



Welcome to our

New Members:

- Andrea Chorney
- Gladys Deutsch Horowitz
- Kate Ezra
- Sandy Friedman
- Cindy Gerber
- Linda Goodman
- Rochelle Lauer
- Cindy Leffell
- Sharon Lovett-Graff
- Diane Moran
- Rabbi Daniel Schaefer
- David Silverstone
- Caryl Steinberg
- Alissa Wurtzel
- Elliot Zaret

Mazel Tov!

Mazel tov to JHSGNH Honorary Director Lillian Liberman, who turned 100 in September 2024!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Festival of Books: Jewish Book Sale

Recently, we've begun assessing our library of over 1,000 books using our recently updated collection guidelines. Many, many wonderful volumes don't meet the requirements, but we're hoping to find them new homes. If you need Chanukah gifts or want to expand your Judaica book collection, stop by the Ethnic Heritage Center on **Sunday, December 22, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**. All books will cost \$1, or you can get a bag of books for \$5. There will also be \$1 stationery bundles and light refreshments.



Membership Renewal

In the 49 years since our founding, we've collected and maintained approximately 2,200 cubic feet of records, correspondence, diaries, photographs, and objects. At this moment in time, preserving history accurately and with integrity is more important than ever. [Your 2025 annual membership dues](#) will support this essential work, including:

- Running educational and cultural events
- Purchasing supplies that protect and house our materials
- Digitizing and making accessible our oral history collection
- Answering local, national, and international research requests

Join us in honoring the vibrant history of the Greater New Haven Jewish community by helping us safeguard it for the future.

3rd Annual Judith Ann Schiff

Women's History Month Program

Join us at the New Haven Museum on **Sunday, March 2** at 2 PM for a program on the lives of seven local Jewish women who we interviewed as part of an oral history project in 2008. Their stories relate the many ways American women contributed to the war effort. From running the family business and managing homefront challenges to serving in the Navy's WAVES and working in factories

- **Harold Miller**, Treasurer
- **Mark Caplan**, Assistant Treasurer
- **Marjorie Drucker**, Immediate Past President

Our Staff:

- **Nicole Zador**, Managing Archivist
- **Patricia Illingworth**, Research Archivist

as "Rosie the Riveters," their stories highlight resilience, courage, and ingenuity. Using oral histories and historical documents, this event will bring to life the personal narratives of these women. Stay tuned for more information!

Do you have photographs, documents, or objects that tell the story of women's experiences during World War II? We're curating a display case at the New Haven Museum to complement our event, which will remain there throughout March. If you're willing to loan us materials for this exhibit, email us at info@jewishhistorynh.org. Thank you for helping us bring history to life!



Zichronam Livracha:

We remember those we've lost. Our deepest condolences to all their families and friends.

Dr. Isaac Goodrich, a member of JHSGNH and a pioneer in his profession of neurosurgery. His warmth and compassion will be greatly missed.

Libby Glucksman, a Holocaust survivor and co-founder of Sidney's Expert Cleaners and Tailors, which was a West River fixture for decades. She received an honorary doctorate from Albertus Magnus, along with her husband Sidney, for her contributions to Holocaust education. Her care and dedication left an indelible mark on New Haven's Jewish community.

On the occasion of **Burton S. Levine's** first Yahrzeit, an unveiling was held on Sunday, December 1 at the Temple Beth Shalom Cemetery in Meriden. Burton served as JHSGNH's co-president and contributed to our archives and community in immeasurable ways. In honor of him, find time to "Eat. Read. Sleep," today.

Past Events:

A Guided Walking Tour of the Mishkan Israel & B'nai Jacobs Cemeteries

Aaron Goode led a varied and thought-provoking tour through the Mishkan Israel & B'nai Jacobs cemeteries. Thank you to everyone who joined us to learn about the incredible Jewish poets, politicians, musicians, Hollywood legends, fashion moguls, entrepreneurs, and Nobel Prize winners who built New Haven and impacted the world.



Annual Awards Celebration & Brunch



Thank you to everyone who joined us in honoring Amy Rashba, Kinneret Chiel, and Lindy Lee Gold for their work and dedication to our community. These women have each left a lasting mark on New Haven and beyond, and it was inspiring to celebrate their achievements with so many of you who share their passion for making a difference. Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, the staff

Remembering
BURTON S. LEVINE

EAT. READ. SLEEP.

May their memories be a blessing.

Collection Highlights



This brass menorah was manufactured in Taiwan, most likely in the 1970s. The design features two lions on either side of a partial Star of David. Lions have long been symbolic of strength in Judaism, and have long been used in ritual items dating back to the First Temple.



This certificate declares the founding of the New Haven Lodge No. 4 United Order of True Sisters, a women's counterpart to B'nai Brith. The New Haven branch was founded in 1863 with the help of Maier Zunder. The group was primarily made up of German-

of the JCC of Greater New Haven, and Chef Adam of A Taste of Eden Milford. This event wouldn't have been possible without you!

Community News

B'nai Jacob: Gospel Shabbat Choir

B'NAI JACOB

**BE A PART OF OUR INSPIRING
GOSPEL SHABBAT CHOIR!**

We're excited to invite singers to join us for a special Shabbat service featuring gospel music in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Come be a part of this unifying event honoring Dr. King's legacy!

GOSPEL SHABBAT
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025, AT 6:30 PM
CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB

REHEARSAL DATES:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024 | 6:45 – 8:45 PM
Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 | 6:45 – 8:45 PM
Temple Beth Tikvah, 196 Durham Road, Madison

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025 | 5:00 PM
Pre-concert rehearsal

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE REACH
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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE AND DINNER TO FOLLOW.

[Click here to sign up. Registration fee \\$25.00](#)

Congregation B'nai Jacob will be hosting its **4th Annual Gospel Shabbat** on Friday, January 17. It's an interfaith service with participants from the Greater New Haven community, featuring gospel music in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. [Click here to join the choir](#) and add your voice to this special event! The first rehearsal is Wednesday, December 18 at 6:45 pm.

Sukkot at SCSU



In truly historic news, Southern Connecticut State University had its first-ever sukkah on campus. This momentous occasion was celebrated with words from SCSU's Hillel Director, Rabbi Barbara Paris, and Dr. Dwayne Smith, SCSU interim president. Also

Jewish women, with meetings conducted in German until 1892. Like many other Jewish mutual aid groups, it strove to make "a better life possible for thousands of families and children, regardless of race, color or creed."

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featured were SCSU Presidential Assistant, George Morgan, and Nu Haven Kapelye musicians, David Chevan, Dana Astmann, Bill Asch, Cary Jacobs, Anna Reisman, and Hedda Rubenstein.

In the First Person

The Fortunoff Video Archive of Holocaust Testimonies opened its exhibit, *In the First Person*. With copious examples from Yale's library and archive, this collection provides historical context and documentation of violence against Jews pre-dating the Holocaust. Upstairs, carefully chosen selections from their oral history archives of over 4,400 interviews are available for viewing and listening. Pictured to the right is Renee Hartman, a Greater New Haven resident, listening to her testimony. Members of the JHSGNH Board of Directors and staff were treated to a guided tour of this extraordinary exhibit by its co-curator, Konstanze Kunst, and our board member, Stephen Naron, Director of the Fortunoff Video Archive. The exhibit will remain in the Beinecke Rare Books and Manuscript Library until January 28, 2025.

