

# Highlights

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## The Dogwoods® @ Long Ridge



Initial Artist Rendering

As part of our long-term strategic plan, known as Vision 2031, we have been working to add options for individuals who want to be part of our extended Jewish Senior Services family. Having grown significantly from our nursing home care to offering a full continuum of home and community-based services, the goal remains to offer Independent Living for those who want the protection and socialization associated with a community.

It is with great excitement that we announce the planned development of a Life Care Community (LCC) in Stamford on Long Ridge Road - to be known as The Dogwoods® @ Long Ridge - a Life Care Community by Jewish Senior Services. A Life Care Community (or Continuing Care Retirement Community - CCRC) is designed to offer a full continuum of care - from Independent Living to Assisted Living, Memory Care and Skilled Nursing Care - in one location to give people the option to plan both for their future in terms of healthcare needs, but also financial security. There are only a few such communities in Fairfield County, and we are excited to be planning an upscale LCC in the heart of a vibrant city.

The site is 15 beautiful, wooded acres next to two medical office buildings to the north, a corporate office to the south, and the Rippowam River to the west. Jewish Senior Services has contracted to purchase the land from Building and Land Trust (BLT) in the Fall, 2022 after a number of key milestones are achieved. First, we needed to seek approval through the Planning & Zoning Boards for a General Development Plan, which was achieved on April 11th. The schematic design (shown above) captures the nature of the building to be built - although it will continue to be refined as we move forward.

In the current design, there are 168 Independent Living apartments in the main building and in two separate "villas". Each apartment will have a spacious kitchen and

living area, with well-appointed features. There will be a magnificent amenity program for those who choose to live at The Dogwoods, including a comprehensive meal program, activities, underground parking, all taxes and utilities, weekly housekeeping, and more. As with all Life Care Communities, Residents will have the peace of mind knowing that additional resources are available if they are ever needed. The Health Center will include 42 units of Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living and Memory Care - for those who need to transition to a higher level of care from Independent Living over time. In the initial years, these units will be available on a rental basis to the general public.

A Life Care Community is a planned choice - which includes both an entrance fee and ongoing monthly fees to cover the cost of all included benefits. Pricing will be set later this year and will be comparable to other communities in the market.

Jewish Senior Services has also partnered with experienced firms to develop this project. Greenbrier Senior Living, based in Dallas, Texas, has helped many non-profit clients develop and manage Life Care Communities across the country. Perkins Eastman, based in New York, has been selected as the architecture firm, and they have long been known as the pre-eminent architects in Senior Living. They also designed our campus on Park Avenue. Redniss Mead, based in Stamford, is working on the Civil Engineering and Land Use issues. Finally, Lecesce, based in Rochester, has been selected as the General Construction Manager to work with us through pre-construction and ultimately to build the campus.

Initial market research done by ProMatura (a national firm) has demonstrated strong interest in this type of community. Additional market research is being done by them in the coming months. If you would like to participate in the research, please let us know.

The final partner in this project is HJ Sims, who will be the underwriter of the financing. They are currently working on the Bond Anticipation Notes which will finance the land acquisition, marketing, and architectural design. The bonds can be made available to individual accredited investors, and again if you are interested, please let us know.

This is an exciting time in our history as we again seek to build the finest options for seniors in our community. **If you have interest in learning more or to be placed on a waiting list, please call 203-365-6494 or [kkelly@jseniors.org](mailto:kkelly@jseniors.org).**



## Courtyard Enhancements

In preparation for the summer, improvements are actively happening in the Pressman Celebration Courtyard. These include adding Jerusalem stone on the concrete seating wall and an enhanced visitation area with "grass". A shade structure and new furniture will complete the project in the coming weeks.

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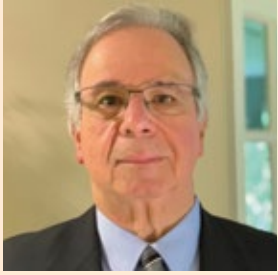


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## Chairperson and President's Remarks



**Alan Phillips**

As we look forward to summer, we are also looking forward to new beginnings. The "new normal" on our campus will include certain precautions related to COVID-19 and infection control in general, but certainly we are grateful that we are largely back together to celebrate family visits, birthdays, holidays, and special events. The "hustle and bustle" of pre-pandemic days may never be the same, but we are very proud of the inter-generational

campus that we built six years ago. We are still the only Household Model nursing home and assisted living community in Connecticut, and we will continue to strive to be the best possible environment for those who live, work, volunteer, and visit here.

Another new beginning is our work in Stamford, as we have made great progress toward the development of a Life Care Community on Long Ridge Road. In January, our Board of Directors authorized a Purchase Agreement with Building and Land Trust (BLT) to acquire 15 park-like acres, directly across from the old Lord & Taylor site, to develop this new Independent Living community with a Health Center for those who need a higher level of care. We immediately set out to commence design, seek land use approvals, and ensure that we would have a viable project to attain financing. We accomplished those goals and are now working towards

the financing in the Fall, which will allow us to move forward with this project.

Another new beginning in our community is the launch of our ElderCare Navigation service to help seniors and their families with questions and issues that arise with aging. See page 6 for more information about this new program. Our Mission is to provide resources to all seniors in our community, and we remain ever-more committed to achieve this goal.



**Andrew H. Banoff**

We remain thankful to the countless donors, volunteers, and family members who strengthen our community. You will read more in this issue of the work of our Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club and the exciting events that they produce to support our Mission.

As always, thank you for all that you do!

**Alan Phillips**

**Andrew H. Banoff**

## Andrew Banoff Receives Prestigious AJAS Award

Jewish Senior Services is proud to share that Andrew H. Banoff was named the 2022 recipient of the prestigious Dr. Herbert Shore Award of Honor. The award is presented annually by the Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS), to an outstanding executive whose contributions best exemplifies the goals and ideals of AJAS and service to Jewish older adults and demonstrates dedication, integrity, commitment, innovation, proven professional leadership, and community involvement.

The award was presented by Kenneth Wirfel, past Chairperson of JSS, at the Annual AJAS Conference in early April, which took place in Los Angeles, CA.



From left to right: Don Shulman, President & CEO of AJAS, Carol Irvine, Chairperson of AJAS, Andrew H. Banoff, President & CEO of Jewish Senior Services, Kenneth Wirfel, Past Chairperson of Jewish Senior Services.



From left to right: Andrew H. Banoff, President & CEO, Larry Condon, Senior Vice President & Administrator, Patricia Condon, James Bennett, Board member, Adriana Campos Banoff, Kenneth Wirfel, Past Chairperson, Diana August and Jon August, Vice Chairperson.



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# Slice of Life



1. Avis Dannenberg enjoys her time in the Beauty Salon with Beautician Heidi Jaramillo 2. Robert Pale creates another masterpiece in the Creative Arts Studio 3. Sara O'Connor, Art Therapist, helps Arnold Fischer with his piece 4. Ann Chapell beams with pride over her hamantaschen 5. and 6. Residents were ready for Purim 7. Alaine Keiser admires her kiddush cup 8. Several Residents enjoy time together at a recent Resident Men's Club lunch 9. Liliane Potier (and Augie) 10. Deena Berger and 11. Elaine Mileski enjoy the Mother's Day gifts from The Women's Auxiliary 12. Harold Batt and family enjoyed the Purim Oneg 13. Residents gathered to enjoy the Special Israel Shabbat Celebration 14. David Reis with one of the Pesach cards created and donated by volunteers Joel H. Treisman and Laura Yamner

# Events

## 2022 Spring Luncheon & Boutique

The 2022 Spring Luncheon & Boutique was a huge success! Over 160 members and friends of the Women's Auxiliary came together, either in person or virtually, at The Waterview in Monroe, in support of Jewish Senior Services. Guest speaker, Elyse Oleksak, Co-Founder of *Bantam Bagels*, shared lessons learned, successes, and stories from the trenches of launching their new business. Elyse's tremendous energy was palpable, even as she spoke to us virtually from her home. The event, co-chaired by Rachael Diamond, Kate Fierman and Martha Zuckman, raised over \$23,000, through sponsorships, a raffle, and fabulous boutique shopping, to support Resident programming at Jewish Senior Services.

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## Coleman Lecture Series Welcomes Dr. Lydia Dugdale



Jewish Senior Services, through the Joel and Lois Coleman Lecture Series, hosted Lydia S. Dugdale, M.D., M.A.R., a physician and medical ethicist, on Wednesday, June 1. Dr. Dugdale presented "COVID, Community & Dying Alone" to a well-attended crowd both in-person and virtually. Her presentation explored the ethics of pandemic-induced lonely dying and ended with a call for courage and hope.

Dr. Dugdale is the Dorothy L. and Daniel H. Silberberg Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of the Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at Columbia Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons. Prior to Columbia, she was Associate Director of the Program for Biomedical Ethics and founding Co-Director of the Program for Medicine, Spirituality, and Religion--both at Yale School of Medicine. A graduate of the University of Chicago Pritzker School

of Medicine, Dr. Dugdale completed her medical residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Her book *The Lost Art of Dying* is written for a broad audience and builds on her earlier academic volume *Dying in the Twenty-First Century*.

Jewish Senior Services would like to thank Dr. Dugdale for her presentation and Joel and Lois Coleman for their continued commitment as sponsors to the annual lecture series.



Left to right: Andrew H. Banoff, President & CEO, Dr. Vittoria Gassman, Medical Director, Chaifetz Family Hospice, Dr. Kenneth Fine, Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Lydia Dugdale, guest speaker, and Alan Phillips, Chairperson.

# Events

The Men's Club of Jewish Senior Services  
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or contact Lisa Becker at 203-396-1000 or [lbecker@jseniors.org](mailto:lbecker@jseniors.org).

Men's Club of Jewish Senior Services

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## Men's Club Pizza Tour

An amazing time was had by all foraging into the world of pizza in the heart of New Haven's Little Italy on Wooster Street. Men's Club members, and friends, took a 4-hour tour to historic Frank Pepe Pizzeria, iconic Sally's Apizza, new kids on the block Zeneli Pizzeria and Abate's Apizza. After sampling more than anyone could eat, a vote was taken for best pizza of the day!



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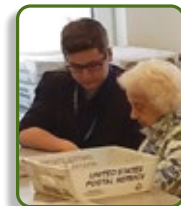
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# Community Services

## Navigating a Roadmap for Successful Aging



Older adults and their loved ones often struggle to find the right support and resources as their needs change. Frequently, the need for expert advice is magnified during a change in one's health status, at times of crisis or during a hospitalization, and it can be a stressful and confusing time. Finding help and getting answers to the myriad of questions about healthcare decisions, care in the

home, housing, insurance, medications and medical appointments can be daunting. If loved ones such as adult children live far away, the decision-making process and understanding options can be all the more stressful. Additionally, many older adults report not wanting to be a burden to their adult children who have busy lives of their own, but don't know where to turn for practical assistance that then preserves the family relationships without taking on the role of caregiver.

At Jewish Senior Services, support for elders and their families is the cornerstone of our mission and values. As the trusted source for senior care in Connecticut, we are very often asked to guide community members in navigating the complex maze of health care and senior services. Our experienced, professional elder care advisors provide personalized navigation to assist clients to age safely and comfortably, while supporting family members who often intervene when circumstances change. Navigators provide both short and long-term assistance, and can be the "eyes and ears" for adult children or other family members who live farther away. A Navigator will make referrals, assist with important health decisions, attend medical appointments as an advocate, and coordinate and communicate with family members. The role of the Navigator is as unique as the clients they serve; they are the skilled and resourceful expert whose ongoing evaluation and planning will ensure that elders have a roadmap for successful aging and a safety net when changes in physical or cognitive health occur. Through a personal relationship with a Navigator, older adults and their families can have the peace of mind in knowing there is someone with the answers and a plan to ensure a successful outcome in anticipation of one's needs as they change.

**To learn more about ElderCare Navigation, contact Tiffany Colucci, ElderCare Navigator, at 203-396-1066 or [tcolucci@jseniors.org](mailto:tcolucci@jseniors.org)**



## Recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is commemorated each year on June 15th to highlight elder abuse as one of the worst displays of ageism and inequality in our society for older adults.

Jewish Senior Services opened The Center for Elder Abuse Prevention in September 2007 with the goals of empowering victims through safe havens and services, championing safer communities for older adults and raising awareness to help prevent future abuse. The Center is the first of its kind to serve frail elderly in Connecticut, and was only the second in the nation when it opened.

Elder abuse is any act that causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust, such as a family member or friend. The abuse may be physical, social, financial, psychological, or sexual and can include mistreatment and neglect. It also includes people who are neglected and those who neglect themselves (self-neglect). Social isolation, financial or emotional stress, and dementia can make a senior vulnerable to abuse.

The consequences of elder abuse are grave: older adults who are abused are twice as likely to be hospitalized, four times as likely to go into nursing homes, and three times as likely to die. While studies show that 60% of abusers are family members, abuse can happen in any setting: in the older adult's own home or a senior living community.

Between 1 million and 2 million Americans over 65 years old were injured, exploited or mistreated by someone they depended on for care or protection, according to the National Center for Elder Abuse.

Jewish Senior Services is recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day by hosting a Virtual Lecture "A Guide to Elder Abuse & Neglect Awareness" on Wednesday, June 15th at 2:00 pm. RSVP by June 8th to [mpruzinsky@jseniors.org](mailto:mpruzinsky@jseniors.org) or 203-365-6474.

**To learn more about The Center for Elder Abuse Prevention, contact us at 203-396-1097 or email at [elderabuseprevention@jseniors.org](mailto:elderabuseprevention@jseniors.org)**

## Parkinson's Disease Education Series Wraps Up

Through a generous community grant from The Parkinson's Foundation, Jewish Senior Services has offered a free educational series for those newly diagnosed with Parkinson's and their caregivers. Beginning in November 2021 and concluding in June 2022, an interdisciplinary team of experts from The Roy and Aline Friedman Home Care Agency has been presenting an interactive 5-week course focusing on understanding and managing Parkinson's Disease. The topics that were addressed included: *Stages of Disease Progression and How to Manage Them; Mobility Management; Successful Managing Daily Activities; Management of Non-Motor Symptoms; and Addressing Cognitive or Mental Decline*. Education was also provided on local and global resources. According to Program Facilitator Anna Reeve, SLP "We are so thankful to be able to offer an educational series for individuals recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and their families. We know this diagnosis can be overwhelming but also recognize best management is proactive and early intervention is key to the best outcomes and quality of life. We hope to provide information and resources that will continue to be helpful for them to self-advocate for treatment options and support that they may need in the future."

The program was very well received, with over 50 people benefitting from the educational series.

Here's what a participant had to say:

*"The program was very good and had a lot of information that was helpful. I was recently diagnosed and had a lot of questions and didn't know much about Parkinson's. The presentations helped answer my questions. It was very helpful that it was in person so my wife and I could ask questions and have them answered face to face. The presenters were very good and gave a lot of information. The handouts given are something I can read and reread as time goes on. I appreciate those."* **M.W.**

Jewish Senior Services hopes to continue this informative type of programming again in the near future.

**For more information, contact Mary Pruzinsky, Community Outreach Liaison, at 203-365-6474 or [mpruzinsky@jseniors.org](mailto:mpruzinsky@jseniors.org)**



# Employee News

## New JSS Leadership



**Sara Witherington** joined JSS as Adult Day Program Director, leading the operations of Grasmere on Park Adult Day Program and the Memory Workshop, Early Memory Loss Program. Sara is a compassionate leader adept at juggling the myriad tasks of daily operations with a sensitivity to her team, participants, and their caregivers. Sara has arrived at a time when our Adult Day Program is busier than ever with new participants.

Sara has spent her career in the field of aging. Prior to coming to JSS, she was the social activities program manager at Elderly Housing Management in Fairfield. Sara holds a Master's in Human Development & Gerontology from Saint Joseph University. She lives in Bridgeport with her rescue dog. They spend free time with the grandkids, who live just down the road.

To reach the Grasmere Adult Day Program, please call 203-365-6470 or email [adultday@jseniors.org](mailto:adultday@jseniors.org).

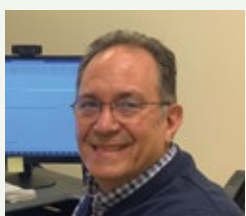


Friedman Home Care and Chaifetz Family Hospice welcomes **Julie Nuzzolillo**, Home Health Aide Supervisor. Julie has a broad experience well suited to this position as she has been in the field as a Home Care Case Manager as well as held supervisory and management positions in both Medical Home Care as well as Assisted Living.

Julie has jumped right in and embraced her role by holding Aide In-Services on site here at JSS. She has also gone out in the Community to meet many of our aides in the environment where they provide care - people's homes. We look forward to the innovative programs and trainings that Julie plans to implement!

She lives in North Haven with her husband, daughter and in-laws. Mr. Brooks, the family dog and parakeet Antonella complete the family.

To reach Friedman Home Care or Chaifetz Family Hospice, please call 203-396-1136 or email [homecare@jseniors.org](mailto:homecare@jseniors.org) or [hospice@jseniors.org](mailto:hospice@jseniors.org).



**Scott Feda** joined JSS as the Director, Information Technology. Scott comes to us with 20 years of experience in computer systems management, cyber security, and helpdesk support. He has spent the last 18 years working in the private sector for a Connecticut based chemical company. Scott has an AS in Computer Information Systems, a BS in Business Management and an MBA in IT Management. He lives in Watertown with his wife Kristine and has two adult daughters, Amy and Katie.

To reach the IT Department, please call 203-396-1100 or [IT@jseniors.org](mailto:IT@jseniors.org).

## National Skilled Nursing Care Week

National Skilled Nursing Care week was celebrated May 8-14 this year. The theme "Creating and Nurturing Connections" acknowledged the relationships staff develop with Residents and clients as essential social connections that contribute to healthy and fulfilling lives.

Gifts were distributed to Residents from the Women's Auxiliary on the first day of the celebration week, as it was Mother's Day. Throughout the week appreciation was shown to the entire staff and working volunteers as they were treated to a free meal from the Super Duper Weenie Truck and Jim's Ice Cream Truck was also on site one day. Third shift employees and those working with clients in their homes received gift cards for a meal on JSS. The week finished with a fun-filled raffle.

Thank you to MarshMcLennan Agency for their continued generosity and support to JSS and employees.



Sharing the fun with staff (left) and CNA students from Bullard Haven (right).

## Employee Spotlight



David Magner is the Program Coordinator for the Memory Workshop, an Early Memory Loss Program at Jewish Senior Services, started in 2019 with funding from the Brookdale Foundation. David achieved his bachelor's degree in Human Services from the University of Bridgeport in 2010. He interned with the Grasmere on Park Adult Day program during college and then was hired as a Recreation

Assistant upon completion. David is known for being an enthusiastic facilitator who creates fun and stimulating programs that keep his participants engaged. David is dedicated to providing support and education to EML members and resources to their caregivers/partners to help them optimize their memory and brain health. As a key contributor of the Jewish Senior Services organization, David is able to connect members with other individuals experiencing similar challenges with memory loss while simultaneously building a strong rapport with their families to enhance the continuity of care.

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## Family Portrait - Sydelle Schlesinger

I began playing piano as soon as I could reach the keyboard. I became known as the kid who could just sit down and play any song. From then on music was an important part of my life.

I was born in Brooklyn and lived there until I got married. It was a paradise for kids growing up. Unless it was really pouring, we were outdoors and there was always an old woman looking out the window making sure all the kids were safe. I commuted to Hunter College in Manhattan, which was an all-girls school when I attended. I still have good friends from my time there.

I had wonderful musical experiences at Hunter. "Sing" was a major annual event where students wrote lyrics to existing songs. We had an extraordinary group of talented women who wrote the lyrics. The whole chorus sang, and I accompanied them. I was also part of Hunter's elite women's choir that sang concerts with the men's choirs of West Point, Yale, and University of Pennsylvania every year. It was very exciting for us to spend a weekend on those campuses, and then the men's choirs would come spend weekends with us. I really got busy when we started writing original musicals at Hunter.

Others wrote the stories and lyrics, but I wrote all the music.

I worked in advertising in Manhattan after I graduated and continued to live at home until I got married in 1959. My husband, Mike, and I did the usual route of newlywed New Yorkers - we moved to Queens and then Long Island. We settled in Huntington and built a good life there raising our two wonderful children, Amy and Andy. The best decision I ever made was to have children.

We joined the local conservative synagogue and I became very involved in the sisterhood. When a new cantor came, he wanted to start a choir. A bunch of us showed up and he asked if someone would lead the choir because it was hard for him to conduct and also sing. I raised my hand. No one else volunteered. We became a very good musical group and we became good friends, too. This was a group of bright, dedicated congregants who weren't musicians, but really wanted to do it. We worked hard and even did four-part harmony, which isn't easy. I loved doing it and people really appreciated us. It meant a

great deal to me that it was all done by temple members.

When my children got older, I decided I needed to do some kind of work and ended up working as a travel agent because I always loved travel. I worked at a small agency in town and became good friends with the owner. Lonely people would walk by and see two middle-aged women and a quiet office and they would come in and sit themselves down. They just wanted to talk and we listened. The best thing was all the travel my husband and I did together. We got to as many places around the globe as we could: Central America, South America, Europe. China was one of the best trips. We learned so much; the culture is so different. Chinese really defer to older people and they treated me with so much respect because of my white hair. If you want to increase your education, just travel. You have no idea what the rest of the world is like until you enter it as a stranger.



Sydelle with her son, Andy, and daughter, Amy.

Mike and I were so happy when Amy and Andy each married terrific people. It became a joke in the family that Glenn and Kim were our favorite children! Then Amy and Glenn had Alexander and Mollie, and Andy and Kim had

Pearson and Natalie and we were blessed with four wonderful grandchildren. My girl and boy each had a girl and a boy.

My husband died in 2015 and I sold our house and moved to an apartment in Huntington, and then to Connecticut. Connecticut had just been a place to visit until my kids moved there.

I was upset when my doctors told me after my stroke that I couldn't live alone anymore. Moving to Jewish Senior Services turned out to be one of the best decisions I ever made in my adult life. I had never heard of it until suddenly I found I had the need for a place like this. I have been here for over two years and it has become more and more my home every day. The staff is really fabulous.

I am very happy living here, spending a lot of time thinking about my family and how lucky I am and being grateful that my children and my grandchildren are so wonderful.

*Written by Sydelle Schlesinger*

## Family Mail

*Thank you for taking such great care of my mom! From the moment I drop her off she's greeted with a smile and whisked away to join in a fun activity. I see a caring, loving and positive atmosphere. I know I am leaving her in a safe and nurturing environment. Thank you all for going above and beyond, and always giving 110%.*

**- A. S., Adult Day Program  
Family Member**

*My husband received wonderful care from Friedman Home Care Services after being in the hospital. Please thank his nurse and the entire staff who cared for him.*

**- C.B., Home Care  
Family Member**

## Save the Dates

**JUNE**  
Wednesday, June 15  
Institute on Aging  
A Guide to Elder Abuse  
& Neglect Awareness  
Virtual Program

Monday, June 27  
Men's Club  
George Lipton Golf Invitational  
Aspetuck Valley Country Club  
Weston, CT

**SEPTEMBER**  
Thursday, September 22  
Men's Club  
Celebrity Breakfast  
Featuring Marc Lasry  
Jewish Senior Services

**OCTOBER**  
Thursday, October 13  
Women's Auxiliary  
Fall Gala

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Stamford, New Canaan, Darien**