

# UJA-JCC GREENWICH JEWISH NEWS

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**MISSION TO MOROCCO**  
**JANUARY 20-28, 2018**

Gateway to Africa, a country of dizzying diversity, epic mountain ranges, ancient cities, sweeping deserts, art, crafts, exotic foods – and warm hospitality.

Join trip Chair Andi Fern for an information session about the UJA-JCC Greenwich mission you won't want to miss! Depart Saturday night, January 20, 2018 and return Sunday, January 28, 2018.

Information session with presentation and trip itinerary:  
Tuesday, October 3, 2017  
7:00pm  
At the home of Andi & Steven Fern

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## Women's Philanthropy Fall Brunch to Honor Carolyn Surgent

This year, Wednesday, October 11 marks a double harvest: Sukkot and the annual Women's Philanthropy Fall Brunch. Both feasts celebrate material and spiritual gathering-in, and allow the Jewish community to draw on these ample stores over the coming year. This year we celebrate the strong leadership camaraderie and important bonds that unite and enrich our community as we honor WP past-president **Carolyn Surgent**. The Brunch will begin at 9:15 am and take place at the J House Greenwich (1114 East Putnam Avenue, Riverside).



Carolyn Surgent  
Honoree

Carolyn's passion for helping others and her dedication to the Greenwich community have long inspired her fellow UJA and Women's Philanthropy Board members, friends and colleagues. **Suzanne Katz**, former Co-president with Carolyn and Co-chair of this year's fall brunch along with **Allison Jackson** and **Mugs Zales** remarks, "Carolyn's leadership and friendship, not only in the UJA-JCC Greenwich organization but also in our community, have been significant and inspirational. And personally, her warmth, kindness and smile make her our special treasure."

Themes of women and community will be underscored by Brunch guest speaker **Julie Sue Goldwasser**, who has made a name for herself as a blogger, fundraiser and spokesperson for children's causes. The native Texan and the mother of two will share her powerful story of unexpected tragedy that rocked her life and

the profound role that the unique Jewish community ecosystem played in her family's harrowing and inspiring journey.

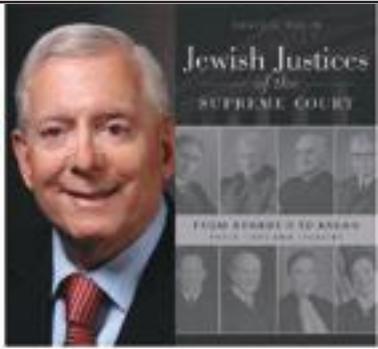
Women's Philanthropy President **Silvina Knoll** shares her excitement about the fall Brunch. "What I like the most about this wonderful event is that it's a multi-generational gathering of the Jewish ladies of Greenwich for a great cause. And this year is particularly special because we are honoring our dear Carolyn Surgent. I had the privilege to spend some time with Carolyn during our mission to Argentina. During the mission I had the chance to get to know her well and came to love her and admire her. She is smart, sensible, beautiful, passionate and committed to our cause of empowering the Jewish people. She did an amazing job as the last president of our Board and continues her involvement and active participation in Women's Philanthropy. It will be a pleasure to celebrate Carolyn's service to this community."

*Cowert is \$118 per person or \$180 to sponsor. This event helps support our local Jewish community, Israel and Jewish communities around the world. The minimum donation to attend the Fall Brunch is a \$500 gift to UJA-JCC Greenwich in 2017, payable on or before December 31, 2017.*

**SEPTEMBER 26**  
**Jewish Justices from Brandeis to Kagan**  
With Author **David Dalin**

7pm | \$18 in advance, \$25 at the door  
Ivey, Barnum & O'Mara, LLC,  
170 Mason Street

From Louis Brandeis to Elena Kagan, investigate the lives, legal careers and legacies of eight Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court. "Dalin has a special flair for revealing the peculiarities of each path that the eight Justices took to the top. He is ingenious in drawing biographical comparisons... and lurking in his book are many surprises."  
- Dr. Stephen Whitfield, Brandeis University



## Shana Tova

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## PJ LIBRARY

### Jbabies

The 2017-2018 Season!

JBabies is back! For new and veteran moms with children up to 24 months, the group will meet every six weeks to connect and share about children and family. Chaired by Rebecca Cooper, the JBabies enrichment program will vary its focus between moms and babies with featured guest experts & some mini-field trips too.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

#### September Stroll

10am | Milbrook

Hosted by Rebecca Cooper. Enjoy a social stroll with moms and babies around picturesque Milbrook, in central Greenwich. Meet new friends and invite yours to join.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30**

#### The Fifth Trimester

10am | One Holly Hill Lane

Author of *The Fifth Trimester: The Working Mom's Guide to Style, Sanity and Big Success After Baby*, Lauren Smith Brody provides insight on how moms can balance work, family and community with everyday life.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

#### Sleepy in Greenwich: Better Sleep for Your Entire Family

10am | One Holly Hill Lane

Popular sleep expert and founder of *Sleepy on Hudson*, Brooke Nalle, returns with sleep suggestions and solutions for babies, toddlers and beyond.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

#### Field Trip to Songs for Seeds

10am | Location TBD

**MONDAY, APRIL 16**

#### Baby Massage with Mother Nurture Massage

10am | One Holly Hill Lane

**TUESDAY, MAY 1**

#### Field Trip to the Stamford Nature Center

10am | \$25 | 39 Scofieldtown Rd, Stamford



## story time



### PJ Library Story Time Returns to Greenwich Library!

3:45-4:45pm | Greenwich Library  
101 W. Putnam Ave

Save these Thursday afternoons for playdates enriched by skilled guest readers, classic PJ Library stories and crafts! Best for ages 2-4. Grandparents, friends and siblings welcome.

OCTOBER 19 | NOVEMBER 9

DECEMBER 14 | FEBRUARY 15

MARCH 15



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DEC 3

### The Dreidel Ball

3:30-5pm | \$25 per person, \$100 for family 4+ in advance, \$36 per person, \$144 for family 4+ at the door  
Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Ave

Come one, come all to the Dreidel Ball! Don your Classy Chanukah Chic attire to celebrate The Festival of Lights! Our DJ will mix the sound for this family-friendly dance party for everyone. Fuel up with latkes and sufganiyot (donuts)! Have fun and do good, too! Bring gently-used children's dress clothes for the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty's Children's Clothing Closet.

Event Chairs: Rebecca Cooper, Stephanie Esquenazi and Hillary Rosenthal

## Annual UJA-JCC PJ Library Party in the Park

See more photos on page 16.



## UJA-JCC Greenwich PJ Library Sunday Fundays Return and Expand

Sunday Fundays turns 4! Since the program began in 2013, UJA-JCC Greenwich has captivated 120 children from pre-school through second grade and more than 74 families with community service and holiday projects, science and improvisation specialists. Autumn begins a fresh season with unique enrichment activities for children, families and the community at large.

For its inaugural years, the program was underwritten by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's PJ Library Alliance Engagement Grant along with sponsorship donations from individual families. With the expiration of the Grinspoon grant, UJA-JCC Greenwich reached out to the community to keep the spirit going. Happily, the funding goal has been met and Sunday Funday will continue to bring together children, parents and "tweens" from all over the community for hands-on fun and learning.

In addition to programs for TOTS and KIDS, (pre-K to second graders), Sunday Fundays will expand to include third through fifth graders – the **PJ Our Way** crowd. PJ Our Way offers the gift of exceptional books with Jewish themes to kids ages 8½-11 – books that they choose themselves! Families will be able to enroll at Sunday Funday programs to receive these free books, but kids do not have to be enrolled in PJ Our Way to attend Sunday Fundays. All kids are welcome! Sunday Funday highlights for pre-teens will include: rewriting and presenting literary classics at a workshop led by the theater company Bitty City Players; creating Jewish comics with cartoonist Ari Kaplan; and sampling charoset recipes. Back by popular request, the first event of the season will be an age-appropriate community service project for all Sunday Funday participants.

Sunday Fundays will take place on October 22, January 7, February 25 and March 18 from 3:30-4:45 pm at YWCA Greenwich, 259 E. Putnam Ave. Admission is \$15 per session in advance; \$25 at the door.

To register for one or all Sunday Fundays, visit [jccgreenwich.org](http://jccgreenwich.org) call 203-552-1818.



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### SHABBAT & HOLIDAY CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

- Fri., Sept. 15 ..... 6:48 pm
- Eve of First Day of Rosh Hashanah
- Weds., Sept. 20 ..... 6:39 pm
- Eve of Second Day of Rosh Hashanah
- Thurs., Sept. 21 ..... 7:36 pm
- Fri., Sept. 22 ..... 6:36 pm
- Eve of Yom Kippur
- Fri., Sept. 29 ..... 6:24 pm
- Eve of First Day of Sukkot
- Weds., Oct. 4 ..... 6:16 pm
- Eve of Second Day of Sukkot
- Thurs., Oct 5 ..... 7:13 pm
- Fri., Oct 6 ..... 6:12 pm
- Eve of Shemini Atzeret
- Weds., Oct. 11 ..... 6:04 pm
- Eve of Simchat Torah
- Thurs., Oct. 12 ..... 7:01 pm
- Fri., Oct. 13 ..... 6:01 pm
- Fri., Oct. 20 ..... 5:50 pm
- Fri., Oct 27 ..... 5:40 pm
- Fri., Nov. 3 ..... 5:31 pm
- Fri., Nov. 10 ..... 4:23 pm

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## Message from the ADL – Moving Forward in the Wake of Charlottesville

The white supremacist protest and violence in Charlottesville was a horrible wake-up call to all Americans. The Jewish community was left feeling particularly vulnerable with videos of swastika flags and anti-Semitic chants from armed extremists. At ADL we were deeply saddened and concerned but not surprised by the tragedy of Charlottesville. Over the past year we have seen and responded to a dramatic increase in the number of incidents of anti-Semitism and bias. The so-called "alt-right" is feeling emboldened, and their beliefs are harbingers of violence. Knowing this, ADL's Center on Extremism informed the public and worked closely with local police and civic leaders in the days leading up to the "Unite the Right" protest. An ADL investigator was on the ground monitoring first hand the events in Charlottesville.

We are seeing hate that had been relegated to the margins of our society creeping into our mainstream conversations. We believe that only through uniting and educating communities can we overwhelm the hate and push it back to the fringes where it belongs. And our leaders need to be clear, consistent and

forceful in their condemnations. That's why ADL worked with the Conference of Mayors to create the *Mayors Compact to Combat Hate*, which over 270 Mayors around the country have joined.

The Jewish community of Greenwich is an integral part of this effort. As Jews, we understand the worst consequences of unchecked hatred and must continue to stick up for all those targeted by white supremacists. In ADL's effort to make Greenwich no place for hate, in the past year ADL led a program about bias for Greenwich elected and other civic leaders, and led *From Bystander to Ally* and *Imagine a World Without Anti-Semitism* programs for Greenwich students and their parents. We also continued our 17-year tradition of hosting the *Names Can Really Hurt Us* program at Greenwich High School and several local private schools. And ADL sent Captain Robert Berry of the Greenwich Police Department to DC for an exclusive training to learn how to keep Greenwich safe from extremist threats. ADL will never stop fighting for what is right. Please find your own way to join the fight today.



## Shir Ami Goes Live for the Holidays

Calling all seniors, homebound, college students, and anyone who is away from their families to “come home for the holidays,” as Shir Ami goes live for all Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. “In the past few years,” notes Rabbi Axe, “we’ve had friends and family from all over the country, who otherwise couldn’t attend High Holy Day services, worship with us remotely in what I like to call our ‘21st century *shtetl*.’”

With all modern technology arranged by Co-president and IT Chair Rick Mason of Cos Cob, another innovation is the projection of Torah readings onto a large screen so that everyone can follow the text directly from the Torah. And instead of a Memorial Book for the Yom Kippur Yizkor Service, the names of loved ones are projected one

at a time on the big screen, while the choir offers a medley of moving songs of comfort and memory.

A special feature of Shir Ami worship is that all members are included in every aspect of worship, leading prayers and readings, chanting from the ancient scrolls of the Torah, and singing in the choir. Member Torah readers include past President David Green and Jane daSilva of Old Greenwich, Rick Lake from Stamford, and past president Barbara Salop from Riverside. Even the set up to transform a church sanctuary into a *bima* is handled by Shir Ami members under the direction of Co-president Dahni Nisinsweig of Riverside.

Families with young children may attend the Yom Kippur afternoon Children’s Service to enjoy stories and

songs with Rabbi Axe, a craft project with Ronnie Polansky, founding member and recently retired physical education teacher at Riverside Elementary School, and a special holiday gift. Shir Ami families and guests are invited to an Erev Rosh Hashanah Honey Cake Oneg, a Rosh Hashanah Luncheon, and a Yom Kippur Break Fast, all arranged by Ronnie Polansky, with cakes and pastries donated by Garelick and Herbs.

A congregation without walls, Shir Ami, serving Lower Fairfield and Westchester Counties, holds High Holy Day services at Round Hill Community Church in Greenwich. Rosh Hashanah services are Wednesday, September 20, 7:00 pm and Thursday, September 21,



*Shir Ami High Holiday services live streaming last year as far away as Portland Oregon*

10:00 am. Yom Kippur services will take place Friday, September 29, 7:00 pm and all day Saturday, September 30, beginning at 10:00 am, with a Children’s Service in celebration of the New Year from 1:00-2:00 pm. All services are open to the community.

## Carmel Academy Appoints Jonathan Malkin As New Board President

Carmel Academy has announced the selection of a new President by its Board of Trustees. Jonathan Malkin, a Stamford resident and business owner, Carmel parent, Board member and active member of the larger Jewish community, took office on July 1st. Jon and his wife Karen are proud parents of three Carmel Academy students. He has been a member of Carmel’s Board of Trustees since 2011, having served as Treasurer, on the Board’s Executive Committee, and Chair of the

School’s Finance Committee. In 2012, Jon joined his family to help manage and grow their two businesses – SWC Office Furniture in Stamford, and a growing portfolio of commercial real estate they own and manage. Prior to joining these businesses, Jon, a graduate of Brandeis University, had a 15-year career in finance.

“The knowledge and experience Jon gained serving as treasurer and trustee, coupled with his familiarity with our educational program as a long-time Carmel Academy parent,

make him an excellent choice to lead our Board in overseeing our educational mission and ensuring our school’s financial strength,” said Evan Levy, Carmel Academy’s immediate past president.

“I have learned an immense amount serving as the finance chair and Treasurer under Evan Levy’s guidance, and I want to thank him personally and on behalf of the entire Board,” Malkin said. “This is an exciting time to be an integral part of Carmel Academy’s leadership. We begin this year with one

of the largest new early childhood classes in our school’s history. Our students continue to win academic awards, and our graduates are attending the finest Jewish and independent high schools in the area. This year, we’re poised to raise the bar for our nationally recognized STEAM program. Carmel Academy’s excellent reputation and dedication to professional development attracts the best educators in the field. The future of Carmel Academy is bright and I look forward to the work ahead.”



*Jonathan Malkin*

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## JHSC Welcomes Its Largest Ninth-Grade Class

*By David Giver*

The Jewish High School of Connecticut (JHSC) welcomed the largest ninth-grade class since the school first opened. More than 25 students joined upper classmen for the fall 2017 semester. “The community is beginning to realize the phenomenal opportunities that JHSC offers, and this class is a reflection of the success of our graduates as well as the

reputation of our academics,” said Rabbi Elisha Paul, Head of School. “We are thrilled with the enthusiasm of our applicant pool, and the character and commitment of our students,” remarked Geoffrey Erickson, President of the JHSC Board of Trustees.

JHSC has a unique approach to education that both inspires and caters to the individual skills, passions and aspirations of each student. The school, located in a science and technology building, creates a “Google-like environment.” “It is this milieu of collaboration and innovation that inspires and drives our school curriculum and spirit,” said Rabbi Paul. “We are forging a new kind of high school, and students are responding enthusiastically.”



*JHSC students listening intently to a physics lecture*



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## Looking for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Project?

Your child's big milestone is coming up. Has he or she picked a Bar/Bat Mitzvah project yet? Today social-action projects are an essential part of this rite of passage. The concept is solid: enlighten kids about the responsibilities of Jewish maturity, cultivate the values of *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* and raise money for charitable causes. Finding the right project for your child can be intimidating at a time of when there are many distractions. And you want something the young person can relate to and become truly excited about rather than just another obligation to check off the list. Two awesome projects that benefit both the doer and the recipient are United Hatzalah of Israel's medical motorbikes and the Jaffa Institute's after-school clubs for at-risk youth.



**United Hatzalah** is the legendary Emergency Medical Services nonprofit that provides first response treatment throughout Israel and beyond. Its 3,200 volunteer medics save thousands of lives each year by dispensing free medical treatment. Zipping around in "ambucycles" outfitted with special GPS gear, these everyday superheroes log average response times of three minutes! Young people can support United Hatzalah through a My Mitzvah campaign ([www.Israelrescue.org/mymitzvah](http://www.Israelrescue.org/mymitzvah)) by choosing a service or piece of gear to donate. Options include buying EMT and paramedic bags, adopting volunteer medics and – in step with actor Jeremy Piven's second Bar Mitzvah – giving the gift of an ambucycle.

If helping children in need is attractive to your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, visit **Jaffa Institute's** website at [jaffainstitute.org](http://jaffainstitute.org) and check out "After School Therapeutic Enrichment Centers." Each "moadonit" (club) provides disadvantaged children in and around Jaffa with homework assistance, hot meals and an array of enrichments designed to empower them and develop their social skills. More than half of the children living in Jaffa and South Tel Aviv drop out of school before reaching 11th grade. In contrast, the dropout rate of children participating in these after-school centers is virtually nil.

Participating children also get a chance to develop their talents. Three years ago, when a young Bat Yam resident named Dina began studying the violin at the local club, she struggled "to produce a clear and



clean sound with the bow." Yet with steady instruction and encouragement, she not only got the hang of it, the instrument became her passion, so much so that she was asked to perform at her school. Unfortunately, Dina had to explain that she did not own a violin and could only play during the lessons at the club. One month later her school bought her a violin. Today that investment is paying off for Dina, her family and her fans. "Every time I perform, people applaud me and tell me that I play beautifully," she offered. "My Mom came especially to listen to me and told me she was proud of me."

**Looking for projects? Call Pam at UJA-JCC Greenwich at 203.552.1818 for lots more ideas!**

# The Bennett Center for Judaic Studies

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**LECTURES AND PROGRAMS: FALL 2017**



*Daniel Pearl World Music Days Event*

**"SPOTLIGHT: DAVID BROZA,  
East Jerusalem West Jerusalem"**

David Broza

**Sunday, October 1 at 4:00 p.m.**

Kelley Theatre Quick Center for the Arts

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## Bi-Cultural Early Childhood Teachers Take Positive Approach to Discipline

"There are no bad children, just bad behavior." That's what they say, and perhaps, as a parent, you've even said it yourself a time or two. As the new school year takes off, early childhood teachers at Bi-Cultural Day School are energized not only to talk the talk but, more than that, to walk the walk. The reason: Over the summer, Bi-Cultural's early childhood teachers were trained in the techniques of "Positive Discipline," a comprehensive approach to promoting good behavior in the classroom, designed to bolster students' self-esteem and help them thrive and grow into confident, successful, responsible adults.

Using Positive Discipline methods, teachers encourage children to discuss their mistakes, problem-solve, determine the consequences of their actions, and proactively come up with ideas for resolving their issues. Teachers don't ignore problems – but they do reinforce good behavior, helping children learn how to handle situations more effectively. "The Positive Discipline approach allows for children to be actively involved in positive decision-making, and teaches expectations to them in a firm, kind, respectful way that greatly encourages positive behaviors,"

said Denise Rafailov, the school's Director of Admissions and also a parent.

Bi-Cultural's early childhood teachers were trained by Carol Dores, Co-founder and President of Positive Discipline of Connecticut. A certified Positive Discipline trainer, Ms. Dores has worked with hundreds of educators and parents of children from preschool through high school. Recently, together with several other schools in New York City, Bi-Cultural was invited to join a Positive Discipline cohort of the JDS Collaborative, a forward-thinking initiative whose mission it is to innovate Jewish day school education by capitalizing on schools' passions and priorities. The Collaborative, which is supported by the Avi Chai Foundation, brings schools together around shared initiatives.

Bi-Cultural is launching the program in Pre-K, Kindergarten and first grade, with the intention of expanding it throughout the rest of the school through the elementary and middle school. Carol Dores will schedule monthly follow-up meetings with teachers to observe and review their progress, and help navigate any challenges they may encounter.

## Dynamic Guest Speakers to Headline Temple Sholom's Fall Programming

As part of its yearly programming mission, Temple Sholom, located at 300 East Putnam Avenue in Greenwich, strives to bring distinguished speakers to engage the local Jewish community.

This fall, Temple Sholom will welcome three guest speakers, beginning with Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO and Anti-Defamation League (ADL) National Director, on Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 pm. Greenblatt, who was included in this year's "Power & Influence Top 50" list in *The NonProfit Times*, will lead a public presentation entitled "A 360° View of Anti-Semitism in 2017." Greenblatt is an accomplished entrepreneur and innovative leader with experience in the private, public and non-profit sectors. Prior to heading ADL, Greenblatt served in the White House as Special Assistant to President Obama and Director of the Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation.



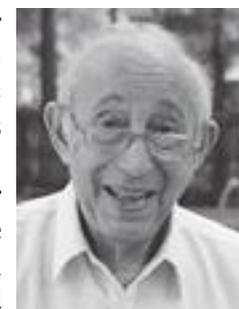
Jonathan Greenblatt



Gil Hoffman

On Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm, Chief Political Correspondent and Analyst for *The Jerusalem Post*, Gil Hoffman, will discuss "Peace, Politics and Plutonium: An Insider's Look at the Mayhem in the Middle East." Hoffman, referred to as "The Most Optimistic Man in Israel" by Israel Television, has interviewed every major figure across the Israeli political spectrum and has been a regular analyst on CNN, Al-Jazeera and other news outlets.

Lastly, Fred Behrend, Holocaust Survivor and author of *Rebuilt from Broken Glass: A German Jewish Life Remade in America*, will speak at Temple Sholom's Kristallnacht (the Night of Broken Glass) Commemoration on Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 pm. Behrend, who was 12 at the time, will recount his family's escape from Nazi Germany to Cuba and will share vivid memories of *Kristallnacht*.



Fred Behrend

All of these programs are free and open to the community. For more information or to RSVP for any of these speakers, please contact Alice Schoen at [alice.schoen@templesholom.com](mailto:alice.schoen@templesholom.com) or 203-542-7165.

## Celebrate Sukkot

Join us for a week of fun in the Sukkah

### Sukkah Building

Tuesday, October 3, 11:00 - 1:00 pm – all ages welcome

Help build and decorate our Sukkah. Everyone is welcome to lend a hand.

### Shabbat in the Sukkah

Friday, October 6, 6:30 pm

Celebrate Shabbat in the Sukkah with services followed by a festive dinner.

### Sushi in the Sukkah

Tuesday, October 10, 6:00 pm

Join us for sushi, wine and friendship – \$18 per person.

Visit [www.grs.org](http://www.grs.org) for more details. To RSVP, please contact Nancy Korobkin at [memberservices@GRS.org](mailto:memberservices@GRS.org) or 203-629-0018.



## Welcome to Greenwich!

### WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are delighted to welcome and introduce you to Greenwich. If you know of newcomers 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-JCC Greenwich Newcomer Committee

From the Rabbi

☆ *Civil Rights* ☆

by Rabbi Vicki L. Axe, Congregation Shir Ami

In the summer of 2016, Harold and I took an RV trip south, covering more than 3,600 miles across 16 states. This epic journey to New Orleans and back was all about music, food, and the Civil Rights Movement. In Nashville, we enjoyed Southern comfort food while stomping our feet to live music on the General Jackson Showboat and at the Grand Ole Opry. We toured the Country Music Hall of Fame and Johnny Cash Museum.

We also spent an afternoon in the Civil Rights Room at the Public Library mesmerized for hours by footage of training sessions with Gandhi disciple James Lawson preparing college students for sit-ins at Woolworth's lunch counters and other local stores in nonviolent protest against segregation. In Memphis we visited Graceland, a fitting homage to the genius of "the King." The Civil Rights Museum and Lorraine Hotel were gut-wrenching reminders of the tragic loss of Martin Luther, King, Jr. and all that he stood for. As we approached the glass wall giving visual access to his hotel room, a sign said, "Please don't talk; you are on sacred ground."

The trip north took us to the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, the Edmond Pettus Bridge in Selma, and the Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham. These landmark cities are a vivid reminder of the struggle. We walked among a life-size replica of Rosa Parks sitting in the front of the bus to make her courageous statement for equal rights and life-size replicas of men and women walking miles to and from work rather than ride the segregated bus – all a quiet, dignified protest for desegregation and equal opportunities in education, housing, jobs, public spaces, and especially voting rights.

Our final stop was in Washington DC with evening sessions in both galleries of Congress and an afternoon touring the Library of Congress. After experiencing the Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham, it was profoundly moving to see exhibits of the legislation enacted in the 1960s thanks to their courage and blood.

We thought so much was won for the black community back then, inspiring the fight for women, the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, immigrants, and workers. But the deeply troubling events in recent times tell us otherwise. Even as we gazed with historic pride at the signatures of those with the courage and compassion and wisdom to pen the Civil Rights Acts of 1960, 1964, 1965, and 1970, violent acts of racial profil-

ing were taking place. And now in the summer of 2017, we are dismayed by the recent undoing of hard-won legislation guaranteeing human rights for all people, by the undermining of the very ideals that make this country great. Hate crimes and blatant acts of bigotry, unleashed and emboldened, have escalated unfettered today, fifty years later.

As I write this, we are reeling from the horrific events of domestic terrorism that took place in Charlottesville, VA at the hands of white supremacists, Neo-Nazis, and the KKK. Aimed most directly at the black and Jewish populations with hateful rhetoric and violent actions reminiscent of the darkest moments in history, our hearts cry out for lost American ideals.

As Jews we know what it means to be "the other," to seek refuge, to be dismissed, marginalized, oppressed, to huddle with our families while the world plays out its dance with xenophobia. Because we have lived as strangers in a strange land, we are compelled, we are mandated to "treat the stranger in our midst as the native," to "seek justice and pursue it," to "not stand idly by while our neighbor bleeds." It is not enough to pray when lives are tragically lost to acts of hate and fear and violence. We must take action in the face of adversity. I was inspired by this trip, as a Jew and as an American, to stand with all who are working for a time when we are truly free from the shackles of hate and fear and abuse, when trust and compassion will inform our actions.

As we gather on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to revisit the values that inform us as Jews and as caring compassionate people, we will hear the call of the Shofar. To what are we called? Let the blast of the Shofar call to us with the majesty of all who have fought for freedom and died for freedom. Let the blast of the Shofar call to us with memory of where we have been as Jews and where we have been as a nation. Let the blast of the Shofar call to us to forge a future where freedom is a way of life for all people, where our homes and neighborhoods and nation offer a refuge of safety and peace and redemption for every living soul.

*Editor's Note: The rabbis of Greenwich alternate in providing messages for each issue of the Greenwich Jewish News. These comments are those of the Rabbi alone and are not meant to reflect the opinions of UJA Greenwich.*



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**Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut Statement on  
the Charlottesville Rally**

The Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut is appalled by news of the white supremacist rally and violence in Charlottesville VA, which directly led to the death of an innocent counter-protester and injured many others.

The Jewish community cannot sit silent while Nazis, KKK and other groups bent on hate, march openly and proudly down our streets. We have witnessed the world vision for Nazis and we vowed Never Again. The messages of anti-Semitism, racism and xenophobia combined with violence strike at our community as they do at people of color, immigrants, and individuals of good will throughout our country. They remind us that we cannot stand idly by in the face of hatred and that the Jewish community must be united with all communities to work against anti-Semitism, racism and discrimination in all its forms. In the words of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, "Indifference to evil is more insidious than evil itself. It is a silent justification affording evil acceptability in society."

We continue to defend the right of all Americans to free speech, but not when it is an incitement to violence. We must work toward peace and tolerance, keeping hatred and bigotry out of Connecticut and our nation. The Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut stands with our interfaith and diverse community partners to let Connecticut know that hate is not tolerated here or elsewhere in our nation.

The Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT) represents the seven Jewish Federations and their respective Jewish Service Agencies across Connecticut.

# HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 5778



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ROSH HASHANAH		YOM KIPPUR	
<b>Wednesday Evening, Sept. 20</b>		<b>Friday Evening, Sept. 29</b>	
<b>ROSH HASHANAH EVE</b>		<b>YOM KIPPUR EVE</b>	
Evening Prayer	6:45pm	Candle Lighting & Parents' Blessing	6:15pm
Family Program	6:45pm	Kol Nidrei Procession and Recital	6:30pm
Sermon	7:15pm	Family Program	6:30pm
Service Concludes	7:30pm	Sermon	6:45pm
<b>Thursday and Friday, Sept. 21 and 22</b>		<b>Saturday, Sept. 30</b>	
<b>ROSH HASHANAH DAYS</b>		<b>YOM KIPPUR DAY</b>	
Shacharit - Morning Service	9:00am	Shacharit - Morning Service	9:00am
Torah Reading	10:30am	Torah Reading	10:45am
Family Program	11:00am	Family Program	11:00am
CTeen Program	11:00am	CTeen Program	11:00am
Sermon	11:10am	Sermon, followed by Yizkor Service	11:30am
Shofar Blowing	11:30am	Break	2:30pm
Musaf Service	12:00pm	Mincha - Afternoon Service	4:30pm
Buffet Kiddush following Services	1:30pm	Neila - Closing Service	5:30pm
Tashlich Service (Oct. 3)	4:30pm	Family Program	5:30pm
		Shofar Blast, Services and Break Fast	7:00pm

For more info please call Rabbi Deren 203.536.8678 [ChabadGreenwich.org/HighHolidays](http://ChabadGreenwich.org/HighHolidays)



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<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b> Worship Service	<b>Wednesday, September 20</b> 8:00 PM
<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> Family Service (Ages 5 and up) Worship Service Tashlich in Pomerance Park	<b>Thursday, September 21</b> 8:30 AM 11:00 AM 3:00 PM *
<b>2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah</b> Contemplative Walk in Pomerance Park	<b>Friday, September 22</b> 10:00 AM
<b>Yom Kippur Kol Nidre</b> Worship Service	<b>Friday, September 29</b> 6:00 & 8:00 PM
<b>Yom Kippur</b> Family Service (Ages 5 and up) Worship Service Yom Kippur Symposium Afternoon Service Yizkor/Memorial Neilah Service <i>Congregational Break Fast directly following Neilah services</i>	<b>Saturday, September 30</b> 8:30 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM * 4:00 PM 5:00 PM * <i>* Times approximate</i>

Please bring your tickets to all services.  
To join GRS and ensure High Holy Day tickets, contact Stephanie Glaser at [stephanieglaser@grs.org](mailto:stephanieglaser@grs.org)



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<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> Rosh Hashanah Day 1 (Methodist Church)	Thursday, Sept. 21	10:30am-12:15pm	<b>Neillah &amp; Break the Fast</b> (Rabbi Deb's)	Saturday, Sept. 30	6:00-8:30pm
Rosh Hashanah Day 2 (Rabbi Deb's)	Friday, Sept. 22	10:30am-1:30pm	<b>Sukkot</b> Sukkah Building & Decorating (Rabbi Deb's)	Tuesday, Oct. 3	4:30-6:30pm
<b>Yom Kippur</b> Kol Nidre Evening (Methodist Church)	Friday, Sept. 29	7:30- 8:45pm	<b>Congregation Kehilat Shalom wishes you a wonderful NEW YEAR 5778</b>		
Yom Kippur Day (Methodist Church)	Saturday, Sept. 30	10:30am-12:15pm	<b>The First United Methodist Church • 59 East Putnam Avenue • Greenwich</b>		
			<b>Rabbi Deb's Home • 130 Cummings Point Road • Stamford</b>		

Visit the JFS website ([jfsgreenwich.org](http://jfsgreenwich.org)) for a full schedule of High Holiday services offered at local senior residences.

# HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 5778

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## HIGH HOLY DAYS 5778 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### ★ ROSH HASHANAH ★

Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm  
Thursday, September 21 at 10:00 am

### ★ YOM KIPPUR ★

Friday, September 29 at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, September 30 at 10:00 am  
Children's Service 1:00-2:00 pm  
Meditation 2:00-3:00 pm  
Afternoon~Yizkor~Concluding 3:00-5:30 pm

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### Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
Evening Services – 8:00pm  
Thursday, September 21, 2017  
Morning Services – 10:00am

### Yom Kippur Services

Friday, September 29, 2017  
Kol Nidre Services – 8:00pm  
Saturday, September 30, 2017  
10:00am

All Services will be held at  
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<sup>1</sup> Held at Greenwich High School

<sup>2</sup> Held at Temple Sholom, Lower Level

<sup>3</sup> Recommended for families with children in Kindergarten & older

<sup>4</sup> Recommended for families with children in Pre-K & younger

## HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

### ROSH HASHANAH

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Wednesday, September 20**  
Ma'ariv Service 8:00 pm

**Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Thursday, September 21**  
Preliminary/Shacharit 9:00 am  
Torah Service 9:30 am  
Family Service<sup>1,3</sup> 10:15 am–12:15 pm  
Shofar Service 10:30 am  
Teen Interactive Program 11:00 am–12:30 pm  
Sermon 12:00 pm  
Musaf and Shofar Blasts 12:30 pm  
Benediction 1:00 pm  
Tashlich 1:00 pm  
Young Children's Family Service\*<sup>4</sup> 1:45 pm–2:30 pm

**Rosh Hashanah Day 2, Friday, September 22**  
Preliminary/Shacharit 9:00 am  
Torah Service 9:30 am  
Family Service & Tashlich<sup>2,3</sup> 10:15 am–12:15 pm  
Shofar Service 10:30 am  
Teen Interactive Program 11:00 am–12:30 pm  
Sermon 12:00 pm  
Musaf and Shofar Blasts 12:30 pm  
Benediction 1:00 pm

### YOM KIPPUR

**Erev Yom Kippur — Friday, September 29**  
Kol Nidre 6:30 pm

**Yom Kippur — Saturday, September 30**  
Shacharit 9:00 am  
Torah Service 9:30 am  
Family Service<sup>1,3</sup> 10:15 am–12:15 pm  
Teen Social Action Project 11:00 am–12:30 pm  
Sermon 11:45 am  
Yizkor 12:05 pm  
Musaf 12:30 pm  
Adult Learning Opportunities (TBD)\* 1:30 pm–3:00 pm  
Young Children's Family Service\*<sup>4</sup> 1:45 pm–2:30 pm  
Musical Meditation\* 2:15 pm–3:00 pm  
Mincha\* 3:00 pm–4:00 pm  
Speaker: Chris George, CEO of IRIS 4:00 pm–5:15pm  
(Integrated) Refugee & Immigrant Services will address the current state of refugee settlement in the U.S.\*  
Yizkor II: A Communal Remembrance\* 5:15 pm  
N'eilah\* 6:00 pm  
Concluding Shofar\* 7:00 pm  
Ma'ariv Minyan\* 7:05 pm

## ADULT EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS



**Are you considering taking a class or attending a lecture this Fall?**  
**Look no further!**  
**Here is a list of what's going on right here in the Greater Greenwich Jewish Community.**

*Carl and Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies*

**In Search of Abraham Joshua Heschel** – Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 pm  
 With Rabbi Michael Marmor, PhD, Mandel Provost, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion  
 Dolan School of Business

**Was Luther's Christ a Jew?** – Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 pm  
 With Dr. Kirsi Stjerna, First Lutheran, Los Angeles/Southwest California Synod Professor of Lutheran History and Theology  
 Dolan School of Business

**A Voice of Conscience: Uncovering Mass Murder from the Holocaust to Today** –  
 Wednesday, November 15, 8:00 pm  
 With Fr. Patrick Desbois, Commission for Relations with Judaism of the French Bishops' Conference  
 Quick Center for the Arts

**How American Jews Mobilized to Free Soviet Jewry: Lessons for Activism Today** –  
 Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 pm  
 With Dr. Shaul Kelner, Associate Professor of Sociology & Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt University  
 Dolan School of Business Dining Room

*Chabad of Greenwich*

**Sunday Morning Torah Study** – 9:30-10:30 am  
 Email RabbiFeldman@ChabadGreenwich.org for info.

**Parsha with Classic Commentaries** – Thursdays, 9:45-10:45 am

**Chassidic Philosophy Class** – Shabbat, 8:45-9:30 am

**Jewish Parenting & Family Values Series** – Tuesdays, 9:30am

*Greenwich Reform*

**Torah Study with Rabbi Jordie Gerson** – Sundays, 9:30 am

**Ethical Issues in Judaism with Rabbi Robert Rothman** – Sundays, 10:30 am  
 To register for these free classes, call 203-629-0018 or email info@grs.org

*University of Connecticut Center for Jewish Studies*

**From the Spheres to the Sephirot; Kabbalistic Diagrams and the Visualization of the Divine** – Monday, October 16, 12 noon  
 With Yossi Chajes, Associate Professor Department of Jewish History, University of Haifa  
 Dodd Research Center

*UJA-JCC Greenwich*

**Jewish Justices from Brandeis to Kagan** – Tuesday, September 26, 7 pm  
 With Author David Dalin  
 Ivey, Barnum & O'Mara, LLC, 170 Mason Street, Greenwich  
 Co-sponsored with Jewish Book Council

**Front Page News: The War Against the Media** – Wednesday, October 25, 7 pm  
 With Samuel G. Freedman, New York Times columnist  
 Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave.  
 Co-sponsored with CT Press Club

**Age Proof** – Wednesday, November 1, 10 am  
 With Author Jean Chatzky  
 YWCA, 259 E. Putnam Ave.  
 Co-sponsored with YWCA, JFS Greenwich, and Jewish Book Council

**The Opposite of Spoiled** – Wednesday, November 8, 7:30 pm  
 With Author Ron Lieber  
 Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Ave.  
 Co-Sponsored with Carmel Academy

*Temple Shalom*

**Shabbat Study with Temple Shalom Clergy** – Saturdays, 9-10 am

**Lunch & Learn** – Tuesdays, 12pm-1pm  
 Kosher lunch provided (except on fast days).

**"Everyday Heroes" – a Photo Exhibition of IDF Rescue Squads** – Tuesday, September 12, 7 pm

**Jewish Meditation** – Wednesdays, October 18 and November 15, 7-8 pm

**"A 360° View of Anti-Semitism in 2017"** – Thursday, October 19, 7:30 pm  
 With guest speaker, Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO and National Director of the Anti-Defamation League

**Peace, Politics and Plutonium: An Insider's Look at the Mayhem in the Middle East** –  
 Wednesday, November 1, 7 pm  
 With guest speaker, Gil Hoffman, Chief Political Correspondent and Analyst for *The Jerusalem Post*.

**Kristallnacht Commemoration** – Thursday, November 9, 7 pm  
 With guest speaker, Fred Behrend, Holocaust Survivor and Author  
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Ze'ev Aviezer .....September 28  
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No class - Sukkot ..... October 5 & 12

**Love Is a Jewish Four-Letter Word**

Rabbi Daniel Gropper.....October 19  
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**Deadly Issues - Part I**

Chaim Lauer .....October 26  
Talmudic perspectives on dying and the evolution of Jewish death rituals.

**A Rabbinic Exploration of Bias**

Leah Sarna ..... November 2  
What is the nature of uncorrupted judgment? We'll consult the Talmudic sages.

**Blood, Women, Blessings and Superstition**

Rabbi Ysoscher Katz..... November 9  
How does Jewish law confront exclusionary superstitious beliefs?

**The Genesis of Insight**

Dr. Job Y. Jindo ..... November 16  
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No Class - Thanksgiving ..... November 23

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Alfred Hunt is Professor Emeritus at Purchase College-SUNY, where he was the Dean of Letters and Science and professor of History for 30 years. He has twice been a Fulbright Scholar teaching at the University of Venice, Italy and at the University of the West Indies in Barbados, and has recently taught four semesters of the Semester-at-Sea program through the University of Virginia, where he taught while circumnavigating the world on four semester-long voyages. Professor Hunt is a recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching and author of books and articles on slavery and American culture.

OCTOBER 27

**The American Dream**

American resource abundance has long dominated our view of society. Yet it has evolved significantly over our lifetime. How have we as "a people of plenty" changed, and what are the implications in light of our stagnant economy and political gridlock?

DECEMBER 8

**American Exceptionalism**

America's self-proclaimed uniqueness as a global culture: Delusional historical myth or realistic reflection of our continued international role? How does the rest of the world view us today?

FEBRUARY 9

**Quo Vadis?**

Where do we Americans go from here? George Orwell's dystopian novel 1984 has once again become very popular. Was it prescient? What does the future hold for us given our rapidly changing world?



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9:30 am to 11:30 am

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UJA-JCC GREENWICH COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

# Ladies' Night Out: Confessions of a 'Bad' Mom

Misery loves company, and on Thursday, September 14, 7:30 pm there should be plenty of love to go around. That's when UJA-JCC Greenwich rallies women in our community for a Ladies' Night Out with Orli Auslander, the author and illustrator of *I Feel Bad. All Day. Every Day. About Everything*. With a title like that, you know it's going to be fun and timely.



Orli Auslander

"Given that I am both female and Jewish, feeling bad was a ubiquitous part of growing up," admits Auslander in the introduction to her book. Her sketches look at her nearly two decades of cognitive behavioral therapy. Guilt, shame, regret and self-reproach are

recurring themes as she rues everything from her parenting skills to her philanthropic shortcomings. Some pages reveal her hankering to be alone, but elsewhere she yearns to connect. Throughout the obstacle course that is her daily life, the former milliner and radio DJ manages to locate her "long dormant sweet and tender rational side" and to give it voice. "I don't know what it is about being a mother. The guilt comes at you at a much more rapid pace. You're responsible for these little people, and there are so many ways to mess them up," she laments.



friendships that will endure through happy and not-so-happy times and supports not only moms but our entire families. That's the real beauty of Ladies' Night Out."

Co-sponsored with the Jewish Book Council, this UJA-JCC Greenwich engagement event will take place at a private residence. UJA-JCC Greenwich extends a hearty thanks to **Jaime Eisenberg** and the **Pearl Society Committee**, **Jill Derikrava**, **Jessica Esterkin**, **Allison Jackson** and **Hillary Rosenthal**, for their service to the community.

**Jaime Eisenberg**, Chair of the Women's Philanthropy **Pearl Society** says, "Bringing women together to share laughs and anxieties helps to create Visit [jccgreenwich.org](http://jccgreenwich.org) or contact Tracy Daniels at [tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org](mailto:tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org) or 203-552-1818 for tickets and further details.

# Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous and Smart About Money

When and how do you talk with kids about money? How do you raise fiscally responsible children? These are the questions Ron Lieber takes on in his best-selling book *The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money*. On Wednesday, November 8, at 7:30 pm, Greenwich parents will have the opportunity to meet Ron, hear about his values-based philosophy and gain practical insights for raising kids who are more generous and less materialistic.

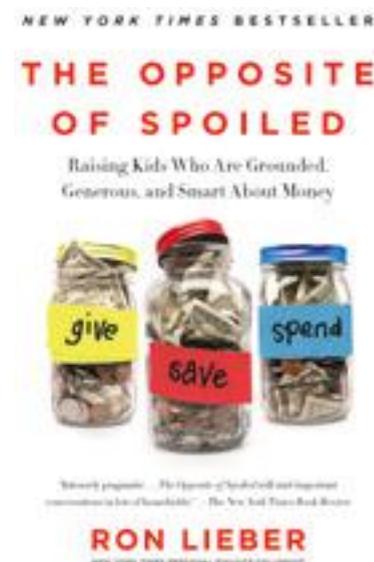


Ron Lieber

Grounded in real-world experience and based on stories from families with a range of incomes, Lieber addresses the best ways to handle everything from the tooth fairy to allowance, chores, saving, birthdays, holidays, cell phones, checking accounts, clothing, cars, and college tuition – all delivered with a healthy dose of charity along the way.

The father of two "gelt-savvy" daughters, Lieber has been the "Your Money" columnist for *The New York Times* for nearly a decade. Before joining *The Times*, he wrote the "Green Thumb" personal finance column for *The Wall Street Journal* and was part of the start-up team at the paper's Personal Journal section. *The Opposite of Spoiled* became an instant bestseller upon its 2015 release. "There's no better primer for teaching young citizens about money and values," said **Christine Toback**, who was among the chorus of voices suggesting a community engagement with the author. "We're thrilled to have Ron Lieber bring his life lessons to Greenwich and to hear his strategies for ultimately empowering our kids with patience and prudence."

The event is jointly sponsored by Carmel Academy and UJA-JCC Greenwich. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$18 at the door. Visit [jccgreenwich.org](http://jccgreenwich.org) for further details and registration or contact Tracy Daniels at 203-552-1818 or [tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org](mailto:tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org).



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:30pm | \$275 per person, \$500 sponsorship  
At a private home

Do you love beer? Interested in home brewing? Or just like a cold one at the end of the day? Join this interactive beer tasting while doing good at the same time. Appreciate the ingredients and the process of brewing as Geoff leads a tasting of the major beer styles. Geoff highlights a daily rotating beer list at Mill Street, where he has been experimenting with its own homebrew.

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#### Jewish Teen Action Committee

Sundays | Sept 17, Oct 22, Nov 5, Jan 7, Feb 25, Mar 18, Apr 22, May 6



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\$150 for the year includes all meetings & projects  
One Holly Hill Lane, unless otherwise noted

Teen-led activities and community service projects for middle and high school students. Sunday evening meetings include, dinner, discussions and projects.

#### OCTOBER 1

##### Picking for the Pantry

1:30-4:30pm | \$25 | UJA-JCC Greenwich, One Holly Hill Lane  
Transportation provided to and from the farm.

It's harvest time at Stuart's Fruit Farm. Bring your friends and pick apples to be donated to the Bronx Jewish Community Council Food Bank. While we're there we might have to take a hayride or get lost in the corn maze!

#### NOVEMBER 19

##### Community Cares

3-5pm | \$18 | YWCA, 259 E. Putnam Ave

From our community, for our community, a day of hands-on service for all ages to benefit the Schoke JFS Kosher Food Pantry. Help run the sorting, organizing and packaging of the treats from our Candy and Costumes Drive for Jewish-American troops deployed overseas.

#### DECEMBER 3

##### Chanukah Helpers at the Droidel Ball

3-5pm | Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Ave

Volunteer at our annual kids Chanukah party. Help the DJ keep the party going with activities, games, snacks and projects.

### Candy & Costumes: A Post-Halloween Drive



#### NOVEMBER

Collected 9am-5pm in November  
One Holly Hill Lane and  
at UJA-JCC Greenwich events.

What's the trick to making Halloween meaningful? The treat of giving! This year head off that candy hangover by donating your wrapped sweets to Jewish soldiers serving in the US armed forces. While you're at it, declutter your room and turn over new and gently worn Halloween costumes to create a Purim Costume Closet for the Emunah Children's Center in Afula, Israel.

#### NOV 19

##### Community Cares

3:30-5pm | \$54 per family | YWCA, 259 E. Putnam Ave

From our community, for our community, a day of family hands-on service to benefit the Schoke JFS Kosher Food Pantry. Help make apple pie and challah and package the treats from our Candy and Costumes Drive for Jewish-American troops deployed overseas.

Event Chairs: Romy Cohen, Jaime Eisenberg, and Cori SaNogueira



**Pj Library SUNDAY FUN DAY**

OCT 22, JAN 7, FEB 25, MARCH 18

3:30-4:45 PM  
\$15 PER SESSION IN ADVANCE,  
\$25 AT THE DOOR  
YWCA, 259 E PUTNAM AVE.

Sunday Fundays Made Possible by:  
Lisa & Marc Abrams, Ben & Stuart Berni,  
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Debbie & Alan Simon, Saady & Stephen Soule,  
Rebecca & Jonathan Tipornas, Mugs Zales,  
Nancy & Bill Zisoon, Anonymous

### tots FOR PRESCHOOLERS

#### OCT 22

##### Stuffed with Love

You're never too young to do a mitzvah. Introduce your little one to doing good for others and learn one way to show we care. Come build a comfy critter for a child in need and help put a smile on their face.

#### JAN 7

##### Tu B'Shevat: A Birthday Party for Trees

It's New Year's for the trees! Branch out, plant a sprig and celebrate trees, fruits, berries and more at this eco Jewish holiday. Take away a treat that will adorn your Passover table!

#### FEB 25

##### Purim Palooza with Bitty City Players

Make your own groggers (noisemakers) using special art materials. Then circle up for Purim music and movement with the incredible David Keeley, a Music Together certified musician and masterful early childhood educator.

#### MARCH 18

##### Something Froggy with the CT Children's Museum

Jump up! Meet some awesome amphibians and find out about the secretive lifestyles of frogs, toads and salamanders as we prepare for the legendary Passover story!

### kids FOR K-2 GRADERS

#### OCT 22

##### The Sock Brigade

How many socks can you stuff with healthy snacks for homeless and hungry men and women? These coveted foot warmers will benefit the clients of Met Council on Jewish Poverty, and will be distributed by JTAC during Midnight Run.

#### JAN 7

##### DIY Paper Making With Bitty City Players

Rip, blend, smash - then take home a sheet of the fanciest recycled artisan paper handmade by you in celebration of Tu B'Shevat, birthday of the trees.

#### FEB 25

##### Hamentashen Bake-off

Put on your chef's hat and start mixing, rolling, filling and folding. Then devour your three-cornered treats and save a batch to give as mishloach manot. Hamentashen making just in time for Purim!

#### MARCH 18

##### Star Lab with CT Children's Museum

Ready to blast off? Join The Children's Museum for some galactic fun and discovery as we star-trek across their sky-high inflatable planetarium.

### Our Way FOR 3-5 GRADERS

#### OCT 22

##### Challenge Accepted

Teamwork, problem solving and service! Bring your friends, work together to solve the challenge. Then make Paracord Utility Bracelets for Jewish American troops serving our country.

#### JAN 7

##### Re-Writers with Bitty City Players

Have you ever read a book and thought, "Hmmm, I'm not sure if I agree with the author?" We'll read and critique a children's classic and decide how we'd make it better. Then we'll work together to craft our very own version, complete with text and illustrations!

#### FEB 25

##### Jewish Comic-Con with author and cartoonist Arie Kaplan

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's a Jewish Comic-Con. Make your own superheroes, tell your own story and celebrate the tradition of the great Jewish cartoonists. See you in the funny papers!

#### MARCH 18

##### Around the World Charoset!

Step aside apples and nuts, there's a wide world of charoset out there and today we're going to conquer it. Prep your taste buds for a global adventure as we try other traditions and spice up our Seder.

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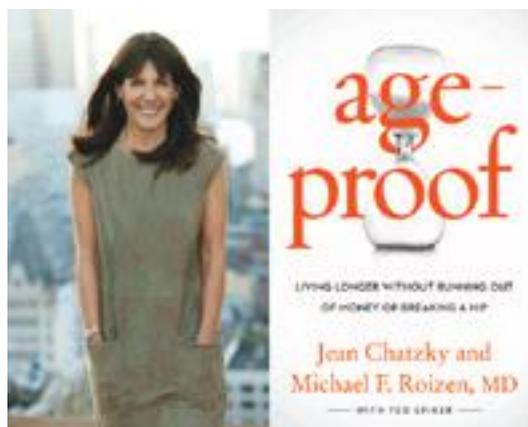
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OCTOBER 25

**Front Page News: The War Against the Media With Samuel G. Freedman**

7pm | \$18 in advance, \$25 at the door  
Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave

A lecture on journalism and the role of the press one year after the 2016 presidential election. How has the role of the press changed under the current US administration, and what's in store for journalism looking ahead? Examine today's media landscape with the Times' former "On Religion" columnist and the author of numerous award-winning books. He is also the recipient of the coveted Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching at Columbia University, where he is a tenured professor in the Graduate School of Journalism.



NOVEMBER 1

**Age-Proof with co-author Jean Chatzky**

10am | \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door | YWCA, 259 E. Putnam Ave.

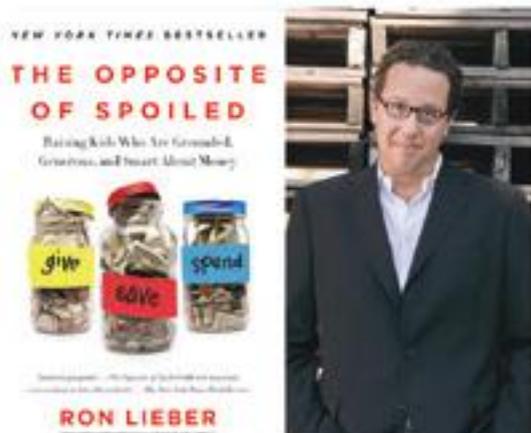
Ever wondered about the connection between wellness and wealth? TODAY show's financial editor shares hacks for living longer, healthier and more lucrative lives.



NOVEMBER 8

**The Opposite of Spoiled with author Ron Lieber**

7:30pm | \$12 in advance, \$18 at the door  
Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Avenue



Ron Lieber, the bestselling author of *The Opposite of Spoiled*, who is also the "Your Money" columnist for *The New York Times* and the father of two gelt-savvy daughters, will shed light on raising kids who are grounded, generous and smart with money.



NOVEMBER 30

**From Head of the Boardroom to Head of the Class with Alon Futterman**  
**UJA-JCC Greenwich Annual Meeting**

7pm | \$18 suggested donation | Location TBD

Alon Futterman, co-founder of the Yesh Atid Party and founder of El Al Ambassadors Program, shares his personal story as a leader in some of the most innovative initiatives in Israel. Spanning the worlds of entrepreneurship, public education, government and politics, aviation and non-profits, he is the founding director of TALMA, an educational initiative in Israel changing the lives of low-income Israeli students.

# Summer Fun with PJ Library



PJ Library's 2017 Party-in-the-Park, was a big hit! Bobby Doowah rocked the pavilion at Bruce Park Family Land playground. The annual UJA-JCC event was generously sponsored this year by the **Penn-Oberlander Family**, whose support of the Greenwich PJ Library was greatly appreciated by the 140 PJ Library kids, moms, caregivers and grandparents who enjoyed the festivities.



## Lauren Smith Brody To Discuss "The Fifth Trimester" with Greenwich Moms

The first three trimesters (and the hazy fourth, following delivery) are all about the newborn, but the "fifth trimester" marks the arrival – or return – of the "working" mom. That's the mom who may have a part-time job, full time profession, business or a busy life of volunteer service outside of the home.

That's also when a host of questions come up.

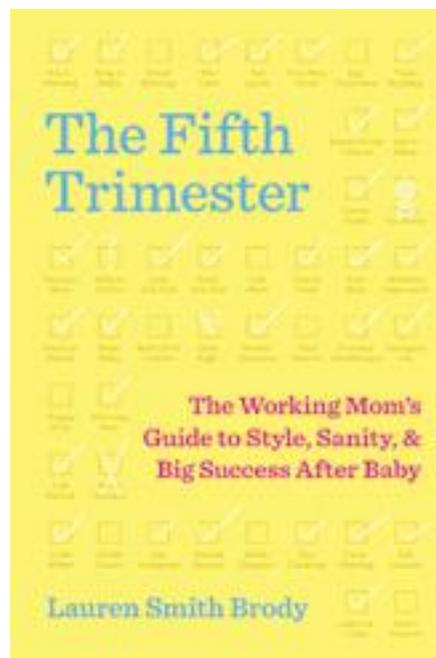
How to nurture one's own needs while transitioning from new baby forward? What's the formula for managing sleep deprivation, including negotiating responsibilities with a significant other? How do beauty and style affect post-partum identity and mood, and in what way can these temper a mom's ability to function? Balancing a part-time business or personal interests, like fitness training, take on new complexities with baby on board.



Lauren Smith Brody

These questions and more will be the "hot topic" on Monday, October 30 at 10:00 am, during an intimate sit-down with motherhood-workplace expert Lauren Smith Brody. She is the founder of *The Fifth Trimester*, a movement and business to revolutionize workplace culture for new parents. Her bestselling book *The Fifth Trimester: The Working Mom's Guide to Style, Sanity, and Big Success After Baby* was published this spring by Doubleday. It quickly became Amazon's top-selling book on motherhood, women and business and cultural anthropology.

The Manhattan-based mother of two, whose work has been covered by dozens of national outlets including *Good Morning America*, CNN.com, and *Fast Company*, will give actionable tips to new and veteran Greenwich moms, drawing on her more than 700 interviews for



*The Fifth Trimester*. In addition to discussing full-time or part-time on-ramping, she will speak to the interests and concerns of stay-at-home moms or those who volunteer.

"Lauren Smith Brody's extensive research, expertise and personal experience will bring valuable perspective to the many busy moms in our community who are balancing and juggling motherhood with 'me' time, whether that is expressed in career or volunteer pursuits," said **Rebecca Cooper**, Chair of the **JBabies** forum sponsoring Brody's talk.

*The event, which will take place at UJA-JCC Greenwich, is co-sponsored with the Jewish*

*Book Council. Details and registration are available at [jccgreenwich.org](http://jccgreenwich.org) or by contacting Tracy Daniels at 203-552-1818 or [tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org](mailto:tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org).*

## Make a Difference – Volunteer with Israel Connect!

It's not often UJA-JCC Greenwich can offer an opportunity for you to volunteer from home and connect with Israel at the same time! Israel Connect is a program that pairs an adult with a teen (9th or 10th grader) in Israel who needs extra help learning English. We are looking for people who can commit to a half hour each week, between the hours of 7 am and 10:30 a.m., on a Sunday through Thursday of your choosing. ***That's only 30 minutes a week, without leaving home, to help a young person from a very disadvantaged home in Israel learn English!*** For these youths knowledge of English is often the difference between just a job and a great job. It can make the difference for them in what they learn in college, and often, even if they get to college.



As a volunteer for Israel Connect you receive a complete curriculum, a 45-minute training session for both the teaching program and the Zoom video-conferencing platform you will be using to interact with your student, enabling you to see and talk to one another. There is also a coordinator, a substitute teacher system, if you find you cannot keep the appointment, and a staff person dedicated to troubleshooting. There are, of course, certain rules in place, such as no exchange of personal emails or information. If eventually you decide that you would like to go to Israel to meet your student, you must first get written permission from a parent or guardian. And you must pass basic security measures for anyone working with youth before you are accepted into the program.

We ask volunteers to cover the costs of this highly impactful program – \$400 per year, to match funds already committed by the Ministry of Education in Israel. The Ministry depends on volunteers in North America to make it all happen, which is why they are willing to match your donation. Typically this volunteer opportunity is offered only to people residing in big cities where there is a 150-volunteer minimum. But right now it is being offered to us in Greenwich. We are hoping to get at least 25 volunteers. The program begins in October!

*We'd love to make you a part of this. Interested? Please email Pam@ujafedgreenwich.org for a registration form.*



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to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

### Shir Ami High Holy Days Children's Service

Yom Kippur Day, Saturday, September 30, 1:00-2:00pm

Round Hill Community Church

395 Round Hill Road in Greenwich



- \* Hear the sound of the Shofar
- \* Stories and Songs with Rabbi Axa
- \* Craft Project / Apples and Honey Snack
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## JEWISH PARENTING & FAMILY VALUES

Tuesdays, 9:30am  
October 24 - December 12  
At Chabad, 75 Mason Street



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Raise Self-Reliant Children  
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to your children's age(s): preschool,  
elementary, teens

Fee: \$60

Please RSVP [CHABADGREENWICH.ORG](http://CHABADGREENWICH.ORG)



# JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREENWICH

## Upcoming Programs

### HOME SAFETY: ONE OF THE MOST OVERLOOKED ASPECTS OF AGING AT HOME

Explore the ways to change your surroundings in order to make your home safer for older loved ones. *Tuesday, 11/7, 7:00 pm*

### CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

Learn new approaches for dementia caregiving to lower your stress and increase everyone's quality of life. *Tuesday, 11/14, 7:00 pm*

### JFS BOOKBEAT: FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO READ

Share thought-provoking books with Jewish themes – our first book: *The Ghost of Hannah Mendes* by Naomi Ragen *Wednesday, 9/27, 11/29, 1/24, 3/7, 5/2, 6/27; 7:30 pm*

### INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS

Explore the opportunities and challenges of interfaith living. *Check website for dates.*

### GREENWICH HOSPITAL SHABBAT

Welcome Shabbat in partnership with the Greenwich Hospital Spiritual Care Department, in the hospital's Chapel, broadcast LIVE on Channel 75 in all patient rooms. *Every Friday at 1:00 pm*

### RENEWAL OF BODY, RENEWAL OF SPIRIT HEALING SERVICE

Heal together in a supportive community, led in partnership with the Greenwich Hospital Spiritual Care Department, in the hospital's Chapel. *Monday, 9/11; 10/16; 11/13; 12:15-12:45 pm*

### BIKUR CHOLIM JEWISH HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

Held in Greenwich's five senior facilities, in partnership with all Greenwich synagogues. *Check website for details.*

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### *Friendly Visitors / Grocery Shopper*

Make a difference in the life of a Greenwich senior. Volunteers are needed to visit and/or grocery shop for homebound residents. Time commitment can be as little as one hour per week.

#### *Bikur Cholim*

Visit Jewish patients in Greenwich Hospital. Time commitment can be as little as two hours semimonthly.

All program information is available at [www.jfsgreenwich.org](http://www.jfsgreenwich.org) or call 203-622-1881 for more information.

## New Six-Week Discussion Groups

### NEW TO TOWN?

Let's talk about adjusting to suburban life.

### NEW MOM?

Overwhelmed with your new baby? Unsure? Bring your bundle of joy with you and join others as you navigate your new roles together.

### STRUGGLING WITH FAMILY DYNAMICS

Having trouble with your in-laws? It happens a lot! We'll help you understand and manage the relationships.

### MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS

Cry, laugh, and talk about what it feels like to lose your mother. There is no more powerful way to heal.

### PARENTS OF LGBTQ

Unsure how to chart the new waters of your child's identity? Learn how to help them and yourself to build mutual understanding.

All groups will start in October and will be facilitated by JFS licensed clinical social workers.

Contact us at 203-622-1881 for dates and times.

### ONGOING DISCUSSION GROUPS INCLUDE:

Bereavement	Thursdays 10:30-11:30 am
Divorce (morning)	Tuesdays 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Divorce (afternoon)	Wednesdays 5:30-6:45 pm
Post Divorce	Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 pm
Living Well in Later Life	Tuesdays 10:30-11:45 am
Fractured Families, Healing Hearts	Tuesdays 1-2:15 pm

***With JFS – You Are Never Alone***



*Shabbat at Greenwich Hospital*



*Bikur Cholim at Greenwich Woods*



*Celebration for our Supermarketing for Seniors Shoppers*



# JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREENWICH

**It's Your Chance... Bring A Smile To A Senior On The Holidays!**



Celebrate the fall holidays with Greenwich seniors and JFS! These festivities are an important link to their Jewish heritage.

Please visit [www.Jfsgreenwich.org](http://www.Jfsgreenwich.org) for a detailed list of when and where this year's celebrations will be! Volunteer to help at one or two; it's an experience you won't soon forget.

Our partners include Chabad of Greenwich, Congregation Shir Ami, Greenwich Chaplaincy, Greenwich Hospital Spiritual Department, Greenwich Reform and Temple Sholom of Greenwich.

## SPECIAL DONATIONS to Jewish Family Services

*In Honor of:*

**Lisa-Lorraine Smith,**

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**Sheila Kantor,**

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**Leslee and David Rogath,**

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**Renee Oster,**

by Phyllis Shapiro and Marty Flashner

**Mildred Kaplowitz,**

by Rita Edelston

**Beth Howard,**

by Rita Edelston

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 acknowledgment to the person or family involved, informing them of your generosity in their honor/memory.

## Supermarketing for Seniors

*Free grocery shopping for homebound Greenwich residents over 60*



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## Jewish Forties and Fifties (JFF)

*Connecting through social, educational, and volunteer opportunities*

Join us for a night of meeting, greeting, mixing, and mingling on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Get to know each other, enjoy refreshments--maybe a cocktail! Relax, kibitz and meet other like-minded people.

For location and more information, call Lisa-Lorraine Smith at 203-622-1881 or email [llsmith@jfsgreenwich.org](mailto:llsmith@jfsgreenwich.org)



## 2017 Graduates of Jewish High School of Connecticut Are All Going Places!



From left to right: Leab Voytovich (will be attending The University of Pennsylvania), Alex Frenzel (will be attending the University of Connecticut), Ilana Krebs (will be attending Nativ for a gap year in Israel and then Ithaca College), Daniel Hanna (will be attending Muhlenberg College).

## Five Carmel Academy Students Earn Top Honors in National Math Competition

Five Carmel Academy students have received trophies for earning top scores in the nationwide Math Olympiad competition. Carmel Academy Upper School students Micah Taffet, Ben Levy, Hannah MacDonald, Sophie Citron and Joshua Ament were honored for being the top scorers at Carmel Academy and placing in the highest percentile nationally. Math Olympiad is a series of challenging math contests, which take place throughout the school year and give students a chance to think creatively and apply their problem solving skills to various types of math problems, including algebra, geometry, patterns and number theory. Math Olympiad is one of several STEM programs integrated into the Carmel curriculum that stimulates the enthusiasm and a love for mathematics, while encouraging students to develop mathematical flexibility in solving problems, strengthen their mathematical intuition, foster creativity and ingenuity, and providing students with the excitement of meeting challenges.



## Greenwich Reform: A New Ark and Eternal Light for a New Home

The building of Greenwich Reform's new home involved hundreds of major and minor decisions. Fortunately, an easy one was the artists chosen to design the synagogue's new ark and eternal light.

The ark was designed by Ascalon Studios, a family-owned firm that has completed projects for synagogues all over the U.S. The ark's curves complement the shape of the building, while the ark doors and Torah reading table are enhanced by a stylized design of branches and leaves in cast aluminum to evoke the Tree of Life (Eitz Chayim).

The eternal light (Ner Tamid) was designed by David Klass, an acclaimed sculptor. The light represents the eternality of the Jewish people and is a symbol of God's abiding presence. The GRS light is made of stained glass and metal, evoking the flames of the biblical oil lamps.



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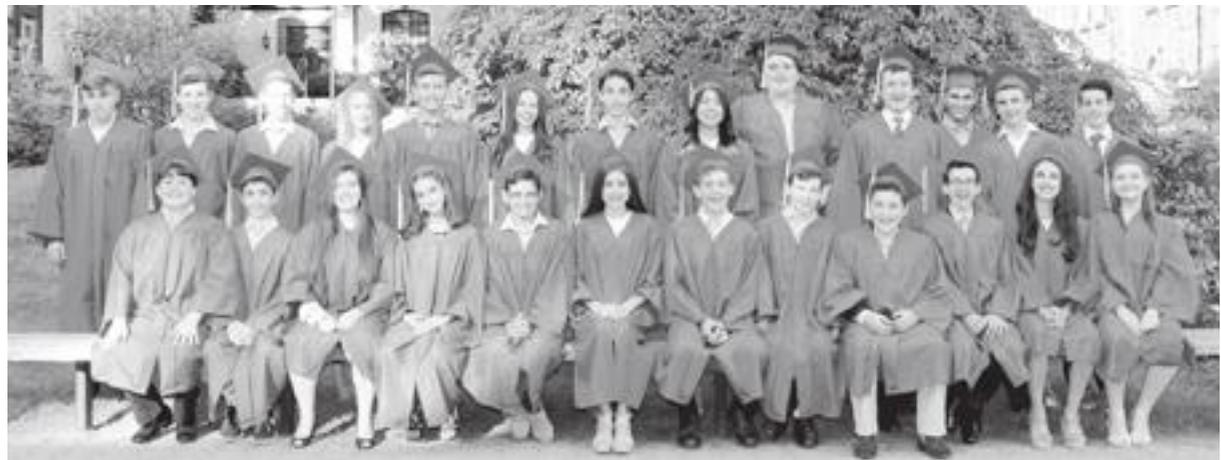
## Carmel Academy's Nora Anderson Urges Graduates to Embrace Optimism and a Growth Mindset

Carmel Academy graduated its Class of 2017 on June 14th, celebrating the school's twelfth commencement exercises.

The student-designed graduation ceremony centered around the theme, "Our Carmel Experience" as the school's 26 graduates poignantly reflected upon what they learned at Carmel, both inside the classroom and out, and how the school has shaped and prepared them for their future. Through personal writings and songs, in both Hebrew and English, the graduates shared their memories, as well as their aspirations for the future based on the foundation they received at Carmel Academy.

"The definition of the word journey is 'the act of travelling from one place to another.' Our past experiences have helped form us into the young men and women that we are today. Our future is full of excitement as we move into the next stages of our lives. While we may be moving along on our journey from Carmel to new places, we know that the journey is what makes us who we are," said graduate Chaya Banschick.

Head of School Nora Anderson addressed the graduating class and urged her students to live with optimism and with a growth mindset. "Take what you have learned at Carmel Academy and change the world for the better. Caring about your Jewish history, heritage, values and community is what should propel you to make a meaningful life. Please question and at



Carmel Academy Class of 2017 pose for a graduation photo prior to their commencement exercises.

times disagree – make a mark in the world! Do what you need to do to make ours a compassionate, God-loving place to live. But do it within the context of the values of Torah, your parents and your teachers."

As part of the ceremony, the graduates shared in Hebrew excerpts from their year-long project *Shorashim*, or Roots. The project was modeled after an Israeli initiative that has become a nation-wide tradition, where the students researched their family's history and connection with the Jewish people.

"In essence, it was a journey of self-discovery for each of us," said graduate Sofia Jacobowicz. "The project enabled us to reflect on how we view ourselves within our family's heritage and enhanced

our understanding of Jewish peoplehood."

During the ceremony graduate Hannah MacDonald introduced the song *Matanot Ketanot*, or small gifts, which reflects on the small gifts that people collect as they enter the holy space of Shabbat. "Throughout our years at Carmel, the teachers and administrators have given us these *Matanot Ketanot*, small gifts, that we cherish today and will carry with us always. As we continue to grow, we will be able to draw from these gifts to become the people we are meant to be."

In what has become a Carmel Academy tradition, after the students received their diplomas, the entire faculty joined the new graduates on stage to bless the class as they embark on the next stage of their lives.

## Lifelong Learning at Greenwich Reform

In addition to High Holy Day services, regular Shabbat services, b'nai mitzvah celebrations, and weekly Torah study and adult education classes, Greenwich Reform has a full calendar planned for the new year of 5778 (2017-2018), including: monthly Rosh Chodesh women's meetings in observance of the new moon; a three-class series on the Book of Job called "Challenging God's role in Grief and Suffering"; and a Purim series on the Book of Esther called "A World without God." Also scheduled are classes in Jewish meditation, contemplative Shabbat morning walks in beautiful Pomerance Park (across the street from the synagogue), and a variety of guest speakers, including Jewish writers, journalists, rabbis and scholars. Please call the GRS office at 203-629-0018 or check [www.grs.org](http://www.grs.org) for full details.



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In addition to Sunday School for pre-schoolers through seventh grade, children in grades 3-7 study Hebrew mid-week with a private tutor, during their choice of 30-minute time slots. Students can choose to study with their tutor one-on-one, or if preferred, to meet with their tutor and another student who is working on comparable Hebrew goals.

GRS teens participate in a robust program for students in grades 8-12, with a variety of options, including a NFTY-affiliated youth group with terrific student officers and a *madrichim* program, which trains student aides in leadership skills through hands-on experience in the classroom along with regular reflection with one another.

For more information, contact Eliana@grs.org or 203-629-0018, extension 3.

## Bi-Cultural Creates a Unique "Junior Makerspace" for Preschoolers

Since it was unveiled in February 2016, the Makerspace Lab at Bi-Cultural Day School has become a breeding ground for student creativity; a place where budding young inventors in grades 1 through 8 can bring their imaginative, innovative ideas to life. Now, a year and half down the road, the success of Makerspace in stimulating learning and fostering creativity among older students prompted Bi-Cultural administrators and faculty to think out of the box. If Makerspace works well for older students, they thought, it ought to work for younger students too. And so, over the summer Bi-Cultural built an activity-filled Makerspace for preschoolers – the first of its kind in Connecticut.

"We created this new early childhood Makerspace because it's a natural fit for this age group. These early 'makers' naturally have a creative and vivid imagination," says Beth Fritz, a third-grade teacher at Bi-Cultural who, together with middle school teacher Adrienne Robinson, set up the school's first Makerspace. After what Robinson decries as "a ton of research," the two brought their expertise to bear on the

conceptualization and construction of the early childhood space.

"Beth and I designed the space to promote curiosity and wonder," notes Robinson. "Each piece in the space is purposeful, functional and can have a multi-faceted approach to further support the curriculum and foster an awareness of how and why things work the way they do." The goal, says Fritz, is for students "to develop an urge to simply 'wonder.' We want them to examine their surroundings to develop a deeper appreciation for how things work. We want them to explore and question all of the 'what ifs' that occur when they are surrounded by the tools that inspire them to create. We want them to find solutions to problems by trying something different. The 'trying something different' is what led to the Makerspace to begin with."

Bi-Cultural plans to give young families an opportunity to see the space "in action" at a grand opening and other events, to be scheduled for later this fall. For more information contact Denise Rafailov at [drafailov@bcds.org](mailto:drafailov@bcds.org) or 203- 329-2186 x1310.



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## Bi-Cultural Welcomes Israeli “Shlichim” to Its Staff

The love of Israel will once again envelop the campus of Bi-Cultural Day School this fall, thanks in large part to the arrival of a new group of Israeli emissaries. As they do every year, the shlichim and Banot Sherut will bring the beauty of the Jewish state and a pride in our shared Jewish heritage to the hearts and minds of our students. Adi and Ofir Yarchi have arrived in Stamford from their home in Jerusalem, their three young children in tow. When the school's doors swing open in September,

Adi will assume her new role as BCDS' third grade Jewish studies teacher and Ofir as middle school Jewish studies teacher. In addition, the couple will be key players in planning the school's many Israel-related and Jewish holiday programs.

The academic and professional backgrounds of both Yarchi's suggest they couldn't be more prepared for what lies ahead. Adi Yarchi holds a bachelor's degree in Education, Special Education and Arts from Tel Chai College and

a teacher's certificate in Special Education from the Lifshitz College of Education. She has extensive experience as an elementary and middle school teacher.

An educational psychologist with a master's degree in psychology from Hebrew University, Ofir Yarchi also holds a bachelors degree and teacher's certificate in Oral Torah and Hebrew Literature from Yaakov Hertzog College.

Tal and Sivon have chosen to complete the second year of their two-year national service

by volunteering at the BCDS. The scope of their responsibilities include everything from tutoring students in Hebrew language to coordinating the school's holiday curriculum to accompany's eighth-graders on their month-long trip to Israel. Associate Principal Rabbi Yehuda Jeiger, who oversees the BCDS Israeli emissary program, stresses the impact the emissaries have on the BCDS family...and beyond. "The shlichim bring Israel to life both on and off campus," says Rabbi Jaeger. "And they serve



Adi and Ofir Yarchi

as role models in how they live their lives and how they open their hearts and their homes to our school community. I am inspired and excited to work with such exceptional a new staff members."

### Carmel Academy's Annual Golf Classic – A Hole in One!

It was a spectacular summer day for Carmel Academy's Annual Golf Classic on August 8th. More than 85 Carmel Academy parents, supporters, alumni and faculty enjoyed a full day of golf at the GlenArbor Golf Club in Bedford Hills, NY. The event included an Elite 18 Hole Shamble on the magnificent Gary Player signature course, followed by a sunset cocktail reception, awards dinner and raffle. Chairing the event were Carmel Academy parents and golf pros Debbie Doniger and Kevin Sprecher, Gilad Kalter, Jon Malkin and David Eben.



CA parents Alix Eben and Lori Paprin welcome guests to Carmel Academy's Annual Golf Classic.

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**Temple Sholom Brings Shabbat Concert to Tod's Point**



On Friday, July 21, families from Temple Sholom and the surrounding community gathered at Tod's Point in Greenwich for Shabbat on the Sound, a spirited outdoor Shabbat concert featuring Jewish rock performer Sheldon Low, and his wife, Hadar Orshalimy. This annual event was the highlight of Temple Sholom's summer programming and attracted more than 100 participants of all ages. Sheldon will continue to serve as Temple Sholom's Musician-in-Residence and will lead Family Services for the High Holidays at Greenwich High School.



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## Update From Jewish Federations of North America



Harassment of Jews throughout the world is at its highest levels in seven years. In Europe, news reports from the last two months describe a significantly deteriorating situation. Fatal attacks in France and Denmark, as well as vandalism against synagogues and other Jewish facilities throughout Western Europe, have been shocking and disturbing.

In these difficult times, Federation is on the ground and responding. Here's what we're doing:

- **Raising and Allocating Funds**

Federations have raised close to \$1 million that has been allocated through our international partners to address important needs in France. This money will be used primarily to help the community address urgent security needs, and also to assist with post-trauma counseling.

- **Demonstrating Unwavering Solidarity**

In addition to sending letters of support and holding solidarity rallies and memorial vigils, we sent a delegation representing 18 Federations on a mission to France to ensure that the Jewish community there understood that it is not alone.

- **Funding Aliyah for Those who Want to Relocate to Israel**

Seven thousand people made aliyah from France in 2014, triple the number in 2012 and equivalent to one percent of the entire French Jewish community. This is the largest number of French olim in a single year in Israel's history, and it may double again in 2015.

- **Enhancing Our Capacity to Address Security Concerns**

Ensuring Jews are safe is a priority for national law enforcement groups, the Government of Israel and Jewish Federations. JFNA's Secure Community Network (SCN) has developed an unprecedented level of security expertise and close ties with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and today is assisting Jewish communities worldwide. Within hours of the attacks in France and Denmark, SCN staff was on the ground, providing on-site crisis management expertise and helping strengthen local security efforts. SCN has also developed a network of professionals from Kansas City to Copenhagen who meet annually to develop new ways to secure our communities.

- **Collaborating with Our Partners**

With the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, JFNA convened a meeting of key organizations that provide funding and services to Jews in Europe. Together we examined the rapidly changing situation, shared information and explored potential areas for collaboration. The topics we discussed will guide our thinking and communal action as we continue to do our daily work of building and strengthening Jewish life around the world.

In the recent past, we may have imagined a time when our communities could step back from a focus on anti-Semitism and physical threats to Jewish institutions and individuals. Now, we clearly know that this is not that time. Our immediate response has been focused and strategic, providing both solidarity and assistance. Now we must look ahead, together with our historic partners and the leadership of the communities directly affected, to face these growing threats.

## UConn Hillel's Birthright Trip in May



UConn Hillel, a recipient organization of UJA-JCC Greenwich, was thrilled to take another group of students on their Birthright trip. Birthright is also a UJA-JCC Greenwich supported program. A total of 39 students explored Israel, challenged themselves and had the adventure of a lifetime!

In the words of just one student participant: "...I went on Birthright during the summer of 2017. Even after visiting Israel many times, I fell in love with the country once more. I feel that it's important to advocate for Israel on campus and to educate students about this beautiful land. I want to demonstrate to others why I love Israel."



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### Daniel Pearl World Music Days Event

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Quick Center for the Arts, 4 pm, \$10

Wednesday, November 1

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### All Beers Considered – A Men's Night Out

Beer tasting with Chef Geoff Lazlo

At a private home, 7:30 pm

\$275 per person, \$500 sponsorship

Monday, November 13

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### Annual Dinner

With guest speaker Bret Stephens

Loading Dock, Stamford

Sunday, November 19

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### Community Cares

A day of family hands-on service to benefit Schoke JFS Kosher Food Pantry  
YWCA, 259 E. Putnam Ave., 3:30-5 pm

November 30

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**OCTOBER 18**

**Past Life**

Avi Nesher / Drama / Israel / 110 min

Avi Nesher's latest film tracks the 70s odyssey of two sisters -- an introverted classical musician and a boisterous tabloid journalist -- as they unravel a shocking wartime mystery that has cast a dark shadow over their lives.



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