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Jewish Greenwich Community Unity at UJA-JCC Annual Meeting *Bryanna Kallman and Michael Delikat Elected Co-Presidents*

UJA-JCC Greenwich elected **Bryanna Kallman** and **Michael Delikat** as co-presidents at the 2020 annual meeting of the organization's Board of Directors, on January 23.

The two Greenwich residents succeed outgoing president Scott Simon. Pam Ehrenkranz, UJA-JCC Greenwich's CEO, thanked him for his "tremendous leadership over the past years," noting: "Scott took us to unprecedented levels of attendance and engagement at programs and events, and he invested board time and resources toward upgrading our financial statements and reporting, increasing transparency and bringing new people to the allocations process, paving the way for even more innovation, community building and increased philanthropy in 2020."

Ehrenkranz pointed out that as committed leaders, his successors are "deeply respected for their institutional knowledge, passion for community, business acumen and vision for our organization and its work on behalf of Jewish communities around the world and right here in Greenwich."

Kallman has been a Board Member of UJA-JCC Greenwich

as well as of its Women's Philanthropy board, and of the National Women's Philanthropy of Jewish Federations of North America. Delikat, a partner in the New York office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP law firm, has served as president of UJA Federation of Greenwich, chairman of its board of directors and most recently as allocations chairman. Both have traveled on missions through UJA-JCC and JDC to see overseas philanthropy at work on the ground.

"It is my honor and privilege to join Bryanna and our Boards and staff in our shared vision of advancing the mission of UJA-JCC in Greenwich," Delikat remarked. "I am particularly excited about working with Bryanna who brings many new ideas, dedication and enthusiasm to our task ahead." Kallman too comes to the co-presidency with eager anticipation. "Michael's rare talent as a strategic thinker and visionary makes him an ideal partner," she commented, adding: "I am honored and proud to be part of Jewish Greenwich. We are a diverse and thriving community working together to strengthen and add meaning to all those who choose to live and raise their families here."



Panel discussion with Cori SaNogueira, Rebecca Cooper, Jonathan Tipermas, Barbara Salop, and David Messer



Greenwich Clergy, l to r: Rabbi Hurvitz, Cantor Bernstein, Cantor Abramson, Rabbi Salomon, Rabbi Gerson, Maryashie Deren, Rabbi Deren, Bryanna Kallman, Michael Delikat.

Jewish Greenwich Says No to Hate and Fear



See more on page 12

Save the Date

UJA-JCC Celebration Honoring Scott Simon

April 30, 2020 @ 6:30PM

Arch Street Teen Center | 100 Arch Street

Co-Chairs

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A Morning of Incredible Stories and Speakers on March 4
Information on the Women's Education Symposium on page 21

PJ Library Storytime



We are thankful to our friends at the Cos Cob Library for hosting PJ Library Storytime this season and to our Community Partners!



November 14

Music and Movement with **Rebbetzin Maryashie Deren** from Chabad of Greenwich

December 19

Celebrating Hanukkah with **Sarah Gregoire**, Director of the Preschool at Greenwich Reform Synagogue



January 16

Helping Hands - Tikkun Olam with **Rabbi Rachmiel Gurwitz**, Rabbi-in-Residence at Carmel Academy

SAVE THE DATE

PJ Library Storytime at Cos Cob Library! Thursday, March 12, 3:45-4:30 pm

Investing in Jewish Literacy

With the help of sponsors in the community, beginning with funding from **Marty and Rita Edelston** and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, PJ Library has enrolled more than 950 Greenwich children and their families. Last September, we kicked off a special campaign to continue funding PJ Library subscriptions in Greenwich. We

are pleased to report a warm and generous response to this campaign and thank these families for helping to “pay it forward.” We would also like to acknowledge the work of PJ Library Chair **Rebecca Cooper** and **Hillary Rosenthal** for their support and leadership. We welcome contributions to this continuing PJ Library campaign.

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Women's Philanthropy – Friends Making an Impact

Cooking with Elana Horwich

The UJA-JCC Greenwich Women's Philanthropy board enjoyed a festive year-end meeting on December 4th hosted by UJA-JCC Co-President, **Bryanna Kallman**. The women gathered for a cooking demonstration by chef



Elana Horwich, and author of *Meal and a Spiel: How to Be a Badass in the Kitchen*. The event was planned as a **thank you** to the women's board for their generosity and dedication to helping feed families in need through their support of UJA-JCC Greenwich.



Learning About Giving Circles with Liz Fisher

Women's Philanthropy board members kicked off 2020 with a robust meeting led by Women's Philanthropy President **Andi Fern** and a visit with **Elizabeth (Liz) Fisher** of Amplifier to learn about how women are creating intentional, collaborative giving circles inspired by Jewish values. Ms. Fisher shared her vision of a world where everyone is proud to call themselves a philanthropist. Her message resonated with the group! VPs **Christine Toback**, **Joui Hessel** and **Stephanie Esquenazi** delivered updates on plans for the year ahead, and the group welcomed new board members **Rebecca Anikstein**, **Whitney Chernoff**, **Marissa Cohen**, **Rebecca Cooper**, **Romina Rapoport**, and **Abby Vorobeychik**.

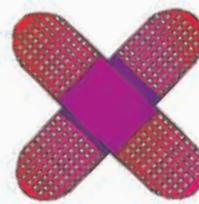


Hanukkah Gift Drive

Once again the women of Greenwich stepped up at Hanukkah in response to the Hanukkah Gift Drive, Chaired for the third year by **Yael Rosen**. In response to a "wish list" from Fairfield County families, Yael stewarded the project in collaboration with Schoke Jewish Family Services and presented the list to Women's Philanthropy through a Sign Up Genius. Greenwich women leaped at the opportunity to provide holiday gifts to 23 families with young children and teens and added gift cards for moms to help with gas and groceries.



Giving Jewishly



Tikkun Olam: Repairing the World I Want To Create A More Just World

We are here to make a difference, to mend the fractures of the world, a day at a time, an act at a time, for as long as it takes to make it a place of justice and compassion where the lonely are not alone, the poor not without help; where the cry of the vulnerable is heeded and those who are wronged are heard.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

To Heal a Fractured World: the Ethics of Responsibility

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SHABBAT & HOLIDAY CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

- Fri., Feb. 21..... 5:17 pm
- Fri., Feb. 28..... 5:25 pm
- Fri., Mar. 6..... 5:33 pm
- Fri., Mar. 13..... 6:41 pm
- Fri., Mar. 20..... 6:49 pm
- Fri., Mar. 27..... 6:56 pm
- Fri., Apr. 3..... 7:04 pm
- Fri., Apr. 10..... 7:09 pm
- Fri., Apr. 17..... 7:19 pm

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The Impact of Your Gift – On Our Sister City in Israel and Its Young Residents

Afula-Gilboa in Israel is Jewish Greenwich's sister city through our Partnership 2Gether with the Southern New England Consortium of Jewish Federations. UJA-JCC Greenwich staff members Karen Ross and Cori SaNogueira traveled with a leadership delegation to Afula, where they had the opportunity to experience in person our tremendous impact on children, youth, and teens. Here are some stories Karen and Cori brought back with them, demonstrating the many ways your gift is helping, one child at a time.



Afula Youth Future

Ofek was a shy, lonely, bullied 4th grader. No one was looking out for him, until someone at school finally noticed that he seemed depressed, was acting out and crying often. At home Ofek's depression had turned into rage against his brothers. Ofek was referred to Afula Youth Future, a subsidiary of the Jewish Agency, a beneficiary of UJA-JCC Greenwich, which has an in-depth, multi-pronged approach working with at-risk youth and their families. Afula Youth Future serves 200 children a year. Each child is in a tailor-made program for three to four years, and this comprehensive approach has made a significant difference for these children and their families.



Ofek now 14 years old, surrounded by Youth Future staff and his mentors.

A mentor with Youth Future worked closely with Ofek's family and enlisted his teachers as allies to help build his self esteem and turn things around in elementary school, and helped ease his transition to middle school. In addition to Ofek's own meetings and social skills classes, his parents participated in monthly group activities that encouraged communication with their child. We met Ofek, now a charming 14 year-old with a high level of confidence in his skills to navigate challenging social situations and to maintain his composure. In fact, he is able to "pay it forward" and help others with these very same issues.

The Sandwich Club



We also got to observe kids at The Sandwich Club at Afula Crowns, an innovative program directed at local at-risk teenagers. The model is brilliant. The children in the program face not only food insecurity, but the need to fill their free time with something productive. At the Sandwich Club, teens hang out in a safe space, have dinner (that they prepare!) and then make lunches that



are donated the next morning to local schools serving children in need. These teens also participate in sports and other activities available at the center. This keeps them coming back time after time and builds a strong sense of community.

The Emunah Children's Center

Our visit to The Emunah Children's Center in Afula was truly remarkable. Children from first grade through high school who have been removed from their homes by social service agencies live in the Center and attend local schools. At the Center they are provided with the support and love they had not received at home. They get help with homework, life skills, group and individual therapy, and above all, the chance to thrive in a safe and nurturing environment – often for the first time in their lives.

Manny, our tour guide, is a former resident. He and his siblings suffered abuse at the hands of his mother, until Manny and his brother went to live at Emunah. While some of the children are able to return to their homes, Manny and his brother never went home again. After serving in the Israeli Army, Manny, now married with his own children, came back to work at Emunah. He, like many of the children who have benefited from the Emunah program, was able to "break the cycle" and go on to create a healthy and functional family for the future.



Cori SaNogueira with Leor Shapiro-Lekach (Young Emissary 2001-2) and Daniel Benn, Director of Afula Crowns (Young Emissary 2001-2)

Clergy's Corner

☆ **A New Brand of Judaism – A Personal Story** ☆

by Rabbi Deborah Salomon, Congregation Kehilat Shalom

I was very lucky to have my father in my life for 26 years. Like many daughters, I was very close to my Dad. He was my hero, but he was not a perfect man. His idea of unconditional love included some conditions, one being that if I married someone non-Jewish, he would disown me. Like many religious Jewish families, marrying within the tribe was a must.

Coming from a long line of Rabbis, my father did not get to choose his profession. So like his father, grandfather and great grandfather, he became a Rabbi. His religious beliefs were prescribed and inherited from his ultra-orthodox family. My mother, on the other hand, was brought up as a reform Jew. Together they brought the love of Judaism into our home with a blended mix of both denominations. I have fond memories of family celebrations filled with music, prayer and traditional Shabbat dinners. But I knew early on that my brand of Judaism would one day be different.

In my early 20s my father encouraged me to choose

a different profession; so I chose Wall Street and enjoyed it for almost 15 years. But my passion was to create a new community that would become a place where we could all belong, be accepted and not be judged. And so I became a rabbi. An ethos of acceptance and inclusion would fuel this community as we celebrate Judaism with open arms, where unconditional love would not have any limitations. Having choice is the best gift G-d has ever given us, not to be underestimated. When we are robbed of our right to choose, we lose our freedom to marry whom-ever we want, to practice Judaism without judgment, or to have a profession we are passionate about.

When I think of choices, I can't help but think about the choices that G-d makes and the notion of Jews being the "chosen ones." This view on chosen-ness comes from the 14th chapter of Deuteronomy where it says "G-d has chosen you to be his treasured people from all other nations that are on the face of the earth."

But the you that G-d speaks of is not meant to be plural, but rather singular. Stated simply, whoever is reading and studying the Torah, G-d is speaking directly to you as a personal message. But if you ask the more traditional Jew, the answer is that the Jews are the chosen ones. Yet by accepting this view, we instantly place a wedge between us, and the other.

What is the essence of chosen-ness? G-d certainly does love the Jewish people but G-d also loves other nations as well. Chosen-ness is not about exclusivity but rather uniqueness and inclusivity. We each have our own special relationship with G-d as we recite the Avot vi Imahot prayer. And as we utter the prayer *Aveinu Malkeinu*, we are reminded that God is as compassionate as a parent. A parent would never choose one child over another; just as G-d would not choose one nation over another. Each religious belief brings different traditions to the world, and we need each of them to establish a diversified existence.

We learn valuable lessons from both our good choices and the ones that we make in error. Today we are taking the Torah's blueprint, expanding the lines and adding color to create our own brand of Judaism. Jews unanimously are agreeing that taking care of one another, *Klal Yisrael* is the most important Jewish value. Close behind is *Tikkun Olam*, knowing that it's our responsibility to make the world better. And third is being part of community.

Religion does not have to separate us. In the end we are all one people. We stand in solidarity with one another with open hearts for freedom to make choices. We know all too well what it feels like to be judged or to make excuses for who we are or what we believe. We stand together to be grateful and not close our eyes to another's pain. When we realize that we all come from the same G-d, we shorten the bridges that divide us. One day our children will have an opportunity to choose for themselves the life that they

will lead. We can only hope that we gave them a beautiful and a loving foundation with unconditional love and acceptance. *Olam chesed yibaneh*, we will build this world from love.

Editor's Note: The spiritual leaders of Greenwich alternate in providing messages for each issue of the Greenwich Jewish News. These comments are those of the author alone and are not meant to reflect the opinions of UJA-JCC Greenwich.

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Applications Available for the Weitzman Youth Award for Jewish Philanthropy

The Weitzman Youth Award for Jewish Philanthropy was founded by Jane and Stuart Weitzman, whose hope it is to ensure that the next generation is inspired to become involved with helping their fellow Jews in need.

The award will be given to those who exhibit the most creativity and personal commitment to Jewish philanthropy. UJA-JCC Greenwich is available to advise potential applicants on suitable projects. Applicants must be in the fifth through twelfth grades and residents of Greenwich or children of families active with UJA-JCC Greenwich. All funds raised from the projects must be donated through UJA-JCC Greenwich. Projects may not be political in nature. The award committee will make all final decisions regarding recipients of the award.

For more information, contact Pam Ehrenkranz at 203-552-1818 or pam@ujajcc.org.

AIPAC's President-elect Speaks About Israel Advocacy with Stamford Teens

In November, the Israel Advocacy Club of Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy Upper School (BCHA) hosted **Betsy Berns Korn**, president-elect of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), who spoke to students about her experience as an intern at AIPAC in 1989, when she first learned about the need to continually cultivate among America's leaders a strong relationship with the state of Israel. Many BCHA Upper School students plan to visit Washington, DC this spring to take part in AIPAC's annual policy conference, where they will have the opportunity to advocate for Israel in the halls of Congress.



Betsy Berns Korn, AIPAC president-elect (center), with members of Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy's-Upper School Israel Club.

Tot Shabbat

Fridays at 5:30 pm
Feb. 7, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1



Join us at 5:30 for a fun, lively Tot Shabbat led by Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Harriet. Stay for Family Shabbat Dinner at 6 pm.

RSVP required for dinner

Register online at grs.org



Hebrew Wizards Tours New York City

It was a wonderful way to spend Election Day last November as 20 students explored the Big Apple. We visited the Museum of Jewish Heritage, ate lunch at the Statue of Liberty and learned about our ancestors at Ellis Island. We also explored the 9/11 Memorial and took pictures to remember this incredible field trip.



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Register on our website at www.congregationshirami.org.



Go Bobcats!

Bi-Cultural Teens Open the Season With a Win

The first game of the basketball season proved to be an exciting and celebratory one for the Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy Upper School Boys Basketball team. The BCHA Bobcats pulled out a victory against the team from Winston Prep. Now, the teens are looking forward to more of the same as the season unfolds.



Celebrating their winning opener are the BCHA Bobcats: (l to r) Josh Marcus, Daniel Janush, Ben Marcus, Justin Krebs, Doug Herman, Gavin Rakitt, Dovid Trencher, Avichai Jeiger, Nate Herman, David Waknine, and Coach Stefan Driehuisen.

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Jordan Sanders, Nicola Siebenberg,
Rita Teichner, Lindsey Wilner

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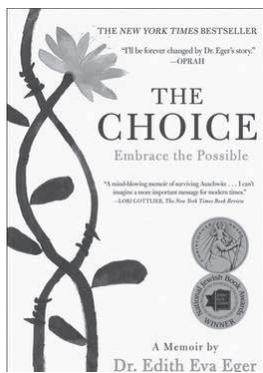
GRS Reads: *The Choice: Embrace the Possible*, by Dr. Edith Eva Eger

All are welcome at Greenwich Reform for the next meeting of GRS READS on Thursday, February 27, at 7 pm, for a spirited discussion of *The Choice: Embrace the Possible*, by Dr. Edith Eva Eger. This extraordinary book is available from the Greenwich Library, in bookstores, and through Amazon in paper, as an e-book, or in audio format.

Internationally acclaimed psychologist Dr. Edith Eger – one of the last remaining Holocaust survivors – tells her unforgettable story in this moving testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of choice in our lives. The first part of the book describes her horrifying experiences surviving multiple death camps and eventual escape to the United States, then continues to describe her struggle to grow, heal, and help others survive trauma.

For decades, Edie struggled with flashbacks and “survivor’s guilt,” determined to stay silent and hide from the past. She raised a family, studied and practiced psychology, and refused to speak about her war experiences. Finally, 35 years after the war ended, she found the strength to return to Auschwitz and forgive the one person she’d been unable to forgive for years – herself.

Dr. Eger is a renowned psychologist and speaker who specializes in treating patients suffering from traumatic stress disorders. She demonstrates, in her life and professional practice, how freedom from trauma, grief, and fear becomes possible once we confront our suffering and make the choice to heal. “We have the capacity to hate and the capacity to love. Which one we reach for,” she writes, “is up to us.”



Bi-Cultural Teen Received “Mitzvah Hero” Award

Ben Marcus, a junior at Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy Upper School in Stamford, has received the Federation of Jewish Philanthropy of Upper Fairfield’s “Mitzvah Hero” Award. Ben was among 11 community volunteers to be honored with the award at a special ceremony held on December 15 at Congregation B’nai Israel in Bridgeport.



Bi-Cultural student Ben Marcus (holding award) is joined by his family at the “Mitzvah Hero” Award Ceremony.

In addition to serving as president of Bi-Cultural’s junior class, Ben is also founder of the school’s Environmental Club. Last spring, he was also among a group of Bi-Cultural students organizing a fishing expedition with special needs children, working with the

C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation, an organization that enriches the lives of children with special needs. It was the first such C.A.S.T. for Kids event in Connecticut.

Ben and his family are members of Beit Chaverim Synagogue in Westport.

Book Talk:

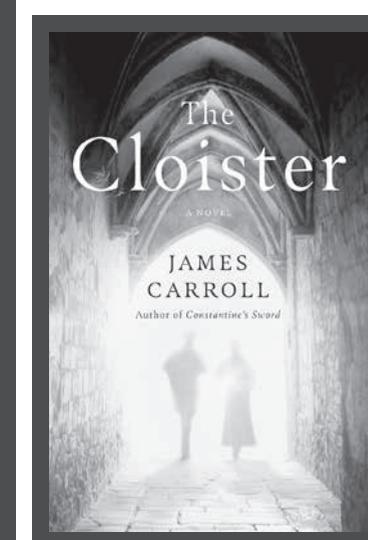
The Cloister by James Carroll

RESCHEDULED: APRIL 23 | 10 AM

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Sometimes a book resonates and you want to discuss it – but no one else has read it. Join other avid readers for three “community reads” beginning with *The Cloister*, a 20th-century drama braided together with a Medieval story. Spanning centuries and continents, *The Cloister* is a compelling novel with main characters ahead of their time, questioning faith, identity and love against the backdrop of historical upheaval.



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Walter Shuchatowitz Was a “Visionary” and “Guiding Soul”

Walter Shuchatowitz, founder and founding principal of Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy in Stamford, died on November 27. He was 92.

In 1956, Mr. Shuchatowitz – affectionately known as “Mr. S.” – founded Bi-Cultural Day School (now Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy), a dual curriculum Jewish school for grades pre-K through 8.

He served as the school’s principal for 50 years, retiring in 2005. He remained a member of the school’s board of incorporators and was actively involved in the 2018 merger of Bi-Cultural Day School with the Jewish High School of Connecticut to form Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy (BCHA), the first K-12th grade Jewish day school in Connecticut.

“It was his dream to give kids a Jewish education that would last; to light that spark within them that would give them a love of Judaism,” said BCHA President David Pitkoff, the parent of Bi-Cultural alumni. “He built the school as a community day school guided by the principles of Modern Orthodoxy because he felt you had to reach out to everybody and embrace

the entire community. It’s been that way ever since.”

“He started Bi-Cultural with just a handful of kids and knocked on doors to bring people in,” said Rabbi Daniel Cohen, Agudath Sholom’s spiritual leader, where Mr. Shuchatowitz was a longtime member. “He was tireless in pushing hard to unlock the potential in Jewish children. [He] not only changed children’s lives, but changed the trajectory of their families for generations.”

In the 1990s, Mr. Shuchatowitz received the coveted Jerusalem Prize, presented by the State of Israel. In addition, under his leadership, Bi-Cultural was named an outstanding elementary school by the U.S. Department of Education.

In a letter to the community, Bi-Cultural Day leadership said, “Mr. S. was far more than our school’s founder and founding principal, he was our father, grandfather, mentor and guiding soul. He was the voice that told us we can do better, he was the *nesbama* who helped us dream of what our school and community could be.”



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“Little Kids Rock” Using Music as a Second Language

We are excited to implement a new music program at Hebrew Wizards, which will launch in February 2020. On our recent holiday break we traveled to Panama City to share the love of music by donating the fabulous curriculum created by Little Kids Rock to The Danilo Perez Foundation, which supports underprivileged students with an incredible music program whose goal is for them to go on to become musicians. In addition, we donated school supplies and musical equipment to their school. Panama City has a Jewish Population of more than 10,000 Jews.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

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



CARL AND DOROTHY BENNETT CENTER FOR JUDAIC STUDIES

Joan and Henry Katz Lecture in Judaic Studies

“Dueling Loyalties: Honor, Citizenship, and Antisemitism in Nineteenth Century Germany”

David Meola, PhD, author and scholar, University of Southern Alabama
Wednesday, February 26, 7:30 pm, Kelley Center Presentation Room

Diane Feigenson Lecture in Jewish Literature

“Guilt, Memory, and the Beta-God: Nathan Englander on kaddish.com”

Nathan Englander, bestselling author
Thursday, March 5, 7:30 pm, Oak Room - Barone Campus Center

Adolph and Ruth Schnurmacher Lecture in Judaic Studies

“Cotton Capitalists: American Jewish Entrepreneurship in the Reconstruction Era”

Michael R. Cohen, PhD, author, Tulane University
Thursday, March 19, 7:30 pm, Kelley Center Presentation Room

14th Annual Lecture in Jewish-Christian Engagement

“Loving the Jews: Philosemitism and Judaizing in Contemporary Christianity”

Rabbi David Sandmel, PhD, Director of Interfaith Affairs, Anti-Defamation League (ADL)
Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 pm, Dolan School of Business

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Torah Studies with Rabbi Feldman
Sundays, 9:30 am

Chassidic Philosophy with Rabbi Deren
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 6:20 am

Women's Tanya Study Group with Maryashie Deren
Tuesdays, 12:15 pm

JLI/Talmud Class with Rabbi Feldman
Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, Wednesdays, 10:00 am

Parenting Class with Maryashie Deren
Wednesdays, 9:15 am

Parsha Study with Rabbi Deren
Thursdays, 6:20 am

Chassidic Philosophy with Rabbi Feldman
Fridays, 8:45 am

Lunch 'N Learn with Rabbi Feldman
Last Monday of the Month, 12:00 pm

Email RabbiFeldman@ChabadGreenwich.org for more info

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TEMPLE SHOLOM

Shabbat Study with Temple Sholom Clergy
Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 am

Lunch & Learn – Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, Kosher lunch provided.

“Choosing to be Chosen” with Joe Buchanan
Friday, February 21, 7:30 pm, \$18

Register with alice.schoen@templesholom.com

UCONN CENTER FOR JUDAIC STUDY AND CONTEMPORARY JEWISH LIFE

“How Yiddish Changed America and How America Changed Yiddish”

Josh Lambert, Ilan Stavans, Mandell JCC, Hartford
Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 pm

“Holocaust History and Survivor Testimony 75 Years After Liberation”

Christopher Browning
Monday, April 20, 5:00 pm, Student Union Theater, Storrs

UJA-JCC GREENWICH

Author Series

“Famous Father Girl: A Memoir of Growing Up Bernstein”

With author Jamie Bernstein

February 27, 7:00 pm

Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Avenue

“The Cloister” by James Carroll

April 23, 10:00 am, YWCA, 259 E. Putnam Ave., Greenwich

Co-sponsored by YWCA Greenwich

“Rethinking Heredity” with Carl Zimmer

May 19, 7:00 pm

Greenwich Library, 101 W. Putnam Ave., Greenwich

Davis Film Festival

“The Other Story”

March 18, Bow Tie Cinema Greenwich, 7:00 pm, \$15

“Nobody Wants Us”

April 21, Greenwich Reform, 6:15 pm, Free

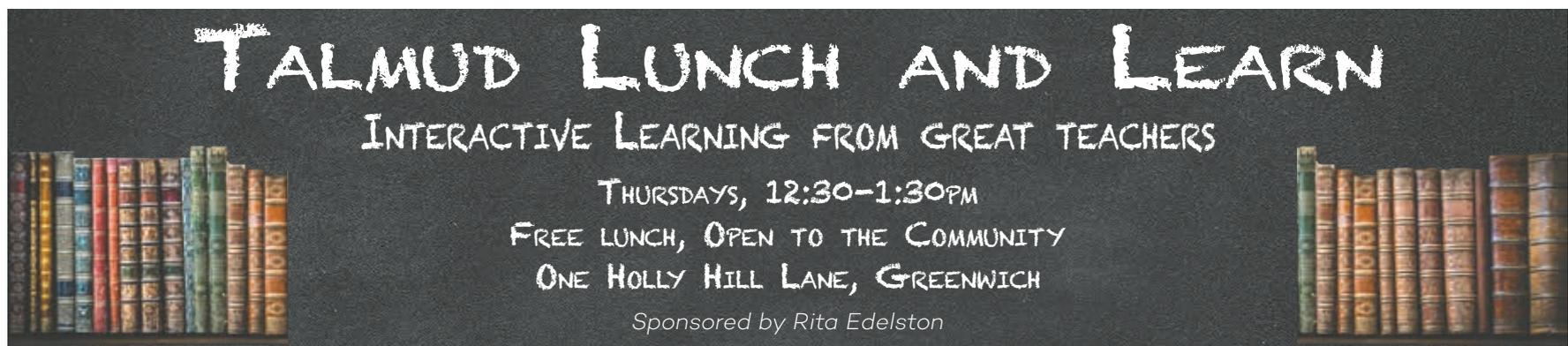
“An Impossible Love”

May 6, Bow Tie Cinema Greenwich, 7:00 pm, \$15

Lunch & Learn

Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 pm – See page 11

UJA-JCC GREENWICH ADULT EDUCATION



FEBRUARY 13

A Radical View of Shabbat

Rabbi Aviva Richman

Do Jews believe in original sin? And do we have a savior? Reexamine Judaism through the Shabbat musings of Hasidism's Sfas Emes.

FEBRUARY 20

#Vashti

Rabbi Annie Tucker

Come explore the very first member of the #MeToo movement and Judaism's most misunderstood feminist heroine.

FEBRUARY 27

God and Truth in a Time of Falsity

Rabbi Gordon Tucker

How can the values of Judaism and the interests of the Jewish people guide us in an environment inhospitable to truth?

MARCH 5

Esther. The Last Word

Alex Troy

The Book of Esther completes the Hebrew canon: What are the religious, political and ethical lessons of this final scroll – and the literary devices that enhance them?

MARCH 12

Can Great Leaders Be Great Parents?

Dr. Liz Shayne

In Tractate Nedarim, the Talmud asks why the children of great leaders in Torah are not leaders themselves. Let's probe the claim and judge for ourselves whether leading a nation and raising a child are really so incompatible.

MARCH 19

The Secret of the Hidden Lights

Rabbi Daniel Cohen

Follow the road map to discovering God in the world.

MARCH 26

Vayikra: And So-and-So Called

Rabbi Lester Bronstein

The Book of Leviticus begins with a mysterious word – a verb with no subject. Who is the hidden subject in our lives that calls us to be fully present; to engage in the woes of the world; and to be a moral person? What economic principles can we learn from the Hebrew Bible?

Check UJA-JCC Greenwich calendar at ujajcc.org for updated schedule.

APRIL 2

Why Didn't Mordechai Bow Down to Haman?

Sandra Rapoport

Mordechai and Esther share the spotlight as heroes of "Megillat Esther," but wasn't it Mordechai who provoked Haman's genocide decree against Persia's Jews by refusing to bow down to the King's vizier? Why didn't Mordechai bow down?

APRIL 9 - PASSOVER, NO CLASS.

APRIL 16 - PASSOVER, NO CLASS.

APRIL 23

The "Vision of a Nation" vs. "a Nation with a Vision"

Rabbi Menachem Leibtag

What the prophets of yore would say about the State of Israel today.

APRIL 30

The First Woman Rabbi

Michael Feldstein

Rachel Ray Frank (1861-1948) set the American Jewish world ablaze when she became "the first woman since Deborah to preach in a synagogue." Learn more about this maverick Jewish leader, who also co-founded the first Hillel chapter on campus.

Davis Film Festival

Bow Tie Cinemas, 2 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich | \$15 per film (unless noted)

Upcoming Viewings:

April 21*, May 6, June 10

*Special time and location



Nobody Wants Us

April 21 | 6:15 pm
Free
Greenwich Reform
92 Orchard St,
Cos Cob

In 1940, three teenagers were trapped aboard the Steamship Quanza at a Virginia port. Along with 83 other refugees, they hoped to disembark. Would America's refugee quotas dash their hopes? This is their story – and what Aristides de Sousa Mendes, Eleanor Roosevelt and others had to do with it.

Laura Seltzer-Duny / Documentary / USA / 37 min.



An Impossible Love

May 6 | 7 pm

Rachel, a small-town typist from a Jewish

background falls for Paris-educated Philippe and becomes pregnant. Much to her and her daughter's chagrin, family isn't his bag. Or is it? Set in late 1950's France, this intimately observed gem portrays the endemic anti-Semitism that still lingers in old line French society today.

Catherine Corsini / Drama / France / 135 min.



The Keeper

June 10 | 7 pm

This engrossing drama tells the true story of Bert Trautmann, a

German POW who becomes Manchester City's goalkeeper as the British nation and its Jewish community grapple with post-war outrage and trauma. Equally affecting is the soccer icon's love story with an Englishwoman, from their first forbidden *frissons* through the trials of fate.

Marcus H. Rosenmüller / Biographical Drama
UK, Germany / 120 min.

Jewish Greenwich Says No to Hate and Fear

by Randi Singer

The Greenwich community was part of something big on Sunday, January 5. 25,000 people marched in solidarity across the Brooklyn Bridge demonstrating unity against Anti-Semitism. A busload of people gathered at UJA-JCC offices bright and early to head into Manhattan where we met up with throngs of participants holding signs and chanting, “No Hate, No Fear.” Our thanks go to Carmel Academy for providing the bus! Many

members of the community traveled on their own – but we all made our Jewish pride known.

The rally was organized by UJA Federation of NY, working with Jewish Community Relations Council of New York and other organizations, including the Anti-Defamation League and The American Jewish Committee. Our singular purpose – in the wake of an alarming number of horrific anti-Semitic hate crimes in our area and across the nation – was to demonstrate that hatred of any sort, violent or not, will not be tolerated. The message, JewishANDproud, was clearly heard.



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Connecticut Jewish Leaders Meet with Federal and State Officials About Increased Funding for Security

Last month, Senator Richard Blumenthal convened a meeting, facilitated by JFACT, to discuss the recent upsurge in anti-Semitism and violent acts and what we can do to respond. Senator Chris Murphy and Connecticut Lieutenant Governor Susan Byzewicz also participated along with several state legislators, as well as the CEOs of all seven Connecticut federations, rabbis from across the state and leadership from Jewish agencies. A few weeks later a meeting with Governor Lamont was held. Among the main topics under discussion were the need for increased funding for enhanced security, increased funding for law enforcement, anti-hate legislation and more education on the topic of anti-Semitism.



Rabbi Yossi Deren, Senator Richard Blumenthal, Pam Ehrenkranz



Meeting with Governor Lamont, January 8.

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Shir Ami’s Take-Away from the “No Hate...No Fear” Vigil

Several of our Shir Ami congregants are very active in the Interfaith Council of Southwestern Connecticut. So when they told us a Vigil had been organized in partnership with UJF of Stamford for Sunday, January 5th at Temple Beth El in Stamford in response to the recent increase in anti-Semitic attacks, 25 Shir Ami congregants and our own Cantor Abramson showed up.

The speakers included clergy from all faiths, elected officials, including Governor Lamont, Senator Blumenthal and Congressman Himes. Additional speakers were from the Police department, the ADL and the Interfaith Council. Every one of these speakers had a message of solidarity, support, love and community. The deep concerns about the trends we are seeing in this country at this time were counteracted by

the strong commitment to build bridges with other religious, ethnic and civic groups, and to “have each other’s back.” We came away from

this event with a renewed strength to speak out against hate, reject fear and to embrace love and the broader community around us.



Congressman Jim Himes addressing vigil participants.

Famous Father Girl with Jamie Bernstein

On February 27, at 7 pm, UJA-JCC participation of Leonard Bernstein's Greenwich presents an evening of oldest daughter, Jamie Bernstein. Ms. Bernstein will share her new book *Famous*



Father Girl: A Memoir of Growing Up Bernstein, an intimate glimpse into a complex man, the family he raised and the celebrated music he composed. A writer, broadcaster and filmmaker, Ms. Bernstein tours the globe as a concert narrator.

In the spirit of UJA-JCC Greenwich's ongoing musical series, the event will include a

selection of the Maestro's most famous songs performed by **Rebecca Cooper** and **Dan Frankel** with piano accompaniment by **Zachary Kampler**.

Co-sponsored with Jewish Book Council, "Famous Father Girl" takes place at Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Avenue. Signed books will be available for purchase.

Individual tickets are \$18 – or \$36 bundled with a book – and can be purchased at ujajcc.org. Please contact UJA-JCC at 203-552-1818.

Yom HaShoah HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION

APRIL 21 | 6 PM

Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard Street, Cos Cob | Free

Nobody Wants Us | 6:15pm

In 1940, three teenagers were trapped aboard the Steamship Quanza at a Virginia port. Along with 83 other refugees, they hoped to disembark. Would America's refugee quotas dash their hopes? This is their story – and what Aristides de Sousa Mendes, Eleanor Roosevelt and others had to do with it.

Laura Seltzer-Duny / Documentary / USA / 37 min.

Speaker: Michael Delikat, Second Generation | 7pm

Otto Delikat was born in Vienna in 1922, a firsthand witness to the increasing terror of anti-Semitism as Hitler rose to power in Depression-era Europe. Arrested by the Gestapo at the age of 17, he suffered six years of imprisonment in such death camps as Auschwitz, Warsaw, Dachau and Muhldorf. His story of survival is one of both luck and hope. Above all, Otto's story of strength, dignity and optimism has an even more relevant and important message for today's youth and our entire Jewish community.



Preserve Your Family's Holocaust Story

Registration is now open for the popular Safekeeping Stories of the Holocaust Workshop, designed specifically for family members of Holocaust survivors to preserve their family's Holocaust story.

For the past several years, family members of survivors in Westchester have found this workshop to be a profound and meaningful experience.

The 8-session workshop is offered in small group settings in 3 locations throughout Westchester: Larchmont, Harrison, and Mt. Kisco.

Space is limited. Early registration is advised. You can register at <https://safekeepingstories.com/workshops/safekeeping-holocaust-stories/>

If you are not already familiar with this program, we invite you to view testimonials at

<https://safekeepingstories.com/testimonials/>

Email Debby Ziering at Debby@safekeepingstories.com to learn more.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

MAY 3 | 11:30 AM

Greenwich Town Hall, 101 Field Point Road

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Standing-room Only Crowd at the YWCA for *The Survivors: A Story of War, Inheritance, and Healing* with Author Adam Frankel

Thanks to Jane Batkin for making the event happen and to Indra Nooyi for sponsoring it!



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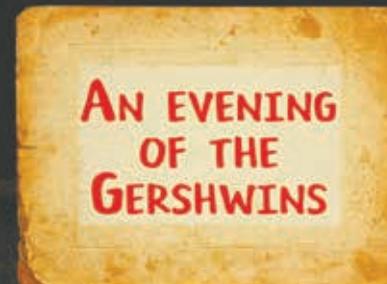
An Evening of the Gershwins GOLDEN TICKET SERIES

MAY 13 | 7 PM

Ferguson Library, Stamford, CT
Patron: \$613, includes 4 tickets
Sponsor: \$360, includes 2 tickets
Event tickets: \$36 in advance, \$50 at the door

Join us for the next part of this Golden Ticket Series, An Evening with the Gershwins, featuring the singing quartet of Rebecca Cooper, Marissa Cortese, Daniel Frankel and Brian Rosenblum, who will be accompanied by a two-piece orchestra.

Also back for an encore is Broadway producer, Speaker/Historian Jack Viertel, who will give commentary on the music, lyrics, plays and history of George and Ira Gershwin. Enjoy this incredible evening orchestrated by Event Director, Rebecca Cooper, Artistic Director, Regina Elliott and Musical Director, Zachary Kampler.



Greenwich Reform Challah Baking Class



Please join us at the home of a GRS member, on Saturday, February 22, from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, as master baker Nancy Laist teaches us how to make, bake, and enjoy our own delicious challot! A light lunch will be served.

Both parents and children who would like to learn to bake challah are welcome to participate. The experience is priceless, but RSVPs are required; please contact GRS at 203-629-0018. Space is limited. Let us know right away so you won't miss this mouth-watering experience!

Stay in the know about the happenings in our Greenwich Jewish Community.

Send your email address to karen@ujajcc.org.

We will keep you up to date on everything you need to know –

about kids, teens, young families, travel, PJ Library, newcomers, films, Lunch and Learn, Women's Philanthropy, Israel, and other Greenwich Jewish organizations.

The "Lion King" Roars at Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy



In December, Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy Lower School students presented the Broadway hit musical "The Lion King."

Another opening, another show! And what a show it was when the curtain was raised on the Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy musical theater production of "The Lion King Jr." "Our annual musical theater production is yet one more example of the importance we place on the arts here at BCHA, and the dedication of our outstanding arts department, which continually creates opportunities for our students to shine bright and showcase their unique talents," said BCHA Head of School Jackie Herman.

Shir Ami's Giving Spirit

At Shir Ami, we aim to do *Tikun Olam* throughout the year in small ways that make a difference in our community. This winter we continued our tradition of providing holiday gifts to about 25 individuals who live in Abilis-run group homes in Greenwich and Stamford. The house managers send us a wish list item for each of their residents, and Shir Ami congregants buy and wrap up anything from new quilts, jackets, pajamas and slippers, games or art supplies. Receiving these packages brings a lot of joy to each person. Abilis's CEO Amy Montimurro wrote: "We are so grateful to Shir Ami for the years of personal gift giving for community members at Abilis who do not have families. Your gifts do make a difference!"



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Chabad Hosts Parenting Conference with Dr. Ross Greene

Each summer, Chabad of Greenwich holds an Annual Parenting Conference. In August 2019, it was led by world-renowned speaker, Dr. Ross Greene. Dr. Greene is the author of the influential book, *The Explosive Child*, and the originator of the Collaborative & Proactive Solutions (CPS) approach, which provides a compassionate understanding of behavioral challenges and collaborative methods for solving problems, teaching skills, improving communication, and repairing relationships.

Dr. Greene led a morning seminar designed for parents, to help their children succeed both at home and at school. Participants took home useful tools and creative ideas to use immediately. In the afternoon, there was a training workshop for educators, designed for specialists and classroom teachers to provide them with methods to best encourage and support children in their academic environment. In the evening, there was a dinner featuring Dr. Greene as keynote speaker, where he discussed his latest book *Raising Human Beings*.



SING ALONG TO THE ALEPH BET RAP

by Hebrew Wizards



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To master your Hebrew letters—
Search “Aleph Bet Rap” on YouTube
and sing along!

Carmel Academy Middle School Gives Back for the Holidays

Chanukah learning at Carmel Academy included an extensive unit, in all grades, on gratitude and kindness. In honor of Chanukah, and to express their gratitude, the middle school students at Carmel Academy went on field trips to give back to our local establishments. The sixth graders spent time at The New Jewish Home in Westchester County, where they played games and chatted with residents. One of the games being musical hangman, where a current Carmel sixth grader played the piano, and everyone guessed what song it was. The seventh grade visited the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry in Stamford and brought in food donations from across the middle school. They spent their time stocking the pantry and had a rich discussion on food insecurity and the role the pantry plays in the area.



Carmel's seventh graders Mica F., Lyla D., Maddy W., Spencer G., Gabe L., Jesse S. and Rachel B. stocking the pantry at the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry in Stamford.

They asked extremely thoughtful questions like: What qualifies as food insecure? What is the process for being able to take food from the pantry? Why would the pantry spend extra money on buying kosher meat instead of buying cheaper dry food? The eighth grade visited the United Hebrew Nursing Home in New Rochelle. They played high energy games and engaged in meaningful conversations with the residents about where they grew up and their favorite holiday memory. In culmination of this learning unit, the entire Carmel community participated in a toy drive with the JCCA for Pleasantville Cottage Campus, a residential treatment program serving kids ages 7 to 15. It was an incredible week of *chesed* and giving back to our local communities.

Welcome to
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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

Rabbi Gerson Installed as Senior Rabbi of Greenwich Reform

During the last weekend in January, Rabbi Jordie Gerson was installed as the senior rabbi of Greenwich Reform. The congregation celebrated with a delicious dinner on Friday night, followed by Shabbat services. Rabbi Devorah Marcus of Temple Emanuel in San Diego, California, officiated at the installation, and spoke about the sacred relationship that exists between a congregation and its rabbi, and the responsibility and privilege they share in caring for each other in order to build a community of holiness and wholeness. On Saturday morning, the Rabbi Roundtable Torah Study included a lively discussion of Parashat Bo (Exodus 10:1-13:16 – Moses, Pharaoh, and the Egyptian plagues). The weekend concluded with a family-friendly pajama *Havdalah* service and casual dinner.



Chabad Hebrew School



Chabad Hebrew School prepares for Chanukah with Dad's electronic light up menorah making and Chanukah on the Go.

The "Mysteries" of Membership in Congregation Shir Ami

by Marie Orsini Rosen

According to a 2019 Pew Research Center for Religious and Public Life "Religious Landscape" survey, the number of people who identify themselves as "unaffiliated" – atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular" – stands at 26%, up from 17% in 2009. Translation: The number of religiously unaffiliated adults in the U.S. grew by almost 30 million over this period. A substantial number – 17% surveyed – say they never attend religious services, up from 11% a decade ago. People who identified themselves as Jewish held steady at 2 percent.

Why do people join congregations even if no life event prompts the commitment? It's no mystery. "We felt comfortable because this was a small, welcoming congregation, with a philosophy we were comfortable with," is how Ronny Kaplan and her spouse Ira describe their decision last spring to join Congregation Shir Ami, an intimate Reform congregation of nearly 50 families, now in its seventeenth year.

Every synagogue is unique, but in one way they are the same: They create community, a common rationale cited by the Reform movement itself in "Why Join a Reform Congregation". That was part of the Kaplans' decision to join. "We had participated in Shir Ami's High Holy Day services for several years and always enjoyed them. Now that we've joined, we have attended many more services than before and have both participated in Board Committees," notes Ronny.



Ronny Kaplan, Joan Green and Alina Rodescu-Pitchon singing in the Pop Up Choir at Shir Ami's Chanukah Live!

Joining a synagogue may seem like too much of a commitment at times in our lives: We're too busy, we don't "fit in;" we don't need it and it's too expensive; are some of the "myths" cited on the Reform movement website. Congregation Shir Ami member Alina Rodescu-Pitchon experienced some of that thinking herself. "I have never belonged to a synagogue because I could never afford to, and I am more spiritual than religious. I never found a synagogue that was more in keeping with my beliefs, until I started coming to Shir Ami. I decided to join now because I

would like for my son, Ben, and me to be part of a warm, nurturing community."

"Community" at Congregation Shir Ami means bimonthly Shabbat services, onegs and dinners, regular social action projects and monthly study and singing opportunities. That sealed the decision for Alina, who joined Shir Ami this past summer: "As an Eastern European refugee from Romania, I have felt the need to belong to a Jewish community. Shir Ami has added to my life in numerous ways," including Alina's desire to engage "in a more organized manner, in social justice and education programs."

Congregation membership is no mystery at all. To belong to a community and have meaningful engagement in your lives, join us for Congregation Shir Ami's many opportunities to worship, learn and have fun together, and see if it is a good fit for you. Visit www.congregationshirami.org

It's Never Too Late to Have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Hebrew Wizards/Congregation Kehilat Shalom launched its very first Adult B Mitzvah class in 2019 to allow adults to have an opportunity to make their commitment to Judaism as sons/daughters of the commandments. While the thought of learning prayers, chanting from the Torah and delivering heartfelt interpretation of the Torah portion may seem daunting, it doesn't have to be. Big Wizard Learning classes, which began in Fall 2019, are held once a month on a rolling basis with adults seeking to bring out their spirituality and faith as they study and learn together. From exploring the Jews of the World, to experiencing the Jewish holidays, to developing a deeper meaning of the prayers, to Torah discussions, we provide a fulfilling Jewish or inter-faith experience.

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For more information, contact Rabbi Deb at 203-249-4036 or rabbiwizard@gmail.com

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CEO's Corner

Happy 2020 – with emphasis on the happy, if possible! At different times in our lives special dates have different meanings. Many times, we have celebrated joy and togetherness on important dates. And there are always those years that a life stressor or just a funk prevented the joy from seeping through. As we enter 2020, it seems we are excited for a new decade, but also a bit bewildered by what is going on around us. Now more than ever is a time to “root for the good.” Yes, we are in a time of upheaval. It is scary how our society seems to be regressing in some ways, while also moving forward at an ever-increasing rate in other areas.

So, what do we do? For one thing, do not panic. Rather, decide how you want to handle what is going on around you. For those of you who want to be vocal, go for it! Join a rally or participate in a benefit. For others, find another way to root for good in a manner that is comfortable for you. Daily acts of kindness are equally important in times like these.

However you do it, please join us in being a part of this community that emanates acceptance, tolerance, and togetherness. At JFS, we are here for you – and in 2020, we hope you are here for us too!

Respectfully,



–Rachel Kornfeld, LCSW, SBL
Chief Executive Officer
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◆ Moms' Group

Moms will find a place to be real about the adjustment to motherhood, lifestyle changes, and anything else they are facing, in a safe and non-judgmental environment.

◆ Stress Less

Mindfully reduce your anxiety by identifying your triggers and learn how to manage daily stressors by participating in group discussion and mindful healing.

◆ Divorce Group

Gain support, strength, and friendship from people who can relate to what you are going through.

All are welcome!

If you are interested in any of these groups or would like individual counseling, contact Melissa Knee 203-622-1881 or mknee@jfsgreenwich.org

Supermarketing For Seniors

by Elyse Brown

Who Becomes a Shopper for Supermarketing for Seniors?

Our shoppers come from all over the world, as well as all over the county. One of our longest-tenured shoppers, George Compo, grew up right next door, in Stamford.

When George first signed on as a Supermarketing for Seniors shopper, Jane Kramer was the Executive Director of JFS, and the shopping program was less than ten years old. It was 1992, and George heard about SFS from shopper Claire Deluca, who knew about it from playing golf – and who still shops for us today.



George spent two years in the Pacific with the Navy, and 40 years later he tried retirement in North Carolina. But home drew him back, and he returned to our area, and to JFS Supermarketing for Seniors, in 2010 – where he has shopped for us ever since.

George has been a wonderful ambassador for Supermarketing for Seniors. He's had a series of shoppes at Hill House who all came by word of mouth. We often got calls requesting George by name, after one

resident would tell another how fond they were of their shopper, George. His gentle manner and friendly smile won them over, and he enjoyed getting to know them all through the stories they shared about their lives.

Unfortunately for us, and for his shoppes, George has decided it is time to put away the shopping cart and step down from the program. We wish him well, and we owe a debt of gratitude for his many years of devoted service to Supermarketing for Seniors.

If you are interested in becoming a shopper for Supermarketing for Seniors, or if you know someone you think might benefit from this free service, please reach out to Elyse Brown, ebrown@jfsgreenwich.org or at 203-622-1881.

What Have We Been Up To?

In December shoppers heard an informative presentation by Amy Dorsey, LCSW, head of the Greenwich Task Force on Hoarding, as part of their in-service training. Our next shopper meeting will include a presentation by Phyllis Schondorf, CDN, a Certified Dietitian-Nutritionist in CT who helped launch Supermarketing for Seniors in 1986, and who will teach shoppers to read and understand the new FDA-revised nutrition panel that will start appearing on food packages this year. If you are interested in attending the presentation, please email SFS@jfsgreenwich.org to be notified of the details.

JFS JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREENWICH

**JFS of Greenwich Welcomes
Our New Board President,
Lauren Gilbert Wels**



JFS is thrilled to announce our new Board of Directors President, Lauren Gilbert Wels. Lauren lives in Rye Brook, NY with her husband, Andy. Her son, Matt, graduated from The Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, and her daughter, Erica, is currently a sophomore at The Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

Lauren and her family joined Temple Sholom in 2003 where both children attended religious school and became B'nai Mitzvah. Lauren earned a BS in Business Administration from Georgetown University and an MBA in Marketing from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. She left the corporate world in 2000 to start her own marketing consulting firm, servicing corporations such as *The New York Times* and Gerber Life Insurance. Lauren has chaired fundraisers for various organizations, including the Blind Brook PTA and Jewish Women International, the latter of which also honored her as a Woman of the Year. Lauren is currently a member of Temple Sholom's Board of Trustees, was a member of its Social Action Committee, served as President of Sisterhood for seven years, and co-manages the Gift Shop.

Lauren brings a unique combination of humor and a keen business sense to all of her social action projects. She emanates genuine concern for the community through her endless volunteer hours. Lauren's marketing and business expertise will undoubtedly help to propel JFS of Greenwich further than ever before in 2020.

**Jewish Health and Healing Center
Family Life Education Program**

The Jewish Health and Healing Center, in partnership with Congregation KTI of Port Chester, presented "Helping Your Anxious Teen" in December. The discussion was led by Dr. Betsy Stone, a Psychologist, Professor, and Jewish Educator, in an engaging and informative program that addressed parents' concerns about their anxious teens. The program covered topics including the difference between stress and anxiety, how to support your kids, and what our kids really need from us during this anxious time in their lives. The talk was followed by a lively Q&A. If you or someone you know is the parent of an anxious teen and could benefit from some guidance, please call JFS to speak with one of our licensed clinicians at 203-622-1881.



(l-r) Rachel Kornfeld, Executive Director, JFS, Rabbi Ben Goldberg, Congregation KTI, Dr. Betsy Stone, Ph.D

Our New Clinical Psychologist



Dr. Holly Schiff is a clinical psychologist licensed in both CT and NY. Her broad range of clinical experience encompasses psychotherapy in schools, outpatient clinics, and inpatient psychiatric hospitals. Dr. Schiff conducts individual therapy, family therapy, parent guidance, and group therapy using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, and Trauma-Focused CBT. Her expertise also includes administering and analyzing neuro-psychological evaluations and psycho-educational assessments. Dr. Schiff collaborates with various treatment providers and schools as appropriate to offer the most comprehensive treatment approach. Dr. Schiff strives to put her clients at ease and make them comfortable, laying the groundwork for a positive therapeutic relationship. She finds it particularly rewarding to help adolescents and young adults overcome life's challenges to achieve their full potential.

Send Us Your Questions, Please!

Here at JFS we have been working to respond to the needs of the community in various ways. We have started new therapy groups based on your calls and suggestions. We have made changes to our office space to make it more comfortable and inviting. We have diversified our programming to include services for children, adolescents and families. The list goes on – and all in response to your needs in the Greenwich community.

Forgive us, but we want more! We want to know what is on your mind. Are there questions you would love to ask, but aren't quite upbeat enough for Sunday Brunch conversation? Have an idea and not sure whom to tell? We want to hear it all. And, we will respond with useful information to help you move from question or concern to action and movement.

We want you to know that JFS is HERE for you, and we want to HEAR from you!!!

***Tribute Contributions to
Jewish Family Services of Greenwich***

- Phyllis Shapiro and Marty Flashner **in memory of Sandy Buchsbaum**
- Phyllis Shapiro and Marty Flashner **in memory of Saul and Janice Kalish**
- Phyllis Shapiro and Marty Flashner **in memory Michael Goldstein**
- Phyllis Shapiro and Marty Flashner **in memory Walter Schuchatowitz**
- Jan and Roni Kaplowitz **in memory of Asia Edberg**
- Marcia Rutstein **in memory of Michael Lazarev**
- Rita Edelston **in memory of Jay Jennis**
- Rita Edelston **in memory of Dorothy Shapiro**
- Barbara Salop **in memory of Dorothy Shapiro**
- Robert and Iris Driesen **in memory of Dorothy Shapiro**
- Joan and Robert Mann **in memory of Dorothy Shapiro**
- Ellen Wolfson **in memory of Dorothy Shapiro**
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Quigly **in memory of Susan Smith**
- Janet Mayrsohn **in memory of Ethel Mayrsohn**
- Ariel and Ilene Manacher **in memory of Ruth Messing**
- Audrey Kahn **in memory of Gussie Weingarden**

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. We will send a note of acknowledgment to the person or family involved, informing them of your generosity.

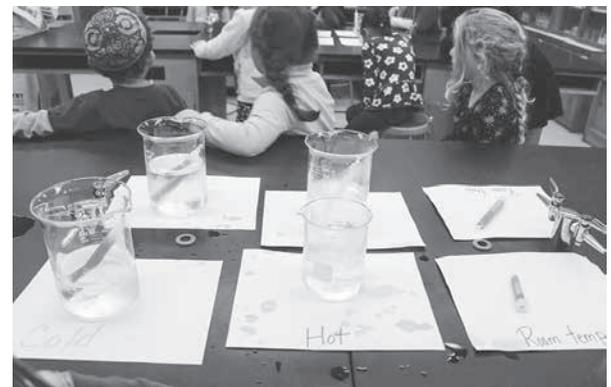
Carmel Academy Combines Social Skills with STEAM for Its New After-School Program Coming This Spring

“Often lifelong friendships are formed in conventional after-school programs, such as sports. However, our students do not always have similar interests. The idea to combine social skills with STEAM evolved after noticing students who were not interested in sports were left out of our after-school program schedules. We also observed that a large percentage of our students are more interested in STEAM than our robust athletic program. It is important to us that every child has an opportunity to develop meaningful friendships and participate in a non-school related after school program” says Lisa Corner, Director of Educational Resources and PALS program.

The social skills and STEAM program will allow children to develop meaningful friendships, while learning the “soft” skills necessary for the careers of the future. These skills include creative and critical thinking, inferencing, working as a team, having thoughtful conversations and having fun! It is critical for children who spend

their day having to remediate their academics and focus on subjects or activities they aren’t particularly interested in, that they have this opportunity to build on their strengths. There are times throughout the school day that students are not given the opportunity to build on their strengths, which could lead to a decrease in self-esteem. This after-school program gives them that opportunity to feel good about themselves and develop their own interests, all while in a structured and supportive setting.

Carmel Academy currently has social skills programs for all its students, ensuring the social emotional development of each child. We use Dr. Michelle Dunn’s S.O.S. social skills program in our school, which focuses on the direct teaching of social skills, behavioral and emotional regulation and peer mentoring. This combined with the Second Step program, which is rooted in social emotional learning, includes emotional regulation, problem solving, empathy and skills for learning. S.O.S and our new after-



Carmel students Elijah G., Jack H., and Derek P. working together as a team to engineer a structure in the middle school STEAM lab.

school program both involve an essential parent component, which includes parent workshops and communication, so that generalization of social and emotional skills are achieved, and a wraparound approach is established.

Contact Lisa Corner for more information at 203-983-3556 or lisa.corner@carmelacademy.com.

Chabad’s Outdoor Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration

On December 22, 2019, the first night of Chanukah, Chabad of Greenwich lit a giant outdoor Menorah at the corner of Greenwich Avenue and Arch Street. Rabbi Yossi Deren, joined by First Selectman Fred Camillo, lit the first candle from atop Truck #1 from the Greenwich Fire Department. There was an outdoor concert, doughnuts, and latkes. The historic event was celebrated by the community in a Chanukah Wonderland, held at the Greenwich Arts Council, featuring arts and crafts, doughnut decorating, music, a virtual reality tour, and the story of Judah Maccabee, acted out by children in the community.



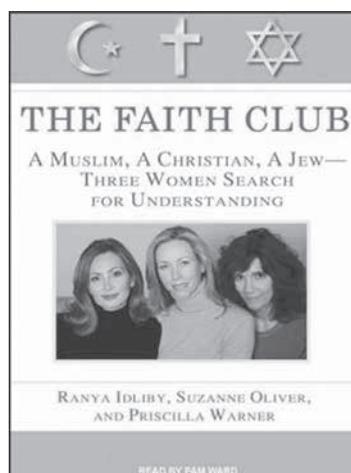
Women’s Rosh Chodesh Group at Shir Ami: Reading *The Faith Club*

by Cantor Jill Abramson

Last fall, members of Congregation Shir Ami formed a women’s Rosh Chodesh group. Each month, the group gathers to mark the start of a new month and to study. While the study format may vary, this year we have chosen the text, *The Faith Club, A Muslim, Christian and Jew*, by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner, as the basis for our learning together.

In this book, three women of different faiths, one Muslim, one Christian and one Jew seek to honestly examine their stereotypes about the others’ faiths. Through living room chats over coffee, the women engage in a kind of intimate truth-telling as they deconstruct decades of assumptions about the others’ religions and places of worship, all the while deepening their understanding of each other’s faith.

With rising anti-Semitism and acts of hate in the United States (and abroad), we must work within our own spheres of influence to strengthen



the bonds with people of all traditions. Reading a book such as this is a small but important way to do that; by making ourselves students of other faith traditions, we educate ourselves, correct our own misunderstandings, and demonstrate that we, the members of Shir Ami, care about the experience of our sisters and brothers of other faiths.

As we discuss chapters of the book, each person brings her personal experience to the conversation: while we are a community of Jewish women, some are Jews by choice or by practice, others have spent significant time traveling abroad, and still others are first-generation immigrants to this country. In this small way, we wish to make clear our commitment to understanding the faiths of others and

working toward a more peaceful world.

Our group is open to members and non-members. To get more information or to register for the next gathering please visit www.congregationshirami.org.

Women's Education Symposium

MARCH 4 | 9:15 AM

YWCA, 259 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich

\$136 sponsorship with a book, \$60 in advance, \$72 at door

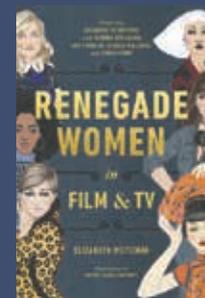
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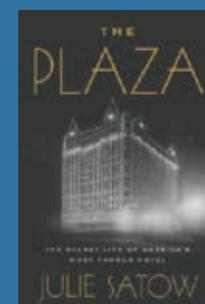
RENEGADE WOMEN IN FILM AND TV WITH ELIZABETH WEITZMAN

Barbra Streisand, Amy Poehler, Sigourney Weaver -- these are but three of 50 trailblazing women who broke glass ceilings in filmed entertainment and who shared their stories with the acclaimed author and film critic.



THE PLAZA WITH JULIE SATOW

With a subtitle like "The Secret Life of America's Most Famous Hotel," you know this yarn from real estate journalist Julie Satow offers up dishy thrills on New York City's most illustrious landmark, capturing the wealth, glamour and scandals that have shaped its storied past.



THE TROLLEY PROBLEM JUST GOT DIGITAL - ETHICAL DILEMMAS AND THE AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE WITH MOIS NAVON

Mois Navon is one of the founding engineers of Mobileye and is intimate with the system that is driving - literally - the autonomous car revolution. Mois is also known as the "Rabbi of Mobileye," answering questions about Judaism on a personal and corporate level and giving a weekly class to employees. Mois has also worked for companies such as IBM and NASA's JPL, where he holds patents in image processing and computing hardware.



ON THE RUN IN NAZI BERLIN WITH BEV SALTZMAN LEWYN

A former researcher for CNN, our speaker persuaded her father-in-law Bert Lewyn to tell his gripping story of surviving Nazi Berlin, including having masqueraded as an SS officer. Hold on tight - and bring tissues!



Giving Thanks Tea Party, November 17

Thanks to event chairs Rebecca Cooper and Jill Derikrava and event sponsors Rebecca & Marshall Cooper, Hillary & Michael Rosenthal, Jill & Michael Derikrava and Joui Hessel & Jimmy Hexter, and thanks to Jennifer & David Zigler for their donation of delicious desserts



345 Community Kids

by Bob Abrams

It was a fantastic inaugural year for the 345 Community Kids program at UJA-JCC of Greenwich. The program for third, fourth, and fifth graders began in September 2019 and will continue through April 2020, when we will have met five times. The first meeting focused on Gratitude, *HaKarat HaTov* in Hebrew, where each kid brought in an item they were thankful for, and then spoke about the item. A discussion followed in which the 345 Community Kids recognized things and people that have been important in their lives so far.

The group met again in November around the concept of Community, or *Kehillah*. The kids shared with one another which people, organizations, and places that they felt were important to the Greenwich community, and then put relevant markers on a giant jigsaw puzzle representing our town. They

furthered their sense of community by mixing up cookie batter to be given to the Kosher Food Pantry of Fairfield County to enhance others' Thanksgiving.

The kids met again in early January to explore the concept of Respect, or *Kavod*. They discussed what is meant by *Kavod* in Judaism and spoke about treating others how one would wish to be treated. They also watched a thought-provoking segment of "What Would You Do?" in which actors portrayed a family in a restaurant celebrating a child's birthday but only having enough money to split one meal. To top things off the kids decorated lunch bags to be filled with items needed for the upcoming Midnight Run.

345 Community Kids will meet next in March for activities related to Honoring our Elders, or *Kibud LeZkaynim*. They will discuss different aspects of aging, the contributions the elderly make, and ultimately the respect due to the senior members of their families and the larger Greenwich community. A closing program will be held toward the end of April to look back and appreciate the Jewish values the kids have learned. Participants are already looking forward to next year's 345 Community Kids' program!



JTAC Teen Action Committee

One Holly Hill Lane | Meetings: April 26 and May 17 | 5:30- 7 PM | \$12 per meeting

Teen-led activities and community service projects for middle and high school students in grades 6-12.

Sunday evening meetings include dinner, discussions and project planning.

For more info contact Cori SaNogueira, JTAC Advisor, cori@ujajcc.org

Midnight Run

FEBRUARY 29 | 6:45 PM

Meet at UJA-JCC, One Holly Hill Lane | \$36

Take a “run” into the city with JTAC. Adult volunteer drivers will caravan cars filled to the brim with hats, gloves, toiletries, food and hot drinks into NYC. Teens will make a difference, face to face, by serving homeless men who are aware of the stops made along the way. The interaction will put a real face to the challenge of homelessness. This event is best suited for more mature middle and high schoolers and will be capped once we reach capacity.

MEN’S ITEMS BEING COLLECTED FOR THE RUN:

- Warm coats: large & extra-large, dark colors preferred
- Blue jeans
- New tube socks, rolled in pairs, white or dark
- Underwear: sizes 32 through 46
- Sweaters, sweatshirts (including hooded) and long-sleeve shirts, large and extra-large
- T-shirts in all colors, sizes medium to extra-large
- Gloves: ski & dark colored, clipped or rolled together
- Winter hats and baseball caps
- Lighted worn sneakers / athletic shoes
- Long underwear: large sizes
- Belts: sizes 32 to 46

**Drop off in lobby of
UJA-JCC, One Holly Hill Lane**

JTAC Starts the Year Off with Great Enthusiasm

JTAC’s first meeting of the year took place in early January at One Holly Hill Lane. More than a dozen teens convened to prepare for Midnight Run. Working in teams we sorted clothing and toiletries. We also made lists of what donations we still need to acquire.



MARCH 29 | 1 - 3 PM

10,000 MEALS | Carmel Academy, 270 Lake Avenue | \$36

JTAC with the help of the Outreach Program has the goal of packing 10,000 meals for local food pantries. You can be a part of this huge effort! Donate any amount of money to reach our target of \$3,000 for the ingredients needed for the 10,000 meals -- only 30 cents each. Sign up to help pack all the 10,000 meals in a matter of hours. Family and friends of all ages are welcome!



MAY 3 | 10:30 AM

Greenwich Town Hall
101 Field Point Road | Free

Yom Ha’Atzmaut Volunteer Project. Calling all teens to shake the shuk and volunteer on Yom Ha’Atzmaut



**MAY 17
5:30 - 7 PM**

End of year meeting & celebration | \$25





"I cried because I was so moved."

YOU POWER COMFORT

When Eleanor was in the hospital, she was visited by Sarah, a volunteer from UJA-JCC Greenwich-funded Jewish Family Services. "She brought battery operated candles and a prayer book so we could follow along to a Shabbat Service on TV. Sarah even said a *misheberech* prayer for me." Eleanor says she cried at that moment and felt cared for by the Jewish community when she needed that connection most. For her part Sarah says she receives just as much from her visits with the patients as she gives to them - making new friends as they share their stories, and she shares hers.

Your gift to UJA-JCC powers programs like Bikur Cholim at JFS, creating thousands of moments each year of comfort and Jewish connection. And much more.

THAT'S WHO WE ARE.

GIVE TODAY