

## Harrisburg JCC Celebrates a "Rebirth"

The year of the flood is almost at an end, and the year of rebirth is just beginning. On September 8, 2011, when the floodwaters crested the banks and flooded out the Harrisburg Jewish Community Center, a cascade of events occurred that nearly wiped out the JCC. With renewed vigor and interest from within the community, that vitality has been restored. New programs are being designed. New perspectives are being incorporated. New faces are getting involved.

On September 9, 2012, almost a year to the day since the devastating floods, the JCC will mark its journey forward with an Open House event, free to the public, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the activities designed for all ages, and free babysitting and lunch will be provided. Membership is not required to participate in this program, and all are encouraged to bring a friend. What better way to get ready to bring in a sweet new year than with friends and family and lots of fun!



## JCC Open House

Sunday, September 9, 2012

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

JCC, 3301 N Front Street, Harrisburg

**FREE & Open to the Public**

**Activities for All Ages and Stages:**

fitness class samplers  
wellness programs  
water classes  
arts and crafts  
entertainment  
basketball  
games in the gym  
giveaways  
and LOTS MORE!



**Participate in our building-wide bingo game!**

**Free babysitting from 9:00 am - noon**

Special membership offers!

Bring a Friend

**Enjoy a FREE lunch from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

This program is funded by the Annual Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg and the Pitnick Family Philanthropic Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania

## Jewish Family Service Annual Meeting Celebrates 40 Years of Senior Services

Please join Jewish Family Service for its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at The Residence. This annual meeting will prove to be very special. Not only will we be installing the 2012-13 officers and directors, we will be celebrating 40 years of Senior Services. All past and present Senior Services volunteers will be honored as we take our "hats off" to them for their dedication to this most important program. Jonathan Freeman, board member and co-chair of our upcoming October 14 Rachel Simon event, will emcee the evening.

Rabbi Ron Muroff will be the installing officer. The 2012-13 Officers are: Neely Meals, President, Karen Ball, VP Programs, Robert Durham, VP Development, Marty Rogoff, Treasurer, Jennifer Ross, Immediate Past President. Board of Directors are: Doreen Evrard, Shira Ettinger, Carol Hillman, Amy Keisling, Marcia Kell, Nevin Mindlin, Vicki Smeltz, Bruce Weber. We welcome Marty Rogoff to the board. Marty is the incoming Treasurer and brings much expertise to the position. He is currently a management consultant and trainer, having held

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## Nominating Committee Report Prepared for JFGH Annual Meeting

The Nominating Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg has submitted to the Federation a proposed slate of at-large trustees to stand for election at the Federation's annual meeting, scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

The Nominating Committee chaired by David Herman, Immediate Past President, and including Julia Frankston-Morris, Andrea Lieber, and Michael Solomon, submit the following slate of nominees:

At-Large Trustees

Three (3)-Year Terms (serving through September 2015)

Jennifer Ross

Etta Yospa

No additional nominations were received.

# A SENIOR FOOTNOTE

On July 26th, the JCC Senior Adult Club had the great pleasure to hear a wonderful concert performed by one of our home grown, budding great talents. Gabe Freedman is an incoming senior at Susquehanna Township High School and a former student of the Silver Academy. But his youth should not fool you. Gabe is a classically-trained pianist and has been taking piano lessons since he was five years old. For this program, he performed works of Ravel, Beethoven, Liszt and Chopin with great maturity. His accomplishments are numerous.

Gabe is a member of the prestigious Wednesday Club. He is the recipient of several awards and has also participated in the Pennsylvania Teachers' Association Piano Extravaganza at the Forum. He has been the principal accompanist for his school's chorus and since seventh grade also for the Dauphin County Choruses of middle and high schools. Gabe has recently returned from Elizabethtown College where he attended music camp for the fifth consecutive year, studying piano.

In his spare time, Gabe is also on the school's varsity tennis team, was a member of the Susquehanna mock-trial team, won a district award and captained his school's Science Olympiad, which competed at Millersville University against other regional schools. Gabe's piano teacher is Ms. Debra Nicodemus.

We hope that Gabe comes back to us often before he becomes too famous. The next time I hope you will not miss a great concert, even if it is on a Thursday!

Shalom!

By Esther Boldes



Gabe, with his grandmother, Henny Freedman, aunt, Ruby Sablosky, and cousin, Doris Topper.



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senior management positions in New York and Philadelphia. Marty was also a former professor at Philadelphia University. Marty grew up in Harrisburg and is married to Julie Sherman, a former JFS board member. When asked why he is joining the board, Marty responded "My wife Julie has always told me what a valuable organization JFS is, and now I'd like to give back to my old-and new-hometown." Welcome back, Marty! We thank Cindy Lynch, Immediate Past President and Jonathan Freeman, VP Development, who will be going off the Board, for their leadership. We look forward to their continued involvement with JFS.

Nutrition, social contact, safety. These are three basic needs that JFS provides homebound seniors with the help of volunteers. On a typical Monday, a cadre of volunteers are packing and delivering meals to homebound seniors around town, Hershey and Middletown, Fran Casher is facilitating a lively discussion of the Breakfast Club in the JFS conference room, a half dozen men and women are shopping for and

visiting their personal "matched" homebound senior. And as holidays approach, Silver academy students are at JFS putting together 100 holiday packages that another set of volunteers will deliver to seniors residing in retirement communities and long-term care facilities. Lori Weitzman, JFS Senior Services Case Manager, like a fine conductor, coordinates all the volunteers. Many volunteers have been part of this wondrous orchestra these past 40 years. When a more intense support system is needed our Senior Services staff is here for Case Management, Power of Attorney and Legal Guardianship services.

JFS couldn't offer Kosher Meals on Wheels or Two's Company without the support of our donors. Our President's Club contributors, who donated \$1,000 or more over the course of this fiscal year, will receive President's Club certificates in appreciation of their continued generous support. Please join us to celebrate and applaud these incredible people who help our neighbors every day. If you are one of our great volunteers, please call the JFS office, 233-1681, and let us know you will be attending.

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT YOU ROSH HASHANA HOLIDAY GREETING!**

**DEADLINE IS AUGUST 24, 2012**

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\$25**

**ACTUAL AD  
2" X 2"  
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### ROSH HASHANA GREETING

GREETING SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ MESSAGE \_\_\_\_\_

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- B. L'Shana Tova • C. Happy New Year
- D. New Year Greetings from \_\_\_\_\_ (your name)
- E. Wishing You a New Year of Health, Happiness & Peace
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) Wishes Family & Friends a Happy New Year
- G. Happy New Year • H. Write your own Greeting

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## SIDNEY FRIEDMAN America's Premier Mentalist Coming to the JCC on October 18th!

After WOWING dozens of Jewish Federations across the country, mentalist SIDNEY FRIEDMAN is coming to Harrisburg. As featured on NBC-TV's TODAY SHOW, ABC-TV's THE VIEW and CBSTV's THE EARLY SHOW, here is your chance to experience America's premier mentalist, and a favorite of Federations across the country, SIDNEY FRIEDMAN.

Known as "the mentalist to the stars" (*CHICAGO TRIBUNE*) for his many celebrity clients, Friedman will read your mind, and perform ESP, telepathy and premonition. Plus, you will witness his unique "Music Mind Reading" where audience members think of song melodies and Friedman telepathically senses each tune then plays them on the piano.

**This is a FUN, inspiring evening not to be missed.**

Friedman is also the author of the national best-selling book YOUR MIND KNOWS MORE THAN YOU DO which reached #8 on AMAZON. His corporate clients include Dean Witter, Smith Barney, John Hancock, Campbell's Soup, McDonald's, Quaker Oats, Harris Bank, Navteq, Motorola, Nortel, Abbott, Merck and hundreds more. Plus, he has performed dozens of shows for Jewish Federation, Chabad, Israel Bonds and various Jewish charities across the country. This will be a rare event. Be thrilled and elevated. Experience mentalist SIDNEY FRIEDMAN.

**TICKETS: \$18; Students \$12**

**RSVP to Beth Romano, 236-9555 Ext. 3204 or [b.romano@jewishfedhbg.org](mailto:b.romano@jewishfedhbg.org) or online at [www.jewishharrisburg.org](http://www.jewishharrisburg.org) and click on Sidney Friedman.**

**Dessert reception sponsored by Giant®**

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**JFGH Builds Jewish Community**

TOGETHER,

**WE**

DO EXTRAORDINARY  
THINGS

JFGH has a wealth of programs to strengthen Jewish identity and guarantee Jewish continuity. Working with our partner agencies, we provide Jewish education, help send Jewish teens and young adults on trips to Israel, and train new generations of Jewish leaders.

Please support the  
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THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

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THE GOOD WE DO IS UP TO YOU!

# Babysitting Coming This September to the HBG JCC



Starting September 4 the Sports and Fitness Department will offer babysitting for those 12 months and older Monday-Friday from 9am-12pm. Parents must remain in the building while their child is in babysitting at the JCC. Cost per month is \$15 for the first child and \$5 each additional child from the same immediate family or pay a drop in rate of \$5 per day per child.

To sign up for babysitting or for more information please contact Terri at [t.travers@jewishfedhbg.org](mailto:t.travers@jewishfedhbg.org) or 236-9555 ext. 3110

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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

**Director/Choreographer:** Angela Wise | **Musical Director:** Marina Cherepinsky

Music by Marc Shaiman | Lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman | Book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan

Hairspray is presented through special arrangements with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019

**Please call Angela at (717) 818-7926 to set up an audition time.**

Leave a message with the day and time you would like and your phone number if there is no answer. Walk-ins will still be welcome at auditions but scheduled auditions will be attended to first.

**Questions?** Contact Terry at 236-9555, ext. 3121 or [t.fisher@jewishfedhbg.org](mailto:t.fisher@jewishfedhbg.org)

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# JCC ADULT PROGRAMS

Classes available at the Jewish Community Center:  
**SilverSneakers® MSROM** – Have Fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, and activity for daily living skills. Hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles, and a ball are offered for resistance, and a chair is used for seated and/or standing support. Tuesday/Thursday mornings 9:15 -10:00 a.m. AND Wednesday mornings at 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Fee \$5.00 per class. Free to JCC members and SilverSneakers® participants.

**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.

**SilverSplash®** – Activate your aqua urge for variety! SilverSplash® offers lots of fun and shallow water moves to improve agility, flexibility and cardiovascular endurance. No swimming ability is required and a special SilverSneakers® kickboard is used to develop strength, balance and coordination. Mondays/Wednesday 9:30 -10:30 a.m. Drop-in Fee \$5 per class. Free to JCC members and SilverSneakers® participants.

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:

August 23, 2012 – Jackie Kelly, Esq. will present a program on Veteran's benefits for the Veteran or the surviving spouse.  
 August 28, 2012 — Hal Paul, from Crime Intervention Alarm Company, will provide a safety seminar to educate and remind the group about the hazards around the home.  
 August 29, 2012 – Bus Trip to Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre to see "Fiddler on the Roof"  
 August 30, 2012 – "Plants that Keep on Giving," learn about plant propagation with Pamela Shuman of the Penn State

Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners program.

September 4, 2012 – Dr. Donald Koonos of HACC will resume his lectures

September 6, 2012 - "Something Historic" with Herb Rochman

September 11, 2012 - Business Meeting/Birthday Party. FREE Blood Pressure Screenings by a BAYADA Nurse

September 13, 2012 – Movie

September 18, 2012 – No meeting, 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah

September 19, 2012 – Bus Trip to Allenberry Playhouse to see the musical "Smokey Joe's Café"

September 20, 2012 -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!

September 25, 2012 – No Meeting – Erev Yom Kippur

September 27, 2012 – Lecture by Dr. Truman Bullard, Professor Emeritus of Music at Dickinson College in Carlisle

Glamour, Glitz & a Spectacular  
 Evening of Entertainment!

# dancing with our community stars

**Saturday, November 17, 2012**

Event begins: 6:45 PM ❖ Competition begins: 7:30 pm

Jewish Community Center | 3301 N Front Street, Harrisburg

Tickets:  
 \$45/adults  
 \$20/students

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres,  
 Beer & Wine and  
 Desserts

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 & Ron  
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Shari  
 & Aaron  
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Terri  
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\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$200
<b>The Tango</b>	<b>The Waltz</b>	<b>The Fox Trot</b>	<b>The Cha Cha</b>
6 Event Tickets	4 Event Tickets	2 Event Tickets	1 Event Ticket
12 Votes	8 Votes	4 Votes	1 Vote
Recognition in event publicity and JCC Website	Recognition in event publicity and JCC Website	Recognition in event publicity and JCC Website	

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 & Bert  
 Rubin

Renee  
 & Scott  
 Jacobson

Debra &  
 Arthur  
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Cheryl  
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 Jeremy  
 Kreiser

This is a fundraiser for the JCC, proceeds benefit operations for the many programs and departments including preschool, camp, senior programming, Maccabi, sports and fitness, allowing the JCC to continue to fulfill its mission in the community.

# THE GOOD WE DO IS UP TO YOU!

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT THE SILVER ACADEMY

Each new school year is filled with excitement as we celebrate a new year of learning for students. Much work has been done over the summer to improve and update our core curriculum and many of our programs have been expanded and new ones have been added to our school. Expectations are very high at The Silver Academy. Every student is challenged to make the most of his or her talents, and every teacher engages in supporting the students' efforts. Teachers and resource staff are charged with ensuring that each child flourishes in class. Our dual curriculum provides excellent academics in both Judaic and General Studies.

We teach Hebrew as a second language, not a foreign language, and visitors hear the sounds of Hebrew conversation in the classrooms and hallways. The rigor of learning a second language enhances students' abilities to learn and communicate effectively in all of their course work – from language arts and history to math and computer science.

We customize our educational programs so that a child can join an accelerated group for math while studying at his or her grade level for social studies or reading. Our Graduates flourish in high school and attend selective colleges and universities. Many of them become leaders in their chosen professions.

As we begin the 2012 -2013 school year our enrollment continues to increase. At the same time we look forward to another outstanding year, we should also take a moment to review some of last year's noteworthy accomplishments:

## General Studies

Science Fair – Two Silver Academy students placed 1st and 2nd in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science and in the Capital Science and Engineering Fair.

Terra Nova Scores – Our students, on average, placed in the 90th percentile in this national achievement examination.

Math 24 Club – Two students placed in the top 40 in the Central Pennsylvania Math 24 Competition.

Technology – The computer lab upgraded to touch screen computers and two state of the art smart boards were added to our classrooms.

Dickinson College Environmental Studies – The Kindergarten, 5th and 6th grade students participated in an environmental studies program with Dickinson College student. They planted local gardens, created bio-diesel fuel and toured the massive Dickinson College farm and bio-diesel lab.

Quarters for Cancer – Our students raised \$940 for the American Cancer Society in honor of their science teacher Mr. Susan Gaughan.

## Judaic Studies

TEVA Program – The 5th and 6th grade students participated in a four day nature retreat at the Pearlstone Center and studied topics in natural science from a Jewish perspective.

8th Grade Israel Trip – Students traveled to Israel for two weeks with students from the Seligman Day school in Philadelphia. This trip put in perspective so much of their 10 year educational careers at the Silver Academy.

Holocaust Essay Winner – two students (one current and one alumna) placed first in the Schwab Holocaust Essay Competition and delivered their speeches at the Capitol before Governor Corbett.

Archeology Dig – All participated in a dig on a recreated Israeli Archeology site. Through hands-on-activities, they learned about ancient Israeli societies and the scientific methods of archeology.

Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award – This past summer, Rabbi Moshe Yosef Gewirtz was awarded the prestigious Grinspoon Steinhardt Award for excellence in Jewish Education. This national award is presented to the top 30 Jewish educators around North America. This is the first time that a Harrisburg Jewish educator was selected as a recipient for the award.

## Extracurricular Activities

Enthusiasm for sports and extracurricular activities runs high at the Silver Academy. Many of our students participate after school on the JCC Basketball and Swim teams. Students have many other choices for extracurricular activities, including, Chess Club, Drama Club, Family Fitness Club, Math 24 Club, Torah Reading Club, Recycling Club, Rashi Club, Mishana Club and Music Club.

The Silver Academy – formerly the David L. Silver Yeshiva Academy, guides each student to achieve his or her unique intellectual, creative and social potential through an enduring commitment to academic excellence, exceptional teachers and our outstanding dual curriculum. We encourage you to visit The Silver Academy. We invite you to see our school in action and find out more about our outstanding program for grades Pre-K through 8th. Our admissions staff will be happy to arrange a tour of our campus. Please contact the school at 717-238-8775 or email [Jaclyn.Rubin@silveracademypa.org](mailto:Jaclyn.Rubin@silveracademypa.org).

A NEW DAY  
AT THE

HBG  
JCC

# Upcoming Events!

### Jodie's Art Class

For: K- 5th

**October 16, 23, 30,  
November 6, 13, 20**

**Tuesdays, 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm**

OR

**October 11, 18, 25,  
November 1, 8, 15**

**Thursdays, 4:30-5:15**

Instructor: Jodie Raffensperger

Minimum 8 children to run the class

\$85/Regular Rate, \$50/JCC Member

Discover the artist in your child. During this eight-week session, learn the basics such as shading, tinting, perspective and color, taught in simplified terms. Work with a variety of mediums and settings.

### School's Out... J is IN Programming

When schools are closed, the JCC is open! Entrust your child to the JCC's safe, fun and stimulating School's Out Programs. Spend each day at The J making art projects, playing games and sports, enjoying cooking, swimming and much more! Children will need to bring a bag lunch, swim suit and towel. We provide all the fun.

**Monday, October 8**

**8:00 am – 6:00 pm**

For: Kindergarten – 5th graders

\$65/Regular Rate, \$40/JCC Members

Registration deadline: September 28

**November 6**

**8:00 am – 6:00 pm**

For: Kindergarten – 5th graders

\$65/Regular Rate, \$40/JCC Members

Registration deadline: October 29

**November 21**

**8:00 am – 6:00 pm**

For: Kindergarten – 5th graders

\$65/Regular Rate, \$40/JCC Members

Registration deadline: November 12

**November 26**

**8:00 am – 6:00 pm**

For: Kindergarten – 5th graders

\$65/Regular Rate, \$40/JCC Members

Registration deadline: November 12

### Kids Nite Out at the JCC

(Otherwise known as parents night out!)

**Saturday, October 13**

**7:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

JCC Members Only

\$15/first child, \$10/second child (same family)

Registration deadline: October 5

And

**Saturday, November 3**

**7:00 pm – 9:30 pm**

JCC Members Only

\$20/first child, \$15/second child

Registration deadline: October 26

Parents enjoy a night out on the town while your kids enjoy a night out at the JCC. Take an evening off and know that we will take great care of your children. We'll have a great time playing in the gym, swimming in the pool, doing art projects & watching a movie.

For: kindergarten–5th graders

**To register for these programs please contact the Front Office at 236-9555, ext. 0.**

**Questions?**

Contact Andrea at 236-9555, ext. 3108, [a.weikert@jewishfedhbg.org](mailto:a.weikert@jewishfedhbg.org) or Terry at ext. 3121, [t.fisher@jewishfedhbg.org](mailto:t.fisher@jewishfedhbg.org)

# A TWIST OF THE OLD TO START THE NEW YEAR



Join

**FAITH WOLF**

*Certified culinary arts instructor & Owner of Piece A' Cake Confections in Baltimore, MD*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 • 7:00 PM**

Mary Sachs Auditorium | Jewish Community Center | 3301 N. Front Street Harrisburg PA

Faith will demonstrate and offer tastings of delicious  
Rosh Hashanah cuisines — sure to please your most difficult guest!



## Menu:

Edible Honey Dishes + Holiday Challah  
Winter Squash & Apple Soup with Chili Breadcrumbs  
Mulligatawny Stew  
Hot Apple Strudel with Maple Glaze and Compote  
Apples Cradles in Phyllo Puffs with Lemon-Apple Sauce

*The Kesher Israel Synagogue wine cellar will also provide samples  
of wines paired with each course to compliment the dishes.*



**\$50/REGULAR RATE • \$25 /JCC MEMBERS**

**Prior to the event, starting at 6:00 pm, the following vendors will be set up  
to ensure that your holiday ensemble is as impressive as your food:**

*\* Helen Baker of Hats Incredible, latest styles in hats and hair accessories*

*\* Mollie Halperin of Jewels by Mollie, with her one of a kind jewelry & scarves*

*\* Renee Heyden, Alli's Everlasting Arrangements and Accessories,  
accessories made by the Heyden family from Alli's excess fabric with proceeds going to Alli's memorial scholarship*

**Space is limited! RSVP for this incredible event by contacting 236-9555, ext. 0.  
Questions? Contact Andrea Weikert at [a.weikert@jewishfedhbg.org](mailto:a.weikert@jewishfedhbg.org)**

# News & Notes from The Campus of the Jewish Home

by Allen Geckle, CEO



Allen Geckle, CEO



Crystal Stair, RN, NHA



Youth Volunteer Karyssa Geckle mans a fishing booth at the Home's Beach Party



Alyssa Geckle, another Youth Volunteer, plays beach volleyball at the Home's Beach party

It's been a little over eight months since I was named the CEO of The Campus of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, and I am delighted to have the opportunity to share some information about myself and the happenings on The Campus since that time.

Let me start by introducing the naming changes that have taken place over the last year or so. Because of confusion that often existed between the nursing home and the overall organization, the Board decided over a year ago to make some naming changes to clarify the different segments of our business. The entire organization is now referred to as "The Campus of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg" (The Campus), while the long-standing skilled nursing facility continues to be referred to as "The Jewish Home." The personal-care facility continues to be called to as "The Residence." We hope this helps to establish the broader range of services that we provide on "The Campus."

Next, allow me to introduce myself to those of you I haven't met over the years. I have been with the organization for over 11 years, previously serving as the Chief Financial Officer. I grew up in the Harrisburg area, attending Central Dauphin HS, and even fondly remember playing basketball at the JCC! I currently live in New Cumberland with my wife of 17 years, Karen, and our two daughters, Alyssa (14) and Karyssa (11).

I understand and appreciate faith-based missions, and I am humbled and honored to be the first person from outside the Jewish community to lead this organization. I have learned a great deal about the Jewish culture during my time on The Campus, and I work diligently to ensure that I, and all the staff on The Campus, understand, honor and respect the traditions and needs of our Jewish residents. We work closely with the rabbis in the community to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our residents. We gear all aspects of our operation toward continuing to meet the needs of the aging Jewish population. To dispel a myth, we continue to provide only kosher meals throughout The Campus, and continue to operate the kitchen under the kashruth supervision of Rabbi and Mrs. Schertz.

That said, there are a number of changes in our industry that present challenges to our organization. The government continues to impose new regulations on long term care, while tightening the financial resources they provide through their various reimbursement programs. Over the years, The Residence, our personal care home, has taken on the challenge of meeting a broader range of care need in our residents. In The Jewish Home, our residents require intense rehab and skilled nursing care, and we continue to focus on those needs.

Although meeting the medical care needs of our residents is the first priority, we are also conscious of the social and emotional needs of our residents and families. There are a number of changes that we either have already made, or are beginning to make, that will make the service delivery to our residents even better!

The most exciting news that I can share with

you is that both buildings are experiencing fantastic success in terms of census. The Residence is nearly full, and has actually started to develop a 'waiting list' for certain types of apartments. The Jewish Home continues to run between 95 and 100% full. It is a compliment and testament to our hard-working staff that so many people want to come to The Campus for the services they need.

We have added additional Nursing staff in The Residence to care for our increased resident population. We are also looking at some renovations in The Residence, particularly in the lobby area, as the building is now ten years old.

The residents of The Residence have begun growing vegetables in the back courtyard. There are currently some pretty hardy tomato plants, which are producing some rather large and delicious tomatoes!

In The Jewish Home, many changes have occurred and more are planned. We have brought new staff onboard, and that new staff has brought in new and fresh ideas. One big change that occurred is that we have hired a full time, licensed Nursing Home Administrator. This allows me to focus on the corporate business issues, while allowing the NHA to concentrate on the issues more directly related to nursing care. Crystal Stair, RN, NHA joined our team in January, and she is a great asset!

One of our "crown jewels" is our therapy department, which is managed by Aegis Therapy. As we have increased our Medicare census, the need for therapy space in the home has increased. We have plans to double the size of our therapy gym, enabling us to better serve both residents and outpatients. Pending the timing of the various state approval processes, this should be accomplished within the next six months. It will require a number of domino changes within the facility to create the necessary space.

A great initiative we began this summer is our "Kiddie Volunteer Corps" in both buildings! We have several children between the ages of 10-14 currently volunteering in a number of capacities on The Campus. They assist our Activities staff, helping to transport residents to meals, activities and religious services. The residents of both buildings love children and pets!

So, another coming change will be the addition of a facility pet! We are working toward having a campus dog that can regularly and routinely visit with residents, and will potentially be used as part of enhancing the socialization of some of our residents. Our campus dog will also be incorporated in therapy for some of our residents!

We have made changes to meal delivery in The Jewish Home. Previously, we served meals in the auditorium and even in the small unit dining rooms. Now, we serve lunch and dinner in two seatings for each meal. This allows more residents to eat in the main dining room. It has encouraged more socialization, a more dignified meal setting, and better nutrition through better eating for our residents. We have also eliminated our tray delivery for meals, serving lunch and dinner in courses, as you would see in a restaurant. Our next step will be to enhance

the equipment in the dining room, which will allow us to prepare food right in front of the resident with the goal and to be able to afford the resident with more choices at mealtime. Ultimately, we plan to have "open seating" at meal times, which allows residents to come for meals at any time during the period the dining room is open for meals, rather than a set or designated time, again, much like in a restaurant.

Over the next year, we hope to revamp the lobby of The Jewish Home. The renovations will include a small café which will allow residents to enjoy a light fare or beverage with family members and visitors in a pleasant atmosphere. This will be especially important to residents who find it difficult or impossible to go out of the building with family and friends.

Our Social Services department has reinstated meetings with family members, called "Family Connections", at which we present speakers on various topics related to long term care, and provide a forum for introducing services provided by The Campus and for learning about the concerns of the families we serve.

The staff of The Campus, through the help of Judy Geduldig, has adopted the Centro Sefardi, a senior center in Havana, Cuba, where elderly Jews can go to receive meals and other services. We hosted a visit from the President, Dr. Mayra Levy, earlier this summer. We learned a lot about the challenges facing the center, and what types of things The Campus could do to help. Several boxes of supplies and equipment that The Campus cannot use for various reasons have and will be shipped to Dr. Levy for use at the Center.

The Campus has recently been recognized by our trade organization for some of the innovative things we do and for our quality of care! As a result, we have been asked by our association, LeadingAgePA, to host the state House Committee on Aging and Older Adult Services in August. This will provide an opportunity to impress upon our legislators the challenges facing long term care providers, and afford us the chance to tell them how they can help us better serve our residents. We continue to work to advocate for our residents, and this recognition will enable us to be identified as a resource for legislators as they review legislation that impacts the services we provide.

Many people in the community have expressed concerns about the changes on The Campus, and indeed, change has been prominent. The acuity levels of the residents has changed, and the regulations and oversight has changed. What hasn't changed is The Campus' resolve to provide facilities and services that the Jewish community can be proud of. We will continue to provide an atmosphere that protects and is consistent with Jewish traditions. If you haven't been on The Campus in a while, I invite you to stop in and say hello. I will be happy to provide you with a tour of our facilities, and to discuss how we go about meeting our mission!

# Getting ready

Once again we prepare for the Yamim Noraim, the beginning of a new year and a time of deep reflection, introspection and correction guided by the readings for these days established by our ancestors. In the Torah, Rosh Hashanah is known as the “day of sounding” (of the Shofar). The rabbis interpreted this as the beginning of a ten day period in which we proclaim “God as King”, that is we acknowledge the absolute creative power of God. They thus link Rosh Hashanah with Yom Kippur, known in the Torah as the “day of atonement” with its attendant rituals for seeking forgiveness. Thus, in addition to looking toward God we also look within, accepting responsibility for our lives and making amends for errors we have made. Unfortunately, many people cannot get past the first theme of God’s power to be able to work creatively the second theme, accepting responsibility. Indeed, the two seem contradictory, for if God is all powerful, what responsibility do humans really have? Thousands of years ago Rabbi Akiva answered this conundrum paradoxically: “God knows all and free will is given to humans.”

In our time, we must in a sense bracket the question of God in order

to make these days productive and meaningful, an annual opportunity for real growth and transformation. One way of doing so is to understand that the language about God in the Bible and rabbinic tradition (including that of our mahzor, the prayer book for Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur) is simply that – language about God. Just because our ancestors experienced God in a certain framework, we are not bound to do so: Judaism basically posits that God exists beyond time and space, essentially the “Creator of Cosmic Consciousness.” In other words, don’t worry about the stories as much as the essence: God is what is. That means that the real action for us takes place in the realm of “what is”, and that places the action squarely in our court. Instead of asking why does God allow “x” to happen or “y” not to happen, we must ask, “why do we?”

There is something that remains more mysterious to me than the Mystery that is God, and that is why do we as human beings inflict so much pain on each other? If we are totally honest we must acknowledge that while there is much human suffering within the natural world, far more suffering is caused by human action

and indifference. Deforestation, poor land management, lack of water conservation, and inadequate food distribution contribute greatly to the extent of damage caused by floods, droughts and other natural disasters. Wealth and infrastructure, distribution of scarce resources makes a difference. Just think how many people died in the earthquake in Christchurch compared to Haiti, or a year ago in Japan with the Fukushima nuclear crisis or the floods of Australia compared to Pakistan. The impact of natural disaster is clearly compounded by humans. Selfishness and irresponsibility not only exacerbate the consequences of natural disaster, but also contribute greatly to the poverty and hunger that are the root causes of most diseases, violence and warfare. While there may be natural, cyclical reason for climate change, the science is clear that human activity compounds the problem. Yet few seem prepared to pay today to ensure a better world for tomorrow.

In reality, most of the pain in this world is not “caused by God” but by us, and it is the pain that we cause and experience in our closest relationships that affects us the most. A year goes by, and while the

players have changed, the situations remain the same. Friends no longer speak to each other because of words exchanged between them; work places are challenged by poor communications and hurts unaddressed; families have broken apart over quarrels of money or jealousy, or often some petty wound that has festered because of lack of attention. As rabbis, daily we witness the pain being experienced by far too many individuals in our community – and ours is one of relative privilege of health and wealth in the world.

Ultimately, each of us must begin the work within. That is the essence of the reflection and introspection. Beginning with Rosh Chodesh Elul (corresponding to August 30 this year) we have opportunities to think deeply of our core values, our goals and aspirations and evaluate how true we are to them and what holds us back from self realization. The tradition suggests that if we are not already in the practice, we begin daily meditation and reflection already one month before Rosh Hashanah in order to better prepare ourselves for it. Given that we are told to love all that is “with all our heart, soul

and strength” we have a program of growth in front of us: emotional, spiritual and physical. This is the time to do what is known in the tradition as “cheshbon hanefesh”, a fearless, personal inventory of how where we hold in each of those realms.

We must then openly and honestly, clearly and lovingly, communicate with those with whom we are in relationship, for whatever changes and adjustments we make internally impacts on each of our relationships. Each of us is challenged to grow, to be the best we possibly can be, but at the same time to be aware of how our internal changes affect others and do our best to encourage them in this process as well.

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## JFS Announces Special Event



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE is pleased to announce that on Sunday evening, October 14, we are bringing award-winning author Rachel Simon to Harrisburg. Ms. Simon is a nationally recognized public speaker on issues related to diversity and disability. Rachel Simon is best known for her book Riding The Bus with My Sister, based on Ms. Simon’s experience of entering her sister Beth’s world of intellectual disabilities. The book was made into a Hallmark Television Movie starring Rosie O’Donnell and Andie McDowell and directed by Anjelica Huston.

Rachel Simon will use her latest book, The Story of Beautiful Girl, as a vehicle to speak about ensuring that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities lead lives with meaning, dignity, and respect, fulfilling their innate potential. These desires are themes that everyone can relate to.

Ms. Simons will also speak about her sister Beth’s Top 10 ways to find a direct care provider and about how we can ensure that people live in freedom, rather than hidden from the world.

The event will be held at the Zembo Shrine. As part of this event, JFS will hold a raffle with a cash prize of \$5,000. The tickets for the raffle are \$25 or 5 for \$100. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event at the JFS office or on-line at [www.jfsofshbg.org](http://www.jfsofshbg.org). At the event, there will also be separate raffles at \$5 or \$10 each for prizes such as a large-screen television set, vacation homes for a week, golf outings, chocolate baskets, restaurant gift certificates, premiere tickets for Chocolate Fest, Phillies tickets and many other things.

Funds raised for this event will support the many programs JFS offers the community. In addition, some of the funds are earmarked for seed money for a new program, A Day Away, a respite program for people with Alzheimer’s Dementia and their families, and a Four Seasons Room for the Second Street Jewish Group Home. Shelley and Ted Adler are honorary co-chairs of this exciting event.

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During this upcoming year, Chisuk Emuna will be celebrating a number of landmark events that speak to the vibrant nature of this growing congregation and its commitment both to continuity and to change. Founded in 1883, Chisuk Emuna will celebrate its 130th birthday this year, making it the second-

oldest of its congregational siblings in Harrisburg. We will also be celebrating 20 years of extraordinary service by our Rabbi, Ron Muroff. And, in the Spring of 2013, we will open the doors to Harrisburg's newest synagogue, a 13,500 sq. foot gem on the corner of Green & Vaughn Streets, a building that will be fully accessible, infused with beauty, light and warmth, and feature landscaped gardens and a patio off of the main sanctuary. Maximizing the use of flexible wall space, the new building will have a sanctuary, social hall and classrooms, with the capacity to seat approximately 350 people for large social events and even more for services, lectures and performances. A congregation of approximately 200 families, we have raised nearly \$3 million toward our goal of \$3.5 million, mostly from our members as well as from our friends, from near and far and from charitable foundations.

With a renewed focus on building a strong relationship with our new neighbors in the Riverside community and with other communal and religious institutions in the area, we will be working this year on developing community-based programs to serve those in need. We hope that our new home at Green and Vaughn will not only serve as a place for our congregants to pray, educate ourselves and our children and celebrate life-cycle events but as a focal point for community action and involvement.

Chisuk Emuna is a "hands on" congregation, its services led not only by its Rabbi but by its members. This past year alone, over 40 members of the congregation read Torah or chanted a Haftarah. Having broadened the opportunity for women to participate in ritual life, we have initiated Torah reading classes on Saturday mornings under the direction of Gerry Gorelick and are envisioning additional classes that will enable congregants, both men and women, to learn and lead Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat and Saturday morning services.

This year, we are once again looking forward to High Holiday Services being led by our rabbi and members, Gerry Gorelick and David Spector and guest prayer leader, Rabbi Jonathan Milgram, a professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary who possesses a beautiful tenor voice. They will be joined by our young men and women who, having recently celebrated their b'nai mitvah, will read from the Torah as well as by congregants who will offer various reflections during the service. As in the past three years of our "sojourn" at the Jewish Community Center, we will be holding our High Holiday services in the Mary Sachs Auditorium. We offer children's services and baby-sitting from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur Day. If you are interested in attending our High Holiday services, please contact Susan Sussman, our Administrator, at 232-4851; special rates are available for new members.

Chisuk Emuna, with a growing population of younger families, looks for every opportunity to have children and young adults participate actively in our services and programs. We offer Tot Shabbat, led by Jodie Raffensberger, for our youngest members, Junior Congregation, led this year by Yitzhak Muroff and Molly Oken, for our school age children, and Kadima, led by Mandy Cheskis, for our pre-teens. In addition, Chisuk Emuna sponsors Rosh Chodesh: It's A Girl's Thing, open to all Jewish young women in the Community, and - with Beth El, co-sponsors USY for our teenagers. During the year, we periodically hold Family Friday night dinners for the entire congregation, with our children leading services.

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism has twice recognized Chisuk Emuna's Hebrew School, under the thoughtful, energetic and personal leadership of our educational director, Mandy Cheskis, as a "Framework for Excellence" school, a distinction earned by fewer than ten percent of Conservative synagogues

in the United States. The Hebrew School, which focuses on individualized learning and cross-generational teaching, offers a full program of religious and cultural education for Jewish children in grades Kindergarten through 7 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Shabbat. Confirmation class for tenth-grade students meets as part of Hebrew High.

In addition to our Hebrew School, Chisuk Emuna offers a Lunch and Learn series for older members of the congregation and continuing education for all adults. As for upcoming programming, we will be drawing on the enormous success of last year's re-vamped silent and Chinese auction extravaganza, this year featuring the talents Gil Marks, the nationally-recognized author of Olive Trees and Honey and Encyclopedia of Jewish Food who will share his expertise about Jewish cuisine and culture from around the world on Saturday, December 1st. In the spring of 2013, we will also be holding our annual Gala, a festive catered event that often features the talents of our own singers and actors. Still in the planning stages, the congregation also anticipates taking at least one trip to Philadelphia, New York or Washington, D.C. and is exploring options for a Shabbat retreat. Throughout the year, our Hebrew School and synagogue, including our Brotherhood and Sisterhood, are planning a full array of Jewish cultural, social and social action programs.

It is not every year that the Harrisburg Jewish community celebrates the opening of a new spiritual home for one of its congregations. With an anticipated opening date in April of 2013, we invite the entire community to celebrate the ribbon cutting for our new home at Green and Vaughn Streets. Stay tuned for this and many other wonderful programs being planned for the upcoming year.

We wish the entire Jewish community a happy and healthy new year.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BETH EL TEMPLE

*An Active Summer Leads Into An Action-Packed Fall!*



*"Beth El Temple Habitat Day: Cleaning up and getting ready for the Holidays"*

Marsha Davis, installed as President of Beth El Temple in May, hit the ground running this summer, working closely with both professional and lay leadership to develop and implement new initiatives in a broad range of areas. What an active summer it has been at Beth El Temple! For starters, board members attended an off site retreat in June to review the 2005 Strategic Plan and set new goals for the synagogue.

On a hot Sunday in July, two dozen congregants enthusiastically responded to the call to work at our first ever "Habitat for Beth El" to clean up and beautify our religious home. Closets and storage areas were cleaned out, and more than two tons of unusable items were discarded, recycled or given away. Sweat and effort paid off with camaraderie and a sense of accomplishment as rewards! We helped to make our synagogue more beautiful in preparation for the High Holy Days.

More than half a dozen "Congregational Conversations" were held in parlor meetings over the course of the summer. These groups met and discussed what they want from our synagogue. A lot of creative and constructive ideas were generated to enhance programs and the quality of congregational life at Beth El Temple.

Two new committees got going over the summer—a Technology Committee tasked with reviewing software and hardware updates as well as upgrading our website and making communications within the synagogue more streamlined and effective; and a Simcha Committee committed to expanding and encouraging greater usage of our social facilities and overall creating for the synagogue better and more user-friendly ways to serve congregants and the community in the celebration of their simchaot.

On September 9, Beth El Temple hosts its annual congregational "Welcome Back" picnic in the Temple courtyard, where we'll gather to meet and greet one another after our summer vacation travels have concluded and the school year and rhythms of the new season begin.

As the summer days start to shorten and the smell of autumn fills the air, anticipation builds at Beth El Temple for some exciting new programs this fall. Beth El Temple has been selected to participate in United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Sulam program for "emerging leaders." This program, to be led by Rabbi Eric Cytryn and a lay leader, is aimed at educating young congregants and will develop the future leaders at Beth El Temple and for the Conservative Movement.

Religious School for grades K through 7 begins September 9, led by an exceptional teaching staff under the supervision of Educational Director Bob Axelrod. Youth groups get underway as well. Beth El Temple's Kadima chapter holds its opening program at the synagogue on August 26, preparing bags for

our Yom Kippur Food Drive, enjoying games and reconnecting after time away this summer. The USY chapter, named 2012's "Best Chapter in the Region," also holds its opening event August 26 with a Green Hills Fun Day.

Social Action at Beth El Temple is gearing up for the fall, beginning with a community blood drive for the American Red Cross on September 9, a Yom Kippur Food Drive for the Central PA Food Bank, and a Mitzvah Day at the synagogue on October 14 to make and collect donatable items for local service charities. As always, volunteer opportunities in "Sunday Afternoons of Service" at Habitat for Humanity, Central PA Food Bank, and Downtown Daily Bread will be available as the year progresses.

Beth El Temple Sisterhood's opening program of the new year has a delicious Rosh Hashanah theme. It's a Fabulous Fall Food Frenzy on September 6 where you bring your favorite Rosh Hashanah recipe along with a ready-to-eat dish for a taste-a-thon.

Our Chaverim group of young congregational members, which hosted two successful summer social events, announces a Sukkot Potluck Dinner for its fall event on October 6. A dynamic inclusive group, Beth El Chaverim, share a spirit which enlivens the entire congregation! The Chaverim hold events throughout the year, including monthly Sunday morning Bagels, Juice & Coffee family socials at the shul.

Save these dates this fall for Sunday morning learning opportunities over breakfast after 9:00 a.m. minyan. On October 14, Conrad Siegel will present a program on "The Rise and Fall of Bernie Madoff." On November 4, Allen Hornblum will present a program on "Good Intentions Gone Bad: Harry Gold, the Rosenbergs, and the Soviet Theft of the Atom Bomb." And on November 18, Maestro Stuart Malina will present a program on Jewish music.

November is Jewish Book Month. At Beth El Temple on November 15 we welcome author Jonathan Tropper to discuss his newly released book *One Last Thing Before I Go*. Our Beth El Book Club makes this a festive occasion each year with a book signing and reception for the author.

October 15 is the registration deadline for Beth El Temple's "Mission to Cuba" to take place April 9-17, 2013. This unique program, open to the entire community, will visit and support the Jewish communities of Cuba. It will be an amazing educational, humanitarian and travel experience. The Mission (maximum 40 participants) is filling up quickly but a few spaces are still available.

There's so much happening at Beth El Temple and we all look forward to 5773. In the spirit of the season, Rabbi Eric Cytryn, Executive Director Michael Schatz, Educational Director Bob Axelrod, President Marsha Davis and the Board of Directors, and the entire Beth El Temple congregational family wish all members of our community a happy, healthy, sweet and joyous New Year!

# The Book of Good Life

By Rabbi Akiva Males

Another High Holiday Season is upon us. Soon we'll ask G-d to bless our family, friends, and community with a New Year filled with health, happiness, and blessings. On numerous occasions over the course of the Yom Tovim, we will recite Avinu Malkeinu. In that prayer we ask, "Avinu Malkeinu, Kasveinu B'Sefer Chaim Tovim" -- Our Father, our King - inscribe us in the book of good life.

good life has always meant different things to different people. I am sure it has meant different things to each of us at various stages of our lives. What did the book of good life mean to you five years ago? Does it mean the same thing to you today?

Lately, I've found myself thinking about this a lot. Throughout the course of a year, many of us are fortunate to join with family and friends to celebrate a Simcha

of one sort or another. Celebrating those happy occasions is vital to our well being in so many ways. For instance, were it not for those wonderful opportunities to celebrate, I suspect that life's challenges would prove overwhelming for most of us. If we did not experience sufficient 'ups' to counterbalance life's 'downs,' how many of us could keep going?

This is as true for a congregation as it is for a family. After all, a

congregation serves as a second family to its members. All too often, unfortunately, congregational families gather to cry, mourn, and console one another. What gives us the strength to weather those turbulent and sorrowful storms? I believe it is the fact that as a family, congregations also join together to celebrate their Simchas and share their celebratory occasions.

Avinu Malkeinu, Kasveinu B'Sefer Chaim Tovim. Our Father, our King - please inscribe our many congregations in the book of good life. G-d, please bless our community with the privilege

of celebrating many more Simchas together in the coming year - so that shouts of "Mazel Tov!" are often heard within our congregational walls. May this New Year be full of blessings for the world, the Jewish people, and the Harrisburg Jewish community.

That's what being written in the book of good life has come to mean to me.

Layala and I wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year.

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## community calendar

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

NFL Flag Football, Noon - 2 p.m., JCC

### MONDAY, AUGUST 27

HAIRSPRAY Auditions, 7-9 p.m., JCC

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Senior Adult Lunch Program - 10 a.m., JCC  
Program: Rabbi Cytryn teaches and plays his guitar, 12:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Senior Adult Program - 10 a.m., JCC  
Program: "Plants That Keep on Giving" with Pamela Shuman of Penn State Master Gardeners Program, 12:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

NFL Flag Football, Noon - 2 p.m., JCC

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - LABOR DAY

Fitness Center Open, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Green Hills Open, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
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### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Senior Adult Program - 10 a.m., JCC  
Program: Dr. Donald Koones resumes his Lecture series, 12:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Federation Board of Trustees Mtg., 7:30 p.m., JCC

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**August 24:** Hors d'oeuvres, 5:45 p.m. Joint Service with Temple Ohev Shalom at Beth El Temple 6 p.m.

**August 31:** Hors d'oeuvres, 5:45 p.m. Joint Service with Temple Ohev Shalom at Beth El Temple 6 p.m.

**September 7:** Hors d'oeuvres, 5:45 p.m. Service, 6 p.m.

**September 14:** Hors d'oeuvres, 5:45 p.m. Service, 6 p.m.

**September 21:** Hors d'oeuvres, 5:45 p.m. Service, 6 p.m.

**September 28:** Hors d'oeuvres, 5:45 p.m. Service, 6 p.m.

**SATURDAYS**

**August 25:** Service, 9:15 a.m. Minchah 7:33 p.m.

**September 1:** Service, 9:15 a.m. Minchah 7:22 p.m.

**September 8:** Service, 9:15 a.m. Minchah 7:11 p.m. SELICHOT

**September 15:** Learner's Service, 9:15 a.m. Minchah 6:59 p.m.

**September 22:** Service, 9:15 a.m. Minchah 6:48 p.m.

**September 29:** Service, 9:15 a.m. Minchah 6:36 p.m.

**ADULT EDUCATION WITH RABBI CYTRYN - 7:15 p.m.**

**Tuesday, August 28:** TOPIC: Apology

**Tuesday, September 4:** TOPIC: Repentance

**Sunday, September 9:** Beth El Temple Religious School Begins, 9 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Congregational Welcome Back BBQ, 5 p.m.

**Monday, September 17:** COMMUNITYTASHLICH Beth El Temple Riverfront 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, September 23:** KEVER AVOT, 1 p.m. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

**CHISUK EMUNA CONGREGATION**  
**232-4851 | www.chisukemuna.org**  
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Minyan times: Monday, Thursday mornings, 6:50 a.m.

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**233-6459**

**SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Friday evening Shabbat Services will be combined with and held at Beth El Temple during the month of August.

**Friday, August 24:** Shabbat Service, Beth El, 5:45 p.m.

**Saturday, August 25:** Cantor's Morning Shabbat Service, Lehrman Chapel, Ohev Sholom, 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, August 31:** Shabbat Service, Beth El, 5:45 p.m. Services held at Temple Ohev Sholom

**Friday, September 7:** Special Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m. Please join us as we rededicate our library as a lasting tribute to Mildred & Irving Hand. Contact the Temple office for more information.

**Saturday, September 8:** B'nai Mitzvah, 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, September 14:** Family Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

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# One Busy Summer at Keshet Israel Congregation

By Rabbi Akiva Males

For almost three weeks in July and August, Keshet Israel Congregation was happy to welcome a wonderful group of students from Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim in Queens, NY (two married couples and four single students) as our annual Summer Kollel program.

The Summer Kollel of Harrisburg is dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Berel Zafraan - of blessed memory. A long-time chief Kashrus supervisor of Empire Kosher Poultry, he was devoted to our community and Keshet Israel, but most of all, he was unconditionally dedicated to the study of Torah.



Between an array of engaging Torah classes, a very popular after-camp youth program at the JCC, an 8:00 AM daily Shacharis, a song-filled Motzei Shabbos Nachamu Kumsitz (thanks Yaakov Reich!), and the thrill of over 100 one-on-one Torah study sessions, the Summer Kollel was once again provided numerous opportunities for terrific summer Torah learning for men, women, and children of the entire Harrisburg Jewish community.



### Keshet Israel thanks:

- All those whose generous support made this important program possible.
- The Norman and Phyllis Lipsett Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania for their generous grant which was instrumental in bringing Rabbi Hanoach Teller to KI as scholar in residence for the Shabbos of July 28, 2012 (see below for more information). This was a great way to enhance KI's 2012 Summer Kollel program.
- The Loketch Group for donating two units in their newly renovated Riverfront Park Apartment complex for use by the Summer Kollel.
- Rabbi Barry Nussbaum, Rabbi Moshe Yosef Gewirtz, Ricki Gold, Marcy Flicker, and Beth Voystock for their help in planning this wonderful summer program.
- This year's Summer Kollel participants: Binyamin & Margalit Levin, Dovid & Adina Opoczynski, Aryeh Leib Deitz, Mutti Saltzman, Yitzy Spector, and Yehuda Zuckerman. We thank each of the Summer Kollel participants for sharing some of their well-deserved summer break with our community!

The Shabbos prior to Tisha B'Av is known as Shabbos Chazon. This year, Shabbos Chazon and Tisha B'Av occurred back-to-back. KI was excited to welcome the world-renowned Rabbi Hanoach Teller as our Scholar in Residence for this year's Shabbos Chazon / Tisha B'Av.



Rabbi Hanoach Teller is a globe-trotting modern-day maggid (traveling preacher skilled as a narrator of Torah and religious stories). His messages have educated, inspired, and uplifted his audiences all over the world. His talks, imbued with joy, drama, and laughter, provide an experience that his listeners cherish forever. Young and old -- from every walk of life -- flock to hear this gifted, award-winning orator, producer, and educator speak on a wide range of subjects.

While Rabbi Teller was with us at KI, we enjoyed hearing him speak on several occasions. We also enjoyed a screening of his latest documentary film about the founding of the Chasidic movement in the 18th century Eastern Europe. This film is centered on the important principle of Ahavas Yisrael -- the love we should feel for each and every one of our Jewish brothers and sisters. This was a message of particular importance to us all on Tisha B'Av.

Rabbi Teller's visit was made possible by a generous grant from the Norman and Phyllis Lipsett Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania,

as well as the generosity of:

- The Frankston-Morris Family
- Joel & Gail Burcat
- KI's Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

KI also thanks the Frankston-Morris-Gasner families and Layala Males for opening their homes to Rabbi Teller during his visit.



## Exciting Things Are Happening at the J

### JCC Open House

Sunday, September 9 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Activities for All Ages and Stages

### Pre-Rosh Hashanah Cooking Demo

Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm

"A Twist of the Old to Start the New Year"

Join Faith Wolf, a certified culinary arts instructor & owner of Piece A' Cake Confections in Baltimore, MD

Prior to the demonstration, vendors will be set up to ensure that your holiday ensemble is as impressive as your food.

### Big Kids Night Out

Saturday, September 29 at 8:00 pm

Must be 21 years of age and older

Compete for great prizes in TV and movie trivia!

Bring a team of 4, or join one when you arrive.

### 5K Walk/Run

Sunday, September 30 at 8:30 am

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Thursday, October 18 at 7:30 pm

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**MARC CHARLES KORNFELD**

Marc Charles Kornfeld, 71, of Upper Allen Township, passed away suddenly on Sunday, August 5, 2012 at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born on July 25, 1941 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Ernest and Beatrice (Cades) Kornfeld. He was a graduate of Susquehanna Township High School, Cornell University with a degree in Industrial Labor Relations. Marc also did post-graduate studies at Temple University Law School and the London School of Economics in London, England. Marc was lifelong Trade Unionist and Activist. He was employed briefly at the Electrical Trade Union in England, and he returned to the States to work for the Retail Clerks Union and then took the post of Uniserv Representative at PSEA where he has been for the past 41 years. He was an active member of Temple Beth Shalom of Mechanicsburg, and he greatly enjoyed watching his grandchildren play soccer. Surviving are his wife Jennifer (Bracken) Kornfeld; his daughter Sharon L. Simone and her husband Scott of Lewisburg; his two sons Paul A. Kornfeld and his wife Traci of Mechanicsburg, Daniel E. Kornfeld and his wife Aliza Milner of Syracuse, NY; his sister Jean Kornfeld of Washington, DC; his eight grandchildren Kendal, Carter, Kennedy, Nicholas, Dominick, Catherine, Ariella, and Sarah. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 7th in the Temple Beth Shalom Cemetery with Rabbi Jordi Gendra officiating. Burial was in Temple Beth Shalom Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home. To send online condolences to the Kornfeld family, please go to [www.hetrickbitner.com](http://www.hetrickbitner.com).

**FLORENCE LILLIAN COHEN (LEVIN)**

Florence Lillian Cohen (Levin) passed away on Friday, August 10, 2012. Florence was the beloved wife of Samuel S. Cohen, daughter of the late Ida Sarah and Abraham Levin, devoted mother of Carole Pancer of Silver Spring, MD and the late Larry Allen Cohen, of West Palm Beach, FL. She was the loving grandmother of Nicole (Ari) Lerner and Jessica (Elie) Gertel. Florence is also survived by twelve loving great-grandchildren from Baltimore, MD and Alon Shevut, Israel, and by many nieces and nephews. Florence was a member of Amit, life member of Hadassah and Keshet Israel Congregation and its Sisterhood. She and her late husband, Sammy, were volunteers for the UJA for many years. Funeral services were held at Keshet Israel Congregation's Cemetery on Sunday, August 12th. Memorial contributions may be made to Keshet Israel Congregation, 2500 N. 3rd St. Harrisburg, PA 17110 and to The Silver Academy 3301 N. Front St. Harrisburg, PA 17110.

**SOFIA N. MINEVICH**

Sofia N. Minevich, 86, of Harrisburg, passed away on Sunday, August 12, 2012 at The Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg. Surviving is her son, Alexander Gaukberg, of Harrisburg. Private graveside services were held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were handled by the Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home. To send online condolences to the Minevich family please go to [www.hetrickbitner.com](http://www.hetrickbitner.com).

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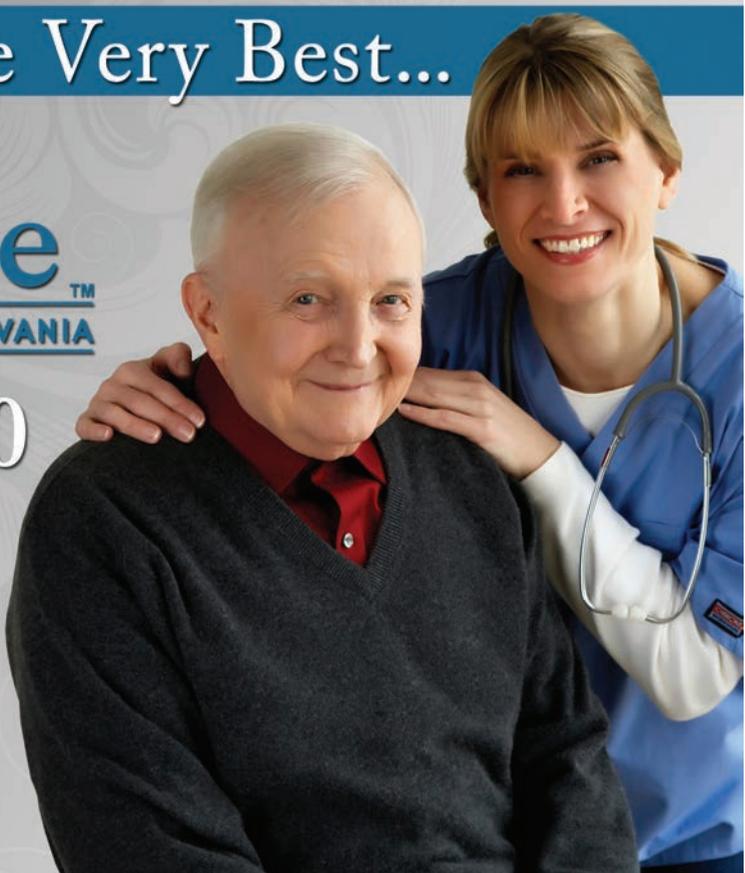
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**Day 6:** Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at your hotel before leaving for the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia, SC. This evening, relax at your en route hotel.

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