


# MORE THAN JUST A SYNAGOGUE...

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# A COMMUNITY!

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# Young Israel of West Hartford

## *By The Numbers*

**8** Regular Learning Opportunities
spanning all topics from Talmud to Halakha to Hashkafa and Tanach including with our **Community Scholar & Yoetzet Halacha** and **Semichat Chaver Program**

**8** New Families
welcomed in the last 6 months

**1096** Minyanim
held annually at Young Israel




**7** Regular Youth Programs
including weekly Shabbat groups, Tot Shabbat, Mussaf'n'Munch, Kidz Club, **Dor L'Dor Family Learning** Program, Friday Night Lights (FNL), Bat Mitzvah Club & **our own chapter of NCSY**

**+1500** Hot Dogs
served at events this year; all as part of a broader array of **social, fun & community-building programs!**




**336** Meals Prepared
this year to welcome new members, to help out after new babies, to provide support during shiva or during illness through our **Chesed Committee**

**$230K** Raised for causes in Israel since Oct. 7th on top of the **$7M** raised with our Jewish Federation and in addition to our **leadership and advocacy across the Hartford region.**

# *More About Us*



## Young Israel of West Hartford

Founded in 1968, the Young Israel of West Hartford is a vibrant, multi-generational Centrist Orthodox synagogue serving the spiritual, educational, and social needs of its diverse members and the Greater Hartford region.

More than just a synagogue, Young Israel inspires personal growth and social responsibility while cultivating a community of warmth, kindness, prayer, and vibrant Jewish living.




## West Hartford, Connecticut

The leafy scenic suburb of CT's capital, WeHa is the best of both worlds: warm and inviting small-town feel coupled with all the amenities of a big city. We have beautiful, safe, walkable neighborhoods and single-family homes within the Eruv starting around $450,000! The metro area boasts the nation's oldest art museum, Tony-award-winning regional theater, a cutting-edge children's science museum, and wonderful scenic trails only minutes from town.

# *Meet Our Team*



## Meet Our Rabbi & Rebbetzin

**Miriam & Rabbi Tuvia Brander** came to West Hartford in 2015. Under their leadership, the Young Israel of West Hartford has continued to grow exponentially–welcoming new faces & families from near and far. Rabbi Brander's warm and welcoming personality and commitment to creating multiple, diverse, halakhically meaningful moments and spiritual opportunities have helped attract people of all backgrounds and ages and helped them to feel at home in our community.



## Meet Our YI Community Scholar

**Yoetzet Halacha Ruthie Braffman Shulman** joined the Young Israel team 2 years ago. Together with the shul's leadership, she works to serve our ever-growing community and enhance our Torah and learning opportunities and programming. In addition, she serves as Greater Hartford's first ever Yoetzet Halacha.



## Meet Our Youth Director

Jewish communal professional by day & youth director extraordinaire by night, **Rivky Rosenfeld** enhances our community by engaging each child and teen in our shul with creative programming and targeted learning opportunities.