



Community Connections

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A Springtime Greeting from JCL



As the days grow longer and the world around us begins to bloom, we're filled with gratitude for the vibrant season ahead—and for you, our incredible community. This spring, we're taking a moment to reflect on the generosity and collaboration that has carried us through the past few months.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated donors whose continued support has helped us sustain and grow our work. Your contributions make a real difference in the lives we touch, and we're so grateful to have you with us on this journey.

We'd also like to extend our deepest appreciation to our community partners who helped bring meaningful programs to life throughout the Jewish holiday season. From the environmental celebrations of Tu B'Shvat, to the joy and creativity of Purim, the storytelling and freedom of Passover, and the warmth of shared Shabbat dinners—your collaboration has helped us foster connection, learning, and tradition.

As we move into this new season, we're excited to continue building, celebrating, and growing with all of you.

Welcome to Jodi!

We are thrilled to welcome Jodi as the newest member of our JCL community! Jodi brings with her a bright smile and a warm spirit. Jodi is no stranger to JCL, her brother Brian has lived in one of JCL's community living arrangements for many years and she regularly volunteers at the JCL office. She's already settling in beautifully, and we're excited for all the memories and friendships to come.

Whether it's participating in one of our Judaic Programs, a community event or just hanging out with her housemates, we know she will be a wonderful addition to her community living arrangement.



Jodi with in her new bedroom with her mom Tammy and dad Andy.

Jodi showing off her new room.

Jodi hanging out with housemate, David.

JCL comes together for a joyful Passover Seder

On April 2nd, we came together for a heartwarming and festive Community Seder dinner in celebration of Passover. Our Judaic Program Coordinator, Bonnie Eisenberg, orchestrated a beautiful evening that brought our community together in the spirit of tradition, storytelling, and connection.

The Seder service was led by Nancy Rosen, whose engaging leadership inspired many of our individuals to step up to the microphone and take part in the readings. The room was filled with participation, laughter, and a sense of unity. We were also honored to have Sara deBeer join us and share her incredible gift of storytelling, captivating the room with tales that brought the themes of Passover to life.

It was truly a special evening filled with meaning, tradition, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone, including the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, who made it possible!



Nancy Rosen, Jaime Morris, and Mira Rauch at the podium, leading the Passover service.



Our beautiful Seder dinner plate.



Sara deBeer sharing the wonderful story of Passover.





Kathy, with Brenda's assistance, helping with work in the office.

Kathy working at JCL

Kathy has been a wonderful help at the JCL office. Recently she has come in to help with office tasks like scanning and copying. She's also played an important part of our Seder dinner planning by putting together gift bags for all of the dinner attendees.

Thank you to Kathy for all of your hard work. We appreciate you!

Thank you to our friends at the Jewish Community Foundation and The Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford.

The continued support that we receive from these two community partners ensures that we are able to provide exceptional service to the men and women in our care. These funds also allow us to provide Judaic Programming throughout the year to our residents and the community.







Spotlight on Style: JCL Members Shine at the JCC Fashion Show

We are thrilled to share a moment of pride and celebration—several incredible individuals from Jewish Community Living recently graced the runway at the JCC's annual Fashion Show, and they absolutely stole the spotlight!

With confidence, charm, and a whole lot of style, our JCL participants walked the runway to cheers and applause, modeling everything from casual chic to elegant eveningwear. The event was more than just a fashion showcase—it was a beautiful display of inclusion, self-expression, and community spirit.

The JCC Fashion Show has always been a celebration of individuality, and having JCL individuals take part brought a special energy to the event. Their presence reminded everyone that fashion is for every body, every personality, and every story.

Thank you to the JCC for creating such a warm, inclusive platform and to everyone who came out to support our amazing models. We're already looking forward to next year!



Beena and her friend Lilly walking



Dani, Jay, and John waiting backstage for their turn on the runway.



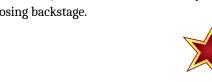
Conor with Candice enjoying their time together.



Marianne, Jordan, Melissa and Tammy posing backstage.



Kathy with Lauren and June enjoying the fashion show.







JCL Cheered Loud at the Hartford Wolf Pack Game – and Larry Little Got a Big Surprise!

On a recent spirited night at the XL Center, a group of excited JCL individuals joined the crowd to cheer on the Hartford Wolf Pack—and the game wasn't the only thing worth celebrating!

Our very own Larry Little, a longtime supporter and dedicated fan of the Hartford Wolf Pack, was honored in a big way. During the game, the Wolf Pack Booster Club surprised Larry with a custom bobblehead made in his likeness—a heartfelt tribute to his unwavering enthusiasm and years of support for the team.

Larry's face lit up with joy as the bobblehead was presented, and the entire JCL crew erupted with cheers. It was a moment full of pride, friendship, and community spirit. The tribute not only recognized Larry's love for hockey but also highlighted the meaningful connections he's built with the team and the fan community over the years.

The JCL attendees had a blast—cheering, dancing, and soaking in the excitement of the game. For many, it was more than just a night out; it was a celebration of belonging and being part of something bigger.

Huge thanks to the Hartford Wolf Pack and their incredible Booster Club for making the evening unforgettable and for recognizing one of our own in such a unique and thoughtful way.

Go Wolf Pack—and go Larry!



Larry's bobblehead from the Wolf Pack Booster Club.





Larry with other members of the Wolf Pack Booster Club.



Marianne,
Melissa, Tammy,
Deidre, and
Yvonne
supporting
Larry and the
Wolf Pack.