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Special Summer Camp "Pull-Out Poster"

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**Aaron's Acres
campers
enjoyed the
pony rides!**

Save The Date

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| October 25: | Dr. Jack Fischel Lecture |
| November 1: | Dr. Beryl Arrow Book Signing |
| November 4: | Library Lancaster Presents
Old World Folk Band |
| November 7-8: | Holiday Craft Bazaar |
| November 15: | Dr. Jack Fischel Lecture |
| December 13: | Annual Chanukah
Celebration & Dinner |

Support The JCAL

Mid-MAY 2009 – AUGUST 2009

Lancaster JCC General Fund –
Offsets JCC Operating Expenses



Mazel Tov

- To: Bob & Michele Matlin on the birth of their granddaughter
From: Arlene & John Branas; Eric & Jen Finkelstein; Sheila Scolnick; Sharyn & Dennis Bellafiore; The Gottlieb Family
- To: John & Sue Wolf on the birth of their granddaughter
From: Arlene & John Branas
- To: Stacy & Matt McCormick on the birth of their daughter
From: The Gottlieb Family

Condolences

- To: Bert and Shirley Bloch in memory of his mother, Virginia Bloch
From: Michele & Bob Matlin
- To: Shellie Gordon in memory of her mother, Frances Schulman
From: Eric & Jen Finkelstein; Sheila Scolnick; Michele & Bob Matlin; John & Arlene Branas; Norm King; Ann Beck; The Gottlieb Family
- Andrew Gerofsky in memory of his mother, Rita Gerofsky
From: Bob & Michele Matlin; Linda & Alan Glazer
- To: Becky Bartos in memory of her paternal grandmother
From: Eric & Jen Finkelstein
- To: Joanne Goldfarb in memory of her mother, Sybil Goldenberg
From: John & Arlene Branas; Allan and Nan Geller
- To: Steve Parker in memory of his brother, Jonathan
From: Linda & Alan Glazer

In Honor of

- To: Helen and Len Kallman's in honor of your special anniversary
From: Nadine Lyon
- To: Enid and Irwin Hirsch's in honor of your special anniversary
From: Nadine Lyon
- To Carol and Michael Gleiberman's in honor of your special anniversary
From: Nadine Lyon

Dr. Howard S. Robbins Memorial Capital Fund –
Capital Improvements

Condolences

- To: Shellie Gordon in memory of her mother, Frances Schulman
From: Ned Robbins
- To: Steve Parker in memory of his brother, Jonathan Parker
From: Ned Robbins

Mazel Tov

- To: Bob & Michele Matlin on the birth of their granddaughter
From: The Randazzo Family

Lancaster JCC Membership

Annual membership to the
Lancaster JCC runs from June 1
through the following May 31.

DID YOU FORGET TO SIGN UP?

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Family \$400:

2 or more adults, unlimited children living
within household

Single Family \$300:

1 adult, unlimited children living within household

Single \$200:

individual between the ages of 18 and 64

Senior Couple \$200:

2 adults, both 65 or older

Senior Single \$100:

individual 65 or older

HONOR ROLL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

These levels afford all benefits of other
membership levels plus honorary distinction,
unlimited pool passes, and invitations to
honor roll events.

Zahav: High Distinction: \$645

Platina: Highest Distinction: \$1135

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2009-2010 Deadlines for materials submission:

Winter '09-'10 (December, January, February) October 23

Spring 2010 (March, April, May) January 22, 2010



L'Shana Tova!

By Todd Bartos,
President, JCAL

Well, here it is... My first column as president of the JCAL. I first want to thank the nominating committee, the Board and the members of JCAL for their confidence and support. I also would like to focus on a review of the recent past and the challenges and opportunities for the next year.

I know that, in these challenging times, people focus more on their core community. We want the JCC to be a place where people can meet, relax, put aside their outside troubles for a few hours and have a good time with friends and family. I am pleased to report that, as we approach the High Holidays, the JCC is being used more and more. This summer we have seen the highest camp enrollment, and other organizations are coming to us for overnight rentals in larger numbers than before. The pool was well used, and Chickpeas Café is off to a running start. I want to formally welcome Chickpeas Café and Food For Thought Catering to the JCAL family and look forward to seeing them grow and prosper alongside us.

In these difficult economic times, we have seen our fundraising drop approximately 10 - 15%, and we have taken on more debt

to improve our facilities. That combination has been difficult, but I am proud to say that we now have a 21st-century facility that many people are reserving and planning to use. Our goal is to utilize the revenue generated from the new facilities both to pay down the debt and to increase our youth, adult and senior programming. Unlike any year before, this year is the opportunity to start to prepare for the future. We have been rebuilding for so long (both in terms of membership and the building itself) that we have not been able to focus on a long-term plan. A long-term plan, including enhanced fundraising, expanded programming and growth in all membership categories, is going to be my charge to the Board for the 2009-2010 year.

We have many events planned for later this year. We will bring in Jewish authors, programs from the 92nd Street Y in New York via satellite, enhanced senior programming and continued development and expansion of our pre-school and kindergarten programs. I continue to believe that the pre-school provides a priceless gateway for members of the community to learn about all of the other services and facilities that we provide. When I look at our enrollment numbers, the camp programs and the continued use of the pool, I have a great sense of pride.

Of course, should any of you wish to speak with me about any issues, please feel free to email me (trba@stevenslee.com) and let me know your thoughts.

L'Shana Tova!

Who's Who At The Lancaster JCC?

All of us can be reached at the main office number of **717-569-7352**

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At The Legacy Ballroom

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 4-8 PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 12-5 PM

VENDORS – Reserve your table by October 15th by calling Ann at 569-7352, or register online at www.lancasterjcc.org. Go to LJCC Events and click on the link “Bazaar Vendor Registration.”

SHOPPERS – Make your gift-giving list now and come ready to shop till you drop! Support our local artisans!



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 Rabbi Shaya Sackett
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Allan & Nan Geller
 Burt & Betty Margolis
 Robert & Michele Matlin
 Mrs. Ned Robbins
 Dr. Jeffrey Edelson & Ms. Dolly Shuster
 Steve & Vicki Zuckerman
 Robert & Stephanie Zuckerman

Lancaster JCC 2009-2010 Holiday Schedule

ROSH HASHANAH:

Friday, September 18: Closing at 4pm
Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20: Closed all day

YOM KIPPUR:

Sunday, September 27: Closing at 4pm
Monday, September 28: Closed all day

SUKKOT:

Friday, October 2: Closing at 4pm
Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4: Closed all day

SHEMINI ATZERTET and SIMCHAT TORAH:

October 10 and 11: Closed all day

THANKSGIVING:

Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27: Closed all day

WINTER BREAK:

Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25: Closed all day
Thursday and Friday, December 31 and January 1: Closed all day

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY:

January 18, 2010: Closed all day

PASSOVER:

Monday, March 29: Erev Passover, closing at 4pm
Tuesday and Wednesday, March 30 and April 1: Closed all day
Monday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 6: Closed all day

SHAVOUT:

Tuesday May 18: Erev, Closing at 4pm
Wednesday and Thursday, May 19 and 20: Closed all day (building only)

– **LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER** –
 לחיות וללמוד ביחד

High Holidays

It is the High Holiday season, but to our non-Jewish readers, the term “the Holidays” carries the images of Christmas and New Year’s, Santa Claus and Ho Ho Ho. Below are quick explanations of a few of the more celebrated Jewish Holidays.

ROSH HASHANAH: Celebrates the Jewish New Year and marks the Day of Judgment (the day Jews believe God judges the world).

YOM KIPPUR: “Day of Atonement” is the holiest day of the year for Jews and is a day of cleansing the year’s sins.

SUKKOT: The celebration of the fall harvest and a reminder of the fragile huts (sukkahs) the Jews made as Moses led them in their escape from Egypt through the desert.

SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH: The day the Jews left their sukkahs and returned to enter their homes. The holiday also marks the end of the annual cycle of weekly Torah reading.



L'Shana Tovah, Happy and Healthy New Year!

Another new year is upon us. There is so much to reflect on over the past year, so much to look forward to. Summer has wound down; fall is near. Our Lancaster JCC has been bubbling with excitement. Preschool is beginning, our fall programs are set and the daily hustle and bustle of the building is a great thing to see.

We all had fun during the summer. Our LJCC Summer Camp was a great success again! In fact, it was a record summer for us, with many, many campers and lots of fun. Our thanks go to Colleen Cranney, our Camp Director, and to her amazing staff of Camp Counselors and CIT's. We are also grateful to all the Specialty Camps that have come into our facility. It was also exciting to see two great camps from our community – Shaarai Shomayim Summer Camp and Aaron's Acres – share space with us. We look forward to all of these camps coming back year after year. Of course, I can't forget to thank our pool staff under the leadership of Darren Hill, Pool Manager. Thank you all for the fun and safe summer! I take pride in having all of my summer staff return year after year. It truly makes this community center a family.

I would also like send a word of appreciation to Food For Thought Catering and Chickpeas Café. Having them around has been fun and very yummy. The food is great, the conversation is great and seeing the community and members of the LJCC enjoy themselves here has been great, too. I am looking forward to these pleasant experiences continuing throughout the year.

Now that we are into fall, I am working on some great programs for the Lancaster LJCC. I am pleased to announce that both Dr. Jack Fischel and Dr. Berel Arrow will hold group discussions in October and November. I am also thrilled to have the Library System of Lancaster bring us a program for the entire community to enjoy. We will be welcoming the amazing Klezmer band, Old World Folk Band with Susan Leviton, in November. And, of course, I will be working with our JCAL Board members on more fun and exciting programs and events.

As we move into this new year, we will have many returning members as well as new ones. We also welcome four new preschool staff members. Let us all work and enjoy ourselves as we make this facility a more vibrant and exciting place to visit and enjoy. I look forward to the continued support from our community and staff.

Chag Samaech!



Yard Sale Wrap-Up

On June 28, the LJCC hosted several local families for a neighborhood yard sale and car wash. Ann Beck and Monica Forte put together this successful event which earned \$850 for the Caroline F. Hevener Campership Fund.

Accepting Used Printer Ink Cartridges For The Lancaster LJCC Recycling Program!

We get \$3 for each ink cartridge we recycle – which can add up fast when the whole community helps out. Drop your cartridges off at the main office. We can recycle as many as 20 per month at the local Staples store – a quick \$60 that we can turn into much-needed office supplies!



Is it time
to pitch
the old
pair?



Get up to **25% off** a new pair

Purchase select **New Balance** shoes up to 25% off retail and your JCC will earn a **7% rebate**. Visit our JCC member's only store today:

www.jcca.org/newbalance
Password: **JCCNB** (all caps)



FREE SHIPPING

Preschool News

By Alyssa Gottlieb,

Interim Director, JCAL Academy



As I write this article in mid-July, already three of our classrooms are filled to capacity and tours are being given nearly every day. I think our secret of being Lancaster's premier preschool and kindergarten program is out!

As September approaches, the teachers are busy preparing for another exciting year at JCAL Academy. The fall months are always filled with so many activities: field trips to Cherry Hill Orchards and Funk's, our Barnyard Bash event, Author Study and Thanksgiving.

We will learn about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, eat snacks in the Sukkah and celebrate Chanukah. Every Friday we will gather as a school to welcome Shabbat and eat challah made by our host classroom of the week. I invite you to join us for Shabbat: sing some songs, listen to a story, learn about the Mitzvah of the week and enjoy the challah!

Learn more about us and our programming on our newly designed website, www.jcalacademy.org.

JCAL Academy FUNDRAISERS:



JCAL Academy earns 10 cents for each Box Top. Visit the boxtopsforeducation.com web site and print out money-saving coupons on Box Top products. Then, cut off and turn in the Box Tops to the JCC office. Also, if you shop on-line, check for your favorite stores at the Box Tops Marketplace. Participating stores will give up to 8% of your purchase back to JCAL Academy.



GIANT® Food Stores is pleased to offer the A+ School Rewards program to our local schools and customers. With the A+ School Rewards program, your school earns CASH each time you shop at any GIANT® Food Stores using your BONUSCARD.

How to designate your school: Customer designation is simple. Visit GiantAplus.com and click "Designate Schools" to designate your choice of registered school(s) (up to two per household) to receive your A+ School Rewards points. Then, each time you shop at a participating GIANT using your BONUSCARD between 10/09 – 3/10, your school will earn credit for 1% of your total BONUSCARD purchases. At the end of the program, your school will be awarded a check for the total amount earned through participation in the program. Remember, even if you designated a school last year you must designate again this year! **JCAL Academy school ID: 02065**

Brilliant Beginnings

"Miss Susan" Carr brings her unique style to our youngest musicians- and artists-in-training. Students will experiment with different art mediums and textures to create one-of-a-kind designs. Imaginations will soar with the activities offered; from painting to dress-up, there is something for everyone. Students should wear old clothes or bring an art smock.

For more information contact Susan Carr at **529-3061** or sbcarr@epix.net

MOMMY & ME

Magical Mornings! with Musical Merriment!
Amazing Art! Mini Make-Believe!

Wednesday and/or Thursday mornings, 10-11:30 am

SESSION 1

Wednesdays, September 16 – October 21 **OR**

Thursdays, September 17 – October 22

SESSION 2

Wednesdays, October 28 – December 9 (no class on November 25) **OR**

Thursdays, October 29 – December 10 (no class on November 26)

6-WEEK SESSIONS: Members \$65 • Nonmembers \$70

Mixed age class... toddlers, preschoolers and Mommy

JUST FOR KIDS

Awesome Afternoons!

Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30pm

Ages: Preschool, Kindergarten & Grade School

SESSION 1

Wednesdays, September 16 – October 21

SESSION 2

Wednesdays, October 28 – December 9 (no class on November 25)

Register for classes by calling the LJCC at

717-569-7352 or by visiting us online at

www.lancasterjcc.org

Payment is expected at time of registration. Drop-ins welcome. Session fee will be discounted for late registrations. Discounts available for siblings attending the same class.

Challah Chappenings At JCAL Academy

Once again we will be offering weekly Challah.

Please contact the Preschool at 560-7572 for dates and prices.



Jewish Community Alliance of Lancaster

The Old World Folk Band

TO PERFORM IN THE LEGACY BALLROOM AT THE LANCASTER JCC
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 7 PM

The Old World Folk Band was founded in 1982 and devotes its energies to preserving the sounds and spirit of klezmer music, Yiddish theater songs and the indigenous folk music of Eastern Europe.

Klezmer is the musical voice of Eastern European Jewry. Its poignant melodies, joyous dance tunes, and soulful chants capture the essence of life in the Jewish community. Klezmer celebrates births, weddings, funerals, and all the joys and hardships in between.

The Old World Folk Band's repertoire takes you from Russia and Europe to North America,

from traditional to present-day songs, from theater to folksong. In their hands, this music really does cross new borders. The Old World Folk Band promises to move you from the soles of your feet to the depths of your heart. Prepare for a trip into musical roots...and clear the dance floor!



On November 21st and 22nd, Hands-on House Children's Museum of Lancaster will host an AMERICAN GIRL® FASHION SHOW fundraiser at Legacy at the Lancaster JCC. This special program showcases the styles of girls yesterday and today with historical and contemporary fashions from American Girl. It's an entertaining and educational look at how generations of American Girls have used clothing to express their own unique style and personality. All proceeds will benefit Hands-on House.

This program is from American Girl, the makers of The American Girl dolls, books, and accessories. The AMERICAN GIRL FASHION SHOW program includes refreshments, party favors, raffle and door prizes along with special souvenirs and chances to win dolls and accessories from the various American Girl brands. The AMERICAN GIRL FASHION SHOW is designed for American Girl fans between the ages of 5 and 12 and their mothers, grandmothers, aunts and special friends.

"Hands-on House is thrilled to be working with our fellow community not-for-profit and neighbor, The Lancaster JCC, to

host this event. We are pleased to be able to showcase their beautiful facilities at Legacy to our expected audience of 1,500 guests and look forward to creating a memorable experience for our attendees," commented Lynne Morrison, Hands-on House Executive Director.

AMERICAN GIRL FASHION SHOW SEATINGS:

Saturday, November 21, 1pm

Saturday, November 21, 4pm

Saturday, November 21, 7pm

Sunday, November 22, 1:30pm

Sunday, November 22, 4:30pm



All tickets are \$30 each. Tickets are limited and reserved seating is assigned on a first come, first served basis. Tickets to the AMERICAN GIRL FASHION SHOW will be available for purchase from Hands-on House beginning September 15, 2009. Tickets may be ordered through the museum's website www.handsonhouse.org, or call 717-569-KIDS. Mark your calendar today for a great way to have fun and learn while supporting a great cause — Hands-on House!

Whether or not you plan to attend the AMERICAN GIRL FASHION SHOW, you have the chance to win terrific American Girl raffle prizes. PLUS, your purchase of raffle tickets helps support Hands-on House. Raffle prize winners will be drawn on Sunday, November 22nd after the conclusion of the events. You NEED NOT be present to win. Raffle prizes include a Just Like You Doll set; Bitty Twins Set; Bitty Baby Starter Collection; Rebecca Collection and more! Raffle ticket donation: \$3 each or four for \$10. Raffle tickets may also be ordered through the Hands-on House website, Awwwwww.handsonhouse.org.

LANCASTER JCC 2009

Lancaster JCC Summer Day Camp Finished The Season With A Record Number Of Campers!

By Colleen Cranney, Camp Director

Did you get to sing in the rain this summer? Did you go to Gnome Countryside, Mt. Gretna, Indian Echo Caverns or Hershey Chocolate World? Many children from our community did. Structured in one-week increments, Lancaster JCC Community Summer Day Camp ran from June 22 to August 14, with a record number of campers having tons of fun.

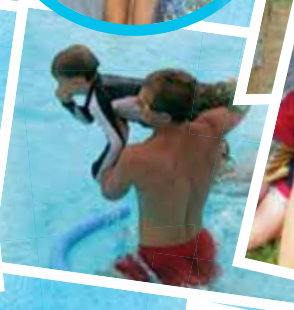
Singing in the Rain and *Boom Chick-a-Boom* were favorite songs led by our art-and-music counselors Hannah Mack-Boll and Meaghan Cranney. The children enjoyed planting flowers and making bird feeders during Green Week, learning Spanish during International Week and making flag T-shirts during Patriotic Week.

Max Mead and Cory Riley led us in sports and games. Campers enjoyed hockey, basketball, bombardment, kickball, soccer, tennis, lacrosse, and a camp favorite, Capture the Flag. We played ga-ga in our famous ga-ga pit and had a blast! This year, our lifeguards really embraced instructional swim and taught the children new skills in the pool. Our thanks go out to Darren Hill, Pool Director, and all of the lifeguards for keeping our campers safe in the pool area. We appreciate their enthusiasm in working with our campers. Afternoons were fun with free swim times, and campers really enjoyed our pool slide.

Our themes included Getting-to-Know-You Week, Patriotic Week, Environmental Week, Color Wars and International Week. Sophie Taber and Courtney Menges led us in Color Wars and did a wonderful job with fostering team spirit. Field trips included Gnome Countryside, where we sang, listened to stories, saw gnome houses and played on the gnome playground. Our day at Mt. Gretna Lake and a visit to the famous Jigger Shop were very memorable. We had a camp sleepover at the JCC, and everybody had a fun time. Our last, very exciting trip of the year was to Indian Echo Caverns and Hershey Chocolate World.

Thank you to our senior and junior counselors and our counselors-in-training for a wonderful, fun-filled summer at LJCC Camp. We hope to see all of our campers back next year, as well as many new smiling faces. Come and experience our awesome program!





ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Jack Fischel's Lectures At The Lancaster JCC



Jack R. Fischel is professor emeritus of history at Millersville University of Pennsylvania. He is regarded as a worldwide authority on the Holocaust and is the author of *The Holocaust* (1998) and *Historical Dictionary of the Holocaust* (1999).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 7:00 PM

The Future Of The Past: President Obama And The Middle East.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:00 PM

Blood And Politics; The Emerging New Anti-Semitism In America—It Never Really Disappeared.

Book Signing At The Lancaster JCC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 2 PM

GOD'S WATER BY BEREL ARROW



During the Second World War, a man was sent to Auschwitz by the Germans. His family was murdered except for himself and his brother. Food was scarce and the only thing left for him to do was to steal. The next thing he knew, he was

shot by an S.S Officer. Now, he wakes up in an unknown place... Let Berel Arrow take you to a remarkable story of life, death, and redemption with *God's Water*.

Berel Arrow was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. He attended Temple University and graduated in 1959. Later, he entered medical school and graduated in 1966. He had further training and was certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology. His practice of medicine lasted thirty-seven years until his retirement. He moved to Lancaster in 1971 and resides in Lancaster with his wife.

Copies of his book are available at the LJCC.

One Book, One Community: Our Region Reads!



Are you reading this year's book? Representatives from libraries in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Perry and York Counties have announced the selection of *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks as this year's One Book, One Community selection. The regional reading campaign is intended to promote the value of reading by recommending a compelling book that links the community in a common conversation.

This year's book selection is an intricate, ambitious novel that traces the journey of a rare illuminated Hebrew manuscript (Haggadah) from Spain to the ruins of Sarajevo. Inspired by the true story of a mysterious codex known as the Sarajevo Haggadah, *People of the Book* is a sweeping adventure through five centuries of history. The Sarajevo Haggadah survived centuries of purges and wars thanks to people of all faiths who risked their lives to safeguard it.

The fall campaign encourages adult readers to read *People of the Book* during September and October. The reading campaign runs from August 27 through October 31, with book-related events occurring during the month of October at libraries and other community sites. Copies of the book will be available for borrowing at Lancaster County public libraries. You may also purchase a copy at the LJCC for just \$18.

A special program presented by the Old World Folk Band that relates to the theme of this year's book selection will be held on Wednesday, November 4th at the Lancaster Jewish Community Center, 2120 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA at 7:00 pm. To register for the program, contact the Library System at 717-207-0500 or call the LJCC at 717-569-7352.

You can now RSVP online at www.lancasterjcc.org

To find out more about the One Book Campaign, go to www.oboc.org

Klehr Center For Jewish Life Reading Group— 7:00-8:30 PM Reading List and Discussion Dates



Each month we will discuss the selected reading. All discussion sessions are open to the public. Discounted copies of the works may be purchased at the F&M Bookstore and F&M students may pick up free copies of each selection at the Klehr Center Office.

FALL 2009

September 24	<i>A Pigeon and A Boy</i> by Meir Shalev
October 29	<i>Dropped From Heaven</i> by Sophie Judah
November 19	<i>An Almost Perfect Moment</i> by Binnie Kirshenbaum
December 17	<i>Memory</i> by Philippe Grimbert

Conversational Hebrew Classes – FALL SESSION –

These year-round classes taught by our very own multilingual Olga Jaffae meet weekly. Olga, our evening receptionist, has been teaching Conversational Hebrew at the JCC for several years and is skilled at teaching beginners as well as advanced students.

BEGINNERS: THURSDAYS

7:30-9:00 PM

\$50 members • \$60 nonmembers

INTERMEDIATES: TUESDAYS

7:00-9:30 PM

\$50 members • \$60 nonmembers

ADVANCED: MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

7:30-9:00 PM

\$90 members • \$100 nonmembers

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE CARD & GAME PARTY

**Wednesday, November 18
7pm-10pm**

in the Fireside Lobby at the Lancaster JCC

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAME
OR COME PLAY ONE OF OURS!**

**Chinese Raffles // Coffee and Refreshments Provided
\$10 Per Person, Includes \$5 in Raffle Tickets**

For more information or to register,
call Elizabeth at JFS at 717-293-1928



We're just coming off an exciting summer season and are ready for a fun-filled fall!



SATURDAY JUNIOR AND ADULT PROGRAMS (EVERY OTHER SATURDAY)

Dates for all fall clinics: September 12 & 26,
October 10 & 24, November 7 & 21

JUNIOR CLINICS:

For 4- to 7-year-olds • 10-10:30am

Cost: \$20 per clinic, all 6 clinics \$15 each or
\$90 for the package

For 8- to 13-year-olds • 10:30-11:30am

Cost: \$25 per clinic, all 6 clinics \$20 each or
\$120 for the package

OLDER JUNIOR & ADULT CLINICS:

For advanced Juniors or Intermediate Adults

12:30-2pm

Cost: \$35 per clinic, all 6 clinics \$30 each or
\$180 for the package

**For low-intermediate Juniors or Advanced-
Beginner Adults**

2:00-3:30pm

Cost: \$35 per clinic, all 6 clinics
\$30 each or \$180 for the package

LADIES' DAYTIME BEGINNER PROGRAM (WEDNESDAYS)

Dates for fall clinics: September 9, 16, 23 & 30,

October 7 & 14

Wednesdays, 10-11am

Cost: \$25 per clinic, all 6 clinics \$20 each or
\$120 for the package

MEN'S & LADIES' EVENING BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM: (THURSDAYS)

Dates for fall clinics: September 10, 17 & 24,

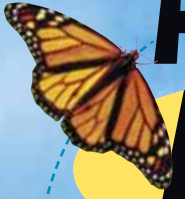
October 1, 8 & 15

Thursdays, 7-8pm

Cost: \$25 per clinic, all 6 clinics \$20 each or
\$120 for the package

Contact Jeff Witmer for information
and to register for classes.
413-1121 or jeffw1956@aol.com

AARON'S ACRES Summer Camp



Aaron's Acres had another successful summer at the Lancaster Jewish Community Center. Over 90 children, ages 5-21, with special needs attended one of the 3 sessions of camp this summer. Campers had the opportunity to swim on a daily basis, play on the playground, ride a horse, participate in music therapy, create their own snack and play group games during the camp season. The weather for the most part was perfect and the JCC's facilities were once again terrific! Visitors from the community had the opportunity to view our camp in addition to seeing the JCC with its new renovations! During the camp sessions, we had several family events in the evening—2 swim nights, a camp carnival and 2 barbecues. Approximately 100 people attended the carnival and barbecues. Families were thrilled that they could swim in the evening and socialize with other families who were involved with Aaron's Acres. Everyone associated with Aaron's Acres is grateful for this ongoing relationship that we have with the JCC. *Thanks for another great year!*



For more information, please contact
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Self-Defense Classes At The LJCC

Come and Join Our Self-Defense Classes Taught By Sky Armstrong. Sky Armstrong is a self-defense instructor certified in Martial Arts, Defensive Tactics and Hand-to-Hand

Combat. Sky is a Pepper Spray instructor, speaker, and author of the book *Courage, You've Got It!* She is a safety advocate teaching children, teens, women and seniors at community centers, businesses, middle schools, high schools, and colleges, churches, spas, and special community events. She is also a winner of Outstanding Community Service Award / Children's Advocacy Award.

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Women's Courage 8-hour course is a practical self-defense program for women and girls ages 13 and up. The goal is to teach attitude and skills to lower your risk and defend yourself against violence. This program teaches awareness and how not to "look" like a target.

Through the training you will learn how to use a group of simple, effective physical actions if no other alternatives are available. They do not require strength or agility. Participants are taught the proper methods for using pepper spray, how to be aware

of your surroundings and verbal and physical skills. This 8-hour program is a life-long skill-building and enrichment program participants will use in their everyday lives. The program will cover self-defense safety and awareness tips for children.

Date: October 13, 20, 27 and November 3 (Tuesdays)
10am-11:50am

Cost: JCC members - 2 friends for \$40.00
non-members - 2 friends for \$50.00
single participant \$30.00

This class requires a minimum of 8 participants to run. Class is scheduled between "drop-off" and "pick-up" times to accommodate preschool moms.

SENIOR CITIZEN SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

The 2-hour Personal Safety Awareness Senior Citizen's Class is a program that can empower participants to prevent victimization. It will teach participants to be aware of their surroundings and learn how to overcome fear in their lives. The program teaches awareness and assertiveness, street smarts, physical self-defense techniques, covers pepper spray and the use of self-defense weapons.

Date: October 29, 10am-12noon
Cost: \$5.00

This class requires a minimum of 10 participants to run.

To register, call 569-7352 or go online at www.lancasterjcc.org



Hello! It's been a wonderful season and the fruits of our labors are beginning to come to fruition. Bookings are continuing steadily and events are beginning to transpire...exciting times at Legacy and the JCC!

I must speak from personal experience first. On June 20th, my family celebrated the first Bar Mitzvah at Legacy. All I can say is that it was one of the best parties I have ever thrown! You must know that we had our previous Bar Mitzvah at the "old" JCC... so this was a huge step up. Legacy looked wonderful "all dressed up in its finest!" The fireside lounge was decorated elegantly with Legacy's high-top tables with flower arrangements, dim lights and votives.

The gymnasium was the site of the children's cocktail hour with the DJ's setup and inflatable basketball games. We served food just like the professional basketball games do with the serving staff dressed in basketball jerseys announcing "Hot dogs here...get your ice-cold soda here."

Back in the adult cocktail lounge, we had a double-sided bar which served out to the lobby and then into the ballroom for the main event. The food was provided by our very own preferred caterer, Gina D'Ambrosio from Food for Thought Catering. The hors d'oeuvres and incredible buffet were talked about for days.

We welcomed our guests into the ballroom through a turnstile, to see the black and orange tables and the beautiful flower arrangements in the orange family as well...all suitable to carry on with the basketball theme. The ballroom was turned into "Alex's Arena" with

our 20'x20' dance floor in the center. We all enjoyed an evening of dining, dancing and mingling with friends and family. Legacy was the perfect backdrop for this very special event. Our family was thrilled with the success and received wonderful comments about Legacy from one and all!

I will leave you with the following letter that speaks a thousand words from one of our very happy brides...

My Wonderful Wedding at the JCC

The wedding exceeded my expectations! The lighting in the ballroom was perfect in setting the "mood" for that elegant, laid-back feeling I was looking for, although it wasn't the best for the photographer. Luckily, our photographer does a lot of computer photography and is willing to make some adjustments to the pictures before the final prints are made. Everyone complimented the building itself and how we had picked such a good location. The small details were definitely noticed.

My husband - I'm still getting used to that word - was really happy as well. We kept him out of the loop as much as possible. He was so focused on his business; we didn't want to burden him with wedding planning. He stated we did an excellent job on decorating, although we could've just gone for the bare minimum and still gotten away with it since the JCC was so beautifully renovated.

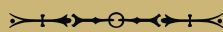
Everything was as perfect as it could possibly be, from the high-hat tables, to the well-maintained bathrooms and of course, the bridal lounge as well. That basket of last-minute items and "fix-its" really came in handy. The bridesmaids especially liked their designated cubbies - thanks for that personal touch! Jill, we couldn't have asked for anything better. I could go on and on about everything we loved!

Thank you so much for all the support and commitment to my special day that you and the JCC provided. It was so refreshing to have such wonderful hospitality every step of the way. I will definitely recommend the JCC to my friends and family members and will also consider first the JCC for my next big event as well.

*Thanks again!
Gerica Lilly*



Jill Sherman
Banquet Manager



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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

CONGREGATION DEGEL ISRAEL Rabbi Shaya Sackett • 1120 Columbia Avenue • Lancaster, PA 17603 • 717-397-0183

Degel News

The summer at Degel Israel has been busy and productive. On Saturday, July 25, the women met at the Sackett home for Shalosh Seudos – the third shabbos meal. It was a wonderful opportunity for our ladies to share good company, excellent cuisine, shabbos songs and words of Torah.

To commemorate Tisha b'av, we watched a video that emphasized the importance of ethical speech. Our words are powerful, so we should use them in the right way. As an exercise, we were encouraged to watch our speech from 9 to 10 every morning. The objective is to be careful with how we talk and what we say. It's a great way to start the day.

On August 1, we had a family Shalosh Seudos featuring a guest speaker from Lakewood, New Jersey. We had a great time.

On Tuesday evenings, Rabbi Sackett has been teaching a class on the book of Jonah. It turns out that the book is more than just a story of Jonah and the whale. All are welcome to attend. For more information, email Degel at degelisrael@dejazzd.com.



And finally, Degel Israel will host a Friday night dinner at Country Meadows for the eight Jewish residents. A traditional shabbos dinner is something those people really enjoy.

CONGREGATION SHAARAI SHOMAYIM

Rabbi Jack Paskoff • 75 East James Street • Lancaster, PA 17602 • 717-397-5575

Shaarai Shomayim News

Shaarai Shomayim is getting ready for the fall by planning an exciting and enriching year of education for the entire congregation.

Shaarai's youth education program is vibrant and flourishing. More than 150 students from 18 months to 12th grade are currently enrolled in the program. The purpose of our religious school is to prepare the students for the life of practicing Jewish adults through a variety of engaging, hands-on Jewish learning experiences. To maintain outstanding programming, Holli Viau, our Educational Director, spends a lot of her time working with the teachers. She offers training, in-services, and brainstorming sessions. Holli loves to hang out with students in and out of the classroom, and if parents have any thoughts or concerns, she is always available. Shaarai is also lucky to have a dedicated and outstanding group of teachers and parent aides, as well as a terrific group of student aides on Wednesdays.

The curriculum for our younger students includes holidays, prayers, and the foundations of a thorough Jewish education. Our older students learn about fundamental topics such as ethics, Judaism in world politics, and incorporating Judaism into their lives as they go off to college. We also make accommodations for students with special educational needs. These may include adapted materials, tutors, one-on-one assistants, and creative life cycle events done in coordination with the principal and Rabbi Paskoff. With the support of our Sisterhood, the students participate in model seders for Passover and Tu B'Shevat, a Chanukah boutique and latke party, and many other special programs.

Hebrew classes are offered on Wednesday afternoons for students in grades 3-7. This year, we are excited to offer another Hebrew class for those who have completed grade 7 and are post B'nai Mitzvot, but wish to continue their studies. In addition, we will also make a Study Room available during our Wednesday sessions. This classroom will be staffed by one of our teachers, and it will give students an opportunity to go for some extra Hebrew practice. To provide one-on-one assistance for struggling students, aides will be assigned to this room. Students may decide to participate or may be chosen by their teachers to do so.

On Sunday mornings, our high school students meet for an integrated program of learning and youth group activities. This is a program for the whole year, and it includes social activities, mitzvah projects, field trips and classroom units of study. The program culminates in confirmation and high school graduation in the 12th grade.

We are really looking forward to the new school year. Holli Viau says, "I don't like to rush the summer, like some stores out there do, but I really am excited about the coming year. I am looking forward to making better and more frequent use of computers during class time, as well as the return of our family education program for students in grades K-8."

Shaarai's religious school meets on Sundays from 9:15 to noon, and Hebrew school meets on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00. If you are interested in enrolling, please call the Temple Office at 397-5575.

Don't think that we are overlooking the over-18 crowd! Jewish learning is a lifelong process, so adult education is a tradition in our congregation. On Mondays, we will be featuring an exciting new lineup for the Adult Jewish Growth (AJG) Series. Come and have a little fun and learn something brand new to boot! Our AJG series this year includes a four-part program featuring music, dance and art and called "Are You Smarter Than a Shaarai Shomayim Fifth Grader?". There will also be a workshop headed by Rabbi Jack Paskoff called "Who are Those Guys with the Funny Names? A Look at Jewish Philosophers and Commentary." Our AJG series also sponsors Hebrew classes for adults on Wednesday evenings and Jewish-themed movie nights.

Our adults can also get involved in our music programs –Chavrai Zamir (our congregational choir), or our Klezmer Band, the Chopped Liver River Band. Of course, for those who are into acting, our Purimshpiel is the cornerstone of our annual programming.

For further information, contact the Temple Office office@shaarai.org, visit our website at www.shaarai.org, or call 717-397-5575.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

TEMPLE BETH EL Rabbi Stephan Parnes • 1836 Rohrerstown Road • Lancaster, PA 17601 • 717-581-7891

Temple Beth El News

Temple Beth El members are looking forward to observing the High Holidays with our guest cantor, Rabbi Avinoam Sharon's beautiful davening, as he visits us from Israel once again. Our congregation will be hosting a Break Fast meal following the conclusion of Yom Kippur with a lovely array of delicious foods. This tradition brings our entire congregational family together to conclude this most solemn holiday and creates a warm, and friendly environment to begin the New Year.

We are delighted to announce that our religious school will be guided by Lisa Krantz as the administrator and Dan Rosenberg as the Hebrew High administrator. Lisa, who is a professional educator, has taught in our religious school for many years and is beloved for her creativity and genuine love for our schoolchildren. Dan has been our seventh-grade teacher and is now delighted to work with our teens as they move on to Hebrew High. There is an air of excitement as the new school year approaches, and we welcome interested families to come and visit us on any Wednesday or Sunday to see our school in action.

Sisterhood will be hosting an opening "paid-up membership" dinner at the synagogue, featuring a guest speaker from the EPAC (Ephrata Playhouse) on September 15th in the Katie Weisman Social Hall. On October 25th, Sisterhood and Men's Club will be hosting a brunch with a speaker, and in November, our Jewish Book Sale will run from the 15th through the 18th and will feature a "kick-off" brunch. Our Sisterhood runs the sale, and it features books and gift items for all ages.

Our temple librarian, Lydia Pease, has done a wonderful job of creating a special space within our synagogue that meets the needs of our entire congregation. Please feel welcome to visit our temple, and stop into the library to view the excellent, and growing, collection housed there. Lydia searches for just the right additions and here is a sample of a new book which was recently acquired:

"Sometimes, it's hard for children to talk about what's happening in their life. When parents divorce, children feel confused, angry and hurt. They often feel that no one can understand them and they isolate themselves from others. *A Time Separate, A Time to Come Together* is a workbook of activities, stories and explanation to help children to understand their feelings and the divorce process in the Jewish community. It allows them to read, enjoy, learn and share their thoughts that they can write down... Author Rabbi Rachmiel Tobesman helps them to cope with the hurt..."

Temple Beth El warmly welcomes newcomers to our Lancaster community to visit us and come for our weekly Shabbat services on Friday evenings at 7:30pm and on Shabbat mornings every Saturday beginning at 9:30am. Many people enjoy coming to Saturday morning services at 10:00am or later, and please know that whatever time suits you suits us as well. This summer, we routinely had from 40 to 50 people coming together to enjoy our morning services and delicious kiddush luncheons which always follow. Please join us - we'd love to meet you!

For more information about Temple Beth El, please visit our website, www.tbelancaster.org, or call the temple office at (717) 581-7891.

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Seniors On The Go

On June 2, 2009, the senior adults of the JCAL traveled by bus to Harrisburg to visit the Governor's Mansion. The beautiful one-half brick Georgian residence graces the banks of the Susquehanna River on three acres. Each room reflects Pennsylvania's history. The Rose Garden was absolutely beautiful with many varieties of plants. We were so surprised to see a mezuzah on the front door.

Thanks to Rep. John C. Bear and Senator Lloyd Smucker, we also toured the Capitol. The Capitol, built in the American Renaissance style, was designed by Joseph Huston. He envisioned the building as a palace of art, which it still is.

June 15, 2009 was our last program for the season. We went to the Eden Resort for a buffet lunch, which we all greatly enjoyed. We had a wonderful time.

Senior Adult Services At The JCAL

FALL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 15- Come enjoy our regular Pizza Party. Rep. John Bear will speak on the Budget/Legislature Update.

OCTOBER 6- Touch of Jazz Performance Group from the Lancaster Recreation Center. Music from the Happy Hearts Club will entertain us with beautiful music.

OCTOBER 13- Inter-City Luncheon will be held in Harrisburg with seniors from York, Lebanon, Scranton, Allentown, Lancaster and Harrisburg.

OCTOBER 20- Mary Bach from Murrysville, PA will speak on "Are You Getting What You Pay For?" Mary spreads AARP's messages about fraud against older customers.

NOVEMBER 3- No meeting

NOVEMBER 10- Rabbi Stephan O. Parnes of Temple Beth El will speak to the group.

NOVEMBER 17- Atty. Patti Spencer will speak on "What Everyone Needs to Know About Estate Planning and Is Afraid to Ask."



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JCAL Office Hours At The Lancaster JCC

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am-8:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Saturday: by arrangements

Sunday: 12noon-6pm



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