Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven, Inc.

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

Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven Hosts Its 41st Anniversary Annual Brunch and Meeting at Congregation Beth-El Keser Israel

On Sunday, May 21st, the Jewish Historical Society in co-sponsorship with Congregation Beth-El Keser Israel held its 41st Annual Meeting and Brunch.

The JHS President Rob Forbes opened the meeting and welcomed the 100 persons in attendance. Rob turned the meeting over to our MC Paul Bass. He spoke about the Jewish Historical Society over the many years.

Next Rhoda Zahler Samuel gave us a few words about the “Walk New Haven” cultural tours which are now in progress. The Hamotzi was given by Rabbi Murray Levine and in true form, every guest enjoyed an excellent fare provided by Abel’s Catering Service.
This 41st year of the Brunch honored two very long-standing members: Shulamith Chernoff and Dr. David S. Fischer. This year was special as well because it also launched Volume X of Jews in New Haven edited by Dr. David S. Fischer.

After the Brunch, Paul spoke about the two honorees. First he introduced Shula Chernoff. She spoke about how she became interested in poetry and read a poem that she composed for this occasion. After Shula spoke, Paul introduced Dr. David S. Fischer. He explained his early interest in the Jewish Historical Society and his particular interest in the earlier volumes of Jews in New Haven. All of this curiosity then lead Dr. Fischer to authoring Volumes VIII and IX. He discussed the recent Volume X and the journey of its creation.

After the Honorees spoke, President Forbes presented each Honoree with a book to commemorate the event. He stated “because we are The People of the Book, a book is the ideal gift.”

As part of final discussions, Albert Harary, Chairman of the Brunch Committee, thanked each and every member on the committee for all their hard work which made this 41st year a great success. Al, who was also the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, indicated the list of all new Board Members, Trustees and Honorary Board Members for the year 2017 to 2018 appeared in our Program Book.

In closing, a motion for adjournment was called by President Forbes.
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- A bequest in your will
- An IRA beneficiary designation
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Contact Albert Harary at 203-392-6125

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The Latke Party

On December 18th, the JHS Board of Directors had a Latke Party to coincide with the monthly board meeting.

JHS president Rob Forbes supplied three varieties of latkes, regular potatoes, sweet potatoes and vegetable. Many of the board members brought cookies which made for a nice dessert.

The meeting then got underway around 10:30am and concluded at noontime. All the board members left very happy with full tummies.

The Catskills of Connecticut

On April 2nd, the New Haven Museum and the Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven co-sponsored a program about Connecticut’s Jewish resorts.

Ken Simon, a filmmaker and historian of the Moodus area spoke about how many Jewish farms in Moodus, Chester, Lebanon and East Haddam developed into many thriving resorts.

Mr. Simon’s talk was accompanied by a slide show of old photos of the various farming areas and the many resorts. After the talk, there was a lively question and answer period followed with an enthusiastic crowd of 150 plus people in attendance.

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The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven
Invites Friends and Family to JOIN NOW...WHY?

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Greater New Haven’s Jewish Community.

Enjoy year-round programs of cultural and social activities.

Catch Up with old friends and meet new ones.

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Membership will be valid until June 2018

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The Archives

In order to answer various inquiries, we need resource material. Two of our most important resources are: The New Haven City Directories and Class books.

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 class books from Hillhouse, Commercial, and Lee High Schools. Also needed are class books 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.

~In Memory of~

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The Annual Brunch Committee for doing such a great job.
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New Mystery Photo - Who is this person?

Answer in the next Happenings issue.

If you know, call 203-392-6125 with your answer.

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: Arthur Spiegel