

FITNESS EQUIPMENT ARRIVES: The JCC Fitness Center is Better Than Ever!

The JCC Sports and Fitness Department is finally becoming whole again with the recent arrival of a new circuit of LifeFitness Strength equipment. The beautiful new line provides members with a great workout and helps to complete the look of the Fitness Center.

Over the past few months, the Fitness Center received a paint job and new flooring. Lockers have arrived and are being assembled, and the finishing touches are starting to be applied. Several new pieces of cardio equipment arrived a month ago including two Espresso bikes and a brand new AMT. However, it was not until the arrival of weight equipment that one realized how great the Fitness Center was becoming. "We pride ourselves on offering quality classes and to once again have a great line of strength equipment that provides added benefits for our members," stated Sports and Fitness Director Terri Travers.

The Fitness Center is offering several demonstrations on how to use the new equipment, but we encourage all members to stop by and take a look and feel free to ask the fitness managers any questions. Morning Fitness Manager Jeremy Kreiser commented, "We are really hoping to see a lot of familiar faces back in the Fitness Center as well as new people. The JCC is able to offer members a great workout."

More Fitness Center photos inside on page 6



JFGH Announces Formation of Task Force and Committees to Develop and Implement New Strategies and Directions for JCC and Federation

At its June meeting, the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg shared the preliminary actions of a Special Task Force whose responsibility is to develop a plan to remodel the Federation

and JCC into a sustainable operation. Sandy Cohen, Dan Schwab, Steve Roth and Ron Plesco co-chair this Task Force. They and the board agreed it is critical that these ongoing reports be shared with the community to keep

stakeholders well informed and to spark volunteerism for those who wish to participate in planning the future of our Jewish community.

The Task Force's plan will be finalized this August for implementation on September 1st, the start of the fiscal year. Initial results will be measured within nine months of launch (June 2013) in order to make the necessary decisions regarding whether the JCC can continue to operate beyond the established two-year window made possible by a generous anonymous donor.

The Task Force is setting

goals and has prioritized committees that will launch in two phases:

1. PHASE 1 COMMITTEES (for immediate start-up):

PROGRAMMING: This committee is tasked with introducing new and robust programming activities with appropriate policy and guideline changes. They are to deliver a report to the board at the July 10th board meeting for implementation on September 1, 2012. Among other priorities, this committee will examine the critical issue of hours

of operation and will work with the Budget and Finance Committee to set benchmarks and goals for sustainability. (Sub-Committee Oversight: Andrea Weikert and Ron Plesco.) Subcommittees include:

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE (Chairs: Adam Wiener and Stuart Gasner)

ADULT/SENIORS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE (Chairs: Ted Merwin and Ricci

Harrisburg Hosts Amazing Jr. Maccabi Games

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The Harrisburg JCC was proud to host the 2012 Middle Atlantic Jr. Maccabi Games. The annual event rotates between several JCC hosts each May, and for the third time the Harrisburg JCC was awarded this prize. Harrisburg, who hosted in 2005 and 2009, was up to the challenge thanks to the leadership of Program Director Andrea Weikert.

The event took place Sunday, May 20th and saw 10 delegations from 5 states take part in the Olympic-style sporting event. About 450 athletes participated during the day in Soccer, Basketball, Swimming, Tennis, and Baseball. The event, which used East Pennsboro High School as its hub, began with an amazing opening ceremony. At opening ceremony, the

delegations marched in and then listened to keynote speeches from Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett and Harrisburg JCC Sports Hall of Fame member Patty Schwab.

After opening ceremony, athletes proceeded to their venues to compete hard and to proudly represent their city. The games ran all day long and featured great competition, but more importantly the athletes demonstrated *Rachmanus* and had the chance to make new Jewish friends.

"The day was a success due to the amazing volunteers and staff who gave of their time to make the event happen," commented Andrea Weikert. "We were so proud of all the great comments we heard from out-of-town attendees."

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By Esther Boldes

On Tuesday, May 15th, the JCC Senior Adult Club had its 5th Annual Spring Review honoring the memory of Professor Melvin Michaels, who originally had been instrumental putting this rather large effort together. Our thanks go to Al Goodman who picked up the baton to continue this project and to our President, Ann Feerman, whose unlimited energy helped to produce it.

Here are some pictures of our talented performers. Our thanks go to Harriet Kopp who very ably performed as decorator, sign holder and wardrobe mistress. Also thanks to Norman Gras for a delicious meal, Ed Silver and the Federation staff who helped make this a success.

We hope to see you all next year for another entertaining and enjoyable program.

Foundation of the Foundation

What Do We Really Need?

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



The Federation/JCC will secure a mortgage on the Front Street building and give the community's leadership up to two years to define a plan to continue providing services....

Like almost all budgets, there are two sides to the equation; income and expense. In the non-profit sector, of which the Federation/JCC is a part, the income aspect is made up of three elements; dues, fees for services, such as tuition for the Brenner early childhood center, and donations to make up any shortfall.

Should the JCC raise its dues or would that cause members to drop out? Should the fees for services be increased or will that cause clients to go elsewhere? Can the campaign, which raises the funds necessary to supplement dues and service fees, raise enough to maintain current services?

These are the questions which must be addressed by the community's leadership. If the answers to these questions do not equal the funds necessary to maintain current programs, the only solution is to eliminate programs.

What is it that you want? What do you see your community offering to young families with children, to seniors who rely upon the JCC for lunches and social

interaction two days each week, for tween and teenage children who have the opportunity to compete in basketball and swimming through the JCC teams? Do you want a central address for the Jewish community with the Jewish cultural programming currently offered?

The challenge to the leadership is to determine what YOU want and what you are willing to provide through your dues, service fees and campaign donations.

This column usually spins around how you can create a legacy through establishing endowments to support our agencies. It asks you to think about the future. Today's column asks you to contact the leadership of the Federation/JCC and tell them what you, as a member of the community, want

and need and if you are prepared to help pay to maintain these services and programs. You need to express yourself about the future of the community.

What do we really need? What do YOU really need? Let the leadership know. If you would like me to transfer your comments, please feel free to send me an email with your suggestions/responses (howard@pajewishendowment.org). I shall gladly pass them on either with your name attached or anonymously, as per your request. But PLEASE, tell them what you want and need. Tell them how you are prepared or are not prepared to support your suggestions.

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The pool is free to JCC members, and memberships to Green Hills are available for purchase to non-members. Green Hills located along Fishing Creek Valley Road and is open weekends from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. and weekdays starting June 11 from 1-7 p.m.

Guests must be accompanied by a member, and the guest fee is \$6 for those 5 and older, and \$4 for individuals under 5. No guests are allowed during camp hours of 1-3:45 p.m. Monday-Friday from June 18-August 10. The phone number for Green Hills is 599-5161.

"I am so excited for this summer! We have a veteran staff who takes pride in making sure the pool is safe for members," stated Terri Travers, SFR Director. "We are really hoping members of the community take advantage of this beautiful facility." For more information about Green Hills, please contact Terri Travers at 236-9555 ext. 3110 or t.travers@jewishfedhbg.org.



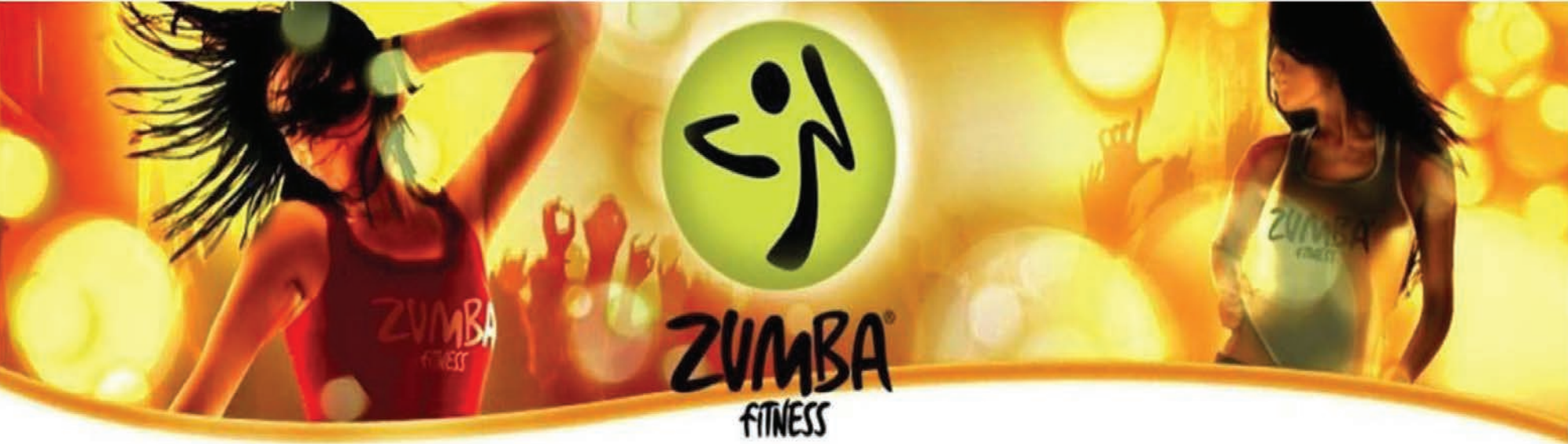
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Harrisburg, PA - Aaron's Acres is inviting the public to visit camp to learn more about Aaron's Acres summer camp experience. Come and see the magic that takes place while children ride a horse or participate in music. Aaron's Acres is hosting two visitors' days on Wednesday, June 20th or Thursday, July 5th beginning at 9:30 am. Visitors' Days will be held at the Green Hills Swim Club, 2055 Fishing Creek Valley Rd, Harrisburg. Those who wish to learn more about Aaron's Acres and how they can become involved in this program are invited to visit camp and meet with our professional staff.

For the summer of 2012, Aaron's Acres is providing a camp experience for over 200 children, ranging in age from 5-21. There is a 5 week program in Lancaster, a 2 week program in Berks County and a 4 week program in Dauphin County.

Aaron's Acres' main goal continues to be to provide year-round recreational programming for children with developmental disabilities and their families in three counties with a program that focus on their abilities, rather than their disabilities. Aaron's Acres reaches families throughout Pennsylvania, who come for the one-to-one staff to child ratio while participating in sports, music, arts and crafts in a in a positive, supportive setting. The program was founded in 1998 by a group of parents who wanted to provide summer camp experiences for their children with special-needs.

In 1998, 11 children experienced camp for one week in this pioneer program in Lancaster. Last summer, approximately 270 children attended camp in one of the following counties: Berks, Dauphin or Lancaster over a 13-week period. During the school year, Aaron's Acres provides monthly recreational programs to children in two counties: Berks and Lancaster. This program enables parents to take care of themselves for a few hours while their children (those who have special needs as well as any siblings) participate in recreational activities with their peers.

Aaron's Acres also serves the community by providing educational opportunities, field placements and internships for undergraduate and graduate level students earning related degrees in local colleges and universities (Millersville University, Alvernia College, Albright College and Penn State Berks Campus). The program also creates community service slots for middle-and high school students as well as those students needing to complete a graduation project. Depending on their abilities and interests, former campers may also go on to become helpers or counselors-in-training.

Those interested in visiting camp to see how Aaron's Acres provides summer camp experience to children ages 5-21 with developmental disabilities must RSVP by June 6th by calling Terry Tafelski, administrative assistant at 717-682-0937-or e-mail her at terrytafelski@aaronsacres.org and let her know which date will work.

For more information about Aaron's Acres, contact Joanne Martin at 717-419-4261 or visit www.aaronsacres.org to learn more. Aaron's Acres is a non-profit 501c3 organization.

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Jewish Home Campus Welcomes Visitor from Havana



JHGH Housekeeping Supervisor Donna Hooker and Dr. Mayra Levy.

The Campus of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, Inc. was host recently to a very special guest, Dr. Mayra Levy, a Cuban physician and President of Centro Sefaradi (The Sephardic Center), in Havana.

Centro Sefaradi, in a restored synagogue in Havana's Vedado neighborhood, operates the Salomon Mitrani Senior Center, where elderly Jews enjoy two meals a day (often the only hot meals they have), classes, exercise, workshops, basic healthcare, off-site excursions and socialization. Dr. Levy has directed the Senior Center since it opened in October, 2011.

Cuban Jews face the same difficult economic and social challenges as do other Cubans; average monthly salaries are about \$20, and pensions - also monthly - about \$12. Many community members live on very limited incomes and in substandard housing, and the Center's nutritious meals offer physical and emotional support.

After Shabbat services on Friday evenings and again after Saturday services, the Center offers meals and nourishment for about 100 members a week. For 50 of the neediest families (about 200 people), each month the Senior Center distributes food baskets whose contents vary, but may include powdered milk, oil, protein, and soap. And thanks to donations from the international Jewish community, Centro

Sefaradi provides such essentials as medicine, vitamins, clothing, shoes, bed linens, items for elder care and soap.

Just a few months ago, Centro Sefaradi became the venue for the first permanent Holocaust exhibit in Cuba. The exhibit was prepared and donated by American friends of Centro Sefaradi, and was installed in two days after being carried in by its designers.

Last September, the Jewish Home sent three huge crates filled with walkers, adult diapers, reading glasses, and a variety of other needed items to Florida, where a licensed shipper has permits to ship via air to Havana. It was this connection that inspired Dr. Levy's visit to Harrisburg. She was especially interested in learning as much as possible about the senior services the Jewish Home Campus provides. And when he learned of her interest, Jewish Home Campus CEO Allen Geckle invited Dr. Levy to spend her two full days in Harrisburg on the Campus.

On her first morning on the Campus, Dr. Levy attended a general staff meeting and described life for Havana's 1500 or so Jews, especially the elderly. Although the Senior Center is a day program, there are similarities between activities on the Jewish Home Campus and in Havana's Senior Center. The Jewish Home and The Residence offer educational and recreational programs; so

does the Senior Center. Here and in Havana, Bingo is a favorite! Personal trainers (who work for a small stipend) direct exercise classes each morning. Here, we do the same, and in addition, the Campus has a fine physical therapy department - something the Senior Center does not.

CEO Geckle made all staff on the Campus available to Dr. Levy for her questions for them and theirs for her. Our Campus driver showed Dr. Levy the intricacies of the van's wheelchair lift - something mechanics in Havana, using a series of photos, will be able to fabricate for the van used to transport Senior Center participants. Nursing staff discussed treatment and care issues with Dr. Levy, and she explained the universal, free healthcare system in Cuba.

Briefly, Dr. Levy was mystified when she saw signs announcing 'volleyball' and 'golf' champions at the Home. By now, participants in the Senior Center in Havana will be playing volleyball and golf indoors, right from their seats!

Medicines are costly and often unavailable in Cuba, and are carried in by generous visitors. Such necessities as glucometers used to test blood sugar and battery operated blood pressure cuffs are expensive and scarce. Wheelchairs and walkers are also scarce.

Dr. Levy and CEO Geckle's guests had Jewish Home kitchen food - the same meals served to



Jewish Family Service CEO Helene Cohen, Dr. Mayra Levy, Geri Henshell, Administrator, The Residence



Jewish Home Campus Board President Elliot A. Strokoff, Esq, Leonard Berman, Jewish Home Campus Board VP Denis J. Milke, MD, with Dr. Mayra Levy



Audrey Shirk, Director of Social Services, Ashley Donmoyer, Social Worker, Jewish Home Campus CEO Allen Geckle, Dr Levy and Helene Cohen, CEO, Jewish Family Service

residents - both days she spent on the Campus. In Havana, lunch always contains rice, usually contains beans, and whatever else the Senior Center shoppers can find. This may be canned tuna, hot dogs, ground beef - and rarely, fresh fruits and vegetables, which are scarce and costly.

When Jewish Home Campus staff learned what the needs of the Havanese Jews are, they went to their storerooms. Items and equipment left by deceased

residents may not be re-used on the Campus. But the glucometers, blood pressure cuffs, lightweight clothing and much more will have a second life in Havana. Our useless leftovers - legally shipped and recycled - will benefit enormously the good people on the other end of our new Harrisburg-Havana connection.

At the same time that the Jewish Home Campus gained great insight to the diverse challenges of managing a senior day center

in Havana, our staff provided Dr. Levy with many ideas that she will apply to the activities at Havana's Senior Center. Campus staff and Dr. Levy look ahead to continue the exchange of ideas and collaboration in their new Harrisburg-Havana connection.

Centro Sefaradi and its Senior Center are supported by Jewish Cuba Connection, a 501 (c)(3) California-based corporation that has U.S. Government permission to work in support of the Center. All contributions are entirely tax-deductible and Jewish Cuba

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Using Dr. Levy's photos, Cuban mechanics will replicate the wheelchair lift in Havana.



Jewish Home Campus CEO Allen Geckle, Jewish Home Administrator Crystal Stair, Dr. Maya Levy

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Harrisburg Athletes Put Up Great Showing at 2012 Jr. Maccabi Games

The Harrisburg JCC had its largest delegation for Middle Atlantic Jr. Maccabi Games when it played host to the 2012 Games. Harrisburg consisted of 43 athletes competing in swimming, tennis, girls' basketball and boys' basketball.

The 14 swimmers, coached by Teri Berman, did a great job in the pool. Many of the swimmers had their best times of the season. Hannah Snow, Hannah Goldstein and Elizabeth Tesler faced the toughest competition of the day, yet put forth strong showings and finished with many 4th places. Gold medals were won by Sam Welks, Matt Yoffe, Isabelle Borr, Elana Peisner, Eliya Stein and Jason Weitzman. Silvers went to Matt Yoffe, Jason Weitzman, Sam Millner, Ari Dym, Sam Welks, Eliza Kuller, Simona Shuman and Isabelle Borr. Bronze medals were awarded to Millner, Kuller, Jennifer Peisner, and Stein.

Harrisburg had 5 tennis players all who medaled. Richie Kass won the gold for boys' 12-year-old tennis, and Joseph Kass got silver for the 11-year-old boys division. Jason Kline won a silver medal and William Halbert got a bronze in their age divisions. In the girls' competition, Mollie Kline received a silver medal.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams may not have posted many wins, but the teams both saw great improvement over the past few months; and both teams had a lot of fun. The boys' team was coached by Chad Dechowitz and consisted of players Matthew Plesco, Ryan Jacobs, Jacob Nudel, Eli Spotts, Hallel Cheskis, Nathan Alder, Eli Adler, Brian Reback, Noah Meeder, Max Shore, Henry Gold and Joseph Caplan. The girls' team coached by Terri Travers and Patty Schwab was composed of players Victoria Abel, Lexi Weikert, Alexa Schwab, Madison Schwab, Yael Muroff, Anya Fox, Carley Steiner, Maddie Cohen, Skyler Oken, Lily Woolf, Nina Brodsky, and Batsheva Gewirtz



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND CAMP COMMITTEE

(Chairs: Hallie Rosen and TBD)

TWEENS AND TEENS COMMITTEE

(Chairs: Helene Caplan and Holly Glouser)

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

An exploratory committee will be formed to evaluate and analyze the costs and benefits of restructuring the JFGH and JCC entities. (Chairs: Keith Welks and TBD)

MEMBERSHIP/ MARKETING:

When the Programming Committee's plan is ready for implementation and packaged for the community, this committee will promote these activities to the community to attract new members, regain old members and develop strategies to grow and retain membership and involvement. (Chairs: Avi Beck and Kevin Gold)

2. PHASE 2 COMMITTEES (for later start-up, subsequent to phase 1 progress):

BUILDING: This committee will review program plans to determine space allocations to ensure effective, efficient operations with minimum exposure to loss due to acts of nature. (Chairs: TBD)

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

(see "a" below)

In addition, the Task Force is recommending to the Board immediate implementation of several recommendations made by the pre-existing Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee whose findings were postponed by the flood emergency last fall. Among the recommendations are:

a) Creation of a full-time development department headed by a Director of Development. Areas of focus will include the annual giving campaign, major donor development and planned giving with the goal of coordinating and centralizing community fundraising.

b) Creation of new methods of fiscal budgeting, analysis and reporting that takes into account all revenues and costs for each department and that sets threshold levels of profitability and viability for each department.

This Special Task Force is committed to regular and transparent communication with the community. To that end, it has asked Bryan Reid and Steve Aaron to lead its communications efforts. It is critical that accurate and timely information is shared throughout this process and the task force is committed to doing just that.

If you are interested in helping to shape the future of our Jewish community and are willing to roll up

your sleeves this summer to help serve on one of these committees, please contact the JCC directly at: taskforce@jewishfedhbg.org. With your involvement, participation and support, we can create a new paradigm for Harrisburg's Jewish community well into the future.

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The JCC will be having another American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 from 1 PM to 6 PM in the Mary Sachs Auditorium. The Red Cross provides over 40% of the blood needs in the United States; responds to disasters both large and small; helps members of the military, veterans and their families; and teaches life-saving skills. Maintaining sufficient blood to meet patient needs is a delicate balance between supply and demand. In addition to disaster-related blood needs, the Red Cross must collect enough blood each and every day to help accident victims, cancer patients, surgical candidates, children with blood disorders and others.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania region is responsible for collecting 102,000 units of life saving blood in the coming fiscal year. To meet the needs of patients in hospitals that the region serves, over 400 units of blood must be collected daily. "Critical type" blood needed are O, A negative and B negative donors, whose blood is frequently in high demand by hospitals, but oftentimes is in short supply. There is a particular need for type O negative blood. All blood types can receive type O negative red blood cells. That's why it's used in emergencies when there is no time to determine the blood type of the patient.

Please help by donating blood if you can. For a specific time to come in, call Cheryl Yablon, 236-9555, ext. 3115. Drop-ins are welcome.



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AdoptionLinks Adoption
Coordinator

The M family has been associated with the AdoptionLinks program for almost two years. With five birth children of their own, Lisa and Jeff wanted to add to their family and adopted their two-year-old foster daughter last year.



In August 2011, they again added to their family when they welcomed ten-year-old Ashlee into their home after Ashlee lost her adoptive mother to cancer. They hope to adopt Ashlee soon.

A visit with this family is always an adventure. In addition to their

seven children, there are two dogs, two snakes, a turtle, guinea pigs and mice. Lisa home schools all the children and they enjoy volunteering at a local historical site. With wrestling, swimming and horseback riding on their schedules, the kids always have fun activities to complete their busy days.

In March, the family took a trip to Florida, also including Ashlee's sister in the group. Imagine ten people of all ages and stages traveling in a van for all those miles! The vacation was a great success. I imagine Lisa and Jeff were a little relieved when they pulled into their driveway at home. This is one special family!

At AdoptionLinks we are proud to help facilitate such wonderful stories. There are many special families out there who are not only willing but desire to give a child a permanent loving home. Maybe you are one of them. If you would like to investigate the possibility of becoming a foster care or adoptive parent, please call me or one of our AdoptionLinks coordinators at 233-1681.

BETH EL TEMPLE

232-0556 | www.betheltemplehbg.org

Minyan 7 a.m. daily and 5:30 p.m. Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAYS

June 15: Shabbat Under the Stars/Board Installation Dinner, 6 p.m.
Service at 7:15 p.m.

SATURDAYS

June 16: Service, 9:15 a.m. Minchah 8:21 p.m.

Adult Education with Rabbi Eric Cytryn: "Are We Ready for the Wedding?" 7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

CHISUK EMUNA CONGREGATION

232-4851 | www.chisukemuna.org | chisukemuna@comcast.net

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.

Friday evening services at 7 p.m., Saturday evening at same time as Friday evening candle-lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:15 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

Historic B'nai Jacob Synagogue, a community Shul located at Water and Nissley Streets in Middletown, features a schedule of services on our website www.bnai-jacob.org or call our Voice Mail at 717-319-3014

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

KESHER ISRAEL CONGREGATION

238-0763 | www.kesherisrael.org

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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

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697-2662 | www.tbshalom.org

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM

233-6459

Friday, June 15: Shabbat Service, 8:00 PM, Sanctuary

Friday, June 22: Shabbat Service, 6:00 PM, Lehrman Chapel

Saturday, June 23: Cantor's Morning Shabbat Service, 10:30 AM, Lehrman Chapel

Friday, June 29: Shabbat Service, 6:00 PM, Lehrman Chapel

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community calendar

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Senior Adult Lunch Program – 10 a.m., JCC
 Program: Malina Family Concert, 12:30 p.m.
 Day Camp Open House, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., GREEN HILLS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m., JCC

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Senior Adult Lunch Program – 10 a.m., JCC
 Program: Barb and Nat Putterman's Travelogue, 12:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Senior Adult Lunch Program – 10 a.m., JCC
 Program: Sing-a-Long with John and Linda, 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Senior Adult Program – 10 a.m., JCC
 Program: Discussion with Attorney Corky Goldstein, 12:30 p.m.

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Looking In the Mirror

The Greater Harrisburg Jewish community is very special. The warmth and generosity of its members are what attracted my family to Harrisburg nearly twenty years ago and it is what continues to distinguish our community. With so many challenges facing us now, we may sometimes have trouble seeing all of our positive characteristics. Sometimes it helps to have visitors hold up mirrors to help us see our true image. Recently, an Israeli family spent an extended period of time in our area. Their reflections are below. Kudos to all those who provided such loving care to this remarkable family. (I was honored to play a very small part in this effort.)

I believe in this community and in our ability to develop a vision and a plan to strengthen our present and future. May we face our challenges together - clearly and honestly - and involve all who are willing to build a supportive and energizing home for all the members of our community.

Ron Muroff

To the Harrisburg Jewish community,

We arrived in Harrisburg almost half a year ago, and we want to say how thankful we are to all the people that have helped us.

We were committed to finding and getting the best medical treatment for our son Muli, even if it meant taking him far from our home in Jerusalem. When we found out that the best treatment for Muli's cancer was in Hershey, we had no doubts about traveling to the U.S., but we imagined a hard period, being so lonely and so far away from all our friends and family.



When we arrived we were surprised to feel the huge hug that we got from all the Jewish community. There was always somebody who took care of us, called to ask if we needed some help, brought food, gave us a ride, gave Liam special attention and a lot more!!!

We want to express our gratitude to all of you that welcomed us into your Community.

Liam will always remember her friends and teachers in the JCC Early Learning Center and the Silver Academy! It gave us the very strong feeling that being a Jew means that we are all one family, whether we are from Jerusalem or Harrisburg.

~ Myriam, Liam, Muli, Leshem and Eli Safrai ~

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RITA G. BLATT PH.D.

Dr. Rita G. Blatt, 82, of Lower Paxton Twp. passed away on Friday, May 25, 2012. She was born on August 10, 1929 in Titusville, PA to the late Louis and Esther Gould. Rita received her B.S. in Chemistry from Penn State University in 1951. In 1968, she received a Masters Degree in Chemistry and Biology from Carnegie Mellon University. She earned a Ph.D. in Science Education from the University of Pittsburgh in 1975. Rita started her career as a chemist with the U.S. Quartermaster Laboratories in Philadelphia, PA. Four years later, she became a research chemist at Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh, PA. She also taught chemistry at Point Park College in Pittsburgh, PA. For the next 22 years, Rita was a Chemistry Professor at Penn State Harrisburg until her retirement in 1993.

Rita was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 49 years, Harold C. Blatt. She is survived by her loving daughters, Roberta Aronson and Nada Ahearn and her son-in-law Douglas Ahearn. She will be missed dearly by her grandchildren, Lindsay Aronson, Emily Aronson, Andrew Ahearn and Jeffrey Ahearn. Funeral services were held Tuesday on May 29th at the Beth El Temple Cemetery Chapel, Harrisburg, PA with Rabbi Eric Cytryn officiating. Burial will follow. Arrangements were handled by the Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home. T Contributions may be made in memory of Rita Blatt to the Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute, University Development, P.O. Box 852, Hershey, PA 17033.

To send condolences to the Blatt family, please go to www.hetrickbitnerfuneralhome.com.

DR. MELVIN GROSSMAN

Dr. Melvin Grossman passed away recently. Funeral services were private. Surviving are Ann and Ron Chadwell, Ben, Alex and Jake and John Grossman. Contributions in memory of Dr. Grossman may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolence wishes can be sent to the Chadwells at 1714 Letchworth Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

GRACE R. MILLER

Grace R. Miller, 93, of Harrisburg, passed away on Wednesday, May 9, 2012. She was born in Johnstown on December 23, 1918 to the late Harry and Mary Rosenberg. She was a member of Beth El Temple and Hadassah. She was a former member of Blue Ridge Country Club and a former volunteer of Colonial Park Library and RSVP. Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Norman L. Miller. Surviving are her sons, David and Jeffrey of Harrisburg and her sister, Hulda Einhorn. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 11th at the Beth El Cemetery Chapel, with Rabbi Eric Cytryn officiating. Burial was in Beth El Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home.

Memorial donation can be made

to the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, 4000 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, 17112 or to Hadassah.

ADELINE R. (LUGER) WEISS

Adeline R. (Luger) Weiss, 82, of Harrisburg, passed away on Monday, May 7, 2012. She was the wife of the late Albert J. Weiss who entered into rest on 9/11/11. She was born on July 25, 1929 and was the daughter of the late Abraham and Goldie (Grabel) Luger.

She was the co-owner of the Warner Hotel which she ran with her husband for over 35 years. Adeline is survived by a daughter, Allyson Weir of Camp Hill; a son, Louis M. Weiss of New Cumberland; two nephews, and four nieces. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bernie Miller (Hilda) and David Miller (Esther). Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 10th at Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home with Rabbi Peter Kessler officiating. Burial was at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be offered to the American Heart Association, 100 Mumma Rd., Ste. 100, Wormleysburg, PA 17043. To send the family condolences, please visit www.hetrickbitner.com.

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