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Celebrating the past, Welcoming our future!

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FROM THE RABBI



Dear Friends,

An interesting discussion came up in a Facebook group:

"Yesterday I was reading one of the articles in *Mishpacha*^[1], their true life stories, told through a writer.

This person had developed cancer at age forty-two. He had done all the right things. Diet, exercise, general lifestyle habits, plus being a

frum^[2] person, *davening*^[3], learning, *tzedakah*. So he made an accounting of his deeds. He resolved to be more careful with saying *asher yatzar*^[4], making a *bracha* after eating, some other idea. Eventually he pulled out of his cancer and is now in good health, B"H^[5].

Here's my question. Is that how we see our relation with *Hashem*? Is He forever (and I mean forever) going over our lives, every single detail, and once in a while, or when He's in the mood, says, "Aha! Phil, you missed out saying *shmoneh esreh*^[6] with real *kavanah*^[7]. Let's see how you deal with a week off with the flu!" Or heart problems. Or life altering accidents." What would you say?

Notwithstanding that this story is likely embellished, written as an inspirational story with a probable kernel of truth, how do we understand the concept of punishment by God? How do we square that concept with the fact that bad things do happen to good people and conversely (but a lot less spoken about) good things happen to bad people?

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Kayruv means "Welcoming."



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One possibility is that God, as the questioner pointed out, actually has some sort of OCD. And the corollary of that is that punishment comes for minor ritual infractions, so you better watch out. However, we are left with bigger questions: what does that imply about egregious stuff such as tax fraud and child molestation? Why do good things happen to people that are obviously doing the wrong thing?

Personally, I cannot deal with such OCD on the Holy One's part. I happen to think that not all sins are created equal: having *sha'atnez*^[8] in your clothes is not murder; a Ponzi scheme, cheating thousands of their life savings, is not the same as skipping blessings after you eat; child molestation is not the same as eating *treif*^[9].

It is true that when bad things happen to you; you are supposed to check your deeds. That comes straight from the Talmud, *Brachot* 5a. The idea of reckoning your deeds to become a better person is not a bad one. If someone checks their deeds, improves their character and behavior and gets better, I don't believe it hurts anybody for that person to believe s/he got better because s/he changed their ways. That is, as long as the person is not blaming the personal failings of others being responsible for their illness.

I also believe that we are not supposed to be like Job's friends – when someone is hurting you don't go berating them for their deeds. You help and shut up. They are the ones who are supposed to check their deeds. No one appointed you as part of God's prosecution team.

Deep down, I think we have to be more careful not to make God in our own image: do we really believe we have all the answers?

Searching our deeds is a good exercise, particularly if it leads to self-improvement. But in terms of answers, I'm more with *Menachot* 49b, in which Moshe asks God about the end of Rabbi Akiva: is this the Torah and this the reward?! The answer is: This is My decree! Which I interpret to mean that there are things that are unknowable, at least right now.

The danger of the idea behind the question, i.e., whether God is checking every little detail, and that if you do just this one small thing all will work out, is very close to magical thinking, and our human need for control when we face moments of absurdity. It reminds me of a poster I saw in a very Orthodox shul when I was in rabbinical school that tried to warn people how to say amen properly. Too short, and your days are shortened. Too long, and something else happens to you: the poster came with a whole list of punishments for a too long amen. In the words of the late, but great, Reb Micki Rosen z"l, "is this religion, or is this OCD?"

The big questions remain, as they should.

Warmly,
Rabbi Nelly Altenburger

^[1] Mishpacha Magazine is a Jewish Orthodox publication. You can find it here:

<http://www.mishpacha.com/>

^[2] Ritually observant.

^[3] Praying.

^[4] The blessing after going to the bathroom.

^[5] Baruch Hashem, God be thanked.

^[6] The standing prayer, the Amidah.

^[7] Intention.

^[8] Mixture of wool and linen, one of the lesser-known prohibitions from the Torah, Deuteronomy/Devarim 22:11.

^[9] Not kosher.

RABBI'S OFFICE HOURS

Rabbi Altenburger invites you to meet with her and will be available any day except Wednesday and Shabbat. Please feel free to call or stop by.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

As promised in last month's article, I want to review the responses from the High Holiday 5778 survey, but first We just finished Thanksgiving and I am so pleased with the CBI family and the outpouring of

donations received for the area food banks. As we head into the winter months the need continues so please don't forget the collection box.

These past few months have been busy for your Board and our committees. We have revised our Cemetery policies which will be posted on our website soon. The Outreach Committee, chaired by Joel Levitt is planning a wonderful program in May being funded through a grant he received from the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut. Barbie Steinberg has led the effort, approved by the Board to hire a new cleaning company for the shul. Barbie has also initiated a number of fund raising projects including printer cartridges recycling and supermarket gift cards. Mark May 20th on your calendar for our annual Touch A Truck program chaired by Izzy Kaplan.

The 120th Anniversary Committee, chaired by Susan Tritter, has run programs throughout the fall and is planning monthly events throughout 2018. The most recent program was the Day of Learning with Pancakes. Fran Kass and her team served up an assortment of pancakes and sides to meet almost all dietary needs. In January, there will be some fun adult programs; February will bring the return of our Mentor-in-Residence program and Food by Dudes. In March there will be a trip to a kosher candy factory in Waterbury for chocolate and pizza. Keep your eyes open for email and Kayrux announcements.

None of our work could occur without the support of our volunteers. There are many of you giving of your time and money to keep Congregation B'nai Israel a vital resource for the greater Danbury community. Remember, there is always room for a few more.

As we know, we are very fortunate to have our dedicated Rabbi. She continues to emphasize the "Teacher" portion of Rabbi by not only working with our Hebrew school, but offering an Adult Education program as well. In December, she will finish up our three-session class on the topic of Beauty and Ugliness which started on our Day of Learning in November. In January, she will start a course on the impact of the Holocaust on Jewish self-understanding. She conducts two sessions for each class, one in the morning and one in the evening to meet the diverse needs of our members. I can tell you first hand, how much I have enjoyed and learned from her classes and look forward to the next series.

CBI has been called, "The Little Synagogue That Does." What a true statement that is.

Now the survey: Eighty surveys were sent out and forty returned. That is an excellent return rate of 50%. Of those who responded, 35 attended one or more of the services. All five of those who responded that they did not attend our services, indicated they were "Out of Town at Another Service". As expected, the most people indicated they attended *Yom Kippur* services, followed by *Rosh Hashanah* Day 1 and then *Kol Nidre*.

I am very pleased with the results to the satisfaction questions. On a scale of 1 (very dissatisfied) – 4 (very satisfied) you were asked to rate the following areas:

Greeting	3.74
I felt a part of the community	3.67
Combination of Hebrew and English	3.57
Responsive Readings	3.42
Rabbi's Sermon	3.46

Balance Between Singing and Silent Prayers	3.43
Mahzor – Prayer Book	3.68
Sound System	3.31
Temperature	3.23

I know the Rabbi and the Ritual Committee will be interested to see the responses and will be guided by them as we continually modify our services to meet the needs of our members.

As we look toward *Chanukah* and the New Year, my best wishes go to all of you and your families for the warmest and healthiest of holiday greetings.

Thank you,
Paul

Foods by Dudes is coming back! Be a part of it on Friday evening, February 2, 2018! Services will start at 6:00 pm, followed immediately by a delicious dinner prepared by a great bunch of dudes. Reservations are a must for this wonderful meal.

Make your check payable to Congregation B'nai Israel, write Foods by Dudes on the memo line, and send it to Cheryl at the synagogue office.

Adult – \$18 Child(ren) – free (must be accompanied by an adult)

Name _____

of Adults _____ # of Children _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

**Donations
for CBI's Year Long
Food Drive**



Our ongoing food donation program continues to be a success. Don't stop now! There are people in our Danbury community that need our help. This is a monthly donation program. Please bring a little something whenever you can.

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DECEMBER EVENTS



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Our Future!



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Latkes and Chanukah Pasta Dinner before presentation

Bring your favorite chanukyah and 9 candles

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LOOKING AHEAD

Weekend of February 2, 3, and 4, 2018 Mentor-In-Residence Program!!

Mark your calendars for February 2-4, 2018 for the Mentor-in-Residence program featuring Rabbi David Golinkin. Rabbi Golinkin's theme for the weekend is "Rediscovering the Art of Jewish Prayer."

The weekend will begin on Friday evening, February 2nd at 6:00 P.M., with Kabbalat Shabbat services during which Rabbi Golinkin will speak on the subject of Why Pray? He says that he will offer us twelve – we'll count them together – reasons for why to pray. Following services, dinner will be served with the return of our **Foods by Dudes** culinary extravaganza!

The program continues during Saturday morning services on February 3rd. Rabbi Golinkin will focus on How Can We Improve/Reconnect to Our Prayer? A festive Kiddush luncheon will follow services. We'll reconvene in the late afternoon at 4:30 P.M. for the traditional third Shabbat meal. It's customary to sit around the table and sing during this meal and Rabbi Golinkin will share *z'mirot* (table songs) from around the world with us. Finally, we'll mark the conclusion of Shabbat with *Havdalah* at 6:00 P.M. and then Rabbi Golinkin, who also sings and plays the guitar, will present a joyous concert of Shlomo Carlebach songs.

Finally, Rabbi Golinkin will be giving a talk on Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M., a wonderful ending to a great weekend!

You won't want to miss this terrific program so please mark your calendars right now. And feel free to invite people from outside our synagogue community who would be interested in attending.

Foods by Dudes

Our Dudes need to know how many of us will be attending the Friday evening meal. Advance registration for Foods by Dudes is a must! Please complete the reservation form on page 4, or call/email the synagogue office with your reservation.

Super Bowl LII



Get ready for **Super Bowl LII**. This year the game will be held on **Sunday, February 4, 2018**. We will be awarding a first place cash prize of \$600.00 as well as a half-time prize of \$150.00. The price of boxes is the same as previous years, **\$50.00 for one** and **\$100.00 for three**. We will be following the same ground rules as we have in past years. The random selection of boxes will be made at the synagogue on the morning of February 4th.

We plan to email each participant, whose email address we have, a copy of the grid indicating which boxes belong to whom.

Have fun while supporting CBI. Entries should be **RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE** by Friday, February 2nd.

SUPER BOWL "LII"

I want a chance to win the grand prize of \$600.00 or the half-time prize of \$150.00. Chances to win are... **\$50.00 for one box and \$100.00 for three boxes:**

Please reserve _____ chance(s)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____

Name _____

Please make check payable to **Congregation B'nai Israel**.

THROUGH A JEWISH LENS



Dina and I enjoyed the pleasure of traveling to Italy for two weeks in late October. It was the first time either one of us has been in Italy. We looked at a couple of package tours but thought they emphasized the cities too much. So, wanting to get out into the countryside, we organized our own itinerary. We had a fabulous time and experienced numerous points of Jewish interest.

We arrived at the Leonardo da Vinci Airport in Rome, picked up our rental car, and headed north toward Tuscany. After about two hours of driving on the coastal superhighway, we turned inland onto local roads and encountered our first two reality checks about driving in Tuscany: first, the roads are quite curvy/windy/narrow and second, there are many dirt roads – in other words, it takes twice as long as you might think to get where you're going so we arrived for lunch an hour late.

Cantina Giuliano is a kosher winery in a tiny Tuscan town called Casciana Alta. It's owned by a young couple, Eli and Lara Gauthier. It's truly *besheret* that these two souls found one another. Both grew up in small towns (Eli in Rambouillet [France] and Lara right in Casciana Alta) in minimally practicing Jewish families, both learned the wine trade, both became religiously observant, and both wanted to live in a small town to work in the wine/hospitality business. From about April to November each year, they make wine (and honey and jam), run a kosher restaurant, and operate a small inn in Casciana Alta; then they spend the winter and early spring in Strasbourg. Eli is the more outgoing member of the couple and he took us on a tour of the small winery and their garden across the street. Lara is a fabulous chef and her ravioli with pumpkin and sage stuffing turned out to be the best pasta we ate in Italy. Their Chianti, available through several kosher wine outlets in the US, is fruity and readily drinkable. Dina and I wish them both much success.

Well, our lovely lunch ended up taking almost the entire afternoon so we decided to head straight to our lodging, realizing now that it would take two hours to get there. We passed through beautiful Tuscan scenery – vineyards, olive trees, cypress trees – and arrived just as dusk was descending (good thing we arrived before nightfall because we never would have found the correct dirt road in the dark).

Perched on a hilltop with a magnificent view of the valley, and of Siena on the facing hilltop, Terra di Seta is a small slice of paradise on Earth. The property has vineyards, olive groves, an apiary, a winery, and five units of lodging (lucky us, we were the only lodgers during our stay there). Daniel Della Seta, who comes from an old Roman Jewish family that was in the silk business (Seta means silk in Italian), was teaching Biology at the University of Siena and growing grapes to sell to local wineries, but then decided to quit his day job to make his own wine. Maria Pellegrini, his wife, had a Jewish mother from the town of Pitigliano (it once had a significant Jewish population – my mother-in-law was fascinated by this town and clipped several articles about it over the years); her father was from the southern Tuscan town of Capalbio and was in the wine business. When the couple decided to produce their own wine, they figured they needed to distinguish themselves from the many other producers of Chianti Classico, so they decided to make wine that is kosher and organic. Their wine is also delicious, full of fruit and body. They also make olive oil from their own trees. While we were there, we learned that they were making preparations to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of their youngest son the first weekend of November at the Siena synagogue.

After four days in the Tuscan countryside, our next stop was Florence. Here you will find numerous statues of David – so many, in fact, that Florence could be called the City of David! Michaelangelo's monumental masterpiece tops the list, of course. But there are also statues of David sculpted by Donatello and Verrocchio. We took a guided tour of Jewish

Florence, the focus of which is the city's fabulous synagogue. Set in a beautiful courtyard, the building is a delight to behold with its green dome and Moorish styling. A kosher vegetarian restaurant is located next door. Our guide took us to the area of the former Florentine Jewish ghetto, but you have to look very hard to find any traces of it as almost no vestiges remain.

The Jewish Museum of Florence is housed in the synagogue. One of its most interesting artifacts is a false identity document printed clandestinely to help hide Jews during WWII. Recall that Italy entered WWII on the German side. Although there were laws separating Jews from the rest of society, Italy did not participate in Hitler's Final Solution. After the Allies invaded southern Italy in 1943, the Italian King decided to dismiss Mussolini and surrender to the Allies. However, the German army arrived in Northern and Central Italy first and took over. The Cardinal of Florence, Elia Dalla Costa, already operated an underground anti-fascist resistance movement and it became an anti-Nazi resistance movement when the Germans arrived. False identity papers were needed when the Nazis took control, so a network was established whereby a famous Italian bicyclist by the name of Gino Bartali would carry photographs and information in the tubes of his bicycle to a priest in Assisi named Rufino Niccacci. Niccacci would then forward these items to a local clandestine print shop run by Luigi & Trento Brizi, who would take these raw materials and turn out false identity documents that Bartali would bring back to Florence in his bicycle. You can read about this in an inspiring biography of Bartali called *Road to Valor*. Bartali, Dalla Costa, Niccacci, and the Brizi's have all been honored by Yad Vashem.

Oh, and how far is it from Florence to Assisi? Well Dina and I drove it. It's now superhighway almost the entire way and it takes two hours these days. Imagine how difficult the trip was in the 1940's on windy twisty narrow roads, some of which weren't even paved, in a country that was at war occupied by foreign troops. It took Bartali, a two two-time Tour de France champion, two days to bike it one way! By the way, Assisi is a picturesque town and you can see the Brizi's printing press on display at the entrance to Assisi's WWII museum.

Next month...our time in Rome.

Sam Markind





The Past 120 Years 1921-1930

- *1920 - Margaret Sander forms the American Birth Control league, predecessor to Planned Parenthood clinics.
- *1921 - First radio play by play description of the World Series.
- *1922 - Judith Kaplan, Mordecai Kaplan's daughter, celebrates first American *Bat Mitzvah*.
- *1923 - George Gershwin composes "Rhapsody in Blue"
- *1924 - President Coolidge is elected.
- *1925 - Hebrew University opens.
 - Hitler's "Mein Kampf" is published.
 - The Scopes Trial puts the theory of evolution on trial
- *1926 - The United Jewish Center is founded.
- *1927 - First commercial telephone service between New York City and London is opened.
 - Prohibition Bureau is established.
 - The U.S. Supreme Court, in Nixon vs Herndon, rules that a Texas law forbidding blacks to vote in primary elections is unconstitutional.
- *1928 - Alexander Fleming formulates penicillin.
 - Yeshiva College is dedicated.
- *1929 - U.S. stock market crashes
- *1930 - Mahatma Gandhi led march to the sea.



GOOD TIMES WE SHARED

Pancakes and Learning

On Sunday, November 12th, congregants and guests were given a special treat, a sumptuous pancake breakfast that invited us to mix and mingle in a more relaxed setting. Our Hebrew School students joined us upstairs and we were all served up our choice of chocolate chip, blueberry, plain or gluten free pancakes as well as tater tots, veggie sausages and fruit salad. Chocolate Chip was the clear winner on Sunday! Our members and students enjoyed the chance to chat and get to know each other a little more as we discussed schedules and upcoming family events.

Following breakfast, students returned to their studies, while the Rabbi conducted the Global Jewish Day of Learning Session focusing on Beauty and Ugliness. Over twenty adults joined the session and were invited to share their thoughts of beauty and ugliness in relation to our understanding of good and bad. War and hatred were ugly and bad, while nature and kindness were viewed as beautiful and good. While I could share every concept covered, there were plenty of hazy areas, that left us realizing that it's not at all crystal clear.

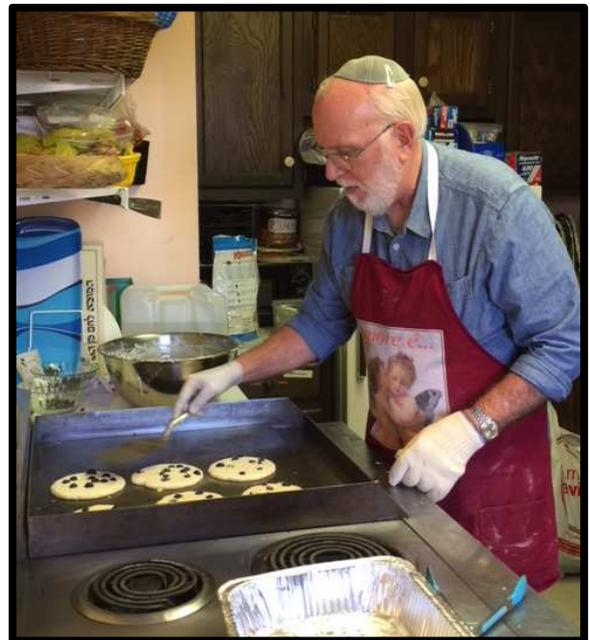
The Rabbi's discussion continued into the Garden of Eden where good was equated to beauty and beauty also meant goodness. We focused on the opening of their eyes (consciousness) that Adam and Eve discovered after eating the forbidden fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. It was a lively discussion, as we looked at the evolution of what constituted beauty and goodness through rabbinical commentaries from Rabbi Adin Even-Israel Steinsaltz and Rabbi Sforno. Our Rabbi pointed out several interesting ideas that were influenced by their local perceptions and surroundings.

The event was very well received and Rabbi Altenburger conducted three more sessions to delve further into the topic. We hope you were able to join us for one of the additional sessions.

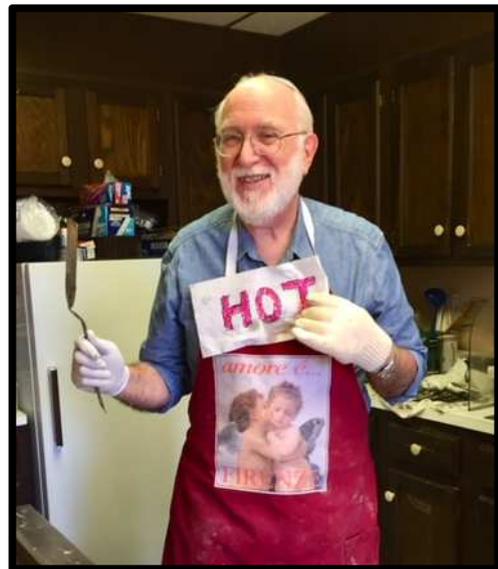
A BIG, BIG thank you to Fran Kass, Henry and Susan Tritter and the team of volunteers for the delicious start to our learning session. We greatly appreciate the Rabbi leading us in this discussion and we look forward to her upcoming sessions.

Gretchen Kennedy Graber

P.S. An additional thank you to Nadja Raver and Pat Goldman for the following pictures.









SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

☆ **Shabbat, 21 Kislev, December 9, Vayeshev:**

Joseph, the favorite son, is sold by his brothers and taken down to Egypt. *Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8*

☆ **Shabbat, 28 Kislev, December 16, Mikkets:**

Joseph's powers as a dream interpreter bring him to Pharaoh. *Haftarah: Zech. 2:14-4:7*

☆ **Shabbat, 5 Tevet, December 23, Vayigash:**

Joseph reveals himself to his brothers and reunites with his father. *Haftarah: Ezek. 37:15-28*

☆ **Shabbat, 12 Tevet, December 30, Vayhi:**

Jacob blesses his sons before he dies.

Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12

☆ **Shabbat, 19 Tevet, January 6, Sh'mot:** The

Israelites are enslaved and Moshe is called by God to confront Pharaoh.

Haftarah: Isa. 27:6-28: 13;29:22-23

☆ **Shabbat, 26 Tevet, January 13, Va'era:**

Pharaoh refuses to set the Israelites free and Egypt is beset with plagues

Haftarah: Isa. 66:1-24, 23

CANDLE LIGHTING

December 1, 2017:	4:11 PM
December 8, 2017:	4:10 PM
December 15, 2017:	4:11 PM
December 22, 2017:	4:14 PM
December 29, 2017:	4:19 PM
January 5, 2018:	4:25 PM
January 12, 2018:	4:32 PM

YAHREZITS

3 Tevet, December 21, 2017

Pearl Winkelstein (Susan Tritter)

6 Tevet, December 24, 2017

Simon Markind (Sam Markind)

9 Tevet, December 27, 2017

Lila Adams (F. Richard Steinberg)

11 Tevet, December 29, 2017

Ralph Blumenthal (Susan Tritter)

13 Tevet, December 31, 2017

Israel Nurenberg (Carol Nurenberg)

19 Tevet, January 6, 2018

David Slavin (Natalie Slavin & Evelyn Weinstein)

22 Tevet, January 9, 2018

Norman Bass (Gail Boms)

THANKS! THANKS!

For the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

☆ Marion P. Suekoff thank you for your warm welcome at services and in honor of the *aliyah* that she received

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☆ Dina Markind

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IN THE COMMUNITY



444 Main Street North, Southbury

**LUNCH AND MUSIC!
Wednesday, December 6 at noon!**



Join us for a great afternoon of music as the Willie and Jan Band join us once again to close out 2017 with a performance that is sure to WOW!

All area adults are invited to attend. Lunch is at noon and music begins at 1:00 pm.

Don't miss this one! Menu to include LATKES!

It's a Hanukkah Painting Party!

Paint a beautiful holiday canvas with PJ Library and the Gigging Pig Art Studio!

Sunday, December 10 @ 3 pm

A Gigging Pig instructor will take children step by step through the creation of festive art work to proudly display in your home at Hanukkah.

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Please dress for a mess! We use paint!

Suggested donation: \$8/painting child

RSVP required, space is limited!
(203) 267-3177 x340 or pjlibrary@jfed.net



NEW Speaker at Federation!

Plastics: How Much Do We Ingest?

Wednesday, December 13 at 1:30pm

Rose Jesse, who is well versed in this subject matter will speak on the topic. Her focus on plastics will include a discussion about everyday living. All area adults are invited to attend.

Rose has a BS in Civil Engineering from RIT. She has extensive experience in the environmental arena. A question and answer session will follow.

RSVP: 203-267-3177, x 340. Light refreshments will be served. Open to the public.

Jewish Federation of Western CT
444 Main Street North, Southbury

**COMMUNITY
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM
OUTDOORS IN FRONT OF
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Please find us on Facebook: Jewish Family Services of Greater Danbury/Putnam.

Who are we? **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES** is an independent social service organization for the Greater Danbury/Putnam area. We offer resource and referral information on a confidential, no-fee basis to all individuals and families residing in Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield and Sherman, CT, as well as Putnam County, NY. We are overseen by a 10-member volunteer board and administered by a dedicated, caring professional.

How have we helped? Here are some examples of the help we have provided:

1. Homecare resources provided to an adult daughter whose father has Alzheimer's disease and requires assistance with walking and daily living skills;
2. Furnished elder law referrals for children seeking conservatorship;
3. Disability resources furnished to a family caring for a disabled young person;
4. Assisted living and long term care options supplied to children of aging parents;
5. Mental health counseling referrals for individuals, couples and families.

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