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SAVE THE DATE

- June 5: Summer Camp Open House
- June 13: Preschool Camp starts
- June 16: JCAL Annual Meeting
- June 20: Summer Camp starts
- August 29: JCAL Academy - First day of school

2010 Annual Campaign Report

Thank you to all who have supported our 2010 Annual Campaign. This year's campaign raised \$154,857.00. Despite the national economy woes, the majority of our community members gave as much as, and some more than, their donation last year. We also had several new families contribute this year. We apologize if we have overlooked any Annual Campaign Donors and thank you for your continued support.

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MESSAGE FROM TODD BARTOS – PRESIDENT, JCAL



Ah, summer. Summer means many things for different people. To some, it is a time of transition with graduations and children preparing to leave home. For others, the empty nest is full again with returning college students. Some take vacations and others enjoy staycations. It is a time to enjoy the outdoors and watch our gardens grow.

For the JCAL and the JCC, it is our busiest time of the year. We have the end of our school year, our Summer Camp, specialty camps, overnight groups and, of course, our pool and cafe. The Legacy will be busy with weddings and family events. It is time that we can look at our programming and see the efforts from the past few months pay dividends. For the JCAL Academy, we are coming off of our new Director's first full semester and she has done a wonderful job.

Around this time of year, I am often reminded of the simple things in life. Cookouts with family, playing in the yard, swimming at the pool, and generally re-connecting with friends and family. It is a perfect time of year to join the JCC as we open our pool and kick-off our summer, where we look forward

to cookouts, family events, concerts and swimming. Help us to make this a summer with friends and family at the JCC. If there is programming you want to see here, let us know. If there is something we can do better, tell us. As I tell my friends and family - "If there is something I need to improve, you need to tell me. If I knew I needed to do it, I would have already made the change."

For me, this is my last column as JCAL President, as I will be ending my two years at the helm. We have seen some great changes in those two years, and I owe a debt of gratitude to the Executive Board, the Board, and our Executive Director, Samantha Besnoff. Further, all that we have accomplished over the past two years, and that which we will accomplish over the next decade or more, stems from the strategic vision of our past Presidents and generosity of our donor base. Without their continued support and guidance, none of this would be possible. To try to name everyone who played part in our success would take up the entire Voice. Instead, let me simply say thanks to everyone who has volunteered time, given resources and provided their respective expertise to assist in the ongoing mission.

- Todd



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Thursday, June 16, 2011 • 6:30pm

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The JCAL Board of Directors invites you to attend the Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 16, commencing at 6:30pm. LJCC/JCAL members should have received a letter with the recommended slate of officers to be voted upon at this meeting. In addition, we will be approving our Annual Budget and approving our new bylaw changes.

Thank you to all of our current board members, many of whom will be continuing their positions for the upcoming year. Your time and energy is invaluable and appreciated. A special thank you to outgoing board members Herb Beeders, Joan Weiner, Adam Kosowsky and Marvin Margolis. Your continued dedication and support are appreciated. We know that your involvement within the community and at the Lancaster JCC will not end just because you are no longer board members.

Please come out on June 16 and thank our dedicated current and future board members! RSVP to the LJCC front office 717-569-7352 by June 13th.



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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- Ian Black, Maintenance

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- To: Susan Mullen & family in memory of her husband, Kevin
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2011 DEADLINES FOR MATERIALS SUBMISSION:

2011 Fall (September, October, November)
August 3, 2011

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



Summertime is here! I hope you will all come to the JCC and enjoy the pool, stop by the J Cafe for some great food, our outdoor facilities and all of the wonderful activities we have to offer.

While the winter months proved to be a lot of change for us here at the JCC, I am hopeful that this summer and the months following it, there will be continued growth. One of our beloved JCC staff retired at the end of April. Mr. Tom Reese was with the JCC for over seven years as head of maintenance. We are so thankful to have had him as one of our staff and we will miss him deeply. Mr. Tom was a hard worker and truly loved the JCC as if it were his own. We wish him a happy retirement and many more years of health and happiness.

A new membership year has begun. To our returning members, thank you for continuing to support the JCC. For those who have joined us as new members this year, welcome to the JCC and thank you as well for your support.

See you at the J!

- Samantha



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Week 2: June 27-July 1

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Week 3: July 5-8*

Week 6: July 25-29

*closed Monday, July 4, 2011

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FULL-DAY: 9am to 4pm

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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

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A VERY BUSY SPRING AT JCAL ACADEMY

BY STEPHANIE THOMAS,
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Wow, spring went by so fast! The preschool has been busy with activities of all kinds. First of all, we had a well-attended art show. The children created art exhibits based on different artistic styles, including Alexander Calder, Hans Arp, Frida Klahlo and Michelangelo.

With our bake sale and Steven Courtney concert, we raised over \$300 for a local family who lost its home to a fire.

...we raised over \$300 for a local family...

For Passover, the school came together for a Seder meal. Each class helped prepare a dish for the meal. The children enjoyed learning about the parts of the Seder and sharing a meal together with the other classes. We would like to give our thanks to Samantha Besnoff, who led the Seder, and to Emily Bowman, who helped with anything and everything that day.

We also want to thank all of our parents who helped mulch the big playground out back. They moved and spread a tractor-trailer load of mulch on the playground. This huge task was accomplished in only a few hours on a weekend. The children were so excited to go back on the playground! I hope community members will be able to enjoy the playground as well this summer.

Thanks also to everyone who donated, helped or attended our Gala on May 21st. Thank you for making it a success! A special thank you goes to the Gala Committee for all its hard work in putting together this fabulous fundraising night.

A huge thank you to all of our fabulous teachers here at JCAL Academy! They do a remarkable job every day of not only educating the children, but caring for them and supporting them as they grow. No words can truly match how special they are!

The school put on an excellent closing ceremony including a play performed by our theater enrichment class and graduation! We are so excited for our graduates to enter Kindergarten and First Grade! We wish them the best of luck at their new "big school"!

We are looking forward to starting a new school year in August. Meanwhile, we are going to have some fun at the summer camp. Spots are still available for both the summer camp and the next school year. Please contact the preschool for more information.



HI AGAIN FROM LEGACY BALLROOM!

Wedding and Bar/Bat Mitzvah season at Legacy Ballroom is ready to kick off again in two weeks. There are 17 affairs booked between now and the end of 2011. It means that we are going to be very busy.

We have the most adorable couples celebrating their special wedding day in our beautiful ballroom. The cutest Bar/Bat Mitzvah kids are ready to kick their heels up and dance the night away in honor of their special day. We are so thankful they have all chosen Legacy ballroom! But you know what? We actually don't know why anyone would not choose Legacy for their special celebration.

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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 for more information.

Community Summer daycamp

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SENIOR ADULT SERVICES AT THE JCAL

One of the most important programs for seniors today can be found right here in Lancaster, at the Jewish Community Alliance of Lancaster. The Senior Adult Services program brings people 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, speakers and intercity luncheons with Harrisburg, Reading, Lebanon and York seniors. This year, the intercity luncheon will be held in Reading, Pa. It is a place to reconnect with other seniors. Programs are announced through flyers and special mailings.

Luncheon meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month (unless a holiday falls on that date). These activities are coordinated by the group's own board. The membership is open to all, and the dues for the year are \$10.00 per person.

If you are interested, call Jan Gitomer, Senior Adult Coordinator, at (717)569-7352.

SENIORS ON THE GO!

JAN GITOMER, SENIOR ADULT COORDINATOR

On Tuesday, May 3rd, the seniors were entertained by Gwen Weisman, who played the piano and Emma Herr, who played the clarinet. What a beautiful afternoon, listening to music you like to hear. The sounds of the music were heard throughout the building. Thank you Gwen and Emma.



Photo by Leon Baronfeld

On May 17th, the senior group enjoyed Jack Brubaker, an investigative reporter and columnist from the Lancaster Newspaper speak about "The Massacre of the Conestogas" during a lunchtime event.

JUNE 6, 2011 (MONDAY) - 12:30 PM

LUNCH - PIZZA PARTY

This is our final meeting before the summer time. We hope you can all join us for this important meeting. RSVP to Jan.

June 14, 2011 - 12:45 PM

Lunch at Ciro's, 605 Richmond Square.

Reservations must be received by JUNE 6, 2011. Please call the JCC for your reservation at 569-7352.

WHAT'S NEW AT DEGEL ISRAEL?

March was a busy month at Degel. We ate for Israel in Baltimore, enjoyed our scholar-in-residence program with Rabbi Karp and celebrated Purim in style.

When the weather improved, the Hebrew school students were able to plant our TuBeshevat plants on the Degel Israel grounds. Pesach is called Chag Ha-aviv – the holiday of the spring. Therefore it felt good to do springtime planting. With the help of Lydia Pease, a master gardener, we planted a Native Garden on the spacious grounds of Degel Israel.

Rabbi Sackett conducted a Passover seder for the Jewish residents at the Masonic Home.

Closing ceremony for the Hebrew School was held on Sunday, May 22. It was followed by a Lag B'Omer Picnic.

Shavuot is right around the corner June 8th and 9th. This is our anniversary – the time when we accepted the Torah. We will be reading the 10 commandments followed by a cheesecake kiddish on June 8th.

For questions and more information, contact us at our email degelisrael@dejazzd.com



SPRING NEWS FROM SHAARAI SHOMAYIM

Summertime... a time to kick back, relax and enjoy the sunshine. However, at Shaarai Shomayim, we will be using the summer months to do more than get a killer tan!

Members of our congregation are busily preparing for a trip to Appalachia to do community service. In previous years, some of our high school students have traveled to Mississippi to help rebuild communities in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. This summer, we'll be doing something a bit different as we take our mitzvah trip to Kentucky. We will leave on Sunday, August 7, and return on Wednesday, August 10 after performing three full days of work.

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"I am told that the level of poverty we will witness is beyond our imagination, and the work we will do will be vital for the people of McRoberts, Kentucky," says Rabbi Jack Paskoff. "This is an opportunity to put Tzedakah into action."

Anyone interested in learning more about the trip should contact Shaarai Shomayim at 717.397.5575.

In addition, members of our congregation will be preparing for our second annual alternative Rosh Hashanah service in

September. Rosh Hashanah offers the opportunity for a fresh outlook and for reinvention. This also applies to our service.

Our alternative service will explore traditional themes of Rosh Hashanah in modern ways. Take cell phones, for example. During last year's service, you didn't have to turn yours off - in fact, they were a key component. Participation is key to the service. For instance, last year, congregants were encouraged to bring a photo of a loved one or another memento that was passed down from an earlier generation for the opportunity to discuss what that item meant to them.

The idea for the alternative service began in 2009, when Rabbi Paskoff approached the Ritual Committee with the idea of doing something a bit different for Rosh Hashanah. From there, a committee was formed and we were given the freedom to develop a theme and a service with the Rabbi's spiritual guidance.

The result was a truly interactive experience that went beyond the established prayer readings and call-and-response of the traditional service. However, Shaarai will also be offering a traditional service for congregants in the sanctuary should they choose that option.

The alternative service is appropriate for adults, teens and children ages 8 and up with their parents. Check the Shaarai website at www.shaarai.org for more information later in the summer.

TEMPLE BETH EL HONORS TWO EXEMPLARY VOLUNTEERS: GARY KOGON AND LINDA GLAZER

With summer on the horizon, Temple Beth El is taking time to celebrate two very special congregants who have been recognized for their outstanding leadership this year. Gary Kogon, the 2011 Congregant of the Year, and Linda Glazer, Sisterhood's 2011 Woman of the Year, are longstanding active members of Beth El's community with 58 years of service to the temple between them. Temple President Ralph Taber couldn't be happier with the committees' selections. "I'm so pleased Linda and Gary have been chosen," Ralph shares. "They give so much to our synagogue as volunteers. We rely upon them for a lot and are grateful for their dedication over the years."



Gary Kogon

Congregant of the Year Gary Kogon moved to Lancaster in 1987 and immediately engaged with the Jewish community by joining Temple Beth El and enrolling his daughters in the Jewish Day School. Over the years, Gary has given countless volunteer hours to Temple Beth El, serving as a board member and eventually as the congregation's President. The chair of the Religious Practices Committee, Gary is no stranger to the bima, frequently leading parts of the service and acting as a gabbai. "I enjoy doing this and derive much from my attendance and participation at services," Gary explains. "If I have the ability to do something in services, whether it be acting as a gabbai, davening Shaharit or another part of the

service, then I'll do it." Gary credits his wife Linda and his daughters Amy, Sherie and Chava with inspiring him to explore his Judaism and deepen his involvement.

Another area of interest for Gary is global Conservative Judaism. Since 2008, he has been on the Executive Committee of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) Mid-Atlantic Region. Gary's involvement coincided with a very pivotal time for USCJ. "Plans for some major changes in the organizational structure and mission of USCJ were starting to come together at the time," Gary explains. "I gained a better understanding of the role of USCJ in the world of Conservative Judaism and had input into the changes in direction and structure that USCJ was embarking upon. To be involved in the Movement's umbrella organization at this critical time was something that I found to be interesting and challenging." Gary currently represents the region on the USCJ General Assembly.

Past Congregant of the Year Bob Brosbe, whose family joined the temple within a year of the Kogons, sums up his feelings about Gary's selection for this honor: "Gary's a great guy. He's been very active and involved for 24 years, and he really supports the temple. Our synagogue has definitely benefited from Gary and his family being members."

Linda Glazer, Sisterhood's Woman of the Year, joined the temple with her husband Alan in 1977 following the birth of their daughter Gwen. In addition to celebrating many milestones at Beth El, including Gwen's wedding, Linda has made countless contributions to the temple and its Sisterhood. In the late 1980's, Linda was honored as Woman of the Year for both Sisterhood and Hadassah simultaneously. A few years ago, when she stopped working as a student support specialist for the PA Migrant Education Program after 19 years, Linda seized the opportunity to



Linda Glazer

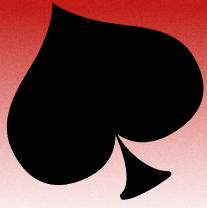
renew her connection with Sisterhood. She took on the role of Treasurer for two years. Currently, Linda is the Membership Chair and was the driving force behind this spring's highly successful Art Auction fundraiser. She also created the journal for the Food Festival, helped with the Purim bag fundraiser and ran the raffles at Sisterhood's Sunday brunches.

To Linda, the time she devotes to Sisterhood is well spent. "Sisterhood is the most viable organization in the temple," Linda says. "It's wonderful at fundraising and supporting the temple, and it's always been there through any temple crisis." At the same time, Linda feels that Sisterhood is about more than raising money: "I like the people a lot and I enjoy spending time with them. It's been wonderful reconnecting over the last two years, and I'm very honored to have been asked to be Woman of the Year."

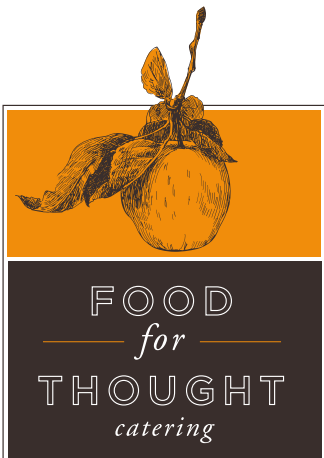
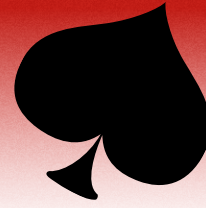
"When Linda's name was mentioned for this honor, there was no question in anyone's mind that she was the one," says Sherry Ostroff, a past recipient of the Woman of the Year award. "This is a very well deserved honor for Linda."

Temple Beth El congratulates both Gary and Linda on their awards and thanks them for their ongoing leadership.

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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Jewish Family Services is holding its Annual Dinner on June 15, 2011 at 6 PM at JCC to be catered by Food for Thought. Kosher food being supplied by Mrs. Buci Sackett. Please note the new location this year - Jewish Community Center. Tickets can be reserved no later than June 9 by calling JFS at 293-1928. The dinner is \$30 per adult and Free for children under 13.

We will be honoring the Jean Feldstein Volunteers of the year - Alice & Andy Yerman. Also to be honored are the winners of the "I Am Jewish" Art-&Photography contest. The 5th-8th grade category winner is Unagh Frank and the Adult Category winner is Marlene Slater. Their works will be displayed at the dinner.

THANK YOU



The Lancaster JCC would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Tomlinson Bomberger who worked on our landscaping on Earth Day, April 22nd, as a volunteer opportunity for their company. You made our facility look beautiful.

In addition, the Lancaster JCC would like to say thank you to the Manheim Township Fire Department for pumping out our swimming pool on April 22nd in order for us to begin prep work for the summer time.



YOM HA'SHOAH MEMORIAL PROGRAM

The Jewish Community Alliance of Lancaster (JCAL) presented our annual Yom Ha'Shoah Memorial Candlelighting Ceremony on Sunday, May 1st .

Our Yom Ha'Shoah Memorial Program is designed to commemorate the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust. Thank you to our community leaders from Temple Beth El, Congregation Degel Israel and Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, who led us in readings and prayers. Our ceremony concluded with the lighting of memorial candles in memory of those who died in the Holocaust. We want to say a heartfelt thank you to our local Holocaust survivors and some of their family members who lit candles in remembrance.



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Come Explore And Discover At JCAL Academy Preschool Camp!

Programs available for children ages 2 through 4.

Weekly camps available scheduled from

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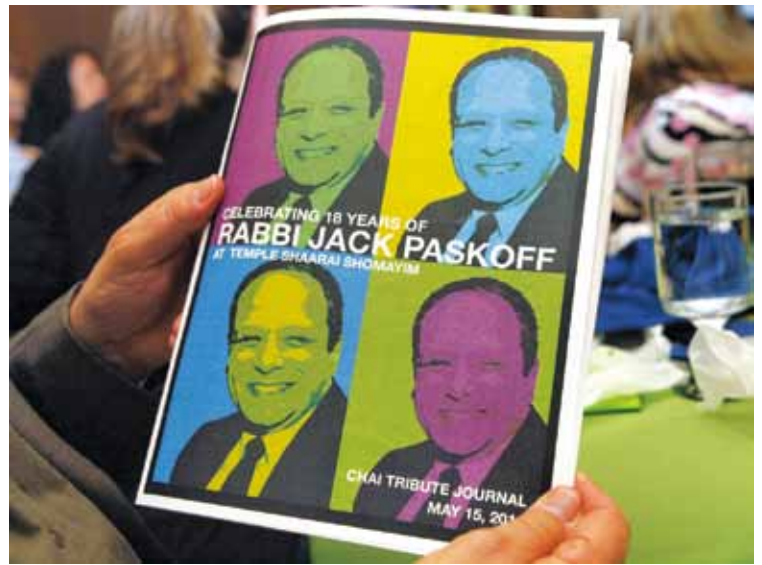
Monday through Friday • 9 am-12 pm

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!
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**Cost: \$120/week for LJCC nonmembers
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Please contact the director, Stephanie Thomas, for more information at 717-560-7572 or jcalacademy@lanasterjcc.org.



The JCAL wishes to congratulate Rabbi Jack for celebrating 18 years with Congregation Shaarai Shomayim and the Lancaster Jewish Community. We are so blessed to have you as a part of our community. Thank you for your hard work and dedication and we wish you many more years with us.



Our Annual High Holiday Greetings booklet information will be sent out in July for the community to send in their New Year's greetings for our Fall Voice Issue.



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



“The Jewish Community Alliance of Lancaster is the central Jewish communal agency in Lancaster County. Working in partnership with other organizations and local congregations, the Alliance

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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JCAL 2010-2011 Honor Rolls

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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.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

SHAVUOT

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| 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 |

INDEPENDENCE DAY

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| Monday, July 4: | Bldg. closed all day, Pool and J-Cafe open |
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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

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

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