

YOM HASHOAH OBSERVANCES: HOLOCAUST MONUMENT OBSERVANCE

The commemoration at the Holocaust monument on Riverfront Park will take place on Sunday, April 15 at 10:00 am. Students participating in the March of the Living will be involved in the conducting of the observance, and winners of the high school and junior high school divisions of the Schwab Holocaust Essay contest will read their essays. Faye Doctrow and Aviva Miskin will share the Holocaust experiences of their parents, Abraham and Rosa Brojges, Holocaust survivors who settled in Harrisburg after World War II.

READING OF NAMES

On Wednesday evening, April 18, Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) will be commemorated with the "Reading of Names" program to be held at Beth El Temple, 2637 North Front Street in Harrisburg.

This meaningful program will begin at 7:30 PM with a special opening service led by children from congregational Religious Schools and the Silver Academy. Following the opening ceremony, a vigil in which the names of those who perished will be read continuously over a period of 24 hours.

Unto Every Person there is a Name seeks to dignify the memories of victims of the Shoah, the Nazi Holocaust, by reading their names aloud. These victims were stripped of their names by their oppressors and tattooed with numbers. Through the public reading of the names of Holocaust victims, this program strives to restore a portion of their humanity and to retrieve them from the lost depths of anonymity.

For more information or if you would like to sign up for reading, please contact Lillian Rappaport at the Jewish Community Center, 236-9555, ext. 3402.

HOLOCAUST CIVIC COMMEMORATION

The annual Holocaust Civic commemoration, co-sponsored by the Governor's Office and the Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition, will occur on Tuesday, April 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Governor's Reception Room in the State Capitol.

AN EVENING WITH MADAME

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

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

7:30 PM

Penn State Harrisburg
Olmsted Building
Auditorium

"A compelling performance. . . Stevens creates a terrifically convincing character." Milwaukee Journal Sentinel – Elaine Schmidt

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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

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

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- b. Happy Passover
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RESPECT YOUR ELDERERS, YOUNG MAN....

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

For as long as I can remember, I was taught to respect my elders. I knew they were providing the opportunities for sports, education and culture which I enjoyed. I knew they were my teachers. And I knew that had I not shown them respect, my parents would provide the "incentive" to do so in the future.

Learning from my elders has always been an aspect of my life, especially in my career working in the Jewish community. But I have to confess, it has not been easy.

I recall that in my first job I gravitated to a senior group who offered a community Yiddish class. I took that class and became close to a number of the "seniors" who, one by one passed away, and I missed them as well as the Yiddish.

By and large, by the time one reaches the "golden years", social graces have been learned and competitiveness, at least open competitiveness, has passed. It is amazing how nice the senior population is.

The Harrisburg Jewish community has a senior club which meets twice weekly for lunch and a program. Staffed by Cheryl Yablon, with Ann Feierman as the "president for life", this group of men and women are an inspiration. Would you believe that they exercise and line dance prior to lunch? The love that Cheryl and Ann offer to these men and women is contagious.

That contagion got to me and I joined the club (yep, I REALLY am old enough!) and began participating in the lunches. And

again I became close to these men and women and one by one, they are passing on.

Recently, we lost Melvin Michaels. Mel was teacher, a writer, a pianist; Mel was a wonderful man with a constant smile and a talent for making everyone feel included and important.

Melvin had this idea of a senior talent show. So he wrote one! He wrote skits, put together music and then got people to give up their inhibitions and act and sing. He played the piano for the "show", always with a smile on his face and a pride in his heart for everyone who participated.

After Melvin's passing a few weeks ago, Cheryl and Ann were ready to give up the show, but Melvin had already written one for this year. In Melvin's honor,

it was decided that they could get another pianist and it that the show must go on!

So this May, the Seniors Club of the JCC will present its annual talent show of song and dance (much like the Yiddish theatre) in memory of its founder, Melvin Michaels.

Nu? So why am I telling you this? Because I feel a responsibility to keep this wonderful program going for many more years. I want to build an endowment to honor Melvin Michaels and to show respect and support for the men and women who give up their inhibitions and sing and dance so others may enjoy.

I am asking you, whoever you are who read this column, to help by sending whatever you can to the "Melvin Michaels JCC Senior



Talent Show Endowment".

Send it to the Foundation office. Join me in honoring this man and his talent given for his fellow senior club members. Join me in assuring that Jewish seniors will be able to enjoy Melvin's gift to them for many years to come.

May Melvin's memory be music to our seniors thanks to you and your donation to the Melvin Michaels JCC Senior Talent Show Endowment.

WOMEN of VISION A Tzedakah Collective for Women

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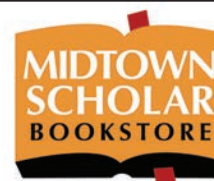
WOMEN of VISION A Tzedakah Collective for Women

The Women of Vision Philanthropic Fund is again accepting applications for grants for 2012. Grants averaging \$500 will be made to benefit Jewish women and children in our community through local community agencies, organizations and synagogues. A synagogue or social service agency can be contacted to submit an application on behalf of someone in the Harrisburg area in need of assistance.

Examples of prior grants have included financial assistance for medical expenses, educational/vocational opportunities, special needs children, and general household support. The Fund makes grants in a strictly confidential manner. The Grants Committee knows only the profile of any individual candidate and not the identity. The agency, organization or synagogue would be the administrator of the grant for the individual and would receive the funds on their behalf and distribute them to the recipient and monitor its use.

Grants will be awarded at the Women of Vision's Annual Awards Presentation and Chocolate Buffet on Thursday, June 7, 2012.

Applications are due March 30th to the Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania. Please direct questions or applications to Michele Wickwire at 717-236-9555 (press one) or via email at m.wickwire@jewishfedhbg.org.



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Lawrence P. Levitt, M.D.
Co-author of *UNCOMMON WISDOM*

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Brunch
Sunday, April 22, 2012
10:00 AM
Blue Ridge Country Club

LABEL SIGNATURE _____ Margaret Grotzinger, M.D.
Maimonides Society Chair

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For additional information about this program or to learn more about joining the Maimonides Society, contact Francine Feinerman at 236-9555 Ext. 3299 or f.feinerman@jewishfedhbg.org

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The Jewish Community Center is offering the following senior events:

Every Tuesday at 10:15AM – Discussion Group
11:00AM – Chair Exercise • 11:30AM – Line Dancing
Every Thursday at 10:30AM – Choral Group
11:00AM – Chair Exercise • 11:30AM – Line Dancing

Senior Lunch will be served Tuesdays and Thursdays at Noon.
Reservations are preferred two days in advance if possible, but no later than 4:00PM the day before. Call Cheryl 236-9555 EXT. 3115

After-Lunch Programs are:

March 27, 2012 – London: Britannia Rules! From the Black Death to the Blitz, from Bedlam to the Beatles, London has seen it all. This lecture will offer a selection of sights and stories from this sprawling, vibrant metropolis and its colorful two-thousand-year history. Lecture presented by John Maietta, new lecturer to the JCC Senior Adult Club.

March 29, 2012 – JCC Senior Adult Club/Chisuk Emuna Lunch and Learn. Dr. Michael Green will present “Comics and Medicine: You Must Be Joking!” Michael Green M.D., M.S. is a physician and bioethicist at the Penn State University’s Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He is Chair of the Hospital Ethics Committee, and Director of the Program in bioethics. He attended medical school at the University of Illinois and completed residency in internal medicine at Northwestern University. He received fellowship training in clinical medical ethics at the University of Chicago’s Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, and in general internal medicine and medical ethics at the University of Wisconsin. He is currently a Professor in the Departments of Humanities and Internal Medicine, where he cares for patients, teaches medical students and residents, and conducts research in bioethics. He has published numerous articles and received many grant awards for his research, which most recently has focused on helping patients make informed decisions with the help of interactive computer-based decision aids. He has had a life-long interest in comics and was a co-organizer of two international conferences on Comics and Medicine. For the past several years has taught a course on the topic to 4th year medical students at Hershey and he is the co-author of a recent paper published in the BMJ on Comics and Medicine.

April 3, 2012 – HACC professor Dr. Donald Koones

April 5, 2012 - “Something Historic” with Herb Rochman. You’ll always learn something new even if you paid attention in your High School History class!

April 10 and April 12, 2012 – No senior meeting – Passover Break

April 17, 2012 - Business Meeting/Birthday Party. FREE Blood Pressure Screenings by a BAYADA Nurse

April 19, 2012 - The Jewish Perspective by Robert Axelrod, Educational Director of Beth El Temple

April 24, 2012 – “Sharing Your Collecting Passion” with Irene Berman Levine

April 25, 2012 – Bus Trip to Allenberry Playhouse to see “Forever Plaid”

April 26, 2012 – Vienna: Imperial Glory, Home of Beethoven, Strauss and Freud, Vienna still reigns as a cultural capital of Europe. This lecture will introduce you to a charming, living museum of a city – from its quaint coffeehouses to its gilded royal palaces. Lecturer, John Maietta

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For more information, please contact Terry Fisher at 236-9555, ext. 3121, or Andrea Weikert at ext. 3108 or by e-mail at a.weikert@jewishfedhbg.org.

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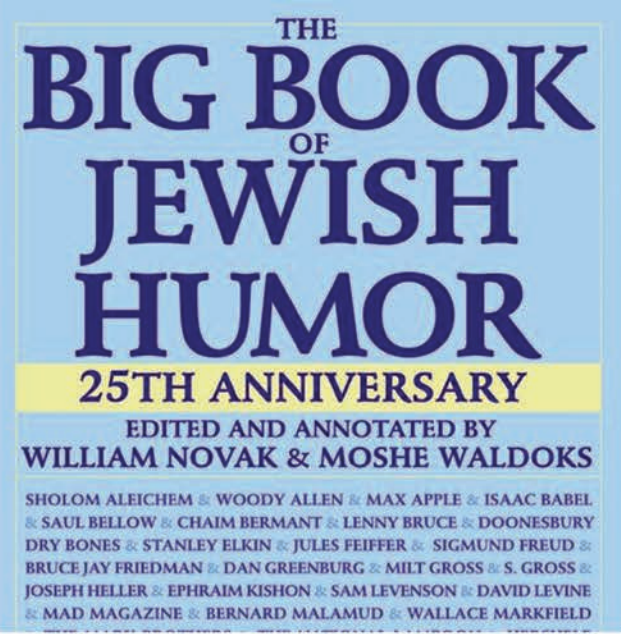
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March 30,
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**Friday
April 20,
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6:00 PM

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SUNDAY, MARCH 25

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BBYO Spaghetti Dinner, 5 p.m., JCC

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Senior Adult Lunch Program – 10 a.m., JCC
Program: "London: Britannia Rules!" with Lecturer
John Maeitta, 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

An Evening with Madame F, 7:30 p.m.,
Penn State Hbg – Olmsted Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Senior Adult Lunch Program – 10 a.m., JCC
Program: Chisuk Emuna Lunch N Learn,
"Comics and Medicine: You Must Be Joking"
With Dr. Michael Green, 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Hebrew High School Graduation, 5:30 p.m., JCC

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Senior Adult Lunch Program – 10 a.m., JCC
Program: Lecture with Dr. Donald Koonce, 12:30 p.m.
Federation Board of Trustees Mtg, 7:30 p.m., JCC

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Senior Adult Lunch Program – 10 a.m., JCC
Program: "Something Historic" with Herb Rochman,
12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 – EREV PASSOVER
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KI is very excited to welcome Judge Dan Butler from Pittsburgh as our Scholar In Residence for this year's Pre-Pesach Shabbaton. Audiences across America have been bowled over by Dan's personal and professional perspectives, his whirlwind delivery, gentle humor, and remarkable insights into the human condition. Dan Butler draws on his experiences as a: father, syndicated weekly columnist, securities salesman, college professor, retail store manager, and a regional director for the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY).

Dan has worked as a judicial law clerk, a prosecutor, a family court hearing officer and a family court mediator (successfully settling over 1,100 custody cases). He also served as a judge of the Municipal Court of Pittsburgh, as well as on Pittsburgh's specialized Domestic Violence Court.

Dan has lectured around the country from Radio City Music Hall to the Vermont Legislature and over a thousand times for the United Way. As an Executive Board member of the Orthodox Union, he has also spoken on their behalf in dozens of cities.

Friday night (3/30/12) communal meal at KI begins at 7:45 PM (app.)
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Cost per meal: Adults (18 and over): \$15, Per family: \$40 (family = parents and their children under 18)

Reservations for the communal meals must be made by noon on Monday, March 26th, and are now being accepted. (Reservations made after that point will be an additional \$5 per adult/family.)

Please contact Cecelia ASAP at (717) 238-0763 or keshetisrael@aol.com to RSVP.

Below is a tentative list of the talks we look forward to hearing from Judge Butler:

- 1) Friday night meal at KI:** *Finding Sparks Of Holiness In A Wi-Fi World*
- 2) Shabbos Morning Sermon at KI:** *What Has Become Of Us Since The Exodus?*
- 3) Special Shabbos afternoon class:** *Your Son Has a Half Hour to Live and They're Towing Your Car: Making the Most of a Bad Day* (time and location - TBA)
- 4) Shalosh Seudos at KI:** *The Mystery Of The First Commandment*

For more information, please contact Keshet Israel's Rabbi Akiva Males at rabbimales@yahoo.com

A Bright Spot in the Child Welfare System

Submitted by Mary Tarbell, M.Ed., LPC

AdoptionLinks, a Program of Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg, Inc.

In the child welfare system, it is essential that all of the individuals involved work together to bring about the best possible outcomes for children. Too often, we hear about the negatives: cases that upend families without ever setting things right; cases that drag on endlessly until a child "ages out" of the system; cases that are closed with a minimum of intervention and fingers crossed that nothing goes wrong; heartbreaking separations of children from their siblings or from adults they have formed attachments with; and everyone's nightmare – cases that end in tragedy.

As an employee of the AdoptionLinks program and a child therapist for Mynd Works at JFS, I have been involved in cases that leave me sad, frustrated, or angry at "the system." It's easy to dwell on the situations where someone has dropped the ball: the birth family, foster parents, county Child Protective Services workers, the courts, adoption and foster care agencies, mental health providers, or, to be honest, me. I know that I am not alone in experiencing the sense of regret when I have to close out my involvement with a child knowing that they are in a less than ideal situation.

Each of the individuals or agencies working on a given case enters and leaves the stage at different times. The only person that is guaranteed to stay constant throughout the case is the child. The ever-changing cast of adults and agencies can result in missed opportunities, conflicting goals, and the disheartening outcomes that can start to seem "par for the course."

That is why I feel like shouting from the rooftops when an assignment comes along that seems to have all of the elements in place for a successful outcome. Ann (not her real name) is a single mother of three with mental health issues. Like many people with mental illness, Ann was self-medicating with alcohol and not receiving appropriate treatment. She reached an emotional crisis point and was not making rational decisions about her children. When their safety seemed to be in jeopardy, her children were removed from her custody and placed in foster care. At this point, many birth parents seem to give up, continue down the same self-destructive path, and lose custody of their children.

Not Ann. Ann acknowledged the painful truth that her life choices were not healthy for her children, and she was determined to do what was necessary to regain custody of them. She is in recovery from her substance abuse, she invested herself in therapy, and sought out the appropriate medical treatment to stabilize her mental health condi-

tion. She is working on strengthening her relationships with her own family. While initially skeptical and guarded, she welcomed the efforts of her caseworker and family reunification workers. Most impressive to me is that she has learned to trust the good intentions of her children's foster parents. After months of gradually increasing lengths of visits, by the time you read this article, it is expected that all three of Ann's children will be living with her full-time again.

While the county Children and Youth agency has been involved for almost a year, I am just beginning my work with this family. I have been asked to help the children understand their experiences in foster care, and try to answer their questions. It was also requested by the county Children and Youth agency that I assist Ann in developing a network of supportive resources within her family and community, to help the reunification be successful. Thankfully, Ann has welcomed my presence in their already complicated lives.

At our first meeting, Ann told me that she had been adopted as a newborn, and had recently been given a letter from her birth mother, written shortly after she was born. The letter assured Ann that she was placed for adoption because her birth mother loved her and wanted her to have a better family life than she could provide. Her birth mother also said that if Ann chose to seek her out as an adult, she would be waiting. I told Ann that I could try to locate her birth mother and act as a go-between for their eventual meeting. Ideally, her birth mother could become another part of Ann's "village" helping to nurture her children from their tumultuous childhood into healthy, happy adulthood.

The story of Ann and her children is still unfolding. But while there seems to be no end to the sad or maddening stories out of the child welfare system, I think it is important to stop and recognize when all of the parts of the system do seem to be working together to create the "happy endings" we all so desperately want for these children.

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