

# The VOICE

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## Fire Aftermath on Carmel



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On December 2, 2010, the worst fire in Israel's history broke out in the Carmel Mountains near Haifa.

Losses were devastating. Forty-four people died, homes were lost and more than 12,500 acres of forests destroyed. JNF foresters estimate that over 5 million trees were burned. After four days of

continuous fighting, the Israeli firefighters succeeded in dousing the flames, but the road to recovery has only begun.

[www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org)

See page 2 for information on donating trees to Israel and *Operation Carmel Renewal: From Black to Green*.

### SAVE THE DATE

- March 1: Summer Camp Registration Begins
- March 6: Legacy of Love Bridal Faire
- March 20: Purimpalooza
- May 1: Yom Ha'shoah Program
- May 15: Temple Beth El - Food Fest
- May 21: JCAL Academy Gala
- May 28: Pool Opens

## Who's Who At The Lancaster JCC?

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## TREES FOR ISRAEL

Honor your friends by planting a tree in Israel.

Visit

[www.lancasterjcc.org](http://www.lancasterjcc.org)

and click on

**donate**



## Support The JCAL

These donations were made during the period of Mid-November 2010 - February 2011.



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: Bob & Marjorie Ruder on birth of granddaughter, Sidney Alana  
From: John & Arlene Branas; Bob & Michele Matlin
- To: Sharyn & Dennis Bellafiore on the birth of their granddaughter  
From: Michele and Bob Matlin
- To: Louise St. John in honor of the engagement of her son, Bobby  
From: Michele and Bob Matlin
- To: Dolly Shuster and Jeff Edelson on birth of their granddaughter, Ziva Havah  
From: Michele and Bob Matlin; Arlene and John Branas

#### Condolences

- To: Gayle Miller & Family in memory of her mother, Adelaide Kessler  
From: John & Arlene Branas; Bob & Michele Matlin

#### Get Well

- To: Steve Gordon  
From: John & Arlene Branas; Bob & Michele Matlin

#### In Honor of

- To: Dorothy Rubin – Good luck in her new home  
From: Jackie & Bill Stein

## MESSAGE FROM TODD BARTOS – PRESIDENT, JCAL



Springtime is traditionally a time for rebirth - the world around us springs to life from dormancy and we once again leave the house and venture to play outside. Or, put another way, as Robin Williams once said, "Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's Party!'"

Spring is also an important time for the JCAL and the Lancaster JCC. Our school year is winding down and our pool and camp season is right around the corner. In the spirit of springtime, and looking into the summer, it is a great time to interact with friends and colleagues at the LJCC. If you have not looked at our summer activities in the last few years, I encourage you to do so now, as we have grown our summer programming and our pool area continues to improve.

We are also looking for both ideas and the people to help implement them. We have a dedicated core group of employees and volunteers, but we need to have more community involvement if we want to grow and thrive rather than simply survive. The JCC and the JCAL are important components of Jewish life in Lancaster. Forty years ago, the JCC was one of, if not the only, place for Jewish families to get together socially, enjoy the pool and gym, have an event in the social hall and enjoy a Jewish-focused pre-school program. That is no longer true.

In today's world, thankfully, there are more opportunities than ever before for Jewish families to access social outlets. Of course, in that same time, our time as families is stretched to the breaking point and we are, to some degree, over-programmed and searching for time to relax. Yes, there is an irony in being stressed in trying to find time to relax and interact socially. The challenge for any organization like the LJCC in today's world is in competing for time and attention in today's increasingly shorter attention span culture. Our message is not one that can be easily crunched into a 15-second sound byte or presented with a flashy app or podcast. Our message is one of building community and providing a venue for Jewish programming and broader community programming. That takes time, effort, energy and financial support and provides a long-term result rather than instant gratification. Planting the seeds now, and nurturing them over a course of years, is the only way we can ensure that the Lancaster JCC will be a strong organization for our children and grandchildren and does not become another "Back in my day..." memory.

I thank all of you for your continued support and look forward to growing our organization in the years to come.

– Todd

## Please Support

Programs And Events For All Ages

- Summer Day Camp
- Preschool
- Outdoor Pool
- Volleyball, Basketball & Tennis Courts



Baseball Field And Gaga Pit  
Gymnasium With Open Gym Options

Picnic Area And Pavilion

Monthly Activities

Holiday Celebrations

Guest Speakers

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Membership Runs June 1-May 31

## Where Memories Are Made



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Year  
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## TheVOICE

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### 2011 DEADLINES FOR MATERIALS SUBMISSION:

2011 Summer (June, July, August)  
May 4, 2011

2011 Fall (September, October, November)  
July 22, 2011

2011-12 Winter (December, January, February)  
October 21, 2011

**New  
Change**

TheVOICE will now only be sent to current LJCC members and JCAL supporters. Additional copies will be available to pick up in the lobby. If you are not a member but would like to continue to receive TheVOICE, please call the LJCC at (717) 569-7352 or email [LJCC@lancasterjcc.org](mailto:LJCC@lancasterjcc.org) and let us know! TheVOICE will also be available online at [www.lancasterjcc.org](http://www.lancasterjcc.org)

Registration Begins On Tuesday, March 1

# Community Summer Daycamp



## JUNE 20-AUGUST 12, 2011

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

- Week 1: June 20-24
- Week 4: July 11-15
- Week 7: August 1-5
- Week 2: June 27-July 1
- Week 5: July 18-22
- Week 8: August 8-12
- Week 3: July 5-8\*
- Week 6: July 25-29

\*closed Monday, July 4, 2011

Call About This Summer's Specialty Camps!

Summer Camp at the LJCC provides an experience filled with a wide variety of supervised activities for children ages 4 through grade 6. We provide a big camp atmosphere with the benefits of a small camp for all children in Lancaster County.

### Camp Chaverim "Friends"

AGE: 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.

### Camp K'Ton Ton "My First Camp"

AGES: 4-5 (Must Be Age 4 by June 1, 2011)  
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.

### CIT "Counselors In Training"

GRADES: 7-9  
4-WEEK OPTION • ALL 8 WEEKS OPTION

This program is for teens going into grades 7 through 9. It will provide a chance for this age group to acquire the skills to eventually move into a counselor position while giving them a safe and fun place to spend their summer.

This is a full-day program at half-day prices. CITs will be assigned to groups during the morning and will have the afternoon to spend as a group together doing sports activities, swimming and trips. This program is available for four weeks or eight weeks only.



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## MESSAGE FROM SAMANTHA M. BESNOFF- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LJCC



Lancaster community. I would like to take a moment to say *thank you* and *welcome* to some of the staff at the LJCC.

First, I would like to say *thank you* and *goodbye* to a long-standing staff member, our Operations Manager, Louise St. John. She has been with our organization for over seven years and has provided great support through our hard times and our good times. Louise has always brought a smile to all of us as well as her wealth of knowledge. She will be missed by all, but we know she won't be too far away if we need her. Thank you for everything, Louise.

The snow is melting and spring is around the corner. Springtime is a renewal or new beginning for all of us. The Lancaster JCC has gone through some changes in the last few months and we are now looking for our renewal to move us forward. This community center has seen a lot of growth and is continuing to provide more and more for all within the Jewish community and for our entire

Second, I am thrilled to announce we have a new Preschool Director, Stephanie Thomas. She has jumped right in and has hit the ground running. Our preschool continues to run smoothly and continues to grow every day. Please see page 7 for more information on Stephanie and JCAL Academy.

Third, I would like to say *thank you* to our continuing and new donors during our 2010 Annual Campaign. We have raised over \$150,000 from our donors. Please look for our summer VOICE issue which will have our 2010 Annual Campaign Donor listing. While we continue to have great support from our community, the LJCC and the JCAL continue to need your ongoing financial and volunteer support as our organization grows with preschool, camp, senior programs, general programs & events, and our growing health & wellness programs.

**Chag Sameach**  
- Samantha



## JOIN US AT THE LJCC



### POOL OPENS Memorial Day Weekend On Saturday, May 28th!

**Pool Hours:**  
Open Daily at Noon, Weather Permitting  
Saturday and Sunday, OPEN 12noon to 6pm  
Monday through Friday, OPEN 12noon to 8pm

**Weeks of August 22 and 29:**  
Hours contingent on lifeguard availability.

**After-Hours Private Pool Rentals Now Available!**  
Saturdays and Sundays starting at 6pm\*  
Call Kym (717) 569-7352 for details!

\*After-Hours Private

Bagels, Milk Shakes, Smoothies  
Salads, Pizza, Tuna Melts,  
Veggie Burgers And More...



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Look for NEW menu items this summer!

See you pool-side at the J-Cafe!

Freshly Brewed Flavored Coffees  
Hot Or Iced Tea

Vending (Available All Day):  
Snacks, Coke, Pepsi,  
Turkey Hill, Gatorade  
And More!

**J-Cafe Hours:**  
M-F 12noon to 3pm • Weekends open 12noon to 5pm  
J-Cafe is closed June 8-9 for Shavuot

**Special Holiday Hours:**  
Memorial Day & Fourth of July • Open 12noon to 5pm

*We're looking forward to a wonderful summer season!*

Use our Walk-up Window or come inside and cool off!

### Program Highlights

- Spacious Grounds
- Daily Morning Group Swim Lessons & Afternoon Free Swim
- Ga-Ga Pit
- Team Sports & Games, Including Color Wars
- Baseball Fields / Tennis Courts
- Cultural & Educational Programs
- Outdoor Swimming Pool With Slide & Roped-Off 2-Foot Deep Area
- Cooking / Music / Arts & Crafts
- Family Park With Playground & Pavilion
- Annual Talent Show
- Gymnasium & Locker Rooms
- Nature Program
- Field Trips



Legacy

## Hello From Legacy Ballroom!

By Jill Sherman

Well, I am pulling this off at the very last moment, when Louise says tomorrow is the deadline for *TheVoice* article...she means business!

It is for a very good reason that I am doing my story at the last minute...I have been really busy! Legacy is catching on! The Lancaster community is responding very well to everything Legacy Ballroom has to offer. We are looked upon very highly by other wedding industry vendors and brides alike.

I hosted a wedding industry get-together over the holidays. All of the vendors got together in our dimly lit, candle-infused ballroom and ate and drank to their hearts' content. It was a successful evening, exposing new vendors to our ballroom. A large part of the equation in this industry is networking with each other. It happens to be one of the friendliest industries to be in... at least in Lancaster!

We hosted a beautiful bat mitzvah and a lot of weddings since the last time I wrote...it has been a blast helping to make these celebrations extra special!

We are gearing up for the **Legacy of Love Bridal Faire** being held at Legacy Ballroom. It will take place in every inch of the building with dancing lessons, wine tastings, live music, vendor seminars, photo booths, yummy Food for Thought food and lots more. A design group is working with vendors to make the ballroom look like an actual wedding! We are hoping to get a lot of exposure and tons of brides to attend this event...it's going to be very exciting and different. If you know of anyone getting married, be sure to tell them about this. It's March 6th from 12-4pm.

Bookings are going strong! I am excited to see what 2011 has in store! I feel the momentum and I have high hopes that we will continue to grow and host fabulous weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and other celebrations at Legacy Ballroom!

Jill Sherman

Jill Sherman, Banquet Manager

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



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Legacy of Love  
BRIDAL FAIRE

## SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 6, 2011  
12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

### Say "I Do" to the Legacy of Love Bridal Faire

The *Legacy of Love Bridal Faire* is not your traditional wedding show! You'll preview a showcase of select exhibitors displaying their products and services within an actual wedding setting! This is definitely *Something NEW!*

The Legacy Ballroom  
at the Lancaster JCC  
2120 Oregon Pike,  
Lancaster, PA 17601



Workshops • Dance Lessons  
Makeovers

Live Music in the Fireside Lounge  
Catered Hors d'Oeuvres • Wine Tasting  
Souvenir Gift Bag • Exhibitor Map/Layout

Register to win premium door prizes,  
including a big-screen television!



\$3 in advance • \$5 at the door  
Register for the *Legacy of Love Bridal Faire*  
and workshops in advance at our website:  
[LegacyofLovePA.com](http://LegacyofLovePA.com)



## Welcome, Stephanie Thomas JCAL Academy's New Director!



With a new year, we have a new director for JCAL Academy. My name is Stephanie Thomas and I am excited to be a part of the JCAL Academy family. I have been in the early childhood education field for the past ten years. My teaching experience includes preschool, toddler and school age. I was also an assistant director and a Lead Program Manager. Most recently, I worked for Keystone STARS, the state's early childhood quality initiative, where I coached and assisted directors through the STARS program as well as helped them improve the quality of their programs in their centers. I am excited to work with staff and families here at JCAL Academy. I already have found this school to be a loving, nurturing community that I am pleased to be a part of.

This winter has been busy for us here at JCAL Academy. We recently celebrated Tu B'Shevat, the Birthday of the Trees. The children planted parsley and made birdfeeders for their backyards. It was a wonderful celebration of nature. The winter is not over yet, and we still have a benefit concert with Steven Courtney and an art gallery in February. In March, we have a special take on Dr. Seuss with Green Eggs and Jam in conjunction with our book fair. We will also have our carnival for Purim on March 18. Our PTO is in full swing planning for our annual gala. Please mark your calendars for this Monte Carlo-themed event taking place on May 21. We hope to see you there!

Now is the time to start thinking about next school year. If you are interested in scheduling a tour, please contact me, Stephanie Thomas, at (717) 560-7572. Thank you to our wonderful students, teachers, families and community for making JCAL Academy the special place that it is!

— Stephanie



Preschool Camp Is Back  
For Ages 2 To 4!

### Come Explore And Discover At JCAL Academy Preschool Camp!

Programs available for children ages 2 through 4.

Weekly camps available scheduled from  
**June 13 - August 19**

No camp available the week of July 4th

**Monday through Friday • 9 am-12 pm**

Snack will be included

- Themes schedule to be finalized. Themes may include World Cultures, Beach, Science, Dinosaurs, Make Believe and much, much more!
- Music, crafts, water play and lots of fun!
- Professional teachers trained to provide a safe, educational, fun experiences for your child!

**Cost: \$120/week for LJCC nonmembers  
\$100/week for LJCC members**

Please contact the director, Stephanie Thomas,  
for more information at 717-560-7572 or [jcalacademy@lancasterjcc.org](mailto:jcalacademy@lancasterjcc.org).



Legacy Ballroom

# ADULT PROGRAMMING AT THE LJCC

TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS OR FOR MORE DETAILS,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE LJCC AT (717) 569-7352.

## YOGA Beginners Welcome!

NEW!

**STARTS FEBRUARY 22**  
**EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY: 9:45-10:45am**

**Cost: \$10 per session**

Or purchase a one-month pass for \$9 per session  
Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a mat.

**Instructor: Laura Liss**

As a teacher, Laura Liss enjoys the opportunity to help others improve their lives. Yoga has proven to be effective for various disorders. It harmonizes the mind and allows the individual to achieve an emotional balance.

## LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONGG Beginners Welcome!

NEW!

**MARCH 28: 1-3pm • MARCH 30: 10am-12noon**  
**APRIL 4: 7-9pm • APRIL 6: 7-9pm**

The Lancaster JCC will be offering Mah Jongg classes to all who would like to learn how to play. Linda Glazer will be teaching the basics in this beginner class. Come and learn to play this popular game with friends in a fun and relaxing atmosphere.

**Cost: \$10:** includes a fun day and, of course, snacks!  
If you did not purchase a 2011 Mah Jongg card, they will be available for purchase at class for just \$7.

## ZUMBA!

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 10-11am**  
**\$20/4-week session**

**WEDNESDAYS, 6:20-7:20pm**  
**\$25/5-week session**

Join our Zumba Fitness Class! The Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, feel-it-to-the-core FITNESS PARTY!

**Instructor Elana S. Shelton**  
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Come and try it out! Just \$5 for your 1st drop-in class.  
If you decide to continue, and we think you will, your \$5 will go toward your first month of classes.

*"I absolutely love Zumba.  
Elana is a wonderful instructor.  
I look forward to it every week!"*  
-Karen

*"Zumba is both entertaining  
and a great workout!"*  
-Leann

## TAI CHI QIGONG

**With Sharon Kent**

**WEDNESDAYS 7:00-8:00PM (8-WEEK SESSIONS)**

Qigong is the ancient Chinese energy practice that exercises and balances the body and mind together in a gentle and relaxed manner to promote health and wellness. Revitalize your body and calm your mind. Qigong loosens the joints, increases flexibility and balance, strengthens sinews and tendons, and expands lung and heart capacity.

**For additional information please visit**  
**[www.UniqueHealingSolutions.com](http://www.UniqueHealingSolutions.com)**

## CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW CLASSES

**SPRING Session**

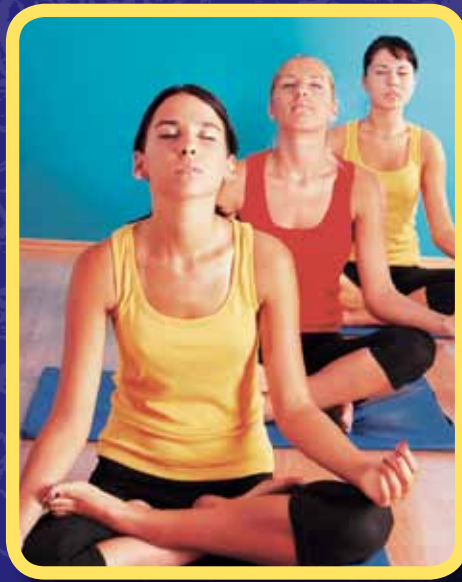
These year-round classes taught by our very own multilingual Olga Jaffae meet weekly. Olga, our evening receptionist, has been teaching Conversational Hebrew at the JCC for several years and is skilled at teaching beginners as well as advanced students.

**BEGINNERS: Thursdays 7:30-9:00pm**  
**\$50 members • \$60 nonmembers**

**INTERMEDIATES: Tuesdays 7:00-9:30pm**  
**\$50 members • \$60 nonmembers**

**ADVANCED: Mondays & Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm**  
**\$90 members • \$100 nonmembers**

**Please contact Olga at the LJCC evenings, M.-Th., at (717) 569-7352 or email her at [JCALvoice@lancasterjcc.org](mailto:JCALvoice@lancasterjcc.org) for more information.**



## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

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

### WHAT'S NEW AT DEGEL ISRAEL?

Tu B'Shevat planting took place at Degel Israel Hebrew School at the end of January. We are looking forward to putting our plants in the ground in spring.

Degel Israel is working on Treats for the Troops. We are going to send Purim packages to our Jewish troops overseas. Last year, we sent 10 packages, and this year, we hope to ship 13 Mishloach Manot gifts to Jewish soldiers.

Good things come in small packages. A neatly bundled package of less than 45 minutes may include an evening service and a Torah study. Tuesday evenings will feature the Code of Jewish Law; and on Wednesday nights, we will study our Portion of the Week with the classical commentator Rashi. Both services start at 8:00pm.

Come to Baltimore on Tuesday, March 8 and eat for Israel! Kosher Baltimore Restaurants will be donating some of the proceeds of that day to Israel. For more information, contact Buci at sacketts@verizon.net .

Our annual Scholar-in-Residence program will take place on March 4th and 5th. Rabbi Tzvi Karp, who is an expert in Jewish history and

who teaches at the Lancaster Yeshiva Center, will speak on *Jews in American Military History*. We will learn about Jewish soldiers' involvement in World War II. The speaker will also dwell on the challenges faced by those who serve in our military today.

For questions and more information, contact us at our e-mail [degelisrael@dejazzd.com](mailto:degelisrael@dejazzd.com)



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

### FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

## TEMPLE BETH EL WILL HOLD JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL ON MAY 15TH

The intoxicating smells of matzah ball soup, sweet noodle kugel and freshly baked rugelach are wafting through the halls of Temple Beth El. Homemade black-and-whites and hamentashen are being lovingly prepared by our congregants, as authentic Israeli falafel balls are being rolled in the kitchen. This flurry of culinary activity can only mean one thing: it's almost time for Temple Beth El's 8th annual Jewish Food Festival, and you're invited!

On Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 11:00am to 6:00pm, Temple Beth El will hold its much-anticipated Jewish Food Festival. The day will represent the culmination of hundreds of volunteer hours of food preparation, careful planning and community outreach to ensure the success of the synagogue's single largest annual fundraiser. More importantly, the day will represent a time for the temple to share its beloved gastronomic traditions with the greater Lancaster community. Many of the items at the festival come straight from the recipe boxes of congregants, and they are eager to offer their family's favorite kosher dishes to you.

Food tickets will be sold at the door for \$12, but you are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance for \$11 apiece. Each ticket entitles you to a meal of honey-orange chicken, noodle kugel, select Israeli salads and a slice of challah or to a meal of falafel in pita, hummus, baba ganoush, select Israeli salads and olives. Alternatively, you may use your ticket to purchase \$12 worth of delicious á la carte items including knishes, mushroom barley soup, matzah ball soup, kugel, hot dogs and sauerkraut and sour pickles. And be sure to leave room

for dessert! You'll be tempted by the rugelach, black-and-whites, hamentashen, Jewish apple cake, honey cake, bow ties and almond cookies. In fact, you may want to take some for the road!

The Food Festival Committee, chaired by Beth El's First Vice President, David Ehrlich, has come up with many ways to add to your convenience in enjoying your meal. A drive-thru service will be available for those who wish to purchase the same delectable food as inside from the comfort of their cars. Too many tempting foods to choose from? Consider asking for some food to go and taking it home for another meal. If you are unable to attend the Food Festival but wish to purchase meals, or if you'd like to bring a large group to the festival, simply contact the temple to make special arrangements. No one should have to miss out on the chance to participate!

Although the food is the centerpiece of the day's festivities, there will also be musical, cultural and educational presentations in the synagogue for your enjoyment. You'll love listening to the lively Jewish music while having a leisurely meal. Be sure to leave time to explore the unique Judaic items, including one-of-a-kind jewelry available for purchase from a variety of vendors. As you know if you've attended the Food Festival in the past, it's much more than just wonderful food. For some, attending the Food Festival will serve as an introduction to Jewish culture and a window into their neighbors' traditions. For others, it will be a reminder of the tastes of their childhood and a familiar home-cooked meal "just like Bubbe used to make." Whatever it means to you, Temple Beth El hopes you will join in the fun (and bring lots of friends!) for a memorable day of good food and good company. There's a mouthwatering Jewish meal with your name on it!

For more information or to purchase your discounted food tickets in advance, please call Temple Beth El at (717) 581-7891 or e-mail [tblancaster@verizon.net](mailto:tblancaster@verizon.net). See you on Sunday, May 15th!

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

**CONGREGATION SHAARAI SHOMAYIM** Rabbi Jack Paskoff • 75 East James Street • Lancaster, PA 17602 • (717) 397-5575

### SPRING NEWS FROM SHAARAI SHOMAYIM

We all look forward to Passover – whether it's to celebrate once again and relive the freedom that our ancestors gained, the opportunity to share a feast with friends, or to make our annual foray into the kitchen in a quest for the perfect matzoh brei. At Shaarai Shomayim, we also celebrate Passover with another tradition – our annual Second Night Seder, hosted by our Temple Brotherhood.

This year's Seder, which will take place on Tuesday, April 19 at the Jewish Community Center, will feature all the traditional Passover delicacies – matzoh ball soup, the Seder plate, scrumptious desserts, and, of course, the BRISKET! The event is open to all members of the Lancaster Jewish community and the funds raised will go toward providing scholarship assistance to our upper-grade religious school students who opt to visit Israel each summer.

This is a wonderful event if you want to get out of the kitchen, celebrate with the larger Jewish community, and raise money for a

worthy cause. More information on the Second Night Seder can be found on the Shaarai Shomayim web site ([www.shaarai.org](http://www.shaarai.org)) or by contacting Dr. Robert Steinman at [rcsmd@verizon.net](mailto:rcsmd@verizon.net).

Later in the year, Shaarai is looking forward to kicking off the summer with its annual Shaarai Shomayim Day Camp June 13-17 at the LJCC. Shaarai Day Camp, which hosts 90 religious school students and counselors, features swimming, crafts, sports and a variety of Jewish learning experiences. As always, we will have a full repertoire of Jewish camp songs. The week of fun will conclude with a Thursday night family barbecue, bonfire and sleepover for the older kids, as well as a Friday night family Shabbat dinner. This is a great way to find out if you might want to spend more time at a Jewish sleep-away camp, as the Reform movement has a nearby camp option in the Poconos. All students, regardless of congregational affiliation, are invited to participate. More information will be posted on the Shaarai web site in the spring.

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### I AM JEWISH ART CONTEST

Do you have a love affair with Judaism? What does being a Jew mean to you? How does Judaism provide you with warmth and light in your life? How have you embraced all of the wonderful gifts Judaism provides? What is the essence of Judaism? This year, JFS is holding a contest *I Am Jewish*. The full name of the contest is "Expression of I Am Jewish in and through Art & Photography." The contest is open to amateur artists only and will be judged in four categories: Grades K-4, Grades 5-8, High School, Adult-Post High School.

Individuals who are not considered professional artists include vocational or occasional artists, individuals under the age of 18, and members of open-membership art groups.

Your submission piece may be of any medium including textiles or multi-media. Music & Video are excluded from this year's competition. Your Art-or-Photography submission piece should be based on the 2011 contest subject and should be an original, not previously published piece. Prizes will be awarded in the four categories, celebrated and featured at the JFS Dinner on June 15, and then announced in *TheVOICE*.

All entries must be received by the JFS office by May 2, 2011. Please contact JFS for details at (717) 293-1928.

### ANNUAL DINNER HONOREES

JFS Annual Dinner is honoring Andy & Alice Yerman this year on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 6pm, at Temple Beth El. Further information will be coming soon.



### YIDDISH CD LENDING LIBRARY BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

The JFS is establishing a lending library of 29 books recorded in Yiddish on CDs (not tapes). The books cover a wide range of authors. This collection is a gift to JFS from the National Yiddish Book Center, which has made recordings in the original Yiddish, and from The Sami Rohr Library. The books can be borrowed for a four-week period. Please call JFS to borrow these books and to receive information about this procedure.

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### Seniors On The Go!

By Jan Gitomer, Senior Adult Coordinator

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 provides 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.

Programs are announced through flyers and monthly mailings. Meetings are typically held twice monthly on Tuesdays. If you would like to become a

member of the senior group and receive program information, please contact Jan Gitomer, at (717) 569-7352.

### CALENDAR OF EVENT THURSDAY, MARCH 24:



We will be attending *Sugar* at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. This show is based on the film, *Some Like It Hot*. It is a funny musical comedy. Group ticket price is \$48 per person, which includes the show, meal, tip and gratuity. *Don't wait! RSVP to Jan at 569-7352 to reserve your seat now.*





# It's Purim!



## Temple Shaarai Shomayim's Annual Purimspiel!

**Sunday, March 20, at 1:30 pm**

Temple Shaarai Shomayim, 75 E. James Street

The Shaarai Shpielers will perform their 13th annual Purimspiel, *Oklahaman!* The performance is free, open to the public, and worth every penny of the admission cost.

In this year's production, the great 1943 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, *Oklahaman!* meets the Book of Esther. The result is a wacky Wild West shpiel featuring such parodied songs as "Oh, What a Beautiful Purim," "People Won't Think You're a Jew," "The Surrey With the Crown on Top," "The Persians and the Hebrews Should Be Friends," and "I'm Just a King Who Can't Say No," among others. Every song in the Broadway score is parodied (what a shame!).

The major roles are played by Josh Schwartz (Ahashuerus), Sara Eiser (Esther), Janine Riben (Mordechai), and Yuri Reingold (Haman). Also performing are Melanie DeSantis, Bobby Dickman, Tama Etra, Rachel Factor, Ileen Herdemian, Rick Hess, Mike Klingman, Lisa Miller, Linda Novosel (playing the front of a horse), Rabbi Jack Paskoff (playing the horse's rear—no jokes, please), Emily Ritholtz, Rachel Rosenzweig, Martha Rowley, Harvey Scolnick, David Selfon, Terri Small, Colleen Stameshkin, Marilyn Stein, and Bob Steinman. Alan Levine is the Musical Director, and Aaron Zinner is Technical Director, assisted by Keith Eiser. The show is produced, directed, and written by David Stameshkin.

*Oklahaman!* follows the huge 2010 Shaarai Shpielers success, *The King and...OY?* and the 2009 hit, *My Fair Esther*. Don't miss the very best Purimspiel in South Central Pennsylvania (okay, it's the only one, but we think you'll like it!).

## Purim Palooza

JCAL's Annual Purim Celebration!

Sunday, March 20

3:30pm Purim Carnival

Brought to you by our very own JCAL Academy PTO

Dress up as your favorite character and come join in the fun!

5:30pm Kosher Chinese Dinner from David Chui's in Baltimore

RSVP: Please call (717) 569-7352 for dinner prices and reservations.

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CHERRY, APRICOT, PRUNE OR POPPY  
**\$2 EACH OR \$18 PER DOZEN**

Place your order today to guarantee availability of your favorite flavors! Order forms are available at the LJCC.

Orders with payment due by March 13. Please make checks payable to: JCAL

Hamantashen will also be available at the Purim Palooza for \$2 each. Pick up between 3:45 and 6pm during our Annual Purim Palooza Celebration on Sunday, March 20.

# Thank you!

In recognition of the generous support and contribution of **George and Pamela Rohr** to our building campaign, the Chabad Jewish Enrichment Center has been renamed to the "**Rohr Jewish Student and Community Center**", featuring expanded programming in adult education, kosher shopping, Judaica offerings, and student services.

While the institution has been named, the building naming dedication and other opportunities are still available.

Please call or email Rabbi Green at 368-6565 or [rabbig@jewishenrichment.com](mailto:rabbig@jewishenrichment.com) for a presentation.



## THINKING ABOUT JEWISH HISTORY IN LIGHT OF THE HOLOCAUST

**A PUBLIC TALK BY PROFESSOR DAVID ENGEL**  
Sponsored by Judaic Studies, F&M Hillel, and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee

**MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011 • 5:00pm**

Ware College House Commons • Franklin and Marshall College Building: Benjamin Franklin Hall

David Engel, Greenberg Professor of Holocaust Studies, Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, and Professor of History at New York University, will talk about his new book, *Historians of the Jews and the Holocaust* (2010).

The Nazi Holocaust is often said to dominate the study of modern Jewish history. Engel demonstrates that, to the contrary, historians of the Jews have often insisted that the Holocaust be sequestered from their field, assigning it instead to historians of Europe, Germany, or the Third Reich. He shows that reasons for this counterintuitive situation lie in the evolution of the Jewish historical profession since the 1920s.

This one-of-a-kind study takes readers on a tour of twentieth-century scholars of the history of European Jewry, and the social and political contexts in which they worked, in order to understand why many have declined to view their subject from the vantage point of Jews' encounter with the Third Reich. Engel argues vehemently against this separation and describes ways in which a few exceptional scholars have used the Holocaust to illuminate key problems in the Jewish past.

## YOM HA'SHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

**MAY 1, 2011**

Legacy Ballroom at the Lancaster JCC

The annual Yom Ha'Shoah Holocaust Remembrance Program will be held in the Legacy Ballroom at the Lancaster JCC on Sunday, May 1, 2011. The program will include readings and traditional prayers led by community leaders from Congregation Degel Israel, Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, and Temple Beth El. The traditional lighting of candles in memory of those who died in the Holocaust will follow. Watch for more details on this special program.



Hadassah Cards and Certificates for all occasions are available!

call Elaine Rostolsky at (717) 397-2355



## MARCIE NATAN to become NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH



Marcie Natan, former National Treasurer of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and current National Chair of Hadassah College Jerusalem, was officially nominated Sunday night as incoming National President of Hadassah. The National Board nominated Natan, of New York, NY, and Lancaster, PA, its next National President at its 2011 midwinter Board meeting. Natan will be formally elected by the delegates to Hadassah's Annual Meeting in July, when current National President Nancy Falchuk will pass on the organization's highest level volunteer leadership role to Natan.

"I am blessed to have this opportunity to express my Zionism in such a meaningful way," Natan said of her nomination to the role of National President. Falchuk and Natan will work together during the next several months of transition.

Natan first visited Israel in 1970, and since then, has been there more than 40 times. She is involved in many Jewish and community service activities. She is a past President of Temple Beth El in Lancaster, PA, and has served on the boards of the Lancaster Jewish Community Center, the Lancaster Jewish Federation and the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El. She has taught both Hebrew and Sunday school.

Source: www.hadassah.org

## ANN LEISAWITZ'S BENEFIT CONCERT AT THE LJCC

On January 19, Ann Leisawitz, a renowned Lancaster pianist, presented a concert at the LJCC. The concert coincided with the Jewish holiday of Tu B'Shevat, traditionally known as the birthday of the trees, and its purpose was to benefit the Jewish National Fund. Attendees donated over \$1900 to the cause.

Leisawitz's program included *Sonata Pathetique* by Beethoven, *Prelude in G minor and C sharp minor* by Rachmaninoff, *Rhapsody in Blue* and *Prelude No. 1* by Gershwin and several popular Joplin piano rags. Leisawitz has enjoyed a multi-faceted career as a performer, educator and composer.

The concert was very well attended. The musician's stellar performance received a warm welcome. As Leisawitz performed a medley of popular Jewish tunes, the audience clapped and sang along with the music.

Rabbi Jack Paskoff of Congregation Shaarai Shomayim says of Leisawitz, "Ann is an extraordinary talent. When she is playing, her whole body becomes part of the piece. Hearing her music is a gift. The Carmel Fire was devastating to Jews and Arabs alike and brought out some wonderful cooperation born of tragedy. As the nations of the world put aside political and religious differences to help extinguish this fire, perhaps our community can come together to help rebuild and replant."

## Meet The Author! MARCH 10 • 2:00-5:00pm

### THE THIRTY SIX BY DR. BEREL ARROW



Dr. Arrow will discuss his newest book, *The Thirty Six*, on March 10, from 2-5pm at the Lancaster JCC. He will also be available to sign copies of his book.

*The Thirty Six* Summary: David and Leah are to embark on a mission. This mission is to find a few just men. This will take them around the world seeking to decode ancient documents. David and Leah will rekindle an old love affair and become partners in their mission.

They have expertise in ancient languages and are independently drawn to ancient documents. Leah lives in Israel, and David in America. *The Thirty Six* and the documents bring them together. The riddle is solved and the code comes from the Bible. They succeed in finding a few *The Thirty Six* to maintain the balance of the world. These men will be called upon when they are needed.

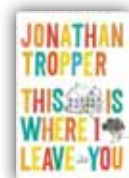
Dr. Arrow is a retired physician who practiced for approximately forty years. He graduated from Temple University in 1959 and finished medical school in 1966. He now resides in Lancaster, PA, with his wife. His daughter lives in New Jersey with her husband. He has two granddaughters. Dr. Arrow's first book, *God's Water*, came out in 2009.

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



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.

[www.fandm.edu/klehrcenter](http://www.fandm.edu/klehrcenter)



**MARCH 24**  
*This is Where I Leave You*  
By Jonathon Tropper

**APRIL 21**  
*Isaac's Torah*  
By Angel Wagenstein



**MAY 19**  
*The Yiddish Policemen's Union*  
By Michael Chabon

## JCAL IS BROADWAY BOUND! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011



### A DIVINE MUSICAL COMEDY produced by Whoopi Goldberg

Show summary: Disco diva Deloris Van Cartier (Olivier Award nominee PATINA MILLER) has dreams of hitting the big time. But when she walks in on a "hit" of a different kind, the cops hide her in the last place anyone would think to look - a convent! At first, Deloris - disguised as "Sister Mary Clarence" - has trouble adjusting to life under the strict rule of Mother Superior (Tony Award winner VICTORIA CLARK). But when she transforms the convent's choir into the most glorious new musical act in town, Deloris forms a lasting bond with her newfound friends...and the gang that's chasing her finds itself up against an unstoppable team of soulful sisters!

This day trip includes bus transportation, lunch at Ben's NY Kosher Deli, and Orchestra seats for the show! A non-refundable deposit of \$125 is required at time of reservation and is due by March 14. Balance due one month prior to show date.

For more information, please call (717) 569-7352.

JCAL Academy Annual  
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# Monte Carlo

THEMED GAMING NIGHT  
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Live and Silent Auction  
When: May 21, 2011  
Where: Legacy Ballroom at the Lancaster JCC  
Tickets: \$60 per person

Information to follow

## – LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER – לחיות וללמוד ביחד

### SHALOM AND PEACE:

It is with mixed emotions that I write this "Living and Learning Together" article as it will be my last one. As you may have heard, I have resigned from my position as operations manager at the Lancaster JCC. It truly has been a living and learning together situation for this Catholic girl in a Jewish world! I recall my first day in June of 2003 when I was answering the phones "Shalom, Lancaster JCC, can I help you?" and somewhere around three in the afternoon I thought to myself: I sure hope "shalom" means peace and not good morning! Good Lord, what did I get myself into?

Fast-forward 7 ½ years and I'm amazed at the things I have learned. Traditions, holidays, Mitzvahs, Tzedakah, concepts, words and phrases – including that colorful Yiddish word Florence Volk taught me, but I digress...But that is just the tip of the iceberg. What I will take away from these years, and what my boys have also learned, is a deeper understanding and tolerance for others in general, and for Jews in particular, as well as the true meaning of community. These things cannot be learned from books. When I broke my leg after only being at the JCC for less than two years, my boys and I were overwhelmed by the generosity of the community members who brought meals to us and sent words of encouragement. I am humbled and honored to get to know some of our community Holocaust survivors. When my son, Alex, went to Germany on a high school trip and visited the Dachau Concentration Camp, he was overwhelmed. I believe that my family's involvement with the local Jewish community made his trip more meaningful for him – an experience that he will remember for years to come. One that might some day encourage him to help bring about positive changes in this world. Tikkun Olam. Repair the world.

In our lives there comes a time when it just feels right to move on. As I leave the Lancaster JCC and move on with my life, I am comfortable knowing that I am leaving it in capable hands. The current group of staff, led by Samantha Besnoff, is an awesome group of individuals, and I will miss the day-to-day interactions. But they can't, and don't, do it alone. There are many volunteers who help behind the scenes... too many to mention here... but always room for more! So, if you have not been to the "J" in a while, I urge you to stop by. Your JCC needs you. Volunteer for an event. Join Yoga or try out Zumba classes! Consider being a part of your JCC's future and ask about upcoming openings on the Board of Directors. If you have let your membership lapse, re-join. Or join at the next level up. Cool off at the pool this summer. Invite a friend. Recognize the gem that is the Lancaster JCC and be a part of its present and its future!

On behalf of my boys and myself, I thank you for welcoming us into your community and into your lives. I hope that in some small positive way, we have been able to impact your lives, as so many of you have touched ours.

*Shalom and Peace. See you at the J!*  
Louise



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Monday – Thursday: 9:00am-8:00pm  
 Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm  
 Saturday: by arrangements  
 Sunday: 12noon-6pm



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*seeks to build community and enhance Jewish life; strengthen and connect the community as a whole through cultural, educational, recreational and social opportunities; and raise and allocate funds for local and international needs.”*

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**BUILDING CLOSINGS**

The Lancaster Jewish Community Center is closed for a variety of holidays throughout the year. Members are informed in advance of specific closing dates by postings on the front entrance doors, by notices in our various publications, through informational emails, and on our web site: [www.lancasterjcc.org](http://www.lancasterjcc.org).

**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:**

**PASSOVER**

Monday, April 18:	Erev Passover – Closing at 4pm
Tuesday, April 19:	Closed all day
Wednesday, April 20:	Closed all day
Sunday, April 24:	Closing at 4pm
Monday, April 25:	Closed all day
Tuesday, April 26:	Closed all day

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Monday, May 30: Bldg. closed all day, Pool open

**SHAVUOT**

Tuesday, June 7:	Closing at 4pm
Wednesday, June 8:	Bldg. and J-Cafe closed all day. Pool open
Thursday, June 9:	Bldg. and J-Cafe closed all day. Pool open

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

On days of inclement weather, be sure to watch WGAL Channel 8 or check their web site, [www.wgal.com](http://www.wgal.com), for up-to-date info. We are listed as: Lancaster Jewish Community Center and JCAL Academy.

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