

# JHSGNH NEWS

Keeping Our Membership Informed

Late Winter 2024

Welcome to our new Managing Archivist, Nicole Zador!



Nicole joined us in February and brings to JHSGNH impressive educational credentials and extensive experience. She received her BA summa cum laude from Brandeis University in Creative Writing/Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, and her MS from Simmons University in Library/Information Science and Archival Management. In Boston, she completed a one-year oral history internship at the Jewish Women's Archive and a semester-long collections processing internship at the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center. Nicole works remotely as an archivist for Wabanaki REACH in Maine, processing their oral history collection "Beyond the Claims: Stories from the Land and the Heart." We extend a warm welcome and congratulations to Nicole!

Welcome to Our New Members:

- Jay & Marjorie Hirshfield

Thank you & best wishes to our Technical Assistant, Julianna Paolini-Donaldson!



Julianna will be leaving at the end of February and is continuing her graduate studies at Southern. She has handled our communications, marketing, and membership

Thank you & best wishes to our Project Archivist, Jacob (Jake) Griffith-Rosenberger!



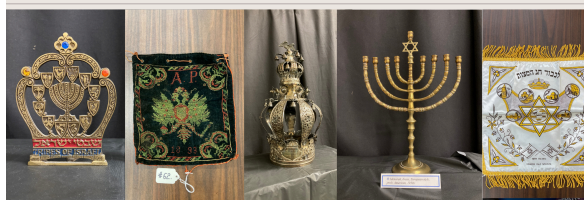
Jake is relocating to Denver, Colorado; he joined us in December 2021 to process the acquisition from the Jewish Home for the Aged after its closure. Throughout his tenure, Jake has undertaken progressively more responsibility, such as revising policies and protocols, cataloging, and digitization. He has supported our communications, including our website, social media, and email marketing, and

operations, as well as supporting collections management and research activities.

membership in Little Green Light, our donor management system. Under Jake's leadership, JHSGNH has taken advantage of statewide resources, such as the [Connecticut Collections](#) project, and institutional relationships, including hosting graduate student interns from Southern. He has presented a wide variety of educational and outreach programs to our members and the community. We thank Jake for his many contributions and wish him continued success.



**JHSGNH Judaica Project**



## Our Officers:

- **Michael Dimenstein**  
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Assistant Treasurer
- **Marjorie Drucker**  
Immediate Past President

Our Judaica Project has had ongoing success thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. Jake will continue to host this program for the next several months. We had a wonderful Hanukkah session with Rabbi Reena Judd featuring her menorah collection and our best-attended session yet with digital artist Cynthia Beth Rubin. We also had our first in-person session at the JCC with Dan Oren on Jewish genealogy and how to investigate your family history! [Find recordings of past sessions on our YouTube channel.](#)

Please join these upcoming sessions on Zoom:

Thursday 3/14 @ 7 PM: [Jeanette Kuvim Oren's Judaic Art & Graphic Design](#)

Thursday 4/18 @ 7 PM: [L'dor V'dor Judaica with Emily Scheinfeld](#)

Thursday 5/16 @ 7 PM: [Black Cat Judaica with Nelly](#)



## Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, March 3, 2pm: [Laurel Fox Vlock: Pioneering](#)

## What's Happening at JHSGNH

### Holocaust Filmmaker

- Sunday, March 10, 9:30am: [Modern Antisemitism](#)
- Sunday, March 10, 2pm: [Jewish Community Extravaganza](#)
- Thursday, March 14, 7pm: [Jeanette Kuvin Oren](#)
- Sunday, April 7, 9:30am: [The Israelization of American Judaism](#)
- Thursday, April 18, 7pm: [L'dor V'dor Judaica](#)
- April 26 - May 2: [The Great Give](#)
- Thursday, May 16, 7pm: [Black Cat Judaica](#)

### Our Staff:

- **Nicole Zador**  
Managing Archivist
- **Patricia Illingworth**  
Research Archivist
- **Jacob Griffith-Rosenberger**  
Project Archivist
- **Julianna Paolini-Donaldson**  
Technical Assistant

For contact information and full list of Board Officers and Directors visit our website: <https://jewishhistorynh.org>



**Second Annual Judith Ann Schiff Women's History Program**  
Sunday, March 3, 2 PM - 4 PM at the New Haven Museum

**REGISTER NOW**



We are pleased to partner with Congregation Mishkan Israel, Temple Beth Sholom, and the Jewish Community Relations Council on an exciting educational series that dives deep into the heart of American Jewish history to unravel the complexities of our present times. As we navigate one of the most challenging periods in our community's history, it is essential to understand the forces shaping our experiences. Our community is at a crossroads, grappling with identity, faith, and safety. *Meeting the Moment*, made possible through a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, offers enlightening discussions, expert insights, and a path forward to confront these challenges head-on. The sessions are designed to foster understanding and bring us together as a community to meet the moment and shape a brighter future.

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### Upcoming Sessions

**90 participants are already registered!**

### Session 3 – Modern Antisemitism: Where Ancient Hatreds Meet Today's Narratives

Sunday, March 10, 9:30 AM  
Temple Beth Sholom, Hamden

Dr. Liram Koblentz-Stenzler, Senior Researcher and Head of Global Far-Right Extremism Desk, Institute for Counterterrorism, Reichmann University; Visiting Lecturer, Yale University

### Session 4 – The Israelization of American Judaism

Sunday, April 7, 9:30 AM  
Congregation Mishkan Israel, Hamden

Dr. Joshua Shanes, Director, The Arnold Center for Israel Studies & Associate  
Director of Jewish Studies, College of Charleston

**Past Sessions**  
**Approximately 70 participants attended!**

**Session 1 – The Evolution of the American Synagogue**

Rabbi Dan Judson, Provost, Hebrew College

**Session 2 – Beyond the December Dilemma**

Dr. Samira Mehta, Director of Jewish Studies, University of Colorado; Visiting  
Faculty, Harvard Divinity School

## In Memoriam

- **Lucille Alderman**, long-time member who served faithfully on our Advisory Committee. Our condolences to Lucille's daughter, member and past honoree Sydney Perry.
- **Marjorie L. Jacobs**, member. Our condolences to Marjorie's son, member Bruce Jacobs.
- **Burton S. Levine**, devoted Past President and accomplished professor. Our condolences to his wife, Cherni Gillman, and family.
- **Rhoda F. Myers**, member and contributor to Jews in New Haven, retired executive director and historian of Congregation B'nai Jacob.

## Contact Us!

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## Join us for the Federation's Purim carnival!



JHSGNH will have a booth at this event to share stories of prominent Jewish women and their contributions to New Haven Jewish life. We will focus on the importance of oral histories and what we can learn from them. This is part of our support of JFGNH Women's Philanthropy's Shalom Baby outreach initiative.

## Mark your calendars!



THE  
great Give  
MAY 1-2, 2024  
A 36-hour, online-giving event  
to support local nonprofits



Begins April 26 at 8 AM and ends May 2 at 8 PM. Look for emails with helpful links to the Great Give website and tips for helping us win matching funds. Please give generously, this has become one of our major annual fundraisers.