



SHALOM *Stamford*



Welcome Guide
TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY





Shalom and Welcome
**TO STAMFORD, NEW CANAAN,
 AND DARIEN!**

Our Jewish community numbers near 12,000 individuals and offers many Jewish resources. We are a growing community—striving to make all Jews feel connected through our thriving Jewish schools, synagogues, agencies, and organizations. These combine to enrich the community and offer so many different entry points to Jewish Stamford.

We present this Guide as a resource and jumping off point for you to connect to and learn about us. We warmly welcome all members of the community – families, couples, individuals, and significant others – including those from affiliated, unaffiliated, and interfaith households. We greet all newcomers with kindness and sincerity.

Again, we are delighted to welcome you to Jewish Stamford, New Canaan, and Darien. We would love to answer your questions and hear your ideas and thoughts about our community; we hope you will soon participate and engage in the many programs and services we offer. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

See you soon!

Tiffany Eisenman
 Director of Community Outreach

Martin Greenberg
 Executive Vice President of
 United Jewish Federation of Greater
 Stamford, New Canaan, and Darien

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JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR



<i>Holiday</i>	<i>2008-2009</i>	<i>2009-2010</i>	<i>2010-2011</i>	<i>2011-2012</i>
Rosh Hashanah: <i>The Jewish New Year (1-2 Tishrei)</i>	Sept. 30- Oct 1	Sept. 19-20	Sept. 9-10	Sept. 29-30
Yom Kippur: <i>Day of Atonement (10 Tishrei)</i>	Oct. 9	Sept. 28	Sept. 18	Oct. 8
Sukkot: <i>Festival of Booths (15-21 Tishrei)</i>	Oct 14-20	Oct. 3-9	Sept. 23-29	Oct. 13-19
Shemini Atzeret: <i>Eighth Day of Assembly (22 Tishrei)</i>	Oct. 21	Oct. 10	Sept. 30	Oct. 20
Simchat Torah: <i>Rejoicing in the Torah (23 Tishrei)</i>	Oct. 22	Oct. 11	Oct. 1	Oct. 21
Chanukah: <i>Festival of Lights (25 Kislev-2 Tevet)</i>	Dec. 22- Dec 29	Dec. 12-19	Dec. 2-9	Dec. 21-28
Tu B'Shevat: <i>New Year of Trees (15 Shevat)</i>	Feb. 9	Jan. 30	Jan. 20	Feb. 8
Purim: <i>Feast of Lots (14 Adar)</i>	Mar. 10	Feb. 28	Mar. 20	Mar. 8
Pesach: <i>Passover (15-22 Nisan)</i>	Apr. 9-16	Mar. 30- Apr. 6	Apr. 19-26	Apr. 7-14
Yom HaShoah: <i>Holocaust Remembrance Day (26 Nisan)</i>	Apr. 21	Apr. 11	May 1	Apr. 19
Yom Ha'Atzmaut: <i>Israel Independence Day (3 Iyar)</i>	Apr. 29	Apr. 20	May 10	Apr. 26
Lag B'Omer: <i>33rd Day of Counting the Omer (18 Iyar)</i>	May 12	May 2	May 22	May 9
Shavuot: <i>Festival of Weeks (6-7 Sivan)</i>	May 29-30	May 19-20	June 8-9	May 27-28
Fast of Tammuz: <i>The Seventeenth of Tammuz (17 Tammuz)</i>	July 9	June 29	July 19	July 7
Tish B'Av: <i>The Ninth of Av (9 Av)</i>	July 30	July 20	Aug. 9	July 29

Note: Holidays begin at sunset of the preceding day



JEWISH LIFE AT A GLANCE



NEWCOMER SERVICES

Shalom Stamford
at United Jewish Federation
203.321.1373 x 117, www.ujf.org

Temple Beth El (Conservative)
203.322.6901, www.tbe.org

Temple Sinai (Reform)
203.322.1649, www.templeainaistamford.org

Young Israel (Orthodox)
203.348.3955, www.yistamford.org

JEWISH AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford,
New Canaan, and Darien
203.321.1373, www.ujf.org

Chabad Lubavitch of Fairfield County
203.329.0033, www.chabadstamford.org

Jewish Community
Endowment Foundation
203.321.1380, www.jcef.us

Jewish Community Center of Stamford
203.322.7900, www.stamfordjcc.org

Jewish Family Service
203.921.4161, www.ctjfs.org

Jewish Historical Society
of Lower Fairfield County
203.321.1373 x 150,
www.stamfordhistory.org/jhslfc.htm

Jewish Home for the Elderly
203.365.6400, www.jhe.org

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Congregation Agudath Sholom (Orthodox)
203.358.2200,
www.congregationagudathsholom.org

Chavurat Aytz Chayim (Unaffiliated)
203.329.7371, www.chavurah.org

Fellowship for Jewish Learning (Unaffiliated)
203.329.7304,
www.fellowshipforjewishlearning.org

JEWISH EDUCATION / SCHOOLS

Bureau of Jewish Education
203.321.1373 x 114, www.ujf.org

Yeshiva Bais Binyomin (Orthodox) (9-12)
203.325.4351

Bi-Cultural Day School (Orthodox) (K-8)
203.329.2186, www.bcbs.org

Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at the
University of Connecticut at Stamford
203.251.9525/8435, www.stamford.uconn.edu

Jewish Community Center of Stamford
203.322.7900, www.stamfordjcc.org

UJF Kulanu, Benson Zinbarg Jewish Education
for Teens (8-12)
203.321.1373 x 115, www.kulanustamford.org

UJF/JCC Florence Melton Adult Mini-School
203.321.1373 x 114 or 203.487.0958

Westchester Fairfield Hebrew Academy
(Pluralistic) (K-8)
203.863.9663, www.wfha.org

All listings in this guide are alphabetical



**AREA HIGH SCHOOLS/OTHER
AREA JEWISH SCHOOLS**

The Abraham Joshua Heschel High School,
(Pluralistic) (9-12) Manhattan
212.246.7717, www.heschel.org

Jewish High School of Connecticut
(Pluralistic) (9-12)
203.389.5888, www.jhsct.org
* scheduled to open Sept 2009

Manhattan School for Girls (Orthodox) (9-12)
212.737.6800, http://mhsgr9tech.org/home.aspx

North Shore Hebrew Academy High School
(Orthodox) (9-12) Great Neck, NY
516.487.2424, www.nshahs.org

Ramaz (Orthodox), Manhattan
Lower School 212.774.8000
Upper School 212.774.8070
www.ramaz.org

SAR (Orthodox) Riverdale, NY
(Nursery-8) 718.548.1717
(9-12) 718.548.2727
www.sarhighschool.org

Solomon Schechter School
of Westchester (Conservative)
Upper School (6-12), Hartsdale, NY
914.948.8333
Lower School (K-5), White Plains, NY
914.948.3111
www.solomon-schechter.com

Westchester Day School (Orthodox)
(nursery-8), Mamaroneck, NY
914.698.8900, www.westchesterday.org

Westchester Hebrew High School
(Orthodox) (9-12), Mamaroneck, NY
914.698.0806, www.whhsny.org

Yeshiva Bais Binyomin (Orthodox) (9-12)
203.325.4351



SUNDAY AND HEBREW SCHOOLS

Congregation Agudath Sholom (Orthodox)
203.358.2200,
www.congregationagudathsholom.org

Chavurat Aytz Chayim (Unaffiliated)
203.329.7371, www.chavurah.org

Fellowship for Jewish Learning (Unaffiliated)
203.329.7304,
www.fellowshipforjewishlearning.org

Temple Beth El (Conservative)
203.322.6901, x 305, www.tbe.org

Temple Sinai (Reform)
203.322.1649, www.templesinaistamford.org

Young Israel (Orthodox)
203.348.3955, www.yistamford.org

Chabad Jewish U for Kids (Orthodox)
203.329.0015, www.chabadstamford.org

Children's Circle Sunday School
(Special Needs)
203.329.0015, www.friendshipct.com

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

Bi-Cultural Day School Pre-Kindergarten
203.329.2186, www.bcds.org

Gan Yeladim Preschool
203.967.9103, www.chabadstamford.org

JCC FamilyPlace
(Family programming, birth – 5 years)
203.322.7900, www.stamfordjcc.org

JCC JumpStart
(Special Needs 2-3 year olds)
203.487.0966, www.stamfordjcc.org

JCC KinderPlace
(Full-day day care program, ages 3-5)
203.322.7900, www.stamfordjcc.org

JCC Kids Place
(After-school program, grades K-5 grades)
203.487.0961, www.stamfordjcc.org



JCC Sara Walker Nursery School (ages 2-5)
203.322.6541, www.stamfordjcc.org

JCC Zone (After-school program, grades 6-8)
203.487.0961, www.stamfordjcc.org

CAMPS

Camp Gan Israel of Greenwich
203.869.5486, www.campgan.com

Camp Mishkan Israel
203.428.4130, www.mishkanisrael.com

JCC SummerPlace (20 months-grade 9)
203.322.7900, www.stamfordjcc.org

JCC Maccabi Games (ages 13-16)
203.322.7900, www.stamfordjcc.org

JCC Maccabi Artsfest (entering grades 8-12)
203.322.7900, www.stamfordjcc.org

JCC Maccabi Israel (entering grades 10-12)
203.322.7900, www.stamfordjcc.org

JCC Teen Programs
203.487.0980, www.stamfordjcc.org

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

B'nai Brith Youth Organization
203.389.2127, www.bbyo.org

Fairfield County Connecticut
Jewish Little League
203.461.8040, www.fccjll.org

National Conference of Synagogue
Youth (NCSY) (Orthodox)
203.358.2200,
www.congregationagudathsholom.org

Sinai of Stamford Temple Youth
(SOSTY) (Reform)
203.322.1649, www.templesinaistamford.org

United Synagogue Youth (USY) (Conservative)
203.322.6901, www.tbeyouth.com



Friendship Circle (Teen volunteers
for special needs children)
203.329.0015, www.friendshipct.com

JCC/JCEF Teen Tzedakah
203.487.0955, www.stamfordjcc.org

ADULT ORGANIZATIONS

Americans for Israel
and Torah-Kadimah Chapter
203.327.9924

American Jewish Committee -
Connecticut Chapter
203.965.0020, www.ajc.org

American Red Magen David
for Israel - Harvest Chapter
203.322.5459, www.afmda.org

Anti-Defamation League
203.288.6500, www.adl.org

Brandeis University
National Women's Committee
203.348.2564, www.brandeis.edu/bunwc

Hadassah
RWREsq@aol.com, www.hadassah.org

Jewish War Veterans of U.S.,
Fred Robbins Post #142
203.322.4972

National Jewish Medical and Research Center -
Stamford Chapter
203.322.7936, www.njc.org

New Canaan Jewish Group
203.972.7840



MIKVAH (RITUAL BATH)

Mikvah of Stamford
(located in Congregation Agudath Sholom) (for men, women, and utensils)
203.964.1928,
www.congregationagudathsholom.org/mikvah

Mivkah at Bais Binyomin Yeshiva
(for men and utensils)
203.325.4351

ELDERCARE

Jewish Community Center of Stamford
203.322.7900, www.stamfordjcc.org

Jewish Family Service
203.921.4161, www.ctjfs.org

The Jewish Home for the Elderly
203.365.6400, www.jhe.org

MOHELIM

(CIRCUMCISION SERVICES)

Dr. Harry Romanowitz (Orthodox)
203.253.8544

Rabbi Daniel Frank (Orthodox)
845.362.2349 or 914.584.4082 or
800.BRIT.MILA

Rabbi Binyomin Zimmerman (Orthodox)
866.886.6435

Zachary Hepner (Orthodox)
212.316.4784 or 800.793.0342

Rabbi David Kedmi (Orthodox)
800.426.6435 or 800.4.A.MOHEL

Rabbi Paysach J. Krohn (Orthodox)
203.562.6633 or 718.846.6900

Cantor Philip Rosenblatt (Conservative)
888.774.9207 or 203.406.0616

Cantor Philip Sherman (Conservative)
212.304.7638

Dr. Stuart Danoff (Reform)
203.322.1876

PUBLICATIONS

The New Jewish Voice

Serving Greater Stamford, New Canaan,
and Darien

For a free subscription, call Sandy Golove at UJF,
203.321.1373 x 107 or sandy@ujf.org

Jewish Stamford Yahoo Group

(groups.yahoo.com/group/JewishStamford)
is an announcement list for the entire Jewish
community of Stamford, Connecticut. Need a
babysitter? Selling your home? Promoting your
business? Announce an event? Give us a try!

Many Stamford agencies publish in-house
newsletters.

ERUV

Stamford Eruv Hotline 203.358.2200 x 1
www.congregationagudathsholom.org/eruv.htm
To confirm the status of the Eruv, call one hour
prior to Shabbat candle lighting

KOSHER FOOD

RESTAURANTS

Sweet on You Cafe**
203.321.0066
1035 Newfield Avenue (Located in the JCC)

ICE CREAM

Baskin Robbins **
203.324.5372
114 Broad Street
(Check certificate for kosher products)



Cold Stone Creamery **
203.487.7400
1109 High Ridge Road
Ice Cream Specials & Variety of Cakes

Dairy Queen**
203.348.9147
885 Summer Street
(Check certificate for kosher products)

Gofer Ice Cream**
203.504.3105
869 High Ridge Road
(Corner of Vine Road)
(Check certificate for kosher products)

BAKERY

Beldotti Bakery**
203.348.9029
605 Newfield Avenue
Parve Breads, Rolls, Cakes
Dairy Cakes, Pastries

ShopRite of Commerce Street**
203.978.0464
1990 West Main Street, Stamford, CT
Dairy Only - Cakes / Pastries

Stop & Shop**
203.356.0109
2200 Bedford Street
Ridgeway Center
Pareve Breads, Rolls & Dairy Cakes, Pastries

GROCERY

Grade A Market / Newfield Green
203.356.1662
563 Newfield Avenue
Dairy, Meat, Grocery

Mrs. Green's Natural Market
203.329.1313
950 High Ridge Road
Dairy, Meat, Grocery

Stop & Shop**
203.356.0109
2200 Bedford Street
Ridgeway Center
Dairy, Meat, Grocery

ShopRite of Commerce Street
203.978.0464
1990 West Main Street, Stamford, CT
Dairy, Fish (Special Order), Meat, Grocery

SPECIALTY

Schokolad Chocolate Factory
203.359.1886
172 Bedford Street
Stamford, CT 06901

Stamfordkosher.com
Gourmet kosher food delivered to your door
from a variety of restaurants in New Jersey

WINES/LIQUORS

Bev / Max
203.357.9151
835 East Main Street
Assorted Kosher Wines

Cost Less Wines & Liquors
203.329.2900
1125 High Ridge Road
Assorted Kosher Wines

Stamford Wine & Liquor
203.357.7791
583 Newfield Avenue
Assorted Kosher Wines

** Supervised Under Vaad HaKashrus of Fairfield
County (VKFC)

**CATERERS***Approved by Congregation**Agudath Sholom (Orthodox)*Alex Klein Caterers (OU Certified)
718.339.4466Aodi Zilkha (Beth Torah Glatt
Kosher Caterers)
(Rabbi Gershon Kreuser Certified)
718.261.4775Ari's Distinctive Catering
(Vaad of Queens Certified)
718.380.0866Borenstein Caterers (OU Certified)
718.656.3600Chai Cuisine (Kof-K Certified)
973.882.0121Chai Caterers (CT)
(Vaad of Fairfield Country Certified)
203.374.8912Chap-A-Nosh (ARK Certified)
718.627.0072Corner Café (Vaad of Riverdale Certified)
719.601.2861Elite Caterers (Breuer's Certified)
718.337.6600Foremost (Star-K Certified)
201.664.2465Genadeen Caterers (Kof-K Certified)
516.295.5554Greenwald Caterers
(Kashrus Council of Lakewood and
Rabbi Yisroel Gornish Certified)
732.370.8300Kay Caterers/ Lincoln Square Synagogue
(OK Certified)
212.362.5555Kingsway Caterers
(Vaad of Queens Certified)
718.357.4585L'Chaim Caterers (Kof-K Certified)
212.304.4852Main Event (RCBC Certified)
201.894.8710Mauzone Catering
(Vaad of Queens Certified)
718.261.7723Mr. Omelette (Vaad of Oceanside)
516.766.1884New Star Caterers
(Kehilath Kashrut Certified)
718.891.8100Prestige Caterers (Vaad of Queens Certified)
718.464.8400Sharmel Caterers (Vaad of Queens Certified)
718.327.3575Supersol
(Westchester Rabbinical Council Certified)
914.472.2240Sweet on You
(Vaad of Fairfield Country Certified)
203.321.0066*Approved by Temple Beth El (Conservative)*Abel Caterers
(Rabbi Moshe Epstein Certified)
203.389.2300Chai Cuisine (Kof-K Certified)
973.882.0121Chai Caterers (CT) (Vaad of Fairfield Country
Certified)
203.374.8912Chap-A-Nosh (ARK Certified)
718.627.0072Corner Café (Vaad of Riverdale Certified)
719.601.2861Elegant Events
(Rabbi Moshe Epstein Certified)
203.387.1600Five Star Caterers (OU Certified)
888.644.9781Foremost (Star-K Certified)
201.664.2465Genadeen Caterers (Kof-K Certified)
516.295.5554Greenwald Caterers
(Kashrus Council of Lakewood and Rabbi Yisroel
Gornish Certified)
732.370.8300Marge Gussack Caterers
(Hartford Kashrut Commission)
860.643.0640Main Event (RCBC Certified)
201.894.8710Mauzone Catering
(Vaad of Queens Certified)
718.261.7723Mr. Omelette (Vaad of Oceanside)
516.766.1884New Star Caterers
(Kehilath Kashrut Certified)
718.891.8100Prestige Caterers (Vaad of Queens Certified)
718.464.8400Ram Caterers (OU Certified)
718.336.0300Simcha Caterers
(Vaad of Fairfield County Certified)
203.209.8413Steven M. Herman Kosher Catering
(Rabbi Moshe Epstein Certified)
203.336.9222Supersol
(Westchester Rabbinical Council Certified)
914.472.2240Sweet on You
(Vaad of Fairfield Country Certified)
203.321.0066Whisk Caterers
(Rabbi Marshall Press Certified)
860.693.2088



PLACES OF WORSHIP



CONGREGATION AGUDATH SHOLOM (ORTHODOX)

301 Strawberry Hill Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Phone: 203.358.2200

Fax: 203.358.2323

Website: www.congregationagudathsholom.org

Contact: Rabbi Daniel Cohen, rabbicohen@agudathsholom.org

Shabbat Service times:

Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat starts 5 minutes after candle-lighting.

Saturday morning 8:00 am for the early service, 9:00 am for main sanctuary service.

Junior Congregation each week from 10:15 am until 11:45 am.

Tot Shabbat each week from 10:30 am until 11:30 am.

Congregation Agudath Sholom, a dynamic, Modern Orthodox synagogue, provides a wide variety of programs and services to its 650 member families. Some of these programs include: Daily and Shabbat services, Hebrew School, Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation, Junior Congregation, adult education, mikvah, youth and adult choirs, community service programs and beautiful social halls with Kosher catering facilities.

The major auxiliary groups include Sisterhood, Men's Club, a very active youth group and NCSY (National Council Synagogue Youth).

Important Contacts:

Administrative Director: Naomi Marks, x 12, nmarks@agudathsholom.org

Education Director: Rabbi David Walk, x 16, rabbidwalk@agudathsholom.org

Youth Director: Yona Israel Goldman, 203.274.6137, yonaisrael@gmail.com

CHAVURAT AYTZ CHAYIM (UNAFFILIATED)

PO Box 4263

Stamford, CT 06907

Phone: 203.329.7371

Website: www.chavurah.org

Contact: Rabbi Mark Golub, mgolub@rtn-wmn.com

Shabbat Service times:

Friday night services are held bi-weekly at the JCC (1035 Newfield Avenue) at 8:00 pm.

Please check the website for a complete schedule.

Chavurat Aytz Chayim is for anyone looking to share the joy of Jewish learning, prayer and celebration in the spirit of an extended family. The Chavurah, with its strong sense of community, is especially appealing to those who wish to gain an adult understanding of Judaism. The Chavurah also attracts parents who want to provide their children with a positive sense of Jewish identity and a love of being Jewish. A full program of Jewish studies for children beginning in kindergarten is offered. Visitors are welcome.



FELLOWSHIP FOR JEWISH LEARNING (UNAFFILIATED)

PO Box 17291

Stamford, CT 06907

Phone: 914.764.0205

Website: www.fellowshipforjewishlearning.org

Contact: Mark Slivka

Shabbat Service times:

Friday evening and Saturday morning services are held twice each month at the Meeting House (572 Roxbury Road, at the corner of Roxbury and Westover Roads) at 7:30 pm and 10:00 am. Tot Shabbat takes place four times per year at 6:30 pm. Saturday morning services include Torah study. Please check the website for a complete schedule.

The Stamford Fellowship for Jewish Learning is an intimate, unaffiliated, liberal congregation formed in 1973 as a "synagogue without walls." Along with twice monthly Shabbat services, the Fellowship also offers Hebrew school classes on Monday afternoons for grades 2-7, Shabbat suppers, book groups and adult education events. The congregation pursues the Jewish traditions of *tikkun olam* (world repair) and Torah study. It is proud of its scholarship and community outreach programs. It warmly embraces Jewish and interfaith families who wish to retain their Jewish heritage.

TEMPLE BETH EL (CONSERVATIVE EGALITARIAN)

350 Roxbury Road

Stamford, CT 06902

Phone: 203.322.6901

Fax: 203.322.0532

Website: www.tbe.org

Contact: Rabbi Joshua Hammerman, rabbi@tbe.org

Shabbat Service times:

Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:30 pm.

Tot Shabbat on first, third, and fourth Fridays of the month at 6:45 pm.

Saturday morning at 9:30 am.

Junior Congregation on Shabbat and Festival morning at 10:30 am.

We are Stamford's Conservative/Egalitarian congregation, noted especially for the quality of our religious school, the beauty of our unique sanctuary, our inspiring and creative Shabbat celebrations, our cutting-edge use of technology, our popular Tot Shabbat programming for pre-schoolers and the inclusive, welcoming spirit of our members. Temple Beth El's diverse and dynamic membership leads and participates in a full range of activities including daily, Shabbat & Holiday services, adult education, Sisterhood and Men's Club, young professionals events, musical activities including choirs, and adult education. We are a Synaplex congregation, providing a variety of cutting-edge options in Shabbat programming, ranging from traditional davening to Yoga and Meditative services. Our inclusivity extends to all who are looking for a spiritual home, including traditional, non-traditional and interfaith families. In addition to ministering to each other, Temple members are leaders in outreach to the general community to accomplish *tikkun olam* (world repair).

Important Contacts:

Executive Director: Steven Lander, x 304, execdir@tbe.org

Cantor: Rachel Littman, x 303, cantor@tbe.org

Director of Jewish Life Education: Al Treidel, x 305, eddir@tbe.org



TEMPLE SINAI (REFORM)

458 Lakeside Drive
 Stamford, CT 06903
 Phone: 203.322.1649
 Fax: 203.329.7741
 Website: www.templesinaistamford.org
 Contact: Rabbi Marc Disick, rabbi@templesinaistamford.org
 Melissa Cohavi, educator@templesinaistamford.org

Shabbat Service times:

Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat:

First Friday of the month - 7:00 pm

All remaining Fridays - 8:00 pm

Tot Shabbat - once a month - 5:00 pm

Saturday morning: When a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is scheduled, services begin at 10:30 am. Otherwise, the starting time is right after Torah study at 10:15 am.

Temple Sinai offers a setting where people are embraced and Reform Judaism is practiced. Ours is a warm, caring and responsive Temple family. We provide a place of worship and learning and a center for fellowship and Jewish consciousness. Our 350 families come from all backgrounds and ages and our services, filled with beauty and inspiration, are conducted in both English and Hebrew, appealing and understood by all.

Modeled after the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, our sanctuary sits atop beautifully wooded acres in North Stamford and is constructed of native fieldstone. The windowed walls of our sanctuary provide worshippers with an ever-changing panorama of the seasons.

Membership is only the beginning. We welcome your interest in Temple Sinai and encourage you to join and become involved. No matter your background or interests, there is something at Temple Sinai for everyone! We offer many ways to participate and to meet fellow Temple members.

YOUNG ISRAEL (ORTHODOX)

69 Oaklawn Avenue
 Stamford, CT 06902
 Phone: 203.348.3955
 Website: www.yistamford.org
 Contact: Rabbi Naftali Wolfe

Shabbat Service times:

Friday night starts at candle-lighting time.

Saturday morning 9:00 am.

The Young Israel of Stamford, a vibrant, family-oriented, Orthodox synagogue, offers a warm, caring and inviting community guided by Torah and mitzvot to all that enter her doors.

The congregation is founded on the principle "Seek and ye shall live" (Amos), believing that anyone and everyone who is searching for spirituality, friendship, meaning, camaraderie, family, or just simply a place to pray, will feel comfortable and welcome in this moderately sized congregation. All those who are thirsty will find ample opportunity to come and drink from the delicious and refreshing water that is the Young Israel of Stamford.



JEWISH AGENCIES & ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICANS FOR ISRAEL AND TORAH – KADIMAH CHAPTER

Phone: 203.325.2865
 Contact: Ronnie Sichel

AMIT nurtures and educates Israel's children to become self-reliant and self-respecting Torah true citizens, superbly prepared to take their place in Israeli society and make a valuable contribution to it. Thousands of underprivileged youngsters are educated in Israel's only countrywide network of religious secondary technological schools.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE – CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

2777 Summer Street, Suite 503
 Stamford, CT 06905
 Phone: 203.965.0020
 Fax: 203.965.0040
 Website: www.ajc.org
 Email: Connecticut@ajc.org

The American Jewish Committee serves as Jewish ambassadors to the world, the nation and the community on challenges facing the Jewish people. We work to advance the cause of democratic pluralism in this country and abroad. AJC has more than 175,000 members and supporters and has 32 American offices with its main headquarters in New York, as well as eight overseas offices in Berlin, Brussels, Geneva, Jerusalem, Mumbai, Paris, Rome, and Warsaw. AJC also maintains formal partnerships with 24 Jewish communities abroad.

AMERICAN RED MAGEN DAVID FOR ISRAEL – HARVEST CHAPTER

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 Contact: Nellie Halpern, President

The ARMDI Chapter supports Magen David Adom (MDA) projects in Israel; a blood service center in Ramat Gan, paramedic scholarship program; blood and blood components for hospitals and all the needs of the Israel Defense Forces (MDA), operates 24 hour a day ambulance and mobile intensive care units, maintains pre-hospital emergency medical centers, substations and underground shelters. Tribute cards are offered for all occasions.



ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

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The Anti-Defamation League was founded in 1913 “to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all.” Now the nation’s premier civil rights/human relations agency fighting anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, ADL defends democratic ideals and protects civil rights for all. A leader in the development of materials, programs and services, ADL builds bridges of communication, understanding and respect among diverse groups in the United States and around the world.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY NATIONAL WOMEN’S COMMITTEE

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Lucille Cherenon, Publicity chairman

Brandeis University National Women’s Committee provides financial support and growth for the Brandeis University Libraries that serve a community of students and scholars in education and research.

Membership is open to all. Members have the opportunity for intellectual pursuit, continuing education, community service and personal enrichment and leadership development.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

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Contact: Rabbi Yisrael Deren, rabbi@chabadstamford.org

The very shape of our building is a mission statement – an open book inviting all to study and experience the depth, warmth and joy of Jewish life and learning.

Love of fellow (*Ahavat Yisrael*), coupled with the belief that every human being possesses immense spiritual treasure, is what motivates the highly acclaimed, dedicated and enthusiastic staff at Chabad. This is the engine that drives all of Chabad’s programs, and is the key that makes the “book” of Judaism truly accessible.

The Chabad Center for Jewish Life and Learning is open to everyone, welcoming all enthusiastically and without judgment. Comprising multiple organizations and programs, including Gan Yeladim Preschool (see separate listing), The Friendship Circle, Jewish U Chabad Hebrew School, youth programs, Shabbat and holiday celebrations, services to the Russian speaking members of the Jewish community, women’s programming and extensive lifelong learning through classes and seminars such as the Jewish Learning Institute (JLI), Chabad has something for everyone and is open to all.

Important Contacts:

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Director of Community Programming: Leah Shemtov, x 418, morahleah@chabadstamford.org
Director of Lifelong Learning and Youth Activities: Rabbi Levi Mendelow, x 417, rabbilevi@chabadstamford.org



HADASSAH

c/o Rhonna Rogol, Stamford Chapter President
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Hadassah, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America, reaffirms its historic commitment to Zionism and the centrality of Israel; to the strengthening and continuity of Jewish life; and to aliyah as a tangible expression of Zionist purpose. Hadassah’s projects in Israel include the Hadassah Medical Organization, Hadassah College in Jerusalem, Youth Aliyah, serving underprivileged and in-crisis youth, Young Judea and a long-standing partnership with the Jewish National Fund. Locally, Hadassah sponsors the Aviva Young Women’s Group, the Attorneys’ Council of Greater Stamford, two Jewish book groups, two “Ivrit la’Hadassah” whole language Hebrew classes, and is also instrumental in breast cancer awareness programming in local high schools.

Membership is open to all women of all ages and men may become Hadassah Associates.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF STAMFORD

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The Jewish Community Center has served the Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Bedford and Pound Ridge area for more than 90 years. We offer recreational, educational, cultural and social services that enhance and enrich Jewish identity. Membership is open to all, regardless of race or religion. Our members are direct beneficiaries of our commitment to quality, which is reflected by maintaining excellence in all of our programs and services.

The JCC boasts a wide variety of social, cultural and physical enrichment programs serving families, young children, youth, teens, adults and seniors. The Center is home to many innovative programs and services including Family Place, a resource center and nucleus of activities for young families; KinderPlace, the only full-time year-round Jewish day care center in Stamford; the JCC Sara Walker Nursery School; KidsPlace and The Zone after-school programs; programs for middle school youth and high school teens; adult education and cultural arts; a state-of-the-art fitness and recreation center; summer programs for children of all ages; an award-winning Jewish Life department; and a full array of programs for seniors.

Important Contacts:

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JEWISH COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

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The mission and promise of The Jewish Community Endowment Foundation is to raise endowment funds – permanent resources; to provide for the continued prosperity of the Foundation's Member Institutions: Bi-Cultural Day School; Chabad Lubavitch of Fairfield County; Chabad of Westport, Weston, Wilton and Norwalk; Congregation Agudath Sholom; Jewish Community Center; Jewish Community Foundation-Bridgeport; Jewish Family Service Bridgeport; Jewish Family Service Greenwich; Jewish Family Service Stamford/Westport; Temple Beth El; Temple Shalom-Norwalk; Temple Sinai; Talmudic Institute of Connecticut; UJA\Federation of Greenwich; UJA\Federation of Westport-Wilton and-Weston-Norwalk; United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien; Young Israel of Stamford; such other charities as the donor may choose. Generous though they may be, annual gifts cannot be counted on to provide the permanent funding needed for the stability and continued growth of these institutions. By definition, annual gifts are exhausted annually to meet current needs. The Endowment Foundation will provide a Permanent Fund, undiminished by, yet supporting annual needs, to sustain and secure the growth and vitality of the Jewish community in perpetuity.

The Foundation uses the following innovative programs to achieve its mission:

- Donor-Advised Funds
- Life-Income Programs (Charitable Annuities and Trusts)
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Charitable Bequests
- Life Insurance Gifts
- Real Estate Remainder Trusts

Please call the Jewish Community Endowment Foundation for a confidential, no-obligation, complimentary consultation to learn how the Foundation may *Help You to Help Yourself, Your Family, and Your Favorite Charity*.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

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Stamford, CT 06901

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Website: www.ctjfs.org

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Dedicated to strengthening and enhancing family life since 1976, Jewish Family Service offers a broad range of innovative programs and services designed to address contemporary problems and issues through counseling and therapy, direct services, crisis intervention, education, information and referral.

Whether you are caring for an aging parent, going through a difficult transition, having concerns about your child, or simply require supportive assistance with issues of daily living, JFS is here to help.



Programs and Services include:

- Counseling and Therapy – individual, family, group, children and adolescents
- Comprehensive Geriatric Services – home companions, home health aides, case management, individual counseling, support for care-givers
- Case Management – general support services, housing assistance, emergency and food assistance
- College Counseling – consulting services for families with teens contemplating college and informative workshops on college selection
- Jewish Family Life Education – programs include groups on bereavement, divorce, parenting challenges, teen issues, singles, care-givers support
- Employment and Training – services to underemployed or displaced older adults, as well as those wishing to change jobs; computer training
- Information and Referral - answers to questions or referrals on various topics such as medical issues, housing, legal aid, finances, unemployment benefits, and social security
- Summer Camp Scholarships to Jewish day or overnight camps
- Kosher food pantry

THE JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF LOWER FAIRFIELD COUNTY

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Stamford, CT 06905-8901

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Website: www.stamfordhistory.org/jhslfc.htm

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The Jewish Historical Society of Lower Fairfield County serves the community in a multitude of functions including programs, Judaica library, and archives. JHS serves as our community's resource for discovering, explaining, preserving, generating interest in and enjoying Jewish history, as well as working on preserving the past and the present for the future. The Society offers exciting (and free) programs at 10:00 am on the third Sunday of each month from September through June each year. Location of program varies within the county. Book talks with distinguished presenters are held on one Wednesday a month from September through May.

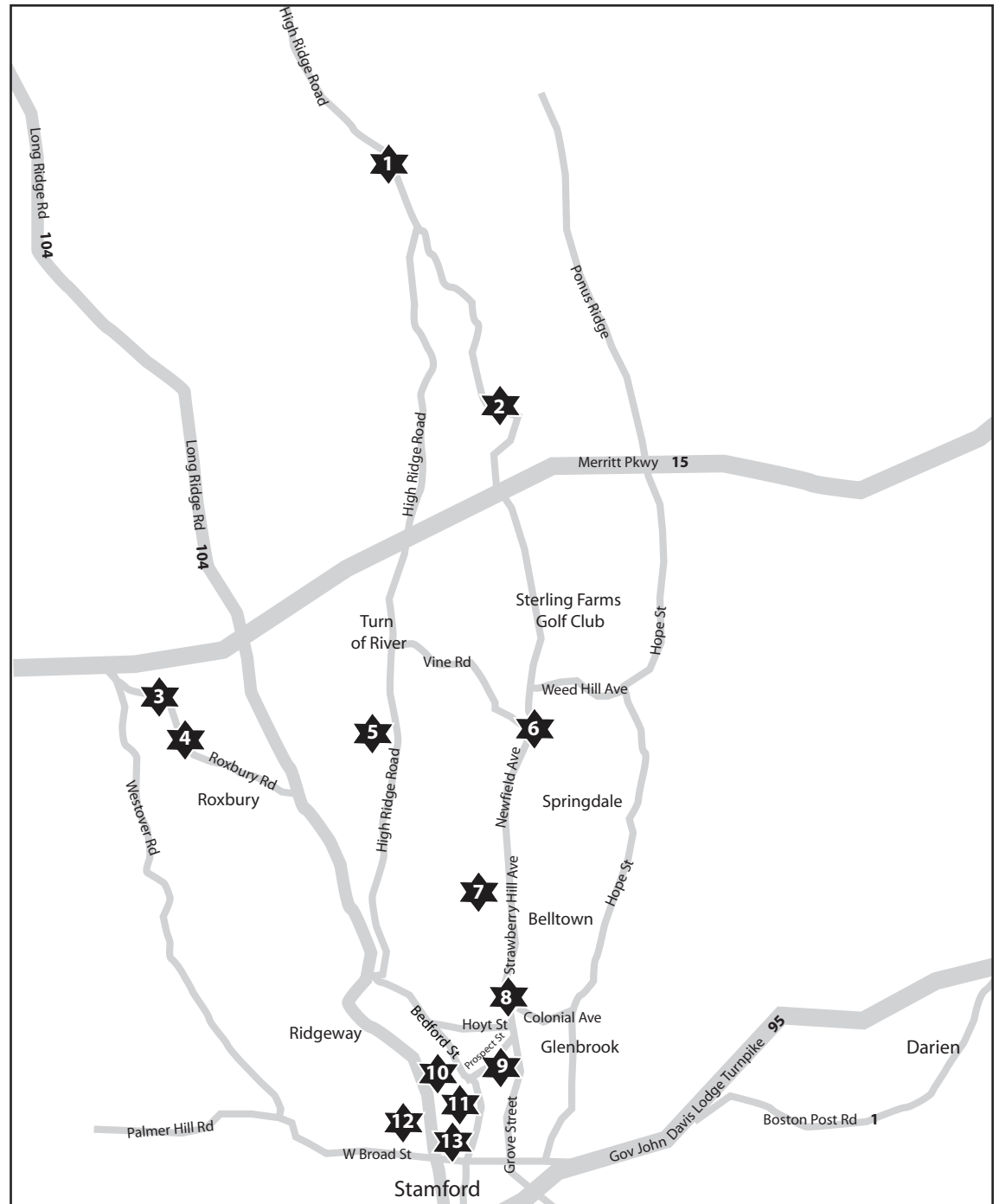
JHS also operates: the area's Jewish Archive located at 800 Summer Street, Suite 519, the Harry Rosenbaum JHS Judaica Library at the JCC, an oral history program, local genealogical organization, Jewish Gravestone Database Project, research projects; reunions and more.

The Judaica library provides a resource center of Judaic materials including books, periodicals, videos, and films - for free use by the communities of Stamford and its adjacent towns. The materials include nonfiction and fiction for all ages — from the youngest readers to adults.

The free circulating library covers categories including Jewish history, culture, religion, biography, archeology, genealogy, novels, short stories, children's books, Israel and art. A non-circulating collection on the Holocaust is available for research. Newspapers and periodicals are also available.

MAP OF INSTITUTIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS GUIDE

- 1** Bi-Cultural Day School
2186 High Ridge Road
- 2** Temple Sinai
458 Lakeside Drive
- 3** Fellowship for Jewish Learning *(Located at The Meeting House)*
572 Roxbury Road
- 4** Temple Beth El
350 Roxbury Road
- 5** Chabad Lubavitch of Fairfield County
770 High Ridge Road
- 6** Jewish Community Center of Stamford
1035 Newfield Avenue
(Also United Jewish Federation; Jewish Community Endowment Foundation; Bureau of Jewish Education; Harry Rosenbaum JHS Judaica Library; and meeting site for Chavurat Aytz Chayim; Hadassah; Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Fred Robbins Post #142)
- 7** Young Israel
69 Oaklawn Avenue
- 8** Congregation Agudath Sholom
350 Strawberry Hill Avenue
- 9** Yeshiva Bais Binyomin Academy
132 Prospect Street
- 10** American Jewish Committee – Connecticut Chapter
2777 Summer Street, Suite 503
- 11** Jewish Historical Society's Jewish Archive
800 Summer Street, Suite 519
- 12** Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Connecticut at Stamford
One University Place, Room 313, 365
- 13** Jewish Family Service
733 Summer Street, 6th Floor





**JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES,
FRED ROBBINS POST #142**

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The Jewish War Veterans (JWV) is the patriotic voice of American Jewry that provides assistance to veterans and their families for benefits, health care and medical claims. Fred Robbins Post #142 meets the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 am at the Jewish Community Center of Stamford.

Anyone who has served in the American military is invited to join, whether they served in time of war or not.

**NATIONAL JEWISH MEDICAL AND RESEARCH CENTER - STAMFORD
CHAPTER**

Phone: 203.322.7936

Website: www.njc.org

Contact: Rosalyn Weinstein

The Stamford Branch of National Jewish Hospital is a member of the Hospital's auxiliary in Denver, Colorado. This hospital is considered one of the finest research centers for respiratory and immunology in the United States.

Presently, it is doing studies not only in asthma, emphysema and other respiratory illnesses but also AIDS, cancer, juvenile arthritis and countless immune diseases.

The purpose of the organization is to make people aware of the wonderful work that is being done at this center, and that there is help available for those who have respiratory and immune problems.

NEW CANAAN JEWISH GROUP

Phone: 203.972.7840

Contact: Erica Siegel

For over 25 years, this group has provided New Canaan residents a forum for socializing and exploring Jewish culture. Activities vary each month and include holiday celebrations, potluck suppers, book discussions, lectures, theater groups and charitable work.

**UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER STAMFORD,
NEW CANAAN, AND DARIEN**

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The Federation is an "umbrella" for the over 12,000 people who live in Jewish households in the Greater Stamford area. We are a diverse and vibrant community, with so much to offer.

In Greater Stamford, we are driven by four words: Build Community! Build Campaign! Our fundraising efforts are among the strongest and fastest growing across North America. Our success has allowed us to increase our investment in both our local community and to allocate more funds to help Jews in Israel and around the world.



The United Jewish Federation (UJF) of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien is committed to unifying the Jewish community through planning and coordination of community resources, support of Jewish education for all ages, a strong fundraising campaign and judicious allocations.

Central to UJF's mission is a community built on the Jewish ideal of tzedakah: charity, righteousness and social justice. Our support for the programs of our local agencies and the humanitarian work of United Jewish Communities throughout the world enriches local, national and international Jewish life.

Among the local institutions we support are the Jewish Community Center of Stamford, Jewish Family Service, Bi-Cultural Day School, Bureau of Jewish Education, the Jewish Home for the Elderly, Kulanu, UConn Center for Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies, UConn Hillel and Westchester Fairfield Hebrew Academy.

EDUCATION AND OTHER SERVICES

BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION

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Stamford, CT 06905

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Website: www.ujf.org

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The Bureau of Jewish Education of UJF, composed of members from the entire community, is dedicated to working with all of the organizations involved with Jewish education to ensure a well-organized and creative plan now and into the future. It is the mission of the BJE to coordinate, develop, and implement Jewish educational programs and services of communal interest that purvey knowledge of Judaism and Jewish culture to the broadest audience of the community; develop and implement community teen education programming, and significantly increase participation in Jewish learning from childhood to adult.

To fulfill this mission, the Bureau of Jewish Education:

- Assesses the array of educational offerings of the community and develops community-wide programs to fill perceived educational gaps
- Develops a close relationship with agencies, congregations and organizations to ensure that the total resources available in the community can be utilized effectively and efficiently to foster excellence in education
- Offers workshops for teachers and education directors through the Mimi and Saul Cohen's Teachers' Learning Center
- Promotes awareness for needs of all children and offer seminars for teachers in the area of learning disabilities and inclusion through the Beth and Lurie's Fund and Community Allocation
- Provides Jewish education for teens through the Kulanu, Benson Zinbarg Jewish Education for Teens
- Facilitates a sophisticated learning environment of adult Jewish learning through programs such as the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School (together with JCC), the community Scholar-in-Residence and Tapestry



YESHIVA BAIS BINYOMIN ACADEMY

132 Prospect Street

Stamford, CT 06901

Phone: 203.325.4351 x 16

Contact: Rabbi Yehoshua Belsky, Director of Community Service, shueyb@verizon.net

Daily minyan services:

Shacharit morning service: Sunday-Friday 7:30 am

Mincha afternoon service: Sunday-Thursday 3:00 pm

Maariv evening service: Sunday-Thursday 9:40 pm

Yeshiva Bais Binyomin is a premier dormitory Torah high school for boys. In addition, we have a full-time Beit Midrash (group learning environment), which has been producing Jewish scholars and leaders for over 30 years. The Yeshiva is led by the world renowned Rabbi Simcha Shustal and Rabbi Meir Hershkowitz.

As part of our community service programming, we offer adult Torah study classes and special events throughout the year. Every evening we offer individual study partnerships with Torah scholars; we can work with your schedule and interests to develop a personal program for you. We also run a weekly boys learning program open to boys of all ages. As we expand, we constantly offer new classes and study opportunities. Classes and study partnerships are open to Jews of all affiliations and backgrounds. Join the many satisfied community members who are enjoying their growth in Jewish knowledge at Yeshiva Bais Binyomin.

Early Childhood Education

CHABAD GAN YELADIM

770 High Ridge Road

Stamford, CT 06905-2308

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Website: www.chabadstamford.org

Contact: Vivi Deren, Director, morahvivi@chabadstamford.org

Ages 18 months to 5 years, 2-5 days per week

We have often been told that there is a palpable feeling of warmth and welcome that envelops families – children and their parents – at Gan Yeladim. From the smiles and cheery greetings, to the hugs, laps and soft shoulders, young children are given the nurturing that is such a vital aspect of how they flourish. There are clear expectations, appropriate guidance and predictable routines, so that children have a sense of security about their world.

At Gan, we strive to see the whole child – a person with deep feelings, bright ideas, a whole range of abilities and a natural curiosity about the world. As educators we view our role as helping a child to build on the strengths they already have, to help them feel competent and confident. Problem-solving, risk-taking and critical thinking are positive experiences for children in Gan. Working with small groups of children or working one-on-one, educators strive to extend and deepen a child's questions, so that the process of learning is joyful and fun.



Housed in a brand new state-of-the-art facility with imaginative and delightful playgrounds, fully licensed by the State of Connecticut, Gan is the first Jewish preschool in the area to be accredited by NAEYC, and a vanguard JECEI (Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative) school. Gan is committed to promoting excellence in education. Our teachers are carefully chosen, not only on the basis of their professional qualifications and experience, but also as role models for *mentschlichkeit*.

At Gan we recognize that the family-school connection is huge, and should be celebrated as an integral part of the child's life. Families may differ in their Jewish lifestyles, but in Gan all children share Jewish experiences as equal peers. What Gan parents do have in common is a desire that their children should feel good about being Jewish.

Gan Yeladim offers:

- A core program that meets from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Monday - Friday, with the option to extend the day from 7:30 am - 6:00 pm. (Options chosen at time of enrollment).
- A year-round program with the option to enroll for September - June only and/or for the summer months.
- A strong pre-K program that naturally builds on the experiences of preschool as children move on to the elementary school years.
- Enrichment options for children enrolled in the afternoon programs.
- Weekly physical education instruction given by a trained teacher/coach.
- Weekly music classes given by outstanding early childhood music educators.
- Option to join "Kabbalat Shabbat for Kinderlach," a Friday afternoon Shabbat appreciation program run by Chabad for young children.

JCC FAMILYPLACE CHILDREN AND FAMILY PROGRAM

1035 Newfield Avenue

Stamford, CT 06905

Phone: 203.487.0961

Fax: 203.329.7546

Website: www.stamfordjcc.org

Contact: Wendy Bennett, FamilyPlace Director, 203.487.0961, wbennett@stamfordjcc.org

For families with very young children

FamilyPlace at the JCC is where great families begin! Our programs and classes are designed specially for families with children ages birth to 5 years, and include pre-natal classes, Spanish classes, music classes, sports and gym classes, holiday celebrations, and performances geared for the youngest audiences. Our acclaimed program, Aleph, Bet ... Go!, provides a structured transitional experience for the older toddler prior to entering nursery school. Great Beginnings gives you a place to meet other adults who share the challenges and excitement of early parenthood, while the children play and explore environments and materials specially tailored to their interests and abilities. At FamilyPlace, you'll find a wide variety of early experiences out in the world for you and your child.



JCC JUMPSTART EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

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Website: www.stamfordjcc.org
Contact: Sue McGraw, JumpStart Director, 203.487.0966, jumpstart@stamfordjcc.org

Invaluable social and educational experiences for children with special needs

JumpStart is a unique, therapeutic early-childhood classroom experience for 2- and 3-year-olds with special needs. The only program of its kind in the greater Fairfield County area, JumpStart follows the pattern of a typical nursery school classroom, offering invaluable social and educational experiences in a group setting for children who typically get one-on-one services at home. Our early childhood development instructors encourage children to practice acquired skills at critical developmental stages and to practice emerging language and motor skills in a safe, fun and accepting environment.

JCC KINDERPLACE CHILD CARE PROGRAM

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Contact: Mary Miller, Kinderplace Director, 203.487.0968, mmiller@stamfordjcc.org

The very best of individualized child care

KinderPlace at the JCC provides full-day, year-round child care for children, ages 3 through 5, while empowering young children to be part of a caring classroom community. Within the well-equipped, warm classroom space, children work to keep in mind the goals of being kind, respectful and safe in their play. Beyond the classroom, children benefit from the JCC's full-service facility, including spacious outdoor fields, swimming pool, gymnasium, KidZone, and much more. Program highlights include Jewish cultural enrichment, community outreach, gardening, nature walks, SummerPlace activities and more. Fully licensed by the State of Connecticut, KinderPlace recognizes the distinctive needs of working parents and their children, and provides a warm and supportive environment with the very best of individualized care, from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, 5 days a week.



JCC SARA WALKER NURSERY SCHOOL

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The oldest accredited Jewish nursery school in Stamford

The JCC Sara Walker Nursery School provides a nurturing learning environment where children can take their first steps into the world. Utilizing developmentally appropriate practices, our early childhood educators help boys and girls ages 2 to 5 develop positive self-esteem while encouraging them to feel good about going to school.

Ours is the oldest accredited Jewish nursery school in Stamford, and the only Jewish nursery school in the area with swimming and physical education as part of its regular curriculum. Fully licensed by the State of Connecticut, the JCC Sara Walker Nursery School is set on the spacious park-like grounds of Temple Sinai in North Stamford, with access to the full range of unique resources available exclusively at the area's only full-service Jewish Community Center.

The JCC Sara Walker Nursery School is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

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BI-CULTURAL DAY SCHOOL

2186 High Ridge Road
Stamford, CT 06905
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Website: www.bcds.org
Contact: Dr. Gerald Kirshenbaum, Principal, gkirshenbaum@bcds.org

Serving children in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade on its beautiful 13-acre campus, Bi-Cultural Day School has garnered awards from the United States Department of Education and the State of Israel for its outstanding programs in both general and Judaic studies. Bi-Cultural is an exciting, dynamic place for learning, embracing families from all levels of Jewish observance in its warm, welcoming school community. Bi-Cultural attracts students from the Greater Stamford area, throughout Fairfield County, and neighboring Westchester County towns.

In small classes with outstanding teachers, Bi-Cultural nurtures each child's unique gifts and empowers students to become responsible, morally sensitive young citizens who will play a vital role in the American-Jewish community. Personal attention and a caring faculty help each student reach his or her full potential. Bi-Cultural's graduates consistently attain acceptance at prestigious private high schools, colleges and universities, going on to become leaders in their chosen fields and in their communities

Innovation is constant at Bi-Cultural in both Judaic studies and secular subjects. Technology is cutting edge. Ongoing teacher enrichment brings the latest teaching techniques and fresh approaches to classroom learning. Visits from guest artists, performers and speakers add a special dimension to learning. Class trips to historic sites and theatrical performances broaden students' horizons. Extracurricular programs round out the Bi-Cultural experience, with opportunities to develop new skills, interests, talents



and friendships through participation in competitive school sports teams, full-scale musical productions and more.

Because Bi-Cultural is a community-supported school, it is able to offer broad scholarship assistance. The school welcomes visitors. We look forward to your call.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY CONNECTICUT JEWISH LITTLE LEAGUE

Phone: 203.461.8040

Website: www.fccjll.org

Contact: Seth Marlowe, FCCJLL Commissioner, seth@fccjll.org

The Fairfield County, Connecticut Jewish Little League is open to Jewish boys and girls pre-K through grade 8 living in lower Fairfield County (and Westchester County, New York).

We have five divisions:

- Intro to T-Ball: For kids entering kindergarten in the next school year
- T-Ball: for kindergarten and grade 1
- Minors: for grades 2-4
- Majors: for grades 5-8
- Friendship: for children with special needs ages 10-15 (in conjunction with Chabad's Friendship Circle program)

All games are played on Sundays at fields in Stamford, Connecticut.

JCC AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

1035 Newfield Avenue

Stamford, CT 06905

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Contact: Ernest Lamour, Director, Children Services and Youth Sports, elamour@stamfordjcc.org

KidsPlace, an after-school program for children in grades K-5, is a wonderful environment for children to unwind and have fun after a long day at school. Children are engaged in a variety of playful activities such as sports, arts & crafts, cooking, games, swimming, storytelling and much more. Homework assistance is available and is part of the after-school schedule. Kosher snacks are provided twice a day. Licensed by the State of Connecticut, the KidsPlace after-school program is open to JCC members in grades K-5.

For students in grades 6-8, independence and autonomy are key. At The Zone, middle school teens participate in a semi-structured and semi-supervised after-school program specifically designed for their needs and interests. Upon arrival at the JCC, participants check in with the counselor at The Zone. Every day there are a variety of activities to choose from, including racquetball, hoops, swimming, playing tennis, or organized games on our outdoor fields. Homework assistance is available, as well as baking projects, craft projects and other activities of interest. A Kosher snack is always served. The Zone is also a great place to just hang out with friends.

For children who are interested in sports, the JCC offers an array of athletic opportunities from sports classes and league play to clinics and personal coaching. Swimming classes and clinics as well as a variety of other enrichment classes are also available.



WESTCHESTER FAIRFIELD HEBREW ACADEMY

270 Lake Avenue

Greenwich, CT 06830

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Website: www.wfha.org

Contact: Nora Anderson, Head of School, info@wfha.org

Westchester Fairfield Hebrew Academy is a community day school committed to innovation and excellence in general and Judaic studies. Serving students kindergarten through eighth grade, WFHA is unaffiliated and inclusive, drawing students from all major branches of Judaism.

Located on a historic, 17-acre campus in the heart of Greenwich, WFHA attracts students from Fairfield and Westchester counties. Class size is kept small, with both a general and Judaic studies teacher per class in the elementary grades, and discipline-specific teachers in the middle school. All classrooms are technology-equipped with smartboards, multiple personal computers and wi-fi access. Middle school students enjoy the benefits of each having their own laptop. WFHA's unique curriculum integrates examples from Judaic and secular cultures, and boasts an innovative study of Jewish text. Children enjoy a wide-array of extracurricular activities and sports teams, as well as cutting-edge enrichment programs.

As part of WFHA's commitment to providing a meaningful Jewish day school experience for all children, the school offers a special education division for children with language-based learning disabilities. P.A.L.S. (Providing Alternative Learning Strategies) gives children with special needs the tools to maximize their academic potential, while at the same time affording them the myriad benefits of a Jewish education.

WFHA is a community as well as a school, dedicated to supporting and enriching the lives of our students, families and staff. Nora Anderson, Head of School, welcomes all inquiries.

Teens

B'NAI BRITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION

360 Amity Road

Woodbridge, CT 06525

Phone: 203.389.2127

Fax: 203.389.4603

Website: www.cvrbbyo.org

Contact: Josh Cohen, Program Director, jcohen@bbyo.org

BBYO is a youth led, pluralistic Jewish youth organization that is comprised of BBG for girls and AZA for boys. Stamford hosts both a BBG (Tikvah Chapter) and an AZA (Leviticus Chapter). Meetings are held every other Monday night at 7:00 pm at the Jewish Community Center of Stamford. Both groups meet to discuss past and upcoming events and have programs both separately and co-ed. These programs include community service projects, social action discussions, incoming speakers, social meetings and dances, sports activities, fraternity/sisterhood programs, and Judaism awareness/heritage programs.

Membership dues are \$75 per year, which allows one to attend programs and provides a discount on regional activities. There are 14 local chapters throughout Connecticut and Western Massachusetts that comprise the Connecticut Valley Region. Throughout the year, there are regional events, dances, conventions, as well as social action programs which allow Jewish youth to build friendships all over the state.



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

770 High Ridge Road
Stamford, CT 06905
Phone: 203.329.0015 x 414
Website: www.friendshipct.com
Contact: Malya Shmotkin, malya@friendshipct.com

The Friendship Circle extends a hand to families that have children with special needs by offering a full range of social and Judaic programs geared toward children and adults alike. Our teenage volunteers, through active involvement, become empowered, enriched, and profoundly transformed.

UJF KULANU, BENSON ZINBARG JEWISH EDUCATION FOR TEENS

1035 Newfield Avenue Suite 200
Stamford, CT 06905
Phone: 203.321.1373 x 115
Fax: 203.322.3277
Website: www.ujf.org
Contact: Shari Weinberger, Director, kulanudirector@ujf.org

Established in September 2003, Kulanu (“All Together”), is a high level, stimulating after-school Jewish education program for grades 8-12. It comprises a student-centered community of Jewish teens from different backgrounds and beliefs, who come together for several hours each week to learn about their rich Jewish tradition. Kulanu also provides an opportunity to connect, socialize and form lasting friendships. Fun and learning go hand in hand, especially when greater numbers of teens congregate to make Kulanu “the place to be.” Class choices include Jewish perspectives on current issues relevant to Jewish teens through interactive discussions and hands-on activities including cooking, dancing, acting, filming and painting. There is something for everyone at Kulanu!

JCEF/JCC TEEN TZEDAKAH

1035 Newfield Avenue
Stamford, CT 06905
Website: www.stamfordjcc.org
Contact: Dinah Miller Marlowe, Director, Teen Tzedakah, teentzedakah@stamfordjcc.org

The JCC, in cooperation with the Jewish Community Endowment Foundation and local synagogues, has introduced an exciting program for young philanthropists. While the majority of participants are teens, kids as young as 10 can be involved in Teen Tzedakah. The participant contributes \$360 and local philanthropists will match the gift with \$360 FREE, creating a tzedakah fund of \$720. Each year Teen Tzedakah participants will donate 20% of their fund to a charity of their choice. Throughout the year, participants learn about philanthropy and have opportunities to do hands-on mitzvah projects.

The Teen Tzedakah Foundation Council is made up of a leadership group of Teen Tzedakah participants who want to go one step further in making a difference in the Jewish community and throughout the world, by learning more about philanthropy and becoming grant makers. Members learn about different non-profit organizations, evaluate them and decide who is worthy of receiving grant money. Participants in the Foundation Council contribute \$100 from their already established Teen Tzedakah Fund. This money is pooled as a group and then matched by local donors to create a significant amount of money to distribute. Different from the Teen Tzedakah individual fund, the Foundation Council group fund allocates as a group upon investigation and decision-making. These young leaders are entrusted with the enormous responsibility to make important and hard decisions not only with their money, but with others’ as well.



Adult

CENTER FOR JUDAIC & MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT AT STAMFORD

One University Place, Room 313, 365
Stamford, CT 06901-2315
Phone: 203.251.9525
Fax: 203.251.9534
Website: web.uconn.edu/judaic
Contact: Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy, Director, Nehama.Aschkenasy@uconn.edu

Since its founding and inception in 1981 by Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy, Professor of Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies, the Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Connecticut at Stamford, has exposed the school’s undergraduate students to the wealth of Jewish civilization and historical experience and to knowledge of Israel and Middle Eastern culture and society. The Center has also made major contributions to the intellectual and cultural life of the local Jewish community and the larger interfaith community. Unparalleled by any other educational program in Fairfield County in its range of offerings and the religious and ethnic groups it has reached, the Center has been broadly recognized as a bastion of academic excellence and intellectual integrity, fostering a climate of intellectual fairness and objectivity.

The Center offers credit courses in the Humanities and Social Sciences in all areas of Judaic and Middle Eastern history and culture, from antiquity to modern times. Courses on Israel, international relations and politics of the Middle East, Israeli and Palestinian literature and the study of religion are also offered. Our Certificate track, an interdisciplinary concentration, serves as a tool for training adults from the community in Judaic and Middle Eastern Studies, thus enhancing the knowledge of current educators and creating a needed source of teachers for area religious schools of different faiths.

The Center’s non-credit outreach programming, renowned for its impressive speakers and innovative themes, has enriched the community’s knowledge of Israel, the Middle East, Jewish heritage and other religions. Our annual full-day conferences and semi-annual “Lunch & Learn” series, featuring some of the most eminent personalities of our times, have attracted large, diverse audiences. The Center is also the major provider of interfaith programs for both our traditional and community students.

UJF/JCC FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI-SCHOOL

1035 Newfield Avenue
Stamford, CT 06905
Phone: 203.321.1373 x 114 or 203.487.0958
Website: www.ujf.org and www.stamfordjcc.org
Contact: Dr. Ilana De Laney, Executive Director, Bureau of Jewish Education, ilana@ujf.org
Robert Abrams, Managing Director, Jewish Life and Learning, rabrams@stamfordjcc.org

The Bureau of Jewish Education of UJF and the Jewish Community Center are proud to sponsor the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School in our community. A project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, these classes enable Jewish learners from all backgrounds to learn about our heritage and culture in challenging and inspiring courses of study. Melton engages students in two years of study (two-hour weekly session per year; knowledge of Hebrew is not required). Topics include key ideas in Jewish theology, ethics, and the history of Jewish life. Classes are offered on Wednesday mornings or Thursday evenings, beginning September. Space is limited and enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Tuition: \$500 per year.



ELDERCARE

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF STAMFORD

1035 Newfield Avenue

Stamford, CT 06905

Phone: 203.487.0983

Fax: 203.329.7546

Website: www.stamfordjcc.org

Contact: Amy Hollander, Director of Senior Adult Programs, 203.487.0983,
ahollander@stamfordjcc.org

The Jewish Community Center of Stamford addresses the varied and changing needs of senior adults by providing stimulating social, physical, intellectual, and cultural programs.

JCC seniors enjoy their own lounge with bathroom and kitchen. Hot lunches are served in our multi-purpose auditorium, and classes are held in the adult lounge and the Judaica library. Included are daylong excursions to the theater and museums.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

733 Summer Street, 6th Floor

Stamford, CT 06901

Phone: 203.921.4161

Fax: 203.921.4169

Website: www.ctjfs.org

Contact: Matt Greenberg, Executive Director, mgreenberg@ctjfs.org

BIKUR CHOLIM/FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM enables volunteers to visit the homebound, infirm elderly, offering comfort in their home or hospital setting. Volunteers are trained to help identify any needs or problems and refer the senior to a JFS professional for follow up and support.

Mitzvah Corps is a volunteer service that provides Shabbat programs at six different senior residences.

There is also a Kosher food pantry for free Kosher food for those in need.

THE COMPREHENSIVE GERIATRIC CARE PROGRAM (CGC) provides assistance to enable seniors to remain safe, healthy and independent to the fullest extent possible. The CGC Program coordinates the resources that support seniors and their caregivers through individualized assessment and hands-on guidance to services.

THE HOME COMPANION PROGRAM is a training and referral service providing affordable assistance to frail older people, allowing them to remain in the living situation that is most comfortable for them and ensuring that they are safe and cared for by thoroughly screened and trained companions. It creates a safe environment in the comfort of one's own home and allows for personalized scheduling of companions (2 to 24 hours from 1 to 7 days per week). We offer a seven week professional training course for your companion and periodic home visits and follow-up. This program is supervised by certified social workers.

Services Provided

- Meal preparation and clean-up
- Guidance with grooming and dressing
- Laundry and linen washing
- Bed making



- Exercising and socialization
- Organizing activities in the home environment
- Grocery and clothing shopping
- Transportation to medical appointments, errands, social and recreational activities

For information concerning these programs, please contact Isrella Knopf, LMSW, Director of Senior Services at 203.921.4161 x 114.

GERIATRIC COUNSELING offers individualized, in-home or group psychotherapy geared toward the needs of the senior population and their families. Licensed social workers offer therapy focusing on managing at home, dealing with change, loss and bereavement, depression and anxiety, family issues, and isolation.

For information concerning this program, please contact Netta Stern, LMSW, Director of Counseling 203.921.4161 x 122.

THE JEWISH HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

175 Jefferson Street

Fairfield, CT 06825

Phone: 203.365.6400

Fax: 203.374.8082

Website: www.jhe.org

Contact: Shelley Berman, Community Relations Coordinator, 203.365.6495, sberman@jhe.org

The Jewish Home for the Elderly provides residential and community health care services for seniors throughout Fairfield County. The Jewish Home's Community Services include:

- Compassionate Care Companions: Non-medical home care in the senior's place of residence
- Institute On Aging: Geriatric Assessments and Geriatric Care Management
- Outpatient Rehabilitation: Physical, occupational and speech therapy in a state-of-the art gym
- The Center for Elder Abuse Prevention: outreach, education and protection
- The Home's Adult Day Center is a medical model program for seniors' social and recreational fulfillment. Services available include bathing and personal care; physical, occupational and speech therapies; beauty salon & barber shop.

The Jewish Home is a non-profit organization governed by a highly dedicated Board of Directors from our surrounding communities. The skilled nursing residence is on 15 acres in Fairfield. Our Bennett, Tandet and Kuriansky Pavilions provide an environment of care enriched by art and architecture. Over 700 employees carry out the Home's mission of excellence. Our specialty programs include Post-Acute Rehabilitation and Special Care Units.

The Jewish Home provides extensive recreational, social, and religious programs to promote the physical, emotional and spiritual strengths of each resident, patient, and client. Activities such as current events discussion groups, Yiddish and Hebrew classes, yoga, muscle strengthening programs, the Residents' Computer Lab, pet therapy, and creative arts therapies help each individual attain his or her highest level of autonomy, functioning, and personal fulfillment

The Home follows traditional Jewish observances. Food prepared in the Home is strictly Kosher. The Home's Director of Pastoral Services is a key member of the Home's Leadership Team.

Over 200 volunteers from throughout Fairfield County give their time, talents, and energy to enrich the lives of everyone at The Jewish Home and new volunteers are always welcome.

The Speakers Bureau of The Jewish Home designs and presents programs to promote understanding of issues related to the aging process for elders, their family members, students, and geriatric professionals.



JUDAICA



AGUDATH SHOLOM GIFT SHOP

Located in the lobby of Agudath Sholom
301 Strawberry Hill Avenue

The gift shop is run by the Agudath Sholom Sisterhood.

Gift Shop Hours: Tuesdays: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm and Sundays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
(Closed Sundays during July and August). For an appointment, please call the synagogue office:
203.358.2200.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF STAMFORD GIFT SHOP

Located in the lobby of the JCC
1035 Newfield Avenue

The gift shop is run by Amy's Corner Fine Gifts and Judaica.

Gift Shop Hours: The gift shop is open during all JCC hours; for assistance with items, please see JCC
front desk or call 203.322.7900. If you would like to special order something, contact Amy Silberfein:
203.912.8218.

TEMPLE BETH EL GIFT SHOP

Located in Temple Beth El, 2nd Floor
350 Roxbury Road

Gift Shop Hours: Sunday mornings, 9:00 am - noon and Thursdays 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Other times,
shopping by appointment. To schedule an appointment, contact Mia Weinstein at 203.595.0528.

TEMPLE SINAI GIFT SHOP

Located in Temple Sinai
458 Lakeside Drive

The gift shop is run by the Temple Sinai Sisterhood.

Gift Shop Hours: Everyday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Stop by the office or call the office for an
appointment: 203.322.1649.



LIFECYCLE EVENTS



Cemeteries

AGUDATH SHOLOM

Agudath Sholom maintains several cemeteries:

- Agudath Sholom Old Cemetery on Westhill Road in Stamford
- Agudath Sholom New Cemetery on Westhill Road in Stamford
- Independent Hebrew Cemetery in Darien

To contact the Cemetery Association:
Harvey Lapin 203.966.9222
Larry Miller 203.324.7452

TEMPLE BETH EL

The Beth El Cemetery Association's cemetery is located on Roxbury Road.

To contact the Cemetery Association: Eileen Rosner 203.324.4096

TEMPLE SINAI

Temple Sinai owns a separate section in Fairfield Memorial cemetery. Please contact the Temple Sinai
office at 203.322.1649 for more information.

Funeral Homes

LEO P. GALLAGHER & SON FUNERAL HOMES

2900 Summer Street
Stamford, CT 06905
203.327.1313

COGNETTA FUNERAL HOME

104 Myrtle Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 348-4949



PLACES IN AND AROUND STAMFORD



BARTLETT ARBORETUM (UCONN STAMFORD)

151 Brookdale Road

Native Tree and Plant Collection

COVE ISLAND PARK

Cove Road and Week Avenue (83+ acres).

Facilities include: beach with pavilion and concessions, marina, tennis courts, softball fields, horseshoe pits, playgrounds, skating rink, picnic areas, fishing, rest rooms and parking.

CUMMINGS PARK AND CUMMINGS PARK WEST/WEST BEACH

Shippan Avenue (79+ acres). Facilities include: beach with pavilions and snack bar, boardwalk and fishing pier, marina and ramp, tennis courts, handball and basketball courts, playground, four softball fields, rest rooms, and parking.

GOVERNMENT CENTER

888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901

Mailing address: PO Box 10152, Stamford, CT 06902-2152

FERGUSON LIBRARIES

Main Library
One Public Library Plaza

Harry Bennett Branch
115 Vine Road

South End Branch
34 Woodland Avenue

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
1143 Hope Street

Since it first opened its doors at the end of the 19th century, The Ferguson Library has been the soul of the Stamford community, a place of learning and education, a gathering place where people could meet and exchange ideas, and sometimes even a place to come in out of the cold for a while. The Ferguson now serves nearly a million visitors each year and countless others access its online services.



SILVERMINE GUILD ARTS CENTER

1037 Silvermine Road
New Canaan, CT 06840-4398
203.966.9700

STAMFORD MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER

39 Scofieldtown Road
203.322.1649

Facilities include a working farm, live animals, observatory, events, museum and exhibits, and many activities for children.

STAMFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

1508 High Ridge Road
203.329.1183





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