

**Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County**  
**Monthly General Membership/Speaker Programs**  
**A Select List of Prior Presentations**

Sunday, January 11, 2015

New Canaan Library

***My Mother and Me:  
Escape from Warsaw 1939***  
(Julian Padowicz)

Sunday, December 14, 2014  
 Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens  
***From Vienna to Hollywood***  
(Eric Pleskow)

Sunday, November 9, 2014  
 Stamford JCC  
***Commemorating Kristallnacht:  
Documentary The Lady in Number 6  
Book: A Century of Wisdom: Lessons from  
the Life of Alice Herz-Sommer***  
(Caroline Stoessinger)

Thursday, November 6, 2014  
 Bush-Holley House  
***Children of the Inquisition***  
(Joseph Lovett & José Barreiros)

Sunday, September 7, 2014  
 Congregation Agudath Sholom  
***The Tailors of Tomaszow:  
A Memoir of Polish Jews***  
(Allan Chernoff)

Sunday, April 27, 2014  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)  
***Community Wide Yom HaShoah Program***  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Thursday, April 10, 2014

New Canaan Library

***Arthur Szyk: Polish Jewish Artist in America***  
(Lt. Col. David A. Kaplan, Ret.)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, March 23, 2014  
 Temple Beth El (Stamford)  
***Zeese! Songs from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue***  
(Doris and Elliot Weiss)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, February 9, 2014  
 Stamford JCC  
***Home of the Brave; When Southbury  
Fought the Nazis***  
(S. Sniffen, E. Polokoff, and S.R. Wall)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

***The Last Sixty Years of Reform Judaism: A  
Very Personal Odyssey***  
(Rabbi Eugene Borowitz) \*cancelled

Sunday, December 8, 2013  
 Congregation Agudath Sholom (Stamford)  
***Yankel's Tavern: Jews, Liquor, and Life in  
the Kingdom of Poland***  
(Glenn Dynner)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, November 10, 2013  
 Stamford JCC  
***Hiding in Plain Sight: Stamford Woman  
Remembers Eluding the Nazis***  
(Sarah Lew Miller)

-available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, October 6, 2013  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)  
***Meet the Middlesteins - Family, Obsession,  
and Marriage***  
(Jami Attenberg)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

***Regina Resnik Presents Geto: The Historic  
Ghetto of Venice***  
(Philip Michael Davis)

Sunday, April 28, 2013  
 Temple Beth El (Stamford)  
***Jews and Baseball: In Their Own Words***  
(Peter Ephross)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

***An Insider's Guide to the Hit Show A&E's  
Hoarders: How a Nice Jewish Girl Becomes  
the Executive Producer of a Mega Hit  
Reality Show***  
(Jessica Morgan)

Sunday, February 3, 2013  
 Congregation Agudath Sholom (Stamford)  
***1960s Civil Rights Activism – Struggle for  
Civil Rights***  
(Rabbi Philip E. Schechter)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

***Preserving Family Heirlooms***  
(Lara Kaplan)

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***From Krakow to Krypton: Jews and Comic Books***  
 (Arie Kaplan )

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 Stamford JCC

***Jews in the Civil War***  
 (Irwin Miller)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, November 18, 2012  
 Stamford JCC

***97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families in One New York Tenement***  
 (Jane Ziegelman)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

***Jewish Americans in Elected Office: The Contributions of Jews in the Civic Arena***  
 (Al Treidel)

***A World Without You***  
 (Joshua Henkin)

Sunday, June 24, 2012  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)

***A Connecticut Yankee in The American South: Reflections on Growing Up Jewish in Louisiana and Mississippi***  
 (Edwen & Fred Goldstein)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

**Film: "As Seen Through These Eyes"**  
 (Judith Goldstein) (w/ Holocaust Child Survivors of CT)

**Bus Trip to the National Museum of Jewish American History in Philadelphia**

***One Hundred Great Jewish Books: Three Millennia of Jewish Conversation***  
 (Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman)

***Genealogy Day! Discovering Your Roots Through Genealogy: Find the Link to Your Jewish Family History***  
 (Gary Mokotoff)

***The Memory of All That: George Gershwin, Kay Swift and My Family's Legacy of Infidelities***

Sunday, February 26, 2012  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)

***So, What's a Nice Jewish Boy Like You Doing in the Military? ...Reflections by Lt. Col. David Michael Kaplan, USA, Retired***  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

***Israel: Beware the Threat of Delegitimization--*** a thoughtful discussion about new threats affecting Israel, with ADL Regional Director, Gary Jones

***The Hammersteins: A Musical Theater Family***

***Digging and Delving: Who's on my Family Tree?***  
 (Andrée Aelion Brooks)

***New Insights on Wandering Jewish Genes***  
 (Miryam Wahrman)

***Writing an Ethical Will: Give Blessings, Say Thanks, Leave Wisdom***  
 (Anna Olswanger)

***Eyewitness to Stalin's Soviet Regime***  
 (Anatole Konstantin)

Sunday, February 20, 2011  
 Stamford JCC

***New Insights on Wandering Jewish Genes***  
 (Dr. Myriam Z. Wahrman, PhD)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, November 14, 2010  
 Temple Shalom (Norwalk)

***In Cheap We Trust***  
 (Lauren Weber)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

***Crossing the Boundaries***  
 (Micheal Philip Davis and Virginia Resnick)

Sunday, September 26, 2010  
 Atria (Stamford)

***Westward, Oy: Pioneer Jews in America***  
 (Kenneth Libo)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

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Sunday, June 13, 2010  
 State Cinema (Stamford)  
**"A Shpiehl about Shtick, Stand-up & Slap-Stick"**  
**The History of Jews in Comedy**  
 (Alan Katz)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday May 22, 2010  
 Stamford JCC  
**The Little Known History of the Jews of Albania, Past & Present**  
 (Ferit Hoxha – Albanian UN Rep)  
 – available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, May 16, 2010  
**Tour of the Lower East Side (NYC)**  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, April 18, 2010  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)  
**Sala's Gift: My Mother's Holocaust Story**  
 (Ann Kirschner)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday March 21, 2010  
 Temple Shalom (Norwalk)  
**From Bimah to Broadway or Give My Nachas to Broadway**  
 (Rabbi Brian Leiken, Cantors Shirah and Dan Sklar)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, February 14, 2010  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)  
**16th Century Renaissance Woman who Defied Kings!**  
 (Andrée Aelion Brooks)  
 – available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday January 17, 2010  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)  
**Courage on the Line: My Grandfather's Story**  
 (John & Jeanne Franklin)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, December 13, 2009  
 Atria (Stamford)  
**Caribbean Jews' Progress – An Alternative Version of Pilgrim's Progress**  
 (Harry A. Ezratty, Esq.)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, November 8, 2009 Chabad (Stamford)  
**Freedom Begins with an Act of Defiance: The Inside Story**  
 (Zvi Bielski)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

**Eldridge Street Synagogue Coach Bus Trip**

Sunday, September 13, 2009  
 Atria (Stamford)  
**A Taste of Yiddish – also, The Atria Yiddish Choristers**  
 (Harry Romanowitz)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, June 28, 2009  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)  
 Presentation of 2009-2010 Officers/Board  
**A Jew Grows in Greenwich**  
 (Mickey Sherman)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, April 26, 2009  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)  
**Holocaust Denial - 70 Years Later, The Holocaust Never Happened?**  
 (Aryeh Tuchman)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, March 22, 2009  
 Atria (Stamford)  
**The Jews of China: Lessons in Survival**  
 (Vera Schwarcz)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, February 22, 2009  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)  
**Kabbalah 101: Is everything you thought about God Wrong?**  
 (Dan Magida)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

Sunday, November 23, 2008  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)  
**Jews and Aviation: How Jews Helped Launch Aviation**  
 (Emanuel Strunin)  
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**Working Locally, Connecting Globally:  
 Learning about Three Jewish Communities**  
 (Robert Zwang)

**Religious and Racial Prejudice in Sports in  
 Fairfield County From the 1950s to the  
 Mid-1980's**  
 (Herman Alswanger)

***The Joy of Storytelling***  
 (Laconia Therrio)

Sunday, April 13, 2008  
 Temple Sinai (Stamford)

***Overcoming Shattered Childhoods:  
 Survivors' Personal Accounts***  
 (Agnes Vertes & Panel Discussion)  
 -available on DVD at JHS Library

***Ritual, Customs & Songs from the  
 Baghdadi-Indian Tradition***  
 (Rahel Musleah)

***A Filmic View of Bigotry in America***  
 (Lou Sabini)

***Jewish History: From the Loss of Homeland  
 to the Quest for Israel: 586 BCE - 1896***  
 (Eugene Schwartz)

***How Christian-Jewish Relations Have  
 Changed***  
 (Rabbi Ehrenkranz)

***Finding Home: In the footsteps of the Jewish  
 Fusgeyers***  
 (Jill Culiner)

***Entangled Histories and Lost Memories:  
 Jewish Survivors in Occupied Germany  
 1945-1949***  
 (Atina Grossmann)

***Fighting Your Way to the Top – Jewish Prize  
 Fighting in the last Century***  
 (Jack Cavanaugh)

***The History of Modern Israel - A Musical  
 Journey***  
 (Cantor Arik Wollheim)

***A Jewish Family's Experience in Communist  
 Hungary 1948-1956***  
 (Agnes Vertes)

***The Marranos: The Crypto-Jews of Spain  
 and Portugal***

***The Wartime Activities of Jaap Penraat***  
 (Dr. Marjilijn de Jager)

***American Jewry & The Civil War***  
 (Bud Livingston)

***Leonard Bernstein: Musical Genius With  
 Jewish Roots***  
 (David Avram)

***Freud as Thinker, Doctor, Psychoanalyst  
 and Jew***  
 (Ellie Shafer & Carol Cederbaum)

***An Incredible Story of Holocaust Survival***  
 (Betty Lauer)

***Jewish Music through the Ages in Story  
 and Song***  
 (Rayhan Pasternak)

***Growing Up Under The Shadow of Iranian  
 Revolution***  
 (Roya Hakakian)

***From Then Until Now – A History of Italian  
 Jews***  
 (Andrea Fiano)

***Passion And Profundity In Jewish American  
 Folk Art***  
 (Edythe Prens Siegel)

***The Secrets Of The Tunnels Of Ancient  
 Jerusalem: What Lies Beneath The Western  
 Wall And Why Everyone Needs To Know***  
 (Dr. Dan Bahat, Chief Archaeologist Of  
 Jerusalem [Em.]

***From Christian Science to Jewish Science***  
 (Dr. Ellen Umansky, Director of the Carl and  
 Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies at  
 Fairfield University)

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**Exodus: Nat Nadler, a Haganah shipmate on the Exodus, told us about his experiences. *Beyond The Golden Door / From The Old Country To The New World***  
(Judith Goldsmith, Literary Performance Artist)

***A Fresh Approach To Understanding The Experience Of Jewish Immigrants***  
(Samuel Freedman)

***Passover Foods from Around the World***  
(Ronnie Fein)

***The Evolving Role of Women in Judaism: A Cantor's Story***  
(Cantor Deborah Katchko Gray, Ridgefield, CT)

***A Potpourri of American Jewish History***  
(Irwin Miller)

**A Jewish Roots Trip with YALE STROM**

***Blood Libel: The Damascus Affair Of 1840***  
(Ronald Florence)

***Law and Order: Jewish Lawmakers and Lawbreakers***  
(Dr. Kenneth Libo)

***Trip to Newport, RI to the Touro Synagogue and more***  
(Irwin Miller)

***American Jewry's 350th Anniversary: Relations With Israel And World Jewry In The Past, Present And Future***  
(Dr. Matthew Silver)

***Salonika, the Glory of Sephardic Greece***  
(Theresa Sundt)

***The Bible's Role in Modern Israeli Literature and Culture***  
(Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy)

***A Torah's Odyssey***  
(Judy and Steve Underberg)

***Immigrant Dreams, Immigrant Realities***  
(Dr. Harriett Davis-Kram)

***How Can The Israeli-Palestine Conflict Be Resolved?***  
(Mitchell Kraus)

***Journey To The Golden Door***  
(Jay Sommer)

***He Died Alone in Tijuana - The Wandering Jew***  
(Raymond Dayan)

**A Field Trip to the Anne Frank Exhibit at Greenwich High School**

***The Golden Age of Jews in America: Will it Remain Golden Into the 21st Century?***  
(Rabbi Emily Korzenik)

***The Jewish Experience in Baseball***  
(Marty Appel)

***Women, Men, and the Holocaust***  
(Nechama Tec)

***Safe Among the Germans, Liberated Jews After World War Two***  
(Ruth Gay)

***The Yiddish Rialto, origins of the Yiddish theater***  
(David Liebeskind)

***Kabbalah Music, The Influence of Jewish Mysticism on Jewish Song***  
(Laura Wetzler)

***The Greatest Robbery in History...How the Swiss Acquired Holocaust Victim Assets***  
(Irwin Nack)

***Judaism in Memory & Spirit: 500 Years After the Spanish Inquisition***  
(Gloria Golden)

***Displaced Persons: Growing Up American After the Holocaust***  
(Joseph Berger)

***Jews, Hollywood, and the Jazz Singer***  
(Ellen Umansky)

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***Joining the Club: The New Things We've Learned about the History of Jews and Yale In the Past 20 Years***

***A Summer World. The Attempt to Build a Jewish Eden in the Catskills, from the Days of the Ghetto to the Rise and Decline of the Borscht Belt***  
(Stefan Kanfer)

***The Jewish Brigade***  
(Shlomo Jaacobi)

***America's First Synagogues***  
(Mark Aaron)

***From Stalin to Gorbachev: Growing Up Jewish in the Soviet Union - What was it like?***  
(Mikhail Tsinberg & Faina Tsinberg)

***From Wiesbaden to Wall Street***  
(Richard Grossman)

***Jewish Partizan Warfare in Slovakia 1944-45***  
(Paul Strassmann)

***The Emergence of American Jewish Philosophy 1950-2000***  
(Rabbi Eugene Borowitz)

***American Jewish Painters: Insights into their Work***  
(Cissy Grossman, Ph.D.)

***A Yeshiva Bochur from the Lower East Side Becomes a Physician in the Coal Mines of West Virginia***  
(Dr. Louis Scheinberg)

***The L'Oreal Scandal of 1991 in France***  
(Joel Blatt, Professor, Uconn)

***Remnants of Jewry in the Middle East***  
(Richard Chesnoff-Senior Correspondent, US News & World Report)

**Professor Daniel Soyer - Author of A History of Jewish Landsmanshaften**

***The Great German-Jewish Families of New York***  
(Dr. Kenneth Libo)

***Dona Garcia Nasi's Underground Railroad: Undermining the Inquisition***

***1000 years of Jewish Polish History: A Strategy of Survival***

***Reminiscences: American Jewry's Role in Establishing the State of Israel***

***A History of the Significant Advance and Development of Jewish Life in the City of Stamford; or: In dis town ve used hed TCHREE kosher butchas!!!***