

Chisuk Emuna Congregation Comes Home in Time to Celebrate Shavuot



By Mary Klaus

As Chuck Kline sounded the shofar on a cloudy evening in May, a sunny mood came over hundreds of people gathered at the Jewish Community Center. Seconds later, members of Chisuk Emuna and their friends joyfully began marching to their new home a few blocks away at 3219 Green Street. They fell into step in a colorful procession that

included a chuppah, six members carrying Torahs, and Rabbi Ron Muroff, their spiritual leader. They arrived at the new synagogue, which replaces their spiritual home destroyed by fire on April 3, 2009. They sang Hebrew songs, danced, hugged and applauded before the mezuzah was affixed to the door. Then, with many "Mazel Tovs," they proceeded inside. "Today, we come home," Rabbi

Muroff told the standing-room-only crowd inside the sanctuary. Indeed they did.

Chisuk Emuna, an inter-generational, warm and welcoming Conservative congregation, never seemed more so than on dedication night, which began with the procession and continued with a special program, candle lighting, and an evening Shavuot service.

Young members sang at the bima and marveled at the unrolling of one of the Torahs. Older members reminisced about having their bar or bat mitzvahs, weddings, baby namings and holy days in the old synagogue. People of all ages considered the evening a new start for a congregation founded by hardworking and scrappy Lithuanian immigrants who fled religious persecution and came to the United States seeking religious freedom.

"Four years ago, we lost our place in the world and became sojourners but not homeless," said Carl Shuman, congregation president. "We lost our sanctuary but not our shelter."

The former Chisuk Emuna home at Fifth and Division Streets burned just days before Passover 2009. That fire might have been caused

by candle holders still warm from a Shabbat dinner. Since then, the congregation held services in the Jewish Community Center.

After a few years of planning, the congregation bought the old Riverside School Building from the Harrisburg School District, demolished it, broke ground and built a one-story synagogue with a contemporary design. The synagogue, with 13,500 square feet of flexible space, cost \$5.7 million. The congregation paid for it through insurance and donations, and then moved into it with no mortgage.

During the dedication, a palpable joy permeated the crowd as members put a mezuzah on the doorpost. Then, the crowd noisily and happily made their way into the sanctuary, where Rabbi Muroff offered a blessing and a prayer in both Hebrew and English.

He also noted the new energy in his members "four years after the fire that nearly destroyed our congregation." People chuckled when he noted that in the new synagogue, the congregation "finally" is following tradition and facing east.

Six Torahs, ranging from 100 to 200 years old, were reverently carried to the Ark by congregation

leaders, and then the parochet was closed. The congregation sang, the Ner Tamid was lighted and all gave heartfelt thanks to G-d and the community which supported them in the aftermath of the fire. When Kline sounded the shofar, its plaintive notes seemed to reach into members' souls.

"On Friday, April 3, 2009, we lost our home but found ourselves," Shuman said during his dedication address. He, like the Rabbi, reminded the congregation that the name Chisuk Emuna means "strength in faith." He then offered a blessing of his own.

"Let this space serve as a canvas upon which to paint our collective dreams, a book in which to write our intersecting stories, a score through which we express the melody of shared lives," Shuman said. "Let us fill this space with fervent prayer and study, with kind words and raucous laughter, with silence and awe, with light and beauty, with the warmth of friendship and the wonders of our rituals and traditions, with the sounds of ancient texts and modern song."

Children from the Chisuk Emuna Hebrew School and Silver Academy went to the bima and sang a song of thanksgiving, swaying happily. Shuman, Mandy

A SENIOR FOOTNOTE

By Esther Boldes

On April 23rd, the JCC Senior Adult Club enjoyed a very interesting program presented by Alyce Spector. Part of the program focused on the Rothschild family, which was of so much interest to me because the Rothschilds' origin goes back to the 15th Century, and "Frankfurter Judengasse" or the Frankfurt ghetto. I was born in Frankfurt and attended a Jewish school in this city; our education included learning about Frankfurt's Jewish history. The Frankfurt ghetto was one of the earliest in Germany dating back to 1462 and was home to the largest Jewish community until 1796.

At the end of the 19th Century, most of the houses were demolished after the laws were changed and Jews in Germany were emancipated - until Hitler came along. The Boernestrasse stood on the place with the liberal Haupt Synagogue and the Boerneplatz Synagogue. After WW II, all Frankfurt on Main was a different place, except for the Ratshaus, which still stands. My husband and I went back to my birth place in 1957 on our way to the states, and there was a "new" city there.

The Rothschilds, which literally means "Red Shield" because that was their family's coat of arms that hung in front of their house, had their origin in the Frankfurt ghetto. But their notoriety, even to this day, is worldwide.

In Israel, there are Rothschild vineyards - you must have had Mouton Rothschild at one time or another at a wedding or bar/bat mitzvahs. When we visited the French Riviera, we came across an estate deeded to the French government by Baroness Beatrice de Rothschild. The gardens are laid out like the body of a ship. If I remember correctly, it is called Ile de France. The house on the estate is filled with the largest collection of Eastern Orthodox religious icons from the Rothschild family; I don't believe the former Mrs. Rothschild was Jewish.

Let me also take this opportunity to again thank everybody for their concern and kindnesses at my being laid up for so long. Old age seems to have finally caught up with me for keeps.

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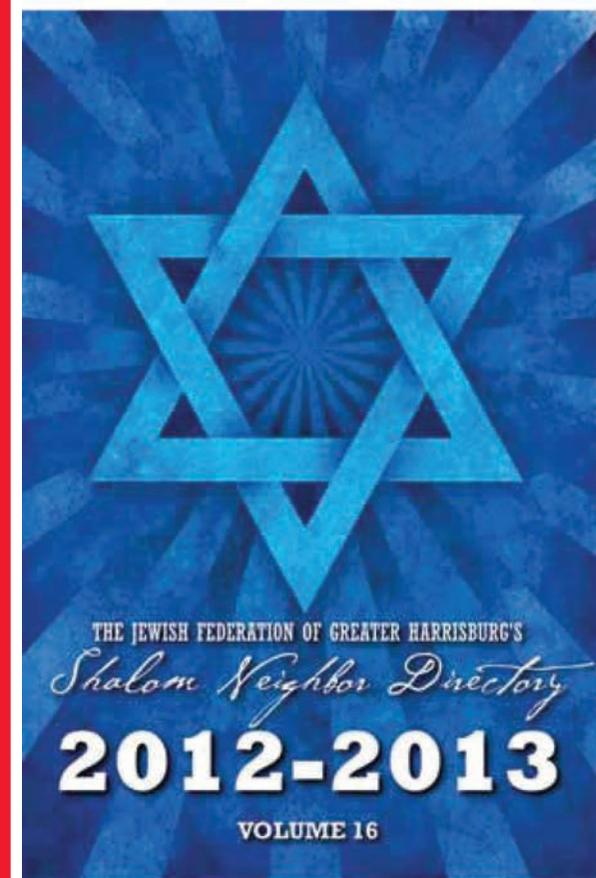
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JCC Memories

by Bobby Nuccel



There are so many favorite moments, from growing up at the Center, to working there for 4.5 years....So, let me tell a favorite memory from growing up, and another memory from working there...

A memory from growing up, besides eating Mrs. Gras' tuna fish sandwiches at the snack bar, you would put your 25 or 50 cents in the machine and out popped the best sandwich ever! The other memory was learning how to bowl from Ray Weldon...I would go down to the bowling alley a few times a week and Ray would spend time, making sure I was taking the proper amount of steps, and how to release the ball properly. That helped me join a father-and-son league with my dad, and the only sport my dad and I ever played together...

Working at the JCC was and still is the most rewarding time in my life. It was all about the kids. The one thing that stands out was the final night of JCY's Production of "Fiddler On The Roof" in December of 1976...standing on stage with my mentor Ben Edelman, Richard Wilson and the entire cast for the final time.

We want to hear from you. We all have our favorite memories involving the JCC. Share your story and photos to Andrea Weikert at a.weikert@jewishfedhbq.org. Your story we will featured in the Community Review.

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Please join **The Women of Vision Philanthropic Fund** as it presents its Annual Spring Event and Awards Presentation on Thursday, June 13th at 7pm at the JCC. The event will include our traditional Chocolate Buffet. Three presenters will inform us of how to **"Look Good, Feel Good at Any Age"**.

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Also, Shelley Adler, as proprietor of **The HeArt of Healing**, will discuss the art of energy healing that she practices utilizing a variety of modalities, techniques and tools. Eastern healing traditions teach us that a balanced body is mirrored in one's outer appearance.

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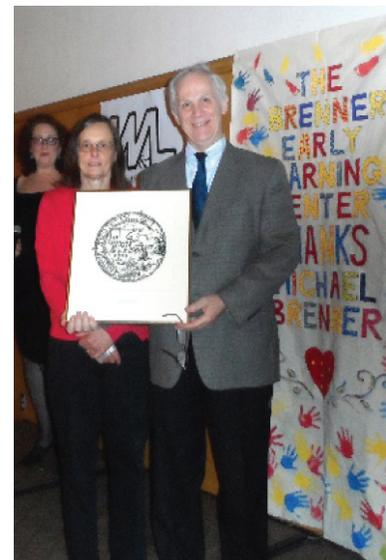
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The Jewish Community Center is offering the following senior events:

**Every Tuesday at 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. SilverSneakers MSROM
10:15AM – Discussion Group**

Every Thursday at 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. – SilverSneakers MSROM

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:

June 4, 2013 -The Jewish Perspective by Robert Axelrod, Educational Director of Beth El Temple. Come join the discussion. Bob really brings out some very controversial subjects and everyone's opinions are heard

June 6, 2013 – Navigating the Maze of Senior Care. Discussion by Lauren Smeltzer of Central Penn nursing Care and Grace Vazquez of Country Meadows

June 11, 2013 – Business meeting/Birthday party. FREE Blood Pressure Screening by Cellest from Bayada Nurses

June 13, 2014 – Chisuk Emuna/JCC Seniors Lunch and Learn

June 18, 2013 – Stuart, Sara and Zev Malina – Annual Concert. Cost: \$10 members/\$20 non-members

June 19, 2013 – Bus Trip to Delaware Art Museum, lunch and Longwood Gardens

June 20, 2013 – Al Goodman, Sing-A-Long

June 25, 2013 – Senior Summer Revue. Cost: \$10 members, \$20 non-members

June 27, 2013 – Chisuk Emuna/JCC Seniors Lunch & Learn. This will be our last combined lunch and learn now that Chisuk Emuna synagogue is now open.

SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 18th, 2013!

JCC SENIOR ADULT CLUB HOSTS STUART, SARA and ZEV MALINA



The Harrisburg JCC's Senior Adult Club is most excited to announce that Maestro Stuart Malina and his daughter, Sara and son, Zev will be presenting a musical program for our members on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, for our after-lunch entertainment.

Maestro Stuart Malina is one of America's most versatile and accomplished conductors. In a wide variety of concerts, from masterworks and grand opera to pops, Maestro Malina's ease on the podium, engaging personality, and insightful interpretations have thrilled audiences and helped to break down the barriers between performer and listener wherever he has worked.

I'm sure we will have many members who won't want to miss this opportunity to hear Maestro Malina and his children's musical performance. Please make your reservations early and no later than Tuesday June 11th, so we can accommodate all those who would like to attend. Call Cheryl at 236-9555 Ext. 3115 for your reservations. Cost for lunch and program is \$10 for Senior Adult Club Members/\$20 for Non-Members.

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MONDAY, JUNE 10 - CRAFT MANIA

Spend a great day at the JCC, making indoor s'mores, rock pets, and leather art. Please pack lunch, drink, bathing suit, towel & sunscreen.

TUESDAY JUNE 11 - HERSHEY PARK HAPPY

We will celebrate the end of school and spend the afternoon at Hershey Park. We will depart from the JCC at 1:00 pm and return by 6:30 pm. This will be an extended day. Please pack a lunch (we will eat before we go), a suit, towel & sunscreen.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 12 - GET READY FOR CAMP

Spend the day searching for fun things to take to camp. We will make fun camp projects and enjoy a day of camp at the JCC. Please pack a suit, towel & sunscreen.

THURSDAY JUNE 13- DRIVE IN MOVIE & BEACH PARTY

Enjoy an age appropriate movie, carnival games and special treats that you can find on the boardwalk. Please pack a suit, towel & sunscreen.

FRIDAY JUNE 14 - DUTCH WONDERLAND

Enjoy a fun-filled day at Dutch Wonderland. We will depart from the JCC at 9:30 am and return by 6:00 pm. Children must buy lunch at the park. There is a gift shop at the entrance, if you choose you may send money for your child to buy a souvenir. Please pack a bathing suit, towel and sunscreen.

Regular Rate: \$325/entire week, JCC Member discount:

\$265/entire week

Susquehanna Twp students (4 days) Regular Rate: \$280, JCC Member discount: \$220

Silver Academy students (2 days) Regular Rate: \$170, JCC Member discount: \$110

Registration deadline: June 3

To register please contact the JCC Front Desk.

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

Please be assured that your child's safety is very important to us. We have a great child to staff ratio. Please pack a bathing suit, towel and sunscreen each day. Trips may be changed due to insufficient registration or weather conditions.

Turning 4's People in our Neighborhood project



By Chana Tillman

Every year at the JCC Brenner Family Early Learning Center, we have a great deal of learning, fun, and growth. This particular year was extraordinary in all of those categories. My Turning 4's class was learning all about the people in our neighborhood this school year. Mainly every week, the children and I would discuss a new and different person in our neighborhood. Within that week, we did related projects and had special visitors from our own neighborhood. These visitors came to talk to the children and answer any questions they had. For example, at the start of our unit we learned about police officers. The children and I discussed what police officers do and how they protect us. Each child made their own badge to wear proudly. The children also made cookie police cars to eat, and a special visitor came to talk to the class. Officer Kevin Scott (our own classmate Penelope's dad and a Susquehanna Police Officer) and his partner Officer Andy Verbos came in uniform and spoke to the children and let them see and investigate a real police car. The children loved it!

These types of activities and visitors continued throughout the school year.

Teacher - Mrs. Tammy Reid - parent of one of our Pre-k children and teacher from the Silver academy

Doctor - Ms. Amy Plante - former parent of the ECD whose children still attend day camp

Soldier - Mr. Moshe Abu - parent of Yair from the Turning 4's class

Firefighter - Mr. Eric - local Harrisburg city fire fighter

Chef - Mr. Ian Nasuta - parent of Addy from the Turning 4's class

EMT - Mr. Chris Yohn - husband of our infant teacher Miss Missy

Veterinarian - Dr. Barbara - local vet for our favorite pets

Lifeguard - Miss Terri Travers - JCC sports and fitness director

Farmer - Ms. Kim - She also brought our eggs that hatched into the cutest chicks

Construction Worker - Mr. George - our favorite JCC maintenance man

Newscaster - Ms. Sherry Christian - local CBS 21 news anchor

All of these amazing visitors were accompanied with projects, lessons, learning, and of course fun!

Here are a few highlights: During Lifeguard week, the boys and girls went swimming in the indoor JCC pool under the watch of lifeguards Terri and Becca. During Farmer week, Ms. Kim came from the 4H Club and brought with her Mrs. Fuzzy Cheeks (her pet chicken), an incubator, and eggs. Our class, along with Miss Melissa's class, cared for the eggs and watched them hatch. The children then had nine chicks to play with. During our Chef week, we cooked delicious meals and desserts each day, and Chef Ian taught us how to make challah French toast.

Our final week was about newscasters. What better way to end our year long unit than with the people in



out community who deliver our local news. Here at the ECD we are so lucky to have Ms. Megan (Rowan's mom from the infant room) and Miss Angie (Maddie's mom from the infant room) both whom work at Channel 21 News. I asked a huge favor from them: Can we come to tour the facilities at Channel 21? I am happy to report, they made it happen. It was a magnificent experience. The children and the teachers were mesmerized being there. Just when we thought the experience couldn't get better, we walked past the news room. There we saw Ms. Sherry Christian interviewing PA Governor Tom Corbett. We watched as the "On Air" light glowed brightly. When the interview was completed, both the Governor and Sherry Christian stayed to talk to the children and took pictures with them. Sherry let each child sit at the anchor desk and took a picture with them. Channel 21 posted the adorable pictures on their webpage.

I alone could not have made all of this happen. I would like to thank each and every one of our special guests for coming in. This school year would not have been such a huge success without your involvement. It is ironic because while learning about people in our neighborhood, those people came to our classroom to help our children learn. What a perfect example of "it takes a village to raise a child." This shows us all what a spectacular community and family we have here at the JCC Brenner Family Early Learning Center.

First Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night

Over 50 dads, uncles and grandfathers escorted their daughters/nieces/granddaughters to the First Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night on Sunday, May 19. The couples looked dazzling in their finest attire and danced the night away. DJ Heidi Linn spun the tunes and taught the group several lines dances. The gentlemen showed off their best dance moves, and everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner. It was a FABULOUS night that the couples will remember for a long time. The JCC plans to run this event again in the near future.





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For my Bar Mitzvah project, I am collecting diapers and raising money to buy diapers to donate to a women's shelter. Sadly, some mothers don't have enough money to buy diapers for their babies. The name of my project is **No Behind Left Behind**. Please use this website to donate as generously as you can to help my project: www.gofundme.com/2au8tg.

If you have any questions E-mail me at hallelcheskis@aol.com

Thank you,
Hallel Cheskis



Above and Beyond at the Jewish Home



Joyce and Rehta enjoy reading Lou's card

"Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" is a familiar mantra of Navy SEALs, of Army Rangers, of Marines, and of many other military and civilian service members who commit to doing more than is absolutely necessary to their jobs.

Recently, a staff member at the Jewish Home went above and beyond in a compassionate manner to bring special happiness to a family member.

Lou has lived at the Jewish Home since he suffered a severe stroke. It is unlikely that he will ever recover to the point where he can return home. He is wheelchair-bound, can hardly feed himself, and has lost his ability to speak.

His devoted wife Joyce spends virtually every day with Lou. She helps him to eat, reads to him, plays CDs for him, attends to his needs and provides loving company. Lou knows that Joyce will come every day, and appears more comfortable in her presence. Joyce's dedication to Lou, even compared to many other family members who attend their loved ones, is

remarkable.

Once, someone asked Joyce why she spends all her time at Lou's side. Her answer was simple; "Where else would I be?"

Joyce's birthday came, and she decided to give herself some time away from her daily routine of visiting and caring for Lou. When she returned from a two-day break and entered Lou's room, she found a card addressed to her. She thought that staff had recognized her birthday with a card. The card, however, was signed "love, Lou."

Turns out that Lou, who does not say much at all, said "birthday" to a staff member. Jewish Home physical therapist Rehka realized that Lou understood that Joyce's birthday had come, and Rehka did what Lou himself would have done had he been able - made a card for Joyce.

Rehka wanted to remain anonymous, but Joyce discovered her identity when she showed the card around. Rehka, who went above and beyond in thoughtfulness and compassion to give a special gift to Joyce, is a Jewish Home Star.

Every day, Jewish Home staff members go out of their way to show special kindness to residents and the families who love them. There are many Jewish Home Stars. But Rehka is a special Star, whose extra thoughtfulness brought joy to our resident, Lou, and his beloved wife, Joyce.

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Anya Fox "Healthy Teeth and Healthy Hearts" project

By Mary Klaus



Anya Fox stands near a map showing the reach of her bat mitzvah project.

The elderly Bolivian woman looked closely at my picture of a smiling Anya Fox, then at the sign saying "Anya Fox Healthy Teeth and Healthy Hearts" project. "Who is Anya Fox?" she asked me through my translators, who translated the question from Quechua (language of the Inca) to Spanish to English. "Anya Fox," I replied, "is a generous young lady from America who

countries through her Bat Mitzvah project that involved collecting toothbrushes and jump ropes for me, a medical missionary nurse, to take to the poor in these countries. People around the world, like the Bolivian woman, have asked me, "Who is Anya Fox?" I'm proud to say she's my friend.

Anya, whose Bat Mitzvah was May 4 at Temple Ohev Sholom, served her less fortunate sisters and brothers around the world through the "Anya Fox Healthy Teeth and Healthy Hearts" project. The seventh-grade student at the Silver Academy, daughter of Jeanette Krebs and Barry Fox, of blessed memory, was wrapped in her father's prayer shawl and the love of her older sister, Sophia, and her mother during the service.

During a celebration luncheon afterwards at the Jewish Community Center, Anya smiled while standing near a world map poster made by Dr. Maggie Grotzinger, a dear friend. Arrows pointed from Harrisburg to the countries Anya helped. "This was an interesting project," she said. "The jump ropes help people exercise and have healthier hearts. The toothbrushes help them have healthier teeth."

Anya seemed fascinated by both my work as a hospice nurse and my special calling as an international medical mission nurse. (As you read this, I'm in Tanzania, Africa,

on my 31st international medical mission, delivering more of Anya's supplies.) Her project, -- my first involvement with a Bat Mitzvah -- turned into a win-win for all involved.

Anya collected hundreds of toothbrushes and jump ropes. She also came to my house to help pack them, along with donated eyeglasses I take to the Third World for my eyeglasses clinics. Then, I took her projects out into the world.

In Rwanda, I discovered that the adult women liked to jump rope as

much as the children. Their solemn eyes sparkled with joy at the simple act of jumping. In Bolivia, the toothbrushes were a hot commodity -- and the jump ropes went fast. In Ethiopia, children happily shared the jump ropes and took turns waiting in line for a chance to jump.

In Moldova, a grandmother asked me for one of Anya's jump ropes, saying it was for her grandchildren. Then, this 78-year-old lady took the jump rope and jumped herself, giggling in delight as I applauded.

Anya's toothbrushes will help people improve their oral health while the jump ropes will give exercise and joy that lasts far longer than my trips. I was thrilled to bring Anya back a statue of a woman from each country I visited as a souvenir of the project.

Anya thanks everyone who donated supplies for my medical missions. She is continuing her projects. If you would like to donate toothbrushes or jump ropes, please e-mail her mother at jkrebs1@verizon.net.



loves to help people." I smiled at the woman with braids to her hips, a peasant-style skirt and simple top. Then, I reached into Anya's bag and gave the woman a green toothbrush and Anya's best wishes.

Anya Fox has never traveled to such exotic places as Rwanda, Bolivia, Ethiopia, Moldova or Tanzania. But the Susquehanna Twp. girl has touched hundreds of lives in these Third World

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Harrisburg JCC's Newest Lifeguard Class



Seven students, under the instruction of Teri Berman, recently passed the Red Cross Lifeguarding class held at the JCC. The new life guards will be working at a variety of area pools this summer.

Participants included top row, from left to right: Elliot Solomon, Nate Jacobs, Zach Ruth and Wesley Bobb.

Bottom row, left to right: Maddie Jacobs, Leah Cooper, Amber Woods

JCC Senior Adult Club Officers Installation

By Esther Boldes

On May 7, 2013, the JCC Senior Adult Club installed its officers for the years 2013-2015. We had a lovely lunch with festive looking table settings. Here is a picture of our new officers:

We wish all of these volunteers much success and thank them for their volunteer spirit. Please come to our interesting programs and support the Senior Club by also giving some of your own time to help our officers.

Shalom!



From left to right standing are: Carla Silverman, Co-Financial Secretary; Sally Kravets, Treasurer; Roberta Krieger, Membership Vice President; Zelda Arch, Co-Financial Secretary; Roberta Berdofe, Social Vice President.

Sitting in front: Harriet Kopp, Recording Secretary; Nancy Bayuk, President; Ann Feerman, President Emeritus; Barbara Lock, Corresponding Secretary.

Circus Performer Visits with JCC Girls



Elliana Grace (center) recently paid a visit to the JCC. She is currently touring as the Human Cannon Ball in Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's "Built to Amaze" show.

Now, at the age of 20 years old, she is currently the youngest female cannon ball in the world. She has traveled to Israel twice - in 2007 and 2010 - as a young performer for Circus Harmony's PeaceThrough Pyramids collaboration, an exchange program with the Jewish/ Arab Galilee Circus. According to Elliana, it was one of the most amazing experiences of her life, and she hopes to go back to Israel some day. Elliana met with a group of girls who enjoyed asking her questions about her life, her life as a circus performer, and so much more.

Jewish Home Volunteer Recognition

Each year, the Campus of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg honors its volunteers with an afternoon party. This year was no different. Volunteers, guests, family members and others arrived to find an orchestra playing, delicious hors d'oeuvres waiting, and a fine program planned by Jessica Finkenbinder, director of Therapeutic Recreation and Volunteers at the Home.

Jessica says that volunteers are critical to the Home's programs. Volunteers work in many areas, some assisting with Bingo and special events, others pushing wheelchairs, others reading to residents, and others just keeping residents company. Some conduct religious services and study classes. All are indispensable.

Often, volunteers are relatives of loved ones who have passed away at the Home, and who want to give to other residents the attention and compassion their own loved ones received. Others come for the good feeling they get when they connect with particular residents. Others feel a duty to serve. Whatever the motive, Jewish Home Campus volunteers are a special breed, and they deserve all the recognition they can get.

In fact, if you want to feel wanted, special and indispensable, get in touch with Jessica Finkenbinder at the Jewish Home and learn how much fun it is to volunteer!



ENGAGEMENT YABLON - LEVIN



Cheryl and Leonard Yablon of Steelton, PA and Marlene and Stuart Levin of Chicago, IL are very happy to announce the engagement of their children, Daya Aryn Yablon and Jonathan William Levin.

Daya is a graduate of the Silver Academy, Harrisburg Academy and the University of Toronto. She is presently a Program Coordinator at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle, Washington.

Jonathan received his undergraduate degree at Miami University and his MBA from the University of Chicago. Jon is presently a Group Finance Manager at Microsoft in Seattle, Washington.

BREAKFAST 'N LEARN AT BETH EL TEMPLE

Please join us on Sunday morning, June 2 as Beth El Temple's Breakfast 'n Learn series wraps up the year with a very special program. "Jews By Choice: Congregants Share Their Spiritual Journeys" is our topic for a compelling, insightful, and engaging panel discussion to be introduced and moderated by religion professor Ted Merwin.

Please join us for Minyan in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. A light breakfast in Rosen Sisterhood Hall will be served at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP your attendance to the Beth El Temple Office at 232-0556.

Breakfast 'n Learn is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of Beth El Temple. We look forward to your participation!

BETH EL TEMPLE RAFFLE

Sunday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.
Join us for Brunch!

Congratulations to Kurt and Doris Moses, our Early Bird winners of a Kindle reader. Thousands of dollars in cash and loads of prizes will be given away to lucky winners at the Beth El Temple Annual Raffle on Sunday, June 9. Festivities get underway at 10:00 a.m. with a delicious brunch—bagels, lox & more—in Rosen Sisterhood Hall. Come for good food, a social good time get-together in the company of friends, and the excitement of winners' tickets being pulled and prizes awarded.

But to get in on the action, first you need to purchase a raffle ticket. Will YOU be one of our many raffle winners this year? Tickets are on sale at \$100 each. Contact the Beth El Temple Office at 232-0556 or Raffle Committee members Neil Weber (903-3284), Howard Stein (756-7737) or Bob Lieberman (979-1634). Check the Beth El Temple website betheltemplehbg.org for more information.

All ticket holders get a free brunch. Guests of ticket holders may come for \$5. Be sure to make your reservations to join us for the Raffle Brunch!

community calendar

Tuesday, June 4

Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC
Program: "The Jewish Perspective"
with Bob Axelrod, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday June 6

Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC
Program: "Navigating the Maze of Senior Care", 12:30 p.m.
Federation Board of Trustees Mtg., 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11

Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC

Thursday, June 13

Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC
Program: Chisuk Emuna Lunch 'N Learn, 12:30 p.m.

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Cheskis, Chisuk Emuna director of education, and Susan Leviton then sang a Hebrew song of thanksgiving and praise.

After the ceremony, Kline, 86, said he has been blowing the shofar at Chisuk Emuna for 59 years. "The fire was very depressing," he said. "When I saw it, my heart sank. I wasn't sure we could pull this off, building a new place. This was a miracle and took hard work."

Elaine and Stuart Kranzel recalled getting married in Chisuk Emuna, attending holy day services there and sending their daughter to its Sunday School. Both said they were devastated by the fire but overjoyed at the rebuilding. "It's gorgeous," Elaine Kranzel said. "It's tasteful, comfortable and not pretentious. I feel at home here."

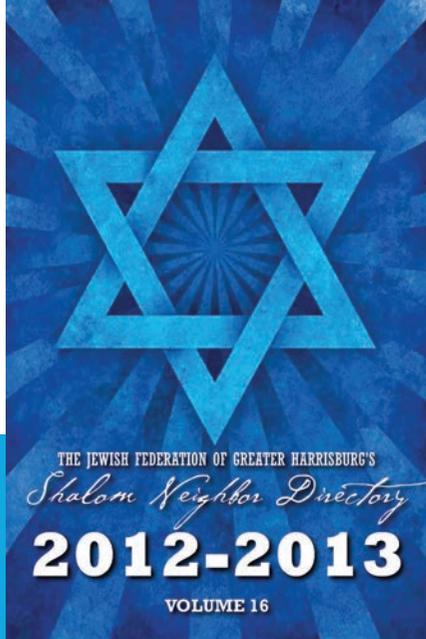
Mayor Linda Thompson, who attended the Riverside School as a child, said she was pleased at the new use for the old school property. "Now, this is holy ground," she said. "Jews will worship here and learn here. It's very inspiring." Harrisburg Bureau of Fire Battalion Chief Jim McHenry, one of several city firefighters at the dedication, looked at the new Chisuk Emuna and remembered

the night of the fire. "That night, we were concerned about roof failure and about the safety of the Torahs," he recalled. "We helped bring the Torahs out. Now, they have a new home. I'm honored and humbled that we were invited."

A unique part of the evening was the unrolling of a Torah, giving the congregation a close-up and rare look at an entire Torah at one time. Led by the Rabbi and Mandy Cheskis and assisted by dozens of members wearing gloves, the 20-inch tall and more than 100-foot-long Torah was rolled out, filling much of the sanctuary. Rabbi Muroff explained the work of the scribes and translated some of the passages. Members marveled at the well-preserved parchment which Gerry Gorelick estimated was about 100 years old. The scroll was re-rolled shortly before the Shavuot service celebrated the giving of the Torah. By the evening's end, congregation members appeared so comfortable in their new home that it seemed as though this Chisuk Emuna had always been here.

Mazel Tov, Chisuk Emuna!





SHALOM NEIGHBOR COVER CONTEST

Send in your cover design ideas to b.romano@jewishfedhbg.org. See your artwork in over 2,500 homes! Deadline for entries is July 5, 2013.

synagogue life

BETH EL TEMPLE

232-0556 | www.betheltemplehbg.org

Minyan 7 a.m. daily and 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.
 Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
 Shabbat morning service 9:15 a.m.
 Saturday night mincha/maariv/havdalah at same time as Friday evening candlelighting time

Sunday, June 2: Breakfast 'n Learn - "Jews By Choice: A Panel of Congregants Share Their Spiritual Journey" 9:30 breakfast, 10:00 program

Sunday, June 9: Annual Beth El Temple Raffle! 10:00 a.m. brunch. Thousands of dollars in cash and loads of prizes for lucky winners. Tickets for purchase at \$100 at Beth El Temple Office 232-0556.

Wednesday, June 12: Chaverim event: Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game 7:00 p.m. Family event for adults and kids.

Wednesday, June 19: Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

CHISUK EMUNA CONGREGATION

232-4851 | www.chisukemuna.org

info@chisukemuna.org

Weekly Minyan times: Monday, Thursday mornings, 6:50 a.m.
 Sunday through Thursday evenings, 7:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 7 a.m.

For more information about Chisuk Emuna programs and services, please call our office at 232-4851.

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

Lebanon | 273-2669

Visit the Congregation Beth Israel Web Site at www.congregation-beth-israel.org
 All are welcome to our egalitarian services: Sundays at 9 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. Our Shabbat services, lead by Rabbi Paula Reimers, are at 8 p.m. on Friday evenings and on Shabbat morning at 9:30 a.m. followed by Kiddush.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

CONGREGATION BETH TIKVAH

Carlisle | 245-2811 | www.bethtikvah.org

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

HISTORIC B'NAI JACOB

Middletown | 319-3014 | www.bnai-jacob.org

Historic B'nai Jacob Synagogue, Water and Nissley Streets in Middletown, will conduct Shabbat services on Friday, June 7th at 7:30 p.m.

We are a Community Shul - all are welcome.

Visit Web Site for more information or call our Voice Mail at 717-319-3014

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

KESHER ISRAEL CONGREGATION

238-0763 | www.kesherisrael.org

Participate in our daily Minyanim.

Mornings: Sundays and Federal holidays at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday at 6:45 a.m. Rosh Chodesh and fast days at 6:30 a.m. Evening services begin at 20 minutes before sunset.

Please join us for our 9 a.m. Shabbat morning services - followed by kiddush

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

697-2662 | www.tbshalom.org

Join us for our contemporary Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:15 p.m. or our more traditional Shacharit Shabbat at 9 a.m. Temple Beth Shalom is proud to offer a range of programming for all ages. To find out more about our programs and events, visit www.tbshalom.org or contact us at tbs.temple@verizon.net.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM

233-6459 | www.ohevsholom.org

Friday, May 31: Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Friday, June 7: Shabbat Service, 6:00 pm, Lehrman Chapel

Saturday, June 8, 2013: B'nai Mitzvah, 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Friday, June 14: Family Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Friday, June 21: Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday, June 22: B'nai Mitzvah, 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Friday, June 28: Shabbat Service, 6:00 pm, Lehrman Chapel



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WE ARE ALMOST THERE!!!

Hopefully you have seen the flyers in the *Community Review* for our JCC 4 day/3 night trip to the Biltmore Estate and Asheville in the fall, October 28-31, 2013. We have 29 people signed up for this trip, so I'm sure that this trip will definitely be happening. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have any interest in going with us! A \$75 per person deposit for this trip is due ASAP. Please call Cheryl at 236-9555 Ext. 3115 with any questions. These JCC vacation trips, are open to everyone who would like to go - ask your family, friends or neighbors!

**JUDY ELAINE
(WRIGHT) BURGER**

Judy Elaine (Wright) Burger, 66, of Middletown departed this life on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at The Middletown Home after a long battle with cancer. She was blessed to be the loving wife of Harvey Burger for 44 years. Judy was born in Harrisburg on May 3, 1947, the daughter of the late Russell James and Dorothy Elizabeth (Green) Wright. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Russell James, Jr. Judy is survived by her loving husband, Harvey L. Burger; sons: Ryan (Jessica) Levere, and David Russell (Jessica) Burger; and three beautiful grandchildren: Jaiden Isaac, Lia Raelyn, and Grace Zoe. Judy was a 1965 graduate of Middletown Area High School. She received her BA in Music Education from West Chester University in 1969. She also did brief graduate studies at Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, TX, Evangelical Theological Seminary in Myerstown, PA, and post-graduate piano study with Dennis Sweigart. She was a member of Beth El Temple, Harrisburg and B'nai Jacob Synagogue in Middletown.

Judy was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, and truly valued her many, many friends and relatives. She will be professionally remembered for her many years of piano instruction, choir and worship team work in local churches, and for beginning the Kindermusik and children class piano programs at Lebanon Valley College Community Music Institute. Funeral services were held Friday, May 17th at Beth El Cemetery Chapel, with Rabbi Eric Cytryn.

Burial was in Beth El Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110, in her memory. To share condolences with the family, please visit www.HetrickBitner.com or our Facebook page.

MARLIN H. FREEDMAN

Marlin H. Freedman, 88, of Greensboro, North Carolina died May 2, 2013 at Blumenthal Jewish Nursing Center. Marlin was born in Harrisburg, PA to parents Lillian Singer Freedman and Samuel Freedman. He was predeceased by his parents and his daughter, Susan Kaplan. Surviving are his wife Shirley; son Stephen Freedman and wife Pamela of Chapel Hill NC; sister DeDe Woolf and husband Merv, of Harrisburg PA; grandchildren Seth Freedman of Brooklyn, NY, Jyllian Freedman of Raleigh, NC, and Sutton Freedman of Atlanta, Georgia. Marlin graduated from William Penn High School in Harrisburg PA. He then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in the midst of WW II. He served as a rear gunner in the Pacific Theater. After his discharge, he enrolled at Temple University where he graduated with a degree in Accounting. He retired as President of Southern Waste Paper Company in Greensboro, NC. Upon his retirement, he became very active in many community projects and especially at the Beth David Synagogue. Services were held at the Greensboro Hebrew Cemetery with Rabbi Eliezer Havivi officiating. www.pennlive.com/obits.

**ELIZABETH B.
LIEBERMAN**

Elizabeth B. Lieberman 100, of Harrisburg, passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 13, 1913 in Reading, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph Bloom and Dora (Goldberg) Bloom. Elizabeth was a retired school teacher for the Yeshiva Academy with 25 years of service. After retiring, she worked part time for Elegant Imposters in Strawberry Square. She was a member of Beth EL Temple, and the Beth EL Sisterhood. She enjoyed Mahjong, playing gin rummy, and spending time with her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Calvin A. Lieberman, her 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Elizabeth is survived by her son Robert B. Lieberman and wife Janice of Harrisburg; her sister Mollye Mervis of Miami Beach, Florida; her grandson Daniel M. Lieberman and wife Angie of Lancaster; 2 great-grandchildren Reghan H. and Carson E. Lieberman of Lancaster; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 19th at Beth EL Cemetery Chapel, with Rabbi Eric Cytryn. Burial was in Beth EL Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lieberman Family Endowment Fund (care of Beth EL Temple) 2637 N. Front St. Harrisburg, PA 17110. To share condolences with the family, please visit www.HetrickBitner.com or our Facebook page.

ZELMA ROMANOFF

We are saddened to announce that Zelma Romanoff, a former member

of Beth El Temple, passed away in Florida on Sunday, May 5, 2013. Her funeral was held graveside at Beth El Cemetery on Wednesday, May 8th, with Rabbi Eric Cytryn officiating. Zelma Romanoff, who was 98 years old, is survived by a daughter, Karen Sherman, her husband Arnold, and their family from Jericho, New York.

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- June 7 8:15 p.m.
- June 14 8:18 p.m.

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If you have any questions or concerns during this time of transition, please call either Nathan Bitner or Graham Hetrick at 545-3774 and we will be happy to assist any of your needs.

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JCC Membership Appreciation Day

FREE FAMILY FUN EVENT

Pool Party & Picnic at Green Hills Swim Club

4th of July | 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Green Hills Swim Club | 2055 Fishing Creek Valley Road

Enjoy swimming in our beautiful pool, pool-side bingo, basketball, gaga, soccer, art projects and lots more!

A free lunch will be served from 12:00-1:00 pm

Hot dogs, corn on the cob, pasta salad, drinks, sno-cones, soft pretzels, and a veggie option.

Free to JCC members but please pre-register at a.weikert@jewishfedhbg.org.

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