



## Mark Your Calendar!

- Sunday, March 2:  
9:30am Men's Club breakfast  
11:00am Adult Ed  
7:00pm Confirmation Class
- Monday, March 3, 7:15pm  
Board Meeting
- Friday, March 7, **6:30pm**  
(note early start time)  
Shabbat Across America  
Oneg - Stanton, Getto, J&R  
Berkowitz, Spallone Families
- Sunday, March 9: Sunday  
School baking hamentashen  
9:30am Men's Club breakfast  
11:00am Adult Ed
- Saturday, March 15,  
10-11:30am, Torah Study
- Sunday, March 16,  
9:30am, Outreach Program -  
"Spouses Exploring Judaism"  
11:00am Adult Ed
- Monday, March 17, 7:00pm  
Purim - Come in costume!  
Oneg - Baeck, Hessels, Davis,  
Yanow Families
- Friday, March 21, 7:45pm  
Scout Shabbat (rescheduled)  
Oneg - Pollak, Levy, Simms,  
M. Trachtenberg Families
- Saturday, March 22, 8:30pm  
Board Goals' meeting,  
(snow date March 29)
- Sunday, March 23:  
Purim Carnival  
11:00am Adult Ed
- Sat., April 5, 10:30am  
Tot Shabbat, for families with  
children five years old and  
under (instead of March 29)

## Rabbi's Message

Last month in this space, we celebrated the sending of an Israeli astronaut into space. This month, we mourn him and the other six brave astronauts who were lost before their time. The following poem expresses my feelings better than I ever could. It was written by Hayyim Nachman Bialik and was read by a rabbi at the Houston memorial service for the astronauts.

### After my Death

by Chayim Nachman Bialik (1897) Translated from the Hebrew by David P. Stern

After my death, thus shall you mourn me	And great, oh great is the pity!
"There was a man — and see: he is no more!	All its life this string would tremble
Before his time did this man depart	Silently quivering, silently trembling
And the song of his life in its midst was	To sound the tune that would set it free
stilled	Yearning, thirsting, sorrowing, desiring
And alas! One more tune did he have	As the heart sorrows for what fate has decreed
And now that tune is forever lost	Though its tune was delayed — every day did
Forever lost!	it wait
	And with unheard whisper begged it to come
And great is the pity! For a harp had he	Its time came and passed, and it never arrived
A living and singing soul	It never arrived!
And this poet, whenever he voiced it	
The inner secrets of his heart it expressed	And great, oh, how great is the pain
All its strings his hand would make sing out.	There was a man — and see: he is no more
Yet one hidden chord now is lost with him	And the song of his life in its midst is stilled
Round and round it his fingers would dance	One more melody did he have
One string in his heart, mute has remained	And now that song is forever lost
Mute has remained — to this very day!	Forever lost!"

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

In the last months, the UAHC has been reorganizing management and programming in order to make major cutbacks due to a serious revenue shortfall. One of the biggest and most disturbing changes made is the elimination of the Regional Outreach Coordinators. This leaves only the National Director and an assistant to oversee the wonderful and successful programs established by the Reform movement that focused on reaching out to unaffiliated Jews and interfaith families. Needless to say, many feel that the achievement made in the Outreach Department is a work in progress and far from completion. The concerns expressed by the public are filled with worry and fear that our Movement's ability to continue such an important mission will now be in jeopardy.

Until the UAHC can figure out how to reinstate these jobs and the national outreach programs that were cut, I will assume that it will be up to the individual synagogues to

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## ***President's Message, cont.***

ensure that outreach is not overlooked. Since outreach is one of the issues I feel very strongly about, I can assure you that I will continue to put efforts into this area. And, my efforts will be two fold. I will continue to invite outsiders to join our wonderful Jewish community as well as continuing a warm and welcoming environment for our non-Jewish members.

Since being trained as an Outreach Fellow this summer, Rabbi Lewis and I have been discussing ways of reaching out to the non-Jewish spouses in the congregation. Recently, Rabbi Lewis met with some individuals who have expressed to her an interest in exploring a path in Judaism. It was decided that dialogue for such a group should continue. As a result, I will be facilitating this discussion group and encourage anyone interested in examining their role in Judaism to come and join in.

An organizational meeting will be held before the adult ed class on Sunday morning, March 16 at 9:45. This will give everyone the opportunity to meet one another and to express what they would like to accomplish from meeting in this format. We will also decide on dates and times for future meetings. I will bring the coffee and bagels!

I look forward to hearing from those of you who wish to participate. Let's explore together, the meaning of a Jewish family and a Jewish community while enriching our minds and souls with the beauty of Judaism. Call me to let me know if you can make it.

Shalom, Gwen

## ***Adult Ed. to Continue in March***

The Sunday morning adult education class taught by Rabbi Lewis will continue studying Pirke Avot. Meetings will be held in the sanctuary at 11 a.m. till noon on **March 2, March 9, March 16, & March 23**. If you would like to join the class and did not attend the first segment in December-January, please call the Temple re: book to purchase.

## ***Attention Interfaith Families***

Non-Jewish spouses are welcome to join in on a discussion group scheduled for **March 16 at 9:30am**. For more information and to make a reservation contact the Temple.

*If any one notices that the supply for something is low, contact Lynn Ganz who will replace or resupply the item(s).*



**SERVICE BEGINS AT**  
**6:30PM**

## ***Shabbat Across America Heroes***

In conjunction with national Shabbat Across America we are arranging the participation of Jewish "heroes" from all backgrounds and levels of observance, such as military personnel and their families, firefighters, police officers, survivors of 9/11 and other terrorist attacks, families of terror victims, ordinary people who have been forced to take on new challenges in this current economy, etc.

If there is anyone in the community who you feel is a "hero" and who would be willing and able to attend Shabbat Across America and act as a spokes person for the event, please contact the Temple.

## ***Pro Boxing Judge to Speak at Men's Club***

Pierre Benoist, a professional boxing judge and referee, will be the guest speaker at the next Men's Club meeting, **Sunday March 2, at 9:30 am**. Benoist, also a Master Official with USA Boxing, was inducted into the N.J. Boxing Hall of Fame in 1993. A longtime resident of Hackettstown, Benoist was a former amateur boxer himself and recalls when boxing, pro and amateur, was a regular sporting event in the Warren County area.

In addition to his duties with the N.J. State Athletic Control Board, Benoist is the President of the Lou Costello Boxing Club in Paterson and is the treasurer of the N.J. Diamond Gloves and Ring 25.

Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast with the Men's Club and listen to Pierre Benoist talk about the world of boxing. There is no charge, but please contact the Temple to confirm your attendance so that we can be sure to have enough bagels, lox and eggs to go around.

*We are still collecting items for animal shelters (see last newsletter for details) and old cell phones (with or without chargers) to be given to women's shelters as emergency phones.*

## **Education Committee and PTO News**

On **Sunday, March 9**, don't miss the fun when the students will be baking hamentashen. We'd love to have parents help out and share the morning with their children. And don't forget the Purim Carnival on **Sunday, March 23!** Volunteers are needed to help with games and food, and we are asking all parents to bring a baked good (non-dairy) for our bake sale.

Adults joined the 6th & 7th grade students in making their own tallit. Each tallis was unique and beautiful since everyone chose their own fabric. Hopefully, we'll see them on display during our next service.

Many thanks to Laurie Hessels who taught us all how to create the tallit and tie the knots. Thanks also to Howie Hirsh, David Seidorf, Laurie Post, Cindy Rosborough, Robin Hall and Sandy Seidorf who helped to make the event such a success. Thanks to Suzanne Marr, Suzanne Colby, Jean Berkowitz, Lisa Bauch and Marsha Gross for bringing their sewing machines and their talent for sewing.

Thank you to Laurie Post, Jean Berkowitz, Suzanne Colby, Sandy Seidorf, David Seidorf, Rene Marinich, Lisa Bauch, Lisa Spallone and all the parent volunteers for helping with the Tu B'Shevat celebration.

## **Passover Recipe Exchange**

Back by popular demand, we're once again having our Passover Recipe Exchange on **Wednesday, April 2 at 7:30pm**. Bring your favorite Passover dish with the recipe and enjoy a fun evening of taste testing and being with good friends. Please RSVP by March 26 to the Temple.

## **Trip to Yankee Stadium**

We have 55 tickets and a luxury bus for **Sunday, May 25** to see the Yankees play the Toronto Blue Jays at 1:05pm. The cost for the trip will be \$45 per person. The bus will leave the Center about 9:45am and return after the game.

The cost may be \$30 (if the Yankees give us Tier reserve instead of Tier box tickets). I will not know until we get the tickets, probably in a few weeks. Contact the Temple for reservations. First come, first served.

## **Many Thanks!**

Thank you to all who helped make my tallit. I love it.  
Michael Ganz

Thank you everyone for participating in our Shabbat Lay Service. Each year it gets better and better. The more children who can participate, the better!

Thanks to our singers and our songleader, Chelsea Friedlander. For me it's a big deal to have all of you be a part of our worship service. If only Rabbi Lewis could see you - how proud she would be!

Helen Mattson, Jim Arvesen - Ritual

## **Shoprite/A&P Vouchers**

Certificates can be purchased at Sunday School on the following dates: March 9th and 23rd, and at Confirmation on March 2nd. Call the Temple with questions or to make arrangements to support this wonderful fundraiser for the Temple.

## **Attention College Students**

Plan to attend the 2003 Keshet Convention, March 20-23, at HUC-JIR campus in New York's Greenwich Village for prayer, song, great speakers and a social action project. To register visit [www.keshetnet.com/convention/2003main.html](http://www.keshetnet.com/convention/2003main.html) or contact Jenny Small at 212-650-4070.

## **Jewish LIFE Events**

Jewish LIFE presents in March...

Rabbi Seymour Rossell, "Dreams," Sunday, March 9 at 10am. The fee (includes a bagel breakfast) is \$10/Jewish LIFE members and \$15/non-members.

Raymond Wojcik presents "Nu? Music? It Ain't All Klezmer," on Thursday, March 27 at 7:30pm. The fee is \$5/Jewish LIFE members and \$7/non-members.

Dara Frimmer presents "Long-Distance Relationships: a Rabbinical Student's Perspective on Love, Loyalty and Heartbreak with Eretz Yisrael," on Sunday, March 30, at 10am. The fee (includes a bagel breakfast) is \$10/Jewish LIFE members and \$15/non-members.

Upcoming Jewish LIFE programs in April include a Rabbi's Panel, Great Jewish Questions: "Freedom for What?" on Thursday, April 10 at 7:30pm, and the Jewish LIFE Yom Hashoah program featuring Sylvia Lednicer on Sunday, April 27 at 7pm at Temple Sholom in Bridgewater.

All programs will be held at the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum JCC in Bridgewater. Please register in advance! For further information and to register, please contact JCC Assistant Executive Director Laura Friedman at 908-725-6994 x213; [LFriedman@ssbjcc.org](mailto:LFriedman@ssbjcc.org).



## ***Berman Center Spring 2003 Programs***

Professor Ruth Knafo Setton of Georgia College lectures on "Searching for Suleika: A Moroccan-Jewish Woman's Spiritual Quest," Tuesday, March 4, at 4:15pm in 280 Maginnes Hall at Lehigh Univ. Professor Setton will discuss her search for truths about the tragic life of this 19th-century Moroccan-Jewish martyr.

Shalom Paul, Professor of Bible at the Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem, discusses "The Ever-Alive Dead Sea Scrolls," Monday, April 7, at 4:15pm in 480 Maginnes Hall at Lehigh Univ. Paul will emphasize areas of research that have been revolutionized by the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

For information call the Berman Center for Jewish Studies at 610-758-3352 or visit [www.lehigh.edu/~inber/programs.html](http://www.lehigh.edu/~inber/programs.html). Lehigh Univ. is located at 9 West Packer Ave., Bethlehem, PA.

## ***Antiques Appraisathon and Vendor Show***

The Somerset County Chapter of Hadassah and Somerville Center Antiques present "Antiques Appraisathon and Vendor Show" on Sunday, March 2, 11am – 3pm at the North Branch Firehouse, Route 28, in Branchburg. Admission is \$5 and includes one appraisal. Each additional appraisal is \$3. Refreshments and free parking will be available. Please do not bring coins, stamps, weapons, military items or present-day collectibles (beanie babies or pokemon). All appraisals are verbal non-binding opinions of value. For more information contact: Jennifer Maldonato, 908-927-9581.

## ***Donations***

### ***Yahrtzeit***

Rose Schneider in memory of Hyman Galinsky  
Judy and Wain Schroeder in loving memory of Benjamin Wasserman, father of Judy Schroeder

### ***Rose Schneider Sound System***

Helen and John Mattson

Correction: The donation credited to Iris & Howie Hirsch for the sound system was by Sam and Caitlin Hirsch

## ***Cancellations Due to Winter Weather***

If services need to be canceled on a Friday evening, a message will be left on the Center's answering machine by 5:30 pm. If Sunday School needs to be canceled, a message will be left on the Center's answering machine by Sunday, 7:30am. WRNJ radio station will broadcast any cancellations. However, be sure to call the Center's phone number for full details and updates left on the answering machine.

### **Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ I/We would like to make a contribution of \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me/us about membership \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey, and mail to the Temple.