

# The VOICE

of the Jewish Community Alliance of Lancaster

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## Art Gallery Shops Line This Quiet Street In Safed, Israel

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### Save The Date

March 1: LJCC Summer Camp  
Registration Begins  
March 13: Josh Nelson Performs At  
Shaarai Shomayim  
March 19: Senior Luncheon Featuring  
Rabbi Paskoff

April 11: Yom Ha'shoah Program  
May 2: Beth El Annual Food Festival  
May 15: "Clue" – JCAL Academy's  
Murder Mystery Gala  
May 29: Pool Opens



# POOL OPENS Memorial Day Weekend On Saturday, May 29th!

### Pool Hours:

Open Daily, Weather Permitting, From 12noon-8pm  
May 29th Through August 22nd

**August 23-27:** Open 4-8pm\*

**August 28 & 29:** Open 12noon-8pm\*

**Week of August 30:** Hours to be posted\*

\*Opening during these time frames is contingent upon lifeguard availability.

## Who's Who At The Lancaster JCC?

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# Support The JCAL

LATE NOVEMBER 2009 – February 2010

These donations were made during the period of LATE November, 2009 – February, 2010. Please consider acknowledging a simcha, sending a get-well wish, or offering condolences with a donation to the General Fund or to these additional JCAL funds:

Lancaster JCC General Fund –  
Offsets LJCC Operating Expenses



### Mazel Tov

- To: Norman King on his 85th birthday  
From: John & Arlene Branas
- To: Aidan Thorpe on being elected President of Student Council  
From: Linda and Alan Glazer

### Condolences

- To: Francine Koplín & Family in memory of her mother, Mollie Gottlieb  
From: John & Arlene Branas
- To: Jane Sandhaus-Packer in memory of her mother, Helen Sandhaus  
From: Linda and Alan Glazer
- To: Lloyd Goldfarb & Family in memory of his father, Ted Goldfarb  
From: Allan & Nan Geller; Arlene & John Branas
- To: Rosalind Garfinkel in memory of her mother, Ruth Ravitz  
From: Michele and Bob Matlin; Shellie and Steve Gordon

### Get Well

- To: Steve Rubin  
From: Bill & Jackie Stein
- To: Herbert Beeders  
From: Steven, Alyssa, Rachel and Amanda Gottlieb

### In Honor Of

- To: Steve and Alyssa Gottlieb – “Thank you”  
From: Bernard Jacobson



# TheVOICE

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### 2010 DEADLINES FOR MATERIALS SUBMISSION:

**Summer 2010**  
(June, July, August)  
April 21

**Fall 2010**  
(September, October, November)  
July 21

**Winter 2010- 2011**  
(December, January, February)  
October 22



It is very hard to believe that springtime is almost here. It has been a quiet but productive winter at the LJCC - our JCAL Academy continues its push to obtain Keystone Stars Level 2 status; the Legacy has hosted some truly spectacular events; and our gym facility continues to be well used. Chickpeas Café closed for the winter and will re-open during the

summer pool season. Camp planning is in full swing and we are looking forward to another great summer! Keep your eyes open for our Camp offerings, including continued specialty camps and our ever-growing and expanding LJCC Camp. Check out our web site, [www.lancasterjcc.org](http://www.lancasterjcc.org), for more details as they become available.

I want to also personally thank everyone who has given to our Annual Campaign and continued Capital Campaign. These

funds are critical for the ongoing operations of the LJCC and for supporting the programs that JCAL funds each year. Budget issues continue to plague non-profits like the LJCC, and we have struggled to balance budgeting with our program offerings. We expect to have more programs for adults in the next few months, including films, galas and lectures. We are proud to have Shaarai Shomayim's Second Night Seder coming up soon. These programs are just the beginning, and we encourage you to think of our building for hosting your events.

Over the past few months we have set forth a number of new programs and initiatives, and we continue to strive to provide value and meaning for our members and their guests. If you have any suggestions for future programming, or just a thought you want to share, please feel free to call me.

***Have a safe and healthy spring!***

## Yom Ha'Shoah Holocaust Remembrance Program

April 11, 2010

6:30pm Candle Lighting Ceremony

7:00pm Movie: *Four Seasons Lodge*



The annual Yom Ha'Shoah Holocaust Remembrance Program will be held in the Legacy ballroom at the Lancaster JCC on Sunday, April 11. The program will include readings and traditional prayers led by community leaders from Congregation Degel Israel, Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, and Temple Beth El. Following the traditional lighting of candles in memory of those who died in the Holocaust, the movie *Four Seasons Lodge* will be shown.

*Four Seasons Lodge*: a synopsis: Fascinated by the group of aging Holocaust survivors who spend their summers together at the Four Seasons Lodge in the Catskill Mountains, filmmaker Andrew Jacobs documents their collective memories, close friendships, and rich traditions at a time when their favorite retreat hovers in an uncertain state of flux. Every year since 1979, this small group of German and Polish Jews has gathered at the Four Seasons to reminisce about their childhoods and find comfort in one another's company. Like old friends, they often bicker and argue, but it generally isn't anything that lodge president Carl can't resolve with some friendly advice. This year, the regular vacationers at the Four Seasons hopelessly split between those who want to see the resort sold, and those who hope to see it stay intact. But this particular group has been through so much together that whatever may come of the Four Seasons, their familial bonds will remain as strong as they ever were. – Jason Buchanan, *All Movie Guide*

This evening is presented by JCAL, Congregation Degel Israel, Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, Temple Beth El, and F&M Hillel.

## “Always Remember”

Holocaust Memorial Writing & Art Contest 2010

### HEROES OF THE HOLOCAUST

My name is Hallie and I interviewed local Holocaust survivors two years ago. I wrote the book “Always Remember” based on these interviews and offered it to the community in return for donations. I used part of the funds I raised to create a plaque honoring the survivors. With the money left over, Holli Viau from Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, the Lancaster Jewish Community Center (LJCC) and I are running a writing contest to help remember Holocaust survivors.

A panel of judges will review and award prizes to the entries. The top prize is \$50 and the winning written piece and artwork will be displayed in the Holocaust Library at the LJCC, 2120 Oregon Pike. The top entries will be put into a calendar that I'll sell to raise money to fund this contest in the years to come.

**ART:** Draw, paint or design on the computer artwork inspired by “Heroes of the Holocaust” on paper between 8x10 and 11x17.

– OR –

**WRITE:** An original poem or essay honoring Heroes of the Holocaust between one and six pages, double-spaced.

**WHO:** All students grades 6-12

**INCLUDE:** Name, grade and contact information

**DEADLINE:** March 10, 2010

**TOP PRIZE:** \$50 (one for Art and one for Writing).

Your work will be displayed at the LJCC

**TOP ENTRIES:** Included in our 2011 “Always Remember” Calendar

Whether it's one specific person or a group of people, here's your chance to honor Heroes of the Holocaust. Winners will be recognized and all entries will be showcased at the at the LJCC, 2120 Oregon Pike on Sunday, April 11 at the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program.

**Send all entries by March 10 to:**

Holli Viau, “Always Remember” Writing Contest 2010,

Congregation Shaarai Shomayim,

75 East James Street, Lancaster, PA 17602

Or, email to Hallie at: [alwaysremember2010@yahoo.com](mailto:alwaysremember2010@yahoo.com)



# Legacy



**Thank you to these local vendors (in alphabetical order) who helped to make our 1st Chamber Mixer a success:**

- Brian Horn Florist – flowers for the Fireside Lounge
- Eagle Rental Company
- Food for Thought Catering – Caterer for all of the butlered hors d'oeuvres
- Jeremy Hess Photography
- Lori Hemphill, The Perfect Plan Planning –helped with ideas and designed the layout for the evening
- Olde Greenfield Inn Catering Company
- Petals and Beans Florist – flowers for Fireside Lounge
- Rettew's Catering Company
- Shumaker Designs – provided light-up bar, lighting above lounge area and all of the up-lighting in the ballroom
- Special Occasions Linens – provided all of the linens
- Studio Jenz – provided lounge area in the ballroom
- Suite Strings Violinists – violinists in the ballroom and Fireside Lounge

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## Exciting Things Continue To Happen At Legacy Ballroom! Consider The Possibilities...

By Jill Sherman

As I write this, all of the LJCC employees are still reeling from our Chamber Mixer held on January 20. We wined and dined three hundred guests that evening.

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow employees for helping with whatever was needed to make this event a success. What's the saying... it takes a village? Nothing could be closer to the truth. I want you all to know that we all work together as a "community" here at the LJCC to make this place the best it can be. Many thanks to everyone!

Now back to the Chamber Mixer. Generous vendors donated all kinds of things to make the ballroom look like a nightclub. Florists supplied very artsy clusters of flowers for our guest tables and the Fireside Lounge. You would not have even recognized the place! Let me paint the picture for you. A huge crystal chandelier hung from the center of the ballroom ceiling. A very swanky lounge area was placed under the chandelier. The up-lighting all around the room projected fancy shapes onto our ceiling. We served our 300 guests beer and wine from two lighted bars. Two different caterers donated food for the stations and, of course, our very talented preferred caterer, Gina (Food for Thought Catering), donated all of the butlered hors d'oeuvres for the evening. We were also armed with all of our marketing materials that the crew at Clipper Magazine had printed for us. We heard the most positive comments from all of our guests. As it turned out, they never knew it was so beautiful inside the LJCC. Even though they drive by all the time, they never before came in to see our cozy and beautiful facility. "CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES"... IS WHAT WE ALL TOLD THEM!

We have weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, corporate events, baby showers, reunions and much, much more on our schedule. We will continue to pay attention to every detail to make every event that is held at Legacy and the LJCC a huge success!



Jill Sherman, Banquet Manager

Remember to book your event today! Please contact me at 201-0037 or [jills@legacylanaster.com](mailto:jills@legacylanaster.com).



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I recently had the opportunity to spend three days at the JCC in Washington, D.C., along with seventy other Executive Directors from around the country and Canada. What a worthwhile experience it was for me to meet them and learn about what other JCCs, both large and small, are doing for their communities. In some communities, more than one JCC is available to service the needs. One of the

“take-aways” that I would like to see our JCC begin to do more of is service programs. The LJCC serves a vital part already in the areas of early childhood, summer camp and senior adult programming. I would like to continue to bring other programs and events that reach the entire community. But, I cannot do it alone. While the LJCC and JCAL need financial support, I am asking also for a volunteer commitment. I would love to have three or four major service projects a year to work with our local synagogues, schools, libraries and other religious organizations. So I am asking for any and all in the community to lend a hand

at the LJCC when we have an event, program or service-oriented project.

I would also like to take a moment to thank everyone who has donated to our Annual Campaign. Your generous support helps us fulfill our mission statement: “The mission of the Jewish Community Alliance of Lancaster (JCAL) is to enhance and promote Jewish life, identity, and continuity locally, in Israel and throughout the world; and to generate the financial resources to develop, provide and support diverse programs, education and services in order to accomplish these goals for our entire community.”

My vision for the Lancaster JCC is to continue to be a part of the community we live in and to provide the best quality programs and events and learning for everyone. I hope that you will join me in making this vision a reality.

**Todah!**

Please Support



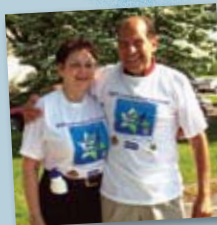
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- Family \$400:** 2 or more adults, unlimited children living within household
- Single Family \$300:** 1 adult, unlimited children living within household
- Single \$200:** individual between the ages of 18 and 64
- Senior Couple \$200:** 2 adults, one 65 or older
- Senior Single \$100:** individual 65 or older
- Pool Only Membership \$300**

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I watch our children bring tzedakah to Shabbat every Friday at 11:15am. They walk in proudly with their coins and smile as they drop them into the jar. As I look at those smiles, I wonder if it's because they like the sound the coins make or the rare opportunity to handle "grownup" money. Occasionally, though, it occurs to me that our children may actually be touched by what the money represents – the joy of giving and the philanthropic spirit.

On January 15th at 11:15am, the children walked into Shabbat as they do each week. We talked about the importance of giving, as we do each week. We talked about our good deeds, or mitzvahs, as we do each week. But then Andy, a kindergartener, asked something that I've never heard in all the weeks I've attended Shabbat, "What about Haiti?" These are the teachable moments that an educator lives for!

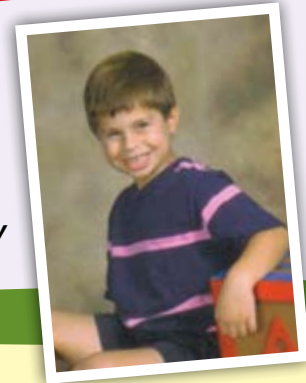
What about Haiti? We told the children that Haiti was going through a very difficult time and there were some things that we could do to help. Our generous children and their families collected tzedakah for Haiti on January 22, setting the weekly record for donations. Ms. Alyssa and Ms. Esther helped the children organize a bake sale on February 3rd and 4th from 9:30am until 12:30pm and hosted a benefit concert with Steven Courtney on February 4th at 10:30am. Our parents and the community generously offered to donate their time, money, goods and services for the cause. Ultimately, we were able to send over \$1250 to support Haiti!

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti. Their children, in great numbers, are feeling the effects of the devastation. And our children are beginning to learn that one small voice can make a difference. **Thank you, Andy!**

On February 3 & 4, JCAL Academy held a bake sale with all profits going to the Red Cross for the Haiti relief efforts. Items ranged from cookies and cupcakes to specialty breads and pies.



Steven Courtney leads a song-writing workshop with students prior to his concert on February 4.



Andy



# summer camp For Toddlers

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**June 14th - August 20th**

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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.



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# CLUE SAVE THE DATE

**WHO:** All Community Sleuths

**WHAT:** Murder Mystery Gala

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 6:00pm

**WHERE:** The Legacy Ballroom  
2120 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, (717) 560-7572

**WHY:** To Benefit The JCAL Academy

More information will be forthcoming  
but only those in attendance  
will find out "whodunit."

Registration  
Begins On  
Monday, March 1

# Community Summer daycamp



See page 6 for  
more information!

## JUNE 21-AUGUST 13, 2010

Choose Any Combination Of Weeks – Or Come All 8 Weeks!

Week 1: June 21-25 | Week 2: June 28-July 2 | Week 3: July 5-9 | Week 4: July 12-16 | Week 5: July 19-23 | Week 6: July 26-30 | Week 7: August 2-6 | Week 8: August 9-13

Summer Camp at the LJCC provides an experience filled with a wide variety of supervised activities for children ages 3 through grade 6. We provide a big camp atmosphere with the benefits of a small camp for all children in Lancaster County.

### Camp K'Ton Ton – “My First Camp”

**AGES:** 3-5 (must be age 3 by June 1, 2010 and potty-trained)

**HALF-DAY OPTION:** 9am to 12:30pm

**FULL-DAY OPTION:** 9am to 4pm

Sports, storytelling, arts & crafts, music and games with emphasis on fun and cooperation. Water safety and introduction to the swimming pool in the 2-foot end. Campers (includes half-day campers) are asked to bring their own dairy lunch and beverage. Daily snack will be provided.

### Camp Chaverim – “Friends”

**AGES:** 5 (Entering Kindergarten) to Grade 6

**FULL-DAY:** 9am to 4pm

Building friendships to last a lifetime! A variety of age-appropriate activities will keep campers busy all day. Daily activities include volleyball, tennis, kickball, arts & crafts, music, free swim, pool games, Color Wars, field trips, annual Talent Show, and more! And, if you're new to Camp, it won't take you long to learn how to play Ga-Ga in our Ga-Ga Pit! Group swim instruction is provided in the morning (at no additional charge) by experienced Red Cross-certified instructors. Campers are asked to bring a dairy lunch and beverage. Daily snacks will be provided.



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- Cooking / Music / Arts & Crafts
- Annual Talent Show
- Nature Program
- Field Trips

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- Creative & imaginative play

Wednesdays or Thursdays  
10:00-11:30am OR Both Mornings

**6-Week Session** (No Class April 1)

Wednesday's: March 10-April 21

Thursday's: March 11-April 22

**4-Week Session** (No Class May 19 & 20)

Wednesday's: April 28-May 26

Thursday's: April 29-May 27

Members \$65 • Nonmembers \$70

Mixed age class...  
toddlers, preschoolers and Mommy

Great shared experience for siblings--  
50% discount for 2nd child in same session

\*Toddlers and walkers only; no crawlers/creeppers



## AWESOME AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Wednesdays 2:30-4:30 pm

**6-Week Session**

March 10 – April 21 (no class March 31)

**4-Week Session**

April 28 – May 26

For pre-K, kindergarten and  
grade school-aged children. Fosters  
the creative spirit in an artistic  
environment designed to encourage  
independence, free expression  
and lots of fun!

For more information about **Magical Mornings** and/or the **Awesome After-School Club**,  
contact "Miss Susan" Carr at (717) 201-1712 or email [sbcarr@epix.net](mailto:sbcarr@epix.net)

## Conversational Hebrew Classes – SPRING 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 7:30-9:00pm**

\$50 members • \$60 nonmembers

**INTERMEDIATES: TUESDAYS 7:00-9:30pm**

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Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm (8-week sessions)

# Author Event At the Lancaster JCC

## MARION BLUMENTHAL LAZAN *FOUR PERFECT PEBBLES A HOLOCAUST STORY*

[www.fourperfectpebbles.com](http://www.fourperfectpebbles.com)



What an event. Not only was Marion Blumenthal Lazan an amazing guest speaker but the 350+ people who braved the cold on Sunday, January 3, could really connect with her. Marion shared her life experiences with the audience and also took some questions about her time during the Holocaust. It was wonderful to see the Legacy ballroom filled with so many from our Lancaster community. She also took

time to sign each and every copy of "Four Perfect Pebbles" for audience members and others who had purchased her book.

**We still have five copies of the book she co-authored available for sale at \$18 each. Please contact the front office if you are interested at (717) 569-7352.**

## Klehr Center For Jewish Life Reading Group: 7:00-8:30pm 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.

### SPRING 2010

**March 25** *On Borrowed Words* by Ilan Stavans

**April 22** *If You Awaken Love* by Emuna Elon

**May 13** *The Secret Life of Saeed, The Ill-fated Pessimist* by Emile Habiby

# JCAL Annual Chanukah Celebration!

Well over 200 community members joined together at the annual Chanukah Celebration and Dinner on Sunday, December 13, held in the Legacy Ballroom of the Lancaster JCC. Toe-tapping music was provided by the Chopped Liver River Band. Piano music was provided in our Fireside Lobby area by Diane Penschansky. As with most great events, we would not have been able to pull it off without the many volunteers behind the scenes, including our friends from the Continental Inn, who provided the delicious, fresh-made latkes. Thank you to all of our volunteers. We have tried to list all of you, but if we missed someone, please accept our apologies.

### VOLUNTEERS – CHANUKAH DINNER

Sharon Randazzo, Chris Randazzo,  
Nate and Nicky Randazzo, Joanne Goldfarb,  
Sabain Mandell, John Branas,  
Steve Gottlieb, Michele Matlin, Aidan Thorpe,  
Marian Schwartz, Sol Schwartz,  
Al Month, Rodney & Michael Gleiberman,  
Kitchen Crew from Continental Inn,  
Aaron Zinner,  
Student Volunteers from Lancaster Catholic HS,  
Nina Shapiro, Barry David,  
David Davis, David Keilly,  
Temple Beth El (use of kitchen), LJCC Staff

### RAFFLE DONATIONS

Shellie Gordon, Louise St. John, David Davis,  
Dolly Shuster, Cindy Maurer, Betsey Sterenfeld,  
Sabain Mandell, Kari Meck, Food for Thought  
Catering, Chickpeas Café, Bed & Bath Affair

### FOOD AND OTHER DONATIONS

John and Arlene Branas, Adam Kosowsky,  
Allan and Nan Geller, Bob and Michele Matlin,  
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# Celebrate the beginning of your history.

This is your seat at our *Seder*.



Call Rabbi Elazar Green  
at 368-6565 to  
RSVP today.

**First Seder; March 29 at 8:00pm**

**Second Seder; March 30 at 8:30pm**

\$36 per person per seder.

Co-sponsorships of our community *seders* is appreciated and are an additional \$180.

## A NEW VENUE FOR THE Annual Shaarai Shomayim Brotherhood Passover Seder

**Tuesday, March 30  
at the Lancaster JCC at 5:30pm**

Enjoy a community Passover seder, complete with our traditional kosher-style menu and all the familiar seder rituals.

**Cost: \$25 for adults (14 and older)**

**\$15 for ages 9-13 • 8 and under FREE**

All proceeds benefit Brotherhood's scholarships for students' trips to Israel.

### **Please Mail Your Check To:**

**Dr. Bob Steinman, 412 Ruth Ridge Dr., Lancaster 17601**

Please include the number of adults, ages 9-13's, and under-8's in your group. PLEASE DO NOT SEND TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE

### **Questions?**

**Contact Bob at 569-6665 or [RCSMD@verizon.net](mailto:RCSMD@verizon.net)**

## **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE**

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### DEGEL UPDATE

Chanukah was in the air in December as the Hebrew School students made Chanukah chocolates, latkes and Chanukah cookies. In January, we already thought ahead to Purim as we mailed 10 boxes of Mishloach Manot to American service men and women in Iraq for our Treats-for-the-Troops program.

On February 28, we had a *Purim Seudah* (festive meal) brunch followed by Megila Reading. The acclaimed *Magical Songwriter* did a performance in honor of Purim.

The Hebrew School students are learning a great deal on the subject of JCE – Jewish Current Events. Prayers are said at Degel Israel every Shabbos and during Hebrew School for the Kidnapped Israeli Soldiers. We are keeping close tabs on the

kidnapped Israeli soldier, Gilad Shalit. We are also proud of Israel's response to the Haiti disaster.

On February 13, the special Torah reading Portion of the Shekel was read. During Temple times, money (shekel) was collected to support the Temple. We also collected the shekel to help support the *shul*. Dr. Arrow spoke to the congregation about his new book, *G-d's Water*.

We are gearing up for our annual Scholar-in-Residence program on May 8 featuring Harold Gans. Mr. Gans is a retired senior code breaker for the NSA and an expert on mastering the Torah Codes. *Searching for G-d in a Test Tube?* is one his latest lecture topics. For more information, contact [degelisrael@dejazzd.com](mailto:degelisrael@dejazzd.com).

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

### TEMPLE BETH EL Plans For Annual Jewish Food Festival on Sunday, May 2, 2010

In addition to the numerous activities and programs on our temple calendar, we are hard at work planning and cooking for our Annual Jewish Food Festival, which will be held on May 2, 2010. The Food Festival Committee is in full swing as they work toward another hugely successful day of delicious kosher delicacies. We expect quite a few Judaic vendors and a community-wide involvement. The Jewish Food Festival provides our synagogue family with an opportunity to come together and to showcase Temple Beth El to the greater Lancaster community. We have a great time doing the cooking, preparations, and volunteering on the day of the event. Please save the date to come out and enjoy our home-made (cooked in our temple's kosher kitchen) chicken matzoh ball soup, vegetarian mushroom barley soup, Israeli chicken dinners, vegetarian Israeli falafel dinners, kugel, knishes, hot dogs with sauerkraut, and delicious freshly baked desserts, featuring our famous pareve rugelah.

As Purim approached, we held our Megillah Reading on Saturday evening, February 27. It was followed by the Purim Wine Tasting event. Wines from all over the world were available for sale, and they were all kosher for Passover. Our costumed congregants were treated to cheese platters, crackers and hummus, as well as delicious desserts.

On February 21, our Sisterhood hosted a brunch to celebrate the new Tree of Life, which was donated to the temple by our Sisterhood. The brunch began at 10am and featured a presentation by master gardener, Hannah Bartges, whose topic was "Garden of Eden - Past and Present." She is well-known in the Lancaster area and has provided informational talks on gardening to adult groups and school children. The topic discussed related our garden plants to the Bible.

Our Mitzvah Day will be held on Sunday, March 21, and we will once again be working toward soliciting food and monetary donations to help stock the shelves of the Lancaster Food Bank. On Wednesday, March 24, our Hebrew School children and interested congregants will be meeting at the Council of Churches to stock the food bank shelves together. Other meaningful projects will take place on the Mitzvah Day as well.

Our Men's Club will be sponsoring a lecture and power-point presentation on the 120-year history of the development and production of vaccines and other biological products at the Marietta plant of Wyeth Laboratories. The speaker is our own Dr. Alan Bernstein, who is retired from his position as Managing Director of Wyeth's Biological Laboratory. Bernstein's vast credentials include a B.S. in Bacteriology and a Ph.D in Medical Microbiology. The Marietta Museum has an exhibit covering the period of 1882-2005 that was curated by Dr. Bernstein. Everyone is welcome to attend the program and delicious Men's Club Brunch. The Men's Club meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings of each month for brunch, discussions and programs, in our Katie Weisman Social Hall.

As detailed in the winter edition of "TheVOICE", our adult education committee is offering a myriad of courses, including "Modern Jewish Thinkers and their Thoughts", which will be facilitated by Rabbi Parnes and Dr. Bob Matlin on Sundays, March 7 & 21. Please join us as we come together for wonderful programs and social events. You are also welcome at our Shabbat services. We're delighted to announce our monthly "New Tune Shabbatot," in which Gisel Baler leads us. Come and share the experience with us.

For more information about Temple Beth El, please check out our website: [www.tbelancaster.org](http://www.tbelancaster.org), or e-mail us at [tbelancaster@verizon.net](mailto:tbelancaster@verizon.net) or call the temple office at 581-7891. WE HOPE TO MEET YOU!!

### Special Events Highlight Spring At Shaarai Shomayim

Spring at Shaarai Shomayim is a little like a smorgasbord - there is something for everyone.

On Sunday, February 28, the Shaarai Shpielers presented their 12th Annual Purimspiel, *The King and ...OY!* in the synagogue sanctuary. Admission was free, and, according to the shpiel's writer and director David Stameshkin, "the show was worth every penny of it."

*The King and...OY!* follows in the long tradition of Shaarai shpiels that parody outstanding American musicals, such as *West Side Shpiel*, *The Sound of Purim* and last year's big hit, *My Fair Esther*. In this year's show *The King and I* met the Book of Esther with very strange results. In *The King and I*, the King of Siam was worried that the English visitors coming to Siam were going to brand him a barbarian. He asked the English governess of his children to help him present himself in the best way to the English. In *The King and...OY!*, King Ahashuerus (Yuri Reingold) was worried that the Greeks might think he was a barbarian. With the Greek philosopher, Aristotle (Rabbi Jack Paskoff), coming to visit Shushan, the King asked his newest wife and the governess of his children, Esther (Elliot Sterenfeld), who had studied with Aristotle in the lyceum in Athens, to help him prepare for Aristotle. Of course, she was successful, and, in doing so, she was able to stop the evil Haman (Sara Eiser) from killing her courageous cousin, Mordechai (Rachel Blauberg) and all the Jews.

Under the expert musical direction of Dr. Alan Levine, the cast presented nearly all of the beautiful Rodgers and Hammerstein songs from *The King and I*, including "Getting to Know You," "I Whistle a Happy Tune," "My Lord and Master," "Shall We Dance," and the gorgeous "Hello Young Lovers." All of them were marred (but not too badly) by the parody lyrics that Stameshkin had once again provided.

Other members of the cast and crew included Bobby Dickman, Keith Eiser, Stefanie Heller, Ileen Herdemian, Randi Jacobson, Steve Johnson, Tyler Mandel, Harvey Meyer, Ronnie Meyer, Lisa Miller, Janine Riben, Rachel Rosenzweig, Martha Rowley, Jane Sandhaus Packer, Harvey Scolnick, Terri Small, Colleen Stameshkin, Bob Steinman, and Aaron Zinner.



In mid-March, we will have the honor of hosting one of Jewish music's bright new stars for our annual Miller Music Festival - Josh Nelson. For someone so young, Josh is already accomplished. He serves as the music director for the URJ Biennial that many of our congregants attended in Toronto. He is also on the faculty for Hava

Nashira, a camp and song-leading conference. Josh's style is vibrant modern rock, blending the best of Jewish lyrics and modality with the accessibility of classic rock. It will be a special treat for us to enjoy Josh's many instrumental and

vocal talents while we get to hear what's happening with the cutting edge of Jewish music. Josh's concert will take place on Saturday, March 13.

Finally, on March 19-21, we will be proud to host our scholar-in-residence Rabbi Jan Katzew of the URJ. With an impressive array of credentials and publications, Rabbi Katzew, Ph.D. comes to us for a weekend of exploration, education, and discussion on topics ranging from attitudes toward life, to G-d, and to Jewish ethics.

Rabbi Katzew is the lead specialist in the new URJ Congregational Consulting Group. If you visit the URJ website, you know him from "10 Minutes of Torah" and the "Jewish Parent Page," among others. He is also responsible for developing an array of educational resources including the CHAI Curriculum, The Galilee Diary, Eilu v'Eilu, and Torah at the Center, a quarterly journal for professional educators.

Rabbi Katzew participates in the full alphabet soup of Jewish organizations that are responsible for most of the educational and creative programming in Jewish schools and synagogues throughout North America today.

Visit our website at [www.shaarai.org](http://www.shaarai.org) for more information on all these events, or call the temple office at 397-5575.

### Family Secrets Program At Congregation Shaarai Shomayim CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ITS LASTING EFFECTS

**DATES: March 1, March 8, March 15 & March 22**

**TIME: 7 to 9pm**

**FACILITATORS: Rabbi Jack Paskoff and  
Nicole J. Kaplan, RN**

We will discuss how childhood sexual abuse affects our community, how we as a community can protect our kids, and ways in which we can heal. Among other things, we will examine psychological insights and teachings from Jewish tradition.

The program is open to the entire Jewish community, and is a collaborative effort between Jewish Family Service and Congregation Shaarai Shomayim. We strongly urge those who are interested to attend all four meetings. We hope the group cohesiveness will facilitate a feeling of safety for those who may have faced this issue in their lives. For more information, call Rabbi Paskoff at 397-5575.

## The Lancaster JCC Is Hosting A Senior Adult Luncheon Program

Featuring Rabbi Jack Paskoff

Friday, March 19  
11am-1pm

Come join us for a delicious lunch and an exciting afternoon featuring Rabbi Jack Paskoff as he presents a dynamic and informative session on Israel. His presentation will include photos from his recent trip there.



### Luncheon Catered By Food For Thought Catering

#### Menu To Include:

Hummus with Pita, Hearty Vegetable Soup, Sandwich Plate, Assorted Desserts, Coffee and Tea

#### Cost: \$12 Per Person

This event is open to the community. Reservations required. Payment due by March 10, 2010.

Please make checks payable to: JCAL

## Seniors On The Go!

By Jan Gitomer, Senior Adult Coordinator

On January 5th, Nancy Long, a Lancaster quilter, spoke to our group about quilters of the Civil War era. This was a very interesting look back at the age-old tradition of quilting. Ken Firestone spoke on "The Meaning of Reform, Orthodox, Conservative, and Reconstructional Movement to Jews in the 21st Century" on January 19th. Ken provided a very informative presentation that our entire group enjoyed and learned from.

### SPRING 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

#### MARCH 2: 12:30pm

Lunch at Ciro's, 605 Richmond Square, Suite PV 103.  
(RSVP required so that reservations can be made)

#### MARCH 16: 12:30pm

Dr. Ben Lazarus, gastroenterologist, will speak on "Colon Cancer Update"

#### APRIL 27: 12:30pm

"Fire Safety for Seniors" with Tim Gregg, Fire Chief of the City of Lancaster

One of the most important programs for seniors today can be found right here at the Lancaster JCC. The Senior Adult Services bring seniors together and provide a special connection to the community as a whole. A wide range of social services is offered to meet the needs of older adults. Special programs include luncheons, trips, theater trips, picnics, exercises, games, and a variety of speakers. This October, Lancaster will be host to the annual Intercity Luncheon which includes JCC Senior groups from Harrisburg, Reading, Lebanon and York. We will be having lunch and entertainment. It's always a fun time to reconnect with other area seniors.

*Programs are announced through flyers and monthly mailings. If you would like to become a member of the senior group and receive program information, please contact Jan Gitomer, at (717) 569-7352.*



## Senior Citizen Awareness Tips From Sky

The following information is courtesy of Sky Armstrong, Courage and Associates. Sky is a personal safety instructor and recently taught a course at the LJCC on

Women's Self-Defense. The safety tips below are just a sampling of the useful information she shares during her classes.

The threat of violence surrounds us every day, no matter if you live in the suburbs, the country or in the city. Crime has no limits or boundaries. When you are out on the town, shopping, going place to place..., always listen and trust your INTUITION – it is a natural survival signal that warns you of danger. When evil is present, your body knows. Never ignore your gut feeling. You and your intuition are connected as one. If you go against it, you will lose. Follow it and you will win. Learn to listen and trust your intuition.

### TIPS TO REDUCE YOUR CHANCE OF BEING ASSAULTED:

- There is safety in numbers, so go shopping with friends or family members. You will be less of a target when accompanied by others.
- Walk with purpose and confidence. Don't look at the ground; look around and scan your surroundings.
- Look people in the face; facial recognition is important and it can be enough to keep you from being their next victim.
- Communication is 80% of your body language. A confident person walks with their chin up, shoulders back, eyes glancing from one place to another, walking with energy, spirit and confidence.
- The KEY to good self-defense is AWARENESS. People become victims of crime because they appear vulnerable and easy targets. To an assailant, an ALERT person means a struggle, commotion and a fight will occur. Most likely he will pass you up and look for someone not paying attention. Your body language says a lot about you. So walk with confidence, head up, shoulders back, looking around, not preoccupied; be in the moment and pay attention to who and what is going on around you.
- Having a non-victim behavior can keep you from being a target.

**COURAGE and Associates, (717) 435-4354**  
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# Tony's Tummy Fund

Antonio "Tony" Forte is an amazing and outgoing 4-year-old. When he is out and about with brothers Vincent (9) and Dominic (7), you would never know that he has spent much of his tender years living in the Milton S. Hershey, Penn State Children's Hospital.



*Tony would like nothing more than to be able to attend Summer Camp at the Lancaster JCC - just like big brothers, Vinny and Dominic, do!*

Tony has Hirschsprung's disease, a birth defect in which nerve cells in the wall of the large intestine do not develop. These nerve cells, called ganglion cells, control the muscles in that area that normally push food and digestive waste through the large intestine. In Hirschsprung's disease, the muscles in the wall do not relax, preventing waste from moving through the large intestine. This may lead to trapped stool, infection, inflammation and constipation. Hirschsprung's disease is diagnosed soon after birth in about 1 out of every 5000 newborns. It is more common in males than females.

Tony is rarely able to eat foods by mouth and has to depend on a feeding tube to receive the necessary nutrients he needs to survive and thrive. Fortunately, his feeding pumps are small and portable, so he can play, travel away from home, and still fulfill his nutritional needs. But most of all, Tony can be a "regular" kid! Unfortunately, as a last resort, a transplant may be necessary to give Tony a better quality of life. And so the wait begins...

A fund has been set up for Tony's pending transplant costs. Donations may be made to "Antonio Forte's Transplant Fund" c/o PNC Bank. Or mail donations to the Fund at 2131 Fruitville Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601.

## Purim Palooza

A big thank you to each of the volunteers who made the day so much fun for all, and to the community for coming out to share in the fun and good food.

Fun... fun... fun... Thank you to the staff and volunteers from JCAL Academy who were in charge of the games at this year's Purim Palooza. Well done!

A special thank you to Sharon Randazzo for spending her snowed-in days making hundreds of hamantashen. And thank you to the sorting and packaging crew who put together all of the orders. The hamantashen were delicious, as always!

And speaking of delicious... our Kosher Chinese dinner came from Baltimore via JCAL's Lisa Lampf. Thanks, Lisa. We hope your car doesn't smell like Chinese food for too long this year!

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## Mishloach Manot The Sending Of Gifts Of Food

Pronounced "mish-LOH-ach mah-NOTE." Also called a Purim basket, these are gifts of food or drink that are sent to friends, relatives, neighbors, teachers, business associates, and any other acquaintances on Purim day. The mitzvah of giving mishloach manot derives from the Book of Esther. It is meant to ensure that everyone has enough food for the Purim feast held later in the day, and to increase love and friendship among Jews as a counter to Haman's assertion that the Jewish people are characterized by strife and disunity. Preferably, one should send food that is ready to be eaten immediately and should include at least two different food items.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mishloach\\_manot](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mishloach_manot)

The baskets sent to the troops from the members of Degel Israel included items such as hamantashen, chips, raisins and hard candy.



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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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**PASSOVER:**

Monday, March 29 Erev Passover: building closes at 4pm

Tuesday, March 30 and Wednesday, March 31: building closed all day

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