President’s Report

Donald Hendel, Federation President

During the last 12 months, there have been exciting developments in our Federation community as we plan to meet our challenges and build upon our successes; there are even better things to come. These have been and are due in large part to the outstanding work of our professionals and members of our community. I thank our officers and members of the boards of the Federation and Foundation for their selfless service.

The Foundation, under the steady hands of Steve Glick and Lisa Stanger, increased its endowment. Though Steve’s term with the Foundation is ending, I look forward to his continued participation in the community and I welcome incoming chairman Dr. Jeffrey Hoos.

Steve Miller, outgoing President of the JCC had a banner year in partnership with Director Shelley Gans. The JCC celebrated its 100th anniversary and increased its membership. I will miss working with Steve, but I look forward to working with incoming president Bob Felice.

We will be travelling to Israel in November for a mission that celebrates Israel’s 65th birthday. Stacey Trachten is doing a terrific job planning this mission that will be coordinated with the North American Federation General Assembly, to be held in Jerusalem.

Jeffrey and Betsy Hoos chaired an emergency campaign to raise funds to support Israel during Operation Pillar of Defense. Under their leadership, in only two short weeks, we raised tens of thousands of dollars that were used to alleviate hardships of Israeli citizens caused by the hostilities.

Our community faces challenges. One challenge has been highlighted by the recent demographic study. We learned that our community is shrinking and that the average member age is one of the oldest in the country. We need to attract new members and retain our existing members. Recognizing this challenge, the boards of directors of the Federation and Foundation overwhelmingly approved a $1,000,000 matching grant program that will energize our entire community. Under this program, our agencies and synagogues can apply for a grant that matches dollar-for-dollar funds that they raise for capital improvement and innovative programs. A grants committee made of Foundation and Federation members will administer this program.

A second challenge is to re-energize our annual campaign, the primary source of funds for our community. Our agencies and other local partners rely upon the allocations that are made possible by the campaign. If the community does not support the campaign, we will face difficult choices because we will be unable to meet the needs of those who rely upon us, both at home and overseas.

This year we welcomed chief development officer Gary Geller. I have no doubt that his continuing efforts will improve the Federation and Foundation’s visibility, their relationships with all members of our community and remind everyone of the importance of the annual campaign for our domestic and global partners.

May we go from strength to strength.
Dr. Jeffrey Hoos  
**Incoming Chair, Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven**

Jeff has served on the National Young Leadership Cabinet of the UJA. He has served as co-chair of the Young Leadership Program of the Jewish Federation and of Operation Exodus, and chaired the Federation’s Dental Division and its Planning and Allocations Committee. In addition, Jeff has served on the Board of Trustees and Investment Committee of the Jewish Foundation of GNH.

Jeff is a past recipient of the Harry Lender Young Leadership Award of the Jewish Federation and of Israel Bonds’ Heritage Award.

In addition to his service in the Jewish Community, Dr. Hoos serves on the Advisory Board of the Smilow Cancer Center at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

He is the founding partner of Brush & Floss Dental Center in Stratford, which celebrated its 33rd anniversary, and he is a frequent lecturer on the art, science and business of dentistry.

He is married to his college sweetheart, Betsy, for 38 years, and together they are proud parents of three daughters, Michele, Jennifer (husband Jonathan) and Stephanie. As “ZJ” (Zayde Jeffrey), he serves in his favorite role as a new grandfather to Elliott Hoos Rothberg.

Bob Felice  
**Incoming President, JCC of Greater New Haven**

Bob Felice is currently the owner of Fresh Concepts, a promotional products and sports team sales company located in New Haven. Previously employed at Starter as Vice President in both domestic and international sales, Bob is a graduate of Western New England University.

Bob is active in The New Haven Chamber of Commerce where he serves as co-chair of the Sports Council and was awarded their 2011 Volunteer of the Year. He also serves on the Connecticut Convention and Sports Advisory Board. A longtime JCC Board member and chair of the JCC Fitness Committee, Bob played a pivotal role as co-chair of the JCC Murray Lender 5K Bagel Run, growing this fundraising effort from an initial run of 75 participants in its first year to a run three times that size in its second year. A past Kavod Key Recipient, Bob lives in Woodbridge with wife, Dale, where they raised two children, Taylor and Matthew.
Honorees

**Federation President’s Award**

**Steve Miller**, a partner in the real estate firm of Levey, Miller and Maretz, has served as the President of the JCC for the past two years, during which he worked to infuse his board with new and talented members of the community, increase program and service excellence, and support new initiatives. During the year, Steve worked tirelessly to help accommodate the Jewish High School of Connecticut and Ezra Academy’s request to move to the JCC. Steve’s determination to make 360 Amity Road a home for the community has made him a deserving recipient of the Federation President’s Award. Steve lives in Woodbridge with his wife, Jan.

**Robert Eisner Community Service Award**

**Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.** is the 49th and longest-serving Mayor of New Haven. He has worked tirelessly and successfully to build a robust culture of traditional values and social tolerance. Mayor DeStefano is a long-time friend of the Jewish community. He participates in the yearly Yom HaShoah ceremony, is a favorite visitor to Tower One/Tower East, is a recipient of the ADL Torch of Liberty Award, and supports the Jewish community during a crisis or a simcha. Mazel tov, Mr. Mayor.

**Kavod Key Awards**

**Scott Hurwitz** is an active JCC member and volunteer. Scott grew up at the JCC and currently serves as General Manager of the JCC Juniors Basketball team. He is active on the JCC Bagel Run committee and the JCC Board and helped navigate relations with our Woodbridge neighbors and the town. Scott practices law and has provided pro bono legal advice to the JCC regarding tenant lease agreements. Scott lives in Woodbridge with his wife, Jocelyn, and sons Max and Adam.

**Keren Doron** is a dedicated leader and advocate for JCC’s Yeladim Early Learning Center. She now serves as the Yeladim Parent Committee chairperson. Keren organized the annual hamantaschen fundraising event. Her enthusiasm and sense of community are evident in the many ways that she supports and encourages unity in the program. She is sensitive to and advocates for teachers, children, families, and the entire Yeladim program. Born and raised in Israel, she and husband, Omer, reside in Woodbridge with sons Sean and Nadav.

**Robert M. Pite Youth Award**

**Sarah Gans** The JCC has been a second home to Sarah Gans. She is a lifelong volunteer and an accomplished trumpet player and she volunteers her talent at a bi-monthly musical Shabbat service for seniors at Tower One/Tower East. She has been an active member of USY, serving as Communications Vice President for the local chapter and as the Regional Religion/Education chair. She attended Makom and Merkaz Hebrew High School and participated in the Adopt-a-Survivor Holocaust Education Program. An honors student at Amity, she will attend Brown University in the fall.
Israel at 65

On May 14, 1948, at 4 p.m., David Ben-Gurion read the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel.

Even before there was a State of Israel, the Greater New Haven community was helping the land to thrive and flourish. We are proud to support Israel and its extraordinary accomplishments.

We are equally proud of the efforts and contributions that so many individuals have made on behalf of Israel. We dedicate this year of celebration to peace, freedom and Israel’s success.

The JCC and Jewish Federation’s year of celebration included concerts, films and art projects, and will culminate in a community mission to Israel in November.

- **Israeli Cabaret** – In February, more than 100 people gathered at the JCC to celebrate Israel’s 65th anniversary in honor of the Young Emissary Program. The Community Room was transformed into an Israeli Cabaret featuring Magevet, the Yale a cappella group; Miras Project, a Middle Eastern musical duo; and Careesah, a belly dance artist.

- In April, Israel-based artist **David Moss** came to New Haven for an Artist-in-Residency to convey Jewish ideas, texts and values through captivating artistic programming. While in New Haven, Moss spoke and presented his artwork to the public, met with local artists to explore creative problem solving, and ran an arts program for students at Jewish schools.

- **65 years 65 visions** – This exhibit featured the interpretations of 65 years of Israel life, culture, history, and achievements by the children in the Greater New Haven community. This unique project gathered different artistic impressions from our day schools, religious schools, the Jewish High School of Connecticut, JCC kindergarten, Rosh Chodesh group, and Shabbat friends programs. Each participating group researched a year in Israel’s history and then creatively translated that year onto a blank canvas.

- **Idan Raichel** and the Idan Raichel Project drew more than 250 people to a concert co-sponsored with Slifka’s Center for Jewish Life at Yale and the Federation. The fusion of Ethiopian, Arab, Yemenite music enthused a crowd that danced and drummed and clapped in celebration of the many ethnic groups that make up Israel.

- The centerpiece of the programming for Israel at 65 was the community concert at Battell Chapel where 450 people were thrilled by the extraordinary musicianship of Achinoam Nini, better known as **Noa**, performing the Israeli Songbook.
Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven
Campaign

Israel Emergency Campaign
- Chaired by Betsy and Jeffrey Hoos, New Haven raised more than $85,000 (1.7% of the national total) to aid those Israelis who suffered relentless rocket attacks during Operation Pillar of Defense.

Super Sunday
- Our super volunteers manned the phones and raised $264,294 from 338 donors.

Outreach & Engagement
- Dr. Ralph Nurnberger, a former lobbyist for AIPAC, spoke at a parlor meeting for the Cheshire and Wallingford communities. With his humor and aplomb, he updated the group on events in the Middle East and the new Israeli government.

Women’s Philanthropy
- Women’s Network held three programs this year: Summer Reads: Cool Reads for Hot Days with guest Roxanne Coady at a home on the shoreline with more than 90 guests; The President’s Partner: Power, Politics...Pillow Talk with Dr. Myra Gutin, an authority on American first ladies; Dollars & Sense: The Power of the Purse with financial expert Galia Gichon.
- There was a spring Campaign event, a tapas cooking demonstration for women donors who made a minimum gift of $180 to the Annual Campaign, held at the new Chef’s Emporium store. The evening began with Danielle Kinstlinger’s personal story of her family’s escape from Europe in 1941.
- Young Women’s Circle is a new affinity group with the purpose of connecting young Jewish women to Federation and the community. The ladies are in the process of re-establishing the Shalom Welcome Wagon, a resource guide about all the agencies, schools and synagogues in the area to entice new families to connect with the Jewish community.

- International Lion of Judah Conference was held in New York City during the fall. New Haven welcomed newest Lion of Judah Laura Kaplan and honored our own Judy Skolnick with the prestigious Kipnis-Wilson/Friedlander Award.
- The Food4Kids for New Haven grew out of the desire of some of the women who went to the ILOJC to do more when they returned to New Haven. A community service project with Jewish Family Service of New Haven, the mission of this endeavor is to ensure that children at risk of being hungry have supplemental, nutritious food over the weekend during the academic year by providing them with a bag of non-perishable food on Friday afternoons.

Leadership
- In December, Dr. Misha Galperin, CEO and President of Jewish Agency International Development, dined with this year’s Eder Leadership cohort and Federation’s Planning & Allocations Committee. Afterward, Dr. Galperin spoke to agency and synagogue board members and other Jewish community leaders about leadership issues and the 50th anniversary of the Free Soviet Jewry movement.
- Sydney Perry and a group of New Haven leaders met with Natan Sharansky, CEO of the Jewish Agency For Israel, to discuss issues of concern to our Jewish community.

Israel and Overseas
Rally to Support Israel: Freedom from Fear
- 500 people rallied at the JCC to show solidarity and support for Israel. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy were among the people who addressed the crowd.
Shoreline Office

The Federation’s Shoreline office built a stronger presence in the community through a co-sponsored series of programs and events, including:

- Winter and Spring Shoreline Film Series at the Madison Art Cinemas with talkback speakers.
- Social gatherings focused on eating and light entertainment at our summer Grill-n-Chills.

We built partnerships with the other Jewish organizations:

- With the Jewish Wellness and Healing Center of Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven, we provide support to the bereaved, unemployed and learning disabled.
- With Tower One/Tower East and Shoreline Hadassah, we created a Jewish book lecture series on the Shoreline with noted authors.
- In partnership with the Jewish Foundation, we presented concerts and lectures at Evergreen Woods.
- With PJ Library, we presented an annual Shoreline Hanukkah Festival of Lights, a family fun Purim event, a Sukkot gathering and Shabbat Friends.
- With CBSRZ, we co-hosted an exhibit featuring Szalit-Marcus’s “Founding of the State of Israel” art, Robin Cembalest’s art lecture and a new art exhibit on artist Sol LeWitt at the newly renovated Yale Art Gallery.
- In partnership with Women’s Philanthropy, we featured topical speakers such as Roxanne Coady discussing summer literature, and gathered to watch films like Making Trouble with speaker Joyce Saltman.

The office has become a popular meeting space for:

- JWHC Adult Education classes
- Monthly state-mandated parent education programs
- Weekly Chabad adult education classes
- An ongoing series of PJ Library programs
- Shoreline Hadassah meetings

Jewish Community Relations Council

- Engaged the community in a Buy Israel campaign through BuyIsraelGoods.org.
- Focused efforts on countering various campus & church Israel delegitimization events.
- Held a Legislative Breakfast with local leaders and local and state legislators to advocate for community concerns and address issues important to the organization.
- Participated in Food Stamp Challenge to support hunger relief.
- JCRC leadership worked at Jewish Council for Public Affairs Annual Convention (“Plenum”) to strengthen Resolution on Mass Violence.

Jewish Coalition For Literacy

- 165 volunteers serving 340 children in seven New Haven public schools
- Mary Ann Hoberman, Children’s Poet Laureate and author and Assistant Superintendent of New Haven public schools, presented at this year’s Volunteer Appreciation Reception.
- JCL hosted Diane Frankenstein’s program sponsored by Andy Eder, sharing her enthusiasm for igniting children’s love reading.

Community Outreach and Assistance

Synagogue Initiative

This year we were able to support the programming of Congregation Beth El Keser Israel, Orchard Street Shul, Hebrew Congregation of Milford, Beth Israel Synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, Temple Beth Sholom, Bikur Cholim Sheveth Achim, Westville Synagogue, Temple Beth David, and Congregation Kol Ami.
The Cemetery Association
We have completed a free, searchable database of the locations of more than 25,000 Jewish graves in New Haven and parts of Middlesex counties. The Association has nearly completed the installation of safety rails at the Jewell Street Cemeteries. There are eight cemeteries under our care.

New American Acculturation
Education, cultural and Judaic programs included one supported by a Women of Vision grant that brought together intergenerational groups of Jews from the former Soviet Union.

Community Mission to Israel
From November 12 – 22, the New Haven Jewish Community and Federation will be celebrating Israel’s 65th Birthday in Israel. We will explore the past, present and future of Israel.

Jewish Scholarship Initiative
More than $120,000 in financial assistance was given to children to attend a Jewish preschool, day school, synagogue religious school, or local camp. Many would not be able to further their Jewish experiences without this help.

Eder Leadership Initiative
Eder Leadership Institute (ELI) endeavors to engage young members of the Greater New Haven Jewish community through leadership skills development, learning and values-based decision making. Eder Leadership Institute is fully funded through the generosity of Andy Eder.

This year’s cohort consisted of ten members from across the community, some already in leadership positions. Members of this year’s cohort were able to learn first-hand about the strengths and challenges of our community. The group covered community priority setting, allocations, personal philanthropy and Jewish communal values and ethics.

Israel and Overseas
- Social workers from New Haven participated in a one week exchange with our Partnership 2000 community of Afula.
- We provided support for thousands of Jewish children and teens from the Former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern European countries to attend Jewish camps.
- This January, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven led its first mission to the Jewish communities in Argentina and Uruguay. Both countries have multiple programs and institutions that are funded by the JDC (The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) and World ORT–overseas partners to the Jewish Federation.

Members of the New Haven and Hartford community participated in this mission which visited sites that included AMIA (Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina), the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires which was bombed in 1994; L’Dor v’Dor Senior Center; the ORT School and; the Yavne Center in Montevideo.
This year, the Foundation and Federation launched a new and exciting initiative with a twofold mission: Distribute over $240,000 in incentive grants to 17 participating Jewish organizations and synagogues and help those organizations secure their individual financial futures by launching their own endowment and bequest drives. The Foundation was one of only five Jewish Foundations in the nation chosen for the grant that is funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation of Massachusetts.

The Women of Vision Society awarded $10,000 in grants and has just begun another grant cycle.

New Funds established at the Jewish Foundation (08.01.12 - 03.31.13)

**Fund for Congregation Mishkan Israel**
- Hebert Brockman Rabbinic Endowment Fund

**Fund for the JCC**
- Kenneth & Linda Cohen Family Endowment for the benefit of the Swimming Pool at the JCC
- Bessie Jacob Shafer Fund for the DJE Library at the JCC

**Fund for Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy**
- Ruth and Jerome Gross Memorial Fund for the benefit of Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy

**Fund for the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven**
- Judy Skolnick Lion of Judah Endowment Fund

**Fund for the ADL**
- Stephen L. Saltzman Fund for the Support of the ADL Holocaust Education Program

**Other Designated Funds**
- Lucille and Arnold Alderman Fund for the benefit of the Clifford Beers Clinic
- Lucille and Arnold Alderman Fund for the benefit of LEAP
- George G. & Leah E. Posener Family Memorial Fund

**Unrestricted Funds**
- Florence Eisenberg Unrestricted Fund
- Seymour Yudkin Unrestricted Fund

**Donor Advised/Family Philanthropic Fund**
- Julie Kovar Fund

**Build a Tzedakah/Youth Philanthropy Funds**
- Sophia Colodner Tzedakah Fund
- Joshua Thomas Feuerstein Tzedakah Fund

**Endowment Snapshot (as of March 31, 2013)**

- **Total Assets**: $42 million+
- **Total Funds**: 617 individual funds and charitable trusts

- **Endowment Rates of Return** (annualized for periods of one year and more, as of March 31, 2013)
  - 3 month: 4.9
  - Calendar YTD: 4.9
  - One year: 9.5
  - Three year: 8.2
  - Five year: 4.2
  - Ten year: 8.0

- **Development and grants snapshot**
  fiscal year to date (8/1/12 to 3/31/13):
  - **New Funds**: 14 new funds established
  - **Total Donations**: $2.6 million+
  - **Total Charitable Distributions**: $1.14 million+ (to 200 charitable organizations)
Last year, the Jewish Foundation distributed more than $2 million, including $1.5 million to local Jewish organizations. Distributions by program ($ in thousands)

- Local Synagogues - $588
- National Jewish Organizations - $389
- Jewish Federation of GNH - $373
- Local Day Schools - $219
- National Secular Organizations - $144
- Local Jewish Camping and JCC - $101
- Local Jewish Education and CJLL - $91
- Jews in Need in GNH - $59
- Other Local Needs - $43
- Jewish Aged in GNH - $21
- Jewish Cemeteries in GNH - $7
- Local JCRC/JCL - $2

$41 million+ in Endowment by Fund Purpose ($ in millions; as of 12/12/12)

- Unrestricted Funds (including loans receivable) - $8.6
- Funds for Jewish Federation of GNH (PACE/LOJE) - $6.6
- Synagogues - $6.5
- Donor Advised and Family Philanthropic Funds - $6.1
- Charitable Trusts and Annuities - $3.6
- Funds for Other Jewish Organizations - $2.2
- Funds for Jewish Education - $1.7
- JCC and Camp Laurelwood - $1.7
- Day Schools - $1.5
Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven
Generation to Generation
A century of family and community service

This past year was highlighted by activities focused on the JCC of Greater New Haven’s centennial. Rewinding all that has transpired over the past century has been truly awe inspiring. From humble beginnings in New Haven in 1912 to our current facility in Woodbridge, the size, scope and impact of the JCC has grown immensely.

100th Anniversary

The JCC 100th Celebration was a year-long acknowledgement of where we began, where we are now and where we are going.

- The Murray Lender 5K Bagel Run on Sept. 23 included a Family Fun 1K Run as part of the festivities, followed by a Health and Wellness Fair.

- Dressed to impress, the community came out for the 100th Anniversary Birthday Celebration on Oct. 20. This gala featured gourmet food stations and dancing to the music of Jay Stollman. Guests included many local and state dignitaries including Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, Mayor John DeStefano, Jr., U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, and Woodbridge First Selectman Ed Sheehy.

- Hundreds gathered for The JCC 100th Basketball Brunch to pay homage to a sport with a robust Jewish heritage and enduring tradition of accomplishment at the JCC of Greater New Haven. Special recognition was given to “our finest four” varsity basketball coaches – Red Kleinberg, Jimmy Wolf, David Beckerman, and Mark Sklarz – who had such a positive influence on so many young people in our community. We also paid tribute to the 1979 JCC National Basketball Champions. The event launched the successful fundraising initiative to finance the refinishing of the gym floor.

Community Gathering Place

- The JCC was called upon again this fall to be a shelter for those in need. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy we opened our doors to neighbors to provide a comfortable temporary refuge with hot showers, wi-fi and a place to re-charge not only cell-phones, but to also re-charge spirits and a sense of community. In appreciation for our efforts to provide disaster relief in the past two years, the Town of Woodbridge awarded the JCC a Human Services Special Recognition Award at the town’s annual Human Services Volunteer Tea.

- Mike’s Center Cafe continues to be a popular place for all members of the community to meet and eat and to grab a challah or tasty baked goods.

Perspectives

The third season of our successful Perspectives series focuses on the world of entertainment. The series kicked off in April with Jews on Broadway. In June, focus shifted to Women in Comedy with a panel of humorous women discussing the history and challenges facing women in this field. On Sept. 10, artist Michael Bolton comes to the JCC to discuss his life, his music and his new book: The Soul of it All.
Grill and Chill
- Our annual outdoor summer music and barbecue series will continue this year, featuring local performances of acoustic rock, bluegrass, soul, and American and Broadway standards.

Health and Wellness
- We’ve added more cardio equipment in our fitness room and made a commitment to leasing so the most popular pieces will be consistently upgraded.
- We have also added a new TRX suspension training system that offers more cutting-edge tools for our group and personal training participants.
- Now in its ninth season, our popular Largest Loser program was expanded to ten weeks and included new modules on diet, nutrition and recuperation. We saw record success with this signature program.
- Group exercise remains strong with growing attendance in Zumba, Spinning and Corrective Exercise-focused classes like Pain Free Yoga.

Center for Jewish Life and Learning

A Taste of Honey
In January, more than 300 people gathered for the 19th annual A Taste of Honey festival. The eclectic evening of community Jewish learning included Havdallah led by Rabbi Michael Farbman of Temple Emanuel, a book sale run by Linda Applebaum, a dessert reception, and, of course, 48 sessions on Jewish culture and scholarship. We are excited that next year we will team up with Limmud International to transform A Taste of Honey into Limmud New Haven – a full Sunday of learning for all ages, including Little Limmud and Teen Limmud.

Arts and Culture Festival
JCC’s signature event, the annual Jewish Book Festival has morphed into a larger celebration of arts and culture. Combining theater, storytelling, our annual arts and crafts fair, and author events, this month-long celebration brought such notables as Delia Ephron, David Wessel, Peninnah Schram, and local cardiologist and poet Barry Zaret.

Film
Two film festivals anchored the year’s cultural arts programming. In the fall, the Shoreline Film Series, held at Madison Art Cinemas included Standing Silent and Footnote and drew more than 150 people. The spring Israeli Film Festival celebrated Israel at 65 with a cinematic exploration of Israel’s past, present and future. The Oscar-nominated The Gatekeepers drew record audiences to Criterion Cinemas in March, and throughout April and May people attended screenings of Theodor Herzl: It Is No Dream, The Other Son, Fill the Void, and Israel: A Home Movie.

JCC Theaterworks
Our new Cultural Arts Manager DeDe Jacobs-Komisar founded a resident theater company at the JCC with the mission of exploring what Jewish theater is and can be. In November, Richard Krevolin and Rabbi Irwin Kula staged a reading of their play The Gospel According to Jerry, in observance of the Global Day of Jewish Learning. As part of A Taste of Honey, community actors performed Jew-ish: One-Page Plays on Jewish Identity and Community. In May, JCC Theaterworks presented the New York-based company The Jewish Plays Project, a contest to find the next great Jewish play. The upcoming JCC Theaterworks season will kick off in November. 
2013 and include six productions featuring professional and community talent.

**Summer Institute 2013: Focus on Israel**
In commemoration of Israel’s 65th anniversary, this year’s Institute, to be held through July, will focus on several pressing issues facing Israeli society. Rabbi/author Marc Gopin of George Mason University will discuss the Future of Peacebuilding in Israel. Members of the New Israel Fund and Right Now will discuss the ongoing crisis of African refugees in Israel. Finally, a panel will discuss the recent moves toward religious pluralism and what they might mean for Israel’s future.

**Israeli Young Emissaries**
Over the last year, our emissaries Assaf Ben Kish and Yuval Barkan have been working on a regular basis in 11 religious schools, Ezra Academy, SCHA, and the community. They’ve also been actively involved in projects at the JCC and its pre-school, senior residence facilities, and public schools and universities.

**Holiday Celebrations**
We continue to be the place for young Jewish families to gather to learn about and celebrate the holidays in a fun and creative atmosphere. Families were treated to our Rosh Hashana program, Pizza in the Hut, Chanukah festival, Tu B’shevat program, Purim carnival, Lag B’omer barbecue and an ice cream social celebrating Shavuot.

**Shabbat Friends**
Our weekly Shabbat Friends program continues to bring joy to young families as they are treated to challah, grape juice and guests infusing our Shabbat celebration with their special talents.

**PJ Library Expansion**
Since July 2012, we have enrolled more than 150 new children in our PJ Library book engagement program and re-enrolled participants who had aged out before the program extended to children up to age 8. We now have a total of 600 children.

**Commemoration Month**
- Local rabbis and members of the community participated in our annual Yom Hashoah program at the JCC. Adopt-a-Survivor participants shared their reflections of their journey.
- Our commemoration of Yom HaZikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day ceremony for the fallen soldiers and victims of terror, was facilitated by our Israeli emissaries, local rabbis and members of the community.

**JCC AfterSchool Programs**
The JCC AfterSchool program provides a quality program for children grades K-8. This year, the program provided 80 families with a supportive, nurturing environment. After several storms this year, the program provided full-day services to more than fifty families. Kids Klub, the satellite program located at the Bethany Community School, provides before- and after-school care for 101 families.

**Camp**
- We are proud to report that we served 293 campers from 217 families last summer – and our staff return rate was over 90%. Thanks to the Barry Vine Send a Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund, we were able to provide financial assistance to 76 children.
- Campers raised money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and for Send-a-Kid to Camp with various activities including a car wash.

**Yeladim**
- Our PTO and Yeladim families organized our main fundraiser and prepared, baked, filled and boxed over 1,800 hamantashen. All profits benefit Yeladim’s curriculum in and out of the classroom.
- In an effort to reach out to the community at large, Yeladim has organized its first Touch-a-Truck event with over 25 trucks.
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2012-13 Use of Annual Campaign $2,708,000

- **Federation Community Support - $555,353**
  - Holocaust Education, Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Coalition for Literacy, Missions, Shalom New Haven Newspaper

- **JCC Community Programs - $503,126**
  - Cultural Arts Programs, Community Holiday Celebrations and Commissions, Support for Community Facility, Early Childhood Programming, JCC Day Camps

- **Cost of Fundraising - $449,725**
  - Staffing, Marketing

- **Tier One Agencies - $424,400**
  - Camp Laurelwood, Jewish Family Service, Tower One/Tower East, Ezra Academy, Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy

- **Israel and Overseas - $303,500**
  - Jewish Agency for Israel, Joint Distribution Committee, Partnership 2K (Afula/Gilboa), Israel Teen Emissaries, Israel Study/March of the Living

- **Community Jewish Education - $170,298**
  - Eder Leadership Institute, Adult Education, Educator Development, Youth Programming, Special Education Programming, Community Library, Family Programming, PJ Library

- **Development - $114,238**
  - Women's Philanthropy, Women's Network, Jewish Business League, Outreach & Engagement

- **Bad Debt Reserve - $61,080**

- **Initiatives - $58,500**
  - Shoreline Initiative, Synagogue Initiative

- **Agencies and Programs - $49,658**
  - BBYO, Jewish Historical Society, Yale Hillel, UCONN Hillel, Eruv Society, Jewish Cemetery Association, Jewish Chaplaincy Program, Hebrew High School of NE, Jewish High School of CT

- **State and National - $18,122**
  - Jewish Federation Association of CT, Jewish Council for Public Affairs

Bar chart showing the distribution of funds.
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- **Brenda Brenner**, Coordinator, Jewish Coalition for Literacy

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