

# JHSGNH NEWS

Keeping Our Membership Informed

Summer 2023

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- **Patricia Illingworth**  
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Save the Date for our Annual Awards Ceremony and Brunch  
Honoring Robyn Teplitzky



**Save the Date!**

**Sunday, October 15**

Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven's  
Annual Award Celebration

**Honoring:**  
**ROBYN TEPLITZKY**

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## Welcome to New Board Members

We are thrilled to welcome our newest members of the Board of Directors:

Arthur Bargar

Harvey Bixon

Robert Caplan

Aaron Goode

We look forward to working with them and bringing their unique talents to our organization!

## Committees are our Strength!

## Youth Educational Programs

Thank you to Chanie Wilhelm for inviting JHSGNH to Camp Gan Israel of Greater New Haven this summer. We had two sessions with campers ages 8-12 sharing items from our

Join a committee and help in keeping our organization vibrant and growing:

- Governance
- Fundraising
- Membership
- Archives
- Programming

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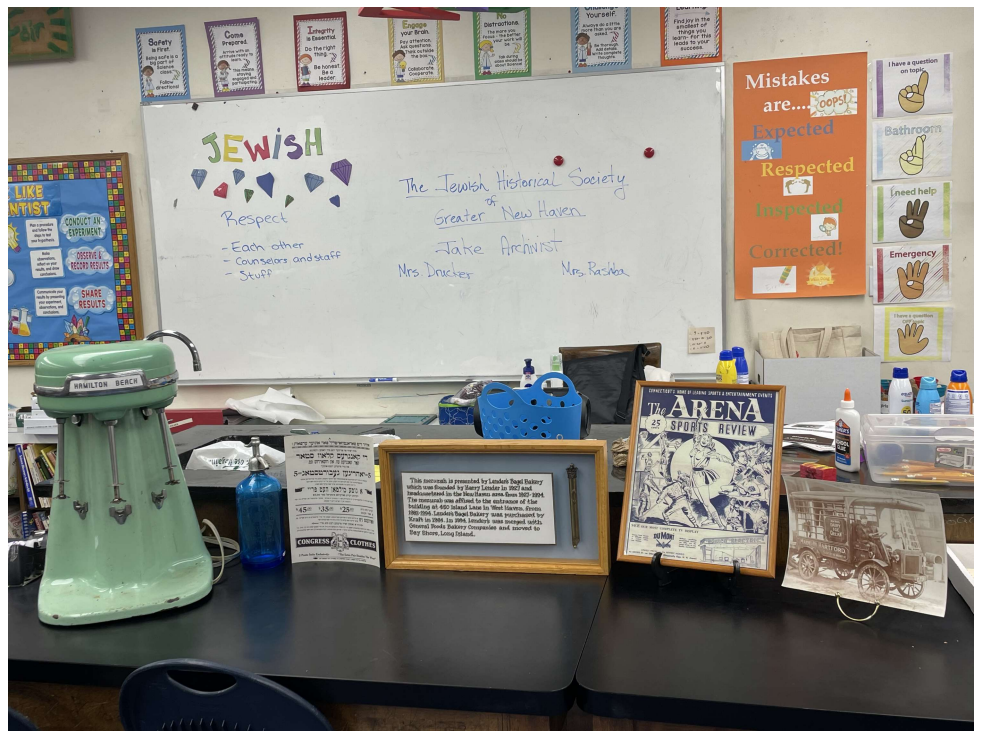
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collection. The items depicted life in Jewish New Haven's past, especially objects and advertisements from local businesses serving our community. The campers were enthusiastic to explore primary source material and learn more about their Jewish heritage. Facilitators included archivist Jake Griffith-Rosenberger, Amy Rashba, and Marjorie Drucker.





## What's Happening at the Jewish Historical Society:

### Special Guests Visit JHSGNH!

June 27, 2023: New Haven native Andy Horowitz, Associate Professor of History at UCONN and CT State Historian, visited the archives and met with staff and leadership to discuss future collaboration.



July 12, 2023: Avid genealogist Dr. Dwayne Smith, Interim President of SCSU, visited the Ethnic Heritage Center and toured our archives.





## Judaica Project

We are hosting monthly dialogues on Zoom about Judaica, Jewish art, and what these mean to us in collaboration with the Peter C. Hereld House for Jewish Life at Quinnipiac University. This project is made possible by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. We kicked off in June with Rabbi Reena Judd discussing her Jewish Box project. In July, Hannah Paperno shared her experience thrifting Judaica. On August 24, Marci Pratt spoke with us about crafting and selling Judaica.

Save the date for our September and October sessions!

Recordings of these programs are available on our YouTube channel!



## Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, August 24, 7pm: [Marci Pratt on Crafting Judaica](#)
- Thursday, September 14, 7pm: [Judaica Show and Tell with Jake](#)
- Sunday, October 15: [Annual Award Celebration Brunch at the JCC in honor of Robyn Teplitzky](#)
- Thursday, October 19, 7pm: [Shtetl Baby on Material History](#)
- Thursday, November 16, 7pm: [Contemporary Jewish Art with Ruth Simon McRae](#)

## Mazel Tov

- Jordan Levin, Secretary, on his recent marriage to Kathryn Cupo.

## What's Happening in the Archives:

- New acquisitions from the estates of Judy Schiff, Rita Gold, and Ruth Grannick.
- Free books, CDs, DVDs, and cassette tapes available from recent donations!
- Summer intern and Southern MLIS student Nina Corbo wrote a [finding aid for Judy Schiff's papers, now available on Connecticut's Archives Online.](#)

## In Memoriam

- Edith (Edie) Gordon Goodmaster, past Treasurer and Director.
- Irma Kronick Evans, beloved sister of Phyllis Medvedow, Honorary Director.
- Civianne Rubin Bloch, lifetime member and frequent collection donor.

- Fall intern and Southern MLIS student Daniel Robinson starts in late August, he will be working on Ruth Grannick's papers.
- Jake continues to work on the Jewish Home for the Aged collection and hopes to get us up and running in [Connecticut Collections](#) soon.

## Planned Programs for 2023-24

- Dates TBD: A four-part Adult Education series addressing current challenges facing Jewish communities with historical perspectives. This program is a collaboration with JHSGNH, Congregation Mishkan Israel, Temple Beth Sholom, and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.
- February 2024: Lecture with Dan Oren, M.D., author of *Joining the Club: A History of Jews and Yale* (1985) and *The Wedding Photo* (2018).
- March 3, 2024: Second Annual Judith Ann Schiff Women's History Program honoring Laurel Fox Vlock.
- May 2024: Oral History Workshop with Andy Horowitz, CT State Historian.
- May 2024: Yom HaShoah Annual Commemoration with the Greater New Haven Holocaust Memory Committee.
- June 2024: Shalom Baby Expo.

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