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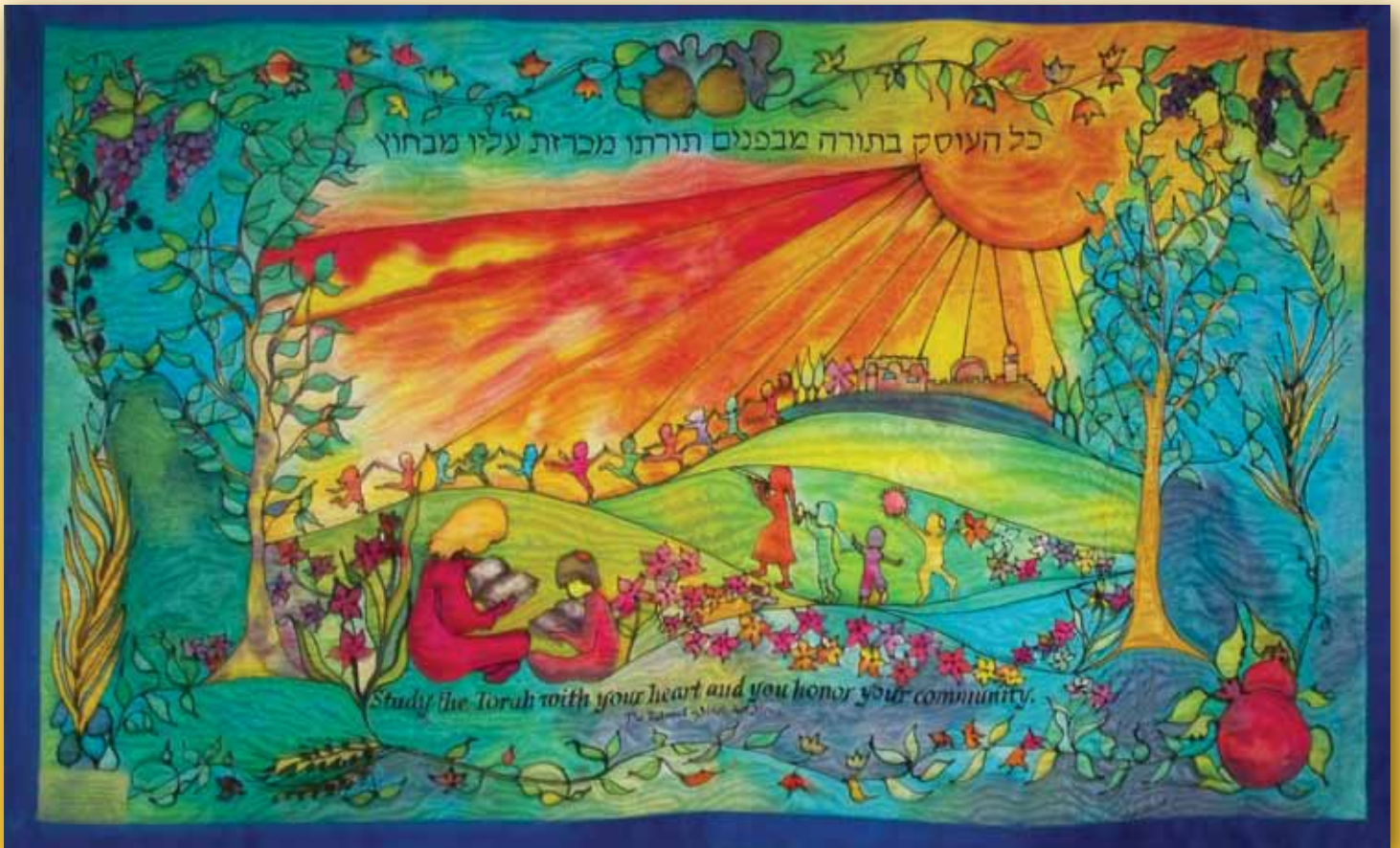


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This hand-painted silk quilt was created in November 2010

As a community, see what we can accomplish!



Save The Date

March 11: Purim Palooza
April 17: Yom Hashoah
April 29: Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

June TBA: Annual Meeting
June 2: Pool/Café Opening
June 3: Summertime Brunch

June 10: Toddler and Preschool Camp
June 25: Camp Begins

2011 Annual Campaign Report

Thank you to all who have supported our 2011 Annual Campaign. This year's campaign raised \$165,714 which includes designations to United Jewish Communities. We appreciate all who donate to our Annual Campaign and we apologize if we missed you on the list or made any errors.

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Andrew and Alice Yerman

*This year's
campaign raised
\$165,714.00*



A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

I want to begin by thanking all of those who contributed to this year's Annual Campaign. As you may well be aware, the JCC depends on two major sources of revenue: the Annual Campaign and membership. These represent almost 1/3 of our budgeted income. We are examining more creative ways to improve community participation, both on an individual and a corporate level. Clearly, there must be greater community participation and "buy-in."

At the time of this edition, the "Town Hall" meeting on February 12th will have taken place. We are at a crucial juncture in our institution's future. We need to make necessary repairs to our aging infrastructure and, thus far, have been doing it almost exclusively out of operating funds. This emphasizes the need for a capital fund campaign, which we will implement. Unfortunately, we never had a reserve fund to use for infrastructure repair and replacement. As I indicated in my presentation, within a two-year period, we spent more than \$200,000 for necessary repairs and capital improvements. This was largely taken out of operating funds, necessitating the use of our entire credit line of \$75,000. It is our hope that between individual and corporate donations we can raise a minimum of \$250,000.

In addition, we have been pursuing an enhancement to our programming through collaboration between JCAL and the synagogues. A number of changes have already occurred, such as in

adult Jewish education – Adult Jewish Ed Monday night – with Rabbi Paskoff and Shaarai Shomayim, Global Day of Jewish Learning, Rabbi Greene's course on "Jewish Law and Business Practices", Ken Firestone's course on Genesis and new plans for changing the format of the Holocaust Observance program. We hope to do a lot more in this area, and I am thankful to all the rabbis and also to Ken Firestone for their leadership and assistance.

Our preschool program continues to make strides in the Keystone Stars program. We have been accredited as a Stars-2 program and are aspiring to achieve a Stars-3 status. This is not only recognition for the quality of our program; it also makes us eligible for grants and stipends as well. Please join us for a fun time on March 31st – our annual fundraiser: "Oy Vegas." It will be a night of great food, gambling and fun.

We are gearing up for the summer. This includes not only plans for improvement in our Day Camp program but also more events involving our pool and the outdoors – tennis courts and playing fields. There will be jazz nights, Italian Night and many other social events by the pool.

This is our community's space – let us make it all it can be. We need your support and participation now.

Hag Purim Sameach, B'Shalom,

Bob



SAVE-THE-DATE

The Fifth Annual
JCAL Academy Fundraising Gala

Oy Vegas!

Saturday, March 31, 2012
Beginning at 6:00pm

The Legacy Ballroom
at Lancaster JCC, 2120 Oregon Pike

Auction to benefit JCAL Academy • Casino Activities

Contact us at **717-560-7572** for more information.

(Invitation to follow)

SAVE THE DATE

GOLF OUTING

August 16, 2012
at the FoxChase
Golf Club

More information to follow.



Who's Who at the Lancaster JCC?

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Honor your friends by planting a tree in Israel.

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NEW CHANGE
TheVoice is now printed bi-annually

2012 DEADLINES FOR MATERIALS SUBMISSION:

Fall/Winter Deadline July 1st

Spring/Summer Deadline February 1st, 2013

Support the JCAL

These donations were made during the period of SEPTEMBER 2011 – MARCH 2012.

Please consider acknowledging a simcha, sending a get-well wish, or offering condolences with a donation to the Lancaster JCC funds:

Lancaster JCC General Fund – Offsets JCC Operating Expenses

Mazel Tov

- To: Alice & Andy Yerman in honor of 50th Anniversary
From: Gayle & Richard Miller
- To: Diane & Al Drobnes on birth of granddaughter
From: Bob & Michele Matlin

Condolences

- To: Diane Otten & Family in memory of Diane's mother
From: Sheila Scolnick
- To: Ian Black & Family in memory of Ian's mother, Betty Lawson
From: Arlene & John Branas; Shellie & Steve Gordon; Michele & Bob Matlin
- To: Marilyn Toplitz & Family in memory of Anne Wascou
From: Michele & Bob Matlin
- To: Sarah DeWitt & Family in memory of Ron Moritz
From: Michele & Bob Matlin
- To: Edward Itkowitz & Family in memory of Ed's father, Rube Itkowitz
From: Pauline Ross

Get Well

- To: Jen Finkelstein
From: Arlene & John Branas; Shellie & Steve Gordon; Michele & Bob Matlin
- To: Steve Platt
From: Michele & Bob Matlin
- To: Andrew Yerman
From: Jackie & Bill Stein
- To: Buci Sackett
From: Michele & Bob Matlin

In Honor Of

- Lily and Zoe Babione
From: Richard and Carolyn Babione
- Steve and Shellie Gordon – Thank you for your hospitality
From: John & Arlene Branas; Michele & Bob Matlin

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

Condolences

- To: Ned Robbins in memory of Mr. McGregor
From: Michele and Bob Matlin

Caroline F. Hevener Campership Fund

Get Well

- To: Buci Sackett
From: Linda Yeager; Kym & Jordan Balmer



I marvel at the resilience of the Jewish people. Their best characteristic is their desire to remember. No other people has such an obsession with memory.

– Elie Wiesel

What a powerful quote by such a powerful person! During this time of year, we celebrate many things – Purim, Passover, Yom Ha'Shoah, and Yom Haatzmaut. All of these holidays commemorate different times in our history, yet they all bring us together as Jews. The holidays remind us of where we came from and how we got to where we are today as a people. Out of all of the Jewish Holidays, I enjoy Passover the most. It is a time to come together with family and friends and to sit at the Seder table re-telling the story of the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt. In February, a Town Hall Meeting was held as a platform to discuss the future of what the JCAL/LJCC should look like. As at any meeting of this kind, strong opinions were expressed. The diversity of the JCC was reflected in the diversity of the opinions shared.

It was important to acknowledge the history of the JCC and the role it played; however, it was equally important to question the current role of the JCC and its future in our community. Our initial reason for the meeting was financial and our ability to support this facility. However, the discussion turned to the reason for having a Jewish Community Center and its purpose in the community.

After a lively discussion, we came away with more questions than solutions. Now it is time to define what we need the JCC to be in the future. One thing remains constant – the importance of all partners of the JCAL to remain connected through collaborative programming and mutual support. We have a small Jewish population and we need to work together in order to enhance the lives of all Jews in the community.

I am currently in the process of meeting with small groups and individuals within our community to continue this discussion and to formulate our new goals and vision for this community. If you would like to be a part of this ongoing re-evaluation, please contact me directly.

*Chag Sameach,
Samantha M. Besnoff*



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With Your Membership!

New Membership Year Starts June 1

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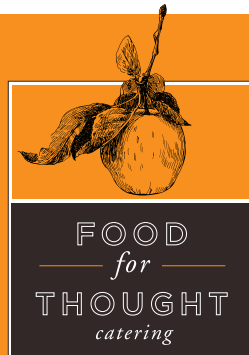
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Save The Date

Sunday, June 3, 2012

Summer Lunch at Noon

sampling of summertime favorites

Portion of Proceeds to benefit the JCC
More information to follow.

Check out www.lancasterjcc.org for the menu

Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Day

Tuesday, April 17th at 7pm

Featuring Guest Speaker Zev Garber

TOPIC:
Connecting the Generations to 'Never Forget'



For this issue I decided to let you read what a couple of our brides and their families had to say about the job we are doing at Legacy Ballroom and the JCC. Please enjoy the read and then YOU decide where you should consider having your next family celebration. These reviews happen to be from our brides, but please remember we do every celebration and corporate function with exactly the same professionalism and enthusiasm!

*As always, contact Jill Sherman for your next celebration or corporate function.
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Legacy

Excellent Venue

posted 12/22/2011

The Legacy Ballroom turned out to be the perfect place for our daughter's wedding. The ballroom was beautiful and we were allowed to use special lighting and drapery, which made it look like we spent thousands of dollars, when in fact we didn't. Everyone at the Legacy was very helpful in all the decisions that had to be made for the day. Every one of our guests complimented us on the venue and the wedding. It turned out to be a great day and an awesome wedding.

Awesome!

posted 7/28/2011

I cannot say enough good things about this place. Jill, who showed us around and handled most of our details, was phenomenal. Every time I needed something, she responded immediately. I would just email her, and she was on top of it every time. The rest of the staff there were wonderful, too. Every time I went in, the person who helped me was friendly and informed about my wedding. Also, there is a nice, quiet room in the back where we could go when we arrived AND, the best part, we got to go in the day before the wedding and set up for the reception. Took a lot of the stress out of getting ready! The ballroom rental includes the fireside lounge, which is perfect for a cocktail party, too. We were in heaven! Love, love, love this.

Loved Them - Highly Recommended!

posted 7/1/2011

I held my reception at the Legacy Ballroom and can say that this was one of the best choices I made regarding my wedding. First of all, Jill, the banquet manager, is extremely helpful and relieves SO much of the stress of planning. It was so wonderful to have her by my side throughout the process. She was always available for questions, very accommodating with meetings, and she just has everything you would hope for in that go-to person who is managing your reception site. Not only was she very knowledgeable about all aspects regarding the planning of the reception, but she also went the extra mile in order to help me with anything I may have needed in planning the wedding. Secondly, the ballroom and lounge are just beautiful! We fell in love with the place as soon as we saw it, and we do not regret our choice to have our reception there whatsoever. The fireside lounge has such a calming feeling, an amazing touch with the piano, and plenty of space. And, of course, the Legacy was willing to arrange the setup however you would like it. The ballroom is gorgeous. We got so many compliments from people who attended our wedding on how nice it was! The ballroom provides such a pretty backdrop for however you set up your reception and with its neutral palette, it works with whatever colors you have. I was very pleased with how everything turned out and would absolutely recommend booking the place to anyone!

Amazing

posted 7/5/2011

I knew from the second my fiancé (now husband) and I walked into Legacy that it was the place for us. It was the first ballroom we saw and for me nothing else even came close. The staff is super-friendly and amazing; they made sure every last detail of our night was perfect. Gina, the in-house caterer, is the way to go. We've heard over and over again that it was the best wedding food our guests had ever had.

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 experience 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; having her as my wedding planner was a truly invaluable experience. Also, the ballroom and fireside lounge were beautiful beyond words. Not much decorating is required to have a beautiful backdrop for your special day. Still, 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! It's highly recommended; you won't be disappointed!



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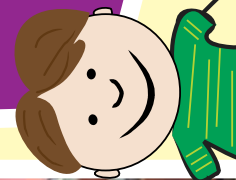
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WOW!
This school year is really flying by!
Every day is full of excitement and
wonder here at JCAL Academy.



**MESSAGE FROM
STEPHANIE THOMAS**
DIRECTOR, JCAL ACADEMY

We have some great events here this winter. The school studied about the community, and we had several special visitors. Officer Fisher visited with his police car and talked to us about safety. Paramedic Runkle came with an ambulance and spoke to the children about what to do in an emergency. Firefighters from Manheim Township Fire Department came with the fire truck and taught us fire safety. This unit culminated in our art show, The Art of Community. The children created pieces about community. We made maps of our community. Some children took photographs of the fire truck and around the JCC. The toddlers created paintings together. All of the artwork is amazing and is still on display in the school.

Recently, we had a great time moving and grooving to the music of Steven Courtney and the Suitcase Musicians. The kindergarteners also participated in a song-writing workshop with Steven Courtney as well! I want to thank all of the parents and the PTO for bringing such amazing special events to our school.

Registration for the next school year has already begun and many of the classes are filling up quickly. We are offering some new programs next year. We are offering two toddler classrooms, one for children aged 18 months to 24 months and one for 2-year-olds. We will also have a full-day Pre-Kindergarten in addition to our morning Pre-Kindergarten program for 4- and 5-year-olds. We are also expanding our before and after school care hours to 7:30 am-9:30 am and 2 pm-5:30 pm.



Also, JCAL Academy is now on Facebook! Please "like" our page to get updates about the school and early childhood education.

Our annual gala evening, Oy Vegas!, is on March 31st. This night is a fun night of great food, drinks and gambling where the kids win! This year we will be honoring Bob Matlin as our "godfather" because of his dedication and support to the Lancaster Jewish Community Center and JCAL Academy. Please come out to honor Bob and support the school.





Community Summer daycamp



JUNE 25-AUGUST 17, 2012

Sign up for Individual weeks or all 8 weeks.

Summer Camp at the LJCC provides an experience filled with a wide variety of supervised activities for kindergarten through 9th grade. We provide a big camp atmosphere with the benefits of a small camp for all children in Lancaster County.



CIT
"Counselors In Training"
(7th-9th grades)
Full-Day Program: 9am to 4pm / Half-Day Prices

- CITs acquire skills to become counselors in a safe and fun environment
- Assigned to groups in morning; afternoon spent in sports activities, swimming and field trips
- Weekly program but CITs are encouraged to attend all summer



Camp Olim
"Explorers"
(Kindergarten & 1st grade)
Half-Day Option: 9am to 12:30pm • Full-Day Option: 9am to 4pm

- Sports, storytelling, arts & crafts, music and games, emphasis on fun and cooperation
- Water safety and introduction to the swimming pool in the 2-foot end
- Campers (including half-day) are to bring their own dairy lunch and beverage; daily snack provided



Program Highlights

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



Camp Yeladim "Children"
(2nd & 3rd grades)
Camp Chaverim "Friends"
(4th-6th grades)
Full-Day Program: 9am to 4pm

- Variety of age-appropriate activities: volleyball, tennis, kickball, arts & crafts, music, free swim, pool games, Color Wars, field trips, annual Talent Show, Ga-Ga Pit and more!
- Group swim instruction in the morning (included) by experienced Red Cross-certified instructors
- Campers are to bring a dairy lunch and beverage; daily snack provided

Specialty Camps
Look for information on returning specialty camps like Tennis, Essen and Science Explorers

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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

March 6, 2012

Covered Dish program

March 20, 2012

Zumba Gold Chairside Exercises

Taught by Rae Johnson-Bundy. Come try it out!

April 24, 2012

President Judge Joseph C. Madenspracher of Lancaster County Court makes a case for the "History of Law in Lancaster."

May 1, 2012

Emma and Gwen will play "Music You Love to Hear."

May 15, 2012

Joe Shiffer, Deputy Warden of Inmate Services at the Lancaster County Prison, will speak to us.

May 22, 2012

TBA

June 5, 2012

TBA

June 12, 2012

TBA



Gifts For Everyone On Your List.

4th year!

Holiday Arts & Crafts Show

December 2 • Sunday 9am-4pm

Located at the Lancaster JCC
2120 Oregon Pike • Lancaster

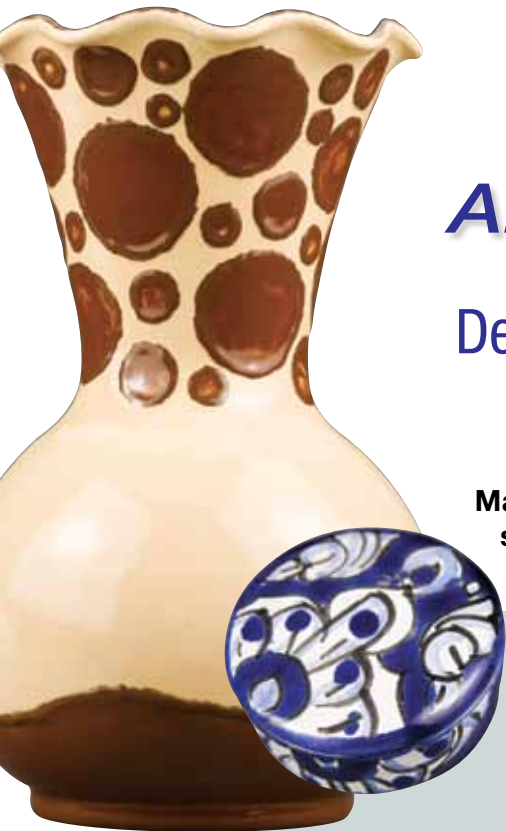
Make your gift-giving list now and come ready to shop till you drop! Support our local artisans!

Vendors Wanted (Deadline October 1)

Standard Booth \$60 (includes two chairs)

Table rental available at \$10 per table

Contact Kym at the LJCC for more information



TEMPLE BETH EL EXPLORES ITS APPROACH TOWARD INTERMARRIED HOUSEHOLDS

In our modern, multicultural world, American Conservative Jews come in contact with a panoply of different viewpoints and backgrounds on a daily basis. Few would disagree that our lives become richer because of it. It is equally true that this intermixing and intermingling has led to a high rate of intermarriage. In fact, demographers estimate that close to 50% of American Jews today marry non-Jews. Intermarriage, with its myriad opportunities and challenges, is a reality in Conservative Judaism and it is also a reality at Temple Beth El. With this fact as a starting point, Temple Beth El leadership embarked on an exploration of our congregation’s approach toward intermarried households several months ago.

At the October Board meeting, past-Beth El president Eve Wachhaus made a presentation on Keruv (which literally means “to come closer”). Keruv is a national program developed by the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs. In order to be a Keruv Facilitator, Eve has undergone extensive training and has already spoken to numerous synagogues. Her remarks were an excellent jumping-off point for the ongoing discussions that have occurred since the fall. Eve’s presentation focused on ways of engaging intermarried households, educating their membership about the topic and supporting those members whose lives are touched by intermarriage. The Board was encouraged to explore the ways in which Beth El already addresses these issues as well as opportunities for the synagogue to become even more welcoming.

In December, the Board began to read *A Place in the Tent*, a helpful and accessible text on intermarriage and Conservative Judaism. The book is the result of the Tiferet Project, a consortium of Conservative rabbis who spent two years studying the issues surrounding intermarriage. Its title is drawn from Isaiah 54:2, which reads, “Enlarge the site of your tent, extend the size of your dwelling.” The authors have attempted to “weigh both our obligations to Jewish law and our need to reach out to marginalized members of the Jewish community.” They assert that many non-Jews are active participants in the Jewish community and that finding halachically-

allowable ways to integrate them into the synagogue will bring them and their Jewish partners closer to Judaism and fortify the community as a whole. Starting from this premise, they discuss many controversial scenarios surrounding intermarriage that arise in Conservative congregations and offer several suggestions of how to respond to them. The book is meant to be not an authoritative document, but a catalyst for dialogue within Conservative congregations. Its authors expect each congregation and rabbi to determine what fits their community.

The process of reading *A Place in the Tent* has led to many interesting discussions at the Board level, which will continue on a congregational level. There is no “one-size-fits-all” approach that will work for every Conservative congregation, and Temple Beth El is committed to being thoughtful, open and sensitive as it examines its current practices and looks for ways to improve. We believe that by looking inward at our members’ outlooks and outward at helpful guidance from Keruv and the Tiferet Project, we will find ways to respect and honor our tradition while acknowledging and welcoming the wonderfully diverse population that comprises our modern Jewish community.

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SAVE THE DATES

- *9th Annual TBE Food Festival: Sunday, May 6, 2012*
 - *Temple Beth El’s Celebration of our 10th Anniversary in Our New Home: the weekend of November 2-4 , 2012*
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A new six-week course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute



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Kabbalistic

secrets to a successful marriage

Presented by Rabbi Elazar Green
Starting May 3rd for six Thursday evenings
Time: 7:15pm – 8:15pm
Place: Lancaster Jewish Community Center
Fee: \$105 (Including \$20 book fee)

Kosher refreshments will be served

For more information, please email rabbi@jewishenrichment.com or call 717-368-6565.

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

NEWS FROM DEGEL ISRAEL

In December, we celebrated Chanukah with our outdoor candle-lighting ceremony. Rabbi Sackett remarked that we all have to rekindle our faith and not “burn out.” It was a good message for Chanukah.

We sent a package to Sergeant Goldenberg in Afghanistan, who had asked for Jewish books or newspapers. There are eight Jewish soldiers in his unit, and they would love to receive Jewish literature. We also included a chocolate Babka for them to enjoy!

At Country Meadows there are currently six Jewish residents. Buci Sackett meets with the residents weekly for Jewish News and Views with the Rebbetzin.

Mazal Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Sackett on the engagement of Avigayil Sackett to Moshe Kraines of South Africa!

March 8th is Purim! We are working on the Seudah-festive meal for Purim, which will take place on Thursday, March 8.

For questions and more information, contact us at our e-mail degelisrael@dejazzd.com



SPRING NEWS FROM SHAARAI SHOMAYIM

It's spring, and that can only mean that Shaarai Shomayim will once again be preparing itself for some annual traditions that feed the senses.

For lovers of the arts, The Shaarai Shpielers proudly announce their 14th Annual Purimspiel, *Some Enchanted Purim*, which will take place on Sunday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, 75 E. James Street. Admission is free, and the show is worth every penny you will pay!

The show will last approximately 80 minutes; there is no intermission, though the doors will not be locked, so you can leave whenever you want! As in the past, the Shpielers will parody the music of a well-known American musical (in this case, *South Pacific*) and integrate the story of the musical with the Purim story to create a shpiel not to be forgotten.

Past productions have included *The Megillahkado*, *West Side Shpiel*, *The Music [Ha]Man*, *Kiss Me Esther*, *Bye Bye Haman*, *Goys and Dolls*, *My Fair Esther*, *The Sound of Purim*, *The King and OY!* and last year's hit, *Oklahaman!*

Starring in this year's show will be Josh Schwartz (Ahasuerus), Elliot Sterenfeld (Esther), Melanie DeSantis (Mordechai), and David Stameshkin (Haman). The cast will also include Rachel Factor as Vashti; Harvey Scolnick, Janine Riben, Rick Lynch, Doug Hill, Sally Hart, and Jeff Woodman as the King's Courtiers; Lisa Miller, Ilene Herdemian, Deb Oxenberg, Stef Heller, Tama Etra, and Colleen Stameshkin as the Jewish women of Shushan; Bob Dickman, Bob Steinman, Dale Rosenberg, and Rabbi Jack Paskoff as the queen selection contestants; Sarah Kurland-Hill and Katharine DeSantis as the King's children; and Aaron Zinner and Rachel Factor as Bigthan and Teresh. The inimitable Professor Alan Levine will once again serve as the Musical Director and Accompanist; Aaron Zinner returns as the Technical Director, assisted by Keith and Sara Eiser; Martha Rowley is Costume Director and Program Creator; Nicole Kaplan is Stage Manager; and David Stameshkin is author, director, and production coordinator.

For lovers of music, the ever-popular "Friday Night Live" will return on Friday, March 23 at 7 p.m. This contemporary Sabbath service will bring together the congregational choir Chavrai Zamir, and the temple's Klezmer band, the Chopped Liver River Band. Songs will be performed under the musical direction of cantorial soloist Sara Eiser, assisted by band director Alan Levine.

"It's got a little bit of jazz, a little bit of rock 'n' roll, a little bit of Klezmer [a type of Jewish folk music] and a little bit of traditional Jewish music," said Eiser, who will lead the service. "It has every emotion from soup to nuts."

The music for "Friday Night Live" was written by Craig Taubman, a television and film composer, for Sinai Temple in Los Angeles. The "Friday Night Live" service is performed recurrently in a Los Angeles synagogue and regularly attracts 2,000 people.

Taubman's dynamic music and moving performance style have been an inspiration to the Jewish community for over 20 years. His magical and enchanting music brings to life the joy and spirit of Jewish heritage, appealing to young and old alike and captivating audiences wherever his music is heard. Combining Hebrew and English lyrics, Taubman's songs bridge traditional Jewish themes and ancient teachings with passages and experiences of contemporary Jewish life. The format fits in with the efforts of the Judaism's Reform movement to broaden worship experiences. The "Friday Night Live" is a unique service that enables its participants to unwind from the pressures of the secular week and celebrate Shabbat with the spirit of joy. Be prepared to clap, sing (song sheets will be provided) and have a wonderful evening. Dancing in the aisles is permitted.

For those who delight in creative Shabbat experiences, Shaarai will present an "Israel Service" on Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. The evening will include an Israeli dinner followed by a service consisting of Israel-themed readings and beautiful music sung by several different congregants accompanied on piano by our own Ann Leisawitz. In lieu of a sermon, we will hear congregants speak about a variety of recent experiences in Israel. The service will be

followed by an Oneg sponsored by the temple's Israel and Ritual Committees. More information will be posted on the temple website at www.shaarai.org.

Finally, for connoisseurs of good food, our annual Second Night Seder, hosted by our Temple Brotherhood will take place on Saturday, April 7 at the Jewish Community Center. The event will feature Rabbi Paskoff's narration of the Passover story throughout the evening, 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.

For more information on any of these events, please check the Shaarai Shomayim website (www.shaarai.org) or contact the Temple office at 397-5575.

SISTERHOOD: THE GREAT BONANZA GIVEAWAY FUNDRAISING EVENT

March 31st at 6:30pm in the Wise Memorial Social Hall.

Proceeds will go toward the Temple's Sofian Youth fund. Contact 397-5575 to purchase your tickets.

PASSOVER BAZAAR

Will take place on Sunday, March 25, at the Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, Wise Memorial Social Hall, 9:00am-1:30 pm

Buy your Passover dishes and Judaica pieces on sale. Passover Wine and baked goods are also available.

Contact Beth Deliver at bdeliver@comcast.net for questions and details.



CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW CLASSES

Summer 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 for more information.



ZUMBA FITNESS & ZUMBA GOLD

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Going On Now!



The LJCC is home to two Zumba classes. These classes are led by one of our own LJCC staff- Rae Johnson-Bundy. Rae is a Licensed Zumba Instructor with over 1,000 hours of experience teaching and sharing her love of Zumba.

ZUMBA FITNESS classes are held Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7 pm and Wednesday from 5-6pm and are \$5.00 per class. First class free to LJCC members.

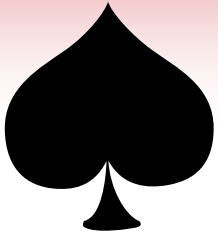
ZUMBA GOLD is for active older adults and those individuals who are new to Zumba. These classes are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8 am to 8:45 am and are \$3.00 per class. First class free to LJCC members.

All classes will be held at the Lancaster JCC.

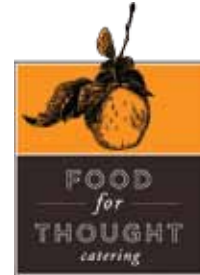
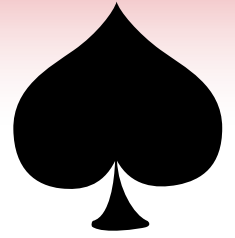
Contact Rae at (717) 471-0668.

Also, visit our website at www.lancasterjcc.org under the Adult tab for more information on these classes.

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POOL OPENS

Saturday, June 2 at 12noon!

Pool Hours:

Open Daily Noon to 7pm, Weather Permitting

We know it's still cold and windy but here at the JCC we have already started thinking of warm summer weather.

This year, we are offering you more than just refreshing water and lounge chairs. To make sure you won't get tired of frolicking in the water and getting a nice suntan, the following pool activities are in the works:

- Water Zumba taught by our own Rae Johnson-Bundy
- Movie Nights
- Ice Cream Sundaes
- Teen Pool Party
- Moonlight Swim at the Pool (for adults only) last Saturday of each month 7:00 pm
- Italian Night at the Pool (adults only)
- Labor Day Corn Roast

Most of these activities will either be free to JCAL members or at a discounted fee. As it gets closer to summer, more information about our pool activities will be available via email or on our website www.lancasterjcc.org. Any questions, please contact Kym at 717-569-7352, option 8 or email kbalmer@lancasterjcc.org. In the meantime, have fun and see you in June!

Private and Group Swim Lessons are available.
Our instructors and guards are Red Cross Certified.

Swim Lesson Price List:

One-time evaluation: (if not attending camp)
\$15 member, \$18 nonmember

Group Lessons:

No more than 10 swimmers
At a similar swimming level
60-minute session
\$10 member, \$13 nonmember



**After-Hours Private Pool
Rentals Now Available**

Call Kym (717) 569-7352 for details!

See you
pool-side at the J-Cafe!



717-735-3230

Look For **NEW** Menu Items
This Summer!

Freshly Brewed Flavored Coffees, Hot or Iced Tea

Vending (Available All Day):

Snacks, Coke, Pepsi, Turkey Hill, Gatorade And More!

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

Use our Walk-up Window or come inside to cool off

*Mark your calendars now for
this entertaining event!*

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BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL
Blues By The Pool

Sunday, July 15

YARD SALE

Sunday, June 10th, 2012 • 7:00am-1:00pm

As the saying goes: One man's trash is another man's treasure!

FIVE WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

1. **DONATE** your gently used items to the JCC between June 1 to June 7. (Call Kym in advance to arrange drop-off. The JCC reserves the right to refuse damaged, stained or questionable items.)
2. **RENT** a table and set up your own sale for \$18 per table (payment due by June 1- non-refundable unless cancelled due to extreme weather conditions).
3. **GET YOUR CAR WASHED** – Clean off the summer dust. Donations accepted.
4. **EAT!** Yes, food will be available.
5. **BUY** something! Ok, that one's kind of obvious, but we thought we would mention it anyway.

For more information, please contact Kym at (717) 569-7352, option 8.



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Office Hours:

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



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the financial resources to develop, provide and support diverse programs, education and services in order to accomplish these goals for our entire community.”



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APRIL PASSOVER

Erev 4/6 (Friday) building closes at 4pm.
 4/7 & 4/8 (Sat/Sun) building closed.
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SHAVOUT

Building Closed May 26th through May 28th (Memorial Day)

POOL/CAFE OPENS WEEKEND OF JUNE 2ND

CAMP AND POOL WILL BE OPEN ON JULY 4TH

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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.

