dreyer and Sandy Golove for their mentoring support to Marlyn Agatstein in her first year as director of the program.

Reading Partners who chose to take on more students, give more time or went out of their way to support a

student in a fragile family situation were recognized with "Unique Contribution" certificates. They included Lowell Ackiron, Doris Carlton, Susan Holzman, Lori Ratner, William McCormack, Judy Stone, Joan Weinstein, Ruth Weinberg, Gene Schwartz and Mel Goldstein.

Each fall, current Reading Partners look forward to welcoming new volunteers to the corps. For those who seek a way to participate in the community, to reach out to a child in need of an attentive person and believe in *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, Reading Partners can be a good match. Contact Agatstein at 203-321-1373, ext. 115, or [Readingpartners@ujf.org](mailto:Readingpartners@ujf.org).



*L-r: Marlyn Agatstein bid a fond farewell to one of the "original" Reading Partners, Susan Krieger.*

## JSS Honors Stamford Volunteers



*Jewish Senior Services in Fairfield honored longtime volunteers at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Alan Comen (right) of Stamford has been a volunteer for nine years at the Jewish Home helping to transport residents in wheelchairs to their appointments, activities and meals. Also pictured are (from left) Darlene Miakos, volunteer coordinator at Jewish Senior Services; Peter Caligiure of Trumbull, a seven-year volunteer; and Bonnie Mooney of Bridgeport, a 16-year volunteer.*



*Marlyn Agatstein congratulated Renee Zinn on her service to Reading Partners.*

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# Quell Yom Kippur Hunger Pangs

BY RONNIE FEIN

On Saturday, October 5, when the sun sets and the first stars appear in the sky, Yom Kippur 2014 will end. After the 24-hour fast and time spent in prayer and contemplation, it will be time to gather with our family and friends to celebrate and fill ourselves up with laughter, memories, camaraderie and good food.

Everyone is hungry, of course. The smell of fresh coffee coming from the kitchen is like liberation, luring people to the feast. But, no matter what your menu is, after so many hours without food or drink, it's important for everyone not to eat too quickly, nor to fill up on heavy, substantial food, because that overtaxes our digestive system. This is probably why so many of us serve smoked fish and salads, which go down easily.

Although we are all eager for dinner, it's also better not to dig in immediately. Have a quick nibble of a little "something" first to quell the hunger pangs. Some suggestions: pita crisps dipped in hummus; carrot sticks dipped in tzatziki; marinated mushrooms; herbed roasted chickpeas; stuffed hard-cooked egg; cookies; a slice of mandelbread or an oatmeal raisin cookie.

## HUMMUS WITH PITA CRISPS

### Pita Crisps:

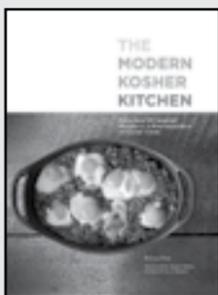
- 4 pita breads
- 4 Tbsp. olive oil
- Salt and chopped fresh herbs to taste

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Cut the breads into eighths. Brush the pieces with olive oil. Place the pieces in a single layer on a baking sheet. Sprinkle on one side with salt and herbs to taste. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until crispy and browned.

Makes enough for 8-10 people.

### Hummus:

- 15 ounce can chickpeas
- 2 large cloves garlic
- ¼ cup tahini
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tsp. paprika



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

- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. zatar

Drain the chickpeas but reserve the liquid. Place the chickpeas in a food processor. Cut the garlic into smaller chunks and add to the food processor. Add the tahini, lemon juice, olive oil, parsley, paprika, salt and zatar. Process to combine ingredients into a rough puree. Continue to process while adding some of the reserved liquid through the feed tube until the mixture reaches the desired consistency (approximately 3-6 tablespoons).

Makes about 1½ cups.

## OATMEAL RAISIN COOKIES

- 10 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- ¾ cup sugar
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 cups quick oats
- 1 cup raisins

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a cookie sheet. In the bowl of an electric mixer set at medium speed, cream the butter and sugar together for a minute or so until creamy. Add the brown sugar and blend it in thoroughly. Beat in the eggs and vanilla extract. Add the flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt and beat until the ingredients are well blended. Stir in the oats and raisins.

Drop mounded tablespoons of the mixture onto the cookie sheet, leaving some space between each lump of dough. Bake the cookies for about 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Repeat with remaining dough.

Makes about 42-48 cookies.

Ronnie Fein is a cookbook author and cooking teacher in Stamford. She is the author of the cookbook "Hip Kosher" and her next cookbook, "The Modern Kosher Kitchen," will be on bookshelves on November 1. Visit her food blog, Kitchen Vignettes, at [www.ronniefein.com](http://www.ronniefein.com) and follow her on Twitter at @RonnieVFein.

# Tzofim Brings Joy of Israel to Seniors



A Tzofim (Israel Scouts) Friendship Caravan member serenaded Ida Perlstein during a performance at Jewish Senior Services in July. Throughout the show, the Scouts entertained the audience with synchronized dance numbers and interacted with the residents, holding their hands, serenading them and offering flowers. Between each song and dance number, the Tzofim presented videos and shared information about Israel. The Israel Scouts' closing song was a rendition of Pharrell Williams' "Happy." (Jewish Senior Services is a recipient agency of United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.)

## Job . . . . . Continued from page 8

members have no use for the services, they can help in many ways: by making a donation, sharing any job openings, and providing referrals to possible employment or funding sources of which they may be aware. Suggestions and comments are most welcomed. For more information or to help, call JFS at 203-921-4161 or e-mail [iklocker@ctjfs.org](mailto:iklocker@ctjfs.org).

Ilene K. Locker is the director of JFS Employment and Training.

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are President Barack Obama, Secretary of State John Kerry, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, former Prime Minister Ehud Barak and leading American and European statesmen. Leading senators, congressmen, scholars, diplomats, journalists, businessmen and community leaders have described it as a formative book that totally transformed their understanding of the Holy Land conflict, the Zionist project, modern Jewish history and the geo-politics of the Middle East. A long time columnist for the leading Israeli daily *Haaretz* and a commentator on Israeli public TV, Shavit has been called one of the strongest voices in the nation's public arena. "In an elegant, eloquent and yet daring way, he challenges the dogmas of both Right and Left

while giving a unique insight into the overall Israeli condition," said Rabbi Joshua Hammerman.

Born in Rehovot, Israel, in 1957, Shavit served as a paratrooper in the IDF and studied philosophy at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In the 1980s, he wrote for the progressive weekly *Kotert Rashit*. In the early 1990s, he was chair of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and in 1995, he joined *Haaretz*, where he serves on the Editorial Board. Shavit is also a commentator on Israel's public TV Channel 1. In 2005, Shavit published "Partition," a book exploring the different approaches to conflict, occupation and peace.

Rabbi Hammerman stated, "This is a time of unprecedented turmoil in the Middle East, unprece-

dedent both in the ferocity of the widespread violence and in the acuteness of Israel's internal challenges. Ari Shavit has opened a serious dialogue as to what it means for Israel to be a state that can fulfill Jewish national aspirations, a state embodying the highest standards of morality and security, both a light unto the nations and a safe haven for Jews."

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. As with all the Hoffman lectures, the public is invited to attend without charge. The lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period and reception.



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# Temple Sinai's Shabbat Under the Stars

BY CANTOR MICAH MORGOVSKY

Temple Sinai and the Bartlett Arboretum partnered to offer Shabbat worship services outdoors at Stamford's botanical gardens on June 6, July 18 and August 1. Families with young children gathered for a brief Tot Shabbat at 5:30 pm and then stayed for a picnic dinner on the lawn. Adults and families with older children then joined with their picnics and stayed for an informal worship service at 6:30 pm. On each of

these Shabbatot, Rabbi Jay TelRav and Cantor Micah Morgovsky led services with singing and dancing, and each of these three evenings ended with a potluck *oneg* Shabbat.

Reflecting on these picnic services, Temple Sinai's first vice president, Gloria Skigen, said, "As I came around the bend and saw my congregational family spread out across the lawn, everyone laughing and enjoying a perfect Shabbat evening, I was reminded why

I joined this community."

Rabbi TelRav noted, "Each month, these outdoor services attracted an eclectic and enthusiastic congregation; young and old, the regular Shabbat attendees and those who rarely attend Shabbat services. Each month, we were blessed with glorious weather and very few bugs."

Additionally, Rabbi TelRav mentioned, "We are so grateful to the Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens for hosting us this summer and we are hopeful that this relationship can continue for years to come." These services are part of Temple Sinai's initiative to bring new and innovative forms of worship to the surrounding Stamford community.



L-r: Carol Gladstone, Judith Katz, Sallie Kelman, Paula Simon and Leslie Tamarkin.



The Dweck family enjoyed their picnic Shabbat dinner. L-r: Gabrielle, Shoshana and Joshua Dweck.

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# Bi-Cultural Engages Students with New Prayer Workshops

BY DORA SALM

With the start of the new academic year, Bi-Cultural Day School is initiating many new changes in its Jewish Studies curriculum, including the pilot of an innovative program meant to re-engage and excite middle school learners, helping to make traditional prayers more meaningful to each student in a personal and creative way.

As part of the revised Tefillah (prayer) program, Bi-Cultural will now be offering specialized workshops to its middle school students. The workshops will be focused areas of studies that are intended to appeal to each student's individual interests and learning style.

Michal Smart, director of Jewish studies at Bi-Cultural, explained that in addition to the traditional prayer service, students will be able to choose from workshops designed to deepen their relationship with prayer. These options will include "Meditative Prayer," "Music and Song Expression in Prayer" and "Artistic Exploration of Prayer." In addition, Bi-Cultural will continue to offer to seventh- and eighth-grade girls the Woman's Tefillah Workshop, a service in which the girls have the opportunity to lead the service.

For students in the fifth and sixth grades, Smart shared that Bi-Cultural will be launching a new path of studies emphasizing content and relevance in Judaic studies. This will build upon the experiential method of learning, which stresses learning by doing and direct experience, that was launched a few years ago. Classes in "Interpersonal Ethics," "Topics in Rabbinic Law," "Chesed Opportunities (performing acts of loving-kindness)," "Holocaust Studies" and "Israeli History and Current Events" will be offered.

Mastering fluency in the Hebrew language is also considered integral to enhancing the Jewish studies experience. Students will have access to an additional class of conversational Hebrew, with the goal of increasing each student's fluency and knowledge in everyday Hebrew speaking. Weekly elective courses through the Jewish studies program will also be offered. Classes in Israeli cooking, Israeli dance, and Jewish art and film appreciation will be offered to enrich the experience.

Like their older counterparts, students in the younger grades will also be experiencing some changes that will broaden their Jewish studies experience. Smart explained that, "In

the lower grades we are intensifying the immersive Hebrew language environment, along with learning texts and celebrating our heritage." Part of this year's reinvigoration of the Jewish studies program in the younger grades is the addition of two newly-hired staff members. Joining the first-grade Judaic studies and Hebrew language staff this year is Lea Kaner, who has many years of experience teaching Torah and Hebrew language. Gina Fass, who has more than 18 years of teaching experience and is a Wexner Fellow, will be joining the Judaic studies department.

Smart's enthusiasm for the changes is evident when she says, "It is an exciting time to be at Bi-Cultural, and I can't wait to see what gains and surprises



Seventh-grader Lily Abrams focused on prayer during part of the Jewish studies portion of the school day at Bi-Cultural.

await us in the year ahead!"

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## BCDS Marches in Celebrate Israel Parade



Bi-Cultural Day School won third-place prize in the Marching Group Contest as part of the Celebrate Israel Parade, which took place on June 1 on New York's Fifth Avenue. The theme of the overall parade was "At Least 50 Reasons to Celebrate Israel – the Golden Anniversary of the Celebrate Israel Parade" and Bi-Cultural's creative decorations consisted of hand-made banners, specially-designed t-shirts and life-sized paper-mache sculptures in keeping with the theme. (Photo by Michelle Gordon)

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# Josh Frieser and Rachel Steinmetz Receive Teen Award

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was the leader in our home and was my father's most influential advisor, and my father was a leader in his local Jewish community. From when he was in his 20s until his death at 62 years old, he was actively involved with the Jewish community every day of his life."

This year the award was given to two high school juniors from the local community who exemplify what it means to be a leader: Josh Frieser and Rachel Steinmetz.

Frieser has been actively involved at Temple Sinai from the early grades through confirmation class in the 10th grade. He was also a *madrich* in the religious school in grades eight-10 helping out in the classroom with students of varying ages. He founded and serves as president of the Jewish Student Club at Westhill High. Additionally, he sat on a teen committee, which helped Jewish Student Connec-

tion make a hiring decision. Frieser has risen through the ranks of BBYO, locally, regionally and nationally. In addition to his work in his own Stamford chapter, he helped launch the new Greenwich BBYO. He was just elected to be president of the local AZA chapter.

Steinmetz, an incoming senior at Stamford High School, has served this past year as Jewish Student Connection co-president and helped to rebuild the club after the majority of the club's membership graduated in 2013. She also participates in Friendship Circle and has been a Kulanu student (including participating in the March of the Living) since she was an eighth grader at Bi-Cultural Day School. Her leadership extends beyond the Jewish community, including Stamford High School's Drama Club, where she will serve as president next year.



Rachel Steinmetz and Josh Frieser received the Teen Award.



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L'Shana Tova to our community, Shoshana, Olivia, Joshua and Gabriel Dweck

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and sweet New Year!

Bonnie Rozen  
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But while they are grateful for the government's backing, many French Jews lack confidence in its ability to protect them. Bernard Cazeneuve, the French interior minister, temporarily banned protests against Israel recently out of concern for public order, but that ban was ignored by thousands who staged unauthorized protests anyway.

"I want to have every confidence that the authorities can ensure the community's safety, but sadly, I do not – not fully," said Yves Victor Kamami, a member of the executive board of CRIF, the umbrella group of French Jewish communities. Kamami suggested the government hire security firms to help protect synagogues during periods of unrest.

In this climate, there appears to be growing support for LDJ, a controversial group with a history of vigilantism and violence that has been central to recent efforts to fight back against mobs attacking French synagogues.

Martine Cohen, a sociologist who specializes in French Jewry, said LDJ's activity has increased due to "the escalation of antisemitic attacks that target Jews, supposedly for Israel's actions," though she stressed that LDJ remains a small movement that pales in comparison to the threat posed by pro-Palestinian rioters.

"I used to tell my grandsons to focus on the studies and stay out of trouble, but now I sent them to join the LDJ and defend our synagogues against the scum," says Victor Sofer, a barber who works in Paris' heavily Jewish 10<sup>th</sup> arrondissement.

"The Arabs own the streets now," said Sofer. "We need to make them lose the appetite for messing with us if we're to survive here. LDJ is our Iron Dome."

LDJ's leader, a man who identified himself only

as Amnon, told JTA he, too, is sensing a change in attitudes toward his group.

"The leadership of the Jewish community, who live in nice houses far from Sarcelles, used to condemn us as troublemakers," Amnon told JTA as he surveyed an unauthorized demonstration against Israel on July 19 near the Gare du Nord train station. "But that has been gradually changing."

Indeed, just a few months ago, CRIF cautioned Jews not to take the law into their hands after a suspected LDJ reprisal against Arabs in the streets of Paris. But CRIF recently defended the actions of young Jewish fighters, many of them from LDJ, who on July 13 were in a massive street brawl with anti-Israel protesters outside the Synagogue de la Roquette in Paris.

"The actions of the young men in front of the synagogue were justified," CRIF President Roger Cukierman told JTA. "The LDJ has its problematic aspects, but now is not the time to discuss them. We have more pressing issues."

Three Jews were wounded in the fight at the Synagogue de la Roquette, in which 30 young Jewish men from LDJ and other groups fought off 200 rioters while six police officers protected the 150 worshipers inside. For 15 minutes, the young Jews kept the mob from reaching the synagogue doors until French riot police arrived on the scene. Videos of the clashes show both LDJ members and anti-Israel rioters hurling bottles and even chairs at one another.

"We are, at this point, in need of our community's young activists to complement police security, there's no doubt," said Joel Mergui, president of the French Consistoire, the community's central body for religious services. "Their presence at La Roquette may

have prevented a disaster."

At a July 21 demonstration at Gare du Nord, Amnon, who is in his 50s, communicated by telephone with members of LDJ and other groups. His colleagues were conducting surveillance at the rally to provide early warning in case protesters headed to a synagogue.

"This way, we can mobilize within minutes and save lives, like at La Roquette," Amnon said.

One of the LDJ members at the rally was a bald man in his 50s wearing a Bluetooth earpiece and a heavy black coat despite the oppressive heat. The coat was padded for protection against stabbing and for intimidation. "For all they know I could be carrying," he said.

By telephone, the man whispered instructions to a young Jewish woman elsewhere at the demonstration. "Stay safe, take pictures discreetly and only if you see criminal activity," he said. "And remember to shout 'Free Palestine.'"



In the Paris suburb of Sarcelles, pro-Palestinian rioters broke shop windows and set fires on July 20. (Photo by Cnaan Liphshiz)

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# Bi-Cultural Welcomes New Israeli Emissaries

BY DORA SALM

Back to school can be an exhilarating time of year for students. At Bi-Cultural Day School, back to school also means meeting the new *banot* sherut (translated as girls who serve), known around the school as the “*banot*.”

Each year, Bi-Cultural welcomes two new Israeli young women who often become integral and beloved members of the school and the community. The women, typically between the ages of 18-21, volunteer to serve in various non-profit organizations, including education, social and community service. Although they are far from their own home, they often quickly become enmeshed in the Bi-Cultural and Stamford communities.

Part teacher, mentor, colleague and friend, the *banot* are Israeli emissaries involved in every aspect of daily life at school, including tutoring small groups, chaperoning field trips and Shabbatonim, hosting Shabbat meals for middle schoolers, planning and organizing holiday programming, and accompanying the eighth-graders on their month-long Israel trip, all while sharing their *ruach* (spirit)

## Cantor. . . . . Continued from page 1

of music that is exciting Jews of all generations, and her eclectic background will further strengthen the cultural bond that connects us with Israel and our worldwide Jewish heritage.”

Born in Israel, Cantor Fishman started her training as a child, acting, singing and playing the trumpet. She was a member of the Tel Aviv Youth Orchestra and, at 18, became a soloist and trumpet player in the Israel Defense Forces Orchestra. Following her military service in the IDF, she joined the Tel-Aviv-Broadway Musical Theater Project, which brought her to New York. While there, she auditioned and was later accepted at the Manhattan School of Music.

In the course of finding her musical identity, she was introduced to Cantor Henry Rosenblum, then dean of the Jewish Theological Seminary’s H. L. Miller Cantorial School, who encouraged her to study and become a cantor. She accepted the challenge and her investiture as a cantor from the school occurred in May 2011.

“As a cantor and singer-musician, Cantor Fishman brings a vibrant experience to Jewish music and synagogue life through a unique blend of traditional and contemporary styles,” said Pomerantz. Her repertoire includes Israeli songs, jazz, liturgical masterpieces, musical theater and her own compositions. She has performed in Israel, Europe, the United States and Canada, including the Kennedy Center, AIPAC, the Israeli Embassy in Washington, the 92nd Street Y Festival, the National Gallery of Canada and Prague State Opera. She was also featured at the National Yiddish Theater – Folksbiene’s annual event honoring Elie Wiesel and at the Saban Theater in Los Angeles along with Maestro Placido Domingo and Melissa Manchester.

Cantor Fishman is a recipient of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation scholarship and won first prize at the Cantors Assembly’s “Cantor’s Idol” competition. Along with pianist Yuval Cohen, she founded Shorashim ([www.shorashimmusic.com](http://www.shorashimmusic.com)), a musical project to bring people closer to Israel through music.

Cantor Fishman has served as a cantor at Congregation Beit Simchat Torah in Manhattan, Congregation Beth Am in Los Angeles and North Shore Synagogue in Syosset, NY.

“I’m excited to join the TBE family and to become part of the community with my husband, Zarin, and our son, Yair,” said Cantor Fishman. “I can’t wait to meet my new congregation at services so we can join together in prayer and song, create beautiful music together and get to know each other.”

For further information on membership and programs at TBE, contact Steven Lander at [execdir@tbe.org](mailto:execdir@tbe.org) or 203-322-6901, ext. 304.

and love of Israel.

This year, Bi-Cultural will be welcoming Rotem Zohar and Hodaya Abadi.

Abadi, 20, is from the city of Kfar Sava. She has most recently served as an instructor for the Beit Hatfutsot (the Museum of the Jewish People) in Tel Aviv, leading language, history and cultural programs for elementary and high school students. Before that, Abadi was a counselor for an organization called Bnei Akiva, the largest religious Zionist youth movement.

Abadi said that she was interested in joining the Bi-Cultural community because she wanted to learn how Jewish communities outside of Israel could feel such a deep bond with Israel without actually living in Israel. She explained, “My biggest goals for the year are to form a connection with the students and community, to teach them about Israel and what it is like being an Israeli, and to travel, see and experience new things. My biggest challenges will probably be speaking the language and being so far from home. However, these are challenges that I am ready to overcome!”

Similar to her counterpart, Zohar, 19, from the Tel Aviv neighborhood of Tel HaShomer, also has



Hodaya Abadi, from Kfar Sava, will be serving at Bi-Cultural as one of the banot.



Rotem Zohar, of Tel HaShomer, a neighborhood of Tel Aviv, will be one of the Israeli banot working with Bi-Cultural students, teachers and faculty.

teaching experience, most recently as a teaching assistant at the kindergarten level. She has also taught elementary students and children with special needs. Zohar said that she decided to serve in the United States to meet other *Am Yisrael Chai* (translated as the People of Israel Live) and connect them with Israel. She added, “I hope to bring a little bit of our Israel

to others overseas.” Finding a suitable match for Bi-Cultural’s needs is a delicate balance and requires a specific type of person, Rabbi David Israel, Bi-Cultural’s rabbinic dean, explained. “We are looking for girls who are energetic, mature, intelligent and have experience working with kids and students. They should be individuals who are passionate about their beliefs while being understanding of those who come from different backgrounds or have differing opinions. They should be prepared to give their all, to work hard and to have the year of their lives!”

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# Jewish Historical Society Prizes Encourage Heritage Research

The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County announced that Aaron Samuels is the recipient of its 2014 National History Day Prizes for his documentary titled "Unorthodox Migration: Waterbury's Jewish History." Samuels placed first in the JHS Fairfield County competition and earned the JHSFC Connecticut State award. He was also invited to the Kenneth E. Behring National Competition. Students in grades six-12 throughout Connecticut were considered eligible for prizes, sponsored by JHSFC if their entry incorporated Jewish heritage and/or a Jewish personality in conjunction with



Aaron Samuels

the 2014 National History Day theme, "Rights and Responsibilities."

Samuels, an 11<sup>th</sup>-grader at Staples High School, is active with the Staples Players and is an Eagle Scout. His documentary began as an American history class requirement for History Day. Samuels said he was anxious to involve his Jewish identity in his investigation and the fact that the Jewish history of Waterbury was not a heavily researched topic interested him. He relied on interviews with several current and former members of Waterbury's Jewish community, and other Waterbury residents who watched it evolve. He said his access for a

day to archives pertaining to a 2002 exhibit at the Mattatuck Museum was also helpful. His winning documentary is available at the Jewish Historical Society's Archives, 990 Hope St. Rear, Stamford.

JHSFC will again sponsor National History Day prizes in 2015. Area teachers of public, private and religious schools will be contacted with information about the 2015 National History Day theme, "Leadership and Legacy," and the resources available in the JHSFC archives and library for students who wish help with their research. The JHS website ([www.jhsfc-ct.org](http://www.jhsfc-ct.org)) will also feature complete details.

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## What's On for Adults

September/October 2014

Members and Non-members are all warmly invited to all events listed. See contact info below for more info, to confirm programs and to register.

### OPEN EVENTS

#### JCC PALATABLE PALETTE

**Monday, Sept. 15**, 10 – 12 noon at the JCC. Tempting treats combine with fine art as participants create individual paintings with artist Alison Terry. Reservation required by Monday, 9/8. Dietary laws observed. \$45 per person / JCC members \$40, all materials included. For info, contact Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org).

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#### JCC POSH ART

**Sunday, Oct. 19**, 4 - 6 pm. at the JCC. A POSH (Providers of Senior Happiness) fundraiser. The work of artists with ties to the JCC and the Stamford Jewish community will be the focus of this cocktail reception, as we support the senior adults of our community and raise critical funds to provide them with social, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities necessary for an enriching life. Dietary laws observed. For info, contact Connie Cirillo Freeman at 203-487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org).

#### HADASSAH GATHERINGS

• **Big Gifts Brunch** at Rockrimmon Country Club. **Sunday, Sept 21**. For more info, contact Jill Kaplan [jfkaplan@hotmail.com](mailto:jfkaplan@hotmail.com)  
• **Membership Teas. Thursday evening, Sept. 18 & Tuesday Oct 14**, 4pm. To celebrate the New Year. For more info / RSVP, contact: Irma Paull at [Irpaul@optonline.net](mailto:Irpaul@optonline.net) or Rhonda Greif at [Rhonda.greif@gmail.com](mailto:Rhonda.greif@gmail.com)

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#### JCC LEARN TO PROGRAMS

• **MAH JONGG**. Learn from Mah Jongg masters. All levels welcome. Bring a 2014 National Mah Jongg League card. \$35 / JCC members \$25 for 5 sessions  
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**Fridays Sept. 12 – Dec. 19** (not 9/26, 10/10, 10/17,11/28), 9 – 10:30 am. At the JCC. A fusion of Kundalini Yoga and Jewish spirituality - ancient wisdoms provide a pathway to connect with G-d on a deep spiritual level. Led by Jackie Tepper Robinov. Fee \$198 JCC members/\$231 others. (11 sessions)

#### ISRAELI FOLK DANCING:

**Thursdays** at Temple Beth El. **Beginners:** 7 - 7:30 pm. **Open Session:** 7:30 - 10 pm. Fee : \$12/\$10 TBE Member. For more info and dates during holidays, contact Leng at (203) 912 4086 or [leng@ctisraelidance.com](mailto:leng@ctisraelidance.com)

### FOR WOMEN

#### CHABAD LOAVES OF LOVE COOKING MARATHON

From kneading dough to peeling vegetables, to cooking and baking and packing it all up, this is your time to give to those who need it most; by baking Challah and making chicken soup for the 'Shabbat 2 Go' packages. **Sunday, Sept. 14**, 9:30am-12:30 pm at Chabad. No Charge

#### JWC ROSH HASHANAH READY

Create Rosh Hashanah dishes. **Monday, Sept. 22**, 7:15pm for nibbles, 8 pm program starts. Each participant will go home with 2 homemade, medium sweet round Challahs, a full sized side dish and a special holiday dessert. Perfect whether you're a host or going somewhere as a guest. At Chabad, 770 High Ridge Rd, Stamford. Fee: \$36 / JWC Members \$20.

#### JWC LUNCHEON IN THE SUKKAH

Delicious lunch, thought provoking class and great company. **Tuesday, Oct. 14**, 11:30 am – 1 pm. At the Shemtov home. Fee \$15/ Free JWC members.

### FOR MEN

#### TEFILLIN CLUB

For men and kids. Join the guys to wrap Tefillin, say Shema, share some words of Torah and inspiration and bond over bagels and lox breakfast. **Every Sunday** at Chabad, 8 – 9 am.

### SENIORS

#### JCC SOCIAL SENIOR PROGRAMS

**Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays** at the JCC. Include kosher lunch and program that varies by day of the week. Monthly birthday luncheons, movies, discussions about Israel and life enhancement classes designed to educate and entertain on local to international events, health and wellness, Jewish history, unique personal stories etc. All welcome. Transportation available for Stamford residents. Reservations required for lunch and for transportation. Fee: Suggested donations \$3 for lunch and \$1 each way for transportation. For detailed info and reservations: Connie Cirillo Freeman 203-487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org)

#### JCC ROSH HASHANAH LUNCHEON

**Tuesday, Sept. 16**, 11:30 - 1 pm. At the JCC. Hear the Shofar; Enjoy festive holiday meal. RSVP required by Thursday 9/11. Free. In memory of Sandra Stern and Irene Krinsky. For info: Connie Cirillo Freeman 203-487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org)

#### JCC RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

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### ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**JCC - Kosher Lunch Program for Seniors.** Help set up and serve lunch on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Contact Connie Freeman: (203) 487-0983 or [cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:cfreeman@stamfordjcc.org)

#### JHS (JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

• **Harry Rosenbaum Judaica Library.** At the JCC. Cover 2 hour slot (or more) once a week. You'll be trained on the computer system and the arrangement of books in the library. Call (203) 487-0957.  
• **Help protect the pieces of our Jewish history:** Do you enjoy finding out about our region's early Jewish settlers? Do you want to help Jewish organizations retain their history and documents? Call (203) 359-2196.

**HADASSAH Tea@2.** Every other **Tuesday**, 2 - 3 pm in the Family Lounge, Oncology floor, Stamford Hospital. Volunteers bake desserts, 'schlep' and set up OR serve the tea to patients, family members and staff. For info: Connie Freeman: [conniecf@aol.com](mailto:conniecf@aol.com)

**JFS - Drivers needed** to deliver food from the Kosher Food Pantry to individuals in the community. Contact Rebekah Kanefsky: (203) 921-4161 or [rkanefsky@ctjfs.org](mailto:rkanefsky@ctjfs.org)

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excellence for its student run literary magazines. Its students have been called creative and enterprising. “There is a palpable energy and enthusiasm at this school,” commented Dr. Paul Castle, school principal. “Whether students are preparing their abstracts for an engineering conference, arguments for Model U.N., or organizing activities for the student youth groups they lead, these teens are remarkably poised, engaged and enthusiastic.”

“At JHSC, students take the responsibility of community participation very seriously. Our students can be found in leadership roles in youth groups, synagogues and other student organizations,” comments Randie Weseley, president of the Board of Trustees. “This is a community where student voice leads to creativity, activism and a compelling desire to participate in school activities and in the world beyond school.”

As a school accredited by the New England Association of Independent Schools, JHSC links its mission

to curriculum, school culture and student life. “The rigorous, comprehensive curricular and co-curricular program of Jewish and general studies, athletics and the arts is in an environment that encourages spirited discussion and cultivates critical thinking,” said Susan Birke Fiedler, acting head of school.

“There is an open-minded spirit of intellectual inquiry that guides learning and teaching at JHSC, encouraging students to question, challenge and strive toward realizing their own unique potential,” Fiedler added. “It is an environment that will serve them well in all of their future endeavors.”

To learn more about JHSC and request an application for the fall of 2014, visit [www.jhsct.org](http://www.jhsct.org) or e-mail at [info@jhsct.org](mailto:info@jhsct.org). Prospective high school students interested in attending for 2015-2016 are invited to an open house on Sunday, November 9, from 1-4 pm. Students will have a chance to visit classrooms and do a meet-and-greet with teachers.



L-r: Participating in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program were Emma Judd, Inna Cohen and Dr. Paul Castle.



# ADULT EDUCATION

## September & October 2014

You are welcome to attend all classes listed regardless of your membership status. See contact info below for more info, to confirm programs and to register.

### TEMPLE BETH EL

**“Is Peace Dead? The Arab Awakening, the Israeli Predicament and the Chances for Middle East Peace.”** Don’t miss hearing Ari Shavit, a leading Israeli columnist and author of internationally acclaimed book *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel*. At Temple Beth El. **Tuesday, Sept. 16**, 7:30 pm. See front page article. Hyacinth and Harold E. Hoffman Memorial Lecture.

### JCC

**Speak Up for Israel for Adults**  
Monthly sessions to learn the history and complexities surrounding Israel, past and present. **Mondays, Sept. 29, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15**, 7 – 8:30 pm at the JCC. All levels of knowledge are welcome. Hear from guest speakers from AIPAC, ADL and other organizations and engage in deep meaningful discussions. Led by Or Berger, JCC Israeli Shaliach, and Danielle Alexander of UJF. Free. All welcome. 8 sessions.

**Israel Lunch & Learn Series**  
Join Or Berger, the JCC’s Israeli shaliach, for a lunch and learn series focusing on interesting topics and current events related to Israel. At the JCC. **Thursdays, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4**, 12 – 1 pm. Sessions will include time for questions and answers often short videos. Bring lunch. To register or for more info, contact Or Berger at (203) 487-0961 or [oberger@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:oberger@stamfordjcc.org). Free. All welcome.

**#raisingtodaykids**  
Concrete ideas for building sustainable families – ones who turn technology into an ally for closeness, creativity and community, - and tech issues that affect children of all ages. **Tuesday, Oct. 28**, 7:30 pm. at the JCC. With child expert Catherine Steiner-Adair. Register at [stamfordjcc.org](http://stamfordjcc.org) or call the JCC (203) 322-7900. For more info, contact Sandi Waldstreicher at (203) 322-6541.

**Jewish Arts & Film Festival**  
Save the dates: **Oct. 25 - Nov. 2**. See article with highlights. For ticket prices and full information, visit [www.jewishartsandfilm.org](http://www.jewishartsandfilm.org). For additional info, contact Nancy Schiffman (203) 487-0941 or [nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:nschiffman@stamfordjcc.org).

### JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

**JFS Wellness Symposium**  
**Monday, Oct. 27**, 6:30- 8:30 pm, at Whole Foods Market in Westport. Commemorating Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Guest speakers addressing lifestyle choices for disease prevention. For more info, contact Eve Moskowitz: (203) 921-4161 or [emoskowitz@ctjfs.org](mailto:emoskowitz@ctjfs.org)

### COMMUNITY WIDE EVENT

**“Tailors of Tomaszow”** Allan Chernoff, a veteran of national network TV news reporting, will speak about his new book, *The Tailors of Tomaszow: A Memoir of Polish Jews*, at Congregation Agudath Sholom on **Sunday, Sept. 7**, 9:30 a.m. See article. Free.

### UJF WOMEN’S PHILANTHROPY

**Financially Fit: Financial Intelligence for Today and Tomorrow**  
The forum will empower women of all ages to achieve financial well-being. **Monday, Sept 15**, 6 pm at Temple Beth El in Stamford. See article on front page and ad on back page.

### UCONN JUDAIC STUDIES

**Fall 2014 Lunch & Learn Series**  
Four distinguished speakers on **Thursdays**, noon -1:30 p.m.,  
• **Sept. 18** - Dr. Blaine Edele, UConn. “Early Christian Commentaries and Art on the “Sacrifice of Isaac””  
• **Oct. 23** - Dr. Philip Balma, UConn. “Hiding in Plain Sight: Italian Jews and the Film Industry from Mussolini to the Present.”  
• **Nov. 6** - Dr. Paul Franks, Yale. “What Can Jewish Law Mean to Jewish Citizens of a Non-Jewish State?”  
• **Nov. 13** - Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy, UConn. “Rewriting the “Binding of Isaac”: The Literary Tale of the Aqedah (Gen. 22)”

**The 2014 Louis J. Kuriansky Annual Conference.**  
The Dangerous Neighborhood of the Middle East. **Tuesday, Oct. 28**, at 7 pm.

To register for the 2014 Lunch & Learn Lecture Series, the annual conference, or for more information about these or other programs of the Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies, please contact the Center at [stamfordjudaicstudies@uconn.edu](mailto:stamfordjudaicstudies@uconn.edu) or (203) 251-9525.

**Fall College courses open to senior audits.** The Center will also offer a large selection of credit courses this fall, beginning Aug 25 that are available for seniors (age 62 and older) to audit. See article for more details.

### CHABAD

**High for the High Holidays.** Tashlich Ceremony followed by wine and hors d’oeuvres: 6:15pm. Class: 7 pm. At the Graber’s Deck. **Wednesday, Oct. 1**. Be inspired to energize and commit to keep the high of the holidays all year long! No Charge.

### HADASSAH

**Book Club - Wednesday, Sept. 10.** Kick off BBQ 6:30 pm; discussion 7:15pm. “The Golem and the Jinni” by Helene Wecker. At home of Maya Sparks, 46 Boxwood Drive. \$36 donation (check payable to Hadassah) to support Hadassah’s projects here and in Israel, our book club and to honor Maya for a delicious BBQ. Please RSVP to [rhonda.greif@gmail.com](mailto:rhonda.greif@gmail.com) and indicate your food preference (burger, hot dog, both or veggie burger)

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## VOICES AND VIEWS

## YOUNG VOICES

## Goldman Memorial Essay Contest Winners

The winners of the Tenth Annual Rabbi Alex J. Goldman Memorial Essay Contest for teens were announced at the United Jewish Federation Town Hall Meeting on June 18. The teens had to write an essay that completes the following sentence and discusses how it has affected their Jewishness: "I never thought I would..." Matt Jelen, who attends SAR in New York City, wrote the first place essay and won a cash award of \$1,000. Second place winner Brandon Temple is a 2014 graduate of Stamford High School and was awarded \$500. Jason Nekritz, who attends Westhill High School class of 2015, won third place and was awarded \$250.

A committee of community leaders and educators representing different organizations and congregations chose the winning essays. They used a scoring rubric and the writers of the essays were kept anonymous until the winners were announced. This year, the awards were presented by Rabbi Alex J. Goldman's son, Dr. Robert Goldman, and daughter, Pamela Kesselman. The Goldman essay committee was chaired by Dr. Anne Peskin.

Past presidents of Temple Beth El established the Rabbi Alex Goldman Scholarship Fund as a memorial tribute to Rabbi Goldman. The contest is designed



Matt Jelen

to help strengthen the Jewish identity of teens by providing an opportunity to enhance their writing skills on their Jewish experiences. It is open to all 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>-graders.

The Goldman essay committee members would like to thank all the essay writers for sharing their experiences and the Rabbi Alex Goldman Scholarship Fund for making it all possible.

Below is the first place winning essay from Matt Jelen. The second and third place winners will be published in the October and November issues of The New Jewish Voice.

MATT JELEN – FIRST PLACE WINNER  
SAR CLASS OF 2016

I never thought I would be writing this essay.

Yes, that may sound lame, clichéd, even a joke, but trust me, it's not. The truth is, when I moved here in fourth grade, I never imagined that the Stamford community would influence me so much that I could write an essay on how it has changed my life. The programs I am now involved with have given me a fresh outlook on life, people, my Judaism, and the world at large – a gift I never expected. I never thought I would view the world and other people with the openness that Friendship Circle and Kuriansky Teen Tzedakah Corp have supplied me with.

From the moment I began participating in Friendship Circle on a regular basis, the organization radically changed my outlook. I have been paired up with a boy called Jack who has cerebral palsy. He can't talk, but that doesn't mean he can't communicate. We always know he's having fun by his enormous smile, and we are constantly trying to bring about

that smile. Usually the smile comes in gym. I remember one instance where he was laughing hysterically after I rolled a ball from his knees down to his feet. Simple jokes and games have become our language. Working with Jack has helped me understand that just because someone can't speak or walk, that doesn't mean he isn't still looking to have fun. He deserves to feel a sense of inclusion, attention, and happiness. And it's not that hard to supply. We simply have to open our eyes to the fact that disabled individuals also have feelings, and deserve the same respect, love and attention as able-bodied individuals.

I have emerged with a similar sentiment after participating in the Kuriansky Teen Tzedakah Corp, a project of the UJF, where we learn and discuss charity and philanthropy. The program has brought to my attention the broad spectrum of ways in which we can help those less fortunate. For example, we studied Maimonides' Eight Levels of Charity, which progress from giving unwillingly to giving anonymously, culminating in the gift of long-term assistance, like employment. As the famous saying goes, "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime."

After reviewing the basics of charity and philanthropy, we heard from various speakers, including Leah Schechter from the American Jewish World Service. Through a visual activity, she demonstrated that with all we have, it cannot be so difficult to transfer some of our wealth – whether money, time, or resources – to the multitudes of less fortunate individuals. Her presentation made me realize the broad range of wealth

that exists across the globe, and understand our obligation to help others. Yes, I obviously already knew that many others were less fortunate than I, but this program concretized it and put it into perspective.

Another speaker, Joan Kuriansky, the woman behind the course, was an overall inspirational individual. Ms. Kuriansky has devoted her life to assisting battered women and women experiencing social and economic problems. She was an enormous inspiration, a symbol of true philanthropy and giving of oneself, emphasizing that we should all find an issue or a cause that we are passionate about, get involved, and make a difference.

I never thought I would realize the insignificance of physical differences, and yet here I am. I never thought I would understand that as a 10<sup>th</sup>-grader in Stamford, CT, I can still make a difference, and yet here I am. I never thought that I would be able to help others in the way that I do now, and yet here I am. I see the world with a newfound humility – after all, we are all humans created by God. When it comes down to the basics, we are all the same. Moreover, these experiences have helped to shape my Jewish identity in ways that I could never imagine. Charity and helping others are core doctrines in Judaism, and I have found pathways to accomplish these goals. I understand what true philanthropy and tzedakah are – that it's not always just writing a check, that there are different levels at which we can make a difference – and my religion is always pushing me to do more.

With a humble perspective, coupled with the constant awareness of my Jewish roots, I'm confident that I've been set on the right path.

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## Reflections of BBYO Teen Leaders

BY BRENDAN GEORGE AND RACHEL KATZ

BBYO is the leading pluralistic teen movement aspiring to involve Jewish teens in meaningful Jewish experiences. For 90 years, BBYO has sought to provide identity enrichment and leadership development experiences for hundreds of thousands of Jewish teens. In Stamford, there are two chapters – Leviticus AZA #2387, comprised of more than 60 boys ages eighth-12<sup>th</sup> grade, and Tikvah BBG #1233, also comprised of more than 60 girls ages eighth-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Brendan George and Rachel Katz served as the godol and n'siah (president) of Leviticus and Tikvah, respectively, for the 2013-2014 programming year.

Now that the 2013-2014 season has concluded, we are incredibly proud of our chapter's accomplishments. The enthusiasm and dedication with which our members have worked has certainly confirmed the adage that the more you put into a cause you are passionate about, the more you get out of it.

It is important to emphasize that BBYO is a teen-led movement. With every program, event and fund-raiser being planned by the members, it is inevitable that the youth involved gain skills essential to success in the world today. From public speaking, to motivating others, to assessing both the big picture and the intricate details, this is where our leadership begins.

Leadership experience as a teenager is an empowering sensation. It inspires, provides confidence, and leaves us with a desire to continue

to achieve. The accomplishments of Tikvah and Leviticus, even just within the past year, are impressive. We have volunteered and given back to the Stamford community, raising more than \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society and donated more than \$1,000 worth of food to a homeless men's shelter as part of a "loxx box" breakfast box delivery fund-raiser. We have stood up against self-harm and hunger as well as participated in numerous community events such as J-Serve and Super Sunday.

Furthermore, BBYO has helped us establish our Jewish identity. No matter the socioeconomic background, race, or gender, all members of BBYO can unite in their religion. This organization provides a healthy, supportive and welcoming platform for teens to explore what Judaism means to them, and in nearly all cases, feel a closer attachment to the religion.

In Stamford, our (somewhat) humble chapters were both internationally recognized as having an exceptional year. Leviticus and Tikvah independently received the most prestigious recognition possible within the organization, a chapter of excellence award. To earn this, our programs had to give teens thought-provoking and engaging material, our membership goals had to be met and we had to further BBYO's initiatives. When it comes to chapter commitment and pride, we are hard to beat.



Rachel Katz and Brendan George

These accomplishments cannot all be achieved entirely on our own. Both chapters have adult volunteer advisors who spend countless hours of tireless work to give back by leading us, a sizable group of admittedly energetic, but often disorganized teens. Tikvah owes thanks to Paula Snyder and Amanda Greenberg, and Leviticus to David Klein and Josh Perlman for being those admirable role models for the chapters.

We do not foresee this organization weakening anytime soon and we look forward to the positive impact future years of the movement will have on other Jewish teens in Stamford and beyond. For those of us who are moving on to college and will have to call ourselves BBYO alumni from now on, we are thankful for the opportunities BBYO gave to us and anxiously await using our newfound skills, understanding and knowledge for the rest of our lives.

# JFS Screens and Trains Home Companions

Eighteen graduates of the June 2014 Elayne and James Schoke JFS Home Companion Training Program gathered for their graduation at the offices of Jewish Family Service. These successful candidates will be eligible for placement in situations to assist seniors or others in need in providing the daily activities of living.

The Elayne and James Schoke Home Companion Training Program consists of 40 hours of class work and testing over a seven-week period. Taught by Isrella Knopf, M.S.W., director of JFS' Senior Services Program, participants eligible to attend must pass a criminal background check and a medical physical to enroll in the program. The content of the program covers issues confronted by the home companion, such as nutrition and *kashrut*, socialization and medical situations. Classes include guest lecturers addressing specific situations, including hearing and visual impairments. Potential aides must perform successfully on tests administered throughout the seven-week period. Completion of the course work and testing will place the trainee on the JFS registry, making him/her eligible for placement as a home companion.

Those who need a home companion for a family member, or oneself, are asked to contact Knopf at 203-921-4161 or e-mail at [isrellak@ctjfs.org](mailto:isrellak@ctjfs.org).

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



At left, top row (l-r): Lisa Crowley, JFS case manager; Isrella Knopf, JFS director of Senior Services; and Rose Rowe, assistant manager for Senior Services. Third row (l-r): Vanessa Butler, administrative assistant for Senior Services; and graduates Iris Valeatin, Kenel Fils-Aime, Denise Spann, Treshana Hyman, Jaime Taylor, Faruedah Muhammad and Mary McNeil. Second row (l-r): graduates Pauline Houser, Stephanie White, Haleema Bojang, Carline Alexander, Shaniqua Vines and Joan Richards. Seated at table: Joyce Reimer, JFS consultant; and graduates Maxine Fraser, Vivienne Brown, Patricia Espinoza, Annyetta Bernard and Opel Dunkly.



## Save the Date

**Join us for a Back-to-School Kick Off Event at Chelsea Piers! Havdallah, rock climbing, trampoline, batting cages and more!**







**All 8th - 12th Graders**

**September 13th**  
**8:30 - 11:00 PM**

**\$25/Per Person**





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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 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.

Your support helps 3 SQUARE provide 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.

For further information, please contact Rebekah Raz at [rebekah@ujf.org](mailto:rebekah@ujf.org).



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## KEYNOTES

**Why Your Financial Well-being Matters – No Matter What Your Age or Life Situation**

**Laura Weintraub Beck, Esq.** Partner at Cummings and Lockwood

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## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**1. An Introduction to Financial Planning and Management – What You Need to Do to Get on the Right Track at any Age.**

**Gina Douvas**, Vice President, Wealth Management, Sr. Financial Advisor, Sr. Resident Director, Merrill Lynch Management

**2. Focusing on the Present and the Future – Are You on a Sustainable Path to Financial Independence? A Realistic Look at What You Can Do to be prepared for life's surprises.**

**Janet Welkovich**, Certified Financial Planner, Lennox Advisors

**3. Planning for the future and things you may not have considered – What happens to your estate and how to protect the ones you love.**

**Laura Weintraub Beck**

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