

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH OPENING FOR THE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL!



The 20th annual Harrisburg Jewish Film Festival is nearly here, and, with it, a week of films and special events – at the JCC, the State Museum of Pennsylvania, and the Midtown Cinema -- chosen to entice the entire family out of the house.

This is a season not to be missed.

Our opening picture, *Defiant Requiem*, is nothing short of exhilarating. It is the story of an artist – Raphael Schächter -- who used music to save the souls of his fellow inmates at Terezin, and the story of the man – Maestro Murry Sidlin, our special guest on Opening Night -- who discovered this extraordinary episode and returned to Terezin 60 years later to honor the memory of Schächter and all of those whose souls were saved but whose lives could not be.

Another film guaranteed to

send you soaring is *Igor and the Cranes' Journey*. A winner for the whole family (ages 10 and up), it is also a great one to teach kids not to be afraid of subtitles -- which are, after all, one of the cinematic keys to the whole wide world.

Similarly, *The Dandelions*, from France, will have wide appeal to the younger set, with its precocious nine-year-old protagonists and its premise of the power of friendship. Delightful on its face, this film also has serious undertones that are thought-provoking enough to share, and to discuss afterwards, as a family. The picture contains mildly suggestive moments.

The seemingly intractable Israeli-Palestinian conflict is given a nuanced exploration in two award-winning Israeli films, *The Gatekeepers* (to be screened only once) and Israel's official selection for the 2014 Academy Awards, *Bethlehem*.

Equally provocative is the highly acclaimed *Aftermath*, from Poland, which exposes the breathtaking lengths an entire community will go to keep shameful secrets.

Less weighty fare is found in the French-Israeli

crime comedy, *Kidon*, the first screening of which, on Saturday night, May 17th, marks the Film Festival's return to the Midtown Cinema, where the rest of the weekday screenings will be held.

News of the Film Festival's return to the Midtown Cinema has already met with a "thumbs up" from many of our loyal patrons, who appreciate the theatre's "arthouse" feel, convenient parking, and matinee screenings.

For those of you who've enjoyed the State Museum of Pennsylvania these past three years, have no fear: while no longer the full-time home of the Festival, the venue will play host to two special events on Sunday, the 18th of May.

In the afternoon, come along for a screening of this year's Book Club Film, the 1969 classic, *Goodbye, Columbus*. There's still time to read the Philip Roth novella of the same name, published 10 years earlier; join us afterwards for a discussion of both, led by Professor Helen Khanzhina.

And on Sunday night at the State Museum, don't miss *Jews in Toons* with our special guest, Emmy and Peabody award-winning writer-producer, Mike Reiss. This promises to be a truly terrific evening. After a light dinner reception, Mike will show clips from *The Simpsons*

and other television cartoon gems, and discuss the Jewish talents who have contributed to these shows, as well as the Jewish sensibilities – sometimes right on top, sometimes under the surface

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HARRISBURG WALKS TOGETHER

By Carol Hillman

On Sunday, May 4th, Temple Beth Shalom will sponsor Harrisburg Walks Together to oppose bigotry, support tolerance and raise money to repair and maintain the Pennsylvania Holocaust Monument on Front Street. The Walk starts at the JCC with registration at 1 p.m. The Walk will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. followed by a program from 3:30 to 4. Senator Rob Teplitz will be our speaker. Walk with us or join us at the Monument on Front and Sayford Streets. Transportation will be provided back to the JCC for those who need it.

The Steering Committee, which represents much of the diversity of the Harrisburg community, has made great strides since the March article in the Community Review. Because of the generosity of the Harrisburg Community we have covered our budget for the Walk. We will be able to pay Park fees, buy t-shirts and provide transportation back to the JCC for those who need it.

Organizing Harrisburg Walks Together has been a real learning experience. We discovered that although many people in Harrisburg, Jews and non Jews, are aware of the existence of the PA Holocaust Monument, very few people know where it is and only a relative few have visited it. We hope to change that.

A good first way to experience the Monument is to attend the Yom HaShoah service on Sunday, April 27 from 11 a.m. to noon. Yom HaShoah is the Day of Remembrance of the Six Million Jews murdered in the Holocaust. If you attend, take a moment to notice the Jerusalem stone on the floor of the Monument. It is cracking, and the granite slabs that surround the Monument are starting to heave up. This weather-related damage is the reason for the recently established Perpetual Care Fund for the PA Holocaust Monument.

Something else we have learned is that people wonder why we talk about the PA Holocaust Monument. Why "PA"? The official name of the Monument is: The Holocaust Memorial for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This Monument was conceived by local Jewish survivors of the Shoah, designed by David Ascalon and built in 1994 for \$200,000, which was raised in the Harrisburg Jewish community. The Monument, which

sits on public ground, donated by the City of Harrisburg, was dedicated on April 10, 1994. The Monument belongs to all of Pennsylvania.

Perhaps the most important lesson we have learned in planning the Walk, is that everyone (Jew and non-Jew) we encounter values the Monument and the lessons of the Holocaust, but they do so in different ways. We have heard, *Violence breeds violence and we need to teach people to respect differences rather than fear them; the Holocaust was a defining moment in Jewish history and the reason Israel exists; The Holocaust is a reminder that nothing we do will stop anti-Semitism; We need to remember what can happen when people are afraid to speak up against prejudice; the Monument represents Man at his worst and Man at his best.*

What do you believe are the lessons of the Holocaust? Ask your children the same question. You may be surprised and impressed.

Temple Beth Shalom invites you to go tbshalom.org and sign up to show the world that here in Central Pennsylvania we may be a diverse community, but Harrisburg Walks Together to support a good cause.

See you on Sunday, May 4 at the JCC.



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A Message from Margie Adelman, CEO

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It's Thursday at noontime at the JCC! I am taking a community leader on a tour, and the hallways seem quiet, but then I begin to open doors! In the Fitness Center the treadmills are full, and there are two classes in action - Spin and Zumba both just about full! A racquetball game is in full swing! We peak into the pool which is "Open swim" time and all of the lanes have swimmers. We enter the Early Learning Center and the multi-purpose room is buzzing with our children sharing lunch together, family style. We walk up the back steps and in the Mary Sachs Auditorium, our Seniors are having lunch - many of them started their day here with our Silver Sneakers Classic workout! After lunch they will participate in an enlightening program. The gym is rented by one of our corporate members for their weekly basketball game. The aftercare room just finished their "Parent and Me" class. But for the most part the hallways are quiet!

Our guest comments to me that he had no idea all of the activities that take place at the Jewish Community Center - a comment I hear during just about every tour! This is just noontime on Thursday! The JCC is not just a building, but a Center where everyone in the community is welcome. We continue to expand our program offerings for all ages and stages.

If you haven't visited in a while, I invite you to call me at 236-9555 ext. 3104; I would be happy to take you on a tour and share with you what's happening behind our doors!

B' shalom,



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2014 March of the Living Participants



This year's March of the Living participants departed Harrisburg on April 24th for their trip to Poland and Israel. The first leg of their journey will take them to the concentration camps in Poland; they will then travel to Israel for the remainder of their trip.

Left to right: Rebecca Feldman, Michael Jose, Marilyn Kanenson, Lillian Rappaport, and Jennifer Wiley as they prepare to leave on the March of the Living to visit the concentration camps in Poland and Israel.

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!



Now that the winter is, hopefully, behind us, it is that time of year when lots of people will be tackling their "spring cleaning" around their house.

We would just like to remind everyone that you can bring your used clothing and small household items and deposit them in the Community Aid box at the Bergner Street entrance of our parking lot. Not only will you be ridding your home of unwanted items, you'll also be helping the Jewish Federation to earn money; the Federation receives monetary rewards for all items that are dropped off in our Community Aid box.

For more information, contact Senator Teplitz's Harrisburg District Office at 717-232-2937.

2014 Harrisburg Jewish Film Festival DAY-TO-DAY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 15 OPENING EVENT AT THE JCC	7:00 P.M.	DEFIANT REQUIEM WITH GUEST SPEAKER MURRY SIDLIN RECEPTION FOLLOWS
SATURDAY, MAY 17 MIDTOWN CINEMA	7:30 P.M.	KIDON
SUNDAY, MAY 18 SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA	2:30 P.M.	GOODBYE, COLUMBUS BOOK DISCUSSION FOLLOWS
	6:30 P.M.	JEWS IN TOONS WITH GUEST SPEAKER MIKE REISS
MONDAY, MAY 19 MIDTOWN CINEMA	3:00 P.M.	AFTERMATH
	5:30 P.M.	IGOR AND THE CRANES' JOURNEY
	7:30 P.M.	THE DANDELIONS
TUESDAY, MAY 20 MIDTOWN CINEMA	3:00 P.M.	GOODBYE, COLUMBUS
	5:30 P.M.	THE GATEKEEPERS
	7:30 P.M.	BETHLEHEM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 MIDTOWN CINEMA	3:00 P.M.	DEFIANT REQUIEM
	5:30 P.M.	THE DANDELIONS
	7:30 P.M.	AFTERMATH
THURSDAY, MAY 22 MIDTOWN CINEMA	3:00 P.M.	BETHLEHEM
	5:30 P.M.	KIDON
	7:30 P.M.	IGOR AND THE CRANES' JOURNEY CLOSING NIGHT RECEPTION FOLLOWS

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– to be found within them.

There's a good chance that some of Mike's material is a bit risqué, so consider the evening PG-14 --appropriate for ages 14 and up.

Trailers and details about the films and special events can be found on the Harrisburg Jewish Film Festival website (www.hbgjff.com) and in the Festival program, which has been mailed to each household throughout the community. Tips for parking at all venues can also be found in the Festival program, and we are again pleased to offer – with thanks to Mickey Shefet – the Stallions Club lot across 3rd Street, as a free parking option at the State Museum.

Tickets for Opening Night at the JCC and for Jews in Toons are \$10 each. Matinees at the Midtown are \$7, and all other sessions are \$8. Tickets for all sessions can be purchased at the door (cash or check only at the State Museum). Tickets for Midtown Cinema screenings can also be purchased online through the Midtown's website (midtowncinema.com), and Midtown Cinema member rates will be honored at Midtown screenings.

Until May 15th, Season Tickets are available at the JCC front desk for \$60 (a \$12 savings). Tickets for Opening Night at the JCC can also be pre-purchased at the JCC front desk.

The Harrisburg Jewish Film Festival has been well-supported by this community for many years. As ever, we look forward to seeing our "regulars" again this season, and hope to expand our audience as we continue to share interesting and entertaining films from around the world. You are all invited.

See you at the movies!

We Truly ARE Family

When the JCC recently had an unscheduled fire drill – right smack dab in the middle of nap time at the Brenner Family Early Learning Center – Federation and Silver Academy staff, along with members of the community who just so happened to be in the building at the time, raced into action to help the ELC staff get all of the children safely out of the building. People took off their jackets and hats to help keep the children warm on a chilly spring day. This is just another example of what an amazing community/family we are!

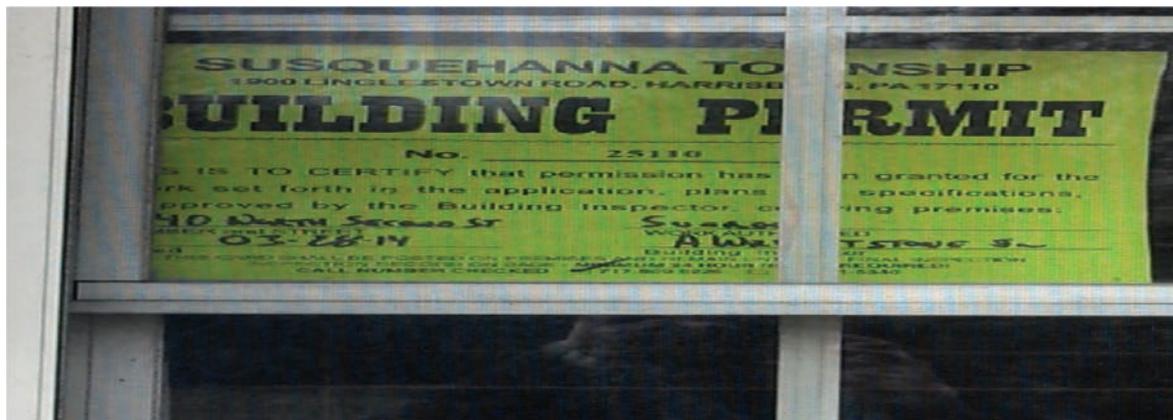


JEWISH GROUP HOME FOUR SEASONS ROOM: It's Ready to Build

It has been a long process to get the Second Street Jewish Group Home Four Seasons Room from conceptual drawing to Ready to Build. Fund-raising for the room began with the 20th Anniversary celebration in 2009 of the opening of this first Jewish Group Home project in Pennsylvania. Now, as Second Street reaches its 25-year milestone, the community will be able to celebrate with a beautiful and needed addition to the house.

The Four Seasons Room will allow the four individuals living in the home to enjoy the spring and summer without contending with heat and bugs and watch the rain and snow during the fall and winter from a cozy warm room. More importantly, it will offer more living space for the residents to have some private time without having to retreat to a bedroom.

Keystone Human Services finally has the permit from Susquehanna Township to go ahead with the project. Weather permitting, the project should have started before this article went to print. The final cost of \$36,695.38 has been determined, and more than two thirds of that amount has been raised. We are



asking for contributions so that the remaining amount needed as well as funds to furnish the room will come from the community. Because the new room will make life more pleasant for the individuals in the home, gifts in multiples of chai (life) \$18, would be a nice way to support the project; ex. 5 x chai = \$90, 10 x chai = \$180, 20 x chai = \$360. If you would like to support the Four Seasons Room, please

send your tax-deductible check payable to Jewish Family Service to Jewish Family Service, 3333 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Please put in the memo field that the donation is for the JGH Four Seasons Room.

Jewish Family Service and Keystone Human Services has had a wonderful cooperative relationship these 25 years to provide Jewish adults with intellectual disabilities a program where they can grow and reach their full potential, while living in a safe and warm environment where their religious needs are met. Family and community support has always been part of the equation for this success. We look forward to such continued support as we bring this building project to fruition.

“Putting Up for Adoption”



By Rachel Kuhr, LCSW,
JFS Director of AdoptionLinks &
Mynd Works Children's Services

Ever wonder where the term “putting up for adoption” comes from? Funny you should ask.

Prior to the Civil War, legal adoption was not a common practice. If a mother died in childbirth, someone in the family might take in the baby and raise it. If the parents of young children died, the children would be shipped off to extended family and friends. Sometimes, the parents had money to provide for the children, but usually not. When the parents died with debt, the older children might be indentured to a craftsman or farmer in exchange for money to pay the off the debt.

But in the 1800s, cities were growing, and in the city, there was overcrowded housing, disease, incapacitation by injury, abandonment, and death. Remember, these were the days before Social Security death benefits, child support, workmen's compensation, or public assistance for a woman left to care for a child. Often, older children were sent into the streets to earn their keep when the parent had too many mouths to feed, or were too sick to earn money for food. Children who were without parents frequently landed in religious-based orphanages - the Jews to the Jewish Orphanage (the Hebrew Benevolent Society of New York opened in 1860), the Lutherans to the Lutheran Orphanage, and the Catholics...

well, you get the picture.

In 1853, Charles Loring Brace founded the Children's Aid Society in New York City. At the time, it was believed that there were 30,000 homeless children living on the streets of New York City. Mr. Brace developed a plan to have these children placed with families all over the United States, but out of the city, believing that fresh air and honest work would help these children grow into productive citizens. The children were sent in groups of 10-40, with a few chaperones, to towns along the railroad lines all over the Midwest.

By 1860, there was over 35,000 miles of train track, and from Chicago, the lines spread out all over the Midwest. In each town where the trains were to stop, a committee would interview potential families and approve them in short order. Younger children were at a premium, since many of the families were childless couples seeking to parent. Older children were chosen for their ability to be helpful; boys for farm work or helping a craftsman, girls for child care, sewing, and cooking skills. The train would pull into the station, and the children were “put up” on a platform so that approved families could choose whom to take home. There was no regard for sibling groups, because at the time, these ties were not considered important. Most of the children were eventually adopted by their chosen families, although some were treated more like indentured servants.

The first group of children went to Dowagiac, Michigan, in 1854, and the last official train ran to Texas in 1929. During this time,

it is believed over 250,000 children were “put up for adoption” through the Orphan Train movement. In 1869, after the founding of the Catholic Foundling Hospital in New York City, baby trains were used to transport “Catholic” infants to Catholic families. It was believed that Catholics feared having the babies raised by Protestant families. Both programs ended when the foster care system we know today was created for younger children, and orphanages again became the placement of choice for older children. The Milton Hershey School, of which many of us are aware, was founded as the Hershey Industrial School for Boys in 1910 with four boys.

And it was 1915 when the federal Child Welfare Act began granting allowances to widows, causing the orphan population to finally begin to shrink.

Today, infant adoption has moved away from “putting children up” for adoption. Now a birth mother speaks of making an adoption plan and choosing whom will parent her child. Attempts are made to keep siblings together whenever possible. And open adoption, where there is some level of contact between the birth family and the adoptive family, has become the norm for domestically-adopted children. Still, the legacy and language of the Orphan Train movement lives on. The older

and more challenging children in the foster care system are still the hardest to place into permanent families. The need for families for these children will never end.

For more information about the Orphan Train movement, consider reading one of many books written by and about the children. Visit the website of the National Orphan Train Complex at orphantraindepot.org. For information about becoming a foster parent to an older youth or sibling group, contact JFS at (717) 233-1681.

JCC SENIOR ADULT CLUB HOSTS STUART, SARA and ZEV MALINA SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 17th, 2014 !!!

The Harrisburg JCC's Senior Adult Club is most excited to announce that Maestro Stuart Malina and his daughter, Sara and son, Zev will be presenting a musical program for our members on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, for our after lunch entertainment.

Maestro Stuart Malina is one of America's most versatile and accomplished conductors. In a wide variety of concerts, from masterworks and grand opera to pops, Maestro Malina's ease on the podium, engaging personality, and insightful interpretations have thrilled audiences and helped to break down the barriers between performer and listener wherever he has worked.

I'm sure we will have many members who won't want to miss this opportunity to hear Maestro Malina and his children's musical performance. Please make your reservations early and no later than Tuesday June 10th, so we can accommodate all those who would like to attend. Call Cheryl at 236-9555 Ext. 3115 for your reservations. Cost for lunch and program is \$10 for Senior Adult Club Members/\$20 for Non-Members. Program only is \$10 members and \$20 non-members, no walk-ins please.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE JUNE 10TH, 2014!!!! - PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE, RESERVATIONS FOR THIS CONCERT FILL UP QUICKLY!!



Jewish Home Honors its Volunteers

Each year, usually in April, the Jewish Home honors the many volunteers who on a daily basis bring joy to the residents. Volunteers assist at Bingo, participate in special events, read and play games with residents, push wheelchairs to and from activities or perhaps, in fair weather, just sit outside and chat.

At the Volunteer Recognition party of 2014, volunteers received certificates, gifts, won prizes in a raffle with donated items, and enjoyed delicious food prepared by the chefs in the Jewish Home Campus kitchen.

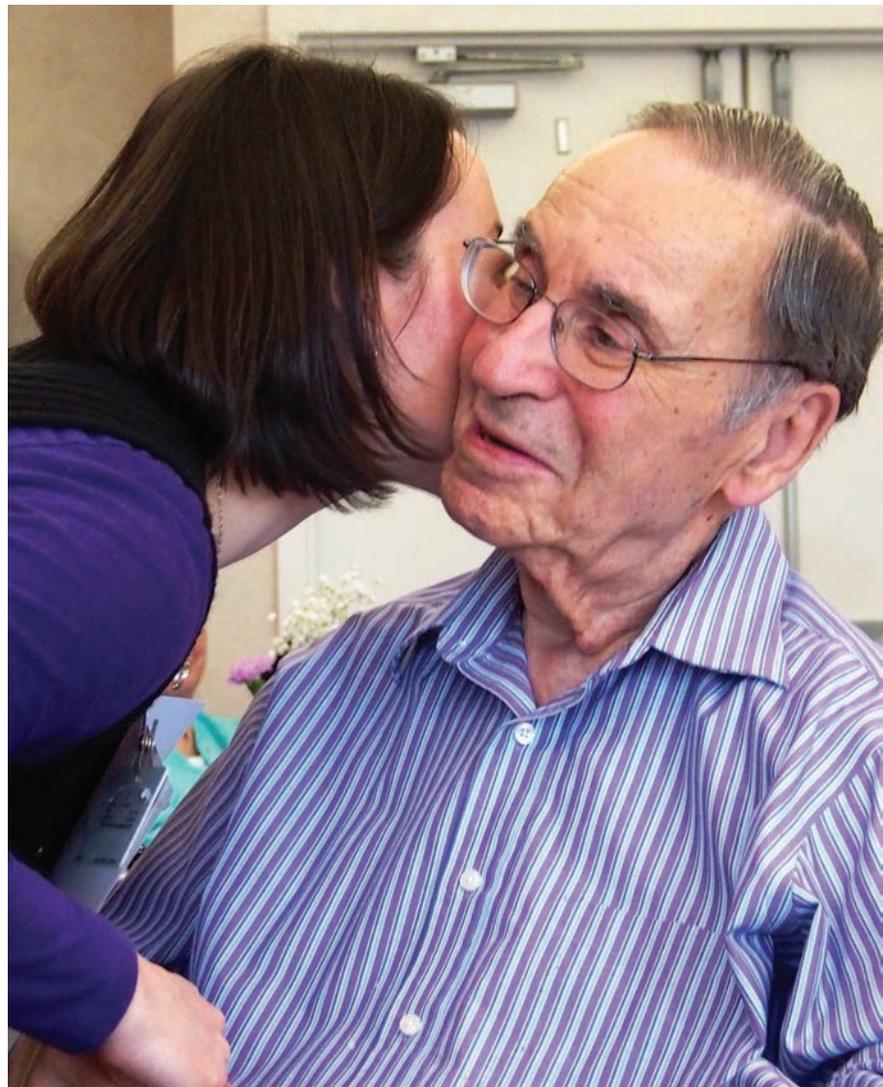
Many volunteers told the assembled guests that, as volunteers at the Home, they receive enormous pleasure from volunteering. Some spoke about leaving after their volunteer assignment happier than they were when the assignment began. A few volunteers are themselves disabled or even quite elderly, but that hardly stops them. All claim they get back far more than they give.

The Home always seeks new volunteers. If you are interested in fulfilling part-time "work" with very flexible hours and no pay, call Jessica Finkenbinder, Director of Therapeutic Recreation and Volunteers at the Home. She will take you on a tour and tell you all about what volunteering means to Jewish Home residents and to you.

Clockwise: Reverend Ed Hinton, a Thursday afternoon regular, receives his certificate and gift.

Al Morrison, always in demand on the piano, gets thanks and a kiss from Jessica Finkenbinder.

Herm Minkoff, a long-time dedicated volunteer, gets and gives a hug.



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Day 4: After Breakfast you'll head back to Montréal, and go to OLYMPIC PARK where you will see a spectacular view of the city's skyline from the top of the Montréal Tower. Next, you'll visit OLYMPIC PARK'S amazing "Biodome", which recreates some of the most beautiful ecosystems of the Americas. Then, your adventure continues with an additional Guided Tour of Montréal. This evening, you will enjoy Dinner before checking into your Montréal area hotel.

Day 5: Today after enjoying Breakfast, you depart for home... A perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!



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FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos – 7:00 PM
Communal Shabbos Dinner
(Reservations Required) – 7:40 PM

“Rebbi Akiva & Rochel: A Match Made In Heaven”

This dinner will also feature a special tribute to Norman Gras – our long-time volunteer extraordinaire. Please join us as we say ‘Thank You’ to Norman for his many years of continuous service to our congregation – and the Jewish community of greater Harrisburg.



SHABBOS MORNING

Shacharis – 9:00 AM Sermon – 10:50 AM

“Sefiras Ha’Omer: Why Can’t We All Just Get Along?”

Following services, everyone is invited to join us for a special Kiddush / luncheon honoring the Cohens, and our wonderful Bat-Mitzvah – Dalia Shvartsman. This luncheon is generously sponsored by the Shvartsman family, Keshet Israel Congregation, and a group of sponsors in appreciation of Norman Gras. If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Rabbi Males at rabbimales@yahoo.com

SHABBOS AFTERNOON

Presentation: 5:50 – 6:50 PM

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Local journalist calls Auschwitz-Birkenau visit "life changing"

By Mary Klaus



OSWIECIM, POLAND -- After interviewing Holocaust survivors during more than 30 years as a reporter for a Pennsylvania newspaper, I thought I was prepared to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau during a recent visit to Poland.

I wasn't.

Perhaps nothing prepares someone for seeing the site of the largest attempt at genocide in human history. Perhaps knowing so many Holocaust survivors in the greater Harrisburg Jewish community and knowing even more Harrisburg families who lost dozens of relatives there made it more difficult.

I only know that visiting the killing camp where about 1.5 million people were murdered in five years filled me with pain and sadness.

My brother and I drove up to the Nazi concentration and extermination camp on a bitterly cold Sunday morning. After parking, we looked around the huge, flat and isolated camp. We then joined about 20 people on an English-speaking tour, first seeing Auschwitz, then moving on to the much larger camp at Birkenau.

During the next few hours, we listened in silence and looked in horror at the place where the Nazis tried to eradicate all Jews plus thousands of others. Our guide took us into the barbed-wire encampment, where we saw the famous gate with German words that translate into "Work will set you free."

We saw pictures of prisoners arriving and being either sent to barracks or to the gas chambers. Other pictures showed the camp orchestra and prisoners marching off to work.

We then walked through the brick entrance gate into the camps. We climbed a watch tower, which gave a good idea about the enormity of the place.

We saw a primitive cattle car which had been overcrowded with prisoners being taken into the death camp. We saw rows of barracks and walked through one barrack, trying to imagine the horror of being forced to live there.

We saw where doctors experimented on people and where prisoners were tortured. We stared at empty canisters of the poison used in the gas chambers. We also saw an outside execution area where prisoners were forced to stand against a wall and be shot to death.

Displays behind glass in one of the buildings reminded us of the victims' humanity.

Here, we saw tons of human hair shaved from victims before they were killed. We also saw thousands of pairs of glasses, even more shoes, hundreds of crutches, braces and prosthetics and thousands of suitcases, all belonging to Holocaust victims. I prayed for them and the survivors.

At Birkenau, we saw where most of the killing occurred. We saw where the gas chambers had been, where about 2,000 people could be killed at a time; and where the lifts raised bodies to the crematorium for incineration. Some bodies were burned outside in large bonfires.

Our guide told us that the victims' ashes were either spread over fields or dumped in the river.

We learned that by the time the camp was liberated in 1945, the Nazis destroyed camp records, some of the gas chambers and much of Birkenau.

Visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau is a profound and life-changing experience. As we left the camp in silence, I looked at a plaque with the words of George Santayan, a Spanish philosopher, who said "The one who does not remember history is bound to live through it again."

KI Treats IDF Soldiers to a Pre-Pesach BBQ

By Rabbi Akiva Males



As the holiday of Pesach approached, we were all busy with our necessary preparations. What made those preparations easier for many of us, was the knowledge that we would soon enjoy a beautiful holiday, basking in the warm glow of family, friends, and festive meals.

However, not everyone can experience the comforts of Pesach that we take for granted. All year, via Keshet Israel's Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, our congregation reaches out and shares our love and support with the brave men and women of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). As such, we understood that many of those brave Chayalim (soldiers)

would not be spending Pesach with their families. Instead of donning their holiday clothes, many would wear their combat fatigues and body armor, while standing guard over our brothers and sisters in Israel.

I knew that our congregation would want to take part in lifting the spirits of those brave Chayalim who will not be spending Pesach at home with their families. Toward that end, I contacted an award-winning Israeli non-profit organization called PizzaIDF.org which has been supplying IDF soldiers with donated items (especially fresh pizzas) since 2002. (KI last partnered with them before the 2013 High Holidays.) I was gladdened to learn that PizzaIDF is quite versatile, and they can provide Chayalim with much more than just pizza!

The week before Pesach, through KI's Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, an entire platoon of active-duty IDF soldiers was treated to a complete barbecue dinner. This hearty meal also served as a long-distance embrace from our congregational family. Hopefully, the knowledge that a caring synagogue in far away Central Pennsylvania was thinking of them and praying for their welfare, helped lift the spirits of those Chayalim during the holiday of Pesach.

May G-d look over Israel's brave soldiers, as they look over His people and His land.

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**AUTHOR RON BALSON
TO SPEAK AT BETH EL
Wednesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m.**

The Beth El Book Club is excited to bring a very special author to the community. His book is the one everyone is raving about. On Wednesday, May 28th, Ronald H. Balson, author of the acclaimed *Once We Were Brothers*, will be the guest speaker at Beth El Temple. All are invited to participate.

Balson, a Chicago trial attorney, is also an educator and a writer. His practice has taken him to several international venues, including villages in Poland that inspired *Once We Were Brothers*, his first novel.

Join in this incredible evening, as the author describes his gripping tale about two boys, once as close as brothers, who find themselves on opposite sides of the Holocaust. One of the lead characters, Elliot Rosenzweig, is a respected civic leader and wealthy philanthropist. At a fundraiser that he is attending, he is suddenly accosted and accused of being a former Nazi SS officer named Otto Piatek, the Butcher of Zamosc. Although the charges are denounced as preposterous, his accuser, Ben Solomon, is convinced he is right and engages attorney Catherine Lockhart to bring Rosenzweig to justice. Solomon reveals to his attorney that the true Piatek was abandoned as a child and raised by Solomon's own family only to betray them during the Nazi occupation. But has Solomon accused the right man?

Once We Were Brothers is Ronald H. Balson's compelling tale of two boys and a family who struggle to survive in war-torn Poland, and a young love that struggles to endure the unspeakable cruelty of the Holocaust. Two lives, two worlds, and 60 years converge in an explosive race to redemption that makes for a moving and powerful tale of love, survival, and ultimately the triumph of the human spirit.

Balson's presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Beth El Temple Sanctuary followed by a Q&A session, then book signing and dessert in Arthur and Pearl Anne Rosen Sisterhood Hall. General admission tickets are \$18 per person. Preceding the author's presentation will be a "Patron's Dinner with the Author" at 5:45 p.m. For more information about patron opportunities, which include dinner and special seating, call the Beth El Temple office at 232-0556.

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Shabbat morning service 9:15 a.m.

Saturday night mincha/maariv/havdalah at same time as Friday evening candlelighting time

Saturday, May 3: Bar Mitzvah of Eli Adler Parshat Emor 9:15 a.m.

Sunday, May 4: Grade 7 Tefillin/Minyan Family Education Program with Rabbi Cytryn 9 a.m. World Jewish Cuisines Program for Grades K & 6 10:15 a.m. Chaverim Bagels & Coffee Social 10:30 a.m. Capital Campaign Donor Board Dedication 3 to 5 p.m. Dedication & Reception.

Monday, May 5: Early Bird Raffle Drawing of a Kindle Fire HD 7". Raffle tickets still on sale: 232-0556 or 979-1634.

Monday, May 5: "Critical Issues" with Educational Director Bob Axelrod. Session #2: "Crimea, Ancient Israel, Manifest Destiny, and Halacha." 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, May 10: Java 'n Torah 9:00 a.m. Interactive Study before Shabbat morning service.

Monday, May 12: "Critical Issues" with Educational Director Bob Axelrod. Session #3: "The River is on Fire." 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, May 17: Confirmation Ceremony for our 10th Graders. Confirmands help lead the service. Kiddush luncheon sponsored by confirmation parents.

Monday, May 19: "Critical Issues" with Educational

Director Bob Axelrod. Session #4: "A Man Named Gershon; A Man Named Jorge." 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21: Board of Directors meeting 6:00 p.m. Beth El Temple Annual Meeting 7:30 p.m. Installation of new officers and board members.

Monday, May 26: Bar Mitzvah of Eitan Bronner 9:00 a.m. Parshat Nasso.

Wednesday, May 28: Beth El Book Club welcomes Ron Balson, author of "Once We Were Brothers." Patron dinner 5:45 p.m. Lecture 7:30 p.m. followed by Q&A, book signing and dessert reception. Community invited to participate.

Saturday, May 31: Bar Mitzvah of Jason Weitzman 9:15 a.m. Parshat Nasso.

Sunday, June 1: Social Action Afternoon of Service with Habitat for Humanity 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 8: Beth El Temple Raffle 10:00 a.m. Champagne Brunch, raffle drawing and award of prizes! Tickets on sale now at Beth El Temple office.

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Weekly Minyan times:

Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Thursday mornings, 6:50 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 7 a.m.

Sunday through Thursday evenings, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, May 2: Erev Shabbat Service, 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 3: Shabbat Morning Services begin at 9:15 am, with special programs beginning at

10 am - MazelTot Shabbat & Junior Congregation. Kiddush lunch following services to honor Mr. William Watson, who celebrates 15 years working with Chisuk Emuna.

Shabbat Mincha, Torah Study and Maariv, 7:45 pm

Sunday, May 4: Yom Haatzma'ut Minyan, 8:30 am to include special recognition of our local members of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) at 9:30.

Friday, May 9: Erev Shabbat Service, 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 10: Shabbat Morning Services begin at 9:15 am, with special programs beginning at 10 am - MazelTot Shabbat, Junior Congregation, Women's Torah Study led by Rabbi Ron Muroff and Hebrew School graduation. Mincha, Maariv and Torah Study, 7:55 pm.

Saturday, May 17: Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, May 18: Rosh Hodesh - It's a Girl Thing, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 25: Men's Club presents Hearing Men's Voices, 9:30 am. This session, led by Dr. Mark Glick, is titled "Spirituality: Unique Stumbling Blocks for Men."

Saturday, May 31: Bar Mitzvah

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Temple Beth Shalom's Friday evening Shabbat Services are at 7:15 p.m, followed by an oneg in the social hall. Saturday morning Shabbat services are at 9:00 a.m., followed by a pot-luck lunch.

Join TBS on Sunday, May 4 from 1-4 pm, for Harrisburg Walks Together, a 2.5 mile walk through Riverfront Park, from the Jewish Community Center to the

Holocaust Monument. The mission of this walk is to support tolerance, oppose bigotry, and raise money to repair and maintain the PA Holocaust Monument on Front Street. To register or make a donation, visit www.tbshalom.org and click on the Harrisburg Walks Together logo. First 100 people to donate \$25 or more get a t-shirt. Checks should be made payable to the Jewish Community Foundation Holocaust Fund.

Temple Beth Shalom's Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Live Auction will take place on Sunday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a pasta dinner prepared by the men of TBS, entertainment, auction, cash prizes, door prizes and a grand prize drawing of \$2000. Cost for a family is a \$50 raffle ticket. To purchase tickets, call the Temple office at 697-2662 or email tbshalom@gmail.org.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM

233-6459 | www.ohevsholom.org

Friday, May 2: Leadership Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 3: B'nai Mitzvah, 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Friday, May 9: Education and Family Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Friday, May 16: Shabbat Service, 6:00 pm, Lehrman Chapel

Friday, May 23: Shabbat Service, 6:00 pm, Lehrman Chapel

Friday, May 30: Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 31: B'nai Mitzvah, 10:30 am, Sanctuary

JANE SILVERMAN

Jane Silverman, Ira Silverman's sister-in-law, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2014 in Sarasota, Florida. Funeral services were held in Warwick, Rhode Island. Condolences go out to husband A. Harvey Silverman of Sarasota, Florida; son Peter Silverman; daughters Julie Steiner, Amy (Shane) Edelkind, Laurie (David) Moretti, brother-in law Ira (Carla) Silverman of Harrisburg; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

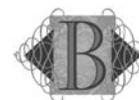
RALPH S. SNYDER

Ralph S. Snyder, of Bala Cynwyd, passed away on Monday, April 7, 2014. Ralph was the husband of Janet Snyder; father of Randy (Stephen) Maged; grandfather of Annie (Robert) Becker and Marc (Katie Bosk) Maged; great grandfather of Isabelle Becker; and brother of Lila Snyder, Esther Gushner and Earl Morgenstern. Ralph Snyder was a former member of Beth El Temple. His father, Louis Snyder, held the position of the first lay cantor at Beth El Temple. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 9th at Har Zion Temple, Penn Valley, with interment following at Haym Salomon Memorial Park. Contributions in his memory may be made to Jewish Federation of Greater Phila., or Har Zion Temple.

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THURSDAY, MAY 8

Senior Lunch Program
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SUNDAY, MAY 4

Holocaust Monument Walk-a-thon
9 a.m., JCC

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Senior Lunch Program
10 a.m., JCC

MONDAY, MAY 5 – YOM HAZIKARON

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Senior Lunch Program
10 a.m., JCC

TUESDAY, MAY 6 – YOM HAAZTMAUT

Senior Lunch Program
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Jewish Film Festival Opening Night
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