

JHSGNH NEWS

KEEPING OUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMED
FALL 2024

Zichronam Livracha:

We remember those we've lost in the past several months. Our deepest condolences to all their families and friends.

Barry Vine, a long-time benefactor and supporter of our organization. In 2022, along with his devoted wife Hyla, was an honoree of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven for his commitment and dedication not only to JHSGNH but to the broader New Haven community. His humor, generosity, and kindness will be greatly missed. Barry's life story is among those chronicled in our series [Jews in New Haven Series, Vol. IX](#).

Phyllis Medvedow, honorary director of JHSGNH and dedicated leader and volunteer for countless organizations in the New Haven community and beyond.

Dr. Reena Seltzer, member of JHSGNH. Dr. Seltzer was a leader in the New Haven community and a respected clinical psychologist.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

YOU'RE INVITED!

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

**2024 Annual Awards
CELEBRATION**

This Year's Honorees



Lindy Lee Gold Kinneret Chiel Amy Rashba



Join us!
Sunday
October 27, 2024
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
at The Vine Family Auditorium
JCC of Greater New Haven
Woodbridge, CT

For more information and to register, go to: jewishhistorynh.org

Mark your calendars for our Annual Awards Celebration on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at the JCC of Greater New Haven. This year, we're honoring three incredible Jewish women in our community: Lindy Lee Gold, Kinneret Chiel, and Amy Rashba. Please RSVP [here](#) by **October 10**.

Discovering New Haven's Jewish Legacy:

A Guided Walking Tour of the Mishkan Israel Cemetery

Join us on September 15 at 10:30 for this roughly 90-minute tour of the Congregation Mishkan Israel and B'nai Jacob cemetery complex, participants will learn the stories of poets, politicians, musicians, Hollywood legends, fashion moguls, entrepreneurs, and Nobel Prize winners who built New Haven and impacted the world. Some of the stories we'll discuss are based on Walk New Haven's four award-winning guidebooks on New Haven history, but we'll also cover the lives of New Haven's only Jewish mayor, the founder of iconic

Senator Joseph I.

Lieberman, former CT and US Senator. Lieberman spent a large part of his life in New Haven. Read more about his connection to the New Haven Jewish community in our publication, [Jews in New Haven](#), volumes VIII, IX, and X.

Justice Ellen Ash Peters, former CT Supreme Court Chief Justice. She was featured in our inaugural Judith Ann Schiff Women's History Program for her groundbreaking career as a lawyer and judge.

fashion brand J. Press, a National Basketball Association Hall of Famer, and the connections to New Haven of legendary figures like Norman Lear and Robert Moses, stories that go beyond the scope of Walk New Haven but emerge from the rich history of this remarkable burial ground and the 175+ years of Jewish life it encompasses. There will be an opportunity for participants to tour the interior of the historic chapel in the CMI cemetery, which was recently restored. The total walking distance for the cemetery tour will be less than a mile but please be prepared for some uneven surfaces. Rain cancels.



Welcome to our

New Members:

- Karen Baar
- Lauren Faith Miller
- Arthur Horwitz
- David Millen
- Robert Nobleman

Mazel Tov!

Mazel tov to our vice president, Adele Messina, on receiving Congregation B'nai Jacob's Shem Tov Award for outstanding service.

Want to celebrate a member of our community in our next newsletter? [Enter their name here!](#)

Our Officers:

- **Michael Dimenstein**, President
- **Adele Messina**, Vice President
- **Jordan Levin**, Secretary
- **Lauren Faith Miller**, Assistant Secretary
- **Harold Miller**, Treasurer
- **Mark Caplan**, Assistant Treasurer
- **Marjorie Drucker**, Immediate Past President

Past Events:

Membership Meeting

Thank you to everyone who made it to our Annual Membership Meeting on June 30. If you missed it, [you can watch the meeting here](#). This year, we welcome new officers and directors: Mark Caplan as assistant treasurer and Lauren Faith Miller as assistant secretary.



Wait, Wait...DO Tell Me: The Who, How, & Why Now of Oral Histories



Photographs taken from the *New Haven Independent*

Marking the start of our rededication to our oral history collection, this discussion panel served as an introduction to oral history, including a historical overview, examples, and [additional resources](#). We were lucky enough to be joined by Professors Andy Horowitz and Fiona Vernal, and special guest Kinneret Chiel, who shared their experiences with oral histories, either as interviewer or narrator. Read more about the event in this [New Haven Independent article!](#) If you're

interested in learning more about the JHSGNH's oral history collection or becoming involved as a transcriber, interviewer, or narrator please [get in touch with us!](#)

Our Staff:

- **Nicole Zador**, Managing Archivist
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In the News:

[Laurel Vlock](#), pioneering New Haven journalist, honored at New Haven Museum, by [Victoria Siebor](#)

[History Is Spoken; Or, "New Haven Man Eats Ham Sandwich And Survives,"](#) by [Allan Appel](#)

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JHSGNH Collections Highlights



A recent acquisition, this sterling silver tea service was produced in Meriden, CT, circa 1910s, and was presented as a gift to Joseph H. Ullman in honor of his term as president of the District Grand Lodge, No. 1 [B'nai Brith] from 1911-1912. Of special note is the detailed etching of a menorah on the front of each piece.

Community Presentations

The Jewish Historical Society offers community presentations that explore the rich history of Jewish life in New Haven. Our standard presentations provide a broad overview of our organization and local Jewish heritage, but we also offer customized research on specific topics, like local organizations, synagogues, or particular individuals and families. Perfect for community groups, schools, or special events, our presentations highlight the impact and contributions of the Jewish community in shaping the region's past and present. [Email us today](#), and let us bring the stories of New Haven's Jewish history to life for your audience!