

HEBREW HIGH GRADUATES



On Sunday evening, April 1st, friends and family gathered to share nachas as 11 students graduated from the Harrisburg Hebrew High School. As part of the ceremony, each student spoke about someone or something that had a positive influence on their feelings of Jewishness. The students spoke eloquently and thoughtfully as they thanked the Harrisburg Jewish Community for providing them with the knowledge and resources to become involved and committed members of the Jewish community.

The graduates are: Front row, l-r: Rose Levenson, Aviva Match, Leora Match, Elise Krause, Sarah Weber, Arielle Ettinger and Alec Grossman.

Back row, l-r: Brian Keisling, Michael Romano, Ben Yaroslavsky and Nate Benjamin.

Mazel tov to the Hebrew High graduates and to their families!



Save The Date
April 25, 2012
7:00 pm

A community observance of
Yom HaZikaron
(Israel Day of Remembrance)

From the award winning producer and director of 'A Hero in Heaven' comes a powerful new documentary, '*A Green Kippah*', a 22-minute film produced and directed by filmmaker *Sally Mitlas*, which illustrates the importance of Israel's *Yom Ha'Zikaron* (Memorial Day) for Jews everywhere,

Every year, *Yom Ha'Zikaron* is observed in Israel as a public day of mourning. The day includes the shrill sound of a siren, people everywhere stop for a few moments to remember those who have fallen, including countless Jews with roots in North America and throughout the Diaspora.

Please join us as our community comes together, in a program, led by our young people, to commemorate this important date. We will be joined by a "Lone Soldier" from the Israel Defense Forces

What the JCC Means to Me

By Michael Romano

Later on in my life when I am raising my kids, I will be able to brag about having two homes, one on Harrogate Drive and one on North Front Street. The JCC is my home. I have been raised by it, and it has influenced my life forever. I cannot imagine my life without me being at the JCC.

It all started out with our Early Childhood care. Although I do not remember many things from there, I know it helped me get a jumpstart on my education. After attending Early Childhood, I went to the Yeshiva Academy from Kindergarten to fifth grade. The teachers had such a great influence on me that I still retain some of the lessons I learned from them. The unique education programs gave me excellent time management skills, since only half the day was spent on non-Hebrew classes. The opportunities I had in the Yeshiva helped me to learn Hebrew and have enabled me to read easily from the Torah.

While I was at the Yeshiva, I started my basketball career with the Iddy Biddy program. I learned to love the game of basketball and its fundamentals. Even after I left the Yeshiva Academy at fifth grade, I still came back for basketball. In middle school, I played basketball for the JCC for two years. Then I went on to the high school league, where I just finished my last season of JCC basketball. Thanks to the JCC and their programming, I have completed over 14 years of organized basketball.

Also during the past couple of summers, I have worked out at the

JCC's Fitness Center three times a week. With the opportunity of playing basketball came a responsibility to give back. I volunteered at the JCC throughout all of high school. I have helped coach Iddy Biddy, the program that had helped me; I have been a bouncer for Girls Night Out; and I have joined the SAC, Student Athletic Committee. I have helped every Super Sunday to raise money for the Federation - or do whatever my mom told me to do. I sold tickets and snacks for all the basketball tournaments too. This past year, I won the Student Volunteer of the Year award. The JCC has given so much to me.

I have attended Hebrew High since I was in eighth grade. This program has helped me to continue my Jewish education after my bar mitzvah. I have made many friends at Hebrew High, and I am excited to go on the March of the Living in a couple of weeks. The interactions with teachers and other students taught me many different lessons. The memories here will last a lifetime. There is, however, one complaint that I have about Hebrew High; come on Mrs. Rappaport, why did you not have a Yiddish class this year? I loved that class, and I only took it twice, not four times.

The influence the JCC has given me is unfathomable. I am a different person today, because of the JCC. It has changed my life for the better. I could not imagine my life without it, and I cannot repay the JCC for all the things it has done for me. The JCC is one of the most important places in the world for me.

HOLOCAUST ESSAY

By Sophia K. Fox

As a generation that has known Holocaust survivors in our communities, it's hard for us to imagine them not there. As for our children, it will be difficult for them to imagine survivors at all. Because of that, our generation has a special obligation to keep their memory alive - forever. Without doing that, history could repeat itself.

When I went to the Silver Academy in Harrisburg, we had a survivor come and share her story with us. She told us how she and her family hid in haystacks for several days so they wouldn't be found by the Nazis. I had heard stories about the Holocaust, but this was the first

time in my life I really understood how an individual and their family were affected by it. It was because I knew someone and heard their story.

We should realize as a society that we are not always going to be able to hear a story from a survivor, with all its emotion, as we can today. So we need to decide: What can we do to make sure the remembrance of the Holocaust is passed on to future generations?

When I went to Hebrew School at Temple Ohev Sholom, we watched a movie called "Paper Clips." It was a documentary about a middle school Tennessee that tried to collect 6 million paper clips

representing all the Jewish people who were killed by the Nazis. This movie showed an important problem that future generations will have when trying to understand the Holocaust.

What is 6 million? If you ask survivors today that question, they will each give you a different answer from their personal experiences and memories that can't help but touch you deeply and helps you understand that there are 6 million individual stories. But once again, next generations will not have that opportunity. To them 6 million is going to seem like a huge number, too big to imagine. How can we show them the inconceivable? In the Holocaust History Museum, Yad Vashem, in Jerusalem, towards the end of the exhibits is a room called the Hall of Names. The room is like a rotunda with "Papers of Testimony" in books covering the walls. Each Paper of Testimony has a short biography about the life of a victim. There are over 2 million biographies, and the museum has created enough space for 6 million.

When I visited Yad Vashem last summer, this was the part of the museum that stuck with me the most. You stand in the middle of the room and are completely surrounded by the lives of those

who perished. When you look up, you see picture after picture of faces; but it is only a fraction of the murdered 6 million. In the moments that you are standing in that room, you feel tiny. Memorials like this show why it is important for my generation to make sure that we find ways to keep the Holocaust alive for younger generations. First we must help them to understand that 6 million Jewish people were lost from the world. Then the next important thing we must do - so it is not so overwhelming - is to show them that these were individuals, not just part of some hard-to-comprehend number.

Another life-changing experience for me happened when the Silver Academy put on what was called the Living Museum. We students were given the challenge of interviewing survivors and then presenting their story during a public event. We had to ask each of them for a special object symbolizing their life. As I interviewed the survivors, I could see that they really wanted me to understand what happened to them so that I could help tell their story, not just in the Living Museum but during my life. Each one has a unique and special story that should be remembered forever. Their stories aren't just about their own personal struggles, but also about their family and communities

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“Why is it important that the history and lessons of the Holocaust be passed on to a new generation?”

13th Annual Holocaust Essay - 1st place, Julia Zharichenko, 8th grade, Silver Academy

My Mom still remembers vividly the Stars of David scrawled on her house, along with the words, “Kill the Jews.” It still causes her much anguish and pain.

My family was caught in the ethnic persecution and violence within their homeland of Moldova from the early 1900s. We had an extremely hard life. There were no Jewish schools or synagogues. My mother was unable to attend the university of her choice because there were unwritten ‘rules’ about Jews. So they would fail them on purpose. We were poor and had no future ahead of us.

Thankfully, after three long years involving a lot of paperwork and searching for a sponsor, my family won refugee status to the United States. We were able to come because of the anti-Semitism we suffered. “Our lives were in jeopardy!,” my mother said. On June 2, 1993, my grandmother, mother, father, and sister arrived in the United States with a total of sixteen dollars in our pockets. But what kept them going was the idea of not being afraid anymore. We could acknowledge our religion and proudly wear a gold Jewish Star of David necklace in public.

The anti-Semitism in Moldova was horrible. I was not born when my family endured this, but I was still affected. When my family moved here they were poor, and we couldn’t buy a lot of things. When we needed something we went to a thrift shop or asked relatives and friends for old clothing. Now that both of my parents are working, we are able to purchase what we need. We refuse to go to a thrift shop because of all the bad memories and embarrassment. All families that have endured this are affected, especially the families whose members were killed or suffered through the Holocaust.

The history and lessons of the Holocaust cannot be forgotten. The era of concentration camps might have ended, but the anti-Semitism didn’t! The Holocaust was a huge mistreatment of humans. To stop the teaching of this precious piece of history would be like turning your back on mankind. We need our past to move forward into our future. We need to use these horrifying events as examples to teach the future generations that the mistakes of the past cannot become the mistakes of the future. We could be putting lives in danger. The Holocaust resulted in the deaths of millions of people. To ignore this would be a disgrace to the memory of those innocent people who lost their lives.

So how do we keep these lessons alive? We keep them alive by teaching the kids, the next

generation, the lessons of the Holocaust. But, the parents have to take the first step by giving their children the education that they need to keep the lessons and traditions of the Holocaust alive, like my Mom did for me.

When my family came here before I was born, my mother enrolled my older sister in a Jewish school when she was only two years old. Five days a week my grandmother would walk a couple of miles with my sister to school because they didn’t have a car. I asked my mother why she just didn’t send my sister to a closer school. My mother’s response was that in Moldova there were no Jewish schools, and she wasn’t even allowed to say she was a Jew. She didn’t want my sister and me to grow up without knowing anything about our religion. She wanted us to be able to say that we were Jewish. And because of my mother, I have been going to a Jewish private school since I was very young. I have also been teaching my Mom some things along the way. When my family moved here, my mother was still afraid to say that she was a Jew. “The horrid anti-Semitism followed us; it took many years for me to openly wear a Jewish Star of David necklace,” explained my mother. But now, almost nineteen years later, my mother speaks at our synagogue about how hard it was for her and that now she is proud to say that she is a Jew. She has most certainly taught me the lessons she learned through her suffering. Today I know about my history as a member of the Jewish people, and I realize the importance of imparting it to the next generation. The significance of remembering and perpetuating the lessons of the Holocaust has been impressed upon me. I can only hope that I can fulfill this mission.

Julia was awarded the honor of presenting this essay at the Governor's Holocaust Observance on April 17th. She is currently in 8th grade at the Silver Academy. If you think your child deserves a prize-winning education, consider enrollment at The Silver Academy for the 2012-2013 academic year. To arrange a tour, please contact our Admissions Associate, Jackie Rubin, at jrubin@SilverAcademyPA.org, call 717-238-8775 or view our website at www.SilverAcademyPA.org.

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A lifelong Central Pennsylvanian, Rob lives in Susquehanna Township with his wife Randi and their two sons. As a top legal and policy advisor to Bob Casey and Jack Wagner, Rob has spent his career fighting for Pennsylvania’s families by

protecting their hard-earned tax dollars and making government programs work better.

In the State Senate, Rob will continue to work hard to create jobs, strengthen schools, and keep taxes low for Central Pennsylvania families.

“It’s time to end politics as usual in the State Capitol. From day one, my priorities will be creating jobs, strengthening schools, keeping taxes low, and reforming state government.”

– Rob Teplitz

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AN EVENING WITH MADAME F



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**WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY
PRE-EVENT**

Many thanks to the Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA for funding this important program, and to Penn State Harrisburg's Center for Holocaust and Jewish Studies for hosting this performance. This is one of many programs that is made possible through the collaboration of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg, Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA and Penn State Harrisburg.



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JCC ADULT PROGRAMS

Classes available at the Jewish Community Center:

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SilverSneakers® CardioFit – Get up & go with an aerobic class for you – safe, heart healthy and gentle on the joints. The workout includes easy to follow low-impact movement and upper body strength, abdominal conditioning, stretching and relaxation exercises designed to energize your active lifestyle. Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:45-11:30 a.m. Drop-in Fee \$5 per class. Free to JCC members and SilverSneakers® participants.

SilverSneakers® YogaStretch –YogaStretch will move your whole body through a complete series of seated and standing yoga poses. Chair support is offered to safely perform a variety of postures designed to increase flexibility, balance and range of movement. Restorative breathing exercises and final relaxation will promote stress reduction and mental clarity. Mondays and Wednesdays 11:45-12:30 p.m. Drop-in Fee \$5 per class. Free to JCC members and SilverSneakers® participants.

Gentle Yoga – Easy Poses for those new to Yoga. Must be able to get down on to floor. Mondays at 9:45 -10:30 a.m. or Tuesdays at 5:00-5:45 p.m. Drop-in Fee \$5 per class. Free to JCC members and SilverSneakers® participants.

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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:

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

May 1, 2012 – HACC Professor Dr. Donald Koones will lecture on “Woman of Transition – Pearl Buck”

May 3, 2012 – “Something Historic” with Herb Rochman. You’ll always learn something new even if you paid attention in your High School History class!

May 8, 2012 – Business Meeting/Birthday Party. FREE Blood Pressure Screenings by a BAYADA Nurse

May 10, 2012 – Chisuk Emuna/JCC Senior Adult Club Lunch and Learn: “Israel at 64: Celebrating What’s Beyond The Headlines”

May 15, 2012 – 5th Annual Spring Revue “In Memory of Melvin Michaels” – Reservations due by May 8th. Cost:\$10 Members/\$20 Non-Members

May 17, 2012 –The Jewish Perspective by Robert Axelrod, Educational Director of Beth El Temple

May 22, 2012 – Classic Toys: Bring you old favorites along, as we discuss the origins of the Classic Toys and games that brightened our childhood years (and the Grandkids, too) from Teddy Bears to Cabbage Patch Kids, they still serve as wonderful emblems of creative inspiration and marketing genius – Lecturer, John Maietta

May 24, 2012 – Chisuk Emuna/JCC Senior Adult Club Lunch and Learn: “From Generations to Constellations: A perspective on what Grandparenting can teach us” – Speaker, Ellie Friedman

May 29, 2012 – Martha Melton will present “Ghana – Part II” We enjoyed Martha’s first presentation so much that we have asked her to return with more pictures and memories of her trip to Ghana.

May 31, 2012 – Chisuk Emuna JCC Senior Adult Club Lunch and Learn: Come meet Alan Geckle the new CEO of the Jewish Home Campus

The Jewish Community Center Drama Department Presents

hairspray

Open Call:

Monday, August 27 &
 Tuesday, August 28 at 6 PM

Callbacks:

Wednesday, August 29 at 6 PM

For: 8th graders - adults

Production Dates:

December 6, December 8. December 9

Produced By The Jewish Community Center

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Questions? Contact Terry at 236-9555, ext. 3121 or t.fisher@jewishfedhbg.org



ADVENTURES ON THE GO

Enjoy special trips and fun theme days

School is Out....The J is In

8:00 am – 6:00 pm (Friday until 5:30 pm)

Monday, June 11 – Bowling & Rita's

We will go to Trindle Bowl, enjoy a tour of Wolfgang Chocolate and cool off with Rita's. Please pack a lunch that does not have to be refrigerated.

Fee: \$50/JCC M

We will depart for the trip once the children from Susquehanna Twp arrive.

Fee for Susquehanna students: \$30

Tuesday, June 12 - Camp Scavenger Hunt and Chefs Academy

We will spend the day looking for cool things to take to camp and cooking a delicious lunch and fun snacks.

Please pack a bathing suit and towel.

Fee: \$45/JCC M

Wednesday, June 13 - Beach Party Blast

Put on your best beach attire. We will pretend we are at the beach and play beach volleyball, eat salt water taffy, caramel popcorn, listen to beach music and enjoy edible and real sand activities. We will provide lunch.

Please pack a bathing suit and towel.

We will leave the JCC at 10:00 am and return to the JCC by 3:30 pm.

Fee: \$45/JCC M



Thursday, June 14 –Dutch Wonderland in Lancaster

We will spend the day in Lancaster at Dutch Wonderland. Please bring money to eat in the park. Please pack a bathing suit and towel for the water park. We will leave the JCC at 10:00 am and return at 6:00 pm

Fee: \$55/JCC M

Friday, June 15 - Hershey Park Happy

We will spend the day at the park. Please bring money for lunch, outside food is not allowed in the park. Please pack a bathing suit and towel for the water park. We will leave the JCC at 10:30 am and return at 5:30 pm. JCC closes at 5:30 pm on Friday.

Fee: \$55/JCC M

If you should have any questions please contact Terry at 236-9555, ext. 3121 or t.fisher@jewishfedhbg.org.

Fee: \$250 entire week/JCC Members, \$275/entire week/Regular Rate, \$230/entire week/Susquehanna students

To register please call the JCC Front Desk at 236-9555, ext. 0.

Registration deadline: May 18

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ANN FEIERMAN

NARRATOR — RUTH STEIN

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ESTELLE FRIED, JUDY GOLDBERG,
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LOU KERNER, JEREMY KRIESER, HY LARIFF,
ELLEN MUSSAF, BARB PUTTERMAN,
NAT PUTTERMAN, HOWARD ROSS,
CARLA SILVERMAN, IRA SILVERMAN, AUD-
REY SOFFER, RUTH STEIN, AND
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MOTHER'S DAY OPENING FOR THE HARRISBURG JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

The 18th annual Harrisburg Jewish Film Festival opens on May 13th, with a remarkable film that honors the love and courage of mothers everywhere.

Nicky's Family is the story of the rail-sea kindertransports from Prague to London that saved the lives of 669 Czech children, most of them Jewish, on the eve of the German invasion in 1939.

It is the story of the mothers of these children, who, recognizing the inevitability of war, knew that the only hope for their children's survival was to separate from them forever.

And it is the story of the women who became mothers to these displaced, soon-to-

be orphaned souls, who opened their doors and their hearts for no reason but that it was the right thing to do.

Our special guests for the evening will be Alice Masters and Hanna Slome, two of the rescued children who are featured in the film. Now in their 80s (and mothers and grandmothers themselves), they will answer questions about their rescue and their lives since, and about Nicholas Winton, the extraordinary man who facilitated it all.

So enjoy Mother's Day day, honoring the women who made your lives possible, and then bring them along, at 7 p.m. on Mother's Day evening, to *Nicky's Family* at the JCC, as an extra special thank you. It's going to be a wonderful night.

For more information about *Nicky's Family* and other Film Festival offerings, please go to our website, www.hbgjff.com.



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All events are free and open to the public

Call 717.236.9555 x 0 for more information



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DICKINSON TO HOST JEWISH COMEDIAN

(Carlise, Pa.) – Rabbi Moshe Waldoks, a storyteller and stand-up comedian, will discuss the origins and progressions of Jewish humor in a public lecture titled, "Beyond Laughter Through Tears: A Short History of Jewish Humor," on Friday, April 20 at 6 p.m. in the Holland Union Building (HUB), Social Hall, located on the corner of High and College streets. The event is free and open to the public. A kosher catered dinner will be provided.

Waldoks is dedicating the presentation to S. Ned Rosenbaum, a beloved retired associate professor of religion and classics at Dickinson who died in an automobile accident last year. For more information, call 717-254-8963.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012 | 7:00 PM | JCC

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that were destroyed.

When we asked the survivors for an object to place in our "museum," I expected them to give us Shabbat candlesticks, jewelry passed down from their grandmother or a special prayer book. But what most wanted us to display was photographs. Some were ripped, some were faded; but this is what was important to them. I saw staring at me the people they lost in the Holocaust. That is what they wanted people who came to the museum to see. Each person's story gave you a small feeling of what life was like for Jewish people living in Europe in the 1930s. Without hearing these stories, all would be lost of the small towns and villages and all the people that lived a peaceful life before the Nazis invaded. Without any of these stories, the next generations would not have any knowledge of the history of life before the invasion of the Nazis. It is things like the Living Museum that should not be just a special event but should be a regular activity exercised by communities everywhere.

Throughout my life I have been more than thankful to know survivors through the Silver Academy, my synagogue and family friends. They have taught me the life lesson that hatred is one of the ugliest aspects of life and it should be destroyed. Hatred was taken so far in World War I that it killed

many innocent people. In our society today, hatred is still common and needs to be stopped. With bullying and racism, hatred is not visible like a concentration camp, but it is still everywhere. Hatred shows us how discrimination can turn into a killing monster. No matter if you are white or black, short or tall, female or male; Jewish or Christian, you are created equal in the eyes of G-d.

There are many lessons that the Holocaust and survivors can teach us that could prevent the past from repeating, which is another reason why it is so important to keep their stories alive.

So, how can future generations learn the life lessons from survivors just like all of us can today? They can learn them through us, the present generation, telling them and also trying to end hatred. As we learn in my faith, a man once asked Rabbi Hillel if he could teach him the whole Torah in the time he could stand on one foot. Rabbi Hillel replied,

"What is hateful to yourself, do not do to your fellow man. That is the whole Torah; the rest is just commentary." This is something that should be known all over the world. This needs to be part of what we pass along. It is not enough to help the next generation understand the Holocaust but also that this can never happen again.



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Kesher Israel's Third Annual Dave & Frances Cohen Volunteer Recognition Shabbaton - April 27-28, 2012



Over the course of Shabbos, April 27-28, Kesher Israel once again looks forward to hosting the Dave & Frances Cohen Volunteer Shabbaton weekend.

In addition to honoring selected members of our congregation for their volunteer service to KI through the years, **Rabbi Benjamin Blech** -- an internationally recognized educator, religious leader, best-selling author, and lecturer -- will join us as our Scholar In Residence for the Shabbaton.

We look forward to hearing Rabbi Blech speak four times over the course of the Shabbaton:

1) Friday night, April 27: There will be a Shabbos dinner at Kesher Israel at 7:45 PM, with Rabbi Blech's first presentation to follow. The community

is invited to attend either or both events. Having just celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day), Rabbi Blech's topic will be: **Israel: How Ancient Predictions Came True In Our Times.**

Reservations for the dinner are needed and must be made by noon on Monday, April 23rd. RSVP's can be arranged by calling Cecelia at KI 238-0763 (or e-mailing her at kesherisrael@aol.com). The costs for the meals are are \$30 per person or \$75 per family [family = up to two adults and their children under the age of 18].

2) Shabbos morning, April 28: Following services, there will be an enhanced Kiddush for everyone to enjoy. After Kiddush (approximately at noon), Rabbi Blech will deliver a fascinating talk entitled: **Holy Jewish Treasures in the Vatican.** Rabbi Blech will share details of an as-yet unpublicized meeting with the Pope, the head of the Vatican Library, and Leading Cardinals of the Church. This talk will reveal fascinating details of the fate of many precious Jewish items.

3) Special Shabbos afternoon class at the home of Judy & Dan Schulder (2919 Green St.) from 5:50 - 6:50 PM. KI invites the entire community to hear Rabbi Blech discuss his best-selling book "**The Sistine Secrets.**"

From Amazon.com: Five hundred years ago Michelangelo began work on a painting that became one of the most famous pieces of art in the world-the Sistine Chapel ceiling. Every year millions of people come to see Michelangelo's Sistine ceiling, which is the largest fresco painting on earth in the holiest of Christianity's chapels; yet there is not one single Christian image in this vast, magnificent artwork.

The Sistine Secrets tells the fascinating story of how Michelangelo embedded messages of brotherhood, tolerance, and freethinking in his painting to encourage "fellow travelers" to challenge the repressive Roman Catholic Church of his time.

Blech reveals what Michelangelo meant in the angelic representations that brilliantly mocked his papal patron, how he managed to sneak unorthodox heresies into his ostensibly pious portrayals, and how he was able to fulfill his lifelong ambition to bridge the wisdom of science with the strictures of faith. The Sistine Secrets unearths secrets that have remained hidden in plain sight for centuries.

4) Shalosh Seudos at KI (preceded by Mincha at 7:30 PM): Rabbi Blech's topic will be: **When the Dow Crashes: A Spiritual Guide to Today's Financial Crisis.** This talk is based on Rabbi Blech's well-received book "**Taking Stock**". In this talk, Rabbi Blech brings us along on his journey to great wealth followed by losing it all in the stock market's crash. Rabbi Blech shares the insights that not only helped him survive his great financial loss, but also allowed him to grow spiritually and emotionally as a result of his experience.

The Dave & Frances Cohen Volunteer Recognition Shabbaton is designed to enhance Kesher Israel's appreciation to the members of our congregation who have been outstanding volunteers for our Shul.

Each of this year's honorees are perfect examples of the legacy of volunteerism that Dave and Frances Cohen demonstrated during their lifetimes.

The events of the weekend have been generously sponsored by Dr. Sid and Phyllis Cohen (Cleveland, OH), as an act of honor and respect for their parents -- and as a call to action for everyone in our Jewish community.

RABBI CYTRYN LEADS BOOK

REVIEW AT BETH EL TEMPLE ON MAY 2

Running the Books: The Adventures of an Accidental Prison Librarian, by Avi Steinberg, is the selected book for the upcoming gathering of the Beth El Temple Book Club on Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Schein Annex at Beth El Temple. We are delighted that Rabbi Eric Cytryn will review and lead discussion of the book.

In this captivating memoir, Steinberg, a Harvard grad and struggling obituary writer, spends two years as a librarian and writing instructor at a Boston prison. He is quickly drawn into the community of outcasts that forms among his bookshelves—an assortment of quirky regulars, including con men, pimps, minor prophets, even ghosts—all searching for the perfect book and a connection to the outside world. Steinberg recounts their daily dramas with heartbreak and humor in this one-of-a-kind memoir—a piercing exploration of prison culture and an entertaining tale of one young man's earnest attempt to find his place in the world.

The Beth El Temple Book Club is open to all readers who enjoy discussing books of Jewish theme and interest or by Jewish authors. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP to the Beth El Temple Office at 232-0556 so we know how many to plan for. With *Running the Books*, there will be plenty of engaging food for thought, along with coffee and refreshments. The book in paperback is available for purchase at the Beth El Temple Office.

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RENÉE R. FELDMAN

A light was extinguished on Friday, March 30, 2012 and Heaven's light is brighter as long-time Camp Hill and Clearwater, Florida, and Country Meadows Mechanicsburg resident Renée R. Feldman passed away. She recently celebrated her 100th birthday. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, she was a daughter of the late Albert and Caroline Schultz and a sister of the late Alfred Schultz. Renée's loving husband of 49 years, Leon Feldman, predeceased her in November, 1999. She is survived by her beloved son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Gail Feldman; beloved daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and David Lyon; cherished granddaughters Jennifer Feldman and Amanda Piro and Amanda's husband, Joshua Piro and their newly-born son, Isaac Lee Piro; loving siblings, Eugene Goodman and Eileen Feld; six nephews, three nieces, and many friends who cherish her memory. She is also survived by step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Amanda Lyon, Rowan Lyon, Christopher Lyon, Noell Scott, Rachel Clarke, Jada Scott, India Scott, and Ava Scott.

Renée was a proud WWII veteran of the U.S. Army. She served as a staff sergeant at U.S. Army ETO Headquarters from 1943 to 1945, stationed in Salisbury, England and Rheims, France. She was an active member of the Women's Army Corps Association, and a founding member of the Blinded Veterans Association Auxiliary.

Devotion to her country, her community, her family, and her faith were the guideposts of her life. In addition to volunteering for military service during WWII, she contributed many years volunteering with the American Red Cross, Girl Scouts of America, American Cancer Society, Harrisburg State Hospital, Harrisburg Hospital, Blinded Veterans Association chapters and auxiliaries in Pennsylvania and Florida, and Meals on Wheels. She was an active member of Temple Ohav Sholom in Harrisburg and prior to returning to central Pennsylvania in 1994, she and Leon were active in the congregational life of Temple B'Nai Israel in Clearwater, Florida.

Renée loved dancing, especially the tango. In the 1930s she co-founded a dance studio in Cleveland, Ohio. Dance and craft activities provided much satisfaction for Renée, though she derived her greatest joys from her husband, children, grandchildren,

and children-in-law. Humor was one of Renée's defining characteristics, revealed in practical jokes, witty expressions, and her continual positive attitude and love of others. Her smile was infectious and those around her, family and friends alike, could not resist smiling in return. She was a loving, caring, and beautiful person who always appreciated the value of hard work and sacrifice, lessons learned as she experienced life during the Great Depression.

Renée's family acknowledges the love, care, and support provided by her "adopted" extended family at Country Meadows West Shore: the administrators, activities staff, her fellow residents, and especially the caring and attentive staff of Building 2, the Wellness Center nurses, the many compassionate caregivers from Country Meadows At Home, and staff of Hospice of Central Pennsylvania. All of you have been a blessing.

A celebration of Renée's life was held on Sunday, April 1st at the Lehrman Chapel of Temple Ohav Sholom. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Renée's memory to Temple Ohav Sholom, 2345 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, the Blinded Veterans Association Auxiliary, 477 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001-2694, and Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Funeral services were arranged Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home. Memorial condolences can be made at www.hetrickfuneralhome.com.

JAMES EDWARD GORMLEY

Jim Gormley, 65, of Harrisburg, passed away Friday at his home. He was born in Hazleton on December 17, 1946 to the late Dr. James B. and Mary (Lorden) Gormley.

He was a Mechanical Engineer for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of General Services, a member of Three Mile Island Alert, Temple Ohav Sholom, and served as a Lieutenant in the Marine Corps in Vietnam. Jim is survived by his wife, Terry E. Roth; his two daughters, Shana Roth-Gormley of Los Angeles, CA and Maura Roth-Gormley of Baltimore, MD; three brothers, Larry and his wife, Ann Gormley, John Gormley, Jerry and his wife, Lori Gormley and his sister, Pat Gormley. He was the kind of son, husband, brother, friend and, especially, father that everyone should have. Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 1st at the

Bookstaber Chapel of Mt. Moriah Cemetery, with Rabbi Peter Kessler officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery. In celebration of Jim's commitment to repairing the world, please contribute to a charity which honors and advances the human spirit.

ESTHER LEAPMAN LEVIN

Esther Leapman Levin, 98, of Harrisburg, passed away on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at the Community General Osteopathic Hospital. Born in Lancaster, PA in September 1913, she was the daughter of Ruth and Aaron Leapman. She was predeceased by nine brothers and sisters. She was the widow of Herman L. Levin to whom she was married for 60 years.

Esther was a member of Keshet Israel Synagogue and its sisterhood. Near and dear to her heart was her many years serving on their Chevra Kadeshah (burial society). She was a member of Hadassah, The Guild of the Jewish Home, National Council of Jewish Women, Mizrahi, and the Ladies auxiliary of the Polyclinic Hospital. During her lifetime, Esther was a devoted volunteer. She enjoyed her many years chairing bake sales and rummage sales along with reading to the blind and delivering kosher meals on wheels. One of the most fulfilling of all of her activities was the time she spent as a Brownie and Cub Scout leader at the Keshet Israel Synagogue. Esther is survived by her sons, Stanford Levin of Key West, Florida, and Alan (Barbara) Levin of Harrisburg, and her daughter, Ruth Ann (Howard) Krug of Harrisburg. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren who were the light of her life, Arthur, Lauren, Craig, Julie, Rebecca and Wendy, and 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 27th in the Chapel of Keshet Israel Cemetery with Rabbi Akiva Males officiating. Burial was in Keshet Israel Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by the Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home. Memorial contributions in Esther's honor may be made to Keshet Israel Synagogue, 2500 North Third Street Harrisburg, PA 17110 or to The Silver Academy, 3301 North Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110. To send condolences to the Levin family please go to www.hetrickbitnerfuneralhome.com.

EVA LEVY

Eva Levy, 89, of Harrisburg

passed away peacefully on March 27, 2012, at the Carolyn Croxton Slane Hospice Residence. She was born on October 15, 1922 in Philadelphia, a daughter of the late Lena and Abraham Coverman. She was employed by the Department of Agriculture for 22 years. She was a member of Hadassah, the Guild of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans and the Beth El Sisterhood. Eva was known for her sweet, loving nature, cheerful smile, love of like, and love for her family. She was predeceased by her husband of almost 50 years, Richard Levy; brother, Harry Coverman; and daughter, Carol Levy Cohen. She is survived by her daughter Ellen (Barry) Stein of State College; grandchildren Elliot (Alisa) Cohen of Baltimore; Lee (Susan) Cohen of Hummelstown; Mara (Robert) Jackel of Philadelphia; Eric (Rachele) Stein of Rockville; Andrea (Adam) Fuelleman of Chicago. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren; Joshua,

Jacob, Jared, Jonah, Madeline, Eli, Noah and John. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 29th, at the Keshet Israel Cemetery Chapel, with Rabbi Eric Cytryn officiating. Burial was in the Keshet Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Eva's memory may be made to The Foundation for Mount Nittany Medical Center-Carol Levy Cohen Fund, 1800 East Park Ave., State College, PA 16803. Attention: Kim Neely, Director. To share online condolences, please visit www.hetrickbitner.com.

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Yom Hazikaron Program, 6 p.m., JCC

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Senior Adult Lunch Program – 10 a.m., JCC
Program: "Vienna: Imperial Glory, Home of Beethoven, Strauss,
and Freud" With John Maietta, 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Community Israel Independence Day Celebration, 10 a.m., JCC

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Senior Adult Lunch Program – 10 a.m., JCC
Program: "Woman of Transition-Pearl S. Buck"
With Dr. Donald Koonen, 12:30 p.m.
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