

Davis Film Festival to Open with *Son of Saul* and Guest Star Géza Röhrig

By Laura Blum

The Davis Film Festival presented by JCC Greenwich returns for a second year on Wednesday, September 21. First and foremost are the opening night selection, *Son of Saul*, and the conversation with actor Géza Röhrig to follow. László Nemes's trenchant Holocaust drama won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film and many other awards as well.



Röhrig's character, Saul Ausländer, a member of the Sonderkommando at Auschwitz, becomes consumed with the salvation of a boy he never met but takes to be his son. Festivalgoers won't want to miss the penetrating conversation with the soulful, learned performer.

"Géza Röhrig embodies the spirit of the Davis Film Festival," said **Gary Davis**, half of the husband-and-wife team funding the festival. "Ellen and I are thrilled to support another annual edition of this showcase, featuring ten of the best contemporary Jewish-themed films from Israel and around the world," he added.

The second movie in the 2016-2017 lineup is *Mountain*, slated for October 19. Yaelle Kayam's slow-burning drama is set amid the tombstones of Jerusalem's Mount of Olives, where an Orthodox woman's yearning for her husband's love sets in motion a desperate search for community.

Ready for some comic relief? Save November 9 for *Fire Birds*. This murder mystery from Amir Wolff is

as thought-provoking as it is entertaining. It follows a down-on-his-luck detective as he tries to infiltrate a tiny clique of Holocaust survivors to solve a vexing crime.

Sabena Hijacking—My Version, the Festival's December 7 selection, comprises a different sort of thriller. This docudrama relives the harrowing ordeal that unfolded throughout 30 hours of nerve-jangling captivity in 1972, when Sabena Flight 571 was hijacked from Brussels to Tel Aviv by four members of "Black September," the armed wing of the PLO. The film incorporates previously undiscovered audio recordings of the flight's pilot, Captain Reginald Levy.

Screenings take place at the Bow-Tie Criterion Cinemas at Greenwich Plaza (2 Railroad Avenue) once a month at 7 pm from September to June. The second annual Davis Film Festival's program will be posted in its entirety, including January-June films and dates, at jccgreenwich.org.

Kol Hakavod—Greenwich Parents Bring Jewish Community To Life

Family programming is on a roll here in Greenwich. Our PJ Library/JCC Greenwich Party in the Park is scheduled for June 20, followed by a September reunion bash and then by a regular cornucopia of fall events. First let's savor some highlights of recent months.

PJ Library's and JCC Greenwich's annual Hanukkah party was a winner last December. The event, co-chaired by **Jamie Kesmodel** and **Lisa Small**, with help from PJ Parent Planners, featured an

interactive performance led by **Allison and Terry Jackson** Bash the Trash and raised funds for Israel's Emunah Children's Center. "We all felt inspired by the enthusiasm and generosity of Greenwich parents, who made it possible for us to provide PJ Library books to 150 very needy children," said Kesmodel.

In January, JCC Greenwich set the new year off with Big Day Out at Fenom Fitness at Harrison Sports Center for a Sunday full of fun, crafts, storytelling and games. Big kudos to Chairs

Allison and Terry Jackson for this truly big day out!

Thanks to the Olympian efforts of Chairs **Dassi and Noah Yechiely** and their fabulous hands-on committee, UJA/JCC's annual Yom HaAtzmaut celebration, dubbed "Treasures of Israel: Past, Present and Future," offered revelers such "edutainment," as an archeological dig, a startup nation mini-fair, a chance to meet author Dr. Shlomo Gabbay and schmooze with our local dignitaries, and much, much more. "To have this opportunity to express our love of Israel and the wonders of this beautiful country was a great pleasure," said Dassi Yechiely.

"More than ever, parents have embraced event planning, and our parents bring immense creativity and commitment to the projects," noted Tracy Daniels, PJ Library Program Manager and Director of Women's Philanthropy. Associate Director UJA/JCC Greenwich, Leah Schechter

Party in the Park Celebration!
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Goodbye preschool, hello summer! Come celebrate the season with fun, snacks, friends and activities at our annual PJ Library Party in the Park.



PJ Library Parent Planners meet.

adds, "The parents go on to involve their friends and families in producing – and participating in – these programs, which brings together the community for such informative and enjoyable events."

Cori SaNogueira, Chair of Greenwich's PJ Library and the dedicated PJ Library Parent Planners, agreed that rallying parents is a key to success for quality events.

Judging from the smiles all around and attendance statistics, parent planners are yielding a

palpable impact as parents and friends work together to create meaningful Jewish experiences for their children.

Yet it's not always about the numbers. Just look at JBabies, whose Chairs, **Jessica Rickert**, **Anne Akyuz** and **Jordan Sanders**, organize a weekly meet-up at homes and parks. Devotees of JBabies Greenwich will tell you what they enjoy most about their group is the intimate circle of moms to connect with as they navigate uncharted waters.

*On behalf of PJ Library Chair,
Cari SaNogueira, we extend heartfelt THANKS
to the PJ Library Parent Planners!*



Treasures From Israel!



Our friends at Sifryat Pijama (PJ Library in Hebrew) send heartfelt thanks to Greenwich families for helping to provide PJ Library books to children at Emunah Center in Afula, Israel. This effort was lead by Claudine Cohen and David Rabins and supported generously by our community.

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Thank you, Grandparent partners!



PJ Parent Planners' Little Helpers!

Keeping busy while moms meet to plan the 2016-2017 season.

Mom's Night Out

JBabies moms have been enjoying a year of meet ups at homes, in parks and sometimes at local establishments for Mom's Night Out. Over the summer in lieu of play dates we'll have music enrichment for six weekly sessions

and resume the schedule of frequent meet-ups and monthly speakers in the fall. Big Thanks to JBabies chairs, **Jessica Rickert, Anne Akyuz & Jordan Sanders** for an active year!



JBabies friends enjoy Mom's Night Out in May.

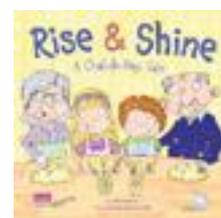
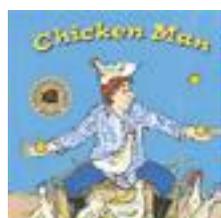
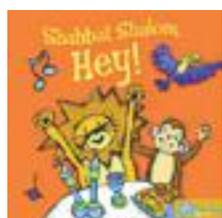
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JBabies Summer Enrichment with Bobby Doowah!

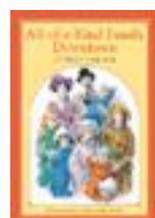
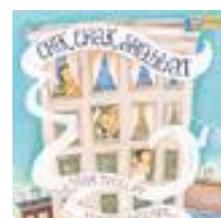


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Timely Keynote Speakers

Paul Begala is a commentator for CNN, where he is part of the political team that has won both an Emmy and a Peabody Award. In the 2012 campaign he was a senior adviser for the pro-Obama Super PAC, making Begala one of the few people to play a critical role in electing two different presidents. Begala served as counselor to President Clinton.



Nicolle Wallace is an American author and political commentator. She served as communications chief during the presidency of George W. Bush and in his 2004 re-election campaign. She was a co-host of *The View* talk show and is a frequent contributor and guest host on MSNBC's *Morning Joe*, and a contributor on NBC's *Today Show*.



Interested? Contact Tracy Daniels 203-552-1818

Helping Rape Victims in Israel

A skype visit in May with Shani Aloni, Executive Director of the Haifa Rape Crisis Center (HRCC) in Israel, informed the Women's Philanthropy board about critical needs for counseling, advocacy, legal aide, medical assistance, therapy and education for victims of rape and sexual violence. HRCC runs a crisis hotline that receives over 4500 calls a year and 1000 new cases annually with 350-400 calls coming from Afula the sister city to Greenwich. "In Afula," Shani explained, "the challenge has been to connect with villages and develop relationships within the community. When something happens in a small community, the whole community is affected – not just an individual."

Shani and a team of social service professionals and volunteers work tirelessly to build relationships within the legal system, to provide wide-ranging services for victims and to educate young people from elementary through high school. Their educational programs reach 7,000 people yearly, and the Valley Rape Crisis

Center in Afula will soon initiate a young ambassador program to give students the tools and support necessary to speak in youth groups about healthy sexual behavior. As Shani and her team continue to make an impact, people increasingly see the center as a place for getting help. On behalf of her colleagues and the people they serve, she expressed the deepest gratitude for Federation's interest in their work and support.



Women's Philanthropy Board meeting with guest speaker Shani Aloni, Executive Director, who skyped from Israel.



Women's Philanthropy Vice President, Andi Fern, with Board Member Kim Sands.



Standing, left to right: Joui Hessel, Silvina Knoll, Dina Klein Lunder, Carolyn Surgent, Bonnie Citron; seated: Suzanne Katz.

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Camp Taught Him the Greatest Jewish Value of All

Oliver S. is one of just three kids in his grade who will have a bar mitzvah this year. To the rest of his classmates, he constantly has to explain what being Jewish means. It can be a bit lonely, to say the least.

But thanks to Federation, Oliver now spends his weekends traveling to attend the bar mitzvahs of his closest friends—his camp friends.

Giving the Gift of Jewish Summer Camp

Oliver is one of 64,000 young Jews now attending Jewish overnight camp thanks to grants of up to \$1,000 from One Happy Camper, a project of the Foundation for Jewish Camp in partnership with 40 local Federations, PJ Library and camps. These incentives are making a huge difference: Last year, 60 percent of OHC recipients were considering only secular summer activities or programs. Of those families, 30 percent would have otherwise kept their kids home.

For so many kids like Oliver, camp is the first time they've been immersed in Jewish community. He and his new friends play sports, swim and hike. "But we also happen to

say prayers...and celebrate Shabbat together each week. It all feels so normal yet Jewish," he says.

And camp itself is only the beginning. The effects of those summers last long after August goodbyes. Later in life, Jewish campers are more likely to support Jewish causes and take on leadership roles in their communities.

Paying It Forward

Thanks to the spark provided by Federation, this summer is Oliver's fifth at Jewish camp. "Jewish camp is amazing," he says. "I could not imagine what I would do in the summertime if I did not go to camp."

Attending camp also helped bring Jewish values to life in a whole new way. Now that it's his turn

to become a bar mitzvah, Oliver is making his first act of Jewish adulthood an act of giving — specifically, donating to the One Happy Camper fund at his Federation. "I hope that my contribution...will make it possible for more kids to feel like I do about camp," he says.



Your Gift Helped a Lone Soldier Find Her Wings in Israel

Kareen Haim just didn't fit in with the other teens at her American high school.

In her home, Friday nights were for family, not hanging out with friends. She wasn't much into partying, anyway.

As a child, her parents took her to Israel every summer to visit dozens of aunts, uncles and cousins. She wasn't sure she fit in there, either. But it felt a little more like home.

So when her sister was accepted to an Israeli college, Kareen, barely 14 years old, decided she'd go, too. With a little help from Federation, of course.

School Days with Na'ale

Her first stop? High school. Federation partner The Jewish Agency for Israel and its Na'ale program grant Jewish teens from around the world like Kareen full tuition scholarships to attend Israeli schools, and they cover room and board and living expenses.

At first the boarding school in Hod Hasharon was a complete culture shock for Kareen. Her language skills needed some work, too. But she stuck it out — and ended up loving it.

"Na'ale made me grow up; it made me deal with challenges," Kareen recalls. And as her Hebrew got better, she made fast friends with her Israeli peers. "I am straightforward like them and it fit me more," she said with a smile.

In the Army Now with Wings

Diploma in hand, Kareen enlisted in the IDF as a Lone Soldier — someone without parents in Israel. Over the next two years, she served in the Air Force, as a police officer at Ben-Gurion Airport and on a



military supply chain management base. The jobs were tough, the day-long shifts during Operation Protective Edge harrowing. She felt tired and alone.

Again, The Jewish Agency stepped in. Their Wings Program helps Lone Soldiers like Kareen develop critical life skills, like managing money, and it matches them with personal mentors to help them transition to adult life in Israel.

"[Wings] is so helpful because once you finish the army, you are really alone and most of the time people just don't find themselves," Kareen explains: "Wings shows you the way."

Looking Ahead

Today, Kareen is living right where her adventure began, in Hod Hasharon. She's studying criminology and psychology at Ariel University. Though it's hard being away from her parents, she couldn't imagine living anywhere else. She plans to stay and start a family there. She's finally found the place where she fits in — **and thanks to you** and The Jewish Agency, it's home.

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From the Rabbi

☆ My Heroes ☆

by Rabbi Vicki L. Axe, Congregation Shir Ami

Around 1:30am on May 15, I was awakened by the smell of smoke and the sound of our smoke alarm. My son, Noah, his wife, Amira, and their eighteen-month-old daughter Jillian are living with us temporarily while transitioning to New York after seven years in Portland, Oregon. My husband Harold and I discovered a fire raging behind the stove in the kitchen, pouring smoke into the rest of the house. A call to 911 brought three fire trucks with 10 to 15 firefighters rushing to put out the flames.

While dialing 911, Harold and Noah leaped into action. They turned off the circuit breakers and the gas, and then used a garden hose to put out the fire from the deck behind the kitchen. I later learned that the hose had no nozzle and the flow of water was miniscule to combat the four-to-five feet-high fire raging behind the house. While Harold went to search for a nozzle, Noah used his thumb to create a powerful thrust of water and put out the fire. Meanwhile the firefighters were bringing their hoses into the house ready to unleash tons of water, but held off when they saw that the fire was out, averting unimaginable water damage to our home and everything in it. My husband and son had saved our lives and our home. My heroes!

So what is a hero? Every community, every country, every culture has its heroes. Ordinary people like you and me who are called on by unusual circumstances to act in extraordinary

ways, people who are moved by an unexplainable faith to face the challenges of life, people with a dream who are driven to act in life-changing ways. As Jews, the epic stories of our ancient heroes can be found in the sacred texts of our Torah. These ancestors are just like you and me. They struggle with the same human flaws that we struggle with in our relationships, in our work, in our communities. There is jealousy, sibling rivalry, marital conflict, scandal, political intrigue, lapses in faith. But there is also profound wisdom, courage, vision, fortitude, and resilience in the Torah.

Abraham lacked social skills; he was slow to communicate with the people he loved the most. But he was willing to stand up to God on behalf of the people dwelling in the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, thus turning his failure to express love for those closest to him into acts of concern for all people.

Jacob was conniving and manipulative, using his cunning to steal the birthright and the blessing of the first born and then to amass great wealth and power. But Jacob was tormented by his flaws, and in the end he turned his skill at manipulation into a desire to mend his broken relationships. With trepidation and courage he returned to his twin brother to make amends.

Spoiled Joseph grew up to ascend to the position of second in command in his adopted country of

Egypt. Preparing the ancient nation for an impending famine, he was able to ensure sustenance for the entire region. And when his jealous brothers came before him seeking sustenance for the family of his birth, he played with them a little before revealing his identity and embracing them in a tearful, forgiving family reunion.

Moses was quick tempered, but he gave up his life of luxury as the adopted son of Pharaoh, risking his own life to save the enslaved Jewish people, leading the Israelites through the desert to fulfill the Divine promise. His anger at the Hebrews dancing around the Golden Calf turned to compassion as he appealed to God's mercy to forgive them their indiscretion and then to write a new set of tablets.

And what of David, whose abuse of power threatened the whole Jewish nation? He is remembered as one of our greatest leaders, a skilled warrior, a statesman, a musician and a poet. It was David who brought the twelve disparate tribes of Israel together into one nation. It was David who penned most of the 150 psalms, sweet, lyrical poetry expressing praise for the Divine, offering comfort to the afflicted.

We live in a harsh unforgiving world today, a world ravaged by every manifestation of power and greed with political and financial communities corrupted by an insatiable need for wealth and power. Instead of finding common ground for engaging in

dialogue to seek dignity for all people with better health care, education, and environmental safety, our politicians engage in finger pointing and name calling and leave the real issues unresolved. Where are our heroes? Who will save us from our own human failings?

My son and husband, ordinary men with human limitations, acted heroically the night that fire threatened our life and our home. We need more heroes like them.

Editor's Note: The rabbis of Greenwich alternate in providing messages for each issue of the Greenwich Jewish News.



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We look forward to a great year of Israeli education, activities and advocacy with this group of new leaders!



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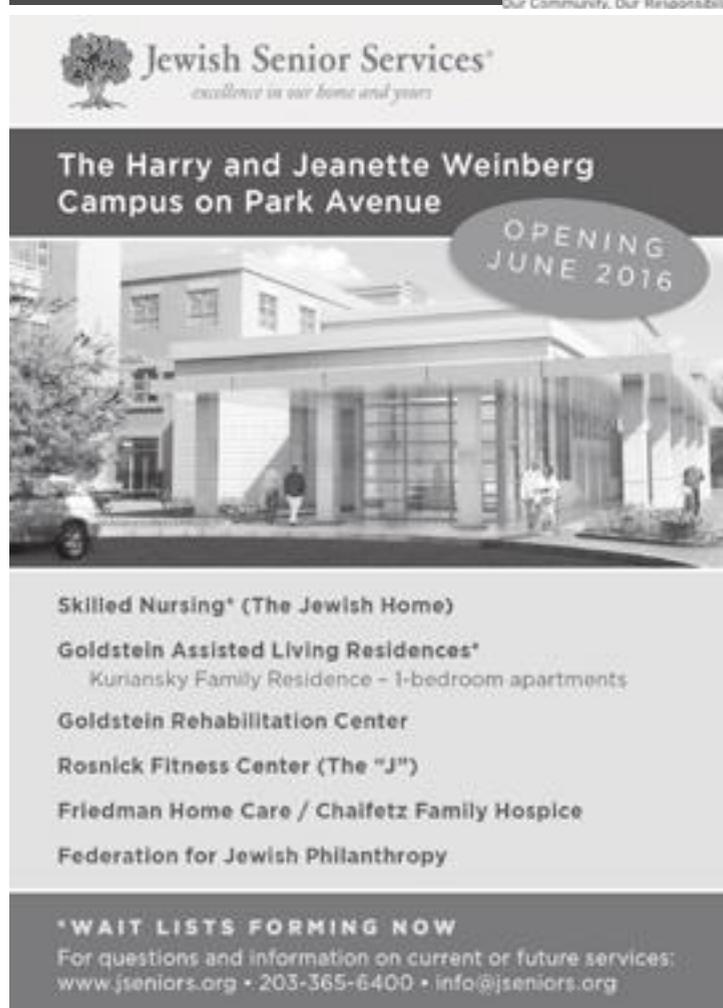


Congratulations to JCC Greenwich Teen Action Committee Member and Greenwich High School junior Natalie Lilien who won honorable mention for her poem "The American Dream" in the First Selectman's Community Diversity Advisory Committee's seventh annual diversity writing contest.



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Temple Sholom's "Shabbat On The Sound" Returns to Tod's Point

Following an extra-ordinary year of Centennial programming, the Temple Sholom community will now have the chance to reflect and relax at the synagogue's annual "Shabbat on the Sound" Service on Friday, August 5 at 6:30 pm at Tod's Point in Old Greenwich. "The last time we convened at Tod's Point

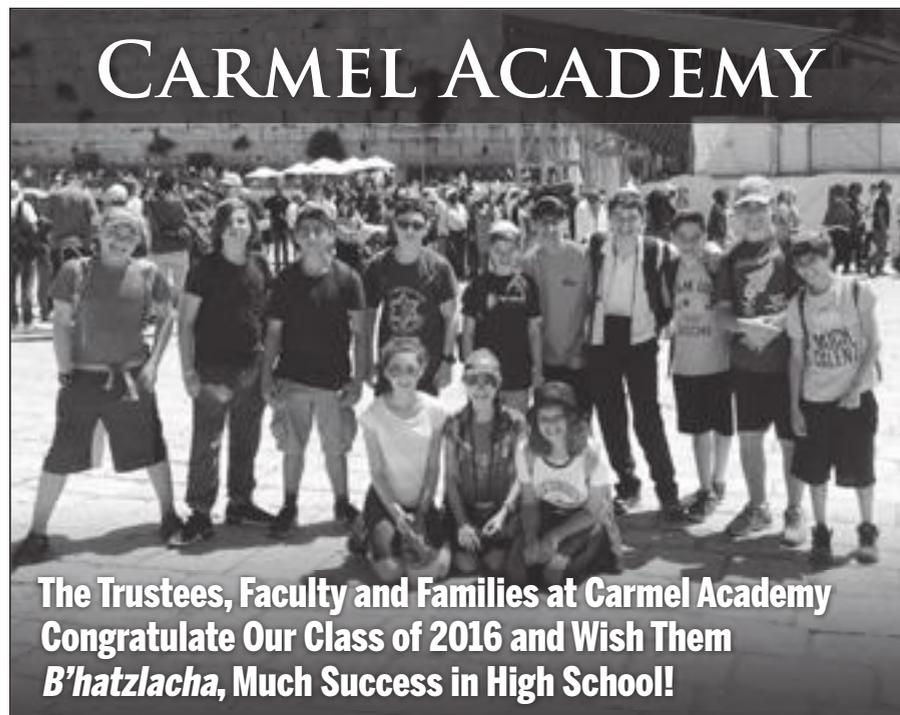


was in 2014," said Lori Baden, Temple Sholom's Associate Executive Director. "We are thrilled to be back and hope that it will be as well-attended as in years past."

For more than 25 years, the beach service has been a "fan-favorite" of the Temple's summer activities. Its casual atmosphere – enhanced by the backdrop of picturesque Long Island Sound – offers a change of scenery from the synagogue's weekly services held in the sanctuary. "At our 'Shabbat on the Sound' Service, we engage with our sacred liturgy and music, while feeling God's spirit gently blowing at our bodies, minds and souls," said Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz. "We will be able especially to Praise the Lord who made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them."

Temple Sholom families and friends are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and to pack a dairy picnic to enjoy before the service. A light snack of wine and cheese will be served beforehand.

Parking has been arranged in advance for this event. Participants do not need a beach pass to attend. Please RSVP to Alice Schoen at 203-542-7165 or alice.schoen@templesholom.com.



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JCC Greenwich to Show Sneak Preview of Adaptation of Philip Roth's "Indignation"

It's been nearly a decade since Philip Roth came out with his 2008 novel *Indignation*, and now that twisty coming-of-ager is headed for the big screen. Directed by James Schamus, the film opens in New York City on July 29, but the JCC Greenwich community will be treated to a special sneak preview Tuesday, July 12, at 7 pm at the Bow-Tie Criterion Cinemas in Greenwich.

This is your chance not only to catch an engrossing movie but also to join a discussion with the cinema luminary and Columbia professor James Schamus. Over the last three decades, as co-founder of Good Machine and former CEO of Focus Features, he has produced such hits as *Brokeback Mountain*, *The Ice Storm* and *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*. Now with his directorial debut, Schamus demonstrates his command of visual storytelling.

Indignation is the tale of Jewish teen Marcus Messer, played by Logan Lerman, struggling to become his own man in the oppressive early 50s. Messer's quest for autonomy puts him at perilous odds with the powers that be. To dodge the Korean War and separate himself from his kosher butcher father (Danny Burstein) and overprotective mother (Linda Emond), he leaves Newark, NJ for a conservative college in Ohio. But life on campus isn't quite the escape he bargained for. He falls for unhinged seductress Olivia Hutton (Sarah Gadon) and butts heads with testy Dean Caudwell (Tracy Letts), subjecting his and his family's great expectations to an unbidden fate.

Asked whether the iconic novelist Philip Roth participated in this adaptation, Schamus grinned, "in the best possible way." He went on to explain, "Before we



started shooting I sent him a screenplay for karma's sake. He did the greatest favor a writer can do for a screenwriter: he refused to read it." According to Schamus it wasn't until post-production was complete that Roth saw the film. "That was the scariest day," he recalled. But his fear was short-lived. Roth dashed off "a beautiful statement of appreciation about the movie," he said, adding, "We were like – Philip Roth approved!"



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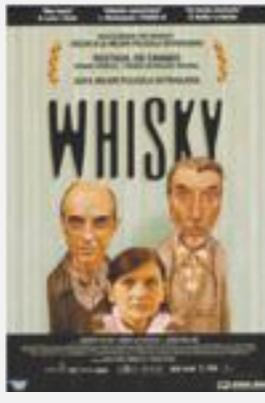
JULY 11

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl
Alfonso Gomez-Rejon
Drama-Comedy / USA / 104 min.
This Sundance Audience and Grand Jury Prize-winner will tickle your funny bone and tug at your heart.



JULY 18

Whisky
Juan Pablo Rebello & Pablo Stoll
Drama, Comedy / Argentina, Germany, Spain / 99 min.
Two Jewish Uruguayan brothers try to transcend old jealousies & jousts in this Cannes-winning drama shot with deadpan humor.



JULY 25

Bravo! An Evening of American Musical Theatre Sells Out in Greenwich

JCC Greenwich sponsored this sold-out event, featuring Stephen Whitfield, Max Richter Chair of American Civilization of Brandeis University, who chronicled the profound influence of Jewish songwriters on Broadway musicals with roots ranging from Tin Pan Alley to Hollywood. Audience members were charmed and delighted by inspired musical performances delivered by local artists Rebecca Cooper and Stuart Adelberg, accompanied by Rita Lapcevic. Many thanks to event Co-Host, Greenwich Historical Society, Rebecca Cooper, for her creative vision, and to event sponsors for helping to make this an award-winning evening!



Left to right: Jill Derikrava, Penny Goffman-Vazquez, Abby Levy, Romy Coben, Rachel Schneider, Marissa Coben



Rebecca Cooper and Stephen Whitfield



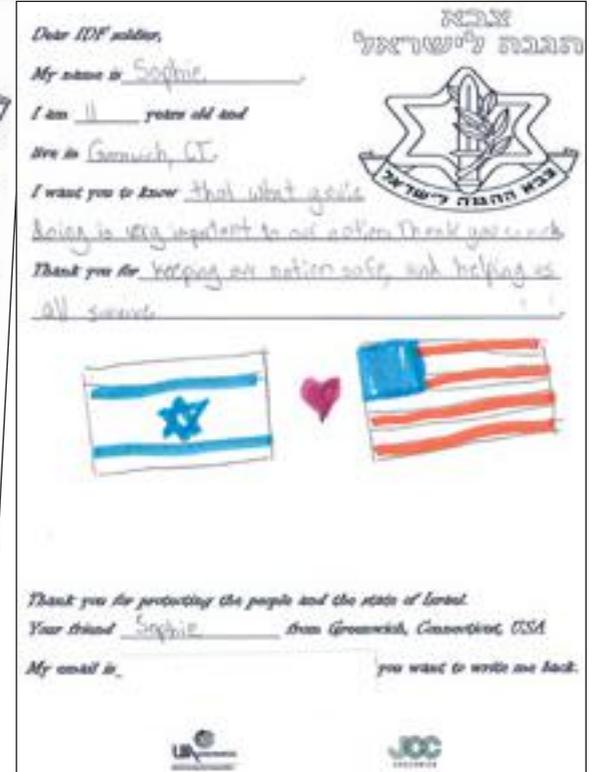
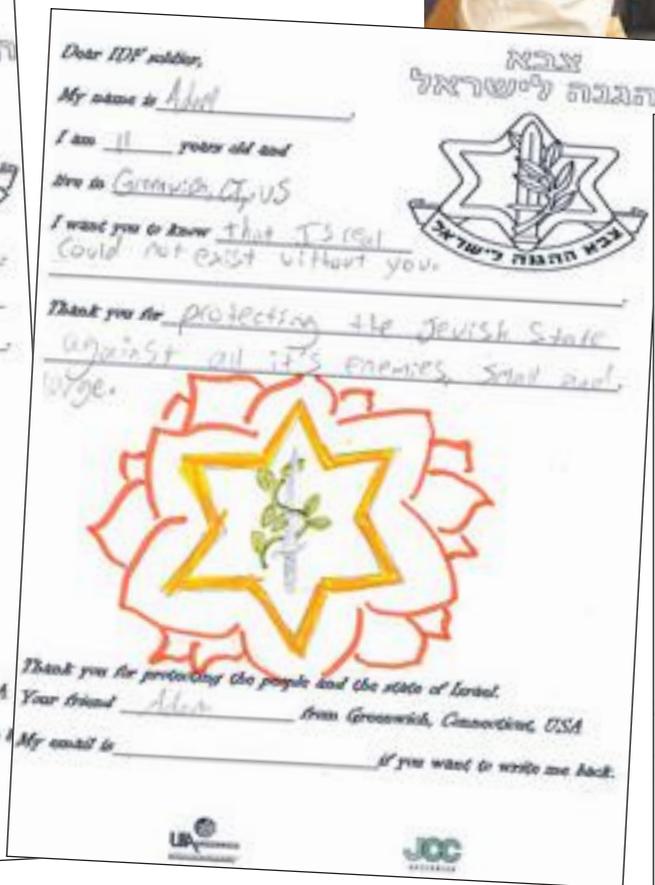
Stuart Adelberg and Rita Lapcevic



Barrie Silverman and Marshall Cooper

Letters to Soldiers from Children on Yom HaAatzmaut

On May 15th our community came together at the annual UJA Yom HaAatzmaut celebration and flag raising held at Greenwich Town Hall in honor of Israel's 68th Independence Day. Event chairs Dassi and Noah Yechiley enlisted a committee of volunteers to create numerous booths and run a variety of activities for celebrants of all ages. One very popular booth was set up to encourage youthful participants to write letters of thanks and gratitude to the soldiers of the IDF. More than 30 hand-written letters were penned by our kids that day. They are now on their way to soldiers in Israel. Here are a few of examples:



Israel at 68! The Treasures of Israel Past, Present and Future



JCC Comedy Night, June 2



JCC Mission to New Orleans April 10-13



Bourbon and BBQ Men's Night Out

Manny Citron, Guy Levy, Scott Simon and Jeff Toback chaired this event, hosted by Madeline and Scott Simon on May 5, to benefit Leket Israel and PJ Library Greenwich



GRS to Open in Its New Location in February 2017

The new Greenwich Reform Synagogue is under construction at its convenient and centrally located site at 92 Orchard Street in the Cos Cob neighborhood of Greenwich. The synagogue will occupy a verdant 1.75-acre site; its 12,300-square-foot will feature the following amenities:

- Sanctuary with glass curtain wall overlooking dramatic rock outcroppings
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- Social hall for celebrating religious and social events, informal gatherings, and more
- State-of-the art audio/video technology, enhancing religious services, movie nights, and community events
- Flexible seating and furnishings for multi-purpose usage in the sanctuary and social hall
- Rabbi's study, conference room, classrooms, and a multi-function room
- Courtyard for outside services and social events
- Children's playground

Welcoming to all:

- Jewish and interfaith families, and people of all backgrounds, ages, and orientations are invited to join our congregational family.
- The synagogue is a destination for intellectual, cultural, and community events.
- On-going cooperation with local churches and schools gives GRS a unique perspective on local needs and interests.

Our projected opening date is February 2017, marking the 40th anniversary of the synagogue's founding and an exciting time for the Jewish community in Greenwich. GRS looks forward to strong support from both its membership and the Jewish community.

If you have any questions, or would like to take a hard-hat tour, feel free to contact Stephanie Glaser at GRS at 203-629-0018 or visit the GRS website <https://grs.org> for more information.



GRS Member Services Committee enjoys a hard-hat tour of the synagogue construction site.

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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREENWICH

Jewish Health and Healing Center Appreciates Its Partners

The Jewish Health and Healing Center of JFS of Greenwich would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all the Greenwich Jewish clergy, Carmel Academy, Greenwich Hospital Spiritual Care Department, and the Greenwich Chaplaincy, who make it possible for us to provide 145 holiday and Shabbat celebrations not only at senior facilities around town, but also, at Greenwich Hospital.

This year we visited five different facilities, including River House, Greenwich Woods Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, The Greens at Greenwich, Merry-Go-Round Mews, and Nathaniel Witherell; celebrating Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Tu B'shevat, Purim, Passover, Yom Hazikaron, Yom Haatzmaut, and Sukkot, along with weekly Shabbat services and monthly Healing Services at Greenwich Hospital. We would not be able to accomplish any of this without the time and commitment of Cantor Asa Fradkin and Rabbi Mitch Hurvitz of Temple Sholom, Rabbi Vicki

Axe of Congregation Shir Ami, Rabbi Menachem Feldman of Chabad of Greenwich, Rabbi Andrew Sklarz of Greenwich Reform Synagogue, Rabbi MJ Newman of Greenwich Hospital Spiritual Care Department, Erika Sokoloff and the 3rd, 5th, and 7th-grade students and teachers at Carmel Academy, and Rosanne Hurvitz of Greenwich Chaplaincy. We are grateful to all of you!



Second Class of Bikur Cholim Volunteers Completes Training

JFS, in partnership with the Greenwich Hospital Spiritual Care Department, is proud to announce that the second class of the Bikur Cholim training program has completed the course! This year, seven additional community members were chosen to partake in our formal training program developed by the Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin, Bikur Cholim Coordinating Council in NYC. Greenwich Hospital has now become one of just a handful of hospitals certified as a training center by the Jewish Board of Family and Children Services.

Rabbi Joseph S. Ozarowski says, "Bikur Cholim, the commandment to visit the sick, embodies a theological framework, and the sacred texts surrounding it provide practical guidance for our conduct with the sick." Using traditional Jewish resources, this 5-week training course gives our participants the opportunity to explore strategies and learn various approaches for visiting patients in the hospital. Our students understand that it is a great privilege to perform the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim and they appreciate the importance of using community to aid those seeking wholeness, comfort, and connection in challenging times. Upon completion of this course, the participants become qualified hospital volunteers, certified

to visit Jewish patients. It is a great mitzvah – a privilege to perform.

This training program was formed after Greenwich Hospital and JFS joined forces to investigate how to best serve the needs of Jewish patients at Greenwich Hospital. On average, Greenwich Hospital has between 25 to 40 patients who self-identify as Jewish each week, but due to HIPPA laws are unable to be identified to anyone outside of hospital personnel. This initiative will allow us, the Jewish community, to visit, comfort, listen, laugh, and smile with those patients.

We are honored to add these talented individuals to our roster of certified Greenwich Hospital Bikur Cholim volunteers: Susan Coburn, Rebecca Colin, Stephen Corman, Shalyn Courtenay, Robert Driesen, Hedy Gensler, and Lynn Schwartz.



Graduates of the 2016 Bikur Cholim training at Greenwich Hospital.

JFS Stories That Matter

Who is JFS? What do we do? From counseling services, to friendly visitors, to grocery shopping for homebound seniors, we do so much for so many. As part of our ongoing series, **JFS Stories That Matter**, we share a little bit about who we are, one story at a time. Read Victoria's story and visit our website: www.jfsgreenwich.org to see all we do, and read more stories at jfsgreenwich.org/jfs-stories-that-matter.

Victoria Markova came to America 27 years ago from Ukraine. She was a Jew who knew nothing about being Jewish because in Ukraine she could have no access to anything to do with her religion. Victoria wanted to make up for that – and make up for it she did! It was while taking one of many classes, a Kabbalah class offered at Greenwich Hospital in partnership with JFS, that Victoria first came to know JFS, and JFS was lucky enough to find Victoria. We approached her to consider joining our first-ever class to train *Bikur Cholim* (friendly visitors) volunteers to visit Jewish patients in the hospital. Victoria says she was honored to be asked, and immediately committed herself to the class and to the volunteer hours necessary to visit patients.

It is individuals like Victoria who allow us to do things in the community that really make a difference. And, as if volunteering her time, energy, and patience weren't enough, during that class Victoria wrote a poem that now hangs on the wall in the office of our Executive Director, Lisa-Lorraine Smith, because it not only embodies who Victoria is, but who we are as an agency:

Everything I do –
 Let it be Mitzvot
 Everything I think –
 May it be a good thought
 Everything I read –
 Give me wisdom, and
 Everyone I meet –
 Let him be a friend

–Victoria Markova

Victoria's story, although unique to her, is one of many stories of the special individuals involved with JFS who make us who we are, and allow us to do what we do. And thanks to Victoria, we now have a poem hanging in our offices that demonstrate that beauty in words.



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- SFS connects clients to the network of support available to Greenwich seniors, so nobody "falls through the cracks."
- All SFS shoppers have passed background checks and carry ID.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in receiving these free services, or if you would like to volunteer to shop for a homebound senior, please call Elyse Brown, Program Director SFS, at 203-622-1881 or email ebrown@jfsgreenwich.org.



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREENWICH

Summer 2016 Programming

BETTER TOGETHER BOOK CLUB:

A MONTHLY INTERGENERATIONAL EXPERIENCE

This unique initiative spearheaded by Carmel Academy, in partnership with JFS of Greenwich, offers participants a chance to get to know a different generation – for adults to look at books, concepts, and historical events through the eyes of today's Jewish youth, while the youth get to know generations that came before them. To join, contact Lisa Goldberg at JFS.

See our website for details, www.jfsgreenwich.org.

BOOK BEAT: FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO READ

This is a thought-provoking book club with themes relevant to people of all ages.

Facilitated by Judi Margolin; meets at JFS.

See our website for Fall selections, www.jfsgreenwich.org.

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, and refreshments are served. They are facilitated by Lolly Raphael, an experienced film moderator.

See our website for dates, www.jfsgreenwich.org.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL SHABBAT

Every Friday, JFS leads a Shabbat Service in partnership with the Greenwich Hospital Spiritual Care Department, at 1:00 pm in the hospital's Chapel. The service is broadcast LIVE on Channel 6 in all patient rooms. Joan Mann, Spiritual Care Counselor at JFS; Lisa-Lorraine Smith, Executive Director of JFS; and Rabbi MJ Newman, Jewish Chaplain of Greenwich Hospital, lead the service.

INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS

This series meets on Monday evenings and gives people a way to explore the opportunities and challenges associated with interfaith living. See our website for details, www.jfsgreenwich.org.

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 hospital's Chapel. Joan Mann, Spiritual Care Counselor at JFS; Lisa Goldberg, Program Director, Jewish Health and Healing Center of JFS; and Rabbi MJ Newman, Jewish Chaplain of Greenwich Hospital, lead the service. Mondays, 7/18; 8/15; 9/19. 12:00-12:45 pm

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 home-bound and 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. No charge.

All program information is available at
www.JFSGreenwich.org or call 203-622-1881 for more information.

SPECIAL DONATIONS to JFS of Greenwich

For Bar/Bat Mitzvah "Bima Baskets" in Honor of:

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David Selib, by Judi and Harold Margolin

David Selib, by Jess and Doug Fenton

David Selib, by Adam Margolin and Meghan Jasani

Honor or memorialize someone special in your life or community with a donation to Jewish Family Services of Greenwich. Your generosity will be acknowledged to the person or family so honored, and you can take satisfaction knowing that you are helping us to continue offering the highest quality programs, resources, and services to all who come to us for assistance.

Summer 2016 Counseling and Support Groups

Bereavement Support Group

For those who have lost a family member or friend within the past five years. Facilitated by Lisa-Lorraine Smith, LCSW, and by a member of the Greenwich Jewish Clergy.

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

Support Group for Separating and Divorcing Individuals

For adults whose lives are impacted by divorce. Facilitated by Lisa-Lorraine Smith, LCSW. Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45 pm

After-the-Divorce Support Group

Now that the practical details of separating are complete, there is emotional work to do. It is time to develop a new identity and a new beginning. This group will provide a confidential space to reflect on the life you are living and the life you would like to live. It will be an opportunity to grow, develop, and learn from others. Facilitated by

Mary Karlan, LCSW. Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45 pm

Living Well in Later Life

For individuals 70+ to talk with peers about the opportunities and challenges this stage of life presents. Topics covered include how to maintain and manage health; manage independence with family members, including adult children; continue to be involved in meaningful activity; and cope with mourning and loss. Facilitated by

Barbara Lehrman, LCSW. Thursdays, 2:30-3:45 pm

Reversal of Fortune Support Group

Financial challenges bring with them stressors that can affect everything in your life – your relationships, your self-esteem, your outlook, and even your marriage. In these tough economic times, you are not alone. Come and share your thoughts; get some ideas, tips, and strategies to cope with the practical as well as the emotional issues associated with reversals of fortune. Facilitated by Mary Karlan, LCSW.

Mondays, 5:30-6:30 pm – NO CHARGE!

NEW! The Struggle Is Real – For Young Adults

This support group will be a powerful venue for growth and change. The goal of the group is to help each member succeed by equipping them to confront personal, educational, and professional challenges. Facilitated by Randye Zerman, LCSW.

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45 pm – NO CHARGE!

ONLINE! Children of Holocaust Survivors Support Group

This group will discuss issues unique to children of Holocaust Survivors including: increased vulnerability to stressful events and the impact of PTSD on the aging process; transmission of Holocaust trauma; the burden of being "replacements" for lost relatives; unresolved conflicts around anger complicated by guilt; acceptance of parents' mortality; best caregiving practices for Survivors; and resilience. Facilitated by Dr. Judith Zackson, PH.D.

Second and Fourth Thursday of each month, 8:00-9:00 pm

ONLINE! Caregiver Support Group

Caring for a loved one can be rewarding, challenging, and often, emotionally draining. This group addresses issues in a non-judgmental environment and discusses the opportunities and challenges of caring for a loved one. Facilitated by Lisa-Lorraine Smith, LCSW. Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm

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.

ADULT EDUCATION

Are you considering taking a class or attending a lecture this summer?
Look no further!

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

Chabad of Greenwich

- Early Morning Torah Study**
Monday-Friday, 6:30-7 am
- Sunday Morning Torah Study**
9:30-10:30 am, email RabbiFeldman@ChabadGreenwich.org for info.
- Parsha with Classic Commentaries**
Thursday, 9:45-10:45 am
- Chassidic Philosophy Class**
Shabbat, 8:45-9:30 am

Greenwich Reform Synagogue

- Video and Conversation on Relevant Jewish Topics**
Sunday mornings at 9:30 at the GRS office.
For details on joining our free discussion group, call 203-629-0018 or email info@GRS.org.

JCC Greenwich

Davis Film Festival

7 pm, Bow-Tie Criterion Cinema, Greenwich, \$15
"Fauda" Monday, June 27

Early Bird Film Series

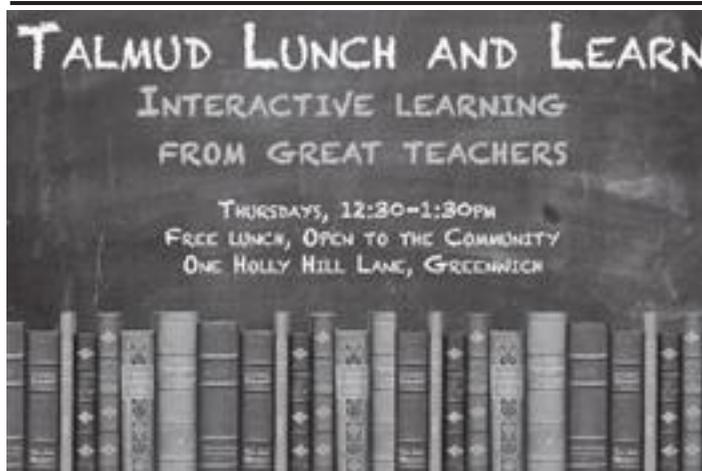
5:30 pm, One Holly Hill Lane, \$10
"Phoenix" Monday, July 11
"Me, Earl and the Dying Girl" Monday, July 18
"Whisky" Monday, July 25

Sneak Preview

7 pm, Bow-Tie Criterion Cinema, Greenwich, \$12
"Indignation" Tuesday, July 12

Temple Sholom

- Shabbat Study with Temple Sholom Clergy**
Saturdays, 9-10 am
- Lunch & Learn**
Tuesdays, 12-1pm. Kosher lunch provided
- Jewish Meditation**
Tuesdays, June 21, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23
7:15-8:30 pm. Contact Cantor Asa Fradkin at cantorasa@templesholom.com.



Check JCC calendar for updated schedule

Sponsored by Rita Edelston

- June 16..... Rabbi Menachim Liebtog
- June 23..... Rabbi Moshe Edelman
Oh, Brother! Sibling Rivalries and Scripture
- June 30..... Rabbi Jeffrey Woolf, Ph.D.
When Speaking Out is a Mitzvah
- July 7..... Rabbi Yossi Deren
Paradigm Shift: Transformational Life Teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe
- July 14..... Dr. Jon Greenberg
Torah Flora
- July 21..... Rabbi Simcha B. Berger
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- Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School
- Ramaz Upper School
- SAR High School
- Solomon Schechter High School
- Staples High School
- Westhill High School

Class of 2012 is heading off to college...

- Barnard College
- Binghamton University
- Brandeis University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brown University
- Cooper Union
- Cornell University
- Drexel University
- Harvard University
- Muhlenberg College
- Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis
- Stern College
- Syracuse University
- UCONN
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Hartford
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Vermont
- Many of our 2012 graduates will also spend a year studying in Israel.

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 Greenwich Newcomer Committee



SCHECHTER WESTCHESTER GRADUATES!

Thank you, **Schechter Westchester,** for making our decision so tough.

The Class of 2016 has been accepted to an amazing group of colleges, universities and programs in Israel:

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- Cornell University*
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- Pennsylvania State University
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- Rutgers University
- Skidmore College
- University of Southern California
- Southern Connecticut State University
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- State University of New York at Buffalo
- State University of New York at Stony Brook
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- SUNY College at New Paltz
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- SUNY College at Plattsburgh
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- Vassar College
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- University of Virginia*
- Washington University in St. Louis*
- Western New England University
- Williams College
- University of Wisconsin*
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1800 Attend May 31 BDS Summit at the UN “Build Bridges, Not Boycotts”

By Laura Blum

Amid escalating Palestinian-led efforts to boycott and delegitimize the Jewish State, the Israeli Mission at the United Nations and World Jewish Congress presented a conference aimed at equipping Israel advocates with practical counter strategies. Danny Danon, Israel’s Ambassador to the UN, spearheaded this historic gathering entitled “Build Bridges, Not Boycotts.”

Calling out the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement as “the true face of modern

anti-semitism,” Ambassador Danon said its ideology of hatred had “infected” the UN. “Just recently, the UN Human Rights Council voted to blacklist anyone who does business in Judea, Samaria, Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. Can you imagine, 70 years after the Holocaust, the UN is creating lists to encourage the boycott of Jewish companies?” The Greenwich group in attendance was almost 30 strong!

“Israel will not relent and will continue to reveal the lies propagated by the B.D.S. movement,” Danon stated. Identifying schools as a key battlefield, he addressed the student conference-goers as “the Iron Dome of the State of Israel.”

By day’s end, participants had received training from an impressive array of international experts – Jews and Arabs alike – on how to rethink adversarial relationships and serve as “ambassadors against boycotts.” But perhaps reggae artist Matisyahu put it best with his hopeful lyrics imagining that “one day our children will play.”



A Message From Our New Emissary

To my new community,

My name is **Racheli Ben Shimol**, I am 26 years old and excited to be the Shlichah (emissary) in Greenwich next year.

I was born and raised in Ofakim, a small city in the south of Israel, where everybody knows everybody. I have four siblings and even though none of us lives in Ofakim anymore, we always get together for holidays and Shabbat. In my free time I enjoy hanging out with my friends, listening to music, cooking, riding my bicycle and going on hikes.

I have a bachelor’s degree in Neuroscience from Bar Ilan University, and for the past two years I have been working as a microbiologist near Tel Aviv. I have been involved with educational programming for many years, from being a youth leader in high school, to an educational coordinator at a science museum.

After I graduated from high school, I served as young emissary in MetroWest, New Jersey. My year of service left a tremendous impression on me. I realized the impact one individual can make on the special relationships between Jewish communities worldwide. I helped to make and enhance the bonds between people in NJ and the people of Israel. I wanted the chance to continue doing this kind of work in another community, which is why I am looking forward to becoming part of the Greenwich community.

Next year, I hope to share my knowledge and my experiences from Israel and hope to help deepen the relationship between the Jewish community of Greenwich and the people of Israel.

I can’t wait to meet you!!

Shalom,

Racheli



JCC Teen Action Committee Goes Bowling with Friendship Circle



Special thanks to Greenwich Reform Synagogue, Smart Kids Toys of Greenwich, Dr. Ellen S. Naidorf, and Dr. Elizabeth Marsh, for their generous donations to JCC Teen Action Committee’s service project for Summer Gift Bags for Friendship Circle

Emissary Connections!



Kyle and Austin Kallman in Israel over Memorial Day weekend with Anat Desayatsky, former Greenwich Emissary from Israel.



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