FAMOUS FATHER GIRL
A Memoir of Growing Up Bernstein
JAMIE BERNSTEIN

CARL ZIMMER
SHE HAS HER MOTHER'S LAUGH
The Powers, Perversions, and Potential of Heredity

AN EVENING OF THE GERSHWINs

Winter / Spring 2020
The Survivors: A Story of War, Inheritance and Healing
WITH AUTHOR ADAM FRANKEL

JANUARY 7 | 7 PM
YWCA Greenwich, 259 E. Putnam Avenue
Free and open to the community, RSVP requested
Books available for purchase
Join this former Obama speechwriter in a moving conversation about his memoir of grappling with who he is after unearthing the truth of his CT family’s origins.
Frankel’s haunting search to unravel the mysteries of his family is so compelling that it reads like a fine novel. –Doris Kearns Goodwin
Co-sponsored with:
Hosted By Indra Nooyi
register at www.ujajcc.org

Are Your Kids Naked Online?
HOW TO PROTECT YOUR TECH-SAVVY KIDS FROM ONLINE SELF-DESTRUCTION

JANUARY 29 | 10:30 AM
YWCA Greenwich, 259 E. Putnam Avenue
$10 per person
How can parents protect their kids from some of the dangers they’re exposed to in the digital world? Lisa Good, mom of four teens, shares how to apply the same principles she and her husband use as IT and cybersecurity experts to safeguard kids from making life-altering mistakes online.
Co-sponsored with:
Famous Father Girl
WITH AUTHOR JAMIE BERNSTEIN

FEBRUARY 27 | 7 PM
Greenwich Arts Council
299 Greenwich Avenue
$18 per person, $36 per person includes book

“What was it like to have Leonard Bernstein as your dad?” Short answer: not boring. Long answer: Jamie Bernstein’s memoir of growing up with the most celebrated Jewish American musician of the 20th century. Enjoy a few selected Bernstein songs performed by Rebecca Cooper and Dan Frankel with Zachary Kampler on piano.

Co-sponsored with:

Israel and the Water You Drink: A Surprising Story

JANUARY 30 | 7 PM
Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich | $85
Dinner at 7 PM | Presentation at 7:45 PM

The bestselling author of Let There Be Water: Israel’s Solution for a Water-Starved World is back with a new must-read. Join us for an evening with Seth Siegel, author of Troubled Water. Hear how America’s drinking water became contaminated, the risk it poses for us, what’s needed to make it safe and discover Israel’s role in the solution.

This event is intended for donors of $5,000 or more to the 2020 Annual Campaign

Co-sponsored with:
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 Satlow 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!
SAVE THE DATE

Annual Celebration
HONORING SCOTT SIMON
APRIL 30 | 7 PM | Arch Street Teen Center, 30 Arch Street, Greenwich

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.

Yom Ha’Atzmaut

MAY 3 | 11:30 AM
Greenwich Town Hall, 101 Field Point Road
Come celebrate Israel @ 72! Bring your kids and your mojo to our annual Israel Independence Day party for the whole community.

Flag Raising • Family Field Games • Crafts
Family Activities • Treats • Shuk
An Israeli Love Story
Jan 22 | 7 pm

The year is 1947. For 18-year-old moshav resident Margalit, it’s a promising start to her dream of becoming an actress. Then she meets 24-year-old kibbutznik Eli Ben Zvi and real-life drama intervenes.

Dan Wolman / Drama / Israel / 93 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.

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The Unorthodox
Feb 19 | 7 pm

Inspired by the improbable beginnings of Shas, the first political party in Israel to represent the disenfranchised Sephardic community, this vividly entertaining underdog story is fueled equally by rage and humor.

Eliran Malka / Comedy, Drama / Israel / 99 min.

The Other Story
March 18 | 7 pm

Complications arise when a dysfunctional Israeli family tries to lure their willful daughter away from Orthodox Judaism, in acclaimed filmmaker Avi Nesher’s compassionate and empowering drama.

Avi Nesher / Drama / Israel / 118 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.

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

Upcoming Viewings:
January 22, February 19, March 18, April 21*, May 6, June 10

*Special time and location
**Rethinking Heredity**

**WITH BESTSELLING AUTHOR CARL ZIMMER**

**MAY 19 | 7 PM**

Greenwich Library, 101 W. Putnam Ave, Greenwich
Free and open to the community, RSVP required

Heredity isn’t just about DNA, argues popular science writer, *New York Times* columnist and Yale instructor Carl Zimmer. We also inherit other things -- from microbes to technologies -- that impact our lives just as much if not more. Join this original thinker on a journey of discovery about who we are, where we came from and what we can pass on to future generations. His latest book *She Has Her Mother’s Laugh: The Powers, Perversions, and Potential of Heredity* was named a Notable Book of the Year by *The New York Times* Book Review and the Best Science Book by *The Guardian*. Signed copies will be available for purchase.

Co-sponsored with: RSVP at [www.ujajcc.org](http://www.ujajcc.org)

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**Book Talk:**

**The Cloister by James Carroll**

**RESCHEDULED: APRIL 23 | 10 AM**

YWCA, 259 E. Putnam Ave, Greenwich | $15

Facilitated by Dr. June-Ann Greeley, professor of Theology at Sacred Heart University

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.

Co-sponsored with:
JANUARY 2
Do People Ever Truly Change?
The Case of Yehuda
Rabbi Rachmiel Gurwitz
Yehuda’s journey from being just one of the brothers to the leader of them all tags him as one of the great transformative characters of the Book of Genesis. We’ll chart his complex personal awakening.

JANUARY 9
Working 9 - 5
Rabba Dr. Carmella Abraham
Jewish ethics in the workplace.

JANUARY 16
Can People Change?
Rabbi Shimmy Trencher
How does Judaism view our ability to change and grow? And what does it say about trusting others’ commitment to change and forgive past misdeeds?

JANUARY 23
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.

JANUARY 30
Mindfulness and Spirituality
Rabbi David Schuck
From a parsing of sacred texts, we’ll examine who we are, how we see ourselves and how we choose to live our lives as Jews and as people.
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?

Save These Dates
APRIL 23
Menachem Leibtag

MAY 21
Yom Yerushalayim | Marty Flashner
PJ Library Storytime

THURSDAYS 3:45 – 4:30 PM
Cos Cob Library, 5 Sinawoy Road, Cos Cob | Free
January 16 and March 12
Drop in for classic and interactive PJ Library stories with talented special guest readers. Meet new friends and enjoy songs, stories, movement and crafts. Storytime brings together families with young children around Jewish themes and traditions. Best for ages 5 and under and siblings are always welcome!
Storytime Chairs: Laura Launer and Rita Teichner

Yom Ha’Atzmaut
Family Field Day!

MAY 3 | 11:30 AM
Greenwich Town Hall, 101 Field Point Road
Climb, crawl, run, jump and race to celebrate Israel @ 72! together. Start with the family obstacle course and end with flag raising and songs. Crafts, snacks and a trip to the Shuk provide something for everyone!
Family Field Day Chairs: Abby Vorobeychik, Samantha Young, Jennifer Zigler

Honoring Our Elders
Family Fun at King Street Rehab!

JUNE 7 | 3 – 4:30 PM
King Street Rehab, 787 King Street, Rye Brook, NY | $36 per family
Bring cheer to elders at King Street Rehab and discover new friends from the animal kingdom! What could be better than a fun family mitzvah with a petting zoo, crafts, snacks and time with special friends?
We are thankful to our friends at King Street Rehab for providing this engaging opportunity for family community service.
Event Chairs: Alona Altman and Rebecca Cooper
**JTAC Teen Action Committee**

One Holly Hill Lane | Meetings: January 5, 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

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**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**

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**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!

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**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

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**MAY 17 | 5:30 - 7 PM**
End of year meeting & celebration | $25
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 three-piece orchestra. Also back for an encore is Broadway producer 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, Marissa Cortese and Musical Director, Zachary Kampler.