The annual Monte Carlo Night was a huge hit! The Mary Sachs Auditorium was set up like a casino and featured a variety of games, from Blackjack to Craps to Roulette and a Texas Hold ’Em tournament. All of the gaming, of course, was for “funny money” which was then used at the end of the evening to try to win a variety of gift baskets.

Delicious appetizers, beer and wine were served. Guests had the opportunity to bid on wonderful silent-auction items including beauty items, gift certificates, sports memorabilia, trips and lots, lots more!! The evening ended with a coffee and dessert bar and a live auction. Our participants look forward to this event every year and love it. None of the major improvements that we have made at Camp in recent years would have been possible if it wasn’t for this event.

It was always gratifying to see a range of age groups represented among the attendees. The night was full of great camaraderie and people having an amazing time!

Proceeds from the event go to benefit the Day Camp Scholarship Fund and Green Hills improvements.

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Top Ten Reasons to Spend Your Summer at the JCC Day Camp

10. To see who wins the Camp Olympics
9. Fun filled summer of outdoor adventure
8. Discover your hidden talents
7. Camp Olympics, Talent Show, Israeli Day, Camp Carnival & lots more
6. Pizza Fridays and ice cream for snack
5. Free swim, hobby days, overnights and late nights
4. Drama, music, art, swim, sports, nature, archery...
3. Where else can you find the most qualified and dedicated staff?
2. Lifelong friends and memories

And the number 1 reason to come to the JCC Day Camp is...

1. Hot Summer...Cool Camp – JCC Day Camp is the Place To Be!

For JCC Summer Day information or to receive a camp brochure, please call Andrea Weikert at 236 9555, ext. 3108, a.weikert@jewishfedhbg.org or Terry Fisher at ext. 3112, t.fisher@jewishfedhbg.org.
A Message from
Margie Adelmann, CEO
Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg

This past December, we invited a consultant from Jewish Community Centers of North America to visit our JCC to assess our Sports, Fitness and Membership services and to provide us with recommendations as to what we might do to improve our service delivery. Brian Soileau, Consultant for Health & Wellness/Membership Services, spent two days with us. During his visit, he met with staff, members, our Sports and Fitness Committee and me. He reviewed our class schedules, our physical space, our protocol, observed some classes and a basketball game. His feedback to us was that he was impressed with our JCC, the number and breadth of classes offered for our size of Center, and our instructors. He told me that our volunteers, members, trainers and staff were some of the best he has met! He also provided us with areas where he felt we could improve our services, which we have begun to embrace.

Our organization-wide Customer Service initiative is a priority in our Fitness Center. Brian recommended ways for us to do a better job with new members to engage them when they first join and help us to build connections with them that will help to keep them active and involved members. We have begun to implement these recommendations with the help of our Sports and Fitness Committee. He also provided us valuable feedback to continue to strengthen our relationships with our current members, our best ambassadors that we must invest in every day.

He suggested that we have an opportunity to expand our Personal Training Services, which we started managing in December. We have developed additional Suspension Training Classes (and reduced the rate for members) and Personal Training packages and are continuing to work to expand this service. We hear very positive feedback from their clients and agree with them that we have the best trainers in town!

Corporate Membership is another area that we are working to expand. We have updated our marketing materials, and Terri Travers and Steve Cooper have developed an excellent presentation to use during their visits to both current Corporate members and prospective companies to share what great opportunities we have for their employee wellness. We welcome any warm leads!

There are many other things that we are doing to improve our service delivery. We are working to make your experience every time you use the Fitness Center the best and, like customer service, we want to hear when we get it right and when we have an opportunity to improve. We welcome your feedback because that is what will help us make us better. We continue to work with Brian to implement his recommendations and hope that you will notice!

Fitness and Wellness are at the core of our services. It’s often what brings people in the door. We are so much more than Fitness, but we must excel here so that our members will look beyond the Fitness Center and experience our many other programs that make us a true Community Center.

B’ shalom,

Margie Adelmann, CEO
Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg
Message from Annual Campaign Chair

Dear Community,

As your Annual Campaign chair, I was thrilled with the results from Super Sunday which raised over $69,000 from 285 gifts! The credit goes to our dedicated volunteers, community members and friends who “answered the call” in many ways. Super Sunday is one component of the overall Annual Campaign goal of $1,238,000. To date, we have raised nearly $400,000 (including the $69,000 from Super Sunday.) We are striving to reach the Annual Campaign goal through several strategies including scheduling two follow-up call days. On Sunday, March 9th from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and Monday, March 10th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. we will be calling our donors that we missed on Super Sunday to invite them to make their annual gift. Every gift to the campaign will make a difference to the entire Jewish community.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg supports programs and services that benefit our entire community - whether seeing our children grow and develop through the Brenner Family Early Learning Center, experiencing life-changing summers at Green Hills, learning our culture through Hebrew High courses, engaging our seniors through the Senior Adult Club or living healthy lifestyles through the fitness center. The Federation also proudly supports its partner organizations such as Jewish Family Service, The Silver Academy and The Jewish Community Center. It is hard to imagine what our lives and community would look like without the Federation which connects us all.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated and to those who will consider making a gift in the coming days. With your support you are helping us GROW!

Sandy Cohen
2014 Annual Campaign Chair
The Women of Vision Philanthropic Fund is accepting its applications for grants for 2014. Grants averaging $500 will be made to benefit Jewish women and children in our community through local community agencies, organizations and synagogues. A synagogue or social service agency can be contacted to submit an application on behalf of someone in the Harrisburg area in need of assistance.

Examples of prior grants include financial assistance for medical expenses, educational/vocational opportunities, special needs children, and general household support. The Fund makes grants in a strictly confidential manner. The Grants Committee knows only the profile of any individual candidate and not the identity. The agency, organization or synagogue is the administrator of the grant for the individual, will receive the funds, distribute them to the recipient, and monitor its use.

Grants will be awarded at the Women of Vision’s Annual Awards Presentation and Chocolate Buffet in June.

Applications are due March 24th to the Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania. Please direct questions or applications to Michele Wickwire at 717-236-9555 (press one) or via email at Michele@pajewishendowment.org.

Steam Trains, Victrolas, and Computers

Thinking about family history always fascinates me as I still have a warm memory span. The other day I thought of old crystal radios, victrolas with heavy needles and wind up motors, and old 78 rpm records. Continuing the thought, my youngest uncle arrived in the US from Russia, at 15, with my mother and grandmother in 1922. As a teen, he loved music and collected Yiddish, Russian and English recordings. When he married and moved out, his records and Victrola to play them remained behind, peaking my interest at age 8 when I could wind it up. I began playing the old recordings and was drawn to one in particular that was well worn and probably my uncle’s favorite. I played it frequently and it crackled from scratches and was chipped around its edges. Eventually radio-phonographs replaced the Victrolas and ours, with its large wooden cabinet, was disposed of. I kept the old recordings and played some for a period of time until the newer electronics arrived. I threw away the damaged records and the others are still on the shelf.

“Wreck of the Old 97” was that favorite piece and I wondered if a reference might be available on the internet. WOW! I struck gold. The history came racing down the computer tracks in screens gushing with information. I learned that Train 97 had left Monroe Virginia bound for Atlanta Georgia with a load of mail on a fateful day in 1908. The train was late and the engineer fired it up to 90 miles an hour down a long grade. Unfortunately, the airbrakes failed and whistle screaming, the steam powered locomotive rolled on to a tightly curved wooden trestle. High speed dropped the train 45 feet into a ravine, killing 11 people including the engineer.

Sixteen years later, in 1924, a musician named Vernon Dalhart recorded the sad but famous ballad of train 97. It became the Victor Talking Machine company’s biggest hit and the first recording having a million sales up to that time. Actually, a total of over six million copies of my favorite childhood song were purchased. I now understood the famous legend I had never even dreamed of before.

Thinking back as I closed my laptop, the small U.S. population in 1924, with its many Jewish immigrants, had an insatiable desire for music that still exists. Other performers, Johnny Cash among them, have recorded the enjoyable tune in more recent times. Dalhart’s rendition is still the best, as I rediscovered and play it repeatedly from its “You Tube” hard drive file. “Chug, chug, woo, woo.” Let us not forget the huge efforts and sounds of America’s exciting but often dangerous industrialized past.

~ Jack Ogun ~
Touch-A-Truck, Hometown Heroes & Wellness Fair

Sunday, March 30 • 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Jewish Community Center
3301 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Touch-A-Truck gives children the opportunity to climb aboard and get behind the wheel of their favorite vehicles, including a fire truck, ambulance, school bus, and more. Hometown heroes, drivers, and operators of these vehicles will be available to answer questions and give children a hands-on experience. Touch-A-Truck will also include children's crafts, a bounce house, and more.

Blood Pressure Screenings
Speech and Hearing Screenings
Vision Screenings

Information on:
• Mental Health
• Diabetes
• Eating Disorder
• Dental Hygiene
• Bullying
• Youth Sports Safety
• Childhood Weight Management
• Medicine Safety
• Poison Prevention
• Teen Health
• Child Car Seat Safety

Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg
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Trusted Experience. Compassionate Care.
REMemberfest presents, “Together in Song” - a night of joy and song emphasizing harmony and teamwork through music, a community-wide music experience. The music includes inspirational songs of peace, hope, justice, and praise from a variety of cultures, including West African, aboriginal, Australian, South African, and Native American, as well as traditional and urban beatbox styles.

This interactive and inspiring program led by the co-founders of The Golden Bridge Community Choir - Maggie Wheeler - the actress who played Janice on FRIENDS and Emile Hassan Dyer – percussionist, will take place on Thursday, March 13th at 7:30 pm, Chisuk Emuna Congregation, 3219 Green Street, Harrisburg.

Maggie Wheeler, together with Emile Hassan Dyer, are coming to Harrisburg for a series of workshops and a “Together in Song” musical evening to celebrate the life of Reuben Eli Mitrani, an exceptional member of our community who touched an extraordinary number of lives in his 20 years. Reuben was a leader at school, in sports and at camp. Reuben knew how to listen with compassion and open-mindedness. Coupled with his outgoing, playful and adventurous spirit, his potential seemed boundless before his tragic death in 2012 while studying abroad.

All proceeds from the event go to The REMember Foundation - a non-profit, charitable organization under the umbrella of TFEC established to fulfill the promise of Reuben’s life – that enables, empowers and inspires individuals to make a difference in their own lives, the lives of others, and their communities.

“Together in Song” is for people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in a joyful and uplifting non-denominational, interfaith community music event. No singing experience or ability is necessary.

“Together in Song” is a gift to the diverse community that guided, sustained and nourished Reuben Mitrani.

Workshops will be held during the day of the concert at Londonderry Private School and CASA (Capital Area School for the Arts). Maggie and Emile will teach students and staff the harmonies so they can actively participate during the concert later that evening. A public workshop for adults will also be held at Chisuk Emuna from 5-7 pm. before the concert/community sing at 7:30 pm.

Donna Orbach, Reuben’s mother, experienced “Together in Song” last summer: “I am tone deaf and have no musical ability at all, yet I was privileged to experience the power of joining with other singers who could carry my voice along with the joyful harmonies and to sing, actually sing, with strangers! I was overwhelmed with the beauty and shared spirit of this music.”

Audience members will experience the spirit of the “Together in Song” concert/community sing, as well as the opportunity to participate in the musical process. No singing experience is necessary. All who come may participate as they wish, but all will feel the power of the ancient tradition of community building through song.

Registration & Tickets: REMember-foundation.org, Mitrani at Home, 3535 Walnut St., 717-526-7930, Londonderry School, Bamberger Rd. 717-540-0543

Questions? Contact Donna Orbach 717-648-4110 or info@remember-foundation.org

Learn more about Maggie and Emile! maggiewheeler.net, www.voicedance.org

For more information about The REMember Foundation visit www.rememberfund.org.

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Green Hills Swim Club...The Beginning

By Bernyce Silberman Lichterman

In 1956, Sidney Silberman asked a few men to get together and discuss the possibility of building a private swim club. That group included Leon Bear (builder), Harold Tull (attorney), and Teddy Kobrin (CPA). The men located a property for sale on Fishing Creek Valley Road for the price of $10,000. Aaron Feinerman knew of an anonymous trust set up at Dauphin Deposit Bank where funds were available “for the betterment of Harrisburg.” He negotiated with the bank, and $10,000 was donated for purchase of the land.

In December 1956, a meeting was held at the “Y” (later known as the JCC) to solicit members. On that day, 50 people purchased bonds for $250 each, raising a total of $12,500. The original four bonds were purchased by Sid, Leon, Harold and Teddy. The groundbreaking ceremony was held soon thereafter, with Rabbi David Silver (z’l), other local rabbis, and many in the Jewish community in attendance.

The first priority was to build a pool. Wellbuilt, a construction firm, had recently built the swimming pool at Indian Springs Country Club in Silver Spring, MD. Wellbuilt sent a private plane and flew Harold Tull and me to Maryland to view it. We were very impressed. A deal was signed and construction of Green Hills began.

Members volunteered their time and effort to build a structure housing the filtering system. Mr. Updike, whose family owned a home on the property, was hired as the club’s maintenance man. A pool house with dressing rooms was built soon after, where members often fled with towels and chairs to escape the summer thunderstorms. A snack bar, run by Rhea Cohen and me, was built under the condition that it would serve kosher foods only. Picnic tables were set up outside the boundaries of the pool so families could enjoy cookouts. A highly competitive swim team was organized, and swim meets were held against other area teams. Team awards were given at the end of each season.

The pool was open seven days a week, and membership grew. In time, an additional building - The Green Hilton, so named by Helen Rachelson - was constructed to house various activities throughout the season.

Over the course of many years, Green Hills began having financial difficulty. The JCC offered to take ownership of the club and use it for their day camp. Legally, all bond holders were required to relinquish their bonds.

Green Hills remains a beautiful setting. Families who had the pleasure of being there “in the beginning” surely have many fond memories of those wonderful years.
Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg is a forward-thinking mental health and social service agency dedicated to helping people achieve their full potential while honoring choice, responsibility, diversity, and Jewish values through every stage of life. The Executive Director position is an excellent opportunity for a motivated and passionate executive who is driven to succeed and to positively impact a staff and a community. Working with the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will develop a strategic plan and will be empowered to implement that plan, to evaluate program operations, to create professional development initiatives and to plan for the organization’s continued growth.

The successful candidate will:
- Provide vision and inspirational leadership for the overall strategic growth and financial health for JFS
- Be a proven effective, innovative leader/manager, combining both human resources and financial skills
- Be comfortable with, and have a history of success in, fund-raising
- Represent JFS with the utmost professionalism and ethics
- Work effectively with community groups, agencies, business leaders and funders

Key Qualifications
- A Masters Degree in Social Work; a LCSW is preferred. An educational background in Nonprofit Management, Business Administration or in a related field is desirable
- More than five years of senior-level leadership experience
- More than three years of experience managing seniors, children and family programs

In summary, our selected candidate will have a career of solid, hands-on experience with significant leadership in key management positions. He/she will have a track record of successful partnering with staff, board and community to implement innovative, effective strategies that create new opportunities within our community. He/she will manage with a collaborative and flexible style, and with a strong service orientation in a mission and values-driven environment.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and a resume to Hbgjfs@gmail.com.

Insights from the Intern
By Shannon Orehek,
MSW Senior Services Intern
As an MSW intern at Jewish Family Service, I have come to realize how important it is to have a support system in place when family and friends are unable to help. Throughout the school year, I have been lucky enough to see how JFS helps clients get through the rough patches. Over the past year I have helped a client go from having severe diabetes, taking insulin and sugar pills to “normal”. He did so well he was able to be taken off the insulin regimen. What an achievement for the client! JFS helped him get to that healthy place by ensuring that he got to all needed medical appointments and had one of us sit in on doctors’ appointments, when necessary, to help him understand what needed to be done. JFS staff made spreadsheets of his daily food intake so sugars and food could be tracked. Taking an active role in working with the client, under supervision, of course, has given me a better understanding of what social workers in the aging and community field are faced with. I am glad that there are social workers in this field who specialize in working with the aging population. Please, if you know any home-bound seniors who need assistance paying bills, grocery shopping, setting medical appointments, or would benefit from receiving Meals on Wheels, have them call JFS and we will see how we can help.
Over 40 dads and their daughters joined us for the Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night on Sunday, February 16th. It was a special evening at the JCC with dinner, fun and dancing to music by DJ Heidi Linn!

JCC's Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night
A Great Time for All

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF GREATER HARRISBURG
Looking to Match Snow Shovelers with Home-Bound Seniors

This is a winter to remember, or forget, depending on your perspective. However, it isn’t over yet. Jewish Family Service is concerned for home-bound seniors or others physically unable to shovel their walks and have no resources to get their sidewalks cleared. We are asking for individuals who either need help in clearing snow covered walks or can volunteer to do the shoveling to contact JFS at 233-1681. We would like to compile a list, so that we can connect volunteers to those needing help within common neighborhoods.
A CELEBRATION of MUSIC
Honoring the memory of Cantor Sharon Kunitz

Sunday, March 30, 2014
3:30 – 5:30 pm
Harrisburg Jewish Community Center

Desserts, raffle, silent and live auction
a special performance by
the Temple Ohev Sholom Purim Spiel cast

This group is driven by a mission to connect jews around the globe with their heritage through music, anchored by a strong Jewish identity, and fueled by thumping beatbox, intricate arrangements, and soulful harmonies. Six13 is a six-man vocal band that brings an unprecedented style of Jewish music to the stage, with songs ranging from hip-hop dance tracks to rock anthems. The group sounds like a full band – while using nothing but their voices. They have recorded five award-winning albums and have over 20,000 CDs in circulation. They have received distinctions, accolades, and awards from Jewish, secular and musical organizations around the world. You may have seen them as finalists in NBC’s The Sing-Off. Six13 has made appearances around the world for millions, to rave reviews and standing ovations like their performance at Washington D.C.’s Kennedy Center. We are sure this will be a performance the Harrisburg Jewish Community will thoroughly enjoy.

Admission is $18.00 in advance and $25.00 at the door
Children 13 and under will be admitted free.
Checks should be made out to Temple Ohev Sholom and mailed to Jackie Becker, 5243 Strathmore Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.
Your check is your reservation.

Sponsors are needed at the following levels
Platinum: $5000 Gold: $2500 Silver: $1000 Bronze: $500
Sponsors and donors of auction items please contact Dara Kluger dkkkluger@aol.com or (717) 732-2664
Proceeds to benefit Temple Ohev Sholom
HEBREW HIGH GRADUATION APRIL 6, 2014
The entire community is cordially invited to attend the Harrisburg Hebrew High School graduation ceremony on Sunday evening, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.
Hebrew High graduation is achieved upon completion of five years of post B’nai Mitzvah Jewish education.

We are very proud of the students who make up the 2014 Hebrew High School graduating class:
Rebecca Feldman, daughter of Stacy and David Feldman • Michael Jose, son of Reyna and Ernesto Jose
Sara Spicer, daughter of Beth and Bruce Spicer • Jennifer Wiley, daughter of Eileen and Robert Wiley

A very joyful Mazel Tov to our Hebrew High graduates and their families! We look forward to sharing our pride in their accomplishments with the community.

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At Congregation Or Ami, a Reform congregation in Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania, Ben served as director of youth services from 2005 to 2012. There he developed best practices for the youth department, working with faculty, parents, temple staff, and the board. In addition, Ben served as interim director for a year, from 2010 to 2011, at the Rutgers University Hillel in New Brunswick, New Jersey. In that position, he was responsible for outreach to first-year and transfer students and helped triple service attendance through innovative Shabbat programs.

From 1997 to 2001, Ben was director of the confirmation retreat program at the Main Line Reform Temple in Wynnewood PA, where he raised substantial funding to increase involvement of post b’nai mitzvah students and authored numerous educational programs on life-cycle events, the Holocaust, and Jewish-related topics. Prior to working at the Main Line Temple, Ben was regional director for the Pennsylvania Area Region NFTY, the North American Federation of Temple Youth, and worked with youth leadership, rabbis, and temple youth directors in organizing regional events.

According to Ben, his decision to devote himself primarily to Jewish communal work was influenced by the director of Camp Harlam, a summer camp in the Poconos operated by the Union for Reform Judaism, where Ben worked for several years. While Ben considered going to rabbinical school, Ben’s mentor, Arie Gluck, encouraged him to continue his interest in working in Jewish-related programs regardless of whether he would be a rabbi. “His guidance reinforced my deep feelings and commitment to go into this field,” explained Ben.

In addition to his immersion in all things Jewish, Ben decided to put his entrepreneurial skills to the test. He founded an entertainment company in 1995 called Unique Entertainment, which continues to operate out of King of Prussia but with which he no longer plays an active role. According to Ben, the small company provides full-audience participation in games in schools, camps, and professional conferences. Looking back on the experience, Ben said, “Speaking before large crowds helped me overcome my reluctance to do public speaking. The business venture benefitted me in so many unforeseen ways.”

As a graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts in History, Ben is well aware of the importance of learning about and from the past. We know that Ben will make a meaningful contribution to Beth El Temple and help make this chapter in our congregation’s history an outstanding one.

Ben wants to thank the Board and members of the congregation who have reached out to him and his family with warmth, enthusiasm, and support: “You have no idea how much this means to me, my wife Amanda, and our 5-year-old daughter Mila. It’s a great feeling to know we are welcomed.”
Chisuk Emuna Celebrates Two Special Families for Spring 2014 Gala!

On Sunday, April 6th, Chisuk Emuna will be celebrating two very special families at their annual gala. Aaron and Lena Rubin, z’l, and all their descendants will be honored for their legacy of service and kindness at Chisuk Emuna. Carl and Beth Shuman will be honored for their leadership over the last 25 years.

Aaron and Lena Rubin played an important role at Chisuk Emuna for decades, particularly when the congregation moved to 5th and Division Streets, and became a Conservative synagogue in the 1950’s. Their impressive family tree includes 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and to date, 8 great-great-grandchildren!

Current Chisuk Emuna members who are descendants of Aaron and Lena include: Bert and Myrna Rubin, with daughters Jackie and Amy; son Scott and daughter-in-law Jackie, and their two sons Noah and Daniel; Ricci and Mike Doctrow, with daughters Annie, Rebecca, Emily Freeburn and son-in-law Gregg Freeburn; Traci and Scott Debroff, with sons Jake and Ethan; and Jenny and Steve Rubin, with daughters Ali and Caroline. Linda Rubin Schwab, the widow of Eddie Rubin, z’l (and Morrie Schwab, z’l) is the last person and member remaining from Aaron and Lena’s children’s generation.

Many of the descendants of Aaron and Lena have served and continue to serve Chisuk Emuna, as well as the greater Harrisburg Jewish community, in a variety of leadership capacities. Members of the Rubin family are distinguished by their generous contributions of time, energy and resources to strengthen the congregation and the community.

Carl and Beth Shuman have been devoted and active members of Chisuk Emuna - along with their children Sam, Simona, and Saskia, and son-in-law Ben - since they arrived in Harrisburg in 1988. Carl and Beth have made the congregation a centerpiece of their lives in central Pennsylvania. Their involvement has enhanced the Chisuk Emuna family, spiritually and culturally, fiscally and physically. Carl has served in many leadership roles, including as Vice President of Programming and Fundraising, and most importantly, as President during an immensely stressful time for Chisuk Emuna. He took office shortly after the fire destroyed their sanctuary in 2009, and saw the congregation through the long rebuilding process. Throughout these challenging years, Beth, an active Chisuk Emuna member in her own right, provided endless support at home with managing their family and household as Carl spent countless hours at various meetings.

Chisuk Emuna is indebted to both of these families for their love and devotion, and the congregation looks forward to a joyful celebration of their dedication! The event begins at 4:00 p.m. with an hors d’oeuvres reception, followed by a tribute ceremony and dinner. The event will conclude with a much-anticipated performance by Rak Shalom, a vibrant Jewish a cappella group from the University of Maryland. Their repertoire spans a range of genres and eras, from American and Israeli pop, to Oldie classics, to traditional Jewish prayers. In the past year alone, Rak Shalom has performed the National Anthem for the Washington Wizards, and performed for President Obama at the White House. They have produced three professional studio albums, all available on iTunes. Their most recent CD, “On Air,” was just released a few months ago. Their passion for singing is sure to bring a delightful ending to the evening!

For more information or any questions on the event, please contact Linda Laff at 717-385-0077, linda0444@juno.com or Susan Sussman, Chisuk Emuna’s administrator, 717-232-4851, info@chisukemuna.org.

CHISUK EMUNA PRESENTS MORNING OF LEARNING

On Sunday, March 23rd from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Chisuk Emuna Congregation invites the community to a unique morning of learning entitled, “Preparing for Passover: An Interactive Program for Our Hearts and Minds, Bodies and Souls.” Workshop topics include:

- “The Four Children of the Haggadah in Words and In Pictures,” led by Rabbi Ron Muroff
- “Creating a Personalized Family Haggadah,” facilitated by Dr. Michael Green
- “Hallel: Singing For Freedom,” with Mandy Cheskis and Carl Shuman
- “Making Your Seder Come Alive,” led by Myrna Rubin
- “Pesach Delicacies,” introduced by Norman Gras
- “In Every Generation: Striving for Freedom,” a workshop exploring the unexpected journeys of the Sarajevo Haggadah with Susan Leviton.

Participants also will enjoy refreshments, including a wine tasting with Joel Burcat and Dan Schuler of the Kesher Israel wine cellar. Babysitting is available. For more information and to register, please contact the Chisuk Emuna office at 232-4851.

CHISUK EMUNA SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

Help save a life on Sunday, March 16th as Chisuk Emuna sponsors a blood drive with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank. Stop by the Jewish Community Center parking lot between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm to donate. You’ll be in good company! For questions about donating, please contact Kathy O’Day at the Blood Bank at 571-3876 or Felix Thau, Chisuk Emuna’s Blood Donation coordinator, at 540-9288.

Please note that on Shabbat morning, March 15th, Kathy O’Day of the Blood Bank and members of our congregation will share reflections on blood donation and pikuach nefesh, the mitzvah of saving lives.

PASSOVER UNIVERSITY PLUS!

Learn with Rabbi Cytryn March 11, 18, 25 & April 1

With Passover just weeks away, it’s time to start shopping, cleaning….and thinking about making your Seder ceremony as meaningful and memorable as it can be.

Do you want to increase your own knowledge about Passover? Do you want to lead a Seder or actively participate and enhance a Seder? Here’s “Everything You Always Wanted to Know” about the traditional Passover Seder, Kosher cooking and koshering for Passover, and creating a dynamic, fun Seder.

Join Rabbi Cytryn at Beth El Temple for holiday prep at “Passover University Plus!” on four Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m., beginning March 11.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

COMMUNITY-WIDE YOM HASHOAH OBSERVANCES

HOLOCAUST MONUMENT

RIVERFRONT PARK

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 27, 11:00 A.M.

READING OF NAMES

A 24-HOUR VIGIL IN WHICH THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO PERISHED IN THE HOLOCAUST ARE READ.

OPENING CEREMONY, SUNDAY EVENING.

APRIL 27, 7:30 P.M.

CHISUK EMUNA CONGREGATION

A Purim Letter to Students -- and the Rest of Us
By Rabbi Akiva Males

Each year at this time, Ricki Gold leads Kesher Israel Congregation’s effort in sending out Purim Care Packages to our college students. This is a beautiful project that our Shul is proud to carry out. Over the years, many students have told me how much these care packages have meant to them. I am always happy to write a short holiday letter to be included in the package.

After writing my letter for this year’s Purim package, it struck me that while my letter was written for today’s college students, the message below is one that applies to all of us – regardless of age.

Wishing you a Happy Purim!

Rabbi Akiva Males

Dear KI students,

I hope you’re doing well. We are all familiar with Rambam / Maimonides and his 13 Principles of Belief. Those Principles are the 13 Ani Ma’amim that are found in just about all Siddurim. According to Maimonides, these 13 Principles are the basis of traditional Jewish belief. (By the way, did you know that the Yigdal prayer is based on those 13 Principles as well?)

Let’s take a minute to review the 1st and 10th of Rambam’s Principles:

1) I absolutely believe that G-d created and continues to guide all of His creatures . . .

10) I absolutely believe that G-d is fully aware of all of mankind’s activities . . .

At the core of traditional Judaism is the belief that our world has a Creator. This Creator knows all that goes on in our world, and remains actively involved in all of its events – no matter how insignificant some of those events might seem.

Sometimes we may wonder why G-d bothers to take such an active interest in every single one of the world’s events. After all, doesn’t G-d have more important tasks to attend to?

I think the answer to this question lies in one of our people’s most important and celebrated experiences. About 2,500 years ago, G-d showed us how - despite all of the other pressing matters going on in His world - He was aware of, and involved Himself in the outcome of something as silly as an official state-run Persian beauty pageant. That’s right, it was that “silly” little beauty pageant which ended up saving our entire Jewish people.

We just began the month of Adar I. Very soon, Jews around the world will once again gather to read Megilas Esther. We’re all familiar with the events of the book of Esther. From start to finish, the entire Megilas Esther is all about G-d’s ongoing involvement and stewardship of our world. Is there any way to explain how Esther – a nice Jewish girl – was chosen from amongst the most beautiful woman in the entire Persian kingdom to become the next queen? It was all Divine Providence.

Our commentators explain that every step of the entire Purim episode – from start to finish – was a case-study in G-d’s continued involvement in our world and the survival of the Jewish people. Was it clear to anyone at the time as to why G-d should have taken an interest in that “silly” Persian beauty pageant? Absolutely not. In retrospect, however, G-d’s actions became completely understandable. It was only by Esther’s winning that pageant and becoming queen, that the Jewish people were able to survive Haman’s decree of extermination. That seemingly insignificant beauty pageant played a major role in G-d’s plan in the great scheme of things.

The story of Purim reminds us all about G-d’s ongoing involvement in our world and our people’s survival. The story of Purim reminds us that:

A) G-d is fully aware of and involved in all that goes on in our world

B) Despite all of His many responsibilities, G-d is perfectly capable of multi-tasking and involving Himself in seemingly minor human interest events

But lastly, Purim reminds us that:

C) Whether we’ll ever be privileged to see it or not, all that goes on around us is part and parcel of G-d’s orchestrating our world’s events. We have no idea how one seemingly minor event can potentially have massive ramifications. G-d, however, the world’s director, has the ability to make those connections and understand why it’s important to use His Divine Providence to influence world events of all shapes and sizes, so that His ultimate plan can be brought to fruition.

As we celebrate Purim, let’s thank G-d for His continued interest and involvement in our world and in each of our lives.

Layala & I wish you a Happy Purim!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Akiva Males

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CANDLELIGHTING

March 7................................. 5:47 p.m.
March 14............................... 6:57 p.m.
March 21............................... 7:02 p.m.

sunday, march 7

Maimonides Lunch Program, 1 p.m., JCC
Youth Sports Banquet, 5 p.m., JCC

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC,
Program: Business meeting, Blood-pressure Screening

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC,
Program: Movie Day: “Father’s Little Dividend” with Elizabeth Taylor and Spencer Tracy, 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Purim Carnival, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., JCC
Silver Academy Purim Seudah, 4-7 p.m., JCC

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC,
Program: “Name That Tune” with Al Goodman
What the ASA’s Boycott Taught (Reminded) Me

By Rabbi Akiva Males

In the closing months of 2013, the American Studies Association (ASA) voted to boycott Israeli universities. This move is part of a much larger effort in the ongoing Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS) movement intended to isolate Israel. In the aftermath of this academic boycott, many of Israel’s supporters rightfully voiced our hurt feelings, disappointment, and/or strong disagreement with the ASA’s offensive maneuver.

In January, before Layala and I left to visit family in Israel, I read an important article in The NY Jewish Week by a NJ rabbi named Jeffrey Salkin. As human beings, we are rather quick to criticize others when they do wrong. However, all too often, we fail to recognize, compliment, and/or thank people when they have behaved well. Yet we all know just as well how much we appreciate a reminder of a good deed.

It is not enough to scream “gevalt” when we have been wounded. We also have to call out “thank you” to those who are our friends, to those who stood up for truth, to those who have refused to have their educational institutions seduced by the all too common siren song of anti-Israeli behavior. We need to thank those institutions, especially if they are our alumni of them, and/or our children or grandchildren attend them. Because the best way to induce people to continue doing good is to thank them for what they have already done.

The article went on to list the first 27 universities courageous enough to resist the ASA’s academic boycott. Prior to leaving for Israel, I wrote to the presidents of those 27 universities, and on behalf of Kesher Israel, I thanked each of them for withstanding the incredible pressures from the academic community and for strongly standing in support of Israel. (This would also be a good time for me to publicly recognize two members of Harrisburg’s own Jewish community - Dr. Simon Bronner and Dr. Ed Beck. Both of them have put much time and effort into raising awareness of and countering the ASA boycott of Israel.)

By the time we returned from Israel, I had received personal e-mails and hand-written notes from many of the university presidents to whom I had written. They told me how much they appreciated my letter, and how they have resolved to remain committed to academic freedom -- while resisting the ASA’s boycott of Israel.

This incident reminded me of an important lesson - which is too easily forgotten. As human beings, we are rather quick to criticize others when they do wrong. However, all too often, we fail to recognize, compliment, and/or thank people when they have behaved well. Yet we all know just how nice it feels to be on the receiving end of such a positive remark. Let’s all make a stronger effort to share our ‘Hakaras Hatov’ (appreciation) with those deserving of it.

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The Story of the Jews

Join WITF and Chisuk Emuna for a special screening and panel discussion focusing on Simon Schama’s The Story of the Jews--A five-part look at 3,000 years of Jewish history and the impact the Jews have made on the world. The screening takes place on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at WITF Public Media Center, 4801 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

- 6:30 p.m. – Registration & Reception
- 7 p.m. – Screening of the first hour of The Story of the Jews, followed by a panel discussion about the film featuring WITF’s Mike Greenwald, Chisuk Emuna’s Rabbi Muroff and others.

The Story of the Jews is supported locally by Chisuk Emuna Congregation.

Prize-winning author of 15 books and Emmy Award-winner Simon Schama brings to life Jewish history and experience in a new five-part documentary series, The Story of the Jews with Simon Schama, premiering on WITF TV Tuesdays, March 25, 8-10 p.m. (episodes 1 and 2) and April 1, 8-11 p.m. (episodes 3, 4 and 5). The five-hour series follows Schama – who has written and presented 50 documentaries on art, literature and history and is a contributing editor of The Financial Times, as he travels from England and Spain to Egypt, Russia, the United States and Israel exploring the imprint that Jewish culture has made on the world and the drama of suffering, resilience and rebirth that has gone with it.

The series is, at the same time, a personal journey for Schama, who has been immersed in Jewish history since his postwar childhood; a meditation on its dramatic trajectory; and a macro-history of a people whose mark on the world has been out of all proportion to its modest numbers.

“If you were to remove from our collective history, said Schama, “the contribution Jews have made to human culture, our world would be almost unrecognizable. There would be no monotheism, no written Bible, and our sense of modernity would be completely different. So the history of the Jews is everyone’s history too and what I hope people will take away from the series is that sense of connection: a weave of cultural strands over the millennia, some brilliant, some dark, but resolving into a fabric of thrilling, sometimes tragic, often exalted creativity.”

The Story of the Jews draws on primary sources that include the Elephantine papyri, a collection of 5th-century BC manuscripts illuminating the life of a town of Jewish soldiers and their families in ancient Egypt; the astonishing trove of documents — the Cairo Geniza — recording the world of the medieval Jews of the Mediterranean and Near East; the records of disputations between Christians and Jews in Spain; correspondence between the leader of the Arab revolt during World War I, Emir Feisal, and the leader of the Zionist movement, Chaim Weizmann.

Schama talks about the turning points of the drama with living witnesses like Aviva Rahamin, who, as a 14-year-old, walked across the Sudanese desert to try and reach Israel; Yakub Odeh, the Palestinian whose village was destroyed in the war of 1948; and Levana Shamir, whose family members were imprisoned in Egypt at the same time. He debates the meaning of new archaeological discoveries of the Biblical period with Yousef Garfinkel of the Hebrew University; the Dead Sea Scrolls with their chief curator Pnina Shor; the character of the Talmud with Leon Wieseltier, literary editor of The New Republic; the photographic record of Israel’s history with Micha Bar Am; German cultural treasures from Enlightenment Germany and the music of Felix Mendelssohn with the critic Norman Lebrecht.

The series, first broadcast in the United Kingdom on BBC in fall 2013, was acclaimed in the British press as “an astonishing achievement, a TV landmark, idiosyncratic, accessible but always authoritative.” It includes new archaeological research that is transforming our understanding of the earliest world of the Jews, and highlights evidence from the visual arts — synagogue mosaics, spectacularly illustrated Bibles, the brilliantly colorful decoration of synagogues (contrary to impressions of a monochrome religion), as well as the glorious music that carried Jewish traditions through the centuries.

Whether he’s amid the stones of 11th-century Judea, the exuberantly decorated cemeteries of Ukrainian hasidic rabbis, the parlors of Moses Mendelssohn’s Berlin or the streets of immigrant New York, Schama brings together memory and actuality, past and present, sorrows and celebrations, vindications and challenges and makes felt the beating pulse of an epic of endurance that has been like no other — a story that belongs to everyone.

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Friday, March 28: Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Congregational dinner 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 7 p.m. Junior Congregation 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 29: Bar Mitzvah of Brian Reback Parshat Tzatza 9:15 a.m.


Saturday, April 5: Mini Congregation 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 6: Breakfast ’n Learn 9:30 a.m., Rosen Sisterhood Hall. Steven Loux, Jon Brandow and Judi Bernstein-Baker on “Immigration: Jewish Ethics, Economics & Real Life Stories.”

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Friday, March 7: Family Friday Night Pre-Purim Dinner and Shabbat Service, 5:30 p.m.; simcha hour, 6:00 service with dinner to follow. To make your reservation call Susan Sussman at 232-4851.

Saturday, March 22: Java ’n Torah 9 a.m. Interactive study before Shabbat morning service.

Saturday, March 28: Shabbat morning service, 9:15 a.m. Mincha, Maariv and Torah study, 5:50 p.m.

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Friday, March 7: Sisterhood Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Saturday, March 8: B’nai Mitzvah, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Friday, March 14: Shabbat Service, 6 p.m., Lehrman Chapel

Saturday, March 15: Megillah Reading, 6 p.m., Lehrman Chapel

Purim Spiel – Schmaltz: A Chapel Service, 6 p.m., Lehrman Chapel

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Friday, March 30: “A Celebration of Music” in memory of Cantor Sharon Kunitz, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the JCC

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**DR. EVA BAMBERGER STAHL**

Dr. Eva Bamberger Stahl, daughter of Dr. Kurt and Alice Bamberger and sister of Dorothea Aronson. Dr. Stahl was 80 years old. Surviving is her husband, Dr. Theodore Stahl; her son, Dr. James (Nathalie) Stahl; daughter Lauren Stahl; and granddaughter Julia Stahl; sister Dorothea (Raphael) Aronson and many nieces and nephews. Dr. Eva Bamberger Stahl was preceded in death by her son, Douglas. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 18th at Highland Park Conservative Temple-Congregation Anshe Emeth in Highland Park, NJ, with internment at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin, NJ.

**KHANA DUNAYEVSKAYA**

Khana Dunayevskaya, 90, of Harrisburg, passed away on February 14, 2014 at the Colonial Park Care Center. Khana was born on July 21, 1923 to the late David A. and Khaya M. Remennik in Pliskov, Ukraine in the Vinitsa Region. Khana grew up and attended University until the beginning of WWll. When the war began she tried to return home but was unable to due to the Nazi Occupation of her home region. She was evacuated from Ukraine. After the war, she returned to Kiev where she retired as a store manager. Khana was the only member of her family to make it to the United States. She will always be remembered as a devoted mother and grandmother. It was her life's purpose and ultimate achievement to care for her family. Lastly, Khana was a survivor and a source of strength for her family. In February of 1990 Khana came to America. She spent 25 wonderful years and was so proud to be an American citizen.

Khana is preceded in death by her first husband Leon Dunayevsky, whom she married in 1970 and passed away in 1966 and her second husband Gregory Gutmyk, whom she married in 1970 and passed away in 1980.

Khana was survived by her son Dmitry Dunayevsky & wife Mila of Harrisburg, her 2 stepdaughters: Lily Kaminetsky and Vera Striejsky, her 4 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 16th at the Kesher Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Khana's name to a charity of your choosing. To leave an online condolence to the family, please visit us at HetrickBitner.com on Facebook.

**SUSAN (JACOB) GELBER**

Susan (Jacob) Gelber, 61, passed away on Monday, February 10, 2014 at Manor Care in Camp Hill. Susan was born in Pittsburgh, PA on December 5, 1952 to Walter and the late Laura (Gross) Jacob. Susan worked as a paralegal at Lavery and Patterson Law Offices. She was also a past president of Jewish Family Services and volunteered at the Jewish Home. Susan was a loving wife and stepmother. She had a huge heart and loved animals, taking care of many rescue dogs. Susan will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved her. Susan is survived by her husband of 13 years, Larry Gelber; her father Walter Jacob; her stepdaughter Jenny S. Gelber; her brother Michael Jacob and wife, Joan; and her nephew Jordan Jacob. Funeral services were held at Chisuk Emuna Cemetery on Wednesday, February 12th, with Rabbi Ron Muroff officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Jewish Family Service, 3333 North Front Street, Harrisburg PA 17110 to help the family with burial expenses. To leave an online condolence to the family, please go to HetrickBitner.com or on Facebook.

**HERMAN KAPLAN**

Herman Kaplan, 89, of Harrisburg, passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg. Herman was born in Palmeton on September 15, 1924 to the late Nathan and Anna (Shliapn) Kaplan. He was a retired store manager for Goodwill Industries, a member of Chisuk Emuna Congregation and a graduate of Bethesda High School. Herman was a devoted husband to his wife, F. Shirley Kaplan. Surviving are his four sons, Irving A. of Allentown; E. Guy (Louetta) of WI; Jonathan C. (Sue) of AK; Robert I. of Mechanicsburg; his daughter, Josie S. Myers (Joel) of IL; ten grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 12th at the Chisuk Emuna Cemetery Chapel with Rabbi Ron Muroff officiating. Burial was in the Chisuk Emuna Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Chisuk Emuna Congregation, P.O. Box 5507, Harrisburg, PA 17110-5507. To share online condolences, please visit www.HetrickBitner.com or on Facebook.

**BETTY PETERFREUND**


She was born to the late Josef and Sarah Wolbronska, February 15, 1925, in D browa G ronica, Poland. After the Nazis invaded Poland, she was separated from her parents and five siblings and sent to brutal labor camps. She was the only one of her immediate family to survive the Holocaust. After liberation in displaced persons camp for war refugees in Weiden, Germany, she met and subsequently married the late Moshe Bronner of Oswiecim, Poland, and gave birth to a daughter Sarah in 1946 before relocating to Haifa, Israel, in 1948. A son Shimon Josef was born in 1954. In 1960, the family moved to Chicago to join two other survivors of the Bronner family, before resettling in the Holocaus.

In New York, she continued her father’s occupation of hairdressing, and opened her own beauty salon in Brooklyn. Valuing schooling that had been taken away from her, she earned a GED and encouraged her children to value education. Appreciating the opportunities that America afforded immigrants like her, she also cared for her ethnic heritage and maintained a Yiddish-speaking household. While in Brooklyn, she married Marcus Peterfreund, also originally from Poland, with his two children Benjamin and Dalia. After retirement she settled in Hallandale, Florida, and spent summers in Monticello, New York, where she participated in Jewish and Yiddish cultural organizations, including the David Ben-Gurion Culture Club, Association of Former Residents of Zaggie and Vidal. She was also the cherished grandmother of Shabed and Abigail Bronner.

In her later years, she spoke about her Holocaust experiences to youth and the visual history archive of the Shoa Foundation. She accompanied Holocaust-study groups to Poland from Penn State, where her son was the lead scholar for Penn State University’s Center for Holocaust and Jewish Studies. After developing Parkinson’s and Lewy Body Dementia diseases and the traveling she enjoyed was curtailed, she resided first in Great Neck, New York, and then in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Betty took great pride in the growth and success of her family. She is survived by Simon and Sally Jo Bronner of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and their children Shulamit and Eitan of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Stephan and Sally Gleich of Great Neck, New York, and their children Jeffrey Gleich of Paris, France, and Jennifer Gleich (married to Rory Bain) of Florence, Italy; Simon and Dalia Raclaw of Davie, Florida, and their children Evan Raclaw of Oklahoma and Dana Sasine of Georgia; Benjamin and Dottie Peterfreund of Brooklyn, New York. She also is survived by ten great-grandchildren, including two French great-grandchildren Elia and Mia.

Betty will be buried in a private family service in Hollywood, Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Center for Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Penn State Harrisburg or the Lewy Body Dementia Association.

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