

Excitement in the Air as Harrisburg hosts 2012 Mid-Atlantic Jr. Maccabi Games

For those who have been to a regional Jr. Maccabi Games before, there is a full understanding of the magnitude of the event that will return to Harrisburg on Sunday, May 20. For those who have never been to a regional Jr. Maccabi Games before, be prepared and be excited.

On Sunday morning, May 20, over 500 young Jewish athletes, ages 10-12, will be descending on Harrisburg from throughout eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and New York. And for one day, these young athletes, and a likely additional 1,000 family members, will celebrate in competition, camaraderie, teamwork, and Jewish community.

Events such as basketball, soccer, tennis and swimming will take place at local facilities. Opening ceremonies, including an Olympic parade of athletes will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with the games wrapping up that evening by 5 p.m.

To be a part of the excitement, please contact Andrea Weikert at 236-9555, ext. 3108, a.weikert@jewishfedhbg.org or Terri Travers at 236-9555, ext. 3110 or t.travers@jewishfedhbg.org.

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to ensure a bright future for
Jewish life here in Harrisburg.

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To make your 2012 Annual Campaign pledge, please contact Beth at b.romano@jewishfedhbg.org or 236-9555 ext. 3204 or Francine at f.feinerman@jewishfedhbg.org, ext. 3299 or go online to www.jewishharrisburg.org and click on the Donate Now link.



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AN EVENING WITH MADAME

The Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania
in collaboration with
the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg & Penn State Harrisburg
Presents

Tuesday, March 28, 2011
7:30 PM

Penn State Harrisburg
Morrison Gallery
(located in the Library)

*"A compelling performance. . . Stevens creates a terrifically con-
vincing character." Milwaukee Journal Sentinel – Elaine Schmidt*

*"Riveting performance. . . Stevens was an enchantress. . . people
seemed mesmerized." Scranton Times – Don Thompson*

An Evening with Madame F, a performance with accompanying lecture, is in its twentieth season of presentation at the national level. It stands among a handful of Holocaust-related live performances that express authentically a catastrophe that overwhelms comprehension. Claudia Stevens draws on the experiences of family members, as well as on documented accounts by performing artists including the French cabaret artist Fania Fenelon, to depict and narrate the struggle of women who survived Auschwitz as musicians. She performs as pianist and singer music that was played and sung by concentration camp inmates.

Concert is free with pre-registration or \$5.00 at the door

Dessert reception will follow performance.

Space is limited. Please register early.

Register online at www.jewishharrisburg.org and click on the **Madame F** logo or call Beth at 236-9555 ext. 3204 or b.romano@jewishfedhbg.org. For additional information, contact Francine at 236-9555 ext. 3299 or f.feinerman@jewishfedhbg.org

We want to apologize for the printing error in the January 27, 2012 issue for the 2011 Annual Campaign Honor Roll. The double listing of names is a result of a "reflow issue" in the printing process.

Foundation of the Foundation

THERE CAN BE NO FUTURE WITHOUT THE PAST

By Howard Ross | Executive Director | Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania

This year's Susquehanna Tzedakah Society Dinner is looking at the past as the roadway to the future. The fact is we would never have come this far as a Jewish community had our ancestors not planted the seeds, nurtured the growth and finished the foundations of the Jewish communal organizations and institutions we all enjoy today. The first Jews in Harrisburg joined together for Rosh Hashana 1852. This was the beginning of Harrisburg's first synagogue, "Ohef Sholom" an orthodox shul.

Each of the other congregations, likewise, began with a group of men and women coming together to worship in the manner of their preference. Today, we enjoy Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist congregations, allowing every Jew

to worship in the way he or she is most comfortable.

Observing the requirement of tzedakah, of helping those in need in our community, B'nai Brith, Hadassah, the Jewish Group Home, Jewish Home and Residence, Jewish Family Services and other social service oriented organizations took the reins of communal leadership and enriched the lives of the Jews of Harrisburg, both by offering a personal meaning to tzedakah and by providing for those in need.

The U.J.C., (Jewish Federation), was founded in 1933 by the agencies and congregations to coordinate communal events and fundraising. The U.J.C. was the central body responsible for raising necessary dollars for the founding and then, after 1948, fundraising for the State of Israel.

In 1958 the community leadership founded and built the Jewish Community Center, a "home and a house" for the entire Jewish community; a place for all to come together for sports and recreational events.

Today, we enjoy the fruits of the seeds planted by these men and women. They made all of this possible for us.

The role of the Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania is to assure that our children, grandchildren



and great-grandchildren will have these institutions in their lives by providing planned giving and endowment services to each and every member of the community and to each of the organizations and agencies.

The Jewish Community Foundation is the future.

With all of this in mind, on May 9, 2012, the Foundation will honor the founders of our agencies and synagogues at its annual gala dinner. In the process, we hope to collect and catalogue as much historical data as possible; to gather as much historical information as we can and to begin what we hope will be the a central Jewish history project for Harrisburg.

There is no future without the past.

The floods have taken so much of our historical documentation from us, yet we know there must be so much which has not yet been collated and catalogued. Do you have pictures? Do you have information? Are you interested in helping in this project? ARE YOU PREPARED TO BE A MODERN FOUNDER?

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 9 for the Susquehanna Tzedakah Society Dinner honoring the founders of the community.

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Junior
Maccabi
Games

*If you're a parent, you probably know how challenging it is to manage a few kids,
but how about 600?*

On Sunday, May 20, hundreds of children, ages 10-12, and their parents, from throughout eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington, DC will descend upon Harrisburg, the host city for the 2012 Junior Maccabi Games. Serving as the host city is both a huge honor and a huge responsibility, requiring tremendous volunteer resources. To ensure that the 2012 Junior Maccabi Games will be the greatest ever, we need your help. Please consider returning the volunteer form below to share the experience as Harrisburg hosts young Jewish athletes from across the region in the 2012 Junior Maccabi Games. Thank you!

2012 Junior. Maccabi Games Volunteer Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone (Day): _____ Phone (Evening): _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please mark #1, #2, and #3, by your top three choices for volunteer assignment and time.

Assignments: Registration Hospitality Medical Staff
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 Boys Basketball: Scorekeeper Timekeeper
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 Girls Soccer: Scorekeeper Time Keeper
 Tennis: Assistant

Times: 7:30 am–9:30 am 9:30 am- 12:30 pm 12:30 pm–2:30 p.m.
 2:30 pm–5:00 pm

Please return this form to: Junior Maccabi Volunteers, 3301 North Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or fax 236-8104.

**THINK
VACATION
WITH
FRIENDS!!!**

Hopefully you have seen the flyers in the Community Review for the two vacation trips that are available through the JCC. In the spring, May 6-12, 2012, we will be heading to Chicago. Also, from August 28-September 2, 2012, we will be going to the Island of Coudres in the Charlevoix Region of Quebec, Canada. These are wonderful trips, great prices, and it is a lot fun to go with a group! We need 30 participants to be able to take these trips. We have 26 people signed up for Chicago and 18 signed up for the Island of Coudres, so far. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have any interest in going on the Chicago trip! A \$75 per person deposit for the Chicago trip is due ASAP. Please call Cheryl at 236-9555 Ext. 3115 with any questions. These trips are open to everyone who would like to go – ask your family, friends or neighbors!

THE GOOD WE DO IS UP TO YOU!

NEW THIS SUMMER!

CHECK OUT OUR SPECIALTY CAMPS



SPECIALTY CAMPS...

What can you explore in one week? Anything and everything! We've got activities galore – and truly something for everyone. Help your child build skills in the activities they like best with a JCC specialty camp.

Spend 9:00 am – 12:00 pm with the specialty instructor focusing on specialty-based programming and from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm doing campy things such as free swim, art, sports, nature, theme days and lots more (specialty campers will not have instructional swim). Half day registration is also available for those that choose to attend only the specialty portion of the day. Please call Andrea at 236-9555, ext. 3108 for rates. Specialty camps will begin and end their day at the JCC.

ADVENTURES ON THE GO (Entering grades K–8)

Anything goes during this fun and exciting week of mystery and adventure. Enjoy special trips and fun theme days.

Dates: June 11-15, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
(Friday until 5:30 pm)

MAGIC CAMP (Entering grades 2–4)

A fantastic introduction to magic and the art of illusion and trickery! No prior magic experience is necessary. Learn great magic tricks, juggling and hula hooping. Nathan Kepner and Morgan Tsu-Raun, based in New Orleans, currently hold six international titles for their original stage work including "World Magic Seminar Stage Champion," and have entertained across the globe in cities including Las Vegas, London and Prague. Take advantage of their eclectic combination of skills and learn the art of magic and trickery from two of the best. Check out their website at www.nathankepner.com

Dates: June 18 – June 22

Min 10/ Max 20

Campers will be transported round trip to Green Hills for this camp.

GYMNASTICS CAMP (Entering grades 1–4)

Join the Harrisburg School of Gymnastics for this fun-filled week that will include trampoline, games, dance, crafts and lots of gymnastics.

Dates: June 18 – June 22

Min 10/Max 15

Campers will be transported round trip to Green Hills for this camp.

MAKE AND TAKE IT HOME: Science Projects you take home – that teach – that are fun. Sciensational Workshops. (Entering grades 1–4)

In this hands-on, fun, and exciting program, you will discover how amazing science is. You will make and take home a wide assortment of toys designed to teach you science concepts in a hands-on way. Grow and take home a crystal tree. Make an energy bead bracelet and watch as those amazing beads turn from white to a rainbow of colors before your eyes. Build a working electric motor. Make your own sharpie pen T-shirt and learn some cool chemistry (camper supplies a 100% cotton T-shirt). Make your own bubbling blobs and explore the properties of a density tube. Make silly putty—glowing goo—green flubber and other cool projects. By the way...we will make ice cream in our own amazing, different, Sciensational way!

Dates: June 25 – June 29

Min 10/ Max 25

Campers will be transported round trip to Green Hills for this camp.

BASKETBALL CAMP (Entering grades 1–4)

Basketball camp is designed to be a fun and challenging experience where your child will learn passing, shooting and dribbling skills as well as game fundamentals and team play.

Dates: June 25 – June 29

Min 10/Max 25

Campers will be transported round trip to Green Hills for this camp.

MULTI-SPORT CAMP (Entering grades 1–4)

Can't decide what sport is right for you? Try them all in this multisport camp. Children will have a lot of fun playing basketball, flag football, dodgeball, volleyball, soccer, hockey and more.

Dates: July 2 – July 6
(no camp on July 4)

Min 10/Max 20

Campers will be transported round trip to Green Hills for this camp.

LET'S GET COOKING (Entering grades 1–4)

Lisa McNair, Certified Health Coach

Make summer a fun time for your kids to learn about delicious healthful eating and how to fend for themselves in the kitchen.

The camp will cover food safety, basic food preparation, nutrition, etiquette and include a trip to the farmer's market. On the last day, the campers will show off their new cooking skills with a luncheon for themselves and a guest.

Dates: July 9 – July 13

Min 12/ Max 15

This specialty camp will be held at the JCC. At noon campers will be transported to Green Hills for afternoon activities.

For more information please contact Andrea at the JCC
Email: a.weikert@jewishfedhbg.org • Call: 236-9555, ext. 3108



NEW THIS SUMMER! SPECIALTY CAMPS CONTINUED...

CIRCUS CAMP (Entering grades 1-4)

The National Circus Project is the first, best and longest running circus arts-in-education organization in the USA. Participating campers can expect:

- A fabulously fun-filled (and safe, too!) circus instructional program, great for both beginners and those with some previous circus skills experience.
- Hands-on workshops in feather balancing, juggling, plate spinning, stilt walking and much more.
- An intensely creative experience, interacting with world-class artists to create their own circus show
- An opportunity to shine in the circus ring - thrills, skills and circus memories to last a lifetime!

Check out their website at www.nationalcircusproject.com

Dates: July 9 – July 13,
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Min 15/ Max 25

Circus Camp is a full day camp and will run at the JCC.

Deadline to register: February 1

ART WITH JODIE (Entering grades 1-4)

Would you like to experiment with various techniques and art materials, combining them to create unique and individualized creations? By participating in this camp, you will learn techniques of master artists and experiment with various art mediums to create drawings, paintings, collages, and other works of art, using imagination and creativity.

Dates: July 16 – July 20

Min 8/Max 15

Campers will be transported round trip to Green Hills for this camp.

PROSPECTORS MYSTERY ROCK WORKSHOP Sciensational Workshops. (Entering grades 1-4)

You are going to be a Prospector (you know those people who were always looking for gold). In this workshop you will get to excavate for valuable gems,

fascinating rocks, and some ancient fossils. All are yours to keep. What hidden wonders will you find? The identities of the 10 specimens found in your Mystery Rock have been kept a secret from you. You will experience the thrill of discovery, much as prospectors did. You will be able to identify each one. Your specimens are in a hard clay material the same as prospectors found. You will have to get them out without breaking or scratching them. That's not that easy. You will get an excavation tool, specimen brush, log book, sorting trays and labels. You will, as a Prospector, record the color, both wet and dry texture, and its ability to float for each of the 10 specimens you dig out. Make an educated guess with our help to whether each one is a rock, gem, or fossil. See how good you are. You will learn from us the exact name and classification. We give you hands-on science (Prospectors Style - Fun - Educational - Exciting).

Dates: July 16 – July 20

Min 10/ Max 25

Campers will be transported round trip to Green Hills for this camp.

CRAFTRAGEOUS (Entering grades 1-4)

Imagine. Design. Create. You will learn about and use different mediums to produce artwork such as painting, drawing, clay, photography and more.

Dates: July 23 – July 27

Min 8/ Max 15

Campers will be transported round trip to Green Hills for this camp.

CSI CAMP (Entering grades 2-4)

Help solve the mystery of the missing heir. Campers will use their forensic skills to investigate a kidnapping. Learn how to dust for fingerprints and analyze blood, fiber, paper and ink.

Dates: July 20 – August 3

Min 10/ Max 15

Campers will be transported round trip to Green Hills for this camp.

AROUND THE WORLD (Entering grades 1-4)

Lisa McNair, Certified Health Coach

Get ready to tour the globe this summer. Each day we will explore a different country's culture, language & customs. Campers will make a craft, learn a game and enjoy food associated with each country.

Dates: August 6 - 10

Min 12/ Max 15

This specialty camp will be held at the JCC. At noon campers will be transported to Green Hills for afternoon activities.

THE ROCKIT ROBOT Hyper Peppy Robotics: A look into the past and the future. Sciensational Workshops. (Entering grades 1-4)

Build and take home your own Rockit Robot. It's sound activated. Use the clap of your hands or the sound of your voice to get it moving. It has a very sensitive touch/sound sensor. When it comes in contact with an object it will automatically go into reverse, and then turn left before embarking on a new course. It's fast!!! You're able to adjust it's sensitivity to sound. You will see, first-hand, the many gears, circuit board, microphone, and it's easy to assemble mechanical drive system. The completed project will help build self-confidence. You will also get to build other robots as a part of a small group. Be a part of robotic technology and have fun investigating the future effects it will have on our lives.

Dates: August 6-August 10

Min 10/ Max 20

Campers will be transported round trip to Green Hills for this camp.

ANYTHING GOES WEEK (Entering grades K-8)

Anything goes during these 5 days. Children will enjoy cooking, Mad Science, sports, outdoor play, swimming and much more.

Dates: August 13 – August 17
8:00 am – 6:00 pm, Friday until 5:30 pm

Golf and Tennis Specialty Camps will also be offered through Blue Ridge Country Club. Dates will be available in January

You've heard about The Silver Academy. You've passed by our doors on your way into the JCC. You've seen our children playing in the gym, the pool, or the playground. Or, maybe you've never been inside the building but have a neighbor who is always talking about the great things happening at our school. The Silver Academy's Spring open house is the perfect opportunity for you to see first hand what the buzz is all about.

Our students achieve. In 2011, Silver Academy students were administered the Third Edition of the Terra Nova Complete Battery Assessment Test. The Terra Nova test is a nationally standardized achievement test in which students are evaluated in reading, language arts, math social studies and science. We are happy to report that The Silver Academy students ranked in the 90th percentile, well above the national and Pennsylvania State averages. The Terra Nova tests confirm that our students rank among the top students nationwide.

At The Silver Academy, excellence in academics is grounded in an atmosphere that fosters the highest values of Jewish tradition. We don't just talk about values, we teach them by living them. Each morning, our students recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and sing The Star Spangled Banner and HaTikvah, the Israeli national anthem. But, they also pledge to be kind to one another in The Silver Academy Pledge: "I pledge to treat others with respect, avoid "loshon hara" (evil speak/gossip) and use kind words, perform acts of loving kindness, and stand up for myself and others and be a "rodef shalom" (a seeker of peace)." In an age when bullying is an epidemic in schools throughout the nation, imagine starting each day with a reminder of the moral and ethical qualities that are expected of every member of our learning community!

We invite ALL interested families to join us for our Pirate Adventure Open House on Thursday, February 16th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Come experience all the treasures The Silver Academy has in store for your family. Pirate Pasta Dinner and ye olde pirate activities (map making, crafts, and prizes) will be available for all Junior Buccaneers from Pre-K through 8th grade, while parents will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet with teachers and discover this treasure at the heart of our community.

JCC Sports, Fitness, & Recreation Newsletter

In General



Thank you all so much for all of your help throughout the flood situation. Thanks to all who contributed to Super Sunday, whether it was monetary or voluntary. We appreciate it.

The Adult Sports Banquet will be held March 3rd and the Kids Sports Banquet will be March 18th. Contact [Terri Travers](#) for tickets and information.

Fitness Center - Jeremy

Welcome back, everyone!!! What a few months it has been! Shortly after the flood, the Fitness Center relocated to the Mary Sachs. It was nice to have a change of scenery. As of Monday, January 9th we are back down stairs. It's been a bit hectic but it's nice to be back in our original location.

Slowly things are starting to look a bit more normal. All our cardio equipment is in its original location. The televisions as well as the Cardio Theater are all working. We also now have carpeting in the cardio area, hallway as well as both locker rooms.

While all of our cardio equipment as well as our remaining strength equipment are down stairs, all of our classes are remaining in the auditorium.

It's great to see some familiar faces coming back. Everyday we are trying to make it a little better. We hope to see you soon!!

Aquatics - Kelly

Well, it's been different to say the least. Our indoor pool is up and running. Since Lee, our pool has been sanitized, pressure washed, new operating machines, and reorganized some of our space. Many look at the situation negatively, but there's a positive spin to everything in some way. Our water, lane lines, and vacuum are all brand new. The JCC Swim Team is back to their routine practice schedule as well. Our AquaFit, Deep Water Aerobics, Aqua Zumba, Water Pilates, and Silver Splash classes have resumed and participants are again surrounded by friends and new participants with smiles on their faces.

February 2012



Reminders

- ◆ Like us on Facebook! [The Official Page of Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg/JCC](#)
- ◆ Sign up on SFR email list at Fitness Desk or by [emailing](#)
- ◆ Check Class and Pool schedules for info.



Congratulations [Cheryl Yablon](#) for winning the Inspirational Athlete Award! Cheryl is the driving force behind our Senior Adult events and Silver Sneakers program. Way to go!

Congratulations to member Marty Brill for winning the '3D' Award!



Spread the word! Forward this flyer to friends!

- Silver Sneakers Classes
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- Check schedules for days & times

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to our Fitness Manager, [Jeremy Kreiser](#) for winning the Merv Woolf Achievement Award. Jeremy has demonstrated his dedication and energy to the SFR Department. We're lucky to have you!

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Day 2: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before continuing towards your destination. Along the way, you will visit the Studebaker Museum in South Bend, IN. Later, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and check into your Chicago area hotel.

Day 3: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before departing for your Guided Tour of Chicago. Then, experience one of Chicago's top attractions - The Historic and Fun-filled Navy Pier where you'll enjoy great shopping, eateries, a free stained glass museum, and more; all in a beautiful setting. Then later, relax on a Cruise and take in the spectacular Chicago skyline view from lovely Lake Michigan. This evening, enjoy Dinner.

Day 4: Today, you'll visit the Art Institute of Chicago - Home to some of the world's most well-known art collections. Next, you'll go to Chicago's famous "Magnificent Mile" and enjoy the sight of some of this beautiful city's architecture. Enjoy free time to do some sight-seeing or shopping at the fabulous (8 floors, 100 stores) Water Tower Place Mall. See the Old Chicago Water Tower - one of the few structures to survive the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Tonight, you'll enjoy another night of Dinner and live entertainment.

Day 5: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll depart for the world famous Willis Tower formerly the Sears Tower. The Observation Deck has undergone a \$4 Million Dollar renovation. Come and see breathtaking views of Chicago and explore the city's rich history with the Skydeck's new interactive displays. Then, you will visit the Shedd Aquarium. Explore the oceans of the world at the "World's Aquarium". This evening, you will enjoy Dinner and then return to your hotel to relax after a fun-filled day.

Day 6: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before leaving for a visit to the Das Dutchman Essenhaus in Middlebury, IN. This evening, relax at your en route hotel.

Day 7: Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you depart for home... a time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!

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Tickets are on sale now for a very special community Pops concert. Franc d'Ambrosio's one man show "Franc d'Ambrosio's Broadway" will take place at The Forum in downtown Harrisburg for the entertainment of families and showtune-loving individuals of all ages. Maestro Stuart Malina of the Harrisburg Symphony will emcee the program.

If you were lucky enough to hear d'Ambrosio's Pops Series performance with the Harrisburg Symphony last year, you now what a fabulous singer and entertainer he is.

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PURIM FOOD DRIVE AT BETH EL TEMPLE

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee, Beth El Temple's annual Purim Food Drive will take place this year from February 26 to March 12. The Food Drive will benefit the Community Food Pantry at Jewish Family Service. On its premises, Jewish Family Service maintains a year-round pantry of canned and boxed foodstuffs, paper goods and toiletries. These necessities are made available to clients who need emergency assistance. Recommended items include canned tuna fish, canned fruit, canned or boxed vegetarian soups, peanut butter, boxed breakfast cereal, paper towels, tissues and toilet paper.

During the two weeks leading up to Purim, a table will be set up in the Beth El Temple Lobby for drop-off of donated goods. On the holiday of Purim, as we celebrate and make merry, we also remember our neighbors in need. It is a Jewish tradition at Purim time to give gift baskets of Mishloach Manot as well as contributions to the needy. All collected goods will be delivered to Jewish Family Service the Monday after Purim.

How Can I Make a Difference?

By Rabbi Akiva Males

We are all aware of the terrible splits we see among Israel's Jewish population. My friends and colleagues in Israel tell me they cannot remember a time in recent years where so much fragmentation existed. All this at a time when hostile threats facing Israel are greater and greater each day. If there was ever a time when we could not afford to be splintered, it is now. But how can we – out here in Harrisburg – help bridge some of the gaping chasms that exist in our extended Jewish family?

I recently found out about a wonderful organization called “A Package From Home”, started by a retired American woman.

From their website: Our mission is to strengthen the spirit and resolve of each Israeli soldier, and to show our appreciation for the sacrifices they are making in securing our safety and the survival of the Jewish People. Our care packages are not only a warm reminder of the love and esteem we hold for our soldiers but also are items that they truly need.

Packages are sent first to Chayelim Bodedim (male and female combat soldiers that have no immediate family in Israel) and severely wounded soldiers who are receiving long term hospital care.

Winter packages include a fleece jacket, 2 piece long underwear, bath towel, fleece blanket, ski hat, gloves, socks, boxer shorts, neck warmer, individual packets of coffee and sugar, candies, chocolates, and snacks, travel size toiletries, and 4 letters written by people from all over the world offering the soldiers thanks and encouragement.

These packages aren't just about sending our soldiers candy and treats. These packages include essential items that our brave Chayalim (soldiers) need in order to get through the cold winter months. Apparently, the Israel Defense Force (IDF) is not able to equip their soldiers with all those items -- that's left up to their families.

What if a soldier has no immediate family in Israel? This organization makes sure that soldier still ends up with those winter essentials. Each packages costs \$30 to sponsor. On January 20th, KI's Rabbi's Discretionary Fund sponsored 12 winter packages to be delivered to soldiers during the final week of January.

I have no way of making this happen, but I wish those 12 packages from KI would be delivered to completely non-observant soldiers. I would love to let them know our Orthodox synagogue out in Harrisburg, PA loves, supports, and appreciates them for being our Jewish brothers/sisters – regardless of their level of observance. I know this won't come close to completely solving the terrible rift that exists between Israel's observant and non-observant communities. Still, it's our congregation's attempt to create a bit more cohesion among our people than there is now.

There's a second wonderful cause that KI's Rabbi's Discretionary Fund recently contributed to. We are all aware of the horrible news coming out of Beit Shemesh, Israel over the past few months. To make a long story short, a girls' school – Orot Banot – aligned with the Religious Zionist community in Beit Shemesh, has been subject to ugly attacks by members of another 'religious' community that cannot tolerate the ideologies of the school. The students have been subjected to inexcusable intimidation, harassment, and violence.

All responsible Jews have condemned those who treat little Jewish girls in such an abhorrent fashion. However, in thinking this over recently, I was bothered by the following thought: Other than condemning the thuggish behavior of some, and commenting on one angle or another of this terrible story, what have I done to try and comfort those wonderful children traumatized by this terrible situation?

I followed up by reaching out to several friends and colleagues in the greater Beit Shemesh area. I asked for their help in making sure this e-mail reached its intended destination:

Dear Orot Banot of Beit Shemesh,

I hope you are well. My name is Akiva Males. I am the rabbi of Kesher Israel Congregation in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA. (An OU synagogue.)

All of us here feel terrible about the violence, intimidation, and harassment that your wonderful students have had to deal with. We'd like to help put smiles on their beautiful faces. Can you please tell us how we can do this? We would like to make a modest contribution. Can we donate funds for a school Shabbat party, or something?

Please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks so much.

Rabbi Akiva Males

On Friday (January 20th), I received the following e-mail from the principal of the Orot Banot girl's school in Beit Shemesh -- Mrs. Pirchiya Nachmani.

Dear Rabbi Males,

Firstly, thank you for your note and support. It is very appreciated. At this point, we believe that the best way to counter the intimidation that has been aimed at our school, is by continuing to do what we have been mandated to do. That is, educating our young girls with a passion for learning, teaching them to strive for excellence in all areas, and developing in them a strong love for Israel -- קראב לארשי תרות מע לארשי מע . לארשי .

To that end, we would be grateful if you would consider a donation towards our library or our science lab. This would react to destruction with building, it is something that will stay with our students and as you wrote “put a smile on their beautiful faces”.

We invite you to come visit our school so you can see personally how our students themselves are the “living response” to the situation.

Again, thank you so much for your support,

Mrs. Pirchiya Nachmani

Principal Orot Banot School

Needless to say, a check from KI's Rabbi's Discretionary Fund was sent, and our entire congregation feels proud to support the wonderful students of Orot Banot.

I sincerely hope we will always look for ways to reduce the terrible rifts that exist among our people. I also hope that when we learn of someone who has been wronged, we will do more than just comment. Let's always try to bring some degree of comfort to those who have been mistreated.

I know this is just a start, but I'm glad that KI is trying to do its part.

Kesher Israel Congregation's Rabbi Akiva Males can be reached at rabbimales@yahoo.com

RABBI CHOPER RECEIVES AWARD



Rabbi Carl S. Choper (right) is presented with the Harambee Recognition Award for the Nguzo Saba Principle of Ujoma-Unity by Nathaniel Gadsden, (left) Co-Founder of Life Esteem. This award is presented to an individual who strives for and maintains unity in the family, community, race and nation. Rabbi Choper has worked to bring a sense of pride and harmony to many groups within our community; he has been responsible for bringing people together in

times of crisis and disparity, and is committed to sound family and moral principles. The award was presented to Rabbi Choper at the Cooperating Congregations event held Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at the Hadee Mosque in Harrisburg. Rabbi Choper is the Executive Director of The Religion and Society Center in Harrisburg, PA.

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February 24: Hors d'oeuvres, 5:45 p.m.
 Service, 6 p.m.

SATURDAYS

February 11: Service, 9:15 a.m.
 Adult Bat Mitzvah Jr Congregation 10:30 a.m. Minchah 5:18 p.m.
February 18: Service, 9:15 a.m.
 Minchah 5:27 p.m.
February 25: JAVA 'n' TORAH (Us and Them: Are We In This Together, Or Not), 9 a.m. Service, 10 a.m. Minchah 5:35 p.m.

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Friday, February 17: Shabbat Service, 6 p.m., Lehrman Chapel
Saturday, February 18: Cantor's Morning Shabbat Service, 10:30 a.m., Lehrman Chapel
Friday, February 24: Family Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Saturday, February 25: Tot Shabbat, 10:30 a.m., Lehrman Chapel - Service for little ones from birth through age 6.

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Rosalyn N. Chizeck, 84, of Harrisburg, passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at Harrisburg Hospital. She was born on November 4, 1927 in Pittsburgh to the late Michael and Florence (Fellman) Wnuk. She was a graduate of Schenley High School, where she was the Salutatorian of her class and attended the University of Pittsburgh. She worked as a bookkeeper and was a consummate homemaker and mother.

Rosalyn was an active member and volunteer of Temple Ohev Sholom, Harrisburg, and the Sisterhood of Temple Ohev Sholom. She was a past board member of Temple Ohev Sholom and was active with B'nai B'rith Women. In 2006, she and her

late husband, Aleck, received the community Mitzvah Heroes award from Temple Ohev Sholom for their volunteerism.

Rosalyn was known as a very welcoming and outgoing person, making anyone and everyone feel at home at the Temple. She enjoyed reading, word games, keeping up with current events, singing and attending musical performances. She was the widow of Aleck H. Chizeck.

Surviving are three daughters; Susan P. Chizeck and her husband William Pervin of Dallas, TX, Janet R. Messer and her husband Stephen of Chandler, AZ, Gerri L. Chizeck of Baltimore, MD; two brothers, Irving Wnuk of Pittsburgh, Marshall Wnuk of

Pittsburgh; two sisters Hermine Schwartz of Los Angeles, CA, Phyllis Tucker of Pittsburgh; three grandchildren, Benjamin Messer, David Messer and Hannah Pervin. She was preceded in death by a brother, Gary Wnuk, and two sisters, Eleanor Kenan and Lois Braden.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 18th in the Bookstaber Chapel of Mount Moriah Cemetery, with Rabbi Peter Kessler officiating. Burial was in Mount Moriah Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Rosalyn's honor may be made to Temple Ohev Sholom 2345 N. Front St. Harrisburg, PA

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Program: "The Jewish Perspective" with Bob Axelrod, 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
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Program: "Gents Nite Out" Barbershop quartet, 12:30 p.m.

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