



Scott and Barbara Wolfe along with JFEC Executive Director Carin Savel during a brief break at the recent Jewish Federations of North America's FedLab seminar in Washington, DC in early November.

Fed Lab Part 2: "Action for Good"

By Scott Wolfe

As Barbara mentioned in her initial article in the Nov. 22 issue of this paper regarding the Jewish Federation of North America's Fed Lab Conference held in Washington, D.C., we were both very honored to have been invited to attend the 3-day event by our new, and very dynamic Executive Director, Carin Savel. Barbara, as you know, attended the track "#Engage Jewish." Carin attended the track on Anti-Semitism and Security. My track was entitled "Action for Good in the 21st Century." Here are the highlights from that track.

At the local level, our learning objective consisted of helping communities with tools and

best strategies and practices to identify, reshape, validate and/or execute the human service priorities of the local community. Those tools and strategies consist, in part, of an ambitious and aggressive dialog between the Federation and the many local agencies, to explore the needs and desired outcomes.

At a seminar with other small

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No agreement reached, third election looms

By Gil Hoffman, Jerusalem Post

No agreement was reached Tuesday night between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Blue and White Party leader Benny Gantz, who finished coalition talks at the Prime Minister's Office in Tel Aviv after only 45 minutes, and eight days before next Wednesday night's deadline to form a government.

The Likud complained after the meeting, which Netanyahu initiated, that Gantz did not

permit Netanyahu to go first as prime minister even for a short period of time.

"In order to avoid an unnecessary election, Prime Minister Netanyahu offered to pass creative legislation that would set rules for the rotation in the Prime Minister's Office that would prevent either side from violating them."

The Likud said that "despite our significant concessions, Blue and White continues to prevent a unity government." The party blamed Gantz's No. 2, Yair Lapid, for Gantz not compromising.

In a statement after the meeting, Blue and White claimed that Netanyahu did not present "any new

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Yachad BBYO almost wins Fall Convention

By Trevor Fornara

Two weekends ago, Yachad BBYO joined 17 other BBYO chapters from around the state in Danbury for the annual Fall Convention. Due to conflicts in years past, I'd never gotten the opportunity to go to the Fall Convention (or just "Fall" for short), so this would be my first and final chance to attend before graduating. Fall is the spirit convention. Think high school pep rally, but over the course of a weekend and everyone is really into it. It is a high energy weekend full of friendly competition and team building.

On Friday, November 22, we made the trek to the Crowne Plaza hotel in Danbury, Connecticut. After arriving and putting our luggage in our rooms, we

ate dinner with everyone in the dining room, before heading down to the ballroom to start the evening's proceedings. Jared Linder serves as the Shaliach for the region, meaning he coordinates and runs services at convention. The Friday night service was "Family Feud" themed. Between sections of the service, representatives from different chapters went up on stage to answer various Jewish trivia questions. The surveys that

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From left to right: Trevor Fornara, Lauren Spitzer, Simone Lerner, Ellanora Lerner, Jared Linder, Jacob Cohn, Bayla McCaffrey, Hannah Linder, and our lovely Advisor, Marcia Reinhard Not pictured: our other lovely Advisor, Rebecca Reinhard

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