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Dan Rozett of the Jewish Federation was the speaker at the recent Shalom Club meeting. See article on page 4.

Shalom Club Meets

By Tobi Kern

After such a long stretch we were finally able to have our first meeting in the clubhouse. Although everyone was delighted to meet and greet friends and neighbors, our topic for this meeting was on a very serious matter: the rise of anti-Semitism in our country and around the world.

Our informative speaker for this significant topic was Dan Rozett of Jewish Federation of Middlesex and Monmouth Counties. He was assisted by Amy Keller who added essential information about the rise of incidents in New Jersey. Since she is the daughter of our members, Phyllis and Perry Figler, she is familiar with our community.

Mr. Rozett described the type of anti-Semitic attacks that have occurred. He enlightened us about dealing with these incidents and explained the steps New Jersey law enforcement has taken to prevent such events from occurring. We were informed about ways we

could be helpful, including volunteering with Jewish Federation.

Since this was a truly important program, the Shalom Club invited the entire community. Many non-members chose to come and some decided to join our organization. Although this was a heavy topic for our first meeting after our long hiatus, it was enlightening and significant.

On a lighter note, we are planning many more exciting activities for the months ahead. The Programming Committee has already met to plan some of these events. Leah Gross, the head of the committee, is assisted by Loretta Adges, Phyllis Figler and me, Tobi Kern.

As of this writing, we are anticipating our next program to be held on Sunday, March 20th at 3:00P.M. In keeping with our tradition, the program will have a Purim theme. We plan to add to the merriment of this

joyous holiday with a mind reading entertainer, Flavian. It should be an afternoon of fun and laughter, and of course, those delicious hamantashen.

We are planning a Chocolate Seder for Sunday, April 9th at 3:00P.M. in our ballroom. This is nothing like a traditional seder. It is sure to be a humorous, enjoyable spoof with fun, laughter and lots of scrumptious chocolate. Check the bulletin board and your email to get ready for the sign-up. We did this several years ago and it was a huge hit. Oh, you don't have to be Jewish to join us for this event. It is far from a religious occasion.

Many exciting events will be on the calendar in the months ahead. At the last board meeting it was decided that non-members will be welcome to attend our events for a slightly increased cost. This will give everyone in

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