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

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

Themes of women and community will be underscored by Brunch guest speaker Julie Sue Goldwasser, who has made a name for herself as a blogger, fundraiser and spokesperson for children’s causes. The native Texan and the mother of two will share her powerful story of unexpected tragedy that rocked her life and the profound role that the unique Jewish community ecosystem played in her family's harrowing and inspiring journey.

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

Couvert is $118 per person or $180 to sponsor. This event helps support our local Jewish community, Israel and Jewish communities around the world. The minimum donation to attend the Fall Brunch is a $500 gift to UJA-JCC Greenwich in 2017, payable on or before December 31, 2017.
Jbabies
The 2017-2018 Season!
Jbabies is back! For new and veteran moms with children up to 24 months, the group will meet every six weeks to connect and share about children and family. Chaired by Rebecca Cooper, the Jbabies enrichment program will vary its focus between moms and babies with featured guest experts & some mini-field trips too.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
September Stroll
10am | Milbrook
Hosted by Rebecca Cooper. Enjoy a social stroll with moms and babies around picturesque Milbrook, in central Greenwich. Meet new friends and invite yours to join.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30
The Fifth Trimester
10am | One Holly Hill Lane
Author of The Fifth Trimester; The Working Mom’s Guide to Style, Sanity and Big Success After Baby, Lauren Smidt Brody provides insight on how moms can balance work, family and community with everyday life.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
Sleepy in Greenwich: Better Sleep for Your Entire Family
10am | One Holly Hill Lane
Popular sleep expert and founder of Sleepy on Hudson, Brooke Niel, returns with sleep suggestions and solutions for babies, toddlers and beyond.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Field Trip to Songs for Seeds
10am | Location TBD
MONDAY, APRIL 16
Baby Massage with Mether Nurture Massage
10am | One Holly Hill Lane

TUESDAY, MAY 1
Field Trip to the Stamford Nature Center
10am | $25 | 39 Scofieldtown Rd, Stamford

Annual UJA-JCC PJ Library Party in the Park
See more photos on page 16.

PJ Library Story Time Returns to Greenwich Library!
3:45-4:45pm | Greenwich Library
101 W. Putnam Ave

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

OCTOBER 19 | NOVEMBER 9
DECEMBER 14 | FEBRUARY 15
MARCH 15

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

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

Event Chairs: Rebecca Cooper, Stephanie Eskenazi and Hillary Rosenthal
**Sunday Fundays Return and Expand**

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

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

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

Sunday Fundays will take place on October 22, January 7, February 5 and March 18 from 3:30-4:45 pm at YWCA Greenwich, 259 E. Putnam Ave. Admission is $15 per session in advance; $25 at the door.

To register for one or all Sunday Fundays, visit jccgreenwich.org call 203-552-1818.

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

The white supremacist protest and violence in Charlottesville was a horrible wake-up call to all Americans. The Jewish community was left feeling particularly vulnerable with videos of swastika flags and anti-Semitic chants from armed extremists. At ADL we were deeply saddened and concerned but not surprised by the tragedy of Charlottesville. Over the past year we have seen and responded to a dramatic increase in the number of incidents of anti-Semitism and bias. The so-called “alt-right” is feeling emboldened, and their beliefs are harbingers of unchecked hatred and must continue to stick up for all those targeted by white supremacists. In ADL’s effort to make Greenwich no place for hate, in the past year ADL led a program about bias for Greenwich elected and other civic leaders, and led From Bystander to Ally and Imagine a World Without Anti-Semitism programs for Greenwich students and their parents. We also continued our 17-year tradition of hosting the Names Can Really Hurt Us program at Greenwich High School and several local private schools. And ADL sent Captain Robert Berry of the Greenwich Police Department to DC for an exclusive training to learn how to keep Greenwich safe from extremist threats. ADL will never stop fighting for what is right. Please find your own way to join the fight today.
Carmel Academy Announces Jonathan Malkin As New Board President

Carmel Academy has announced the selection of a new President by its Board of Trustees. Jonathan Malkin, a Stamford resident and business owner, Carmel parent, Board member and active member of the larger Jewish community, took office on July 1st.

Jon and his wife Karen are proud parents of three Carmel Academy students. He has been a member of Carmel’s Board of Trustees since 2011, having served as Treasurer, on the Board’s Executive Committee, and Chair of the School’s Finance Committee. In 2012, Jon joined his family to help manage and grow their two businesses — SWC Office Furniture in Stamford, and a growing portfolio of commercial real estate they own and manage. Prior to joining these businesses, Jon, a graduate of Brandeis University, had a 15-year career in finance.

“The knowledge and experience Jon gained serving as treasurer and trustee, coupled with his familiarity with our educational program as a long-time Carmel Academy parent, make him an excellent choice to lead our Board in overseeing our educational mission and ensuring our school’s financial strength,” said Evan Levy, Carmel Academy’s immediate past president.

“I have learned an immense amount serving as the finance chair and Treasurer under Evan Levy’s guidance, and I want to thank him personally and on behalf of the entire Board,” Malkin said. “This is an exciting time to be an integral part of Carmel Academy’s leadership. We begin this year with one of the largest new early childhood classes in our school’s history. Our students continue to win academic awards, and our graduates are attending the finest Jewish and independent high schools in the area. This year, we’re poised to raise the bar for our nationally recognized STEAM program. Carmel Academy’s excellent reputation and dedication to professional development attracts the best educators in the field. The future of Carmel Academy is bright and I look forward to the work ahead.”
Looking for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Project?

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

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

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

Participating children also get a chance to develop their talents. Three years ago, when a young Bat Yam resident named Dina began studying the violin at the local club, she struggled “to produce a clear and clean sound with the bow.” Yet with steady instruction and encouragement, she not only got the hang of it, the instrument became her passion, so much so that she was asked to perform at her school. Unfortunately, Dina had to explain that she did not own a violin and could only play during the lessons at the club. One month later her school bought her a violin. Today that investment is paying off for Dina, her family and her fans. “Every time I perform, people applaud me and tell me that I play beautifully,” she offered. “My Mom came especially to listen to me and told me she was proud of me.”

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

The Bennett Center for Judaic Studies

fairfield.edu/bennettevents
LECTURES AND PROGRAMS: FALL 2017

Daniel Pearl World Music Days Event
“SPOTLIGHT: DAVID BROZA,
East Jerusalem West Jerusalem”
David Broza

Sunday, October 1 at 4:00 p.m.
Kelley Theatre Quick Center for the Arts
- ticket required

Co-sponsored by the Federation for Jewish Philanthropy in cooperation with the Jewish Arts & Film Festival of Fairfield County

Fairfield University
For reservations: Bennetcenter@fairfield.edu or (203) 254-4000 ext. 2066. Buy 10/1 tickets from Quick Center Box Office, 203-254-4010.

1073 NORTH BENSON ROAD, FAIRFIELD, CT 06824
Bi-Cultural Early Childhood Teachers Take Positive Approach to Discipline

“There are no bad children, just bad behavior.” That’s what they say, and perhaps, as a parent, you’ve even said it yourself a time or two. As the new school year takes off, early childhood teachers at Bi-Cultural Day School are energized not only to talk the talk but, more than that, to walk the walk.

The reason: Over the summer, Bi-Cultural’s early childhood teachers were trained in the techniques of “Positive Discipline,” a comprehensive approach to promoting good behavior in the classroom, designed to bolster students’ self-esteem and help them thrive and grow into confident, successful, responsible adults.

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

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

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

Dynamic Guest Speakers to Headline Temple Sholom’s Fall Programming

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrate Sukkot
Join us for a week of fun in the Sukkah

Sukkah Building
Tuesday, October 3, 11:00 - 1:00 pm – all ages welcome
Help build and decorate our Sukkah. Everyone is welcome to lend a hand.

Shabbat in the Sukkah
Friday, October 6, 6:30 pm
Celebrate Shabbat in the Sukkah with services followed by a festive dinner.

Sushi in the Sukkah
Tuesday, October 10, 6:00 pm
Join us for sushi, wine and friendship – $18 per person.

Welcome to Greenwich!

WE’D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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

We will extend a hearty “Welcome!”

Bonnie Citron, Chair,
UJA-JCC Greenwich Newcomer Committee
From the Rabbi

Civil Rights

by Rabbi Vicki L. Axe, Congregation Shir Amit

In the summer of 2016, Harold and I took an RV trip south, covering more than 3,600 miles across 16 states. This epic journey to New Orleans and back was all about music, food, and the Civil Rights Movement. In Nashville, we enjoyed Southern comfort food while stomping our feet to live music on the General Jackson Showboat and at the Grand Ole Opry. We toured the Country Music Hall of Fame and Johnny Cash Museum. We also spent an afternoon in the Civil Rights Room at the Public Library mesmerized for hours by footage of training sessions with Gandhi disciple James Lawson preparing college students for sit-ins at Woolworth’s lunch counters and other local stores in nonviolent protest against segregation. In Memphis we visited Graceland, a fitting homage to the genius of “the King.” The Civil Rights Museum and Lorraine Hotel were gut-wrenching reminders of the tragic loss of Martin Luther King, Jr. and all that he stood for. As we approached the glass wall giving visual access to his hotel room, a sign said, “Please don’t talk; you are on sacred ground.”

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

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

We thought so much was won for the black community back then, inspiring the fight for women, the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, immigrants, and workers. But the deeply troubling events in recent times tell us otherwise. Even as we gazed with historic pride at the signatures of those with the courage and compassion and wisdom to pen the Civil Rights Acts of 1960, 1964, 1965, and 1970, violent acts of racial profiling were taking place. And now in the summer of 2017, we are dismayed by the recent undoing of hard-won legislation guaranteeing human rights for all people, by the under-mining of the very ideals that make this country great. Hate crimes and blatant acts of bigotry, unleashed and emboldened, have escalated unfettered today, fifty years later.

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

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

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

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

Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut Statement on the Charlottesville Rally

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

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

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

The Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT) represents the seven Jewish Federations and their respective Jewish Service Agencies across Connecticut.
## High Holiday Schedule 5778

### Greenwich Reform

**Greenwich High Holy Day Services** 2017/5778

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### Congregation Kehilat Shalom

**Kehilat Shalom is the Congregation of Hebrew Wizards**

**High Holiday Family Services**

- **Rosh Hashanah**
  - Rosh Hashanah Day 1 (Methodist Church) Thursday, Sept. 21 10:30am-12:15pm
  - Rosh Hashanah Day 2 (Rabbi Deb’s) Friday, Sept. 22 10:30am-1:30pm

- **Yom Kippur**
  - Kol Nidre Evening (Methodist Church) Friday, Sept. 29 7:30-8:45pm
  - Yom Kippur Day (Methodist Church) Saturday, Sept. 30 10:30am-12:15pm

- **Neilah & Break the Fast**
  - (Rabbi Deb’s) Saturday, Sept. 30 6:00-8:30pm

- **Sukkot**
  - Sukkah Building & Decorating (Rabbi Deb’s) Tuesday, Oct. 3 4:30-6:30pm

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**Congregation Kehilat Shalom wishes you a wonderful NEW YEAR 5778**

**The First United Methodist Church · 59 East Putnam Avenue · Greenwich**

**Rabbi Deb’s Home · 130 Cummings Point Road · Stamford**

Visit the JFS website (jfsgreenwich.org) for a full schedule of High Holiday services offered at local senior residences.
HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 5778

**Rosh Hashanah**

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

- **Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Thursday, September 21**
  - Preliminary/Shacharit 9:00 am
  - Torah Service 9:30 am
  - Family Service (1, 3) 10:15 am–12:15 pm
  - Shofar Service 10:30 am
  - Teen Interactive Program 11:00 am–12:30 pm
  - Sermon 12:00 pm
  - Musaf and Shofar Blasts 12:30 pm
  - Benediction 1:00 pm
  - Yom Kippur Services
    - **Erev Yom Kippur — Friday, September 29**
      - Kol Nidre 6:30 pm
    - **Shabbat Yom Kippur — Saturday, September 30**
      - 1:00-2:00 pm
      - 2:00-3:00 pm
      - 3:00-4:00 pm
      - 4:00-5:15 pm
      - Yizkor II: A Communal Remembrance* 5:15 pm
      - N’eilah* 6:00 pm
      - Concluding Shofar* 7:00 pm
      - Ma’ariv Minyan* 7:05 pm

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**Yom Kippur**

- **Erev Yom Kippur — Friday, September 29**
  - Kol Nidre 6:30 pm
- **Yom Kippur — Saturday, September 30**
  - Morning Services – 10:00 am
  - All Services will be held at West Hill High School Auditorium
  - 125 Roxbury Road, Stamford
  - There will be ample seating
  - No tickets are required
  - All are welcome

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**Congregation Shir Ami**

**HIGH HOLY DAYS 5778 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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**Services for Chavurat Deevray Torah and Chavurat Aytz Chayim**

**Mark S. Golub, Rabbi**

- **Rosh Hashanah**
  - **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**
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  - **Thursday, September 21, 2017**
    - Morning Services – 10:00 am

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

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

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

A Voice of Conscience: Uncovering Mass Murder from the Holocaust to Today –
Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 pm
With Fr. Patrick Desbois, Commission for Relations with Judaism of the French Bishops’ Conference
Quick Center for the Arts

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

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

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

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

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

Temple Sholom
Shabbat Study with Temple Sholom Clergy – Saturdays, 9-10 am
Lunch & Learn – Tuesdays, 12pm-1pm
Kosher lunch provided (except on fast days).

“Everyday Heroes”– a Photo Exhibition of IDF Rescue Squads – Tuesday, September 12, 7 pm
Jewish Meditation – Wednesdays, October 18  and November 15, 7-8 pm

“360° View of Anti-Semitism in 2017” – Thursday, October 19, 7:30 pm

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

Kristallnacht Commemoration – Thursday, November 9, 7 pm
With guest speaker, Fred Behrend, Holocaust Survivor and Author

Registration for all of the above is required to Alice Schoen at alice.schoen@templesholom.com.
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**The High Holidays**
Dr. Carmella Abram............................................................. September 14
Discover the surprising simple truth of the one thing.

No class - Rosh HaShana ......................................................... September 21

**A Very Abridged History of American Judaism**
Ze’ev Aviezer ............................................................................ September 28
Come read and learn three very unusual documents, reflecting the disparate strands of America’s Jewish past.

No class - Sukkot ................................................................. October 5 & 12

**Love Is a Jewish Four-Letter Word**
Rabbi Daniel Gropper ........................................................... October 19
A core value in Judaism is relationships. Probe Jewish texts that exemplify the concept of love and what love means to us.

**Deadly Issues - Part I**
Chaim Lauer ........................................................................... October 26
Talmudic perspectives on dying and the evolution of Jewish death rituals.

**A Rabbinic Exploration of Bias**
Leah Sarna .............................................................................. November 2
What is the nature of uncorrupted judgment? We’ll consult the Talmudic sages.

**Blood, Women, Blessings and Superstition**
Rabbi Ysoscher Katz............................................................... November 9
How does Jewish law confront exclusionary superstitious beliefs?

**The Genesis of Insight**
Dr. Job Y. Jindo ................................................................. November 16
Explore a certain mode of awareness—mindfulness—that the book of Genesis is designed to cultivate.

No Class - Thanksgiving ........................................................ November 23

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Check JCC calendar for updated schedule
CARMEL ACADEMY
DISCOVERY DAYS

Information and hands-on activities for the entire family

• Experience our engaging early childhood program
• Meet members of our educational leadership team
  • Connect with parents, students and alumni
• Learn about our admissions process and how
  Carmel Academy can be affordable for your family

Monday, October 9th | Friday, October 20th | Sunday, November 19th
9:30 am to 11:30 am

Space is limited. Please be sure to reserve your participation.
To RSVP or for more information, contact Ella Shteingart
ella@carmelacademy.com

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children of all Jewish affiliations from Transitional Kindergarten to 8th
grade. For 20 years Carmel has dared to ignite the unique spark in each
child, allowing them to excel as students, caring individuals and
passionate Jews. carmelacademy.com
Misery loves company, and on Thursday, September 14, 7:30 pm there should be plenty of love to go around. That’s when UJA-JCC Greenwich rallies women in our community for a Ladies’ Night Out with Orli Auslander, the author and illustrator of I Feel Bad. All Day. Every Day. About Everything. With a title like that, you know it’s going to be fun and timely.

“Given that I am both female and Jewish, feeling bad was a ubiquitous part of growing up,” admits Auslander in the introduction to her book. Her sketches look at her nearly two decades of cognitive behavioral therapy. Guilt, shame, regret and self-reproach are recurring themes as she rues everything from her parenting skills to her philanthropic shortcomings. Some pages reveal her hankering to be alone, but elsewhere she yearns to connect. Throughout the obstacle course that is her daily life, the former milliner and radio DJ manages to locate her “long dormant sweet and tender rational side” and to give it voice. “I don’t know what it is about being a mother. The guilt comes at you at a much more rapid pace. You’re responsible for these little people, and there are so many ways to mess them up,” she laments.

Jaime Eisenberg, Chair of the Women’s Philanthropy Pearl Society says, “Bringing women together to share laughs and anxieties helps to create friendships that will endure through happy and not-so-happy times and supports not only moms but our entire families. That’s the real beauty of Ladies’ Night Out.”

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

Visit jccgreenwich.org or contact Tracy Daniels at tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org or 203-552-1818 for tickets and further details.

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

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

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

The event is jointly sponsored by Carmel Academy and UJA-JCC Greenwich. Tickets are $12 in advance and $18 at the door. Visit jccgreenwich.org for further details and registration or contact Tracy Daniels at 203-552-1818 or tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org.
UJA-JCC GREENWICH JEWISH NEWS
UJA-JCC GREENWICH YOUTH PROGRAMS

J.T.A.C.
Jewish Teen Action Committee
Sundays | Sept 17, Oct 22, Nov 5, Jan 7, Feb 25, Mar 18, Apr 22, May 6

Candy & Costumes:
A Post-Halloween Drive
NOVEMBER

November 1
Picking for the Pantry
3:30-5:00 pm | 156 | YWCA, 255 E. Putnam Ave
It's harvest time at Stuart's Fruit Farm. Bring your friends and pick apples to be donated to the Bruce Jewish Community Council Food Bank. While we're there, we might have to take a hayride or get lost in the corn maze!

NOVEMBER 19
Community Cares
3:30-5:00 pm | 156 | YWCA, 255 E. Putnam Ave
From our community, for our community, a day of hands-on service for all ages to benefit the Sokol JFS Kosher Food Pantry. Help run the sorting, organizing and packaging of the treats from our Candy & Costumes Drive for Jewish-American troops deployed overseas.

DECEMBER 3
Chanukah Helpers at the Dreidel Ball
3:30 pm | Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Ave
Volunteers at our annual kids Chanukah party. Help the DJ keep the party going with activities, games, snacks and projects.

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

Kids
FOR PRESCHOOLERS
Tots
SUNDAY FUN DAY

OCT 22
Stuffed with Love
You're never too young to do a mitzvah. Introduce your little one to doing good for others and learn one way to show our care. Come build a comforter for a child in need and help put a smile on their face.

Tu B'Shevat: A Birthday Party for Trees
It's New Year's for the trees! Brunch out, plant a sapling and celebrate trees, fruits, bitters and more at this eco-Jewish holiday. Take away a treat that will adorn your Passover table!

Purim Palooza with Bitty City Players
Make your own gragger (noisemaker) using special art materials. Then circle up for Purim music and movement with the incredible David Kenney, a Music Together certified musician and masterful early childhood educator.

FEB 25

March 18
Something Froggy with the CT Children's Museum
Jump up! Meet some awesome amphibians and find out about the secret lives of frogs, toads and salamanders as we prepare for the legendary Passover story!

March 22
Star Lab with CT Children's Museum
Ready to blast off? Join The Children's Museum for some galactic fun and discovery as we strap into our intergalactic space station.

REGISTER AT JCCGREENWICH.ORG OR 203-552-1818
OCTOBER 25

**Front Page News: The War Against the Media**
**With Samuel G. Freedman**
7pm | $18 in advance, $25 at the door
Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave

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

NOVEMBER 1

**Age-Proof with co-author Jean Chatzky**
10am | $15 in advance, $20 at the door | YWCA, 259 E. Putnam Ave.

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

NOVEMBER 8

**The Opposite of Spoiled**
**with author Ron Lieber**
7:30pm | $12 in advance, $18 at the door
Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Avenue

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

NOVEMBER 30

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

**UJA-JCC Greenwich Annual Meeting**
7pm | $18 suggested donation | Location TBD

Alon Futterman, co-founder of the Yesh Atid Party and founder of El Al Ambassadors Program, shares his personal story as a leader in some of the most innovative initiatives in Israel. Spanning the worlds of entrepreneurship, public education, government and politics, aviation and non-profits, he is the founding director of TALMA, an educational initiative in Israel changing the lives of low-income Israeli students.
PJ Library’s 2017 Party-in-the-Park was a big hit! Bobby Doowah rocked the pavilion at Bruce Park Family Land playground. The annual UJA-JCC event was generously sponsored this year by the Penn-Oberlander Family, whose support of the Greenwich PJ Library was greatly appreciated by the 140 PJ Library kids, moms, caregivers and grandparents who enjoyed the festivities.

Summer Fun with PJ Library

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

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

Lauren Smith Brody To Discuss “The Fifth Trimester” with Greenwich Moms

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

The Manhattan-based mother of two, whose work has been covered by dozens of national outlets including Good Morning America, CNN.com, and Fast Company, will give actionable tips to new and veteran Greenwich moms, drawing on her more than 700 interviews for The Fifth Trimester. In addition to discussing full-time or part-time on-ramping, she will speak to the interests and concerns of stay-at-home moms or those who volunteer.

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

The event, which will take place at UJA-JCC Greenwich, is co-sponsored with the Jewish Book Council. Details and registration are available at jccgreenwich.org or by contacting Tracy Daniels at 203-552-1818 or tracy@ujafedgreenwich.org.
Make a Difference – Volunteer with Israel Connect!

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

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

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

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

HOME SAFETY: ONE OF THE MOST OVERLOOKED ASPECTS OF AGING AT HOME
Explore the ways to change your surroundings in order to make your home safer for older loved ones. Tuesday, 11/7, 7:00 pm

CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA
Learn new approaches for dementia caregiving to lower your stress and increase everyone’s quality of life. Tuesday, 11/14, 7:00 pm

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

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

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

RENEWAL OF BODY, RENEWAL OF SPIRIT HEALING SERVICE
Heal together in a supportive community, led in partnership with the Greenwich Hospital Spiritual Care Department, in the hospital’s Chapel. Monday, 9/11; 10/16; 11/13; 12:15-12:45 pm

BIKUR CHOLIM JEWISH HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING
Held in Greenwich’s five senior facilities, in partnership with all Greenwich synagogues. Check website for details.

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

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

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

New Six-Week Discussion Groups

NEW TO TOWN?
Let’s talk about adjusting to suburban life.

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

STRUGGLING WITH FAMILY DYNAMICS
Having trouble with your in-laws? It happens a lot! We’ll help you understand and manage the relationships.

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

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

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

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

ONGOING DISCUSSION GROUPS INCLUDE:

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

With JFS – You Are Never Alone

Shabbat at Greenwich Hospital
Bikur Cholim at Greenwich Woods
Celebration for our Supermarketing for Seniors Shoppers
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREENWICH

Supermarketing for Seniors

Free grocery shopping for homebound Greenwich residents over 60

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- Temporary or long-term service - help when you need it most.
- Contact us whether you need help or you want to help others

Delivering so much more than what's in the bag...

Call Elyse Brown, Program Director, 203-622-1881 or email ebrown@jfsgreenwich.org

SPECIAL DONATIONS to Jewish Family Services

In Honor of:
Lisa-Loraine Smith, by Trudy Selib
Sheila Kantor, by Robyn Chotiner
Leslee and David Rogath, by Darius and Faith Toraby

In Memory of:
Barbara Doll, by Bunny and Stan Rosen
Mildred Kaplowitz, by Phyllis Shapiro and Marty Flashner
Renee Oster, by Phyllis Shapiro and Marty Flashner
Mildred Kaplowitz, by Rita Edelston
Beth Howard, by Rita Edelston

If you would like to honor or memorialize someone special in your life or community, you may do so by making a donation to Jewish Family Services, and we will send a note of acknowledgment to the person or family involved, informing them of your generosity in their honor/memory.

Jewish Forties and Fifties (JFF)

Connecting through social, educational, and volunteer opportunities

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

For location and more information, call Lisa-Loraine Smith at 203-622-1881 or email llsmith@jfsgreenwich.org

It’s Your Chance… Bring A Smile To A Senior On The Holidays!

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

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

Our partners include Chabad of Greenwich, Congregation Shir Ami, Greenwich Chaplaincy, Greenwich Hospital Spiritual Department, Greenwich Reform and Temple Sholom of Greenwich.
Five Carmel Academy Students Earn Top Honors in National Math Competition

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

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

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

The eternal light (Ner Tamid) was designed by David Klass, an acclaimed sculptor. The light represents the eternality of the Jewish people and is a symbol of God’s abiding presence. The GRS light is made of stained glass and metal, evoking the flames of the biblical oil lamps.
Carmel Academy graduated its Class of 2017 on June 14th, celebrating the school’s twelfth commencement exercises.

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

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

Head of School Nora Anderson addressed the graduating class and urged her students to live with optimism and with a growth mindset. “Take what you have learned at Carmel Academy and change the world for the better. Caring about your Jewish history, heritage, values and community is what should propel you to make a meaningful life. Please question and at times disagree – make a mark in the world! Do what you need to do to make ours a compassionate, God-loving place to live. But do it within the context of the values of Torah, your parents and your teachers.”

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

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

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

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

Lifelong Learning at Greenwich Reform

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

Be a “Better-Together” Teen

Hebrew Wizards Invites Teens Ages 12 -18 to a Teen Community Service Register online at www.hebrewwizards.com
Register Now for 2017-18 Religious Education at Greenwich Reform

The inspiring new home of Greenwich Reform and the close involvement of Rabbi Jordie Gerson and Education Director Eliana Hall will make our children’s educational experience better than ever. Students will have their own classrooms to decorate, with a beautiful sanctuary and social hall for special activities. Jewish learning will extend across the street to Pomerance Park, where we can enjoy and help preserve the beauty of nature, a key element of Tikkun Olam. Shabbat services will have a multi-generational appeal, including a kid’s play table, plus a new approach to family services and monthly Shabbat dinners.

In addition to Sunday School for pre-schoolers through seventh grade, children in grades 3-7 study Hebrew mid-week with a private tutor, during their choice of 30-minute time slots. Students can choose to study with their tutor one-on-one, or if preferred, to meet with their tutor and another student who is working on comparable Hebrew goals. GRS teens participate in a robust program for students in grades 8-12, with a variety of options, including a NFTY-affiliated youth group with terrific student officers and a madrichim program, which trains student aides in leadership skills through hands-on experience in the classroom along with regular reflection with one another.

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

Bi-Cultural Creates a Unique “Junior Makerspace” for Preschoolers

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

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

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

Bi-Cultural plans to give young families an opportunity to see the space “in action” at a grand opening and other events, to be scheduled for later this fall. For more information contact Denise Rafailov at drafailov@bcds.org or 203- 329-2186 x1310.
The love of Israel will once again envelop the campus of Bi-Cultural Day School this fall, thanks in large part to the arrival of a new group of Israeli emissaries. As they do every year, the shlichim and Banot Sherut will bring the beauty of the Jewish state and a pride in our shared Jewish heritage to the hearts and minds of our students. Adi and Ofir Yarchi have arrived in Stamford from their home in Jerusalem, their three young children in tow. When the school’s doors swing open in September, Adi will assume her new role as BCDS’ third grade Jewish studies teacher and Ofir as middle school Jewish studies teacher. In addition, the couple will be key players in planning the school’s many Israel-related and Jewish holiday programs.

The academic and professional backgrounds of both Yarchi’s suggest they couldn’t be more prepared for what lies ahead. Adi Yarchi holds a bachelor’s degree in Education, Special Education and Arts from Tel Chai College and a teacher’s certificate in Special Education from the Lifshitz College of Education. She has extensive experience as an elementary and middle school teacher.

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

Tal and Sivon have chosen to complete the second year of their two-year national service by volunteering at the BCDS. The scope of their responsibilities include everything from tutoring students in Hebrew language to coordinating the school’s holiday curriculum to accompanying their eighth-graders on their month-long trip to Israel. Associate Principal Rabbi Yehuda Jeiger, who oversees the BCDS Israeli emissary program, stresses the impact the emissaries have on the BCDS family...and beyond. “The shlichim bring Israel to life both on and off campus,” says Rabbi Jeiger. “And they serve as role models in how they live their lives and how they open their hearts and their homes to our school community. I am inspired and excited to work with such exceptional new staff members.”

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

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Update From Jewish Federations of North America

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

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

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

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

- **Funding Aliyah for Those who Want to Relocate to Israel**
  Seven thousand people made aliyah from France in 2014, triple the number in 2012 and equivalent to one percent of the entire French Jewish community. This is the largest number of French olim in a single year in Israel’s history, and it may double again in 2015.

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

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

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

**UConn Hillel’s Birthright Trip in May**

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

In the words of just one student participant: “...I went on Birthright during the summer of 2017. Even after visiting Israel many times, I fell in love with the country once more. I feel that it’s important to advocate for Israel on campus and to educate students about this beautiful land. I want to demonstrate to others why I love Israel.”
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Sunday, October 1
Carl & Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies
Daniel Pearl World Music Days Event
“East Jerusalem West Jerusalem”
Documentary Film Showing Followed by Q and A with David Broza
Quick Center for the Arts, 4 pm, $10

Wednesday, November 1
UJA-JCC Greenwich
All Beers Considered – A Men’s Night Out
Beer tasting with Chef Geoff Lazlo
At a private home, 7:30 pm
$275 per person, $500 sponsorship

Monday, November 13
APIAC Southern Connecticut
Annual Dinner
With guest speaker Bret Stephens
Loading Dock, Stamford

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

November 30
UJA-JCC Greenwich
Annual Meeting
“From Head of the Boardroom to Head of the Class” With Alon Futterman
Location TBA, 7 pm
DAVIS FILM FESTIVAL
7pm | $15 per film, $125 for the season | Bow Tie Cinema, 2 Railroad Ave

SEPTEMBER 13
The Exception
David Leveaux / Drama, Thriller / USA, UK / 107 min.
In this riveting WWII thriller, a Nazi soldier tasked with investigating exiled German Monarch Kaiser Wilhelm II, played by Christopher Plummer, falls for a mysterious Jewish Dutch woman and must choose between honoring his country or following his heart.

OCTOBER 18
Past Life
Avi Nesher / Drama / Israel / 110 min
Avi Nesher’s latest film tracks the 70s odyssey of two sisters – an introverted classical musician and a boisterous tabloid journalist – as they unravel a shocking wartime mystery that has cast a dark shadow over their lives.

NOVEMBER 15
Long Story Short: Ma’aleh Movies
The Ma’aleh School of Television, Film & the Arts in Jerusalem is the world’s only film school devoted to exploring the cusps of Judaism and modern life. Join us for an evening of short films offering diverse points of view on the Israeli experience. Four short films including: Bridal Breeze and the award-winning Little Dictator.

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.

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