

HAPPENINGS

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Located on the Campus of Southern Connecticut State University, 270 Fitch Street, New Haven

Theater Party at Long Wharf

Co-sponsored by
The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven and
Hamden's Temple Beth Sholom

The Chosen

**On Sunday, December 10th at the 2:00pm performance
Kosher Luncheon catered by Abel's at 11:30am**

Speakers: Christine Scarfuto, Long Wharf's literary manager, and Rabbi Benjamin Scolnic

A symposium led by a Long Wharf personality follows the performance.

Special price of \$80.00 per person

To reserve tickets for the event, mail your check made out to:
"The Jewish Historical Society" P.O. Box 3251, New Haven, CT 06515.
Checks must be received by November 30th.

Questions: contact Patti at JHS 203-392-6125 (Tues – Fri mornings) or
Al Harary at 203-288-1347.

Note: The theater is handicap accessible.

L'Shanah Tovah

May the coming year
Bring good health,
Happiness & Peace

In Memoriam of
Valerie Bertrand
1946 - 2017
President of
Ethnic Heritage Center

“The Chosen” - A Brief Synopsis of the Book and Author

The Jewish Historical Society and Temple Beth Sholom in Hamden are sponsoring a theater party for Long Wharf Theatre’s production of *The Chosen*. The party precedes the 2:00 matinee on December 10. It includes a kosher lunch at 11:30 and lectures by Rabbi Benjamin Scolnic of TBS and Christine Scarfuto, the theatre’s literary manager.

The Chosen is the first novel by Chaim Potok. It was a surprise best seller in 1967. Potok told the *New York Times* that he did not expect to sell more than 500 copies. It is the story of two orthodox teenage boys growing up in Brooklyn in the late 1940s. One Danny Saunders, is the oldest son of a Chasidic rebbe. His father and his father’s followers expect him to become the next rebbe. The other, Reuven Malter is the son of a modern orthodox scholar who believes Jewish texts need to be interpreted using modern literary techniques.

The two boys become friends after an accident at a baseball game. Each learns from the other and from the other’s father. Reuven learns more about the mystical aspects of Judaism at Rabbi Saunders’s

home while Talmudic scholar Malter helps Danny explore secular texts.

Both boys attend a college similar to Yeshiva University and struggle with defining their place in the world. Reuven struggles with whether he can be a rabbi and use his father’s critical and controversial scriptural interpretations while Danny must choose between becoming the next rebbe or a psychologist.

In the background of the story is the dispute among American Jews about the founding of Israel. The modern orthodox Malter is a Zionist while the Chasidic Saunders oppose Zionism.

The Chosen was made into a successful movie in 1981 with Rod Steiger and Maximilian Schell as the two fathers and Robbie Benson and Barry Miller as the two sons.

Aaron Posner who previously adapted Potok’s *My Name is Asher Lev* at Long Wharf adapted *The Chosen*. Long Wharf artistic director Gordon Edelstein who directed *My Name is Asher Lev* is again the director.

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For further information call the
Society at 203-392-6125 or Email: info@JHSGNH.org

All proceeds support the Society.
Thank you for your continued support

The Archives

In order to answer various inquiries, we would like to have resource material. Two of our most important resources are: The New Haven City Directories and Classbooks.

If anyone has City Directories, especially the years from 1978 through the eighties and nineties, we would very much like to have them.

Then we would also like to have any old classbooks from Hillhouse, Commercial, and Lee High Schools. Also needed are classbooks from the local area colleges and Hebrew Schools.

For more information, or to donate any of the needed resources as mentioned, please call Marvin Bargar at 203-392-6125 (Tues – Fri mornings).

Our Newest Major Acquisitions

In July, the Society received two donations to add to our object collection. One is a black cast iron Star of David mounted on wood. This star was on the façade of Congregation Sinai the first synagogue in West Haven from 1929 to 1984.

The second donation is a 9 x 12 framed reduced size copy of the signatures of all the attendees at the Cornerstone Ceremony of the West Haven Jewish Center in 1949.

We thank Congregation Sinai for these gifts and Lynn Alderman who made this all possible.

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The
Façade of the Building
On
New Street
Housing
The 1st Synagogue in West Haven
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New Mystery Photo - Who is this person?

Answer in the next Happenings issue.

If you know who, call the office

First caller to correctly identify this picture
will receive a complimentary copy of
Jews in New Haven, Volume X.



Answer to last issue's ***Mystery Photo***: Eli Rumanoff