CONGREGATION RODEPH SHOLOM

# BULLETIN



Rodeph Sholom Invites You to Join Our

# Scholar in Residence

Jason Gaines, Ph.D.

Department of Religious Studies

Fairfield University

March 24-25, 2017

Friday Evening, March 24 following services @ 5:00 pm "The Feast of Pesach and the Holiday of Matzah: The Biblical Origins of Passover"

Saturday Morning, March 25 following services @ 9:00 am "Moses the Egyptian"

Dr. Gaines teaches Hebrew Bible and Religious Studies at Fairfield University and Mount Holyoke College. His book on poetry in the Torah, The Poetic Priestly Source, was recently published by Fortress Press.

### CONGREGATION RODEPH SHOLOM

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### IN MEMORIUM

The Memory of the Righteous is a Blessing

#### Members:

David Greengarten

November 28, 2016 / 27 Heshvan 5777

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January 9, 2017 / 11 Tevet 5777

#### Member Relatives:

James Lipshires (Brother of Barbara Srebnick) November 25, 2016 / 24 Heshvan 5777

### THANK YOU We Couldn't Do It Without You!

A special "Thank You!" to all of our Rodeph Sholom members who volunteered to help make our visiting permanent Rabbi candidates visits run smoothly and efficiently.

The feedback received by the Rabbi Search Committee and Executive Committee from those who attended services and dinner has been extremely important and valuable as part of the search process.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Congregation Rodeph Sholom is dedicated to two guiding principles:

To serve as a vibrant center for the practice and teaching of Conservative Judaism.

To create a spiritual and social atmosphere in which congregants feel part of a larger synagogue family.

### DAILY SERVICES

Bufferd/Vogel Chapel unless otherwise noted.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Weekdays 7:10 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Rosh Hodesh 7:00 a.m.
Friday evening See website
Shabbat Morning 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Mincha Sundown, See website

For any changes and up-to-date service times, vist www.rodephsholom.com.

### WEBSITE

www.rodephsholom.com

On the synagogue's website, www.rodephsholom.com, you'll find up-to-date information on programs, activities and services going on throughout the week at Rodeph Sholom. Visit the website often to find out what's going on at the synagogue.

### SIMCHAS Mazal Tov!

Felice (Peachie) and Mark Resko welcome a new grandson to their extended family, Joshua Mortimer Laden, named after maternal great-grandparents Mortimer and Juliette Goldman. Born on January 3, 2017 to daughter and son-in-law Leah and Stephen Laden. May Joshua grow up in a world that knows peace.

Please email Mark Block at mblock@rodephsholom.com, or call the synagogue office at 203-334-0159 with your family simchas. We would love for everyone to know!

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### President's Message

### Peter Zeidel

If I were delivering a State of the Congregation Address, I would be starting with the phrase, "The state of the Congregation is strong and healthy and good."

Dear Friends,

Judy and I spent New Years Eve at our daughter's home in Massachusetts. That Shabbat morning began the countdown to our grandson Max's Bar Mitzvah, one year to the day. I thought about what an exciting year it would be for our family. While busy with planning, preparations and study, for Max, I hope it is a year filled with excitement and optimism.

Now, it is but a month into the New Year and as I think about the coming months, I am filled with excitement and optimism for our congregation.

Almost a year ago to the day, we were preparing for a vote to decide about relocation to the JSS campus. Our finances were in questionable order and our membership was declining.

Today, thanks to the untiring efforts of your Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, committee volunteers and dedicated staff, and to the confidence and support of you, our members, we continue to worship in our magnificent sanctuary and chapel, our finances have not only been stabilized but are in a secure position and the large decline in membership that was anticipated did not come to fruition.

Hazzan Niema Hirsch has brought a new sense of vitality to our services and musical programs. She has literally had us dancing in the aisles!

So what fills me with excitement and optimism for the coming year?

Our search for a Rabbi continued with Rabbi Mark Biller, who visited with us on January 24. We were pleased by the large attendance and the completion of the comments cards.

Your opinions are very helpful to the Search Committee while evaluating Rabbi Biller.

We anticipate the search process being completed no later than March 1 with an evaluation process immediately following and our new Rabbi commencing with us on or around July 1.

I am excited and confident that our selection will bring new interest and enthusiasm to our worship services, new opportunities for learning and present an exciting "new face" for Rodeph Sholom to the community.

At the January board meeting, I presented my selections for this year's Nominating Committee. During the month of February, the committee will develop a slate of officers and trustees to lead us in the year 2017-2018. Past President Jay Ringelheim has accepted the responsibility of chairing this committee. I am optimistic and confident that their choice of leadership will bring a new sense of enthusiasm, ideas, skills and commitment. Just the right combination to lead us into the challenging years for Conservative Judaism that lies ahead.

The Zegar-Levin Challenge Grant Campaign continues under the leadership of Treasurer, Cheryl Green and Executive Director, Mark Block. As of this date, through their efforts, two lead gifts have been received and we are well on our way to achieving the matching grant conditions. This campaign must be completed, with pledges paid, no later than June 30, 2017. I am confident and optimistic that this campaign will succeed.



few years, many of those addresses have been difficult to listen to as the messages being delivered were not good.

Well friends, if I were delivering a State of the Congregation Address, I would be starting with the phrase, "The state of the Congregation is strong and healthy and good."

My excitement and optimism is also due in great part from you, our membership. There seems to be a level of patience and a refreshed sense of commitment among you. Thank you for your patience while the leadership brought stability to the many distressing issues that were facing us a year ago. And, thank you for your commitment to stick with us, to give us a chance and for the increased level of your contributions this past year.

The remaining five months of my presidency will be challenging. We have a lot of work still to do. But my excitement and optimism are fueled by your cooperation and the work being done by so many of you. Thank you.

B'Shalom.

Peter Zeidel

### With Stability Comes Opportunity

Mark Block, Executive Director, FSA

"We need to think big...and when we do we won't get caught up in our shortcomings."

Dear Friends:

I recently returned from the annual North American Association of Synagogue Executives (NAASE) conference in Nashville, TN, which was held jointly this year with our Reform movement colleagues from the National Association of Temple Administration (NATA). Synagogue and temple executive directors, administrators and leaders in congregations across the country identifed our number one fear, that synagogues and temples will become stagnant as thriving entities. Many feel that they are doomed to live hand-tomouth, check-to-check forever, never fully accomplishing their mission.

I often hear things like, "I've been doing this for five years and we're still struggling. Will it ever stop?" and, "I keep telling myself if we just get that one big donation, we'd never have to worry about money again...but of course, after it's deposited, we're right back to worrying." I can tell you that as Rodeph Sholom has been transitioning these past nine months or so I no longer feel the same way. I believe the curve we are on, while long and wide, is one that we are navigating, and moving along at a healthy pace.

Synagogue professional's talk a lot about the strategies successful congregations use to go from struggling to thriving ones. Just one of these strategies...the strategy that I believe is the leading roadblock synagogues face when trying to move from is the "I'm not sure if we can afford this" to "Of course we can afford this! Our mission depends on it!" That strategy is a change of mindset, a change from fear to mission-driven confidence.

Fear is the number one enemy of a prevailing non-profit, like our synagogue. Not the fear of being turned down for a big gift or increased attendance at services or programs, or even having the opportunity to reduce our expenses through more efficiencies and financial opportunities. Just the opposite, in fact, most non-profits, synagogues included are afraid of getting a big "yes!"

Getting that "yes" can be frightening. It means we really have to do the necessary and time-consuming work to produce and grow, not be content with simply surviving...and for some that's a scary thing.

Because many non-profits, including synagogues, are consciously or subconsciously afraid of getting a major "yes," they use excuses for not going after life-changing amounts of money. They may say something like, "Oh, we'll never get that major gift, so there's no point in asking. Let's go after that nice, doable, \$500 contribution instead." Or, "He/She could give a \$100,000 gift, but he/she has not been active in over 10 years! That's too long for us to still be on his/her radar. Let's ask for that nice. safe \$2000 annual donor instead." My answer is, let's not sabotage our efforts this way! Let's reach higher, to more people. Let's talk openly and honestly about the good we've done together, and what we want to do in the months and years ahead. Let's be proactive with our prayer and programs, not reactive to fill the calendar.

Our synagogue has been doing good, important, vital work for nearly 110 years. We have to trust in the strength of our mission and the community we

serve. We need to believe that if we see the value in what we do others will begin to see it more and more as well. And when



they do they will want to be involved in our sacred work.

As professionals we call this "missiondriven confidence," a confidence in our organization based on the goodness of our mission.

Mission-driven confidence is important because it gives us the strength and determination to set realistic goals and do the work necessary to achieve them. It is important because it shines through and leads us to have a bigger vision about our synagogue.

If our mission matters, then we simply can't have a small, narrow vision.
Rodeph Sholom's vision has to be big enough to be worthy of the mission and work we are engaged in. We need to think big...and when we do we won't get caught up in our shortcomings, rather we will have the benefit of knowing that the important work we do is justified, quantified and on balance in service to the community.

L'Shalom,

Mark Block

### Sam Glaser and Friends Light Up the Sanctuary!













### Volunteers Make Concert Run Smooth



Justin Beck Cheryl Green Beth Schwartz Ann Block Sam Green Margery Verlezza Willie Cuevas Michael Klein Carol Weinshel Ainsley Friedberg Iris Krawitz Michael Weinshel Joseph Goldman Sy Wiesenfeld Marion Richer Marsha Goldman Stanley Richer Edith Winick Marcy Gollinger Carole Rubin Judy Zeidel

Jill & Stanton Lesser for their contribution to aid in underwriting the evening.



Rodeph Sholom partners with the University of Connecticut Department of Judaic Studies' to "Bring Judaic Studies to You!"



### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 AT 7:00 P.M.

Afro-Jewish: Black and Jewish

Presented by Lewis R. Gordon, Ph.D.

This conversation will first outline misrepresentations of Jewish identity that hide Jewish diversity. It will then move to a discussion specifically of what is today known as Afro- or Black Jews and some important questions emerging from understanding the diversity of such kinds of Jews.

Lewis R. Gordon is Professor of Philosophy with affiliation in Judaic Studies at UCONN-Storrs; European Union Visiting Chair in Philosophy at Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès, France; and Honorary Professor at the Unit of the Humanities at Rhodes University (UHURU), South Africa, where he was also Nelson Mandela Visiting Professor of Political and International Studies (2014–2015). He also is the drummer for the rock band ThreeGenerations https://threegenerations.hearnow.com, Spotify, and other music sites). Dr. Gordon is also a published book and article author. His website is: http://lewisrgordon.com and he is on twitter at: https://twitter.com/lewgord.



Light refreshments will be served.

As always, reservations are encouraged but not required.

For more information call 203-334-0159 or visit www.rodephsholom.com.

### Not Your Bubbe's Kitchen

#### From the kitchen of our office adminstrator/bookkeeper, Ainsley Friedberg.

I love to cook. I love to discover new and fun foods, so after I offered to write a recipe column for this issue of the bulletin, I immediately Googled "Exotic Jewish Cuisine." I found a lot of interesting information, but the articles that inspired me most were from mysterious Northern Africa.

If you were to take a sailboat from Sicily to Africa, the first country you'd see is Tunisia. If you were to follow the coast southward, you'd eventually reach the Island of Djerba and its El Ghriba Synagogue. El Ghriba is believed to hold the world's oldest Torah and may have the world's oldest continuous congregation. Although the current structure is fairly recent (and amazingly beautiful) it is said the property has been used for worship since the 6th century BCE. It is believed that a group from the First Temple of Jerusalem brought a door, and a stone from the altar of the temple in 586 BCE after its destruction, which were used in the construction of this synagogue. The stone can still be seen in one of the arches of the current building. No one really took these claims seriously until the end of the 19th century, when a local French army officer accidentally found the ruins of a 6th century synagogue on his property. This proved that the Jewish population of Tunisia had some seriously strong and ancient roots.

Unfortunately, there are now only about 700 Jews in the entire country. In the early part of the 20th century, there were over 100,000 observant and secular Jews thriving under French rule. Nazi occupation, Militant Islamic threat and, quite frankly, better opportunities in other countries have sent most Tunisian Jews to Israel, France and other parts of the world. One thing they take with them is their food, and everywhere a Tunisian kosher restaurant appears, there seem to be a lot of very happy neighbors.

Like most North African cooking, Tunisian Jewish fare uses a lot of wonderful spices, ground meats, eggs, garlic and well, artichoke. So, after reading quite a few articles on Tunisian cooking for Passover, or Shabbat, I came across a picture of Tunisian artichoke-potato beignets and decided to make them. They looked and sounded amazing. Unfortunately, the article didn't have a recipe for them. So with my family helping as taste testers, I came up with the following. I really hope you like them. My family certainly does.

#### Ainsley's Tunisian Inspired Artichoke Potato Pancakes

1 14 oz can artichoke hearts, chopped

2 medium potatoes, peeled and grated

5 scallions, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

3 eggs

5 TBSP flour or matzo meal

Fresh lemon juice, to taste

Salt, to taste

Fresh ground pepper, to taste

3 medium potatoes, sliced ½ inch thick and salted

Vegetable oil



Mix together all but the sliced potatoes. Heat one inch of the oil in a deep fryer or Dutch oven. I actually used a large sturdy sauce pan. Drop small handfuls of the mixture into the hot oil and fry until golden brown on all sides. Cook potato slices the same way. Drain on paper towels. To reheat simply put on a cookie sheet into a 425 degree preheated oven for 10 to 15 minutes. These should be served with a garlic mayonnaise, but if you don't mind going non-pareve, I like them with sour cream mixed with lemon juice and lemon wedges.

For more Tunisian inspired kosher recipes, please check out http://www.interfaithfamily.com/holidays/rosh\_hashanah\_and\_yom\_kippur/A\_Feast\_from\_Jewish\_Tunisia\_Recipes\_for\_Rosh\_Hashanah.shtml

Look for another exotic recipe from around the world in the next issue of the bulletin.

### Torah Fund

### Women Ensuring Conservative / Masorti Jewish Education

#### 2016/2017 - 5777 TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN

Women's League and Torah Fund are proud to support the education of the future rabbis, cantors, educators, and scholars who will serve as the gifted leaders and innovators of the Conservative Movement. Torah Fund has raised more than \$95 million since its inception as a grass-roots fund-raising campaign.

For more than 75 years, Torah Fund has raised funds for unique special projects at our seminaries, above and beyond the Annual Torah Fund Campaign. Our current special project, "She Plants a Seed for the Future," 2015-2017, is a two-year targeted campaign to support the refurbishment of the Women's League Seminary Synagogue at JTS and the Year in Israel Program at Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies.

Names with an asterisk are women who have joined the growing list of Guardians and Benefactors since our last bulletin as we continue our 2016-17/5777 campaign.

<u>Guardians</u>	<b>Benefactors</b>	Benefactors (cont'd)
Julie Rappoport	Deborah Baer*	Iris Krawitz*
Lisa Rappoport	Carol Battin	Marion Richer
Marilyn Rappoport	Beattie Bernstein	Susan Spivack
Svetlana Weisman	Gertrude Broder	Barbara Srebnick
	Tamara Bush	Roz Stein
	Toby Folman	Lisa Stein
	Cheryl Green	Judy Weiss
	Edith Katzen	Judy Zeisler

We have two new Sympathy cards as well as an All Occasion card for those of you who want to write your own message, and our usual assortment of Mazel Tov and Get Well cards. For cards, please call or e-mail Debbie Baer at 203-371-4915/dpbtrav@aol.com, Selda Dworkin at 203-374-6847/Seldwork@aol.com or Sue Forman at 203-374-1497.



### Keeping Up with Our Facility All Year Long!





Our building, constructed in the late-1940s finds that not only does regular maintenance preserve the longevity of the synagogue, but also on occasion larger projects become necessities. You can see from these pictures (left) that a brand new state-of-the-art refrigerator has replaced one that served our congregation well for many, many years.

We also have Willie Cuevas to thank for heading up to the roof and installing an electric heating coil system to keep snow and ice from building up on the north side of the sanctuary and causing harmful ice dams.





## Program and Membership Committee Update



As we move along well into 2017, I reflect on the programs we have had over the past 6 months, I find myself asking a few questions. We have had speakers from the UConn Judaic Studies Department, a Political Science professor from Fairfield University, a provocative lecture on Islam, informative and preventive

discussions from AARP as well as holiday dinners and a community concert.

There was a time when I believed that numbers of attendance were important and then I re-thought this theory and decided that it was more important if the audience walked away saying they learned something, they enjoyed the program, they wanted more. Now, however, I find myself asking the question again: What is it that will bring people out to a program? What do you want? Do you want to learn? Do you want to be entertained? Do you want something that will make you think? In order to move forward, your opinion would be helpful. Please feel free to reach out to me at 203-372-6004 or mcwein@ outlook.com and share your thoughts.

Important information from AARP:

AARP has compiled very important and timely information that they were willing to share with us for you, our congregants. While some may look at it and ask "Does this pertain to me?," I think you will find that it does. Knowing how to prepare for the cold of winter and how not to be affected by scammers (either by telephone, at your door, through the mail or the Internet) could help you more than you know. As you read the information sheets inserted in this bulletin, remember what Ben Franklin said: "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

### Carol S. Weinshel

Vice President, Programming and Membership

### Explore Israel as Your Classroom!

The A. Malcolm and D. Phyllis Cohen Scholarship Fund at Rodeph Sholom was created to partially fund high school students who wish to study in Israel with the Muss High School in Israel program.

Alexander Muss High School in Israel is an accredited American High School that happens to sit in Israel. The school offers a unique and exciting study abroad experience for high school students in grades 10 through 12. The semester program includes a one week trip to Poland, a week in Gadna; a pre-army experience, a four day camping trip, as well as several other great enrichment programs. AMHSI is the only academic program in Israel recognized by the University of Miami – students can earn 6 college credits from UM.



Students who travel to Israel with AMHSI during the school year, work with a Director of Admissions ensuring that all academic needs are met while in Israel. The AMHSI General Studies program allows students to keep up with their home school courses. All AMHSI participants take the AMHSI Core Curriculum class. Students embark on an innovative academic adventure where the country of Israel is transformed into a living classroom. Students learn about Israel through firsthand experience, numerous exciting, and unforgettable trips. The core class provides students with a curriculum designed to introduce you to facts, concepts and events that are basic to understanding the development of Western Civilization. The Core courses (2) are titled, "Civilization and Culture of Israel" and "The History, Culture and Literature of the Jewish People".

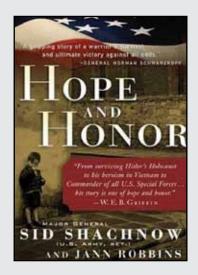
The campus is located in Hod HaSharon near Tel Aviv. We share the campus with an Israeli high school. AMHSI arranges a round trip group flight for each session on EL AL Airlines from JFK airport in New York City and the students travel with a staff escort. The cost of the ticket is added to the tuition. Financial aid and scholarships are available for all sessions.

Please check out this video for a look at the program. https://youtu.be/RTKI59SSqVo

### Hope and Honor: Sidney Shachnow

#### Book Review by Carol S. Weinshel

A memoir written by a retired Major General (2 Star) in the United States Army who grew up in Lithuania and spent three years of his childhood in the Kovno Concentration Camp. The book takes the reader on a journey through Sidney's life and we learn that it was written because one of his daughters convinced him that this would be the only way anyone would know about the trials and tribulations and the fulfilling part of his life. His military services covered more than one could imagine, as he spent much of his 32 year-career in Special Forces. The lessons learned in Kovno as a young boy remained with him throughout his life as he served with honor and a strong will to live.



Hardcover: 400 pages

Publisher: Forge Books (October 1, 2004)

Language: English ISBN-10: 0765307928 ISBN-13: 978-0765307927

### Milestone Anniversaries

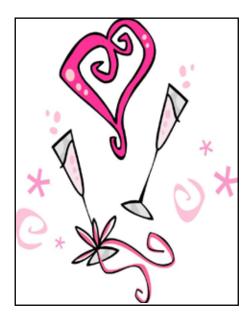
We congratulate the following couples on their anniversaries both past and upcoming!

### **MARCH 2017**

Alan & Beverly Schpero	(65)
Jack & Marilyn Grogins	(58)
Rabbi Israel & Roslyn Stein	(57)
Charles & Edie Applebaum	(51)
Stanley & Marion Richer	(50)
Jeffrey & Irene Robinson	(48)
George & Jaqueline Goldfarb	(31)

#### **APRIL 2017**

David & Roslyn Comen	(67)
Seymour & Faith Wiesenfeld	(55)
Isaak & Eva Goldman	(53)
Kenneth & Allison Gruder	(21)



### Special Note

Please be sure if you have any contact information changes, i.e., address, email, etc. that you let the office know as soon as possible. We want to ensure you receive all of the synagogue mailings and email blasts in a timely manner.

### Going Green



Rodeph Sholom has gone green! We now participate and take advantage of our carriers single stream recycling. We separate glass, all plastic, metal, paper, bags and wrap and cardboard from food waste, soiled paper and foam. You will soon find separate recepticles in Friend Hall, the kitchen, office and other areas where we congregate. We ask that you participate as well in the single stream recycling when you are in the synagogue enjoying a Shabbat kiddush, program meal or other event. Together we can now do our part to lessen our carbon footprint.

### We Want You!



The Ritual Committee is seeking volunteers to offer a short D'var Torah or mini-sermon during Shabbat morning services. It doesn't necessarily have to pertain to the week's parasha. It should be brief, no more than 15 minutes, apolitical, and based on a subject that teaches a moral lesson or to share a special moment in one's life that was memorable.

Please contact Sy Wiesenfeld, our Gabbai, at seywies@gmail.com or 203-367-0915 for further information or to schedule a Shabbat.

### Social Action Project Updates

On January 24th, we had a group come together to make a ceramic item for themselves, a family member, or a friend at Hands on Pottery. We also brought boxes of elbow macaroni to donate to the hungry at the soup kitchen the week later.



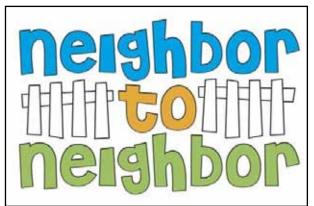




We participated once again at St. John's Church soup kitchen helping to serve the hungry on January 31.

A no-kill animal shelter needs blankets, towels, sheets and newspapers that you no longer want to put into the crates to keep the animals warm this winter. The box is in Friend Hall.

We continue to collect unwanted house and car keys to be recycled, and no longer used eyeglasses and hearing aids that go to the Lion's Club to distribute to people in need. You'll find the plastic container in Friend Hall.



During the second week of this past December, about 200 hats, several pairs of mittens and several headbands were distributed to children at five different Bridgeport schools. The schools included Skane, Johnson, Classic Studies Magnet Academy, Blackham and Discovery.

These gifts were all hand knitted by women from Rodeph Sholom, Beth El and a group from the Watermark. These hard working volunteers care about children who must go to school without warm clothing.

This activity is sponsored by the Rodeph Sholom Social Action Committee and the project is chaired by Barbara Srebnick.

The group hopes to continue to serve these school children with knitted items and have already started to knit for next year. But, they need more volunteers to make hats and headbands. They also are in need of knitting worsted yarn, suitable for children's items. Our congregation should be proud of the efforts of Barbara and her committee and we offer a hearty yasher koach!

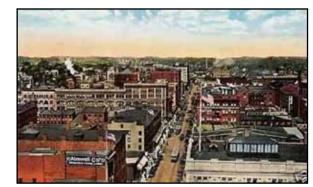
### Mazal Tov Mr. Wolf!

Mazal Tov to our member, Marty Wolf, on his 75th Bar Mitzvah Anniversary. Some interesting facts about Marty's Bar Mitzvah which took place on January 24, 1942 at Rodeph Sholom when the synagogue was located on Maplewood and Iranistan Avenues, include, the fact that his was the first Bar Mitzvah after Pearl Harbor had been attacked. His brother, Austin, enlisted in the Marine Corps the day after Pearl Harbor as did many others at the time. It was a very worrisome and

unhappy time, what with food and gasoline being rationed and cars being driven only on alternate days.

Bridgeport was the industrial capital of Connecticut and the factories hummed with production around the clock. Everyone was asked to do his or her part, whether it was working in one of the many war plants, serving as an air raid warden or rolling bandages for use by the armed forces. The Jewish Community Center was located at the corner of State and LaFayette Streets.

Some of the children Marty knew were family members of those who were fortunate enough to escape before the Holocaust.



### **USCJ Hazak Senior Retreat 2017**

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- Crafts/Aerobics/Zumba
- Daily and Shabbat services
- Nightly activities and entertainment
- Full program of lectures

For further information and brochure, please call Debbie Baer at 203-371-4915 or email, dpbtrav@ail.com.





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Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. If your company is eligible, the impact of your gift to Congregation Rodeph Sholom may be doubled or possibly tripled! Some companies even match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses.

By simply completing a matching gift form (on-line or paper), you may be able to double, or even triple, the impact of your gift! Contributions of any amount help us continue to operate Rodeph Sholom in a sound, fiscal manner. Check with your employer and see how you can continue to make an impact on Rodeph Sholom's fiscal bottom-line.

### Contributions, Congratulations & Remembrances

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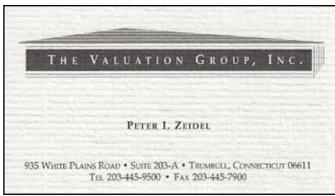
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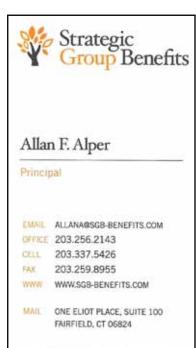
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