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Lancaster Jewish Community Center



Blues By The Pool



2ND ANNUAL EVENT

GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
HELD AT THE LANCASTER JCC

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October 16th:	Sukkot Event
November 13th:	2nd Annual Global Day of Jewish Learning
December 4th:	3rd Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show
December 18th:	Annual JCAL Chanukah Dinner

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There will not be a reading group meeting in November this year.

DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR
Sept. 22	<i>Homesick</i>	Eshkol Nevo
Oct. 27	<i>Sweet Dates in Basra</i>	Jessica Jiji
Dec. 15	<i>Make Me a Woman</i>	Vanessa Davis
Jan. 19	<i>A Tale of Love and Darkness</i>	Amos Oz
Feb. 16	<i>Wherever You Go</i>	Joan Leegant
March 22	<i>The Free World</i>	David Bezmozgis
April 26	<i>Rich Boy</i>	Sharon Pomerantz
May 24	<i>The Dove Flyer</i>	Eli Ami

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MESSAGE FROM BOB MATLIN- PRESIDENT, JCAL



L'shana Tova

This is the time in our Jewish calendar for taking stock of ourselves; a time for introspection; a time to prepare for the High Holidays. As the newly elected president of the Jewish Community Alliance, I have been assessing where we have been and where we want to be in the future as an organization.

Our preschool, the JCAL Academy, under the direction of Ms. Stephanie Thomas, is thriving. Along with our wonderful staff, she has made significant changes in the quality of our curriculum, maintained our 2nd star designation in the STARS program (state program for improving the quality of preschool education) and increased enrollment.

Under the able direction of our executive director, Samantha Besnoff, and our board, new programs will be initiated. The preparation for the second Global Day of Jewish learning is well underway. This program brings together all three synagogues, the rabbis and other leaders of the community.

We are partnering with Shaarai Shomayim and Rabbi Paskoff to inaugurate the Monday Night for Adult Jewish Education program. This program will be open to the entire community. Started by Rabbi Paskoff several years ago, he is encouraging all Jewish educators in our community to participate.

We will be exploring programming for our youth and young adults on Sunday, after Hebrew School. Look for additional information to come. Also, a special thanks to Jan Gitomer, our Senior Adult Coordinator, who continues to offer an interesting array of programs to the senior group.

The 92nd Street Y programs will again be offered. Improvements in all of our existing programs will be made through greater partnering with the synagogues. A new addition will be a Lag B'omer celebration. Dr. Jack Fischel, once again, will be delivering an informative and stimulating lecture series on Middle East issues in the fall.

The spirit of all these initiatives is not only to enhance Jewish content and bring the "J" back into the JCC, but also to encourage partnering and participation at all levels from our Jewish community. At the same time, we continue to involve the larger community and embrace our diversity and commonality of values.

We are facing some serious financial headwinds. Our building with its aging infrastructure is in need of repair. Our membership and annual campaign have been at best "flat", and in reality, far lower than they were even 10 years ago. We are in need of greater support, not only from the Jewish community but from the larger community as well.

Macroeconomic issues further complicate this situation; however, we continue to be a vibrant and affluent community that I believe cannot only endure but also continue to prosper.

When my family came to Lancaster in 1976, we were greeted by a thriving Jewish community and a Jewish Community Center. The JCC and JCAL are striving to restore that luster. The loss of this wonderful institution, the building and the land would be unthinkable and an irretrievable loss to the community.

We need your help and support now.

***A happy and healthy new year to all-L'shana Tova B'shalom,
-Bob Matlin***

SAVE THE DATE!

KULANU

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2011 • 9:30-11:30am

CONGREGATION SHAARAI SHOMAYIM, LANCASTER • SOCIAL HALL

Kulanu is delighted to host Aaron Kintu Moses, of the inspiring Jewish community of Uganda, who will be returning to North America to share the latest news of his community and of the joint Abayudaya-Kulanu education and sustainable development projects.

An experienced speaker and educator, Aaron is an outstanding leader of the Abayudaya Jewish community of Uganda. He has been director of education since 2003 and has also served as the community's acting spiritual leader while his brother, Rabbi Gershom Sizomu, pursued rabbinical training in Los Angeles.

Mr. Kintu Moses will present a dynamic multi-media program updating audiences on the Kulanu-supported Abayudaya primary and high schools, which educate and feed 700 Jewish, Muslim and Christian children studying together in peace. He will also report on the child nutrition project; public health education and women's empowerment programs; on-going classroom, library, dorm and other school construction; as well as the village micro-finance, crafts, music CD, coffee, and eco-tourism self-help projects.



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AARON'S ACRES

Acts of Kindness Program Summer 2011



During this summer, 19 older adolescents from Aaron's Acres participated in Aaron's Acres Acts of Kindness Program (AAAOK) at the Lancaster Jewish Community Center for two weeks. This program encourages our teens not just to be recipients of services but to give back to others. The daily projects included assembling and providing lunches to 20 volunteers at Habitat for Humanity, sponsoring a food drive for the Lancaster Council of Churches, working at Greystone Therapeutic Riding Stables, creating craft projects for the residents at Conestoga View Nursing Home and spending the afternoon with them.

On Tuesday, August 2, our participants decided to help the JCC with gardening and weeding. That was our way to give back, since the JCC has been extremely supportive of Aaron's Acres over the years. Regardless of their challenges, the adolescents worked together to clean up the front of the JCC. That was a sight that we all will cherish for a very long time. There are now beautiful flowers planted by our campers for all to see! Everyone involved with Aaron's Acres is grateful for this ongoing partnership that we have had with the JCC.

We look forward to continuing this relationship in the years to come!



GREAT SUMMER AT THE JCC 2011 SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer rolled by with lots of sunshine and fun. Our JCC camp provided a whole array of activities for children of all ages. The CIT (Counselor-In-Training) program was geared to teens in grades 7 through 9. Children of this age group had an excellent opportunity to acquire special skills that would eventually move them into counselor positions. Yet our CIT campers didn't just work and learn; they were also involved in fun activities. They went on two field trips: to Laserdome and to Harley-Davidson Factory. They participated in community service projects (Tikkun Olam). This year, we made blankets for Project Linus. For those who don't know, Project Linus supports children who are seriously ill or traumatized. Volunteers who are involved in the project make special blankets for those kids. For this reason, the volunteers got the nickname of "blanketeers." We also made smaller blankets for Ephrata Neonatal Unit.

Can you imagine a summer camp without art? Of course not. This year, the joint venture of campers of all ages resulted in a beautiful red Chinese dragon. If you want to look at our wonderful creation, visit the Craft Room. Don't get intimidated by the dragon's sharp teeth; he doesn't bite. Our campers also enjoyed making gimp key chains and bracelets.

There is hardly a sport our campers weren't involved in this summer. We played soccer, hockey and ultimate frisbee. We did relay races and parachute games. We played ghosts in the yard,

survivor, flashlight tag, Apples to Apples and mafia. We practiced yoga, too, but our favorite game this year was surely dodge ball.

And don't forget music! Our younger campers played rhythm games and enjoyed singing "Herman the Worm" and "Boom-Chicka-Boom." To keep the kids interested, we got them involved in fun musical games, like Indian Chief, Slap-billy-o-la and Disney Scene It. We also encouraged our younger campers to draw their feelings while listening to music, and the results were outstanding.

For a change of scenery, we took our campers to Herr Foods, Indian Echo Caverns, and Mt. Gretna Lake and Jigger Shop for ice cream. Actually, ice cream was a big thing with the campers. First of all, the children enjoyed Ice Cream Fridays at the J Cafe. And, of course, we feasted on ice cream during our camp Fun Night after filling up on generous slices of pizza. The evening culminated in an exciting movie ("Despicable Me"). To finish on a high note – we all stayed busy; we had fun; and we all have a lot of memories to take home with us. Dear campers, we hope to see you again next summer!

– COLLEEN CRANNEY, CAMP DIRECTOR

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MESSAGE FROM SAMANTHA M. BESNOFF- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LJCC



As we enter into a new year, we take some time to reflect on the past year. The last six months have been very challenging for me, both professionally and personally. I would like to say thank you to the community for your support through this time. This community has a long tradition of supporting each other. My hope, as we celebrate this New Year, is that it will continue. I also look forward to continued growth of the JCC and our involvement in this amazing community.

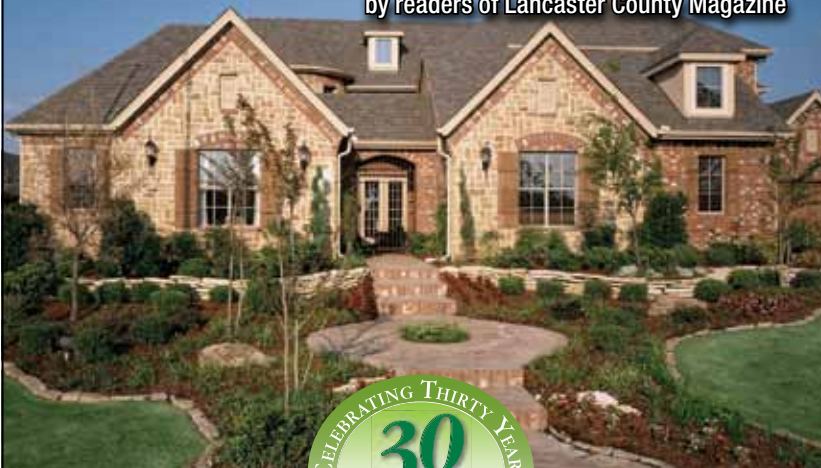
*I would like to wish everyone a L'Shanah Tovah
Tikatevu- a happy and healthy New Year!*

– Samantha



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Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:00pm (tentative)

Oct 24, 31: An interfaith discussion with clergy of other faiths

December 5, 12, 19: Each of the Lancaster rabbis to speak
about their movement.

January 2, 9: Jewish music, with a special tribute to Debbie
Friedman at the time of her first yahrzeit

Jan 23, 30 & Feb 6, 13: Guest scholar series, bringing in
area professors

Feb 27 & March 5, 12: Mind, body, and soul Jewishly

March 19, 26: Refugees in our community

April 2: Seder stories

April 16, 23, 30: "Tell me about the God you don't believe in"

May 7, 14: Issues facing our Jewish families



SCHOOL IS IN FULL SWING ALREADY!

STEPHANIE THOMAS
DIRECTOR, JCAL ACADEMY
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We had a great summer here at JCAL Academy! Our major project was resurfacing our toddler playground. Due to changes in state regulations, we needed to put down a solid surface for our youngest students. Using funds from our Oy Vegas Gala, we were able to put down synthetic grass. Summer campers have been playing on it since July and loving it! Stop by to check it out the next time you are here at the JCC! A big thank-you to the Bowmans, Charlotte Fiehn and Olivia and Jason Glubok for helping with the ground prep for the grass installation!

Another big change is our addition of a MWF preschool room! Miss Rae has returned to the JCAL family to teach this classroom. Miss Rae taught here from August 2006 to 2009. She has her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education and many years of experience teaching preschoolers. We are so excited to have her back! We also have a new teacher in the Rainbow room, Miss Meg! Miss Meg has lots of knowledge and experience working with toddlers and our Creative Curriculum. She also has her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. We are happy to welcome her into the JCAL family as well!

Summer camp was a lot of fun! Every week we were packed with young campers! The campers spent most of their time outside playing on the new playground! They splashing and getting all wet in water play, too! They also created art, sang songs, read books and enjoyed many other fun activities each week. A big thank-you to Miss Hannah and Miss Kathleen for teaching all summer long!

We have many special events coming up. Please join us for JCAL Academy Night at Isaac's Restaurant at Granite Run on Wednesday, October 19th. We have our annual Backyard Bash coming up on October 28th. We are going to have another great year here at JCAL Academy!



JCC POOL AND JCAFE – OUR MEMBERS' FAVORITE PLACES

KYM YEAGER-BALMER POOL & J CAFÉ MANAGER



What could be a better place on a hot summer day than our beautiful JCC pool? Just like every year, our facility attracted a lot of people this summer. Our lifeguards monitored the pool and insured the safety of all who came to enjoy.

In the morning, we had camper instructional swim. A lot of children took private swim lessons, and the efforts weren't wasted. Now the little swimmers can easily cruise the pool on their own. Aaron's Acres camp also had time for special fun and learning at the pool.

Afternoons and evenings were reserved mostly for families, who came to relax in the pleasant atmosphere of sun and water. Even at night, there was no end to pool activities. Our visiting overnight camps took advantage of every opportunity to take a refreshing swim after a tiresome day at Hershey Park.

The highlight of the summer was, of course, Blues-by-the-Pool Night – "Blue Light Special." The combination of warm air, revitalizing water and soothing music was exactly what the people needed.

To our members' delight, our J Cafe stayed open during the summer. We heard a lot of people comment on the great quality of the food. As far as the campers are concerned, milkshakes were the biggest hit, as well as Ice Cream Fridays at the Cafe. The J Café will close for the season Sunday September 4th.

WELL... IT HAS BEEN SOME WEDDING SEASON!

The parking lot of the LJCC has been packed every weekend since May with wedding guests. Legacy Ballroom has partied with thousands of the best brides, grooms, families and friends! We have seen every theme and color scheme imaginable! There is NEVER a color that does NOT look good in that room! Everyone has been so thrilled and pleased with what they have experienced here at Legacy... from beginning to end. With smiles on our faces, our staff goes out of its way to ensure the families achieve their dream wedding. Legacy Ballroom aims to please!

As we gear up for fall and winter, we continue to network to get the word out about Legacy Ballroom and everything we have to offer. We have "hands down" the most beautiful ballroom in town and the best service. We hope you will continue to tell everyone you know about Legacy.

I will leave you with a review from one (of many) of our recent and very pleased brides. She posted this on the internet so other brides could see what a great job we do at Legacy Ballroom:

"I have no doubt that choosing the Legacy Ballroom for my reception was one of the best decisions I made regarding my wedding. I cannot say enough about how wonderful it was to have Jill, the banquet manager, by my side throughout the planning process. She was always so helpful, attentive, and flexible that I always felt taken care of. It was much appreciated amidst the highly stressful nature of planning a wedding that I knew I didn't have to be stressed out about anything regarding the Legacy. Jill was always available to answer any questions, arrange meetings, and was always proactive with helping me plan my perfect reception. She deserves all of the kudos she gets and more; it was a truly invaluable experience having her to go to while planning my wedding. Also, the ballroom and fireside lounge were beautiful beyond words. Not much decorating is required in order for you to have a beautiful backdrop for your special day, but if you do want to decorate, the Legacy will accommodate whatever you need. It takes a HUGE weight off your shoulders that you get to come in and decorate, the entire day prior to your wedding. It is also SO nice that the Legacy staff does a lot of the setup! All of the service and care we received was definitely a great value for the price, I would choose the Legacy again and again! Highly recommended; you won't be disappointed!"



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Legacy Ballroom



SENIORS ON THE GO!

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 Group brings seniors together and provides a special connection to the community. 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 held twice monthly on Tuesdays. If you would like to become a member of the senior group and receive program information, please call Jan Gitomer at 717-569-7352.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 14, 2011

Dr. Jack Fischel will speak on current events. Program is free for JCC members, \$5 for Non JCC members. Lunch will be available to all for \$8 per person. Please contact the LJCC to sign up today!

September 27, 2011

Attorney Patti Spencer will speak on "Poor Little Rich Girls, the Abuse Call of Huguette Clark."

October 4, 2011

We will tour James Buchanan's home at Wheatland. We will meet at the home at 11:00 AM. The price for the tour is \$6.00 per person.

October 25, 2011

Dr. Gary M. Zartman will speak on "Total Joint Replacement."

November 1, 2011

Inter-City Luncheon will take place in Reading, PA. More information will follow.

November 15, 2011

A video – "Yoo Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg."

December 6, 2011

Lunch out. Restaurant – TBA

December 20, 2011

Lunch and party game.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE NEW OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012:

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The presiding and upcoming officers would also like to take this time to thank the following board members for their continued service to JFS: Judy Anthony, Barbara Gerstein, Sandra Hoover, Marilyn Klein, Diane Penchansky and Judy Shenk. Won't you join us? JFS is currently looking for new faces to join us for this benchmark year of community service. If you have a desire to help others, this is the board for you! We accept Jewish and non-Jewish board members who are passionate to serve others in our community. To inquire about being on our board, please contact Phil Starr, Executive Director of JFS Lancaster, at jfshelps@gmail.com.

JFS Lancaster has a new face! See our new logo, website, and stay up-to-date on our new initiatives, volunteer opportunities and ways in which you can help fellow members in our community at www.jfshelps.org. Our new "tree of life" logo symbolizes the renewal of JFS as an organization, our new initiatives to branch out into the community more than ever before and our ongoing commitment to Jewish values.

Here is our large community-wide initiative we are currently working to put into place for 2012:

We are hosting a branch of "The Diaper Bank", which is part of a larger network at www.thediaperbank.org. It is available to those needy parents in our community who cannot afford the baby necessities such as disposable diapers, baby bathing essentials and other items. Safety-net programs such as WIC (Woman, Infants and Children) and the Food Stamp Programs or (SNAP) do not cover the cost of diapers. In poorer homes, children can sometimes spend all day in one diaper because there are not adequate diapers available. We are currently accepting donations of any size – either full packs or partial packs of new disposable diapers for this mission. These may be dropped off at JFS or you can check our website for an updated listing of diaper drop sites. To learn more about the larger program, please visit The Diaper Bank's website and stay tuned for more information about our local branch at JFS. If you are interested in becoming a corporate or individual sponsor for our new initiative, please contact Courtney Savercool at csavercool@jfshelps.org.

If you would like to sign up to be a volunteer, please contact JFS at jfshelps@gmail.com, or make a tax-deductible donation now. Any amount is appreciated.

CONGREGATION SHAARAI SHOMAYIM

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NEWS FROM SHAARAI SHOMAYIM

Each year, members of Shaarai Shomayim come together for just one day. We prepare countless meals for the hungry; brighten the days of children in need; visit seniors in nursing homes; paint or spruce up an agency working to serve underprivileged individuals; and clean up outdoor parks that are enjoyed by many in our community. This annual "Mitzvah Day" is a highlight of our fall, for it brings the entire congregation together to participate in the holy task of tikkun olam, repairing the world. This year, we are expanding on this successful event by holding a "Mitzvah Fair" two weeks earlier.

The fair, which will take place on Sunday, Oct. 2, between 9:30 am and 11:30 am in our Social Hall, is designed to educate our congregational family about our obligation to perform mitzvot, and all of the opportunities to do so within our own congregation and the surrounding community. "This will be an opportunity for members to broaden their ideas about helping others and to learn how to make a difference in the local community as well as in Israel," said Holli Viau, co-chair of Mitzvah Day. "The fair will help congregants expand their ability to give in new

and different ways." The fair will feature information tables regarding various congregational and community activities, as well as sign-up sheets for the Mitzvah Day projects. The latter will include some new projects this year that will be worked on both locally and in Israel. In addition, religious school students will present their upcoming B'Nai Mitzvah projects.

"Our hope is to get even more participation, not only for Mitzvah Day, but for our ongoing projects as well," said Viau. "From the youngest to the oldest members of our congregation, we are hoping that everyone realizes that they can make a difference."

The event is sponsored by the Mitzvah Day chairs, as well as Shaarai's Tikkun Olam and Hineini committees.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT 397-5575.

FALL HAPPENINGS AT TEMPLE BETH EL

With the Jewish New Year on the horizon, now is the perfect time to make changes that will invigorate our religious practices and help us see our traditions with fresh eyes. Temple Beth El congregants will have a unique opportunity to engage in this process as we transition to a new mahzor for this year's high holidays. Beth El has been using the High Holiday Prayerbook, commonly referred to as the "Silverman Mahzor," since the 1940s. About a year ago, the Religious Practices Committee started looking into Mahzor Lev Shalem, the new official mahzor of the Conservative movement. The committee found that the new volume offered many improvements and recommended that the congregation make the switch.

Gary Kogon, chair of the Religious Practices Committee and one of the driving forces behind this exciting change, believes that congregants will have a positive experience with the new mahzor this year. The book has clear, easy-to-follow notations indicating when to bow, when to sit or stand and when to respond to the service leader. Transliterations of the congregational responses appear in a different color so that they stand out on the page. Gender-neutral translations and more modern phrasings also set this mahzor apart from its predecessors. Additionally, congregants may benefit from the English commentary positioned along the side of each page to present deeper ways of understanding the text. Overall, the committee is enthusiastic about inaugurating the user-friendly, inviting Mahzor Lev Shalem in the weeks ahead.

As with any change, we have the opportunity to bring closure to this period of our lives and part with the past in order to prepare ourselves for the future. In keeping with the Talmud's instructions to preserve all sacred texts in a place where they cannot be destroyed, Temple Beth El will hold a genizah burial

for its old mahzors. Anyone who would like to witness this rare and special Jewish ceremony is welcome to join Beth El's congregants at the cemetery. Although a date has not been set yet, more information can be obtained by calling the Temple office.

On Sunday, October 23 at 10:00 AM, Carolyn Kleinman will give a talk about a true Jewish American hero, Uriah P. Levy. Co-sponsored by Men's Club and Adult Education, the free lecture will enlighten guests about the first Jewish man to attain the rank of Commodore, then the highest position in the U.S. Navy. Although he had to contend with considerable anti-Semitism during his career, Levy led the crusade to eliminate corporal punishment in the navy. An admirer of Thomas Jefferson's ideas about religious freedom, Levy is also credited with saving Monticello for the American people. Carolyn, who recently became acquainted with Levy's story and wants to share her knowledge with the rest of the community, is "thrilled to have the opportunity to tell others about this incredible man." She will tie in material from a book put out by the National Museum of American Jewish Military History as well as other sources. Those attending the lecture will also be treated to a delicious brunch. Mark your calendar now for this fascinating discussion!

Believe it or not, Hanukkah is closer than you think! The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El invites you to do your holiday shopping at its upcoming Holiday Bazaar. The bazaar is taking place on Sunday, November 20th at the temple. From jewelry and crafts to handbags and home goods, the bazaar will feature a wide variety of enticing gifts for everyone on your list. In the meantime, L'Shana Tova from Temple Beth El!

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT DEGEL ISRAEL?

The summer months are a wonderful time to get together for Shalosh Seudos– the third Shabbos meal. Rabbi Chaim Kosman from Ner Israel Rabbinical College was the guest speaker for the Shalosh Seudos. We bid farewell to the Lancaster Yeshiva students who concluded the school year at a summer shalosh seudos. In July, the women had a shalosh seudos at the Sackett home.

Degel Israel rededicated a Sefer Torah – a scroll with a new Torah Mantel in memory of Henry Simmons. We had a special kiddish in August to commemorate the dedication.

In August, Degel Israel hosted a Friday night Shabbos dinner for the Jewish residents at Country Meadows.

The High Holidays are around the corner. We will be blowing the shofar for the Jewish residents at Country Meadows. On the first day of Rosh Hashana, we will be doing Communal tashlich as we walk together to a stream behind Giant to symbolically cast away our wrong doings. On Sunday, October 16th, we will have a Succah hopping event – visiting the succot in the area.

**FOR QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US
AT OUR E-MAIL DEGELISRAEL@DEJAZZD.COM**



2ND ANNUAL EVENT
GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH • 9:30am-11:30am
HELD AT THE LANCASTER JCC
THIS YEAR THEME IS "SHEMA"

Look For More
Information To Be
Coming Out In October

R.A.D. CLASSES SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD & 30TH • 1:00pm-7:00pm
HELD AT THE LANCASTER JCC • TAUGHT BY BOB PLETCHER AND BOB BROSBE
COST IS \$45 JCC MEMBER AND \$55 FOR NON-JCC MEMBER

It is a women's self-defense course for ages sixteen and up. The Rape Aggression Defense Basic Personal Defense System is a national program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques taught for women only. All courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D. Instructors. The goal of R.A.D. is to provide realistic self-defense options to women, regardless of their level of physical conditioning. Students at all levels of ability, age, experience, and strength will be provided with techniques and information that can be effectively used from the first day of class. R.A.D. is not a martial arts program, nor does it require students to be athletes in training to succeed. Please contact the LJCC at (717)569-7352 by October 17th to RSVP. Reservations required.

ZUMBA! WEDNESDAYS, 6:20-7:15pm \$8 a class • Contact the JCC to sign up today!

Join our Zumba Fitness Class! The Latin-inspired, easy -to-follow, calorie-burning, feel-it-to-the-core FITNESS PARTY! **Instructor Elena S. Shelton Zumba.com.** Come and try it out! Just \$8. Contact the JCC to sign up today.



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**Fascinating Facts:
Exploring the Myths
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Does Judaism believe in guardian angels? Why do Jews use matchmakers? Who wrote the handwriting on the wall? A fun course in Jewish cultural literacy, full of surprising facts, myths, and mysteries surrounding Jewish tradition and practice.

January 2012



**Money Matters:
Jewish Business Ethics**
Is Judaism socialist or capitalist? Who is responsible for preventing poverty? Is unionization a Jewish ideal? Must Walmart pay its workers a livable wage? Where would you draw the line? An ethical, Talmudic, and legal debate on the economic issues of our time.

These courses will be held at the Lancaster JCC and taught by Rabbi Elazar Green, known for his humorous, thought provoking, and engaging presentation. For more information call 717-368-6565.



Gifts For Everyone On Your List.



Holiday Arts & Crafts Show December 4 • Sunday 9am-4pm

3rd year!

Located at the Lancaster JCC
2120 Oregon Pike • Lancaster

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

Vendors Wanted (Deadline October 1)

Standard Booth \$50 – Premium Booth (limited #) \$118

Visit www.lancasterjcc.org for more information



JCAL Annual *Chanukah Celebration!* *Getting Ready for Chanukah at the Lancaster JCC*

Sunday, December 18, 2011

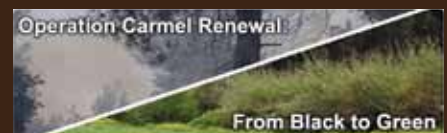
Join us as we prepare for Chanukah at our Annual Chanukah Dinner. The evening will be filled with fun activities to get us ready for Chanukah, which begins sundown on Tuesday, December 20th, along with our famous brisket and latke dinner.

**Look for your RSVP
opportunity in October.**



TREES FOR ISRAEL

Honor your friends by planting a tree in Israel.
Visit www.lancasterjcc.org and click on **donate**





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Office Hours:

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



JCAL
JEWISH COMMUNITY
ALLIANCE OF LANCASTER

"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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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.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

September 5th:	Building will be closed for Labor Day. Pool will remain open 12 noon-5pm
September 28th:	Erev Rosh Hoshanah – building closes at 4pm
September 29th-30th:	Rosh Hoshanah – building closed all day
October 8th:	Yom Kippur – building closed all day
October 12th:	Erev Sukkot – building closes at 4pm
October 13th-14th:	Sukkot – building closed all day
October 19th:	Shemini Atzeret – building closes at 4pm
October 20th-21st:	Simchat Torah – building closed all day
November 23rd-25th:	Thanksgiving Break – building closed all day
Dec. 25th- Jan. 1st:	Winter Break – building closed all day
January 16th:	Martin Luther King Day – building closed all day
February 20th:	President's Day – building closed all day

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.

