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THE JERUSALEM POST



Peace, Politics, and Plutonium: A Maven's Guide to How the New Israeli Government Will Manage the Mayhem in the Middle East

Gil Hoffman, Chief Political Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post Comes to Greenwich

Tuesday, June 9, 9:45 - 11:15 am

YMCA, 50 E. Putnam Ave, Greenwich

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Gil Hoffman is the chief political correspondent and analyst for *The Jerusalem Post*. He has interviewed every major figure across the Israeli political spectrum, has been interviewed by top media on six continents and is a regular analyst on CNN, Al-Jazeera and other news outlets. Called "the most optimistic man in Israel" by Israeli Television, Hoffman's writing and TV appearances provide a behind-the-scenes look at the intrigue and humor in the Israeli political arena. Hoffman, who was raised in Chicago, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Northwestern University's School of Journalism and wrote for *The Miami Herald* and *Arizona Republic* before moving to Israel. A reserve soldier in the IDF's Spokesperson Unit, he has lectured in 10 countries and 46 U.S. states. He lives in Jerusalem with his family.

Join us for a special briefing by Gil Hoffman, who will help us make sense of the recent elections in Israel.

Muslim Scholar, Dr. Mehnaz Afridi, Looking to 'Speak the Truth,' by Teaching the Holocaust and Islam

Lion of Judah Event, May 13

Dr. Mehnaz M. Afridi will be the keynote speaker at the Woman's Philanthropy Lion of Judah breakfast, honoring Pomegranate (\$2,500) and Lion (\$5,000) level donors in our community, on Wednesday, May 13, from 9:15 to 11:30 am. This distinctive event, stewarded by Women's Philanthropy Vice Presidents **Debbie Daum**



Dr. Mehnaz M. Afridi

and **Yael Rosen**, will be chaired by **Debra Fram** and **Randy Kwait** and hosted by **Amanda** and **Seth Miller**. Dr. Afridi's talk, entitled "Confronting Extremism from the Holocaust to Present," will analyze the current rise of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia in Europe and elsewhere, while also addressing Jewish-Muslim relations today. Dr. Afridi devotes her waking hours to documenting the Nazi decimation of European Jewry and how it relates to other faiths, especially her own. An assistant professor of religion at Manhattan College, she also directs the Catholic campus's Holocaust, Genocide and Interfaith Education

Center and teaches about Islam and the Holocaust. Dr. Afridi has built a significant archive of oral and written history, including new-found Muslim-Arab narratives that show the scope of the Holocaust in Muslim territories ruled by the Vichy and Nazi regimes. She has come under intense criticism from Muslim detractors who consider her Jewish focus treasonous. Her studies in Israel and support of a two-state solution have earned her further demerits among rejectionist circles. She will explain how proving the unprecedented phenomenon of the Holocaust is no easy task in the Arab-Muslim world, where Holocaust denial runs deep. Dr. Afridi's commitment to spreading the truth comes from her personal observance of Islam. One thing is certain: breakfast with this extraordinary woman will be quite an experience.

To register contact Tracy Daniels at 203-552-1818 or tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org.

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- April 24..... 7:25 pm
- May 1..... 7:32 pm
- May 8..... 7:39 pm
- May 15..... 7:46 pm
- May 22..... 7:53 pm
- May 23,
Eve of First Day Shavuot..... 9:01 pm
- May 24,
Eve of Second Day Shavuot..... 9:02 pm
- May 29..... 7:59 pm
- June 5..... 8:04 pm
- June 12..... 8:09 pm

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Generation J: Educating Your Children at Greenwich Reform Synagogue

By Eliana Hall, GRS Director of Education

The Philosophy of Jewish Education at GRS

Part of any child's education is learning to take pride in his or her work and striving to reach his or her highest potential. From a school science project to a thoughtful *d'var Torah* on the day they become *B'nai Mitzvah*, we want our children to make themselves – and us – proud. Our tradition offers us myriad examples of worthy skills, goals, and personal achievements, but our sages are careful to explain that our greatest works often remain unfinished, passed from generation to generation: "It is not incumbent upon you to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it." – *Pirkei Avot* (Ethics of Our Fathers).

Our work at Generation J is just such a task. I began serving as the GRS Director of Education more than year and a half ago and found that our task had begun long before my arrival. Dedicated parents and teachers brought ideas for a more robust curriculum, a stronger school community, and a richer educational experience. I have taken on our school community's goals with the personal goal of making them a journey rather than a destination.

We encourage teachers to bring their own interests into the classroom, knowing that an impassioned teacher will be more creative and engaging. Together with our dedicated teachers, Rabbi Sklarz and I have identified key pillars within our curriculum – God, Torah, and Israel – the foundation for all we do at Generation J. Every year each class delves deeply into at least one of these concepts, relating it to every aspect of living as a Jew, from *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) to holiday observance. We have also highlighted social engagement for our teens through GRS Temple Youth, affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Youth.

Our goal at Generation J is for students to own their Jewish heritage as a *Bat* or *Bar Mitzvah* and beyond. Molding young people who will embark on adulthood wrestling with the concept of God, continuing their study of Torah, or regularly engaging with their personal relationship with Israel calls for a different approach in each generation, and indeed with each student. While we will cherish the many opportunities to celebrate achievements and milestones of our students, we cherish even more the ongoing work of connecting Jewish children with their Jewish heritage.

Jewish Education in Action

Judaism is an essential element of our lives, our community, our culture, and our beliefs. Working in concert with both parents and children, GRS teachers help our students embrace Jewish learning within the context of their lives. From movies to craft activities, from

games to stories, children transition from the abstract to the specific. Small class sizes and individual attention ensure flexibility for each student.

Here are some examples:

- **Tzedakah:** In addition to learning about charity in the abstract, one student shared her extra Chanukah gelt with a child who ran out and explained: "I am giving tzedakah so everyone can play dreidel."
- **Tikkun Olam (Healing the world):** As part of the Generation J experience, each class takes a turn preparing and serving a Saturday night dinner at Inspirica, the homeless shelter in Stamford.
- **Bikur Cholim (Aiding the sick):** When learning about ways to care for the sick, Nitzanim (K-1) made "get well soon" cards, and one student shared her puppy stickers with her classmates to decorate their cards.

Active learning: After hearing the story of the Tower of Babel, the five- and six-year-olds were challenged (and succeeded) in building a tower from Starburst candies, while working as a team where no one spoke the same language. Creative learning experiences like this make students happy to come to religious school, rather than forcing parents to drag their reluctant kids.

Flexible learning: Both adults and children respond positively to GRS' flexible Hebrew learning program, offering one-on-one instruction for each family's preferred schedule. Both children who pick up Hebrew easily and those who find it challenging can proceed at their own pace, without boredom or embarrassment. If a child's afterschool activity changes from soccer to drama halfway through the school year and requires a different day for Hebrew study, solutions are at hand. The individualized learning program has inspired children to start Hebrew study in third grade, instead of the required fourth grade.

Continuous learning: Rabbi Andy works closely with staff, ensuring that the material taught at Sunday school is reinforced at Friday night family services and on other occasions and holidays. When the Rabbi asks about the Torah portion or a Jewish holiday, students eagerly raise their hands and share what they have learned in class. When we offer a kids' craft activity while the adults are enjoying Shabbat dinner, stories and questions reinforce what the children are learning.

For more information on our educational opportunities for young people, visit grs.org/learning. The GRS calendar lists regular Sunday activities, youth social events, and monthly activities for preschool students. In addition, holiday celebrations at GRS are always open to the community.

ISIS: The State of Terror – A Not-to-Miss JCC Book Discussion with Terrorism Experts

By Laura Blum

On Monday, April 27 at 7 pm, JCC Greenwich welcomes authors Jessica Stern and J.M. Berger, two of America's top experts on violent extremism and terrorism. They will shed light on these critical issues when they come to Greenwich to discuss their book, *ISIS: The State of Terror*. The program, free and open to the community, includes a presentation, Q&A and book signing.

Remember when "Isis" was just the name of an ancient Egyptian goddess? For most of us that all changed last year as news began streaming in of a violent jihadist group in Iraq and Syria. Now America and some 60 other nations are battling these extremist warriors, whose grisly tactics regularly darken our media screens. What propels someone to join an organization like ISIS, and how, if at all, does this band of extremists differ from previous terrorist organizations?

Drawing on their privileged access to intelligence and law enforcement

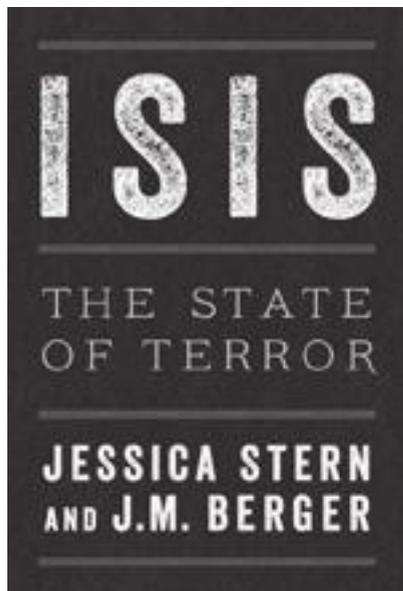
and on their pioneering analysis of open-source material, Stern and Berger will trace ISIS's origins and evolution while also parsing what it means for the future. The authors will also share their thoughts about possible government responses, stressing that we must adjust our current notions of terrorism and terrorists and be prepared to counter the jihadist threat as it evolves, both online and off. They will make the case for acting wisely and strategically so as not to play into ISIS's designs for using "the infidel" as a recruiting aid.

Dr. Stern teaches about terrorism at Harvard University and consults with various government agencies on counterterrorism policy. She served on the National Security Council. No stranger to violence and trauma

herself, Dr. Stern was raped as a teenager, and her German emigré father had been persecuted by the Nazis. She was among the first scholars to talk directly to terrorists (of all stripes) as a way of grasping what lured them to commit brutal acts in the first place.

J.M. Berger is a nonresident fellow with the Brookings Institution and the author of the critically acclaimed book, *Jihad Joe: Americans Who Go to War in the Name of Islam*. He is a frequent contributor to *Foreign Policy* magazine, and his website, Intelwire.com, has published thousands of declassified documents on terrorist acts, ranging from the Oklahoma City bombing to the 9/11 attacks.

For anyone who craves deeper context than our news media provide, this duo of world-class authorities will illuminate past, present and future essentials about the evolving phenomenon and proto-state that calls itself the Islamic State. Registration details are available at jccgreenwich.org.



UJA GREENWICH WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY Calendar of Events 2015

- ✓ Wednesday, May 13 LION OF JUDAH BREAKFAST
- ✓ Wednesday, June 3 BOARD MEETING with Diana Fiedotin, JDC
- ✓ Wednesday, October 14 BOARD MEETING
- ✓ Wednesday, October 21 END OF YEAR BRUNCH

Important UJA Events 2015

- ✓ Thursday, April 23 UJA GALA
- ✓ Sunday, April 26 YOM HA'ATZMAUT (Israel Independence)
- ✓ Thursday, May 28 COMEDY NIGHT



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Temple Sholom to Host Renowned Historian

Professor Deborah Dwork, Director of the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University, will present “Holding on Through Letters: Jewish Families During the Holocaust” on Thursday, May 14th at 7:30 pm at Temple Sholom. Jewish families in Nazi Europe tried to hold onto each other through letters, but wartime conditions intervened. Letters were censored, and could not be sent between countries that were at war with each other. And, once contact was established, what to say – and about what to remain

silent? Professor Dwork will explain the ingenious ways in which people kept in contact. She will trace how letters became threads stitching loved ones into each other’s constantly changing lives.

Deborah Dwork is the Rose Professor of Holocaust History and the author of many award-winning books. As the founding Director of the Strassler Center, she has given shape to a new forum for education and scholarship, dedicated to teaching, research, and public service about the Holocaust and other genocides.



Deborah Dwork

The lecture is free and open to the community. For more information or to RSVP, contact: Alice Schoen at (203) 542-7165.

Carmel Academy Hoops for Heart Fundraiser a Slam Dunk

A recent effort to raise money for the American Heart Association was a slam dunk for Carmel Academy’s student body.

The school-wide fundraiser, which took place during American Heart Month, netted more than \$2,500 for Hoops for Heart.

“Carmel Academy is a steadfast supporter of the Heart Association and the message of heart-healthy awareness that Hoops for Heart spreads among the students,” said Philip Goldberg, who heads Carmel Academy Physical Education department. Over the past eight years, Carmel Academy has raised close to \$22,000 for the organization that supports heart and stroke research.

“This fundraiser really brings our school together as a

community to raise awareness for an important health issue,” Goldberg said. “Our students showed a tremendous amount of school spirit in their fundraising efforts.”

After collecting donations, the students honored those

contributions by taking to the basketball court during their physical education classes—playing various games and activities that promote the skills of the game.




Welcome to Greenwich!
WE’D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
“Join us for Coffee”

We are delighted to welcome and introduce families who are new to Greenwich to the community. If you know of a new family in town who would like to learn more about our vibrant and exciting Jewish community, please contact us at 203-552-1818.

We will extend a hearty “Welcome!”

Bonnie Citron
 Chair, UJA Greenwich Newcomer Committee

From the Rabbi

☆ A House Divided ☆

by Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz, Temple Sholom

“When the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle the Israelites would set out on their various journeys. But, if the cloud did not lift, they would not set out until such a time as it did lift. For over the Tabernacle a cloud of God rested by day, and a fire would appear in it by night, in the view of all the houses of Israel throughout their journeys.”
(Exodus 40:36-38)

God’s “cloud” and “fire” over the Tabernacle were tangible reminders that God’s spirit was always present with our Spiritual Ancestors. It’s interesting to note that in the last chapter of Exodus, Moses never speaks. Like the beginning of the book of Exodus, the end of the book focuses on the relationship with God and the Jewish People. However, there is a noted name change. At the beginning of Exodus, we are *B’nei Yisrael*, (the Children

of Jacob). Now at the end of Exodus we are *Beit Yisrael*, (the House of Israel). With our Exodus from Egypt and the receipt of God’s Torah at Mount Sinai we have moved from being a collection of individuals who have a common “father” to an entire community that shares a common purpose and future.

Beit is the Hebrew word for “house” and it is the common moniker for the major Jewish institutions that perpetuate Jewish life; *Beit HaMikdash* (The Temple), *Beit Sefer* (School), *Beit Knesset* (Synagogue). A family that lives together within a house may not always get along with each other, but when push comes to shove, they make sure they are there for each other. The priority for the House is *Shalom Bayit*, often translated as a “Peaceful Home”, but better translated: as “Whole Home”.

President Lincoln’s famous speech where he declared “a house divided against itself cannot stand” is straight from the Bible as taught both within the Hebrew Scriptures and later in the Christian Scriptures. A house represents a concrete structure that provides stable permanent shelter. While a house can be destroyed by physical devastation, we know and understand how scarring of an experience this can be for the now “homeless” persons.

The Jewish People after Exodus and receiving Torah now live in the house that they have built for God’s tangible spirit to be present. This is a house that cannot be broken by external threats, but, only shattered if the Jewish family fails to stand together.

There are many challenges that have confronted our people over the centuries. We have

not just survived, but thrived, because of our commitment to keeping our Jewish house in order. The threats that confront our People today are scary, but, they can be overcome with our solidarity. This begins with being very mindful that we must make sure that God’s tangible spirit is felt by ourselves and our fellow Jews. This guides our loving feelings for each other and how we communicate with each other. Like Lincoln’s warning over 150 years ago, we cannot fall prey to the partisan malaise that afflicts too many of our nation’s citizens. We Jews, from the entire political bell curve, must be standing together and holding each other up.

We are the “House of Israel”. May God’s spirit continue to guide us together in our historic pursuit for justice and mercy for ourselves and our world.

B’Shalom U’Vracha

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Congregation Shir Ami's Passover Celebration

Congregation Shir Ami, a Jewish Reform congregation based in downtown Greenwich, serving lower Fairfield and Westchester Counties, celebrated Passover with its annual second night Community Seder led by Rabbi Axe Saturday, April 4 at Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale, New York.

"Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are needy, come and celebrate." These are the words Jews all over the world recited as they gathered to eat the festive meal and recall the Exodus from Egypt at Passover Seders. "This passage is not in Hebrew like most prayers," explained Rabbi

Vicki L. Axe, spiritual leader of Shir Ami. "It is in Aramaic, the street language of ancient times, designed to be heard and understood by all who needed a place of refuge during the Festival of Passover. Today, it resonates as a mandate to reach out to people in need while inviting family, friends, and neighbors to share in the celebration." This call to reach out to the community is why

Shir Ami welcomes all in the community to come and share Passover, year after year as a congregational family.

"As a 'congregation without walls' since 2003, we appeal to a unique population and are able to use our resources for learning and programming instead of the maintenance of a building," continued Rabbi Axe. "This also gives us the opportunity to forge strong and

warm relationships with many local religious institutions like Round Hill Community Church, First Congregational Church, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, and Christ Church, where we have held holiday celebrations and other events in prior years. And now, we enjoy a close partnership for Shabbat Services and Religious School with First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greenwich."

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Temple Sholom Adds Summer Program for Two-Year Olds

Temple Sholom's Selma Maisel Nursery School is now offering a summer program for children who have or will have turned age two in 2015. The already popular Little Explorers program will run for an additional session from June 4 to July 30 on Thursday mornings. The 9-week program is a non-separating class where children and parent and/or caregiver play side by side. The facilitated free play, music, art, and storytime will be taught by a Selma Maisel Nursery School teacher. "Little Explorers helps children develop gross and fine motor skills. We use a wide range of developmentally appropriate materials and equipment, while also emphasizing socialization, sharing, language and listening. This pre-nursery school program helps get the children comfortable in our school setting and helps introduce skills that will be built upon as they enter nursery school," said Phyllis Lyons, Director.



Summer Little Explorers will take place on Thursday mornings from 9:15 am-10:45 am. Cost is \$270 for Temple Sholom members and \$315 for non-members. For more information or to register, contact Phyllis Lyons 203-622-8121 or Phyllis.lyons@templesholom.com.

Israeli Soldier Shared His Story with GHS Israel Club as Part of Diversity Week

Greenwich High School's Israel Club, with sponsorship from UJA Greenwich, hosted Izzy Ezagui on March 24th as part of the 2015 annual Diversity Week, which more than 150 GHS students attended.

Izzy is an Israeli soldier who lost his dominant arm in combat and then returned to complete his service. In May of 2011, Shimon Peres, the president of Israel, awarded him the highest accolade a soldier outside the battlefield can receive.

Born and raised in America, Izzy joined a Birthright group traveling to Israel when he was eighteen. He went in search of fun and returned committed to joining the Israeli army. Soon after he finished his training, war broke out on the border of Gaza. Two weeks later, he was hit by a mortar and lost his left, and dominant, arm. Despite this devastating loss, Izzy's first thought in the hospital was that he must return to combat. Most people thought he was dreaming, but two months later, he was lucky enough to meet a general who gave him that chance. Soon he was doing one-armed pushups, climbing ropes, shooting assault rifles, and pulling out grenade pins with his teeth. Izzy's story is not over; far from it! He continues to serve in the military reserves in an elite unit that plays a large role in any battle the IDF engages in. Izzy provided inspiration for all of the students, as he shared his story about overcoming obstacles, commitment to purpose, and pride for his people.



Izzy speaking to Greenwich High School's Israel Club.



Students attempting to tie their shoes with their non-dominant arm after Izzy told them about having to relearn life skills following his injury.



Israeli Emissaries, Itamar and Matan, and Assistant Director JCC Greenwich, Leah Schechter, at GHS Diversity Week program with speaker Izzy Ezagui (center).

Celebrating Academic Excellence in Stamford

The Jewish High School of Connecticut (JHSC) will host its 4th Annual Spring Gala on Thursday, May 7th, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Temple Beth El in Stamford. The school is delighted to be honoring Fred Springer. "Fred Springer has contributed in ways large and small to the Stamford community, and in particular to JHSC. As one of our founding Trustees, Mr. Springer helped in building our school to an academic institution of excellence," said Randie Weseley, President of the Board of Trustees.

JHSC is also presenting its first community service award, *Keter Shem Tov*, to Alan Feldman. "Dr. Feldman's work in the community exemplifies the kind of person we hope our students use as a role model," commented Susan Birke Fiedler, Acting Head of School.

JHSC is accredited by the New England Association of Independent Schools. The school offers students personalized attention in a challenging and supportive atmosphere. The school strives to poise students for success in college and in life. The event will benefit JHSC, with funds going toward the scholarship program at the school.

JHSC is located in the Stamford Technology Center, 1937 West Main Street, Stamford. To learn more about JHSC, please visit our website: www.jhsct.org or call 203-357-0850.

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ADULT EDUCATION

Are you considering taking a class or attending a lecture this spring?

Look no further!

Here is a list of what's going on right here in the greater Greenwich Jewish community.



Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at UConn

Spring Lunch & Learn Lecture Series, Thursdays, 12-1:30pm

The Herbert and Sarah M. Gibor Annual Lecture:

“The Vilna Gaon and His Students: Reason and the Radicalization of Religion in Modernity”

With Dr. Elyahu Stern, Professor of Religious Studies and Judaic Studies and History, Yale University, April 16

The Edith Samers and Edward Smith Lecture:

“Chagall from Paris to Moscow: The Russian Jewish Theater Years”

With Renee Kahn, Professor of Art History (retired), UConn-Stamford, April 23

The Saul Kwartin Memorial Lecture:

“The Coming of Age of America’s Jews (1946-1966): Reflections from the Cinema”

With Dr. Eric Goldman, Adjunct Professor of Film Studies, Yeshiva University, April 30

The Maria and Ishier Jacobson Annual Lecture:

“Arguing with God: The Jobian Voice in Judaic Literary Tradition”

With Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy, Professor of Comparative Literary & Cultural Studies, University of CT, May 14

Chabad of Greenwich

Early Morning Torah Study

Monday-Friday, 6:30-7am

Sunday Morning Torah Study

9:30-10:30am, email RabbiFeldman@ChabadGreenwich.org for info.

Parsha with Classic Commentaries

Thursday, 9:45-10:45am

Chassidic Philosophy Class

Shabbat, 8:45-9:30am

Fairfield University Carl & Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies

Special Lecture

Samuel & Bettie Roberts Memorial Lecture in Jewish Art: “Jewish Women and American Art”

With Dr. Gail Levin, Professor of Art History, American Studies, and Women’s Studies, City University of NY
Wednesday, April 22, 7:30pm, Dolan School of Business Dining Room

All lectures are complimentary. Please call to reserve a seat as space is limited 203-254-4000, ext. 2066.

Greenwich Reform Synagogue

Advanced Beginner’s Hebrew

Sundays, 9:30am, with Rabbi Andrew R. Sklarz

Wisdom Literature of Psalms and Ecclesiastes

Sundays, 10:30am, with Rabbi Robert Rothman

To register for these free classes, call 203-629-0018 or email info@grs.org

JCC Greenwich

ISIS: The State of Terror

With authors Jessica Stern and J. M. Berger

Greenwich Town Hall Meeting Room, Monday, April 27, 7pm

Cybersecurity: Threats and Trends

With Elad Yorad

Richards, Greenwich, Wednesday, May 20, 6:45pm, Scotch & wine tasting by Horseneck Wines

Peace, Politics and Plutonium

With Gil Hoffman, Chief Political Correspondent, *Jerusalem Post*

YWCA Greenwich, Tuesday, June 9, 9:45-11:15am

In the Unlikely Event

Author Judy Blume presents her first adult novel

Greenwich Library, Tuesday, June 23, 7pm, A collaboration with AuthorsLive@Greenwich Library Series

JCC Cinema

24 Days

Bow-tie Criterion Cinemas, Greenwich, Monday, June 29, 7pm

Temple Sholom

Lecture with Noted Historian Deborah Dwork,

“Holding on Through Letters: Jewish Families During the Holocaust,” Thursday, May 14, 7:30 pm

Shabbat Study with Temple Sholom Clergy

Saturdays, 9-10am

Lunch & Learn

Tuesdays, 12-1pm. Kosher lunch provided



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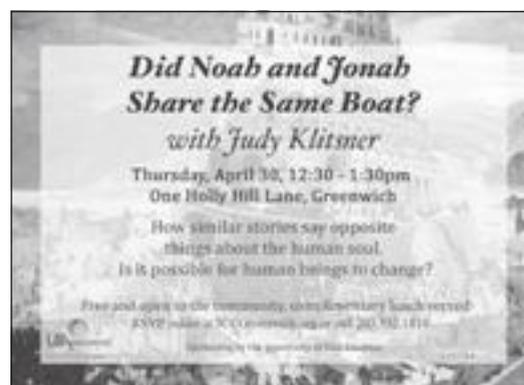
April 16.....TBD May 14..... Rabbi Matthew Reimer

April 23..... Amir Aczel May 21 Rabbi Menachem Liebtog

April 30..... Judy Klitsner May 28..... Andree Aelion Brooks

May 7..... Chaim Lauer June 4..... Dr. Alyssa Gray

Check JCC calendar for updated schedule



Melton Study Mission to Israel February 2015



Children in Afula wearing costumes for Purim donated by Greenwich families



Children at-risk are cared for by the Emunah Children's Center in our sister city of Afula. Your gift creates a living bridge between our two communities.

Next Year in Jerusalem!

Friends, Frogs and Freedom with PJ Library and JCC Greenwich's Mini-Seder

BIG THANKS to Event Chairs Lala Addeo, Anne Akyuz, Rebecca Cooper and Cori SaNogueira



Comedy Night

A Night of Laughter with Sushi, Sake & More....

Event Chairs
Bonnie & Manny Citron
Penny & Daniel Vazquez

Thursday, May 28

7 pm
Bruce Museum
1 Museum Drive
\$90 per person
\$250 Sponsorship includes 2 Tickets

JCC GREENWICH Register at **JCCGreenwich.org**

UJA GREENWICH Our Community, Our Responsibility

INSIDE JEWISH ARGENTINA

4-Day Mission from November 14-18, 2015

Join us for an
Informational Meeting on Mission to ARGENTINA!
Wednesday, April 29 at 10am

With special guest Dario Werthein, Secretary of World ORT for an insider's briefing on Jewish Buenos Aires

ORT - the world's largest non-governmental Jewish education and vocational training organization is dedicated to the advancement of Jewish and non-Jewish people through training and education and supported by UJA Greenwich.

At the home of Silvina & Jonas Knoll
(Address will be provided upon registration)
Men & Women Welcome!

RSVP to pam@ujafedgreenwich.org or call 203-552-1818

Silvina Knoll, Mission Chair

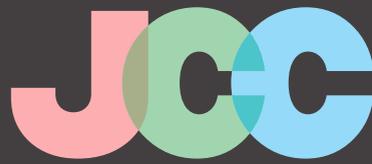
- Tour historic Buenos Aires - the "Paris of South America"
- Learn about the unique history of Argentina
- Visit the Agam Memorial in honor of the victims of the 1994 bombing attack on the AMIA (Buenos Aires Jewish Community Center)
- See your Federation dollars at work at ORT school & the JDC's Baby Help Program and more
- Dance the Tango
- Tour museums and art galleries

UJA GREENWICH
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Annual Women's Education Symposium March 11



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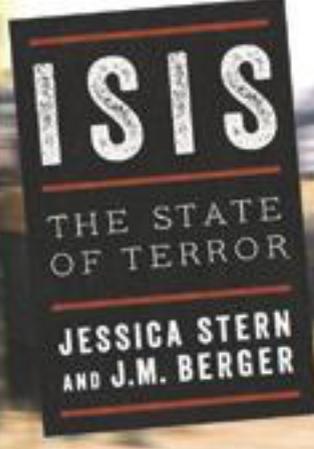
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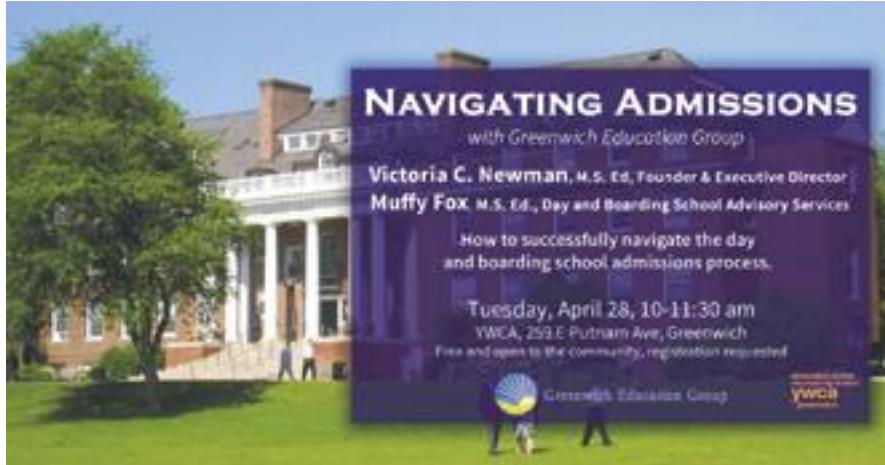
ISIS: The State of Terror
An Evening with Authors
Jessica Stern and J.M. Berger

Two of America's leading experts on violent extremism lift the veil on today's most barbaric jihadist army -- and how we can fight it.

Monday, April 27, 7pm
 Greenwich Town Hall Meeting Room, 101 Field Point Road, Greenwich
 Free and open to the community



A Focus on JCC Families



NAVIGATING ADMISSIONS
 with Greenwich Education Group

Victoria C. Newman, M.S. Ed., Founder & Executive Director
 Muffy Fox, M.S. Ed., Day and Boarding School Advisory Services

How to successfully navigate the day and boarding school admissions process.

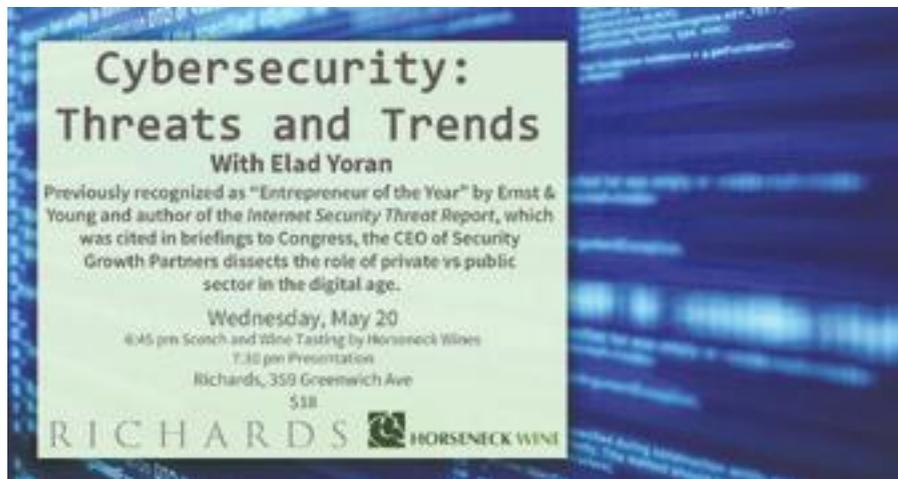
Tuesday, April 28, 10-11:30 am
 YWCA, 259 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich
 Free and open to the community, registration requested

Cybersecurity: Threats and Trends

With Elad Yoran

Previously recognized as "Entrepreneur of the Year" by Ernst & Young and author of the *Internet Security Threat Report*, which was cited in briefings to Congress, the CEO of Security Growth Partners dissects the role of private vs public sector in the digital age.

Wednesday, May 20
 6:45 pm Scotch and Wine Tasting by Horseneck Wines
 7:30 pm Presentation
 Richards, 359 Greenwich Ave
 538



Have Your Cake & Eat it Too!

Decorating Challenge

With *Cake My Day!* Authors Karen Tack and Alan Richardson

Team up to create edible show-stoppers, with the authors of the *New York Times*-bestselling *Hello, Cupcake!* series. May the best team eat its prize!

Sunday, May 3, 3:30 - 5:30 pm
 YWCA, 259 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich \$36 per team
 For K-5th Graders with a Grown-up Teammate
 (Teen Siblings, Grandparents, Aunts or Uncles Welcome)



FARM TO TABLE COOKING DEMO

Eat seasonal, eat local, eat healthy.
 Easy peasy, with the
 Blum Center for Health Chef Amy Bach

Wednesday, June 10, 11 am - 1 pm
 Blum Center for Health, 34 Rye Ridge Plaza, Rye Brook, NY
 5125



ELLIS ISLAND EXCURSION

With Genealogist Shannon Green

An adult and family excursion to walk in the same footsteps as nearly three million Jews who came to America. Special introduction by local genealogy expert and separate tour and activities for kids in grades 2-5.

Sunday, June 7
 10:15 am Battery Park, NYC
 (More specific details provided at registration)
 \$20 per person
 For Families, Teens, and Adults
 Free for children in 2nd grade and up
 Fee includes ferry, entrance to the museum and program intro with genealogist. Transportation from Greenwich at 9 am will be arranged for those interested.



JUDY BLUME

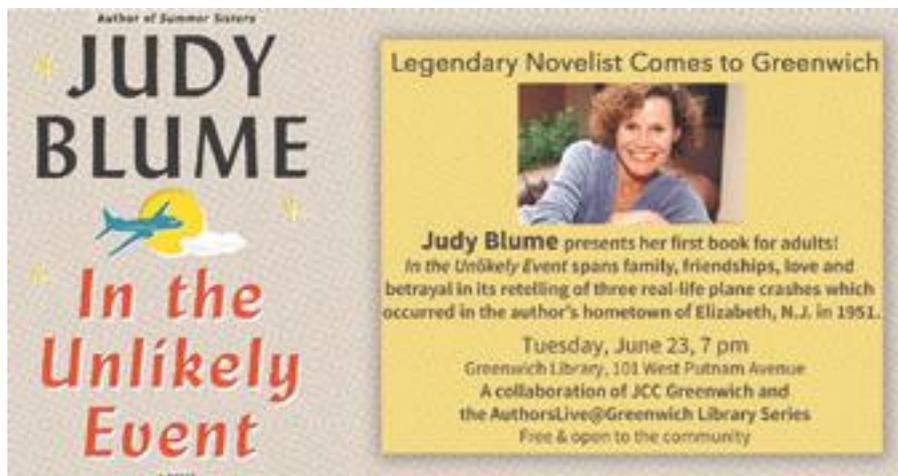
Author of *Summer Stories*

In the Unlikely Event

Legendary Novelist Comes to Greenwich

Judy Blume presents her first book for adults! *In the Unlikely Event* spans family, friendships, love and betrayal in its retelling of three real-life plane crashes which occurred in the author's hometown of Elizabeth, N.J. in 1951.

Tuesday, June 23, 7 pm
 Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Avenue
 A collaboration of JCC Greenwich and the AuthorsLive@Greenwich Library Series
 Free & open to the community



To register for events,
please visit jccgreenwich.org

Carmel Academy Students Win Trophy in International Science Competition

For the second time this academic year, a team of Carmel Academy students won a trophy in a competitive STEM competition for gifted math and science students. Carmel Academy's eighth grade E2K team won third place in the contest, competing against schools in both the United States and Israel.

E2K, the acronym for Excellence 2000, is an enrichment program developed in Israel that encourages advanced students to use logic, analysis, creativity and teamwork to approach math and science. The Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education (CIJE), which runs E2K in the United States, organizes national and international virtual contests throughout the year. Teams compete in real-time, using the Internet.

Carmel Academy's 14-member eighth grade team studied chemistry concepts for the contest, which dealt with the chemical properties of oil, water, acetone, glycerin, and various foods. The students performed three experiments during the two-hour



Carmel Academy's 8th grade E2K Team pose in the Middle School science lab after winning third place in a STEM contest.

competition, using the results to answer further questions.

"Our eighth graders performed as a team, learned from each other and their explanations, displayed their lab skills. They put a tremendous effort into preparing for the competition. I am so proud of them," said Carmel Academy's E2K Coach and Middle School science teacher Rhonda Gins-berg.

Carmel Academy was one of the first Jewish day schools in the country to implement E2K eight years ago, when it was invited by CIJE to pilot the program. Carmel Academy has been so successful with E2K, the school was tapped by CIJE to implement a SET3 Science, Engineering, Teamwork, Tech-nology and Training enrichment program, as well as an eighth grade engineering program.

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Wizards I	ages 6-7	Sundays
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Mitzvah Wizards	12+	Wednesday Classes & Teach on Sundays
Teen Wizards	13-18	Work at Wizards as Teen Leaders

www.hebrewwizards.com

Bi-Cultural Basketball Team Wins Seder Plate Basketball Tournament

On Sunday, March 8th at Carmel Academy, The Bi-Cultural Day School seventh and eighth grade boys teamed together to win first place in the annual Seder Plate Tournament. Boys and girls basketball teams of Jewish day schools in the region compete in this friendly, inter-school tournament, and the Bi-Cultural Boys left with the first-place trophy. Among the players were: Jakob Okun, Nathan Haron, Nathaniel Herman, Noah Finkelstein, Abe Wall, Coach Stefan, Eitan Genger, Adam Cohen, Joshua Wohlberg, Eytan Israel, Max Roitman and Ryan Meiteles.



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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREENWICH

Supermarketing for Seniors Salutes Our Volunteers

Hats off to the shoppers at **Supermarketing for Seniors**! Given snow storms and holiday vacations, illness, car trouble, and family emergencies, our dedicated shoppers did an incredible job this winter. In addition to shopping for and checking up on their regular clients in anticipation of the many snow storms that just wouldn't quit, shoppers also stepped forward to fill in for colleagues who were out of commission, and recommended friends to join their ranks.



A shopper and client enjoying each other's company.

At times the **Supermarketing for Seniors** office did feel like the headquarters for a military campaign, while we planned for and responded to the many crises brought on by the severe weather. The willingness of all who enlisted to help, including dedicated board members, was rewarded by the gratitude of our many homebound clients who lavished us with praise and appreciation for the outstanding service they received.

We are making a concerted effort to expand by introducing the **Supermarketing for Seniors** program through orthopedic surgeons' offices and area rehabilitation centers. To make this outreach effort successful we will require still more shoppers; we hope you will consider becoming a part of our team.

If you have time to give, either on a regular basis or as a back-up shopper, please contact Program Director Elyse Brown at 203-622-1881 or email ebrown@jfsgreenwich.org.

You already know how to shop—please come shop for a cause!

SPECIAL DONATIONS to JFS

In Honor of:

Leslie Baraf, by Sherry Schwartz

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Dorothy Smith, by Phyllis Shapiro and Marty Flashner

If you would like to honor or memorialize someone special in your life or community, you may do so by making a donation to Jewish Family Services and we will send a note of acknowledgement to the person or family involved, informing them of your generosity in their honor/memory. If you wish, you may request that your donation be used to benefit a specific JFS program, e.g., our Counseling Services & Support Groups, our Supermarketing for Seniors program, our Refugee Resettlement program, our college scholarship fund, etc. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your gift will help make it possible for us to continue to provide the highest quality programs, resources, and services to all who come to us for assistance.

Honoring Our Traditions Despite the Weather

The **Jewish Health and Healing Center of JFS** is having quite a busy year! Despite the snow that plagued us this winter, we were able to celebrate Purim and Pesach in all their glory. Residents of The Greens, Greenwich Woods, the Merry-Go-Round Mews, and Nathaniel Witherell, as well as River House and patients at Greenwich Hospital, were able to enjoy the holidays with services, songs, and education. Thank you to all our area clergy as well as our volunteers, who once again gave their time and energy to make the holidays brighter for our community's seniors. But we're not done yet! Coming up this spring are celebrations for Shavuot, Yom

HaZikaron, Yom Ha'atzmaut, and of course, Shabbat! We are looking forward to fun and festivities. So please JOIN US at any of the events listed below.



This year the **Jewish Health and Healing Center** is excited to announce more programs and events, for greater numbers of participants. Through the help and enthusiasm of the Greenwich community and partnering institutions, we have more than 50 planned so far this year—with more coming! We can't wait to share them with you—please join us.

HOLIDAY/PROGRAM	DATE and TIME	JFS PARTNER	FACILITY
Yom HaZikaron, Yom Ha'atzmaut	Thurs., Apr. 23, 11 am	GCS, TS & JFS	NW
Discussion	Thurs., Apr. 23, 1:15 pm	JFS & GCS	GADC
Shabbat Service	Fri., Apr. 24, 10:30 am	GC	Mews
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Shabbat Service	Fri., May 15, 10:30 am	CA	Mews
Shavuot	Thurs., May 19, 10:30 am	CSA	NW
Shavuot	Thurs., May 19, 11:15 am	TS	GW
Shavuot	Wed., May 20, 1:30 pm	CG	Mews
Shavuot	Thurs., May 21, 11 am	GCS, TS & JFS	NW
Discussion	Thurs, May 21, 1:15 pm	JFS & GCS	GADC
Shabbat Service	Fri., May 29, 10:30 am	GC	Mews

KEY: CA – Carmel Academy; CSA – Congregation Shir Ami; GC – Gan Chabad; GCS – Greenwich Chaplaincy; GW – Greenwich Woods; GADC – Greenwich Adult Day Care; NW – Nathaniel Witherell; JFS – Jewish Family Services of Greenwich; TS – Temple Sholom; Mews – The Mews

Doing a Mitzvah – Plants for Seniors

JFS of Greenwich and Temple Sholom partnered once again on a project for Temple Sholom's Mitzvah Day, held in March. With our "JFS Supermarketing for Seniors Flower Planting Project" we provided plants and smiles to our clients. The project began with Temple Sholom's kids using their creativity to decorate pots with their very own thoughts, ideas and drawings. When the pots were done, the green thumbs came out. The kids planted a beautiful flower, watered and ready to be brought to the home of one of our seniors receiving grocery deliveries.



Students enjoying pot decorating before planting.

Now that spring is finally here, what better way to brighten the day of a home-bound senior than with a uniquely decorated and personally planted flower! Thanks again to Temple Sholom and the participants of Mitzvah Day for bringing smiles to the faces of our clients.

Robust and Renewed Bikur Cholim at Greenwich Hospital

JFS announces a new partnership with Greenwich Hospital and its Spiritual Care Department. A Bikur Cholim training program has been developed for qualified individuals who would like the opportunity to perform the mitzvah of "friendly visiting." The curriculum, provided by the JBFCs/Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin Bikur Cholim Coordinating Council in New York, is a 5-week training program that, upon completion, will afford participants a chance to qualify to visit Jewish patients at

Greenwich Hospital as official "ambassadors" from the Jewish community. This training program is the result of Greenwich Hospital and JFS having joined forces to investigate how to best serve the needs of Jewish patients at Greenwich Hospital. On average, Greenwich Hospital has 25-40 patients each week who self-identify as Jewish. The first group of trainees has been selected. We look forward to this reinvigorated Bikur Cholim JFS/Greenwich Hospital program.



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREENWICH

Spring 2015 Programming



JFS BOOK BEAT:

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO READ

A thought-provoking book club with themes relevant to people of all ages. Facilitated by Judi Margolin.
5/6 Henna House by Nomi Eve
7:30 pm at JFS

INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS



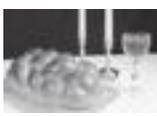
This series meets on Monday evenings and gives participants a way to explore the opportunities and challenges associated with interfaith living.
7-8:45 pm in a private home. 5/4, 6/15

JFS MOVIEGOERS SERIES



An afternoon film series for multi-generational members of our Jewish community, showing feature films and documentaries with themes relevant to today's Jewish families and pertaining to important world issues. The movies are shown at the Merry Go Round Mews. Facilitated by Lolly Raphael, an experienced film moderator. See JFS website for dates.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL SHABBAT



JFS leads a Shabbat Service, in partnership with the Greenwich Hospital Spiritual Care Department in the Greenwich Hospital Chapel. Broadcast LIVE on Channel 6 in all the hospital rooms. Joan Mann, Spiritual Care Counselor at JFS, Lisa-Lorraine Smith, Executive Director of JFS, and Rabbi MJ Newman, Jewish Chaplain of Greenwich Hospital to lead the service.
Fridays, 1 pm

RENEWAL OF BODY, RENEWAL OF SPIRIT



JFS, in partnership with the Greenwich Hospital Spiritual Care Department, conducts a Healing Service for the community in the Greenwich Hospital Chapel. Lisa-Lorraine Smith, Executive Director of JFS, Joan Mann, Spiritual Care Counselor at JFS, and Rabbi MJ Newman, Jewish Chaplain of Greenwich Hospital to lead the service.
Second Monday of each month, 12-12:45 pm, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8

Volunteer Opportunities

Bikur Cholim/Friendly Visitors/Grocery Shopper



Do a mitzvah! Get involved! JFS urges you to make a difference in the life of a Greenwich senior. Volunteers are needed to visit and/or grocery shop for the home-bound, and to visit nursing home residents. The time commitment can be as little as one hour per week. The rewards are immeasurable!

B'nai Mitzvah Resource Center



This unique program provides young people with a carefully selected list of bar/bat mitzvah volunteer ideas and arranges one-on-one meetings with program participants and their parents to design and implement projects that cater to the child's individual interests and personal goals.

For Current and Upcoming Programs, please visit www.JFSGreenwich.org or call 203-622-1881 for more information.

Spring 2015 Counseling and Support Groups



DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

An ongoing weekly support group for adults whose lives are impacted by divorce. Facilitated by Lisa-Lorraine Smith, LCSW.
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45 pm



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

An ongoing weekly support group for those who have lost a loved one within the past year. Facilitated by Lisa-Lorraine Smith, LCSW, and a member of the Greenwich Jewish Clergy. Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am



ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO ARE CHRONICALLY ILL

Today, chronic illness affects nearly half of the adult population, according to the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The chronically ill get tired of trying to explain to others why they can't do it all. The JFS online support group is a safe refuge of understanding. Connect with others to reduce your isolation, and bond with people who really understand what you are going through. Learn strategies and tips for coping and make new friends at the same time. We understand how hard it is for you to leave the house; take advantage of the JFS Online Support Group Project so that we can come to you. All you need is a computer with Internet access. Facilitated by Jan Mittleman, LCSW.
Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am. Set-up for the online group is quick and easy!



ONLINE CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER

When you are caring for a chronically ill loved one, it may be hard to get away. So we are offering this group to you in your home. Whether close by or far away, many of us are caregivers to those we love. Sharing feelings, concerns, and in some cases, frustrations, with this role is a key component to effectively coping and managing caring for a loved one. Take advantage of the JFS Online Support Group Project so that we can come to you. All you need is a computer with Internet access. Facilitated by Lisa Smith, LCSW.
Wednesdays, 4-5 pm. Set-up for the online group is quick and easy!



NEW! HELP AND HOPE FOR SINGLE PARENTS

If you are a single parent, you're probably tired, overwhelmed, and feeling underappreciated. We created this group to share tips and parenting wisdom that will help you find rest, hope, and encouragement. Facilitated by Mary E. Karlan, LMSW.
Six Tuesdays, beginning 4/21, 5:30-6:45 pm



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Six Thursdays, Time TBA.



COUNSELING

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For more information regarding specific groups, please call 203-622-1881. A JFS social worker will help to determine whether the group is a good fit for you prior to start date.

Unless otherwise noted all support groups take place at JFS and cost \$20 per session.

All individual counseling services are \$150 per session.

Sliding-scale fees are always available.

JFS Expands Its Services to Include Facilitating Groups at Atria Senior Living

JFS is pleased to announce our new partnership with Atria Senior Living in Rye, New York. Caren Kern, Engage Life Director, says, "This program is a wonderful addition to a variety of programs offered at Atria Rye Brook. Barbara Lehrman, the JFS social worker, was able to engage the residents right away. Many took advantage of her initial offerings, held weekly for four sessions, to discuss past, present, and future relationships." At the very start, confidentiality is discussed and embraced by all, so that members of the group can talk openly and honestly. Among comments we received from Atria residents: "I felt so comfortable in the group. It was good to talk openly and hear what others had to say." "I hope this group continues." "I found it interesting and very helpful." Our next topics will include bereavement and loss, as well as managing the frustrations and annoyances of everyday life.

Carmel Academy Annual Dinner Raises Over \$700,000 in Record-Breaking Chai Anniversary Celebration

Carmel Academy commemorated its Chai (18th) anniversary and honored its dynamic Head of School, Nora Anderson, with record fundraising and attendance at its Erev Tov celebration on Sunday, March 15. The Greenwich-based school embraced a matching gift opportunity and raised over \$700,000. Just two weeks before the annual event, an anonymous donor offered a \$200,000 matching gift in honor of Anderson's leadership of Carmel Academy. The match applied to all new and increased giving to the school.

"The intent of this extremely generous matching gift was to encourage our current supporters to give in the most meaningful way possible and to embolden us to seek new gifts," said Seth Young, Carmel Academy's Associate Head of School. "The fact that our community came together in just two

weeks to meet this match is a wonderful testament to the support for Carmel Academy and of Nora." More than 400 Carmel Academy community members and friends, including government dignitaries, gathered at Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase, N.Y. for the dinner celebration.

Anderson has been widely commended for overseeing the transformation of what was once a small school housed on the second floor of a synagogue into an accredited institution with more than 250 students on a 17-acre campus. She was honored for her vision, unwavering commitment to excellence, and strong leadership skills that have put Carmel Academy on the map of Jewish day school education. Carmel Academy's Board President Evan Levy announced that a garden, with a stone bench adorned with tiles hand-painted by the

students at Carmel, is being installed on the Carmel campus in honor of Anderson.

Also in Anderson's honor, the Dinner Committee arranged to have a food donation made to a local homeless shelter at which she frequently volunteers. They also donated winter hats embroidered with the words "We Stand With The IDF" to the Israel Defense Forces. Anderson gave a heartfelt speech in which she thanked her parents for their unwavering support and expressed her *bakarat hatov* (gratitude) for the founders of Carmel Academy, the school community which she calls "her family," her husband and children, and the words of Torah which she said guide her every day of her life.



Head of School Nora Anderson receives a Certificate of Recognition from Senator Richard Blumenthal at the school's Erev Tov Celebration

Jewish High School of Connecticut Students Represent the World in Canada

The Jewish High School of Connecticut sent twelve students to the Jewish-Canadian Youth Model United Nations Conference in Montreal, Canada. JHSC's team joined Jewish high schools from across the mid-Atlantic as

well as Quebec and Ontario provinces to simulate the crises, negotiations, and resolutions of the United Nations. Many of this year's participants from JHSC have attended this conference for several years in a row, citing it as invaluable to their writing,

negotiating, and networking skills. Furthermore, it helps students remain consistently engaged in current global challenges, while so many of their peers become increasingly apathetic. For co-head Hadassah Riemer, '15, it was her third year participating in the conference. "Model UN is an incredible program," she remarks, "that gives students a place to debate about real world problems, learn different opinions and practice skills such as discipline, diplomacy, and political debate." When

asked if it is worth it to travel such a distance each year, Riemer quickly replied in the affirmative.

Out of the twelve students who attended, two earned the "best delegate" award for their respective committees. Jacques Ben-Avie, '17, for his work on the Counter Terrorism, and Eva Gerber, '15, for the World Health Organization.

JHSC's continued participation in this conference is one of the many ways this school stands out from other independent schools in the area. Not

only are students immersed in solving modern day and future world problems, but they do so with a distinctively Jewish perspective. As one of the most popular programs at JHSC, it ensures that upon graduating, participating students will enter the real world with a broadened global perspective. For this year's graduating class, there is no doubt that they are ready.

JHSC is located in Stamford, CT. To find out more, please visit our website: www.jhsct.org.



Best delegate recipients: Jacques Ben-Avie '17 for Counter Terrorism Committee, and Eva Gerber '15 for World Health Organization.



Pictured: Bottom row from left: Hadassah Riemer '15, Julia Arnowitz '18, Stephen Blinder '18, Adina Heisler '15; Second row from left: Eva Gerber '15, Katya Labowe-Stoll '17, Anya Castle '16; Third row from left: Alexandra Frenzel '17, Jacques Ben-Avie '17, Simon Schaefer '17; Top row from left: Eli Udler '15, Joel Castle '15

Purim Celebrated at...

Temple Sholom

Temple Sholom celebrated Purim with a nursery school parade, Tot Purim, Hamantaschen Bake, Megillah Reading and our Super Hero Purim Carnival.



Hebrew Wizards

Hebrew Wizards celebrated Purim with a Color War and Purim Plays.



Chabad of Greenwich

A snowstorm couldn't stop Chabad of Greenwich from diving into Purim Under the Sea with Bubblemania, a carnival, interactive megilla reading and fishy fun for the whole family!



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Naomi Norman is a certified Yoga Alliance instructor. She trained as a Jewish Yoga Teacher at the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and is dedicated to sharing the joys and benefits of yoga with her students.

Classes are free but donations are appreciated and reservations are required.

For more information and reservations, contact the GRS office at 203-629-0018 or info@grs.org



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Learning Beyond the Classroom at BCDS

Bi-Cultural Day School's learning opportunities extend beyond the traditional classroom, as students create, invent and solve using many project-based approaches throughout the year. Three recent events were the fourth-grade Living History event, the fifth-grade Invention Convention, and the third-grade Math Madness Night. Each learning event highlights the students' abilities and also provides them with the opportunities to teach and explain what they've learned to adults.



David Browne and Harrison Browne work with a math manipulative game during third-grade Math Madness Night.



Fifth-grader Remy Chamberlain explains his invention, the table-train slider, to his father, Tim Chamberlain, during the fifth-grade Invention Convention.



In character as Revolutionary War hero Paul Revere, fourth-grader Jonah Hoff explains his achievements to Shana Yakubovich as part of Bi-Cultural's fourth-grade Living History Event.

Hebrew Wizards Share Shabbat with Seniors

Hebrew Wizards shared the spirit of Shabbat with the wonderful Seniors at the Atria in Rye Brook. Beginning with a get-to-know your neighbor project, this inter-generational Sabbath was special. Each senior went home with a collage of pictures, beautiful memories, and lifelong friends.

Rabbi Deb led the Rocking Share Shabbat service along with Hebrew Wizards musicians, Lizzie and Jon. The Teen Wizards gathered in white, sporting name tags to offer warmth and friendship to the 30 seniors who joined the festivities. A Shabbat dinner followed the

service. Everyone ate, sang and was merry at this special Sabbath event. Hebrew Wizards also donated a tree to Atria in honor of Tu B' Shevat. A very special thanks to all the Hebrew Wizards families who made this evening possible.



Carmel Students Receive Top Honors in North American Judaic Art Contest

Two Carmel Academy students have been selected by a panel of professional and well-acclaimed artists for top honors in a North American Judaic Art Contest. Carmel Academy fourth-grader Naomi Seligmann won 3rd place in the contest's mixed media and sculpture category, and sixth-grader Daniel Kesler was awarded honorable mention in the drawing and painting category. These two students were chosen from among more than 650 students representing 30 Jewish day schools across North America, said RAVSAK, a network organization of Jewish community day schools, which organized the contest.



Carmel Academy third-grader Naomi Seligmann and sixth-grader Daniel Kesler proudly hold their artwork, which received top honors in the RAVSAK North American Judaic Art Contest.

This year's theme was "journey" and the focus was on the story of Abraham embarking on a journey to the unknown after God commands him to "go forth – lech lecha" (Genesis 12:1-4). Through their art, the students creatively interpreted the texts in new ways and wrote artist statements that allowed them explore the meaning of Jewish journeys in their lives.

"In art class, Carmel's third, fourth and sixth grades discussed Abraham's character, what it means to leave behind everything that is familiar and embark on a journey to discover one's destination or destiny," said Carmel art teacher Audrey Reich.

The school's sixth graders created a "roadmap" that visually represented their own journeys toward their approaching bar/bat mitzvah year. They drew symbols for the milestones in their lives, as well as family, friends, places and objects that are important to them. The final artwork was created using markers and watercolors, said Carmel art teacher Lori Amer. Using the same materials as the sixth grade, Carmel's fourth graders depicted a place to which they would make an imaginative journey. Carmel's third graders created multi-media collage/painting using fabric and tempera paint, inspired by the vision of Abraham traveling in the desert.

The winners have their artwork highlighted on the RAVSAK website (www.ravsak.org) and in the prestigious journal *HaYidion*.

Peter Pan Flies into Bi-Cultural

In three, sold-out performances in March, the BCDS Players, Bi-Cultural Day School's own cast of performers and technical crew consisting of students in grades fifth through eighth, soared to new heights with their own stage version of *Peter Pan: The Musical*. With songs such as "Never Never Land," "I'm Flying," and "I Won't Grow Up," the young actors created magical experiences for their audiences.



Shining a Light on Looted Art

The Jewish High School of Connecticut (JHSC) hosted a conference entitled "Shining a Light on Looted Art" in March at the Greenwich Hyatt.

The panelists, world renowned experts from the fields of restitution and recovery, discussed the complexities of identifying and marketing art from 1933-1945. They described how the Nazis forced Jewish art dealers and collectors to either liquidate or relinquish their art collections and how these transfers have created uncertainty of ownership in the art world. Ultimately stolen or illegally obtained artworks found their way into the U.S. and other art markets and then to museum or private collections. "This conference helped me understand the implications of looting in wartime," said Alex Frenzel, a tenth grader at JHSC. "Until this I did not understand the extent of Jewish involvement in the art world in Europe."

Private JCC tour of the "Woman in Gold" exhibit at the Neue Galerie on July 9. Space is limited. Register at jccgreenwich.org.

Each of the panelists has unique experience and perspective on these contemporary issues. Lucian Simmons, Senior VP of Sotheby's, described how Sotheby's works to amicably resolve issues of provenance. Victoria Reed, the only endowed curator of provenance in the country, discussed how she and other art historians track and uncover the origins of paintings. Dr. Wesley Fisher gave an overview of the extent of the looting and various governments' approaches to looted art. Irina Tarsis, Director of the Art Law Center, skillfully moderated and discussed art registry.

Twenty percent of all art from occupied Europe during World War II was looted, and virtually all of the art owned by Jews or Jewish galleries was confiscated. After the war, the Allied command devoted resources and expertise to tracking and returning paintings and sculptures to their rightful owners. Over the last decade, there has been a change in the art world's efforts to understand the ramification of stolen art and the necessity for provenance research and restoration of ownership. With the uncovered stashes of looted materials so vast, however, and with Jewish owners murdered or lost in death and internment camps, most have yet to be reclaimed.

This conference was part of JHSC's "Power of One" series – a program designed to share diverse subjects with our students.

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Thursday, April 23

UJA Annual Gala

Honoring First Selectman Peter Tesei
And Amy Lipton (z"l)
The Hilton Stamford Hotel
6:30 pm

Sunday, April 26

Yom Ha'atzmaut

Israel Independence Day

Film Showing: "Beneath the Helmet"

Community Wide Celebration
Greenwich Town Hall
4:00 pm

Sunday, May 3

JCC Greenwich

Have Your Cake and Eat It Too!

Decorating Challenge with *Cake My Day* authors
Karen Tack and Alan Richardson
YWCA Greenwich, 3:30-5:30 pm

Thursday, May 7, 2015

The Jewish High School of Connecticut

Annual Spring Gala

Temple Beth El, Stamford
6:30 pm

Sunday, May 17

BCDS Annual Celebration Dinner

The Hilton Stamford Hotel

Tuesday, June 2

Temple Shalom

3rd Annual Golf & Tennis Outing

Fairview Country Club, Greenwich
Tennis, 9:45 am; Golf 1:30 pm

Wednesday, June 10

JCC Greenwich

Farm to Table Cooking Demo

Blum Center for Health, Rye Brook, NY
11:00 am-1:00 pm

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Alexandre Arcady / Dramatic Thriller / France / 110 min.

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Monday, June 29, 7 pm

Bow-Tie Criterion Cinemas, 2 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich

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Your Young Israeli Emissaries Out in the Community



On Israeli Election Day we went to the Israeli Embassy in New York to vote. It was important to us to influence the selection of the next government of Israel.



We had a great time at the Carmel Academy Erev Tov Celebration. It was lovely to meet all the parents, teachers and kids.



We joined with the Emissaries of Fairfield County, in a role-play event about the Israeli election. All the emissaries acted as mock representatives of the seven major parties in the Israeli parliament, and debated among the different perspectives!



We introduced the GHS Israel Club to the youth movements in Israel. We talked about the principle of youth educating youth, and about our experiences in two different movements.



Tu-Bishvat and Purim were both loads of fun for us. We visited different schools and synagogues to celebrate with the community. We dressed up, played games and sang Israeli holiday songs.



We helped Greenwich kids learn about the Israeli election, by playing Monopoly. And we celebrated an Israeli "Shabbat".



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