

# UJA-JCC GREENWICH JEWISH NEWS

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## Newsworthy

### UJA-JCC Greenwich Mission to Morocco Completely SOLD OUT

The January 2018 mission will visit and learn the history of the Jewish communities in Casablanca, Fez, Rabat and Marakesh as well as sites supported by UJA-JCC Greenwich funding.

### Hundreds of Pounds of Fresh Fruit Donated to the Needy

In the month of October UJA-JCC Greenwich donated more than 500 lbs. of fruit to two local agencies serving the needy. Apples picked by JTAC teens were donated to the Bronx Jewish Community Council. (See photos on page 23.) Fruit from centerpieces from the Women's Philanthropy Brunch was donated to Shoke JFS Kosher Food Pantry.

### Dalin on Supreme Court Justices Draws Standing-Room Only Crowd

In September author Dalin talked about his new book *The Jewish Supreme Court Justices From Brandeis to Kagan: Their Lives and Legacies* to a standing-room only crowd. UJA-JCC Greenwich thanks Ivey, Barnum and O'Mara, LLC for opening their space for the event.

### Samuel Freedman and the Role of the Press

UJA-JCC Greenwich was pleased to partner with the Connecticut Press Club to bring Samuel G. Freedman, *The New York Times'* former "On Religion" columnist and author of numerous award-winning books to Greenwich. Freedman shared his own insights on the role of the media.

## *From Head of the Boardroom to Head of the Class with Alon Futterman*

### UJA-JCC Greenwich Annual Meeting

When UJA-JCC Greenwich sits down for its annual meeting this November 30th at 7 pm, at Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Avenue, you can be sure the spotlight will shine on the local and global impacts achieved during 2016-2017 through the collective efforts of Jewish Greenwich. Also on the agenda will be the election of the board slate. And, as the final curtain falls on the year, President Scott Simon will look ahead to the coming year.

But as ever with UJA-JCC Greenwich, it's not all annual reports and Board matters. Rather, the annual meeting provides an opportunity for members to engage with leading doers and thinkers. This year the honored guest

speaker is Alon Futterman, co-founder of Israel's Yesh Atid (There Is a Future) Party and founding Director of the El Al Ambassadors program. Alon will reflect on the centrist political party co-founded with Yair Lapid in 2012, and share insights from his experiences across



Alon Futterman

entrepreneurship and aviation. He will also delve into the education sector, drawing on his work as Senior Advisor to the Israeli Minister of Education, as former Secretary of the national committee on Israel's special education policy and as CEO of his non-profit initiative TALMA, devoted to transforming the lives of low-income Israeli students, and ranked by YNET News as the #1 educational program in Israel.

The UJA-JCC Greenwich annual meeting is open to the Greenwich community at a suggested donation of \$18 per person. For additional details visit [ujafedgreenwich.org](http://ujafedgreenwich.org) or [jccgreenwich.org](http://jccgreenwich.org) or call the office at 203-552-1818.

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See page 22 or more details

## WHY

### DOES YOUR GIFT TO UJA-JCC MATTER?

- We support the most vulnerable Jews around the world, from children to Holocaust survivors, with food, medical care, social services, and dignity, where they are most needed.
- We bring Jewish Greenwich together, providing the resources for a wealth of outstanding programs for everyone from babies to grandmothers.

Please be part of our outreach efforts and make a contribution to UJA-JCC before the end of the year.

**WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU.**

Give Thanks This Holiday Season  
*Happy Thanksgiving &*  
Happy Hanukkah



Best Wishes  
from the Boards and  
Staff of UJA-JCC Greenwich



PJ LIBRARY

## Every Picture Tells the Story— of Story Time at Greenwich Library!

Our thanks to PJ Library Planner and Story Time Chair **Erika Brunwasser**, Special Guest Reader **Morah Diane Holsten** from Carmel Academy and **Deirdre Sullivan** and friends at Greenwich Library for making PJ Library Story Time super fun and engaging.



### 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.

DECEMBER 14 | FEBRUARY 15  
MARCH 15



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

Shhh, we're sleeping. Or at least that's the hope in bringing **Brooke Nalle** to JBabies on **Monday, December 11, at 10 am.** Nalle, founder of **Sleepy on Hudson**, is a pediatric sleep consultant who works with families and children from birth to preadolescence. Whether you're desperately sleep deprived or among the lucky few who gets sufficient winks, no doubt someone in your family could use some tips on sleep hygiene. Nalle helps parents create healthy habits for themselves and their little ones as

well. A firm believer in "sleep teaching" – rather than "sleep training" – she aims at developing a sleep relationship for the whole family, while meeting each child's cognitive, physical and socio-emotional needs.

JBabies Chair, **Rebecca Cooper** introduced Brooke to our community and brings her back now by popular demand. According to Cooper: "Brooke Nalle is a successful sleep coach because



Brooke Nalle

she takes the time to get to know you as a family and your child as an individual. Her plans are adjusted with lifestyle and personalities in mind. There is never one formula for sleep, and Brooke knows that."

Nalle earned her Masters in Education from Bank Street College of Education and is one of the first 50 graduates of Kim West's Gentle Sleep Coach program. She is trained in basic counseling

and child development, sleep science, behavioral modification techniques and secure attachment theory.

JBabies is for new and veteran parents and children up to 24 months. The group meets every six weeks to connect and share about children and family around enrichment activities. Sleepy in Greenwich will take place at One Holly Hill Lane in Greenwich.

Further details 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).



JBabies September Stroll with Chair Rebecca Cooper, new friend Gillian Levy and babies!

### PJ Library Parent Planners Behind the Scenes

PJ Library Parent Planners are back in the saddle and coordinating another year of great "PJ" programs for Greenwich families. At the September meeting they also wrapped recycled "PJ" books (donated by **Ellen Jane Moss** and family) and wrote note cards to be delivered to Chai Lifeline, an agency that helps children and families cope with serious pediatric illness. Thank you, PJ Library Planners for your hands-on service and warm messages to the 32 kids who will receive these classic books and personal cards! **If you would like to recycle and pass along some of your own PJ Library books, call or email [tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org](mailto:tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org).**



THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT

Paying It Forward

by Lina Musayev

Paying it forward is the best way to describe why I chose to join the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Team and become a family for a very special family of six.

In 1992, my family and I left Baku, Azerbaijan (a majority Muslim country squeezed between Russian North Caucasus and Iran) as refugees. After the Russian Revolution in the 1920s, nobody could practice any religion and while I didn't realize it at the time, having the word "JEW" printed in our passports had a significant negative impact on my family, which only got worse with Perestroika in the 1990s. The country became ardently nationalistic. Leaflets were distributed around the city stating, "Armenians first, Jews second." That's when my parents decided we must leave.

We were lucky to be sponsored by HIAS, JFS, and Temple Sholom in CT. Although the adjustment wasn't easy, especially for my parents, coming to America was the best thing that could



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have ever happened to me. I will never forget the volunteers' smiling faces, as well as their continued warmth, acceptance and support when we arrived and for many years later.

When I heard Rabbi Sisenwine talk about the Resettlement Team during the [5777] high holidays, I jumped at the opportunity and knew this was my chance to pay it forward. After I met

the family, my assumptions were right on. Despite being of different faiths, our stories are amazingly similar.

We communicate using charades, pointing, hand gestures, pictures on our phones, and the Google translate app. It is remarkable to watch their English improve in a short time and exciting to see their smiling faces as they begin to get on their feet with our support. We share meals, laugh, play, and go on outings together. I learn from them and they learn from me. They trust me and I trust them. A true friendship is being formed.

I try to use my personal experience to provide this family with advice and reassurance that while it can be difficult to adjust, in time they will fit in and have opportunities to do whatever they wish. Some of the volunteers who helped me and my family are still in my life and I hope to continue being this family's friend and mentor for many more years and open up their eyes to the countless opportunities America has to offer.

*With help from UJA Greenwich, Lina's family was resettled here in 1992, when she was 9 years old. She is now married with two little girls of her own, living in the Boston area and committed to assisting in her synagogue's efforts at Syrian resettlement.*



Yafit: An Ethiopian-Israeli Woman of Valor

When Yafit was seven, she and her family began to walk. This journey to escape famine and persecution took them from their village in Ethiopia to Israel. For a month and a half, they scaled mountains and forded rivers, moving in silence to avoid the attention of robbers and kidnappers.

When they arrived in Sudan, the family slept in a tent city, biding their time and fending off mosquitos and dysentery. But when Yafit and her younger sister became too weak to travel further, their parents left them behind, promising that they could join them once their strength returned.

Time passed. Nothing happened. One night as they slept, a stranger came into their tent and nudged her awake. Thinking it was a dream, Yafit boarded a truck and was whisked away to an airport. Next thing she knew, she was embracing her parents in the Promised Land.

Finding an Eshet Chayil

As a new immigrant who knew neither the language nor culture of her new country, Yafit faced significant hurdles to success,

but she was scrappy and determined. She learned Hebrew, earned a degree in education and started teaching Hebrew to Russian immigrants in Ashdod.

Her skill and spirit soon caught the attention of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). Representatives invited her to run workshops for their *Eshet Chayil* (Woman of Valor) program, which helps Israeli women from disadvantaged backgrounds enter the regional job market. It surprised no one that she soon rose to become regional coordinator.

The Meaning of Success

Now, as head of JDC's Southern Region's Career Advancement Program, Yafit works with dozens of Israeli women one-on-one, assessing their potential and helping them plan and reach goals for a better future. The program is a part of TEVET, JDC's comprehensive employment initiative forged in partnership with the Israeli government.

"Some women worry about childcare, and some already have many personal and



communal responsibilities. They take care of everyone else and have no time to take care of themselves," she says. "My work is to help show them that by improving their careers, they are in fact strengthening their families and communities."

And it is in doing this work – helping others find success through wisdom she learned the tough way as an immigrant working mother of three – that Yafit truly shines as her own Israeli woman of valor.

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- Fri., Nov. 24..... 4:12 pm
- Fri., Dec. 1..... 4:09 pm
- Fri., Dec. 8..... 4:09 pm
- Tues., Dec. 12 –
- First night of Hanukkah*
- Fri., Dec. 15..... 4:11 pm
- Weds., Dec. 20 –
- Last night of Hanukkah*
- Fri., Dec. 22..... 4:15 pm
- Fri., Jan 5, 2018..... 4:21 pm
- Fri., Jan. 12..... 4:28 pm
- Fri., Jan. 19..... 4:36 pm
- Fri., Jan. 26..... 4:45 pm
- Fri., Feb. 2..... 4:53 pm
- Fri., Feb. 9..... 5:02 pm
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## Bi-Cultural Day School Receives Prestigious National Blue Ribbon – the Only Jewish School in the U.S. to Be Honored

Bi-Cultural Day School of Stamford has been selected as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. In winning this award, Bi-Cultural becomes one of 342 schools nationwide – only 50 of which are private schools (and the only Jewish day school) – one of five schools in Connecticut, to be so honored.

“National Blue Ribbon Schools are active demonstrations of preparing every child for a bright future,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in an online address to honorees. According to the Department of Education, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. Bi-Cultural was recognized for its overall academic excellence which has placed it among the nation’s top-performing schools.

Upon hearing the news, Head of School Jacqueline Herman was thrilled but not surprised. “This coveted award affirms what we at Bi-Cultural have long known – that the commitment and expertise of our talented faculty and staff and the dedication and support of our families and communities have worked together to create a safe and nurturing environment in which our students continue to grow intellectually, spiritually and emotionally,” she said. David Pitkoff, chairman of Bi-Cultural’s Board of Trustees, echoed Mrs. Herman’s sentiment. The Blue Ribbon designation, he noted, is recognition that Bi-Cultural “is not only one of the finest Jewish day schools in the metropolitan area, but one of the finest schools, both private and public, in the entire country.” Those responsible for this achievement, he said, include Bi-Cultural’s “incomparable” Head of School Jackie Herman, as well as the school’s group of administrators, associate principals, faculty and staff, “whose commitment,



(left to right) Bi-Cultural Head of School Jackie Herman, Associate Principal Rachel Haron, Director of Admissions Denise Rafailov and Dean Rabbi Tzvi Bernstein gather in Mrs. Herman’s office to watch Secretary Betsy DeVos deliver an online address announcing the 2017 Blue Ribbon Schools.

dedication and talent has enabled our school to stand out as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.”

## Temple Sholom Selma Maisel Nursery School Pushes Full STEAM Ahead

Since its unveiling in August, the new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) Lab at the Temple Sholom Selma Maisel Nursery School has become a colorful and imaginative space for creativity and discovery. Areas like robotics, wind resistance, weights and measures, and woodworking have already been explored by 3’s and Pre-K classes during their weekly visits to the dedicated classroom, making the addition of the STEAM curriculum a big hit with children and parents alike.



“This is unique,” said Stephanie Otten, a parent of an SMNS Pre-K student. “We looked at a lot of other pre-schools, and they didn’t have this.” The idea to implement the STEAM movement into the pre-school came earlier this year, following Nursery School Director David Cohen’s participation in an Early Childhood S.T.E.M. Conference in Pasadena, CA. “I’ve only been at the Temple Sholom Selma Maisel Nursery School for a year, and I just feel so lucky to have a place that has the resources and the backing of our executive director and the rabbi, to make it a high-quality place for children and families” said Cohen.

Just before the school year started, Cohen invited current and past SMNS children to be a part of a special “ribbon-sawing” ceremony to officially unveil the STEAM Lab. Each child took a turn at sawing the long piece of wood bearing a huge red ribbon on it. When the block split in two, a wave of excitement and applause filled the room. “Mommy, it’s a real saw!” said four-year-old Oliver Halio of Riverside, CT, during the



ceremony. “I can’t wait to come here every day.”

The Nursery School has also added a new Gymnastics Studio for this school year, complete with bars, beams and vaults to help teach children balance, strength, flexibility and coordination.

“It will really do wonders for developing gross motor skills and building confidence,” Cohen said.

Registration is now open for the 2018-2019 school year. To schedule a tour, contact David Cohen at 203-622-8121 or david.cohen@templesholom.com.

*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

SOCIAL & CORPORATE EVENTS	SWEET 16’S & QUINCIENAS	BAR/BAT MITZVAHS	BRIDAL & BABY SHOWERS	WEDDINGS
<b>TEMPLE SHOLOM’S</b> <i>Party Planning Showcase &amp; Mitzvah Project Fair</i>				
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Representatives from non-profit organizations will also be on hand to help with mitzvah project ideas!				

# An American Odyssey: The Jewish Experience in Greenwich

## November 15, 2017 – April 15, 2018

Landmark Exhibition Celebrates the Jewish Experience in Greenwich  
Remarkable Heritage and Contributions to Greenwich's Cultural and Economic Vitality Explored

The Greenwich Historical Society's landmark exhibition: "An American Odyssey: The Jewish Experience in Greenwich," opens on November 15th. This is a not-to-be missed and captivating collection of historic memorabilia and first-person accounts from Jewish residents of Greenwich. The exhibition chronicles the previously untold story of Greenwich's Jewish community dating to the turn of the last century. It examines how Jews, like other immigrants, struggled with the pull to integrate into American society and yet also the desire to remain distinct. The significant contributions of Greenwich Jews to the cultural and economic vitality of the town, despite their humble beginnings, low numbers and episodes of discrimination and restrictions on worship, employment and housing opportunities, are all explored.

Seven over-arching themes depict their journey, each supported by richly evocative stories, original objects, documents and photographs, and first-person quotations and audio recordings. These themes are: Jews in Colonial Greenwich; Mass Migration of Eastern European Jews; The Town the Settlers Found; Gaining an Economic Foothold 1880-1930; The Founding of Temple Shalom; Immigration Ends, Anti-Semitism Intensifies 1924-1940s; and Postwar Greenwich Jews Suburbanize.

"This is among the most significant exhibitions in the history of the Historical Society," says Debra Mecky, executive director. "Despite its relatively small but growing population, the Jewish community has had an outsized influence on Greenwich. Many of the stores on Greenwich Avenue were established by Jewish immigrants who came here from Eastern Europe with little or no money. From their humble beginnings as street peddlers, they helped shape our thriving retail



*The Favorite Shoe Store opened at 92 Greenwich Avenue in 1914 during the first wave of Jewish immigration and remained open for 91 years.*

sector. Many Jewish families have made their mark through generous philanthropy, which has contributed enormously to the town's vitality. The story of this Jewish community is integral to understanding Greenwich's legacy and prominent stature in the United States."

### Organization and Support

The exhibition is curated by Dr. Ann Meyerson, a nationally recognized independent museum curator who most recently co-curated "The First Jewish Americans: Freedom and Culture in the New World" at the New-York Historical Society.

Generous support is provided by Lawrence Benenson, The Blavatnik Family Foundation, Jessica and Drew Guff, Ambassador John L. Loeb, Jr., Isabel and Peter Malkin, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Messer, Ruth and Harold Newman, Davidde and Ron Strackbein, and the Malcolm Hewitt Wiener Foundation. The Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the Greenwich Library Oral History Project

and the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield Country for their significant contributions to the exhibition.

"The American Odyssey follows on exhibitions that explored the contributions to Greenwich from its Italian and Japanese communities," says Peter Malkin. "The reimagined Greenwich Historical Society's campus, scheduled to open in 2018, will permit the Society to host more and larger exhibitions and contribute even more to our Town, upon the successful conclusion of the Historical Society's Capital Campaign."

*The exhibition, which opens on November 15 and runs to April 15, is located at the Greenwich Historical Society, 39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807. See [greenwichhistory.org](http://greenwichhistory.org) for additional details.*

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# The Post-ISIS Void: The New Realities of Today's Middle East



with Guest Speaker **Robert Ford**  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Syria

**Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 pm**  
at Temple Sholom  
300 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT

Ambassador Ford is a senior fellow at the Middle East Institute in Washington and is currently teaching at Yale at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs as a Kissinger Senior Fellow. He retired from the U.S. Foreign Service in 2014 after serving as the U.S. Ambassador to Syria from 2011 to 2014. In this role, Ambassador Ford was the State Department lead on Syria, proposing and implementing policy and developing common strategies with European and Middle Eastern allies to try to resolve the Syria conflict.

RSVP Required to Alice Schoen, 203-542-7165, [alice.schoen@templesholom.com](mailto:alice.schoen@templesholom.com).

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## Jewish High School of CT Teens As National Community Leaders

by David Giver

As summer winds down and students get ready for school, many teens try to squeeze the last bits of freedom out of every moment. Some students from the Jewish High School of Connecticut spent one of the last weekends of their summer at the BBYO Connecticut Valley Region (CVR) Regional Leadership Training Institute (RLTI)/B'Yachad. This week-end-long retreat prepares student leaders to return to their local chapters to bring area teens a year's worth of exciting and fulfilling Jewish programming and community service opportunities.

Julia Arnowitz, Zoe Jaffe-Berkowitz, and Sam Terr took up the challenge of being student leaders in BBYO and are now taking advantage of this leadership institute to further prepare themselves for the responsibilities of being leaders in Jewish organizations. Julia Arnowitz was elected to the BBYO Regional Board, which



Julia Arnowitz (JHSC senior) and Zoe Jaffe-Berkowitz (JHSC sophomore).

means that not only will she serve as a leader at home, she will help move organizations forward at the regional level.

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

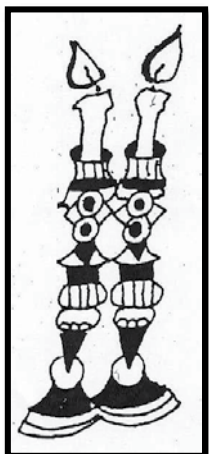
To help foster this type of growth in all of the school's students, JHSC is creating a leadership seminar to transform the leaders in the school into mentors for those students in the school who wish to take on such roles in the future. The leadership seminar will provide students with proven leadership skills, peer-mentorships, and guest lectures on all of the things that it takes to be a leader, especially in the Jewish world. With great peer examples walking the halls, and with this brand-new leadership seminar in the works, the steady stream of teen leaders coming out of the Jewish High School of Connecticut will continue for years to come.

The fact that the Jewish High School of Connecticut has national leaders at two of the largest Jewish youth groups in the country is a testament to JHSC's success at developing young people's ability to step up beyond our local school and community.

# SHABBAT TALKS

## EXPERIENCE WORTH SHARING

Come hear homegrown experts speak on a variety of topics  
During Shabbat Services | Friday nights at 7:30pm



- October 27 **NANCY COLLAMER**  
Facing Adversity and Finding Joy  
How to build resilience and find joy, even in times of great adversity
- November 3 **EVAN SALOP**  
*My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wandering Jew* by Abigail Pogrebin  
A journey through Jewish calendar with candor, humor, and a trove of information
- December 1 **STANLEY GRATT**  
The Story of Adolph Schwimmer, a little known hero in Israel and his real-life Mission Impossible  
How it began in Bridgeport and ended in Israel during the War of Independence
- January 5 **MARIE ORSINI ROSEN**  
Compassion, fatigue, and spiritual resilience  
Director of Philanthropy, The Nature Conservatory, CT Field Office, Vice-President, Interfaith Council
- February 2 **SUSAN NISINZWEIG**  
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From the Rabbi

☆ *The Sukkot–Thanksgiving Connection: Finding a Way Home* ☆

by Rabbi Jordie Gerson, Greenwich Reform

In this season of thanksgiving, it's not uncommon for rabbis to draw a line between Thanksgiving – the American holiday of harvest and gratitude – and Sukkot – the Jewish harvest holiday of joy. And although historians can't say for sure if the two share historical roots, the opportunity they give us to express our gratitude for the abundance in our lives, reflect on our blessings, and think about those who may not have the same is unparalleled.

With this in mind, I want to share a story about the most beautiful sukkah I have ever seen. A few years back, when I was living in New York City, the organization Reboot – an invitation-only organization for young Jews high up in the media, arts and politics – hosted a sukkah competition in New York City. It was a contest to see who could build the most beautiful, innovative and meaningful sukkot. Held in Union Square, Jewish artists, architects and designers from all over the world were given a year to design and construct sukkot that adhered to the proper *halachic*, or legal, standards. The sukkot would then be placed in the center of Union Square for a number of weeks, where ultimately, they would be voted on by a panel of judges.

The competition sukkot were, by and large, beautiful. They were works of art. They were constructed from bamboo, or were entirely biodegradable, or made of rough-hewn pine or dyed fabrics. They had a variety of *schach* (the greenery that forms the ceiling to allow us to see the stars at night in

a sukkah) on top, and they were breezy and shaded, large and strangely quiet inside, even in the middle of downtown Manhattan. But the most striking of them was none of these things, and inside, offered precious little peace.

You see, one of the artists in the competition had taken it upon himself to learn not just about the laws of building sukkot, but about the history of the holiday. And in the midst of his learning, one of the things he'd come across was that sukkot were only ever intended – and allowed – to serve as temporary dwellings for a people who, although they may have lived in seemingly permanent dwellings, did not, for much of their history of diaspora and exile, feel as if they had a permanent and safe home. And so the artist had traveled the country and in every city he visited had collected cardboard signs from the beggars and runaways and homeless. And he had constructed a sukkah entirely from these cardboard placards. And so the inner and outer walls of his sukkah, were covered in words; words that read: "Hungry, please help." Or "Living on the streets with my three children, anything helps." Or, "Please, just enough money for a place to stay."

It was impossible to stand in that sukkah and not feel a part of the transience and fragility of Jewish history. It was impossible to stand in that sukkah and not feel a small piece of the terror of exile, of wandering toward homecoming. It was impossible to stand in that sukkah and not understand, if

only for a moment, how terrifying and destabilizing it must be to be homeless anywhere in America, from New York City, to Connecticut, to Los Angeles.

That sukkah did not win the competition, but I believed then, as I do now, that it should have. Over the past few centuries, there has developed a certain custom among Hasidim of inviting the most destitute members their communities into their sukkot for a good meal and a place to sleep. It is a throwback, in some ways, to the custom of inviting Elijah to our seder tables, and it evokes the language of Passover, of wandering home: "Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are needy come and celebrate."

This Thanksgiving may we, as we sit and eat in our own homes, as we sleep and rejoice in them, remember those for whom temporary dwellings are not cause to celebrate, those for whom a home open to the sky lasts more than the length of a holiday, and as we do, may we endeavor this Thanksgiving, next Sukkot, and always, to do what we can to help them find a way home.

*Kein Yehi Ratzon.* May this be God's will and may it be ours as well.

*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-JCC Greenwich.*

# Daring

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*20 Years of Daring*

# Carmel Academy Celebrates 20 Years of Daring

This fall marks a momentous milestone for Carmel Academy, as the Greenwich school kicks off a yearlong celebration in honor of its 20th Anniversary. “Our anniversary theme is ‘20 Years of Daring,’ which reflects our founders’ pioneering spirit, and the innovative culture that remains a core value of the Carmel Academy educational experience,” said Head of School Nora Anderson. The “20 Years of Daring” theme will be integrated into the curriculum, as students and faculty will be encouraged to take on academic and personal challenges, as well as pursue a variety of endeavors, such as studying daring figures in history. In honor of this significant year, Carmel Academy will take a step back into 1997 for a “1997 Day,” gather for a 20th Anniversary Erev Tov Annual Dinner and formally honor the architects of the school with a Founder’s Day Celebration. “Two decades ago, a group of 20 parents gathered to do something quite extraordinary – launch a new kind of Jewish day school,” said Anderson. “Our founders had a clear vision of a school that would embrace and celebrate religious diversity; a school whose philosophy would champion a true child-centered educational journey; and a school that would be fully committed to an innovative educational approach. Our founders were aspirational and ambitious – qualities that I am proud to say are a

legacy that continues to make Carmel Academy the exceptional school it is today.”

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

Carmel Academy, which was founded as Westchester Hebrew Academy in 1997, opened its doors on one floor of a synagogue with 14 kindergarten and ten first grade students. Today, the school serves students from transitional kindergarten through 8th grades and is located on a 17-acre historic campus in central Greenwich, attracting more than 225 students from throughout Fairfield and Westchester counties, as well as Riverdale and New York City. Carmel’s commitment to innovation has earned the school prestigious academic invitations including being one of the first schools in the country to pilot and then adopt the renowned E2K STEM program, as well as being selected to pilot the Judaic and general studies Standards and Benchmark programs.



Members of Carmel Academy’s faculty perform in a welcome dance video to kick off Carmel Academy’s 20th anniversary celebrations.

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## Shir Ami Szydlowiec Torah to Be Included in Greenwich Historical Society Exhibit

Congregation Shir Ami's Torah will be on view as part of the Greenwich Historical Society exhibit, "An American Odyssey: The Jewish Experience" scheduled to run from November 15, 2017 through April 15, 2018. This historic Torah was saved from destruction in the Holocaust and hidden by a Catholic family in the village of Szydlowiec, Poland, from the day the Jews were deported until it was discovered and brought to Congregation Shir Ami by member Barry Stein. Because it had been wrapped in a horse blanket and hidden in the family cellar, the Torah was preserved in excellent condition.

Experts date the Torah from the 1880's and were impressed by the quality and artistry of the parchment and ink. Barry Stein made contact with survivors from the village of Szydlowiec who now live in the United States. At a luncheon with Barry Stein and Rabbi Axe, the survivors expressed disbelief, and then awe at the discovery of their Torah. They attended the Service of Dedication, which took place during Shabbat Services in May 2005, and they participated in a ceremonious passing of the Torah from one generation to another.

"Every Torah holds secrets hidden within the sacred texts that will never be revealed," noted Rabbi Axe. "The secrets that are common to all Torah scrolls are the untold parts of the stories of our ancient Biblical ancestors. The unique journey of each Torah scroll holds the secrets of every member of every community where the Torah has found a home. This sacred Torah has had a rich journey, some of it tragic, all of it noble. Congregation Shir Ami is honored to be part of the journey, and it is our prayer that our Torah has found a joyous and worthy home with us."

On loan for the exhibit are the original Breast Plate, Yad, and Torah Cover which was restored and is on permanent display at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greenwich where Shir Ami holds Shabbat services.



Barry Stein who brought the Szydlowiec Torah to Shir Ami



Rabbi Axe displays the Breast Plate and Yad

Survivors from Szydlowiec with their Sacred Torah



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**Are you considering taking a class or attending a lecture this Winter?**  
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**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*

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

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

*Chabad of Greenwich*

**Sunday Morning Torah Study** – 9:30-10:30 am  
 Email RabbiFeldman@ChabadGreenwich.org for information.  
**Parsha with Classic Commentaries** – Thursdays, 9:45-10:45 am  
**Chassidic Philosophy Class** – Shabbat, 8:45-9:30 am

*Congregation Shir Ami*

Shabbat Talks: Experience Worth Sharing with Homegrown Experts  
**“The Story of Adolph Schwimmer, Winner of the 2006 Israel Prize”**  
 With Stanley Gratt – Friday, Dec. 1, 7:30 pm  
**“Compassion, Fatigue, and Spiritual Resilience”**  
 With Marie Orsini Rosen – Friday, January 5, 7:30 pm  
**“A Change of Heart: Exploring Ways to Help Ourselves and Others Move from Hate and Fear,”**  
 With Susan Nisinzweig – Friday, February 2, 7:30 pm

*Greenwich Reform*

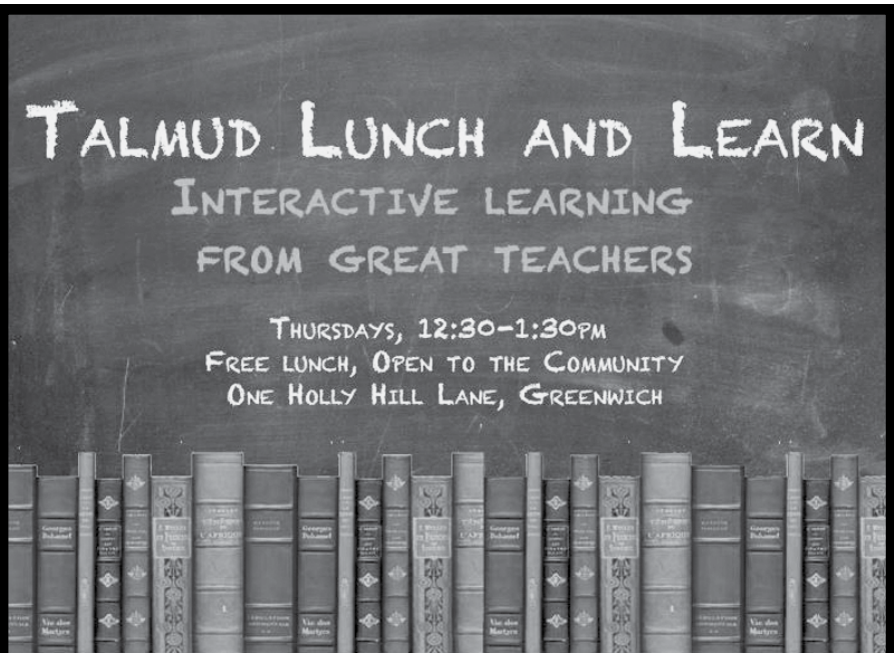
**Ethical Issues in Judaism**  
 With Rabbi Robert Rothman – Sundays, 10:30 am  
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*UJA-JCC Greenwich*

UJA-JCC Greenwich Annual Meeting – Thursday, November 30, 7 pm  
**“From Head of the Boardroom to Head of the Class”** with Alon Futterman  
 Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Ave., Greenwich  
 Current Event Series with Alfred Hunt – America and Americans: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow  
**“American Exceptionalism”** – Friday, December 8  
**“Quo Vadis?”** – Friday, February 9  
 One Holly Hill Lane, 10-11:30 am. Register at jccgreenwich.org or call 203-552-1818.

*Temple Sholom*

**Shabbat Study with Temple Sholom Clergy** – Saturdays, 9-10 am  
**Lunch & Learn** – Tuesdays, 12pm-1pm  
 Kosher lunch provided  
**Jewish Meditation** – Wednesday, November 15, 7-8 pm  
**The Post-ISIS Void: The New Realities of Today's Middle East** – Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 pm  
 With guest speaker, Robert Ford, Former U.S. Ambassador to Syria  
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- Foreign Affairs**  
*Rabbi Avram Mlotek*..... *November 30*
- Stars, Stripes and Lights**  
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- The Jewish Mother**  
*Sarah Kelly, PhD*..... *December 14*
- Deadly Issues - Part II**  
*Chaim Lauer*..... *December 21*  
*No class - Tenth of Tevet*..... *December 28*
- In Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls**  
*Joseph Angel, PhD*..... *January 4*
- Moses and the Burning Bush**  
*Rabbi Menachem Feldman*..... *January 11*
- Iceberg, Goldberg**  
*Michael Feldstein*..... *January 18*
- Tu B'Shvat**  
*Meredith Levick*..... *January 25*
- Prayer As Conundrum**  
*Chaim Lauer*..... *February 1*
- Love and Consent in Judaism**  
*Rabbi Daniel Gropper*..... *February 8*
- Yitro and the Ten Commandments**  
*Rabbi Elisba Paul*..... *February 15*
- Purim Powwow: How Green Is My Queen?**  
*Chaim Lauer*..... *February 22*

*Check JCC calendar for updated schedule*

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## tots FOR PRESCHOOLERS

**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 Keesey, 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!



**Sunday Funday TOTS – little people with BIG hearts making stuffed bears and cards for children who are served by the MetCouncil on Jewish Poverty.**



## kids FOR K-2 GRADERS

**JAN 7**

### DIY Paper Making With Bitty City Players

Rip, blend, smush -- 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

**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 superhero, 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.

## J.T.A.C.

*Jewish Teen Action Committee*  
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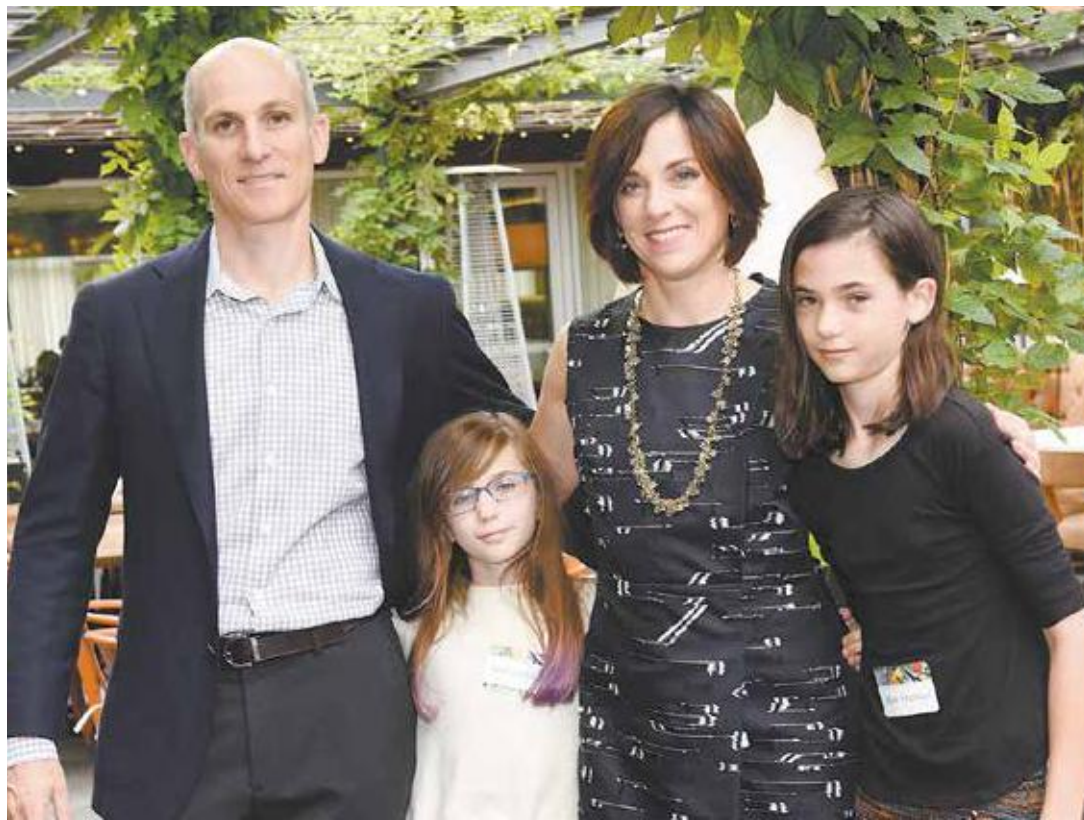
### DECEMBER 3 Chanukah Helpers at the Dreidel Ball

3-5pm | Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Avenue

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

# Women's Philanthropy

## Honoring Carolyn Surgent



# Fall Brunch-October 11

Heartfelt thanks and kudos to Fall Brunch 2017 Event Chairs Suzanne Katz, Allison Jackson and Mugs Zales for a wonderful event and Mazel Tov! to honoree Carolyn Sargent.



## Gems from Carolyn's Inspiring Message

I am happy and deeply honored to be here today. How did I get here? If you count backwards, it seems like a thread, a clear path, but of course, it's not. Its more like a web woven by so many who helped me, a web of values, service, tzedakah, and support for being part of this tribe...

Today I stand on a foundation firmed up by people who matter a lot, you *did* a lot for me. I'm here having set an intention to live with love as a guide, with openness to what came next, with strength from my husband and my beautiful girls, Kate and Josie, and always following what's at my center. By caring for the things that matter, the right things seem to happen...

What we're doing in this room today – bridging the past, present and future – in a line that reaches from thousands of years ago to the work some of the women in this room did to pave the way for us here in Greenwich and the glue that is the UJA. We are all the keepers of this gift. We all share the hope that this community and all the communities we touch will endure for our children and our children's children...

Its a privilege to belong here. I'm deeply grateful and honored for this moment. Let's find solace and strength in the values that we hold at our center. We are *all* privileged to belong. And *we* can save the world by caring for it.



## Ladies Night Out with Author Orli Auslander



## PJ Library Back Together Family Picnic



## All Beers Considered with Chef Geoff Lazlo



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## Carmel Academy Students Create Dale Chihuly-Inspired Art Installation

### *A Sukkah Decoration Like No Other*



Carmel Academy Eden Citron admires one of the Dale Chihuly-inspired art installations.

When Carmel Academy's art teacher Lori Amer visited the breathtaking Dale Chihuly exhibit at the New York Botanical Garden last spring, she knew immediately that she had to bring the magic of the groundbreaking artist back to her students. Amer did just that – with a school-wide Chihuly-inspired art installation that was displayed in Carmel Academy's Sukkah.

"Chihuly is such an approachable artist," Amer said of the world-renowned glass

sculptor. After learning about the artist – his life, his unusual works and his trailblazing techniques – the entire student body came together to create their own Chihuly-inspired art using recycled plastic, acrylic paint and permanent markers. The colorful pieces were then assembled in Chihuly-like chandeliers and hung in the Sukkah.

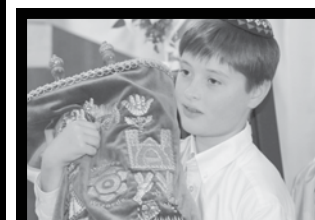
All the students – from the school's youngest to oldest – contributed to the project, Amer said. "The students also

learned about the two *mitzvot* they were performing in making this art: beautifying the Sukkah and *Bal Tashchit* (recycling)," Amer said.

"The enthusiastic reaction to this project by the students, parents and wider community is unprecedented," Amer said. "In my 15 years teaching at

Carmel Academy, this has been the most talked about art project. Many Carmel Academy families have since visited the New York Botanical Garden to see the Chihuly show, and I am still getting excited questions and comments from my students about the project and the exhibit."

### HEBREW WIZARDS KEHILAT SHALOM HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 5778



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## Bi-Cultural Paints Snow Plow Blades with a Positive Message

What happens when you mix together a little bit of paint with a lot of love? According to the Class of 2018 at Bi-Cultural Day School, you come up with a formula for spreading a plow-full of positive energy and warm feelings throughout the community. In other words, you make a difference.

The Bi-Cultural students learned that lesson in September when middle-school teacher Adrienne Robinson heard about Paint the Plow, a community outreach program designed to foster friendship and good will throughout the community. The project, which was met with great success in towns in states outside of Connecticut, invites students to paint snow plow blades with original artwork that promote a positive, feel-good message.

Bi-Cultural contacted the Connecticut

Department of Transportation – and before you could say “snow storm,” six plow blades were delivered to the Stamford day school, ready to be painted by members of the Class of 2018, making Bi-Cultural the first “Paint the Plow” school in the state.

Divided into groups during the students’ leadership training program – an integral and annual part of the Bi-Cultural eighth-grade curriculum – the students brainstormed meaningful one-word messages they felt were important to share with the community.

Then, on a recent Sunday they got together on the Bi-Cultural campus, and each group painted its message on a plow. Now, when the first snow falls this winter, Stamford residents will receive uplifting messages like “Unity,” “Kindness,” and “Humanity” along with cleared roads.



(left to right) BCDS 8th-graders Drew Leferman, P.J. Jelen, Emily Seligson, Rachel Offir and Avi Gordon show off their plow, painted with the word “Unity.”

## Carmel Academy Students and Staff Do “Pie Face Challenge” in Honor of Young Greenwich Neighbor

With plates filled with whipped cream, more than 70 students and staff at Carmel Academy dared themselves to do the “Pie Face Challenge” in honor of Sam Buck, a 7-year-old Greenwich neighbor battling a rare terminal illness. Sam’s parents, Allyson and Nick Buck, started the “Pie Face Challenge” in the hopes of raising awareness and funds for research surrounding the extremely rare Vanishing White Matter Disease. Participants in the challenge post photos and video of themselves on social media putting a pie in their face and make a donation to the VWM Families Foundation.

After reading about Sam’s courageous battle and his parents’ quest to fund more research, Carmel Academy wanted to help. In early October, the school held the challenge during recess for all students and faculty. Each grade challenged another grade. The students warmly welcomed Sam, who is a 2nd grader at Glenville Elementary School, and his mom to

Carmel to watch and participate. There were plenty of laughs, high fives, and a special card for Sam, signed by the entire student body. It was an act of *chesed* that

Carmel Academy will never forget. To make a donation to the VWM Families Foundation please visit [www.vwmff.org](http://www.vwmff.org).



Carmel Academy fourth graders do the “Pie Face Challenge” with the help of new friend, Sam Buck.



Carmel Academy students present Sam Buck with a card welcoming him to the school.

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## Bi-Cultural Welcomes Preschoolers to "Gan Abava"

Preschoolers and first-graders at Bi-Cultural Day School arrived back at school in September to find a surprise right outside the Early Childhood Center. Called "Gan Abava" – Hebrew for "Garden of Love," the beautiful new plot was all ready for planting. Enthusiastic young students were aided by their teachers in planting a variety of vegetables, including beets, lettuce, broccoli, carrots, radishes and so much more.

Not only will the preschoolers get to watch the vegetables take root and grow throughout the fall, they will also enjoy lessons related to gardening and the environment, as well as the Jewish values of feeding the hungry and *tikkun olam*.



At Bi-Cultural's preschool orientation, first-grade teacher Debbie Morgenthaler helped kindergartner Ryan Balsam plant seeds in the school's new Gan Abava, as Mason Balsam looked on.

## Better Together— Hebrew Wizards Mitzvah Moments

What's Jewish about pumpkins?

We found out with our Senior buddies as we decorated and celebrated Sukkot and Simchat Torah



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## GHS ISRAEL CLUB

The Greenwich High School Israel Club kicked off the year with new student leadership.

**Ben Simon and Juliette Wilder, both juniors, will act as co-presidents for the club. Hunter Kemp, also a junior, will serve as the club's secretary.**

**The Israel Club meets every other Thursday in Clark House, Room 205, at 3:15pm.**

**Upcoming meetings are November 16, 30 and December 14.**

## A Sweet Women's Philanthropy Board Meeting



Thank you to Beekeeper Beth Boyer and Chef Geoff Lazlo who treated board members to a seasonal tasting of apples and honey at the September Board meeting.

## REVERSAL OF FORTUNE?

NOT ENOUGH FOOD? FINDING A NEW JOB?  
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**Friday, December 15, 6:00PM**  
**Hanukkah Shabbat dinner & service**

Candle lighting, dreidels, dinner, and fun.  
Please bring your hanukiah to light.

**Sunday, December 17, 9:30AM**  
**Religious School Hanukkah party**

A Hanukkah breakfast of sufganiyot followed by a mitzvah project.



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# JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREENWICH

## Upcoming Programs

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

Home safety tips, checks, and recommendations.  
*Tuesday, 11/14, 7:00 pm*

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

Share thought-provoking books with Jewish themes  
*Wednesdays, 11/29, 1/24, 3/7, 5/2, 6/27; 7:30 pm*  
Next up: *Stolen Beauty* by Laurie Lico Albanese, November 29

### INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS

Explore the opportunities and challenges of interfaith living.  
*Monday, 11/13; 7:00 pm*

### 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.  
*Mondays, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12; 12:15-12:45 pm*

### 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 is two hours per week.

#### *Bikur Cholim*

Visit Jewish patients in Greenwich Hospital. Time commitment can be as little as two hours semi-monthly.

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

## New Fall Discussion Groups

### WORK LIFE BALANCE...IS IT ATTAINABLE?

For working moms! Discuss your feelings and concerns with others who understand. *Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm*

### NEW TO TOWN?

Let's talk about adjusting to suburban life. *Fridays, 9-10 am*

### NEW MOM?

Overwhelmed with your new baby? Want to talk with others but can't leave home? Join others to discuss online. *Tuesdays, 9-10 am*

### STRUGGLING WITH FAMILY DYNAMICS

Having trouble with your in-laws? It happens a lot! We'll help you understand and manage the relationships. *Tuesdays, 11 am-12 pm*

### MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS

Cry, laugh, and talk about what it feels like to lose your mother at a young age. There is no more powerful way to heal.  
*Wednesdays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm*

### 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. *Wednesdays, 12-1 pm*

### WHAT IS YOUR WHALE?

We will examine the *Book of Jonah* as a template for contemporary Life. *Fridays, 12-1 pm*

All groups are facilitated by JFS staff.

Contact us at 203-622-1881 to register.

### ONGOING DISCUSSION GROUPS INCLUDE:

Bereavement	Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am
Divorce	Tuesdays, 11:30am-12:45pm
Living Well in Later Life	Tuesdays, 10:30-11:45 am
Fractured Families, Healing Hearts	Tuesdays, 1-2:15 pm

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## Greenwich Woods Residents Celebrate Simchat Torah





# JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREENWICH

## Supermarketing for Seniors: So Much More than Shopping!

A Supermarketing for Seniors shopper confirmed with one of her clients that she would come by the next morning. The call in this case was to remind the client, to be prepared with her shopping list ahead of time, since impaired memory is only one of her significant health issues.

At 8:30 the next morning the client didn't answer the phone. Her shopper called for more than an hour, increasingly concerned that the client was in distress, not just in the shower or visiting a neighbor. After consulting with the JFS office, the shopper went to the apartment and had the property manager (the Greenwich Housing Authority) open the door. They found the client on the floor, unable to get up or call for help. After a call to 911 and a few days' stay in the hospital, the client was once again brought safely back home. A happy ending!

If you or someone you know would benefit from our grocery shopping services, please call Elyse Brown, Program Director, at 203-622-1881. How can we help you?

## Supermarketing for Seniors Took Part in the Greenwich Commission on Aging Health & Wellness Expo



### SPECIAL DONATIONS to Jewish Family Services

*In Honor of:*  
**Alexander Vitale**, by Susan and Jerry Davis

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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.

## More from Supermarketing for Seniors

On November 17th, Patsy Schumacher, LCSW, case worker with the Greenwich Department of Human Services, will address Supermarketing for Seniors shoppers on "How to Help People Who Are Hard to Help." SFS shoppers attend periodic meetings that give them the opportunity to socialize over refreshments, share tips and techniques they may use with their clients, and to learn from outside experts about topics that will help them as SFS shoppers



*Patsy Schumacher, LCSW*

and in their daily lives. Some past topics of discussion have included reading nutrition labels on packaged food, identity theft prevention, and how to talk with people diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer shopper with Supermarketing for Seniors, with a commitment of as little as two hours per week, contact Elyse Brown, Program Director, at 203-622-1881.

## Temple Sholom Teens Engage in Yom Kippur Tikkun Olam



On Yom Kippur morning, Temple Sholom held a special social action program for its teen community. Teens sorted donations from the temple's Annual High Holiday Food Drive and carried them next door to Neighbor to Neighbor to help stock the pantry shelves.



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Thursday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m.

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## Jewish High School of Connecticut Freshmen Participate in Friendship Day



JHSC freshmen volunteered and made puppets with the kids at Friendship Circle's Friendship Day in October. Pictured: Back row from left to right: Amelia Chapman, Hannah Becker, Danielle Hadge, Jaye Kaplan. Front row, from left to right: Alexandra Hadge, Sydney Hoffman, Sophie Yellen

## PJ Library Story Walk at Greenwich Reform

PJ Library visited Greenwich Reform for a Story Walk based on chapters in the "PJ" book *First Gift*. *First Gift* introduces the tradition of naming and names of the world. We explored our heritage through Story Walk stations including: hospitality in Abraham and Sarah's tent, an imaginary journey with Adam on his exit from Gan Eden, and the creation of each person's family tree. **Rabbi Gerson, Eliana Hall**, Greenwich Reform's Director of Education, Hebrew school staff and madrichim-youth leaders all helped to make the Story Walk interesting and fun!



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

Since it was unveiled in February 2106, 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. The success of Makerspace in stimulating learning and fostering creativity among older students prompted Bi-Cultural administrators and faculty to think outside the box. 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 creative and vivid imaginations," says Beth Fritz, a third-grade teacher at Bi-Cultural. Fritz, together with middle school teacher Adrienne Robinson, was responsible for setting up the school's first Makerspace and brought their expertise to bear on the conceptualization and construction of the early childhood space. "Children at this age have been 'makers' long before the rest of the world caught on. Our job is just to give them the space to unlock their own creativity," says Robinson. According to Fritz, "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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## Age-Proof with Author Jean Chatzky on November 1

TODAY show's financial editor, Jean Chatzky shared insights on her new book *Age-Proof: Living Longer without Running Out of Money or Breaking a Hip*. The event was co-presented by UJA-JCC Greenwich, JFS Greenwich, The Jewish Book Council and YWCA of Greenwich.



Photos by Tyler Sizemore/Hearst Connecticut Media

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# CHANUKAH CONCERT with the MACCABEATS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

**11:00 am** Doors Open  
**11:15 am** Concert Begins  
**GHS Performing Arts Center (PAC)**  
 10 Hillside Road Greenwich, CT 06830  
**Lunch** for sale after concert  
**Beat Boxing** workshop 10:45 am  
**Menorah Lighting** Ceremony

\$36 Ticket  
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**Date:**  
Sunday, December 17

**Time:**  
9:30 am-12 pm

**Where:**  
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Fee: \$60

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## The Dreidel Ball

Looking for a great family party? Your best bet is the Dreidel Ball on Sunday, December 3rd, 3:30-5 pm right here in Greenwich. Families are invited to dress up in their Hanukkah finest and go wild to jams by our DJ. As any Sunday schooler will tell you, a gambling game with a dreidel-like spinner was big in the second century BC, when Antiochus IV ruled. But nevermind the history lessons – go straight for the latkes and sufganiyot. Event Chairs **Rebecca Cooper, Stephanie Esquenazi** and **Hillary Rosenthal** have a wonderful event in store.

Besides fun and games, the annual Hanukkah bash presented by UJA-JCC Greenwich PJ Library invites partygoers to bring gently used children's dress clothes for the MetCouncil on Jewish Poverty's Children's Clothing Closet. "This event will be a great way to bring together children and parents from across the Jewish community for a spirited, joyful party celebrating Hanukkah. We are also teaching them the importance of *tzedakah* by providing other children with the opportunity to get dressed up and feel special," says Stephanie Esquenazi. Rebecca Cooper agrees. "The 2017 Dreidel Ball is unique this year because it's about giving back. As much as it's important to celebrate, it's also important to recognize those children who aren't as fortunate. That was the motivation behind encouraging the kids to not only dress up but to be aware of those children who don't have the same luxury." Hillary Rosenthal adds, "Doing good is an essential value we want to instill in our children. Having fun while doing good is a winning combination. We look forward to celebrating these traditions with our friends and families in the community. And it's going to be a great party!"

For additional details call 203-552-1818 or visit [jccgreenwich.org](http://jccgreenwich.org).



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At the door: \$36 per person, \$144 for family of 4+

Event Chairs:  
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## SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, November 19

UJA-JCC Greenwich

**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

Thursday, November 30

UJA-JCC Greenwich

**Annual Meeting**

"From Head of the Boardroom to Head of the Class"

With Alon Futterman

Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Avenue, 7 pm

Sunday, December 17

Chabad of Greenwich

**Chanukah Concert**

With the Maccabeats

GHS Performing Arts Center, 10 Hillside Road, Greenwich, 11:15 am

Sunday, January 7

Temple Shalom

**Party Planning Showcase & Mitzvah Project Fair**

Temple Shalom, 11 am-1 pm

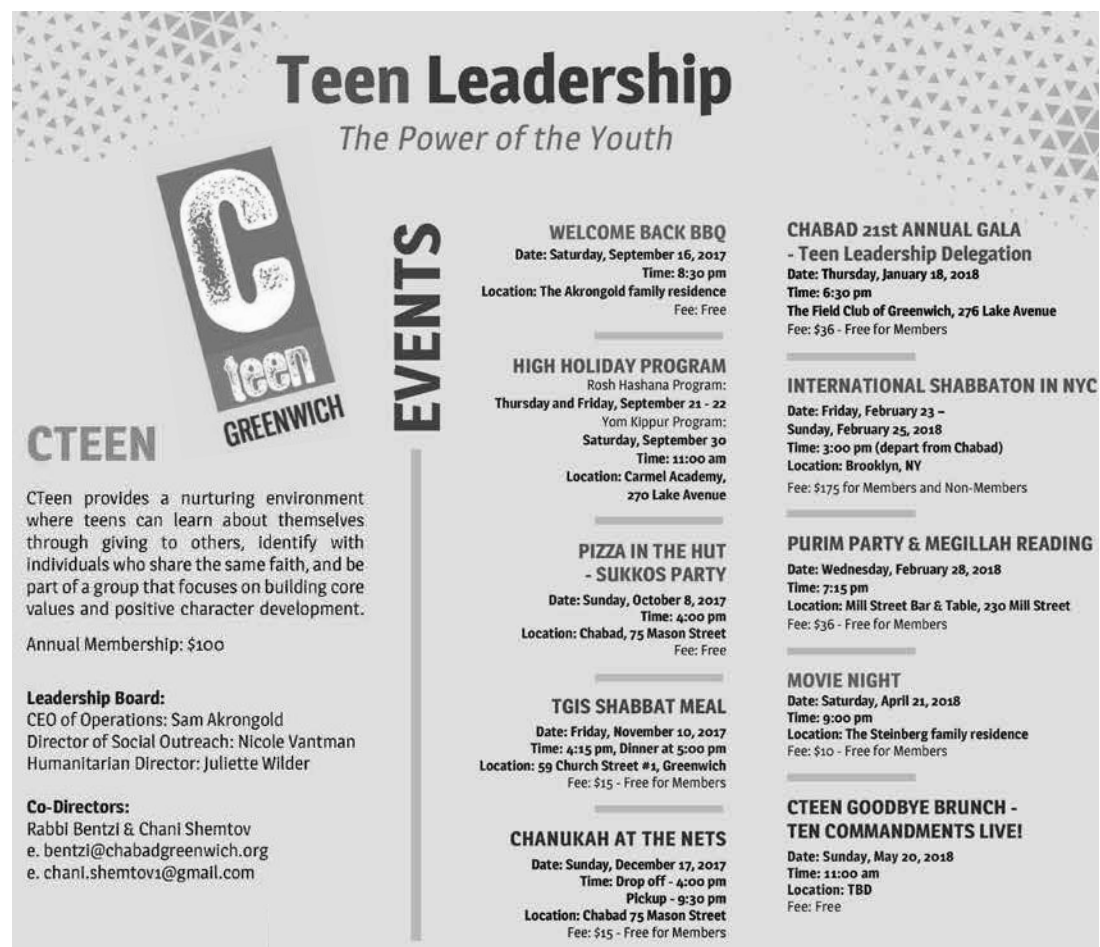
Saturday, January 27

Temple Shalom

**Annual Gala**

Honoring Travis Azous, Beth Cutler, and Phyliss Rakowitz

Temple Shalom, 7 pm



**Teen Leadership**  
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**EVENTS**

**WELCOME BACK BBQ**  
Date: Saturday, September 16, 2017  
Time: 8:30 pm  
Location: The Akrongold family residence  
Fee: Free

**HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
Rosh Hashana Program:  
Thursday and Friday, September 21 - 22  
Yom Kippur Program:  
Saturday, September 30  
Time: 11:00 am  
Location: Carmel Academy,  
270 Lake Avenue

**PIZZA IN THE HUT - SUKKOS PARTY**  
Date: Sunday, October 8, 2017  
Time: 4:00 pm  
Location: Chabad, 75 Mason Street  
Fee: Free

**TGIS SHABBAT MEAL**  
Date: Friday, November 10, 2017  
Time: 4:15 pm, Dinner at 5:00 pm  
Location: 59 Church Street #1, Greenwich  
Fee: \$15 - Free for Members

**CHANUKAH AT THE NETS**  
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2017  
Time: Drop off - 4:00 pm  
Pickup - 9:30 pm  
Location: Chabad 75 Mason Street  
Fee: \$15 - Free for Members

**CHABAD 21st ANNUAL GALA - Teen Leadership Delegation**  
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018  
Time: 6:30 pm  
The Field Club of Greenwich, 276 Lake Avenue  
Fee: \$36 - Free for Members

**INTERNATIONAL SHABBATON IN NYC**  
Date: Friday, February 23 -  
Sunday, February 25, 2018  
Time: 3:00 pm (depart from Chabad)  
Location: Brooklyn, NY  
Fee: \$175 for Members and Non-Members

**PURIM PARTY & MEGILLAH READING**  
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018  
Time: 7:15 pm  
Location: Mill Street Bar & Table, 230 Mill Street  
Fee: \$36 - Free for Members

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018  
Time: 9:00 pm  
Location: The Steinberg family residence  
Fee: \$10 - Free for Members

**CTEEN GOODBYE BRUNCH - TEN COMMANDMENTS LIVE!**  
Date: Sunday, May 20, 2018  
Time: 11:00 am  
Location: TBD  
Fee: Free

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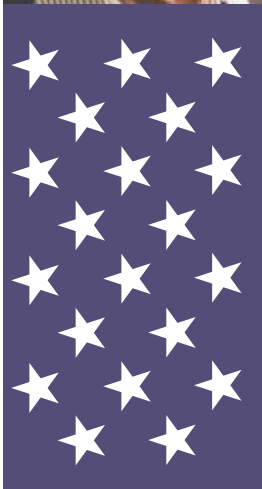
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Alfred Hunt is Professor Emeritus at Purchase College-SUNY, where he was the Dean of Letters and Science and professor of History for 30 years. He has twice been a Fulbright Scholar teaching at the University of Venice, Italy and at the University 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.



**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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**DECEMBER 6**

**On The Map**

Dani Menkin / Documentary / USA / 85 min.

Still demoralized after the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Israel was hungry for a collective, uplifting event. See how one Tel Aviv basketball team no one thought could win toppled the four-time defending European champions and put Israel firmly on the map.



**JANUARY 17**

**The Women's Balcony**

Emil Ben Shimon / Comedy, Drama / Israel / 96 min.

The collapse of a women's balcony in an Orthodox synagogue sets off a major rift in its devout Jerusalem community.



**FEBRUARY 21**

**Moos**

Job Gosschalk / Comedy-Romance / Netherlands

Moos has always dreamed of going to acting school, but was held back by her grieving father after her mother's death. Now that Moos's best friend comes back to town, she wants to prove that she can achieve her dreams. But obstacles abound. There's the handsome singing teacher, her father's new girlfriend, the fact that she didn't actually get accepted to acting school and her growing affection for her childhood friend.



**MARCH 14**

**The Quiet Heart**

Eitan Anner / Drama / Israel / 92 min.

Naomi is a secular young woman who seeks refuge from her life as a concert pianist. She makes two unexpected connections- one with a musically gifted Ultra-Orthodox young boy and the other, a charismatic Italian monk and organist; both of which make Naomi a target in her new community. Faced with escalating isolation and violence, she must learn to use music as a bridge to overcome religious barriers.

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