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Jewish Newsreel Community celebrates Israel at 70

Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, will be celebrated Wednesday night, April 18, and Thursday, April 19. The following community organizations will hold special programs to celebrate Israel's 70th anniversary:

Temple Beth Ahm, Aberdeen - A teen screening of "When the Smoke Clears" will be held on Saturday, April 26, at 7 p.m. RSVP to 732-583-1700.

Congregation B'nai Tikvah, North
Brunswick — Jewish Federation in the Heart
of NJ will sponsor a communal concert on
Sunday, April 22, at 7 p.m. The free program,
with refreshments, will feature performers from
Neve Shalom, Highland Park Conservative
Temple-Congregation Anshe Emeth, Anshe
Emeth Memorial Temple, the Sons of Tikvah
Band of B'nai Tikvah, and Makhelat Hamercazthe Jewish Choir of Central NJ. Call 732-2970696.





East Brunswick Jewish Center — A Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'atzmaut community-wide event will be held on Wednesday, April 18, at 6 p.m. The program includes a teen/adult screening of "When the Smoke Clears," a memorial ceremony, services, and celebration dinner. Call Ellen Botwin at 732-257-7070.

Mariboro Jewish Center — "Israel Dinner: From Teacher to Craftsman with Yaron Bob" will be held at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, April 20, followed by Shabbat services at 8:15. Bob crafts Kassam rocket remains into metal roses, with a portion of sales donated to bomb shelters for communities close to the Gaza Strip. RSVP to 732-536-2300, ext. 109.

Monmouth County Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Event — Marlboro Jewish Center, Wednesday, April 18, 6:45-9:45 p.m. The program includes a talk by a local Israel Defense Forces veteran, a memorial ceremony for fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism, and an Israel at 70 celebration. Purchase tickets at community.jewishfederation.org/site/Calendar? Id=107314&view=Detail.

Neve Shalom, Metuchen — An alternative service led by Hazzan Sheldon Levin and Harold Geller will be held at 10 a.m. in the Hayat Beit Midrash on Saturday, April 21. The service will feature melodies from Israel and a comparison of new Israeli siddurim to American prayerbooks.

PJ Library: Bagels & Blocks Celebrates Yom Ha'atzmaut — Monmouth Reform Temple (MRT), Tinton Falls, 9:30-11 a.m. on Sunday, April 22. The free event includes crafts and snacks and a fair produced by MRT's seventh graders. Contact 732-747-9365 or principalfields@monmouthreformtemple.org.

Raritan Valley Hadassah — A program celebrating Israel's 70th anniversary will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 7-9 p.m. at Highland Park Senior Center. The event will include Israeli dancing, mezuzah and pendant making, and a hummus-making demonstration. Israeli food will be served. There is a \$10 suggested donation. RSVP to Marcia Shiffman at 732-964-0079 or mshiffman@yahoo.com.

Rutgers Hillel, New Brunswick — Journalist Yossi Klein Halevi will launch his latest book, "Letters Rutgers Hillel, New Brunswick — Journalist Yossi Klein Halevi will launch his latest book, "Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor," on Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30, pm. The program, "Israel's Story Under Siege: A New Narrative for the 21st Century," is cosponsored with New Jersey Jewish News in partnership with Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey. Klein Halevi will be joined by Jewish Week Media Group editor and publisher Gary Rosenblatt.
Tickets are \$15 online, \$25 at the door, free for students with valid ID. Go to jewishweek.timesofisrael.com/events/halevi-rosenblatt/.

Rutgers Hillel, New Brunswick — Celebrate Israel at 70 with Music and Dance. Thursday, April 19 at 7:00 PM. Rutgers Hillel, 70 College Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey. The program will feature a lively panel discussion, "New Trends in Israeli Music and Dance," followed by a rocking concert by the Israeli cover band ISRABAND. Free and open to the public. Free campus parking in Lots 11, 26, 30 & College Avenue Deck. RSVP to RsvpBidner@sas.ntgers.edu, 848-932-2033, or online at BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu Sponsored by: The Rutgers Bildner Center, NJPAC, and Rutgers Hillel

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